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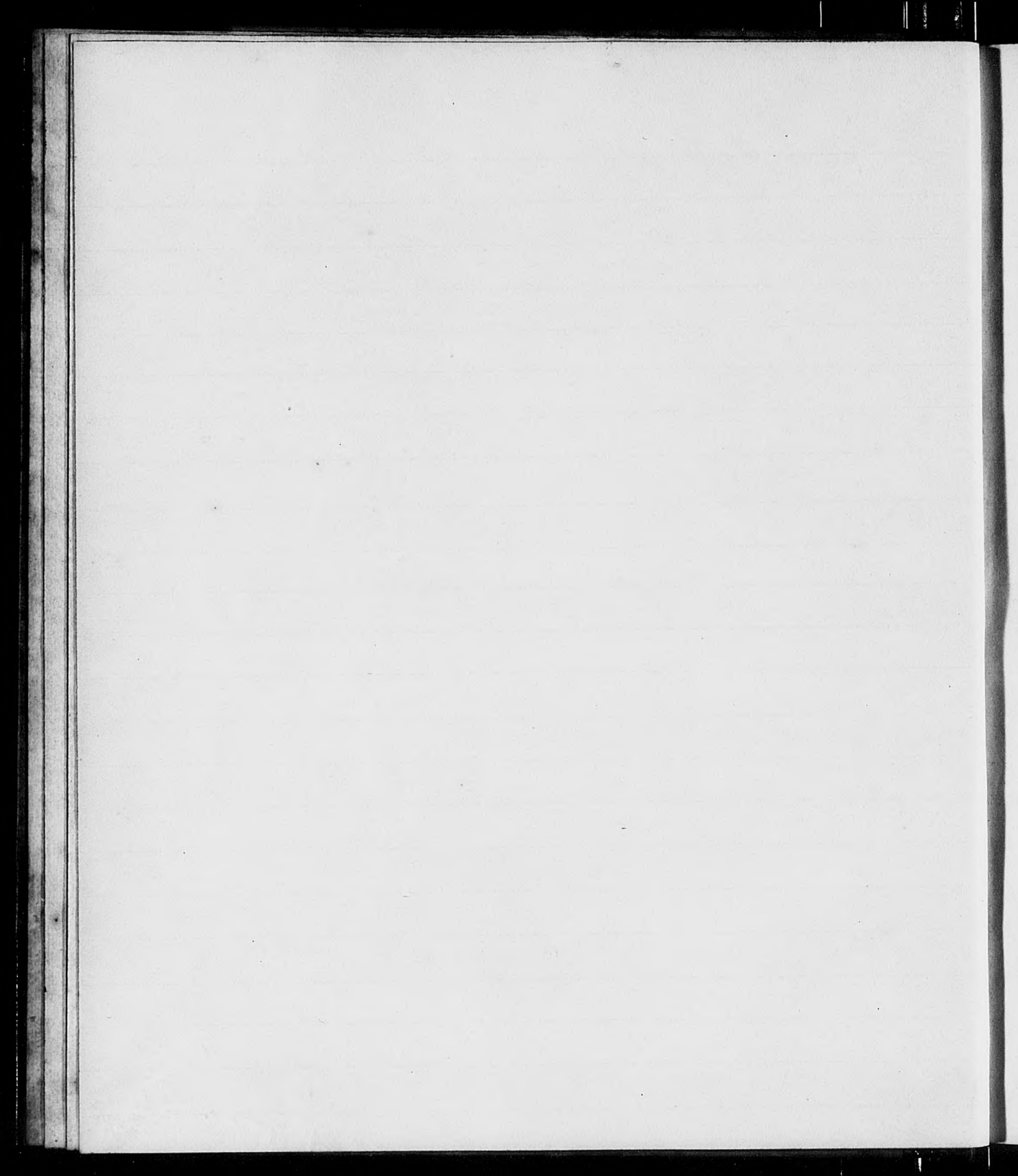
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Father James's word to the Elders, by Father William's request. Dated at New Lebanon, Sabbath evening May 23rd

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Dearlly beloved,

Know ye not, or believe ye not, that the present and rising generation have received a sufficient portion of the mercy, of the charity, and goodness of God, their heavenly Father, to be able now to receive the whole law of their God, and to obey it?

2. Surely, if they ^{have} not, why is it? Has not God, your heavenly Father extended his charity, again and again, and lengthened his time to send forth his word, or his whole law, for a long time, and many times? And what can children ask for, or desire more, than Mother's children of the present and rising generation have had or received, to prepare them to keep and obey the whole law of the Lord their God?

3. Father's word was short; but he solemnly declared to all present, that the time had really come, for God's chosen people to receive the law of their God; and that it was the full desire of all their heavenly Parents, and had ever been the desire of their blessed Mother Ann, that this time should come.

4. And said Father, By the Holy Angel of God, shall the remaining word of the roll of the Law of God be read, that it

may be written, and I am to bear witness of the same. O then give me of your love and blessing, that I may do the will of my God.

5. Father then kneeled and fervently prayed, and bowed very low, many times, saying; Surely I can, and indeed I will pray for Mother's dear children on earth. For the time of the Lord hath come, and their God is truly ready; and O, may the hearts of his people, and may Mother's children be truly prepared, willing and ready!

Chapter II.

Words of the holy Trumpet sounding Angel.

1. The holy Angel now sounded his trumpet eight times, saying, O, Silan cashten fewasta, predaren, camasena piron eshtava! O, hearken, hearken, ye people, yet again! For lo! I am one of the trumpet sounding Angels of God. I have come from the heavens with the holy word ^{the} of God of truth; and this I am ready to sound, sound, and this I will continue to sound.

2. And the ever righteous will of a just God, I will now say nether to, unto the holy Anointed on earth, and to the rulers and the watchmen in the house of Israel, and on the walls of Zion, untill the everlasting will of the Great and Allwise God of Heaven and Earth is fully known, and His holy Law established throughout His Zion on earth.

3. This hath He, even the Holy One of the Eternal Throne, commanded me to do. So hear ye; for I am now ready to read aloud,

the word of the Almighty, and His will I am ready to make known, His name I am ready to publish, and in truth, His holy Law, He Himself is ready to establish.

4. Now let the holy chosen, even the Anointed in Zion, rejoice and give thanks unto their Father in Heaven, for His ever enduring love, and never ending mercy, His divine charity, and forever watchful protection for and towards that peculiar part of His own creation which he has, from the beginning, purposed to claim as His chosen. And surely, He has ever been determined that they should, in full reality serve Him, and Him alone.

5. Let the ancients among the inhabitants of Zion, or those that are well stricken in years, and with old age, yea, even the generation that is swiftly passing away, be satisfied with the unbounded goodness of their Almighty Creator and Heavenly Father to them.

6. Let them cast no reflections, in any degree or manner what ever, that this blessed day and time of their God, did not come ere this day, or before their lives were far spent, and their mental faculties or natural powers were so far exhausted, that the day of their strength, to stand mightily against their enemies is past; and the evening of time, had already come upon them.

7. Let them lay down their lives in peace with their God, as respects His word which I am about to sound fourth. For lo! His time has never come untill now. And let no age marvel nor murmur at this; but hastily prepare for It now; let the strong man in his own

way, now be strong in the way of his God. — Let those that have ever been wise in their own eyes, now be wise in the sight of their God.

D. Finally, let the attentive eye behold; let the listening ear hear; let the wise understand, and let every heart readily receive and freely obey the word and the Law of the Lord their God.

Chapter II.

The Angel now opened the Roll and read as follows.

1 O ye inhabitants of my earth! ye people of my name, ye dwellers of the house of Israel, and ye whom I have called and chosen, to be a people of my delight; my honor and glory, in whom I could and have placed my name forever, and unto whom I have given, and upon whom I have bestowed, in heaped measure, in various manners, and indeed, in unnumbered portions my unbounded blessings.

2. And in due times and seasons, when in my own wisdom, I did consider the hearts of my people sufficiently prepared, I have sent forth my Holy Laws, and made known my righteous will.

3. Yea, even with my own ~~hand~~ voice, have I established my commands, and set my ordinances, that I might, without reserve, have the honor of my own power, and the glory of my own work, and that my people might scorn my holy way, and truly keep therein; that they might know my righteous Law, and

safely walk thereby, daily doing my will with pleasure.

4. O, then again hearken! Draw nigh, and come near unto me, your God, O my people! for surely I have come near, and will still continue to be near, and come nigh unto you. For have I not ever, and repeatedly promised to be your God? and that you should be my people?

5. Yea, even my chosen and peculiar people, over whom my hand of plenty, and my arm of protection should ever be stayed, if with your whole hearts, souls, might, mind and strength ye would serve me, and would keep my just Laws, and obey my commandments, and would in no wise turn from me to serve other gods.

6. In truth, this promise I have made; and now hear my word, but judge it not, O ye members of the house of Israel! for judgment belongeth to whom judgment is given.

7. And know ye, O my people, that with my holy anointed, even that of my own preparing, have I anointed my chosen Lead, in my Zion on earth; and of my true knowledge and wisdom have I given unto, and bestowed upon them, sufficient to enable them to judge my word and work, for my people, after I have, in my own wisdom, sent it forth unto them.

8. So beware, O beware how ye speak of the word which ye are now called ^{to} listen to, to hear, to receive and to obey. O my people be ye no ~~longer~~ more hardened by reason of my long extended

forbearance. Say not within yourselves, surely we must have received the whole Law of Zion before this time; therefore our God must be at peace with us, for a season.

9. But I say, not so. The begining of my Holy Laws ye have received, and my will ye know in many things. But the whole word of my just commands, for my chosen people on earth, concerning animal food and particularly the flesh of swine, that unclean beast, ye have never yet received, saith the Lord

10. Altho in my infinite love and tender concern for my chosen people, I did carefully mention and made known my real desires in this matter, when I sent forth the many parts of my Holy Laws unto the inhabitants of my Zion on earth. And shall I, the God of all mercy, repeat again and again, my desires, while my people are, at the same time, wonton and cruel, and still chuse to remain so? Indeed not so.

11. But now I the Lord your God, do call upon you my people, to consider well my word which I send unto you, by my proclaiming Angels, and that which my holy Messengers, even your blessed and heavenly Parents have handed forth unto you, and then hearken.

12. For now is my time come for a further and another word of my holy Law, even as it is written in my eternal Book, which is now and forever the same, saith the Eternal Voice

of everlasting justice, and the God of his own wise purposes.

Chapter III.

Concerning the use of animal food.

1. But again, I say, hearken, all ye of every class and age, under the common age of man, which is stated at threescore and ten, or at least under the age of threescore years, attentive hearken to the first word of my holy Law, which is this.

2. Let this season, among the rolling seasons of time, be the last that ye presume, in any wise, to increase the servile trade at the slaughter-house for the sake of procuring the flesh of animals to supply the tables, or to satisfy the appetites of my people.

3. My holy Law forbids that, from this present season, the burden-bearers of, and in temporal matters, the dealers in outward things, or those that reside in the outward courts of my Zion, should in any manner, or by any means, spend, or cause to be spent, their own hard earnings, or the earnings of the people, to purchase animal food for the sustenance and support of the inhabitants of my Zion, saith the Lord.

4. And again, saith the Lord whose words are just; Make no trade to increase your stock of cattle for the purpose of supplying yourselves with the flesh of any animal or animals whatever; and as far as lies in your power, avoid all dealings with the

children of men, that will cause you to receive any unimmed food what, from their hands.

5. For often have I listened to the marvelling words of the selfwise children of time, ^{that know not, nor fear my holy name,} both in serious earnestness, and in contempt and ridicule, concerning the constant and excessive use of animal food among my people, or among the great professors of my name.

6. And again, saith the Lord, my holy Law forbids that the inhabitants of my Zion set before each other, the least morsel of this kind of food at the supper table.

