

Hyde was in good health and spirits. He has sent you 50 copies each of Nos. 1 to 20 inclusive, of the *Guardian*, for sale, and will continue to send from 25 to 50 copies of each following number, as they come out. The public feeling, relative to us as a people, has taken a great change of late. The persecutions we have received—our patient endurance—indefatigable industry, and above all, our kind reception in the valley of the Salt Lake of the destitute and starving gold diggers, although many of them were mobocrats, has made a draught upon the sympathies of the people of this nation that they cannot resist. As a proof of this change of feeling in the west, I was invited to preach in the cabin of the steamer as I came down the Missouri, which I did three times. I gave them a history of the rise and progress of the Church; the persecutions we have endured; together with an outline of our faith. I saw many tears dashed from eyes that were humid, as I recounted to them the sufferings of our wives and tender little ones, and of their falling by the way side, as martyrs to the truth. How different the scene from that which would have taken place four years ago, instead of tears, there would have been *howls* of rage; and instead of kind and gentle treatment, I would have been in danger of losing my *scalp*. It will, no doubt, be gratifying to the Scottish Saints, to hear that Elder Samuel Muliner (one of the pioneers of the gospel to Scotland) is on his way by this time, for the British Isles, to assist in pruning the vineyard. I was also informed, just before leaving, that Elder Martindale was appointed to accompany brother Muliner. Those three brethren, viz: Elders Dykes, Muliner, and Martindale, will probably be all that will be sent from the Bluffs. Elder A. W. Babbitt informed me that he understood, (when he left the valley) that several elders would accompany the church teams in from that place, on their way to England. Remember me to all my brethren who may leave England (on their return home) before I arrive. I pray the Lord to bless them. Tell brothers Cordon and Robbins that their families are well. I parted from sister R——, last Sabbath. Give my love to sister Pratt and family, and may heaven bless you, my beloved brother, is the earnest prayer of your fellow labourer in the kingdom of God. Amen.

ELI B. KELSEY.

### INTERESTING FROM SALT LAKE.

ENCAMPMENT OF INDIAN TRIBES—NEW ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA—MOVEMENT OF THE EMIGRANTS, &C., &C.,

*From the St. Louis Republican, Dec. 4.*

Mr. Thomas Forsyth, a well known mountain man, arrived in this city day before yesterday. He left the Salt Lake about the last of September, and Fort Bridger, one hundred and ten miles this side, about the 1st of October; crossed over the Plains to the head waters of the Arkansas, and came in by Bent's Fort and the Santa Fe trail.

At a stream emptying into the Arkansas, below Bent's Fort, he found the Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Kiowa Indians encamped, awaiting the arrival of Major Fitzpatrick, the Indian agent. Below the Big Timber, and but a short distance from the Indian encampment, he met Major Fitzpatrick and his party, with Mr. Ward and others. Further down the Arkansas, he met Capt. Vrain's train, on their way to Santa Fe. At Cow Creek he met a train for Santa Fe, name not recollected, which had lost a large portion of their stock.

Throughout the distance, Mr. F. had pleasant weather. When he left the Salt Lake settlement, the most of the emigrants, including all the early trains, had gone forward to California. Of this number was Gen. Wilson, as Indian agent, and his party. A number of emigrants, however, expected to pass the winter at Salt Lake City and Fort Bridger. Mr. F. informs us that the Mormons have discovered a route occupying only some twenty or thirty days to cross the desert and Sierra Nevada, on which there is abundance of wood and water at every stage, and easy of crossing. Parties of Mormons had made the whole distance from the Sacramento

to the Salt Lake, with packed mules in fifteen days. Major Stansberry, of the U. S. Topographical Corps, with his party, had arrived in the Great Basin. It was understood that, under orders of the United States government, he would make a survey of the Lost Lake and the various streams traversing the Great Basin. His mission was not favorably regarded by the settlers.

The Mormons raised fine crops this past season—an abundance of wheat and other grains, potatoes, turnips, &c., more than they could consume; but the influx of emigrants was furnishing a ready market for all their surplus, at high prices. Money was plenty in the Basin—and to this may be added the fact, that the Mormons have established a mint of their own, at which a large amount of the California gold dust has been coined. They have issued coin of various denominations, to the amount of 20 dollar pieces.

### WHO IS THE LIAR?

In order to prove my statements made at Northampton in December 1849, and to clear myself, I have taken the following list of lies from Mr. Bowes's Book.

1st. *Lie*.—That P. P. Pratt had a shipping agent at New Orleans, when Brotherton's sailed.—Page 4.

1st. *Refutation*.—Mr. P. P. Pratt never had an agent at New Orleans.

2nd *Lie*