7. And I, the Lord your God, do solemnly declare unto my people, that from this day forever, I utterly forbid, that my people, of any class or age, should taste of the food which I have now forbidden, even animal food, of any kind, upon my holy sabbath; for that is a sacred day of my choice, and I have long been determined that this day should be kept more according to my sacred will, in many respects, or I must inevitably pour forth my wrath, even upon my own chosen people.

8. For indeed, again and again, have I been tempted to send upon the inhabitants of Zion, my chastening scourge, because of the sin that has long been increasing in the house of Israel, in respect to keeping sacred my holy sabbath.

9. So now, all ye my people, hear and understand, and

presume not to defile my holy day by partaking of, and feasting upon the flesh of bruits, saith the God of perfect purity.

10. But upon the wise days of labor, my holy Law, and my command does not entirely forbid the use of flesh of the feeding kind of the horned kind, nor of the shepherd's flock, at one of either the breakfast or dinner table, while the ancients of my people, that have indeed now passed the age of 70 years, remain in time.

11. Yea, unto the generation that is swiftly passing away with the scenes of time, I extend not my word at this time, in regard to the above mentioned food; But when they are no more to be numbered in my Zion upon earth, this, the word of my holy, my just and righteous law, will be equally the same, throughout my Zion below, saith God.

12. But again hear ye, for indeed calmly have I spoken my word, and made known my will, in regard to that part of animal food which I can in some degree, permit to be set upon the tables of my people once a day, if consistent with that which the real necessary stock you are required to keep, & supplies you with.

13. But be it remembered that there is to be no provisions made for more of this kind of indulgence of the natural appetites of man, by purchase, trade or exchange, in any manner. This indeed is the word of your God.

Chapter IV.

Concerning the flesh of the Swine.

1. And now, what think ye, O my people, will be my word in regard to the flesh of swine, that filthy, unclean and nasty beast? Here I only to say that, with my own voice, I had, from the beginning, pronounced it to be utterly unclean in my sight; and never, even in the darkest and most polluted ages of my people, could I accept an offering of this kind for an atonement; that ever defiled the camp of Israel.

2. And that my holy and perfect Law has, from my first command, forbid my chosen people to pollute themselves with it even by tasting; and that it was cursed and abominable before me, and that from my eternal power, no soul of my chosen people has ever known me, the same holy God, to condescend to accept an offering, from that day to this, of this kind; and never, in any wise, have I changed my word with my people concerning it.

3. Even if this word, and this alone, were all that I should speak at this time, it would be sufficient for the wise among my people. And indeed, in what age of my creation was there ever a class, great or small, of my selected and peculiarly chosen people that have not known the will and the Law of their God in this one thing?

4. Therefore my calm words and mild means are fast becoming

disturbed, and of a truth, I can only say, O my people my people! provide not this kind of food to supply your tables; for surely, O the Lord your God, never bid it to be sanctified or prepared for the use of my people, and never, never shall do it.

5. My holy law forbids it; and the justice of my power will never permit me to allow my holy temple on earth, in this great day of my unbounded mercy and goodness, love and kindness, to all classes of my people, to be any longer defiled with this unclean and accursed part of animal food, saith the Almighty.

6. Again, consider ye a moment; and reflect upon the repeated assurance and boldness which the haughty and rebellious, the vile and gain saying Jews pronounced, even to this day, the justice of their reasons for abstaining from the flesh of swine, saying, "Our God forbid it; His holy Law forbids it; our forefathers, and our fathers before us, dared not presume this thing; and why should we?"

7. Then, O ye that dare proclaim my holy name and eternal power, and sound aloud in the ears of man, the truth of my word, and the righteous justice of my judgments, sent abroad upon the face of the earth; unto you, I say, beware how you deal with my word; beware how you treat the power that hath sent it forth unto you.

8. Tempt not me, the Lord your God, to smite you, nor your beasts of this kind, with a grievous curse, because of wilful disobedience, or ~~of~~ of a rebellious spirit of any kind, from or among the present, or rising generation.

9. For surely, from this time, shall I withhold, to my pleasure and your sorrow, for a season, my protecting blessing, if ye still continue to plead for this indulgence of nature.

10. For in my holy Book there is no permission for it to be sanctified to me, or to my chosen people; and how can I still longer hold my peace, while the vain children and idol worshippers, of vain gods are witnessing to the truth of my word, and to the justice of my holy Law, saith the God of all.

Chapter V.

Concerning the use of Tobacco.

1. Hearken still longer, while I speak another word of my righteous commands, for the good of the whole household of faith; for why should I, the Mighty God, whose power is above all others, and whose true love to his own people, is never ending, withhold it from them?

2. Yea, and why should I, an ever protecting and all merciful God and Father, again and again, and still again suffer those whom I have called and taken near to myself, to be my delight, my joy and my pleasure upon earth, to persist and daily indulge in that which is, in every sense of the word, displeasing and disgusting to me?

3. Yea, in that which does in no wise add any real strength

of spirit, of soul or of body to the inhabitants of my Zion, and the indwellers of my holy house upon earth; but can be termed and styled in no better form than an absurd practice, and an intoxicating indulgence.

14. Even now is my word ready concerning the use of tobacco, among the rising generation. Truly saith the Lord your God, I would that my people would learn and be wise, and indulge not in this way, until I must pronounce, by the justice of my righteous law, my word in the full, or until I am tempted to blast with a curse the poisonous weed.

15. Surely, have I not already said that I would by no means, hold my peace, nor cease to send forth my holy Law to the rulers of my people, so long as there was one remaining indulgence still persisted in, that was displeasing to me, or that did, in any wise, hinder my free blessing from descending upon my people, ~~in any~~ of all classes and ages, according to their duty and privilege, and their true faithfulness in my holy work on earth? saith the eternal God.

16. Of a truth I did, And now do I say My holy Law forbids that this intoxicating plant be purchased by the chosen dealers of my people, for the use of smoking, chewing or snuffing, by or among the rising generation, throughout my Zion.

17. Again, saith the Lord, Why, O why should the blooming youth, or ^{the} strong man in the house of the Lord, be willing

or reconciled to be sottish, benumbed or corrupted and left to be defiled, and to defile the Zion of the likeness of the Almighty; or why should I suffer this to be, by still allowing, entirely contrary to my own will, these corrupting indulgences of man; for I, the All-wise and All-seeing God and Creator, ~~cannot~~ can indeed, view them in no other form than this.

Chapter V. I. The preceding Laws plainly repeated.

1. And now, lest some of my people should say, that they do not, as yet understand my holy Laws, or the word which I, their merciful God, in the truest of love, have now condescended to send to them, I will again repeat it in short, but plain words.

2. Yea, thus and thus have I written, as it is written in my Eternal Word of the Holy Laws of my Zion. My holy Law forbids that my people purchase any kind of animal food to supply their tables; or that ye increase your stook of cattle or feeding flock for that purpose.

3. My holy Law forbids that ye set upon your supper tables any part or sort of this kind of food; also that ye taste not of it upon my holy sabbath.

4. But for and by reasons wisely listened to, my holy Law does not forbid, that while those of my people that have now passed three score and ten years, remain in my Zion below, that if it is desired, the above mentioned food can be prepared for either

the breakfast or dinner table; but not for both.

5. And know ye, that when those of my people, of that age, are passed and gone, my whole law is established in and throug out my Zion below; which is, That the inhabitants there of make no use of animal food.

6. But now, even at this time, does my holy Law forever forbid the use of the flesh of swine, for supplying the table of my chosen people.

7. My holy Law also forbids that my people purchase the tobacco plant, for the use of smoking, chewing or snuffing, by the rising generation.

8. This is the word, and these are the Laws, written in ^{my} Holy Book, saith Jehovah.

9. And now, O my people, have I dealt out unto you, another part of my sacred and eternal word, my righteous and just commands, and my everlasting will and law, which is mine and mine alone. In and by my own wisdom have I sent it forth.

10. And I alone have caused it to be written by the mortal hand, that the inhabitants of my Zion on earth might more fully learn, and desire to know the will of their God above, and then delight to obey it.

11. Yea, even my will and my Law, will I cause, in my own time, to be known and obeyed by my peculiar people, saith the Great I am, the everlasting Father of all.

12. The holy Angel now said, the word of this Roll is finished. Now hastily give it into the hands of the Holy & Anointed, that it may reach the ears of the people, according to their will, and as soon as they, in their wisdom, may see fit and proper.

Chapter VII.

A short word from Father James respecting the foregoing portion of the Law of God.

1. O holy & Anointed on earth! O most dearly beloved Ministry and Elders! Once more and again, has God, our heavenly Father, listened in mercy to our prayers, and in love, fully answered our desires, by sending forth unto you, still another word of his Law, and everlasting will.

2. For surely, your heavenly Parents, (as ye know by the word ye have received from them) have long felt very anxious that their children on earth might learn the will of their God, in regard to all these indulgences of nature, that have long (and always in a measure), stained the house of Israel, and caused the inhabitants or many of them, to be cast afar off from their God.

3. And now, O beloved, receive with pleasure, and with true thankfulness, the word which is sent unto you. Altho it may add to your burden of tribulation still a greater degree; yet rejoice with us, your Parents above, and with us, supplicate your Father in Heaven to continue His mercy and love to his

people on earth.

4. So now, in holy love to every child of my Mother, that will freely receive the word of this roll, and cheerfully obey it, in union with their visible Sead, I say, farewell.

5. This word is now entirely submitted ^{up} to you, O beloved, and to be handed to the people according to your wisdom.

Copy of a Book brought by Father William and Father James and given to the Elders in the First Order, April 24th 1841, wherein is contained the desire and feelings of all your Heavenly Parents: Also a Covenant, written by Father William, for all the middle aged and young, in the First and Second Order of the Church in N. Lebanon. Read by Father James, and copied May 18th 1841. Tuesday Morning.

Words of Father James to the Writer.

Know, my child, it is in union with thy beloved Sead, that I have chosen thee, as an Instrument; to write the words of thy Heavenly Parents, that are contained in this book. Therefore bow low thy spirit in humble supplication and prayer; yea, bow low, even to the dust; and in tribulation prepare to write the words that I shall read aloud to thy soul. For the time has come, yea fully come, for these things to be sounded forth unto the people, that the mind and will of your Heavenly Parents may be known.

Chapter. I.

Words of our Heavenly Parents, contained in the Book given to the Elders.

1. O ye children of Zion! ye children of Mother! Long have we, your Heavenly Parents, desired to make known our mind and feelings in relation to some things, of which but little hath been said, knowing the time had not come, and all were not prepared to receive, it hath been delayed until the present time.

2. And now, dear children, listen and give ear unto these words, and receive them with thankful hearts, and ye shall be blessed with wisdom to know in what manner to use the sacred things given unto you, that they may prove a blessing unto your souls.

3. But ye who think to judge the sacred things of God, with your own natural reasonings and judgments, take heed; beware, lest ye be smitten with the judgments of a righteous and just God. For as sure as any soul think to judge with his own natural reasonings and judgments, the holy work of God, and the work of your Heavenly Parents; so sure will that soul lose the protection and blessing of God, and be separated from his people.

4. Therefore, ye who wish to be the children of the Heavenly Kingdom, owned and blessed by your Parents in Heaven, treasure up in your hearts, with true sincerity and thankfulness, the many blessed treasures given unto you.

Chapter III.

Concerning the faithful labors of the Lead; of Temperance &c.

1 O ye beloved Lead, ye Elders in Zion! Well do we, your Heavenly Parents, know your faithful labours and the sincere desire of your souls, for the welfare, prosperity and increase of the young flock in this place, that they might gain that abiding faith and sure planting in the way of God, and stand in that order and rectitude in which they are called to be a shining example to all other souls upon earth.

2. Yea, truly, beloved Lead, ye have desired these things, and have faithfully labored to teach the young the path of their duty, in all things, both spiritual and temporal, that they might find protection and gain victory over every evil propensity of a fallen corrupt nature, that leads the soul astray from the pure way of God. And truly, beloved children, ye have gained much; ~~but~~ still there remains room to gain more,

3. For ye are called to be a pure people, and to live a pure and godly life, being temperate in all things; in eating, drinking, and sleeping; and by no means to indulge the cravings of your appetites in eating nor drinking; nor in any unnecessary indulgence whatever.

4. But dear children, tho ye have received counsel in times past, in respect to making so much use, and such extravagant

use of animal food; yet how little is it observed! and how little attention is paid to it, by many! But they will go on, indulging their appetites, bringing sickness upon their bodies and losing their precious time, that ought to be improved in the support and upbuilding of the gospel, and gaining a treasure for their own souls.

5. Why will ye, dear children, why will ye work so against yourselves, and against your own best good and comfort?

O ye young and inexperienced children! Listen to the words of your Parents, who love you, even as ye love not your own souls; for if ye loved your own souls as we your Heavenly Parents do, ye would do differently in these things.

6. Ye young, who are in the full strength and vigor of your days, need every moment of your time, in laboring to subdue and bring into subjection your evil propensities, and overcome a fallen, corrupt nature of the flesh, which is the fountain of all evil and corruption. Why will ye indulge in those things that give life to the root?

7. For by eating and drinking to excess, you feast and feed the animal passions and propensities of your bodies, and bring death upon your souls; and in a special manner, so much use of animal food to strengthen that animal part; and give life to those propensities of nature, which every true Believer is laboring to bring into subjection.

9. It is therefore the desire of your Heavenly Parents, that the middleaged and young should find an increase in these things. And those who desire & crave so much meat and animal food, should crop their appetites, and labor to feel reconciled with one half the quantity they now eat.

9. And those of the young, the youth and children, who are not able to judge for themselves, should have such orders and regulations made by their Elders and caretakers, as they, in their wisdom see fit.

10. And by living more upon vegetables, and having every thing cooked in a ~~plain~~ plain simple manner, ye will be more free from disease and sickness, and be more able to do good with your hands, and lay up a lasting treasure for your souls, when ye have done with time. For every moment that is spent in indulging a carnal nature, in any way, will have to be repented of, either in time or eternity.

Chapter III.

Instructions for the Middleaged and Young concerning Temperance, and of the respect required of them towards the aged &c.

1. O beloved flock! listen ye to the words of your Parents who in pure love and condescension, do make known unto you the will and desire of our souls. For long has your beloved Lead desired to know our mind and will, in relation to the use

made of Tobacco among the middleaged and young in the Church.

2. And even as the desire of your beloved Lead has been in this respect; so is the desire of us, your Heavenly Parents; that those of the young and rising generation, should make no use of tobacco, unless thought best by the Physicians, as a medicine; and then in union with the Elders.

* A. Tho there have been some among Believers who have possessed a very wrong spirit in regard to this thing, and have given way, in their feelings, to a spirit of hatred towards their brethren and sisters, on account of their using tobacco; and have thereby lost their union, lost their protection yeas, and lost their souls, and fallen from the way of God.

* B. For all your hard earnings which ye spend unnecessarily, in this way, or any other, merely to please and gratify a taste formed by habit; will certainly prove a clog and hindrance to the travel of your souls.

5. Therefore, dear children, if ye desire to find a fruitful travel in the way of God, let not the spirit of hatred, strife and contention find a resting place in your hearts. Judge not one another in these things, for ye are not collect to ^{be} judge one of another.

6. Think not, beloved flock, that we, your Heavenly Parents, feel to deprive you of any of those things that are needful, and

necessary for the comfort and support of your natural bodies: Nay, in no wise. But it is our desire that ye might ^{make} a wise prudent and godly use of all that God has blessed you with; and that the young and rising generation may not be found, in any way, indulging their appetites and cravings in those things that serve to strengthen the propensities of a fallen nature.

7. O ye children of Zion! Ye who are called and chosen to stand in this first Church upon earth; consider well the blessed privilege that ye have. Ye who are young and in the prime of your days, let every faculty of soul and body, and every moment of your precious time, be spent in the service and will of God.

8. Follow the example of your aged brethren and sisters, your fathers and mothers in the gospel; those who have spent their lives in faithful labours for the support and upbuilding of the gospel, of which you are made partakers. Let your souls bow with reverence and respect to those faithful firstborn children of Mother.

9. Yea, those faithful children who, in sufferings and deep tribulations, have labored and toiled for those temporal blessings which ye daily enjoy. Let your souls bow with reverence and respect, and make it your delight to do all in your power to make them comfortable. For it from those faithful pillars ye have received the blessings of the gospel; and in no other way, dear children, can the blessing of God be extended to you.

Chapter IV.

Salutary Caution against a wrong spirit.—Wise counsel to the Young.

1. Ye, beloved flock, give ear and listen. Had it not been for those faithful pillars, and firstborn children of your Heavenly Parents, ye would not have received many of those blessings and heavenly treasures that ye have received in times past. Neither would ye have been protected from your persecuting enemies, as ye have been in times past.

2. And now, can ye little ones, rise up with a spirit of oppression, with a spirit of enmity and hatred towards these your fathers and mothers in the gospel; because they make use of some things which we, your Heavenly Parents, and your beloved Lead, desire the middle-aged and young to make no use of, believing and knowing ye will be far better without them.

3. Do ye consider yourselves equal, and on a level with those faithful children? Can ye judge them, and the reason and propriety of these things? Beware, beware, O ye children, what spirit ye possess! For this spirit of enmity and hatred, this spirit of judging is from the evil one; and all who indulge in this spirit; commit sin, and bring condemnation on their own souls.

4. And it is the desire of us, your Heavenly Parents, that the aged, those who are advanced in years, whose feeble bodies need much support and rest, should continue, and

feel union and freedom in smoking and making use of tobacco, as they have done; and that the rising generation should feel it their duty and privilege to make them comfortable in these things, and not feel unwilling to be in their company, nor show any dislike nor disrespect on that account. Remember if ye do, ye shut out the blessing of God from your souls.

5. O beloved flock! ^{ye} on whom the burden must soon fall; it is our fervent desire that ye might gain that sure and abiding treasure, and true substance of the gospel, that ye may have wherewith to give unto all others Believers on earth; ~~for ye have~~ for ye have a greater privilege than any others; and greater must be your tribulation and sacrifices, in order to be worthy of your privilege, and to stand in that order in which ye are called.

6. But dear children, how often have we seen those that are young, spending hours of their time in idleness, in vain, foolish and ungodly conversation, while their aged brethren and sisters were in faithful labor with their hands, to the extent of their strength.

7. If ye think to find victory over your evil ~~natures~~ propensities in this way, ye are greatly mistaken, An evil, fallen corrupt nature of the flesh, is no easier subdued now than it ever was. And you will need every moment of your time to subdue your own evil propensities, each one for one.

8. And the more ye indulge yourself in idleness, or in the cravings of your appetites, in eating, drinking or

sleeping; so much the more you feed and feast the nature of the flesh, and make it the harder for your souls to travel in the self-denying gospel.

9. Therefore, dear, children be wise and treasure up the word and counsel of your Heavenly Parents; follow the example of your blessed Lead; for truly they set an example in these things that you may follow in safety. Cleave close to their counsel and teaching, in all things. And if ye do their will, ye do the will of your Heavenly Parents; for they are able to teach you in all things; and if ye walk in obedience to them, ye shall receive our love and blessing, and the love and blessing of all the heavenly hosts.

Chapter V.

A Covenant written by Father William, for all the Middle-aged and Young in the Church.

1. O ye children of my love; ye whom my soul delighteth to see increasing in the pure way of God. Listen to the word of your Father; for truly I love you as I never before loved children upon earth. And it is my desire to have this family and this Church stand in that order and rectitude in which God has called them.

2. I want some young brethren and sisters in this Church that will stand firm and steadfast in the way of God; as bold as lions: who feel that they are called to a greater work than to indulge themselves in the vain pleasures: who will cheerfully

and willingly take up every cross that is presented; and will count it a privilege to deny themselves of every thing that serves to hinder the travel of the soul; Such are the children of my pleasure and love and shall be truly blessed.

3. How many of you, dear children, will covenant together, and solemnly promise your Father, in the presence of your beloved Elders, Brethren and Sisters, that you will forever, from this time henceforth, cheerfully and willingly take up every cross that is presented to you, and be faithful with your hands to do all that you are able? And indulge not yourselves in any way, eating, drinking or sleeping, more than is really needful and necessary for the support of your natural bodies.

4. How many of you will promise your Father that ye will, from this time henceforth, make no more use of spirits nor wine, only when really necessary in case of sickness, and thought best by the physicians?

5. Will ye promise your Father, in the presence of your beloved Lead, that ye will, from this time henceforth, — drink no more cider? Let no one promise but those who can cheerfully and willingly perform; for it is the cheerful, the willing and obedient that receive the blessing.

6. Will ye covenant together and solemnly promise, in the presence of your beloved Elders, that ye will make no more use of tobacco, only as a medicine and when recommended by the

physicians, in union with the Elders.

4. And will ye promise always to respect and reverence those of the aged who may feel to use it, and show no dislike nor disrespect on that account: but always endeavor to make them comfortable in it? If ye do this, ye will be truly blessed and the love and blessing of your Heavenly Parents will remain with you.

5. Will ye cheerfully and willingly take up your crosses against using so much meat, and be reconciled to whatever regulations may be thought best by your beloved Lead, Ministry and Elders; and make as little use of tea and coffee, as they, in their wisdom may think best?

6. Truly, beloved flock if ye will solemnly promise to do those things, and live according to the counsel that ^{has} been given, ye will find an increase in the way of God. And with this ye may receive my kind and everlasting love, with that of the rest of your Heavenly Parents.

Father William.

Just Benjamin Gates.

Part III.
 of the
 Large Roll.
 or the
 Word of the Eternal Two in One.

Words of the beloved Apostle John, to the Inspired Instrument.

Hearken, O ye little one! and hear again my word. It is the Saviors desire that this word may be copied by itself, for it is a further decree; yea a Law from the Almighty power, which has not yet been sent forth, and which has not yet reached the ears of Zion's Inhabitants.

So my little one, continue on in obedience to write: the word until it is finished: remembering the word is neither thine nor mine, but it is from the Almighty power, whose word we can not judge, and whose power we cannot handle.

Part IIII, to the Almighty's Seal.

Words of the Savior to the holy Anointed.

O holy Anointed of Heaven, ye lovely Leaders in Israel, whose spirits are troubled, and whose ^{souls} are borne down with grief;

listen yet longer to the word of your God, to the merciful voice of your Heavenly Father. Thus and thus is his Law, and thus is his decree for the people of his Zion.

Know, O ye people, saith the Almighty Power, and Holy Eternal Wisdom, we have now sealed that which has heretofore been sent forth as the Law of Zion, and the Holy Order of her safe going and true protection, in all their outgoings and in comings, food and raiment:

Yea, I have sent forth many words of counsel, concerning your trading with the children of men; and I have said unto you, as far as you can, subsist upon that which your own lands, by good cultivation will afford you. And I have repeatedly promised to bless Zion in so doing, to enrich her baskets and increase her stores.

These things I have spoken unto you, as a Father, and I have surely given the sincere soul time to consider them, to weigh my word, and now be ready for my Law, in full, which is written in my holy Book, from which ye have already received the Holy Laws and orders of Zion. Therefore, O my people, I trust ye are now ready to hear my word, and receive my Law; to love, fear and obey me, your Holy and righteous God.

Therefore, weary not your visible Lead on earth, neither the spirits of the Holy Ones in Heaven, with your murmur

ings and complaints of hard times, and dark days of confusion and bustle of sorrow, vexation and ~~trouble~~ in the camps of Israel.

In my Holy Book is written, "Let Zion's children frugally save all that ~~at~~ their own lands will afford them, by good and ~~careful~~ ~~of~~ cultivation. Waste nothing that your farm produces, neither fruit; grain nor herb that will tend, in the least; to your own support; or to enlarge your stock for sale: and finally I say unto you, waste nothing with which my righteous hand hath blessed you.

I have heretofore given you my written Law, and even specified the orders and classes, and various ages, as regards animal food, spirits, cider, tobacco &c. But my word concerning tea and coffee was a word of counsel; but now I will give unto you my Law; for surely there be many who seek to know my will.

And thus, and thus it is written. Let the Stewards of my house purchase no more Tea, Coffee nor Chocolate; to satisfy the indwellers of Zion, save the Ancients, the first-born of my Daughter, for whom I have respect; if they desire to use it.

Keep what is needful in the outer court; for strangers among ~~strangers~~ the children of this world, but give it not for common drink unto hirelings, for surely ye know the will of your Parents in Heaven.

And as I said of Spirits, Tobacco &c. So I say of Tea

and Coffee; let those over sixty years of age, use what they need but let those under 60 make no use of it; neither in sickness nor health unless deemed indispensably necessary by the Physicians.

Now, O my people, know ye this is the Law of your God; so fear ye not to obey it, knowing I will verify unto you that which I have promised.

Fear not to use as many herbs as your situation will afford, which can easily be procured by going but a few miles from home, and which you can have without price if you will gather them.

But now, again, hear ye my word, and again understand my sayings. Surely I know, O my people, that I have not situated every part of my Zion near deep waters where they could easily procure fish, wherewith to supply their tables. But my Holy Law does freely admit the use of it among my people, as far as it can consistently be procured.

But as regards other animal food, have I not said, I increase not the servile trade at the slaughter house, to satisfy the craving appetite of my people.

Thus was my word, and this is my Law: But if ye have more than you can frugally use then ye may sell it to your neighbors. Be not weary of my word, for there are many things which ye must of necessity purchase at the hands

of the wicked, such as wheat, sugar, Melasses, rice, salt and indigo, with very many others which ye yourselves well know ye cannot live comfortably without.

Now let the Stewards consider, and even remember my word, which is in the Holy Orders, written from this my Holy Book, which says, keep a good supply of all these articles, constantly on hand.

And even if you find things which are rare among you, such as clams, oysters, sweet potatoes, honey &c, at a moderate price, ye may freely purchase them, for I delight to see my people fare comfortably in this life.

Now, O my beloved and chosen people of my delight, why will ye murmur in your hearts, and say one to another, "How can these things be procured when our God has commanded us to stay at home, and go not far ^{abroad} among the children of the world."

Verily I say unto you, hear ye my word, and I will show unto you the fulness of my will, and again repeat my Law, even as it is written in my Holy Book, and sent forth unto Zion.

Have I not said, four weeks was sufficient for any one to be absent among the world on business; even so I say still: and did I not furthermore say; three brethren were sufficient to go to New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Now, know ye, my word, my Holy Laws and Orders remain unalterably established, in my Holy Zion - what is there admitted, I admit still; and I will surely bless the Stewards of my house in walking in obedience thereunto. Full well I know the necessaries of life cannot be procured without more or less journeying from home.

So I have only to say, Make your jourries as short as possible, return home as soon as possible, find all the market you can for what is provided for sale; procure all that you can, consistently, for the use of the family; and go short jourries as often as is necessary, to provide for the family.

Now let the Stewards of my house be comforted, knowing that I am, indeed, the righteous Lawgiver in Zion; and that I do look upon them and bless their labors, their outgoings and in-comings, when they go forth praising my Holy name, blessing my work, and rejoicing in the Holy Laws and Orders, which are a sure protection, that I have builded about Zion; and with which I have encompassed her round about.

And verily I say unto you, if you will indeed obey my Holy Laws and Statutes, and depart not from following after me, by turning to disobey my word, and confiding not in my promises; then will I still continue to pour forth my blessing, and to nourish you from my never ending store of peace and comfort, and consolation.

For blessed will be the day when peace shall be again restored to Zion, and her inmates shall join hand in hand, and their

spirits shall flow together as the heart of one man, saith the God of Zion.

But hear yet again my word, even concerning the work which is done among you, to vend in market. In times past I have been sorely displeased with the gay fancy articles, that have ^{been} made in Zion's habitations.

But with the alterations that have been made, I am well satisfied. Make all that you sell plain, neat and useful; and provide as much for sale as you consistantly can; for I have many times said, spend no time idle: neither neglect to put your hands to work, day by day; and what time you have more than is really needful, to work for your own support and accomodation at home, you must well improve in working for sale, that you may have wherewith to procure the many necessary articles, which you have to buy. And furthermore, consider well the stores with which I, your God, do, and have blessed you.

And again I repeat unto you, ~~waste not~~ waste not my blessing, but what ye have more, of fruit; of herbs, or any thing else, ^{with} which I have blessed you, than you really need, for your own support, let it be sold freely; for in this I will bless you, and cause your store houses to overflow with plenty, saith God.

Draw near unto me, yet again, O ye indwellers of my Zion, while I, your God, speak yet a further word unto you. Know, O my people, I am indeed at work among the children of men,

and surely the day cometh when many people shall flock unto Zion.

And for this, behold, I have sent forth my words and established my Laws, and made strait paths for my children to walk in; for surely ye are the chosen people of my delight, and tender little ones of my love. As a Father looketh upon his son and blepeth him, even so will I look with pleasure upon the Zion of my delight.

And as the Parent greatly desireth the honor of his only daughter, even so do I desire that my Zion may arise and be clad with exceeding great beauty when the inhabitants of the earth shall hear of her excellency; and come from the east, and from west, from the north, and from the south to behold her.

Yea, I would that she shine forth as the sun of the morning, and be adorned as a bride, in her richest attire, and seated in glory, as the young Princess upon her throne, to whom the Nobles pay homage, and to whom the Priests do honor.

All this I have done, united with Holy and Eternal Wisdom, to gather the hearts of the people, that they might indeed serve and worship the one true and living God.

And when Holy Wisdom returned again to her throne, we did in our infinite goodness, prepare a rich feast of Heavenly blessings for our holy and chosen people.

Yea, in every place we did set a Fountain, planted a vineyard

an orchard, and a pleasant garden, and spread a sumptuous Feast, even a yearly feast; that they might partake in remembrance of the many blessings bestowed upon Zion, in the infinite goodness and unbounded mercy of Almighty power, and Holy Eternal Wisdom as one.

This, I sent for my lovely Son to declare to my first Holy Chosen upon the Holy Mount; for, from thence was my people to receive; for there was the head of my Fountain.

Now, O Holy Anointed, hear yet further my word, and know my will, it is my will that the Anointed in every Society, who visit you in the year 1942, may go up to the Mount and partake of the feast; and receive from your hands, that which I have prepared, even the seed of blessing which is there; for I will surely bless every part of Zion, that will walk in obedience to my statutes, and obey my righteous Laws.

I will now make mention of my Law and decree, concerning the keeping of the Feast, or Holy Passover, throughout Zion.

On the first Sabbath of May, let the people of the Church, or First Order, go and partake of the feast; on the second Sabbath let the people of other families enjoy the same privilege; and on the third sabbath, let those of the gathering Order go and do likewise.

These are my appointed days, but, if in consequence of bad weather, or if any other extraordinary circumstance should occur

on one of these days, then let my holy chosen ones, in their wisdom, transfer it, untill a more suitable day.

And let Zion's children know, and ever remember this Heavenly feast and Holy Passover, instituted by Almighty Power, and Holy Eternal Wisdom, is to be kept sacred forever and ever, throughout all generations.

For it is a day to be kept in praise and thanksgiving to me, your Heavenly Father, for my many-fold blessings, my mercy and loving kindness towards the children of Zion.

I will in no wise suffer this day to become formal, neither to be carelessly passed over, by my chosen people, but a band of Holy Angels shall ever be ready to meet my chosen on the appointed day, upon the sacred ground; and there ye shall receive from my hand many blessings.

And I will provide means where by the Anointed in every part of Zion, may know and readily ascertain the sacred spot of my choice and blessing, through such instruments as they in their wisdom may choose. And three days previous to the feast day, the Angel of Holy Holy Wisdom shall meet with the Anointed; and give unto them her word, even a word suitable for the people at that time; and this shall be a word of preparation, and it shall be written by an Instrument, that they may choose, (in whom they can place confidence to hold the key of the treasure box, which the Savior shall

place in the sanctuary of the Holy Anointed, in each part of Zion) and the word shall be read to the people, on the evening of the same day.

And let this Instrument whom ye may choose, be one who has come to ripe years, and found a fruitful travel through tribulation; I say choose one Instrument; and one clone (except ye desire a witness,) to hold the keys of the treasure box, or to write the forementioned word, as long as they continue faithful, and ye see fit in your wisdom to employ them; for many judges of many matters, and many mouths through whom my word is sounded forth, makes confusion in ^{the} camps of Israel, saith the Lord.

And upon this day shall the Angel of Holy Wisdom mark those who be gathered into Zion, who have not received a Mark from Holy Mothers hand, that none may go to partake of the feast but what have been marked for the Lord, even as the people have been. O holy Anointed, know ye this is Holy Wisdom's Law and decree: therefore receive it with pleasure, and keep it sacred; for it is sent forth unto the first holy chosen, that it may be tried upon the altar of wisdom, and sent forth, by the order of Heaven, to the various societies.

And, beloved, hear yet longer my word, for I speak as touching many matters. My word I have already sent forth, to the inhabitants of some parts of my Zion, that they should close their public ~~meet~~ worship, and open not the Sanctuary

unto the wicked sons of Belial, for a short season, yea, I have caused signs and proclamations to be written that the children of this world may know and understand, that there is to be a separation between them and my Holy people. But O my Holy Unointed, I say unto unto you, let the Sanctuary, in every part of Zion, be closed three years, from the time that I called you to my holy Feast: and upon the fourth will I send forth Holy messengers, with my word, that the doors of my Zion shall be opened, for at that time many shall seek after me, and shall draw nigh unto Zion, to learn my righteous will.

Then open ye my sanctuary, and freely admit those who desire to enter. And then shall my people be encompassed about with the forces of Satan: so let them look well to their steps; let them be clothed with Godly fear, and trust in the protection of their merciful God: for this is the dawning of the day of which I am continually warning my people to be prepared when they must stand as the light of the world, a city set on a hill which cannot be hid.

And in this day shall some be prepared to come unto Zion from every nation of the earth, because of the wonderful work which I have wrought among them.

So let my people be prepared for this righteous work of their God, and murmur not because of this my word, and the lengthy day of preparation which I have allowed

rather
you; but be thankful, and honor and glorify me your God.

Therefore, O Holy Anointed, receive this my word, for it is my unalterable decree; and if it seems good in your sight for the people of my Zion, Amen, even so let it be.

This is the end of the word of the Eternal two in One, sealed with the Almighty's Seal, for the people of his Zion.

End of the Roll.

Words of the Apostle to the writer.

Hearken again to my word, O my little One; I have stood by thy side and guided thy pen; and tho' thou hast moved ^{it} in obedience, and written in sorrow and tribulation, yet know it is the word of thy God, and thou needest not fear to do his righteous will at any time, for his Holy Power will bear thee safely through.

Now take of my love unto the Holy Anointed, and to thy beloved Elders, and rejoice that thou hast well done, what is this day required of thee.

Take also the love of thy blessed Savior; and this roll of love from thy heavenly Parents, to give to the Anointed. And with this I bid thee farewell.

I am still the Holy Apostle; and the beloved disciple of the blessed Savior.

Inst. Adah Zillah Potter.

Copy of a short word of Love and Warning brought by
 Father William's Message-bearing Dove, to the Elders of the Church
 Holy Mount, September 21st 1915.

O Holy Uncircumcised in Israel, and dearly beloved of my
 Father's house, will ye once more stop a few moments, and listen
 to the word of a kind and loving Parent; for my spirit is sorely
 borne down with sorrow, and grief has overshadowed me. Time
 has been when I called the lambs, and they heard and knew
 my voice; when I said Come, and they quickly followed me.

But Alas! I pass to and fro throughout Zion's habitations—
 I call, but few hear, I entreat, but few come. Therefore it is, O dearly
 beloved, that I say stop once more and hear my word. Why, O
 why are so many found halting by the way? cavelling, doubting,
 unbelieving, and finally, in their ~~own~~ very hearts, cursing
 the manifestation of God, which was intended for an increase
 to the children of Zion!

Have the promises of God failed? has the humble obedient
 soul been cast out, or the righteous soul been given a prey to the
 adversary? I ask, have Zion's inhabitants suffered in one case
 wherein they have been united as the heart of one man, and
 gone forth in willing reconciliation to do the will of God, trusting
 in his holy power, and fully believing his righteous his righteous

word? Search your Records from beginning to end; and if you find one command of your God that has been cheerfully and willingly obeyed, without costing strife, contention and party feelings among the rulers in Zion, that a blessing and prosperity has not attended, then I am not your Father.

But has a blessing ever been promised in any other line; save reconciliation one to another? O ye Rulers, ye Stewards in the house of God! when will ye learn to submit your selves to the word of God, and the will of his Anointed? And finely I say, why will ye longer contend for swines flesh upon your tables, since the word of your God you have, and the will of the Anointed you know?

And again I ask, (and be not offended with me;) Why do ye marvel at the darkness, doubting and unbelief of those who have as yet gained no mortification, nor travel in the work God? They see the very Rulers in the house of Israel contend civil, and finely, because of a party spirit, delay to make any effort to fulfill the word of their God.

O that ye could know, as I know, the cause of the trouble in Zion! that ye could see as I see, the sorrow that awaits her. But dear Elders, do not grieve and sorrow too much. But I will grieve and sorrow for Zion, because she feareth in any wise to obey the word of her God.

A Vision,

Concerning the flesh of Swine and other stimulants,
which are offensive to the eternal Powers of Heaven. Given Sept 29. 1845.

About two o'clock past meridian I felt the power of God come upon me in a singular manner, when I at once felt myself going out at the window, and all natural things vanished from my sight; I went a few steps north from the house, where a shining Angel met me, saying, here let your fearful steps be stayed for a moment, thou little one, and I will hide your spirit beneath my wings, and Satan shall expose himself to your understanding.—"Look here," said the Angel (pointing a few steps east of us;) I looked, and there stood two hellish monsters. One was like a sloth in its manners, and like a hog wallowing in filthy mire. His claws were like the claws of a bear, but four times as large. He held in his claws a large piece of pork, I should think about 20 pounds in weight. This he was fast devouring, while the grease run in streams from his claws, and greasy slime, mixed with blood and maggots, ran out of both corners of his mouth.

The other, which stood near him, very much resembled a fox. The first of these, after smacking his slimy chops, said to the other; "I am glad to meet with you again. Come and partake freely of my royal repast, and let us commune together,

unshaken by the noisy rabble of hell. I hope (said he) that you have been successful in your last undertakings, and above all, that your name and character is still unknown to the fellows of Ann Lee,

"If some of them should find out your name and character to be Cover Sin, you would at once be detected and rejected, by some who as you now hope, will give full scope to your crafty insinuations.

Cover Sin. "You need not have any fears for me, brother Sest. For so sure as fleshly lust is the bearing property of swines flesh I never will give back until thousands fall at my grasp.

Sest: "I perceive another messenger from God has gone forth to warn the people to reject, more fully, the forbidden indulgences of their appetites. And are you not afraid that many will coincide with her testimony?"

Cover Sin. "Same I am not in the least afraid of; They are faithful ministers of my spirit; strong advocates for spiritous liquors, tea, coffee, and all manner of mess-meals and by bits. If I see the least danger of their getting knocked from the race ground, I can go to them, and the least whisper from my crafty tongue will hurry them on the track, like a blood for his pray. Very carefully insinuating at first, dropping words to others like these.

"What do you think of the passing events, you need not

be afraid to lay your whole heart open to me; for I will never expose you. I can tell you my mind. I have no faith in this sharp testimony against the indulgence of the appetite, and I shall eat what I want; and drink what I choose, where and whenever I can get it."

Sust. "You feel great confidence in your own strength; but will you give the professed children of Anna Lee, (those of them who love and serve you best;) to say of the late messenger now warning them?"

Gover Sir. "I, they shall boldly deny her testimony, and call her a tormenting Image, and the unknown Imp, And many who fully believe, shall fear to declare their faith in the presence of those who faithfully ^{were} me; while under this fear, they shall unite against the testimony, without the real meaning at heart. But these are good signs in my favor; for by a constant sipping at the dish, the heart is filled. I have many times accomplished plans like this, to my full satisfaction, and that is the reason why I have no fears in this case."

Sust. "I have a strong foot hold in Zion, and my grasp is mighty even as God himself knows by long experience. Yet he will give me no rest day nor night. And the whole of the matter is this, God knowing the strong hold I have had upon the nature of man, ever since his fall from Eden, has sought out and cunningly invented many plans to quill my mighty tower among his servants in

Zion. And last of all, has sent his sword and decree, to cut off, out of Zion, stimulating food and drinks, which I must own disturbs me more than any thing ever devised against me before; and if I should fall in this battle, I never should rise again with such boldness, to march so freely with Zion's armies."

Cover Sin. "He has, last of all, discovered your sitting post, has he?"

Lust. "God has always known that when the stomachs of some ^{of} his people, were loaded with swine's flesh, and their system intoxicated with tea or coffee, the gentlest whisper or slightest touch of my hazard, would set their passions of lust in a foam, which seldom fails to end ⁱⁿ the gratification of the same. Ah! (said he, giving a loud smack of his lips,) The stomach that receives bountifully of the flesh of swine, there I can always find a heart easy for me to enter."

Cover Sin. "God well knew that many, (who otherwise most well) could not bear the heat of his crucifying cross, while their lustful passions were continually excited and inflamed with the stimulation of swine's flesh, tea, coffee, spiritous liquors and high seasoned food; therefore in his own time he has come to cut them off. But I will stand a hard brush rather than to surrender."

Lust. "What a reviving beverage is tea and coffee! One, two or three stimulating drams, each day, limbers the long tongues of my earthly subjects, and veils them with forgetfulness;"

so that while they are speaking much evil of others, God's Anointed are spoken against; which is well pleasing to me: for such I am sure to hold in my grasp.

Cover Sin. We must be very careful not to be overheard by Gods Angels or any of their subjects, lest we should be exposed and condemned by the word of our own mouths.

Just. Never fear, I shall look out for that. It is high time we were on the rant, making null and void the testimony of the warning messenger.

Instrument. The devils were not conscious of our presence; they took their flight; and I went my way, guided by the little messenger to more pleasing enjoyments with happy spirits.

A Dream. Oct: 9th 1845.

During the slumbers of the of the night: I thought the Great Jehovah came to this Valley, in the center of which was a long, deep river, with a swift and foaming current:

The Angels of Heaven descended to the banks of this river in great numbers, while the inhabitants of the Valley were summoned and commanded to make their choice of eternal death, or life everlasting, by fording this river right against the current of nature.

The Ministry, the first-born and others who had bravely forded this river, stood around upon the shore, encouraging

others who were just about commencing the dangerous voyage. One of the Angels crying aloud, said, There is the river of life to all who boldly pass through it; and it is the river of death to all who taste its waters and sink to rise no more.

A large multitude of people entered the waters, and I was of that number. The faithful ones from the shore, handed each a piece of white wood, saying, Be ye strong in the faith, and doubt not. We had not been ⁱⁿ the water long, before some on every ^{side} of me, began to complain of the hardness of the requirement; and after flouncing most frightfully, sunk to the bottom, where the water was stagnated and filthy.

I looked not to the right nor to the left; but steered my course right ahead, with my shining strip of white wood, which floated on the surface, as I held it with both hands and feet; shouting praises to God, to Christ and to Mother, for my holy faith. When I got through this river, ~~without flinching~~ I felt as tho I could ford a thousand such, without flinching or murmuring in the least.

I saw that many besides myself, came out of the water clothed in fine livery, singing and dancing, and stood at the right hand of Jehovah, whose Angels cried aloud, saying, A multitude stand at thy right hand, while tens of thousands fall at thy left hand, O Almighty God!

I now saw the chariot of the great Jehovah coming to

convey His Holy Majesty to his eternal Throne. It was drawn by 12 winged ponies of crystal brightness. The Chariot was like unto refined pearl or transparent ware, ornamented with diamonds, like amber, and jewels like gold. It stood on two wheels; yet twelve were comprised in these two, all revolving together.

The Holy Father appeared to me to be about 19 feet high. His graceful gestures were beautiful beyond description. He had a square forehead, open blue eyes, brighter than glass, round favored, and beautiful features, beyond all that is human. I saw him stoop down and pick Brother Rufus up and sit him in his Chariot at his right hand, and away they soared to the Heavens, accompanied by thousands of Angels, playing on their dulcimers of music.

The Kingdom of eternal rest lay within our sight; and we were marching joyful thither, when I awoke and found it all a dream.

Phoebe Ann Smith.

A Law and Statute, Written by Almighty God, and sent forth from his Eternal Throne to his Zion upon Earth, to be observed and kept throughout all succeeding generations.

Thus saith the holy Angel to the inspired Writer - Bow thy heart and incline thine ear to understand the words which I shall read unto thee, and bear tribulation and sorrow; for these shall be thy portion at this time.

Introduction by Father Joseph.

Beloved Unointed - I know full well your desires to know and do the will of God in all things; and feeling a tender, fatherly care for you, I have, together with the rest of your heavenly Parents, prostrated myself before the throne of God, beseeching Him in love and tender compassion to send forth his Eternal Law, concerning the use of swines flesh and the fat thereof; which request has been granted, and he has condescended to send one of His holy Angels, to read this word distinctly to a mortal instrument; that it may be correctly written, for the benefit of all Zions inhabitants, both now and forever more.

Bow down, all ye swift-winged Angels, saith ^{the} Holy One, and hear in solemn silence, the Eternal Law, which

I have written with my own hand, and sent forth to the inhabitants of Zion upon Earth. Therefore hearken in breathless silence, while I read this Law in the presence of all the holy Angels, which surround my Eternal Throne that ye may bear witness of this my Word, when it is handed down to mortals.

And this is my Eternal Law saith Jehovah, concerning the use of swines flesh and the fat thereof; which Law I shall date January first 1849.

I have ^{not} called you, O my people, from the four quarters of the Earth to live in luxury! Nay, I have called you for a far different purpose; neither have I called you to lay up treasures for your selves of this world's goods, which perish by using: But I have called you to be shining lights to the world, to bear witness to My Word, and show by your Godly example that you are harvested from the world, and have become joint heirs with Christ, in his new and spiritual kingdom upon Earth, Therefore I say, abandon the use of swines flesh henceforth, and let the unclean beast be cast out; and never more let them have a place on consecrated ground, for the use of my people saith the Lord.

But if you feel that it would be more prudent to keep a few to consume the slops of the kitchen, you may do so, and sell them to the wicked world; but in no wise

preserve them for the use of my people, or for the consumption of those who call themselves by my name, saith the Lord.

It would, saith the Lord, be much more pleased to see you multiplying to yourselves the use of laws, which would be much more benefit to my people, and prove a greater blessing to them, in ~~any~~ every sense of the word, than ever swine's flesh did, or ever will; for there will be no blessing for them after this present year, but they shall be accursed in my sight, and the incense arising from it in my house shall be a stink in my nostrils saith the God of Heaven.

I do not require my people to abandon the use of the unclean beast for naught; but I call for an increase in Zion, and a further advancement towards my Eternal Kingdom of Peace. Therefore strip for the race, and arm yourselves with faith and obedience, for it will be a trying day with some, but fear not, my beloved, for I will have a tried people in Zion, those that are not distrustful of my doings with them, neither fearful of doing my will, in whatever manner I send it fourth unto them.

Therefore be wise and judge not my word; for you will be accountable for the use you make of it. Have I not set you a pattern? Have you not a standard to go by, look at my holy Anointed on Earth, they are the nearest to me of any who dwell in earthly tabernacles? There is a pattern set; a perfect

guide to go by in relation to swine's flesh, and the use thereof; I say unto all, touch not, nor handle any more, after this present year, the unclean thing.

But increase your dairy, and you will feel a blessing in so doing. There time is fully come for every thing to be cast out of Zion that is unholly in my sight; or that would in any ^{way} retard the progress of my people, towards the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they who obey my Word, saith the Lord, their names are enrolled on my Eternal Record, never to be blotted out, only thro' disobedience to my holy commands.— Peace be with you O my people, saith your God.

A Word from Holy Wisdom.

O holy Anointed, unto you do we, your Heavenly Father and Holy Wisdom send this unalterable Law, to be tried upon the altar which God has placed in Zion for all gifts to be tried upon, and if this meets your approbation, I would that it be circulated as far as you in your ~~in your~~ Wisdom can feel a gift so to do.

Farewell in Love, saith the Eternal Two in One
Ye swift winged Angels speed your way in haste,

and bear Witness to this my Eternal Law, saith
 Jehovah. My Word is finished, saith the Lord, Amen.
 — Amen, even so let it be, cry the holy Angel with
 a voice like mighty Thunder.

Wisdom's Valley March 6th 1849
 A. S.

A Communication from Mother Lucy in regard to
 animal food, written by inspiration Nov. 19th 1847.

Once more, says your loving Mother Lucy, do I condescend
 to speak unto you, through an Instrument of mortal clay. Yea,
 and I speak upon a subject which feels to me, of great importance
 to every soul who wishes to honor God in his holy way, and do his
 will as profitable instruments in his hands.

In the beginning of our faith and so onward, we were taught
 that the health of the natural body, next to the gospel, was the
 greatest blessing man could enjoy; and without it, even the
 Gospel itself could not be perfectly enjoyed. And this is the
 important subject upon which I have purposed to speak unto
 you at this time.

The gospel we all understand to be the greatest gift of
 God unto fallen man, and this is a spiritual gift and cannot
 be enjoyed perfectly without the health of the body, which is the
 greatest of all temporal blessings.

Now, says your Mother, I want you to look at this, and labor to sense it aright. And if my views of the matter, which I know to be in union with all that is before me, will be of any service to you, you shall have them freely.

The gospel was given to restore the spiritual part of man from its fallen and corrupt state, by conformity to its requirements, which ye know to be very simple; which finally terminates in the health and vigor of the soul. And as the spiritual is not without the natural but goes with it, hand in hand, and one cannot be perfect without the other, so long as mortality exists; Why then should it be a ^{considered} mystery that God is pleased to have his holy chosen people, whom he hath purposed to redeem from the pollutions and diseases of sin, by ways and means of his own choosing, (which as before mentioned, ye know to be very simple) that in like manner your God has purposed and is pleased that ye should make use of simple means as restoratives and preservatives of your bodily health; without which, ye cannot enjoy the greatest of all spiritual blessings.

I think, says ^{your} Mother, with little difficulty ye may see the propriety of this, but none are so blind as those who wish not to see.

The time had not come while I dwell upon the earth in mortal clay, for God to make known his mind and will as it respects this important point of which I

have been speaking. The planting of the gospel, with its true principles, was the work of that day. But the time has fully come, when the will and purposes of God must be sounded unto his people in this respect, a little here, and a little there— not as a command or law, but entreaty; that all that will may, know that their God is pleased with those who make a cheerful sacrifice of that which can do them no good but hurt.

It is with difficulty, says Mother, that I communicate my feelings to my children upon this subject; as I wish not to wound or disturb the feelings of any; and especially of those who are advanced in years. I know that long indulged habits become permanent and hard to overcome.— Unto such I would advise, to make no sacrifice ⁱⁿ eating, drinking or ⁱⁿ medical application which, to enjoy ye feel would be for your bodily comfort.

But whatever ye do, do it in faith as unto God, trusting for his blessing.

But be it known unto those who enjoy health, if you wish to preserve it, the more simple your diet the better. And in addition to this, the more simple your medicine if you make use of medicine the better. And it is the feelings of your Mother, yea and of all those before me, that God's children, by simple means and applications

do away the necessity of that which is great and hidden, and requires great knowledge and years of study to bring forth, and when done seldom removes the cause of disease. It is not in great and hidden mysteries in the medical line that ye can with safety look for the greatest of all temporal blessings. Nay, nay, any more than ye are to obtain the greatest of all spiritual blessings through the medium of some learned divine, who has studied years into the mystery of godliness, and when done, remains a mystery and cannot be revealed to the wise of this world, because their thoughts and imaginations of the mysteries of God are high and exalted, in direct opposition to the pure gospel, which, with all its requirements, is very simple.

O that ye, as children of God, would learn to make use of right applications for both soul and body! Then will Zion arise and shine forth and confound the world with all their studied knowledge and wisdom, both of natural and spiritual things. Yea, undermine them with the little simple means which God, in his great Wisdom, has condescended to make known for the good of his people. O my dear children, that ye would see these things as I, your Mother, see them at this time!

But ye say, — "I have heard a great deal of this, that and the other, about simple applications, abstinence and the like for health, but have seen but little of the good effects arising therefrom?"

But says your Mother, allowing all this to be true, what blessing could ye reasonably have expected to arise from pursuing a course which brought confusion disunion and contention? a house divided against itself — Look at it once? The moment a word of counsel, either from your visible head or from the invisible power is given to retrench the use of animal flesh or of stimulous drinks and the like — Is not the tongue, that unruly member immediately set on fire to ^{stir} up all the above mentioned evils? ^{you} How ye not, in this way the greatest of blessings may eventually be turned into a curse? But this spirit will not always rule — God will work and no one can hinder; yet he delites in the voluntary sacrifice of his people

Yea truly, God will work, and he will have a people whose animal bodies are not defiled with the flesh of beasts. Yea, and I may go further; whose bodies are not defiled with anything that draws the vital breath. This is a hard saying; but whosoever can receive it let him receive it.

I do not say but there may be exceptions to this, as in all cases where a positive command is not given.

But some reason in this way. — "Why did God create these things, and an appetite to enjoy them, if they were not to be made use of? They were made in the beginning for the use of man, and pronounced not only good but very good."

This is all true, but ye must understand that God created a great deal in the beginning ~~in the beginning~~ which was good and clean in past dispensations, which he cannot nor will, pronounce clean among his holy chosen people.

If the Lord intended the use of beasts, birds, fishes and creeping things as articles of food for his true spiritual Israel, Why did he restrict the use of them in his figurative Israel? I your Mother will answer. The same that caused him to restrict the indulgence of the gratification of the flesh.

This ye acknowledge was proof that it was unclean in the sight of God, and to be done away among the true Israel whom he would purify unto himself in the latter day.

Even so hath he purposed to do away the use of slain animals and the like, both the clean and unclean under the type, among those whom he hath purposed to purify unto himself.

~~But you must consider, that was not the day to make the separation between the clean and the~~

But some say - "Christ says, It is not that which goes in, that defiles the man."

But you must consider, that was not the day to make the separation between the clean and unclean; this was the work of his second appearing, when he shall come with his fan in his hand, to blow away all those indulgences partially granted under the law.

And again, "That which God hath cleansed, call thou not common or unclean." That which was granted by divine authority, the same as in this day, if any individual circumstance should seem to require any of those forbidden indulgences, and liberty be granted by their visible head, the thing is made clean unto them. Therefore what God hath cleansed in this way, call thou not common or unclean. These things are by permission thro' the weakness of the flesh. But this uttereth not that God hath purposed to abolish the use of such and such things as before mentioned, and blessed are they who are not offended but become voluntary workers together with God in putting away that which he hath pronounced unclean in his sight.

And again, some may say, "If we do so, and so, as we have been counselled, how and in what manner shall we obtain the necessaries of this life?" There will always be those without, says your Mother, from which ye can obtain, in justification, the necessaries of this life, in exchange for those unclean beasts whose dead carcasses ye are prohibited to exist upon as food.

But some may say, "If it be a sin to eat such and such things,

why not sin to sell them for others to eat.

Ye must remember that God has not called the world of mankind to make this sacrifice for conscience sake, altho' his spirit is gradually working with them to prepare them for what is to come. Nay, he hath not made the use of animal flesh unclean unto those who are yet in their uncleanness; but to those whom he hath purposed to purify as gold well tried in the furnace, who serve the living and true God, who have no Gods of their own set up in the heart to worship and bow down to. Who make not a God of meats, drinks and apparel, but who present their bodies pure and acceptable unto God, to serve him in beauty and in holiness, whose eyes is single to His glory, and this is uppermost in all their doings.

O that this day might be hastened, to accomplish this! that Zion may be beautiful.

But; says your Mother, I see a great deal in the way, of God's being served in beauty and holiness. Infirmity of body is not numbered one of the least of those obstacles. And I do believe, that if ye were all united and would come up to the known will of your God, in relation to your food, and do it as unto Him, looking for his blessing ye would do away a great deal of ill health; — And, of necessity, a train of evils which come in consequence of ill health.

But as man is mortal and subject to decay, ye can

not always expect to enjoy health; but as the greatest temporal blessing, it should be sought with all diligence.

And in relation to medical application, if ye were united with what knowledge ye have, and might easily obtain, of simple remedies, ye might remove most if not all common diseases with little difficulty.

Apothecary medicine should be sought unto as little as possible. Simple means God hath chosen to confound the mighty. Priestcraft and Doctorcraft are beginning to tumble, with all other refuges of lies. God's work must go on; but O that Zion might become righteous and acceptable in his sight! Then can he work with the nations at his pleasure.

O Zion how long wilt thou delay! How long wilt thou halt by the way, saith thy God! Why will thine inhabitants provoke me to spew them out of my mouth, because of their sloth & stupidity.

Now, says your Mother, I have spoken in substance, nearly all that I purposed to speak unto you at this time; Yea and in my own name have I spoken it for Wisdom bade me so to do.— Not in the form of a command from God, but as Parental counsel from those who stand between you and God; to be dealt with according to that wisdom which exists in God's Chosen upon Earth.

I have not made this communication without feelings

not a few. I am a Mother in Israel, and my motherly feelings extend unto all of every class, and to the infirm; and far be it from me to withhold the necessary comforts of life.

While in time, I greatly delighted in the prosperity of Zion's children and often lamented over their poverty, and would that they had more of what was then termed the comforts of life. But since that time I have seen that their poverty was a real blessing to them. And had Zion been loaded in the beginning with that fulness of temporal substance, as in latter years, I know not that the gospel could have taken sufficient root; to have been supported in the heart of her children.

Ye may look back and see if ye were not more healthy in body, and more able to perform your duties, both spiritual and temporal, than those that come after you? Ye will readily answer ye. Then health, of soul or body, cometh not of luxurious living.

God hath blest Zion with abundance; not that they should make a God of such things to corrupt their way before him. Multiplying diseases of soul and body: Nay nay, but ye must use the things of this life as not abusing them, nor your own persons with them.

But ye will always find, by searching, that unnecessary indulgences, either in eating, drinking, or giving loose to the vile passions of nature, are followed up by disease and infirmity of body.

Now some of you may begin to think that the comforts of this life are nearly all to be taken from you, but not so:— It is possible that they may have just begun, to the faithful and true cross bearer. It is possible that ye may enjoy your food with a greater relish than ye ~~before~~ previously have done.

Ye may begin to think that ye have but just ^{begun} to live as ye should, ye must look on the right side of things, and all will come right.

If I did not see a prospect of Zion's children becoming more comfortable, more able to bear the purifying of their souls, and of drawing nearer to God, and being better able to do his will, I should not be one to encourage a change in your manner of living. But I know there is an increase for Zion's faithful children; therefore I freely encourage all, peaceably and voluntarily, to step into it.

Farewell in love, from your ever true and loving

Mother Lucy.

Thus saith the holy Angel, I witness this to be correct statement of that which your blessed Mother Lucy purposed to communicate to her children on earth, and with great pleasure I behold it written; for long, long has it been a grief to me, to see those who are called to be the pure, innocent and harmless children of Zion, raise the knife to shed innocent blood, merely to satiate a depraved appetite, which ^{came} by the fall, and must eventually go, with all others fallen propensities and appetites.

Ye, oft have I wept to see those harmless and sensitive animals

reigned up to the slaughter post, writhing with fearful apprehensions; surrounded with youth who were pleased with the sport; Ye, and whose feelings ought to possess that tenderness that they would be unwilling to even witness the sight.

Times and times again have I wept on these occasions; and raised my voice to the God of Heaven that he would hasten the day, that animal sacrifice would cease in Zion, and the holy consecrated soil might no longer be stained with the blood of innocent beasts.

Ye may say, "These beasts must come to their end;"—but I say in the spirit of the living God, let them come to their end by those who were not called to be the innocent, harmless children of Zion; whose children are called to gather a spirit of love and tenderness to all the creation of God that is sensitive to distress and misery.

This is the love of God, which his blessed Son came to make manifest on Earth—peace and goodwill to man: And this principle, when fully carried out; forbids aught but mercy and tenderness to all the creation of God; which Spirits ought to be nourished in the hearts of Zion's children, even from their infancy, that they sports not with the pain and misery of even the least insect or reptile.

A great deal might be said in answer to the caviller in relation to this point, which is not my call at this time; but this much I will add. The work of slaughtering beasts belong to those who have not beaten their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Beat your steel which ye use to slaughter, and to mangle the carcasses of the slaughtered, into implements of husbandry, and the God of heaven will bless the increase of your lands; and peace shall multiplied in abundance unto you.

A little Book, called the work of Innocence and the Wisdom of God,
Brought by Matilda Wells. Copied September 10th 1818.

Kind Elder Sister, I have not forgotten you, as you will see when you receive this little Book. For with the sweetest love for my dear Mother, and my kind Elder Sister Rebekah, I will pen you every sentence; and power is given me to cause mortals to do the same; For truth it is, and truth it shall remain, Tho' disbelieved by some, It will prove eternal gain.

First I shall give you a short word concerning my natural parents. — My tender life on earth was short,

The sting of death did end my sport;
 And messengers from Heaven's port
 Did bear me sweet away.

I left my earthly friends to weep
 In sin and darkness yet to sleep
 Feeling what mind and will they'd keep
 While on the earth they stay.

They feel more tender since my wing, Did pierce them with a dreadful sting,
 They were, I did this bring, Cried earnestly to God,
 And yet they want that God should spare, Their lust and pride and dainty fare,
 And so for Heaven they'll not prepare, While on this earthly sad.

They want God should, at their desire, Spare all their wealth and gay attire
 And save them from hell's burning fire, And this is truth I feel
 They say they hate the Shaker's cross, It grinds so hard upon the drop
 But yet they hope they shant be lost; If there's in fact a hell.

I seek to show them tis in vain, Their pride must have a fatal stain,
 And lust in them no longer reign, If they would shun Gods wrath
 I've tried to show them what is true, A crossing work they'll have to do
 They shudder at the slightest view, And hate the narrow path.

O beloved, what feels the worst of all to me is, to see little children
 so wicked and daily ruining faster and faster in the ways of sin; it
 fills my soul with sorrow. Mother Ann being present I expressed
 my feelings on this point; and she spoke thus.

When I pass among the children of darkness in time, and hear
 them blaspheme my name, and slander my children in Zion,
 threatening to persecute them, I can say Father forgive them for
 they know not what they do.

But when I pass thro my Zion and hear steady murmurings

and complaining, no greater sorrow can I feel, no sufferings excell mine! So saying she fell down and weeping most ~~bitterly~~ sorrowfully prayed to God to spare a remnant of her children! The trees of the groves, and also the grass of the fields bowed down and prayed for Zions sake.

She continued, "O the murmurings that pass the mouths of many, and even escape the lips of some who love their Mother! But they know not my sorrow; neither do they know the loss they are bringing themselves under; but go on complaining that there is too many orders, and say," "Believers are not so good as they were when there was not half as many orders to keep. There has been a strange work of late, and I believe it will be the downfall of Shakerism. There has been a great root made thro' deceitful Instruments; many of whom have gone to the world."

A great many appointments are to be attended to in the course of a year, which I shall not pay any attention to: I am weary of howling and roaring and such things, it is but the relics of a strong delusion. And how we must be tormented and afflicted—deprived of Tea and Coffee, Tobacco, Cider and spirits: I believe if it ^{had} not been for old Graham, these restrictions would never have come in."

Mother then ceased speaking, and the kingdom about the throne lay in silence; till the voice of God like many waters thro' the heavens, saying; "Be comforted, O Daughter, for I will effect that thing in Zion which I purposed long ago; even before the late manifestation"

Hear, O ye children of Zion, my word, saith Almighty God: O ye hypocrites and murmuring ones; hearken for I say; It is I, the beginning and the ending, who framed this great manifestation, against which you murmur. I will ^{you} spew out; you are a stink in my sight; there is no room for you in Zion; where I will gather my jewels in.

You seek to take rule in my temple, and trample my Holy orders under your feet; and he who desireth to change words with you, shall share of eternal torment with you. And furthermore, saith Almighty God, I will have a people in my Zion who touch not the fat or flesh of Swine, and every word which has come to my Anointed to this effect; is of my framing.

The day and time has come for this filthy beast to be thrust out of my Zion; and may no soul of my planting dare to tempt me, their God, by eating swine's flesh, after the close of the present year,

If there is left any place in Zion, where this beast is raised for the consumption of my people; that place I will blot out my remembrance. I will have a pure people who are willing to walk in my way, and murmur not because they find more mortifying as they advance forward in it.

I will lead a remnant of my chosen people safely thro the present darkness; to such I say, be not disheartened, or cast down; think not that I have forgotten you, or forsaken you, nay, in no wise.

When you were blest with plenty, and, I from the windows of Heaven was showing upon you, prosperity and gladness, even then I knew of all this, and much more that is to come. But if you will hearken and obey; all trials, sorrow and affliction, shall work together for peace, deliverance, salvation and your eternal glory.

As I have said, so I say still, that I will have a pure people, and my word is unalterable; They shall travel from one degree of glory to another, untill they shall not take the life of any creature for their consumption, which thing never was pleasing in my sight.

So murmur no longer, O Zion, but crawl upon your knees, while it is yet dark, lest ye stumble, and there be none to help you up. It is I the Almighty Jehovah who have struck at the God of your appetites: It is not man, nor woman that has done this thing so unacceptable to you. It is I will; charge it to me. Put away the filthy beast; if you desire peace and plenty from my hand, This is the wisdom of God, let whosoever will, receive it."

Beloved Unointed, Mother Ann says, she is comforted with the promises of God, and you may share of her comfort:

To This the Seal of the Holy Savior is affixed, and all your ^{heavenly} Parents say, tell all our dear children who are willing and obedient, to receive our love and remembrance of the promises of God, which will all be fulfilled to their eternal glory, if they hold out to the end, and endure all things.

From your affectionate little helper, Mothers true Messenger,
Matilda Wells.

Copy of a Roll,

Sent from Holy Mother Wisdom.

To Elder Rufus Bishop, Holy Mount. August 29th 1849

Copied from the Original November 29th 1849.

Words of Holy Mother Wisdom.
To her well tried Child.

O my beloved little one, thine spirit is near unto mine for thy love to me, I have well proved by thy unwearied obedience to my word, for which I shall hold thee as a bright gem in my Crown to all eternity. And for this I shall never fail to make known unto thee my will concerning all things pertaining to thee or thine, so long as thou shall remain in terre. My spirit is filled with tenderness towards ^{thee, because of the trying scenes} ~~the~~ which thou hast passed to do the will of thy Parents in Heaven, who love thee with never failing love, and stand by thy side to strengthen thee in all thy tribulation; truly we never shall forsake thee our faithful servant, for in all that thou hast done, thou hast pleased us well, and our blessing shall be ^{with} thee and all of thy lot, forever.

But most dearly beloved, I have written to thee at this time, to make known a matter which will unavoidably bring some tribulation upon thee, but I am thy Mother, and am able, and will help thee thro, all that my Wisdom shall bring upon thee, to try thee and make thee perfect in beauty and loveliness.

I have promised, and I shall not fail to perform, and bring about all things in their proper order, time and place, according as I have spoken, I have purposed to lead my people thro difficult places, that I may prove them, and make them worthy of that glory, which I have in store for all those who will endure to the end, having perfected themselves in holiness, and make fit for their reward.

I love my chosen people, with that love, which cannot be revealed to mortals, and I long for their redemption to come; feeling thus, I resolve to hasten their travel, by bringing upon them crosses and trials, as much as they can bear, that they may quickly come into that state of perfection which is for them. And no one who truly loveth Me saith Wisdom will draw back when I call them, or flinch in the hour of trial.

Whosoever will give up himself and all that he hath to do my will, shall receive in present tense an hundred fold of the blessings of this life, and in the world to come an enduring substance that never will fail. Therefore hearken beloved, and learn the will of thy true friend.

While I was walking in Zion and viewing the increase, and

the marvelous doings of Almighty Power, my ear caught the sound of the trumpets of destruction, which the Angels of God were sounding thro' the land.

The Angels drew near where I stood, and I bade them forbear for said I, this people are a tried people, and I have promised to protect them from your wrath, for judgment is not mete for them, for they have kept the commands of God, and done my will; therefore I will spread my wings over them and protect them from all harm.

Again and again, I have been your defence, and shielded you from harm in like manner saith Wisdom; and did place my Seal upon you that you might be preserved, in the day of destruction.

Have you not realized my protection? Have you not been saved from pestilence, famine, fire and sword, which have swept millions from the earth; You will answer Yes. Truly ye have, and have had every blessing that your hearts could wish for, while your brethren in nature, were suffering the just judgments of a justly provoked God upon them.

Now hearken again, and I will make known unto you the burden of my spirit; for my eye never sleeps. The Lord of Heaven has declared that his judgments should increase in the earth, and be more and more terrible upon the wicked; that he would double his vengeance and spare none of the unclean, but

spread ruin upon ruin, destruction upon destruction all over the land. And this is his word to his Angels.

Go now to earth, and destroy man and beast; for I am sick of his uncleanness, and weary of his ~~obedience~~ rebellion and disobedience, and I will spew him from my presence, and shut him out of my kingdom, untill he will obey my commandments, and serve me his Creator.

Man careth for nought, but for means to please himself, to increase his own gain, and cheat his neighbor; to live in luxury and idleness, defiling every thing that can be defiled with wanton cruelty and debauchery, mingled with the blood of the innocent; and every detestable thing which my spirit hateth.

Therefore I will withdraw my hand of protection from him. Let a curse follow him, and judgments unceasingly roll upon him until he will repent; saith the voice of the most High; Go now and pour forth my wrath upon them. And this is my word unto you, and this shall be for a sign unto you. Whoever hath a thirst for blood, and doth kill, blood shall be upon him, his door, and his house; place thy sword upon his neck, and destroy him utterly, and all that he hath, his flocks herds and stock in all.

Whoever hath defiled the ~~the~~ beasts of the field, he shall be known by his hoofs, him destroy thou utterly and all that is his. He shall be seen among the beasts standing

upright, with the feet of beasts.

And whoever abuses the creatures of my creation with un-
-ton abuse, he shall be known by the word of his mouth in
-profane language: destroy one fourth part of all that he shall possess.

This shall be my visitation of judgement to man, at this
-time and I will continue to pour out my wrath upon him until
-his cup is filled unto repentance.

When the word of the Lord was finished I said, O' Merciful
-Father, let thine Angels tarry awhile, and make known
-to me if thou hast purposed to visit in judgement the chosen
-of thy name, for these sins of which thou hast spoken are
-among them also. Shall the righteous suffer on the account
-of the wicked to the destroying of their flocks and herds.
-Great sacrifices have been made by our chosen people, and
-many there be who would sacrifice all that they possess to
-do our most holy will, and lay down their lives for the honor
-of the gospel. Shall they suffer also; for behold when one
-suffers they all suffer.

I have no pleasure saith the Holy One, in those who
-profess to be a harmless and innocent people, eating the flesh
-and blood of beasts, heating their anger with blood, and their
-lust ^{with} meat. Paraventere if I destroy their flocks by disease,
-it may sicken them for the use of animal flesh.

But merciful Father, thou hast ^{given} them no command

to abstain from animal food. Let them know they will ~~obey~~
and they will obey thee.

Many there be who know ~~they~~ will saith the Father, but
hide their knowledge in the earth, saying the time has not
yet come. But I will cause them to loath the very smell there
- of before my work is finished on the earth. Yet if they will
now abstain from the use of animal flesh, and spill no more
blood upon my consecrated ground, I will spare their flocks
and bless their cattle; and the scourge shall pass them by.

But this I shall not command them to do, but in time I'll
make it to be their own choice, to live, as I would have them,
on plain and simple food, taking no animal life.

Now dearly beloved child saith Wisdom, this is the burden
of my spirit. This I make known to you for your consideration.

I have no desire to rob any one of their peace and prosperity
but desire that a blessing may attend every faithful soul.

I hope that due consideration may attend this weighty mat-
ter, and hope also that my children may be wise, and remember
that they live in a day of great things, and where much is given
much will be required.

That ye be innocent and harmless is our desire, and it is
our will if ye eat animal food that ye stain not your hands
with blood.

The time of the judgement has not yet come, therefore

I hope that ye may place yourselves beyond the reach thereof, before the time that this scourge shall be in the earth.

But my chosen one, wisdom shall be given you to direct in this matter.

Fear not for I am with you to direct you in all your goings forth.

Receive my unbounded love and blessing and work thou with me, for the safety good and protection of my Chosen people.

So now Amen Saith Wisdom's voice

Words of the Writer.

Dear beloved Ministry,

Three months have now elapsed, since I received this communication, which has at times brought much burden upon me, knowing it was to be made known. But I have been resolved not to make it known, if it was possible to avoid it; but being concious that I should come under severe loss if I kept it concealed much longer, I have now yielded and in sincerity written the foregoing.

It is true there are some things spoken of, which are past my comprehension; but I leave it all with you, feeling that I have done my duty as far as I know, and I feel resigned to your will.

M. B.

The Following is a Copy of the Word of the Lord Written by the prophet Isaiah upon the meeting wall. February 24th 1831. The substance of which was spoken by him in an unknown tongue March 16th 51. He afterwards interpreted the same as follows.
Written March 18th 1851.

Brethren and sisters in the one pure and saving gospel of Mother, I greet you in love while I write upon the walls of this Holy Sanctuary the word of my God who has called me here at this time; to make known to you his ~~will~~ chosen people, that which he is about to bring to pass in the earth, sealing and confirming that which has already been given you, some of which you have seen fulfilled and some you have not seen, but the end thereof has not yet come.

The same may cavil concerning the word and work of God, and think they do not witness any change in things from what has always been, that such like causes always have and always will produce like effects, regardless of the hand of God, to control them, remember that those who brood upon such ~~things~~ doubts and fears and uncertainties, lay snares in which they entangle their own feet, and in other words they deem in their own eyes wherewith no one is hurt, but those who

participate with and partake of such a spirit. The sinner feareth when no one is nigh and flee no man permeth. They couch under their own infirmities roughen their ^{own} paths, stumble at their own follies, kindle the fire of their burning and condemnation with ^{fire} them, and tremble at their own weakness. They lean upon a broken staff, which pierces their hand, and their strength fails them, and they fall down. Because they trust in their own strength and the Lord suffers it to be so, that they may be taken in their own snare.

But not so to ^{the} true and upright who confide in the promises of God which are for them, and not for those ^{who} seek occasion for weakness, for no sure promises are for them, but to fall in their own pit which they themselves have digged, and thereby punish no other one but themselves, as evil is wont to do, but to those who trust in God for their daily hope of strength and salvation, will feel His boundless power and goodness manifested towards them daily, with an endless increase of blessing from His all righteous and merciful hand. You will see, and be satisfied with what you see; you will hear and understand and not be left in darkness. God will notice you with his miraculous gifts and marvelous power in such a manner, which will substantiate that which ye have already received, and will be to all candid and rational souls

past all contradiction. Tho his ways is not as mans ways and are past finding out, tho He may come in an unexpected hour, in an unlooked for manner and in a way unsought for by mortals, still He will surely come, and tho in a strange way will be in his own time and with that evedence, that every soul on earth will be constrained to believe, that He doth rule among men, and will visit every soul of man, either in mercy or judgment before his work is accomplished.

And now I say unto you to whom the word of God will be given, seek not to hide from His power, nor escape His hand upon you; seal not your mouths against the truth, for you will be responsible for the consequences that will follow, and He will requite you in judgement for the same.

I never will do this, but I will go to the heights of the mountains or to the bottom of the deep to do the will of God to help any soul from the power of destruction if He require it of me. And tho it would be my pleasure to sound forth peace and prosperity to your nation and great abundance of the blessings of God as a reward for their obedience, yet God has not called me to do this, but to cry destruction! destruction upon destruction, misery upon misery, distress upon distress throughout the Country.

The time is near at hand when no man will be safe at home nor abroad; and it shall be one continual scene of

confusion and uproar throughout the land. I will raise my weapons against this nation saith the Lord, and for a season they shall not prosper. They have made themselves laws which are corrupt, have built on a rotten foundation which will not stand, yea, and have gone whoring after the God of this world which will cause their ruin.

And to ye strong ones of the South I do say, who make merchandise of the souls of your brethren, and spill the blood of poor captives for your own aggrandisement, beware of me for my hand is against you, and I will likewise bring you captive into this northern land, and draw my sword after the remnant that remains, I will blast the produce of your fields, your lands I will dry up; the bond ones I will set free, and bind those of you who now oppress them, and you shall hang your heads with shame and be confounded. I will inspire your captives with wisdom and my hand shall strengthen them to rise against you, and I will prosper their emancipation, for I am weary of the groans, shrieks and the cries of the helpless, whose sufferings cannot be told to mortals.

I have begun to work a work in the hearts of men to condemn by an earthly tribunal your unspeakable iniquities and I will not cease until you are brot to justice in a small degree, thro my medium which is man. Your time of prosperity is gone by and a day of dread and fear has

come upon you; You may seek to ^{plead} ~~appeal~~ the necessity of your cruel and bloody deeds, but you cannot make one hair white or black in my vice, for I know you from the beginning.

And to every one I say, who do hunt souls for destruction and to bind those fugitives now free, you like blood hounds or wolves of the forests, do seek the lives of poor innocent souls who are far more acceptable in my sight, than you who do so cruelly oppress them; I will hunt you also with a jealous eye, and bring you into a place where there will be no turning, for a woe, a heavy woe and destruction for your abominations is measured out for you. And tho' these judgments are suspended for a season, for the filling up of the cups of your abominations, yet they are sure, and will come upon you, for no one can stay the power of the Almighty.

And to every inhabitant of earth, I do now say, a day of signs and wonders, according to the predictions given, has ushered in upon you. Marvelous and strange, and the event will be awful to sinners, the veil of covering will be taken off from all flesh, and tho' you may flee from this place or that, to escape the hand of God, there will not be a city of refuge or hiding place for you on the whole inhabitable globe.

I will seek you every where saith the Lord, and I will take you in your own snares, in an unexpected hour, and no captive of mine shall escape my grasp.

I will shake your houses to the very foundations, for the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, the fruits and flowers of the fields I will cut off as a declaration of your abominations.

I will also suffer a curse to come upon the beasts of the field upon horses, cattle and sheep, with a great pestilence to destroy them, and because of the drought in the land, their will not be sufficient produce for them that remain.

And to those whom I have called to be my chosen and peculiar people I do now say; you shall in no wise escape my just judgments in some measure, unless you will come to full perfection in the keeping of my laws and requirements.

How superfluously ye adorn some of your articles for sale; to please your vanity and those who purchase them, that ye may heap to yourselves a treasure that will eat up your true substance and riches, and shut out from your souls my blessing and protection. Your Parents that have gone before you, never taught you to indulge in such like extravagances in any ^{way}, but bid you put away your idols and serve Me alone.

And again I am weary of your supporting so much fellowship and friendship with the unclean children of this world. It is my will that ye draw the lines of separation between you closer and closer; instead of giving them more and more latitude among you, lest you are caught in the same snare with them, and to your dishonor they draw you into the pit of their destruction which they desire to

accomplish. my eye also beholdeth more of that which is offensive and unclean in my holy Temple. Both outward and inward, things in filthiness, confusion and disorder, scattered to and fro in every direction, both on the land and in your dwellings at home. And I will also scatter ^{you} in like manners, unless you will turn from the evil of your ways and keep my holy and unalterable word, in the cultivation of your consecrated soil by your own industry and economy, for I have never promised you any blessing only in doing this.

And again I do say, how can a soul that has tasted of the powers and spirit of the heavenly world, been fed with the food of angels, and clothed in garments of beauty and holiness, crowned with gold like Princes of the most high, and adorned with the choicest jewelry, then come into the presence of a Holy God who seeth all things, bath their garments and dips their hands in the blood of slain beasts, regardless of any feeling, and keep that child like simplicity and innocence that I require of them.

And to those of you who inhabit the inner court of this most holy place upon earth, I do now speak; ye whom I desire to ^{rise} above all others, have chosen to go before all people and to be the Leaders of all souls, I require this of you saith the Lord; that ye make this sacrifice, to purify yourselves from all acts of violence, and no more take any part in shedding the blood unto death of any living thing that I have created for your comfort in life.

If ye do not think that my requirements in these things

are just and reasonable and will ^{not} come to the same; then I will call in those from among the children of men who are far beneath you in wisdom glory and honor, to teach you my Laws and judgments, and bring you to shame dishonor and confusion of face.

Sufficient time shall be given you to consider and heed my word of truth, and if ye still choose to disgrace yourselves as before, then I will suffer the same calamities to come upon you that come upon the rest of mankind, lest the spirit of wisdom in them rebraid Me of injustice towards you.

And tho ye may consider my words as hard sayings you would in truth consider it hard if I did not forewarn you of such approaching dangers, which would if it was not for my hand of protection burst forth upon you like the burning fluid of -- volcanic mountains.

But when my Laws are unknown to you, then ye walked in justification; but now ye know my ordinances you must keep them or you will not prosper.

Many blessings are for you in obedience, as I have often promised. I will bless your lands, your grain, vegetables, fruits, flowers, roots and herbs, also your horses, cattle, sheep and fowls, and your dwellings I will preserve from fires and tempests if you will keep my Laws. And when destruction is in the land, you shall be known and marvelled at by men for the miraculous preservation of your stock.

Here are two paths for you to walk in, choose which you will

and enjoy the consequences. But should my judgements tarry,
yet they ^{are} sure, and will come in that time which I have appointed,
say, I the Eternal and Everlasting, whose power no man can know,
whose depth cannot be fathomed, nor height measured, and whose
path angles have never seen.

Amen. My Word is finished.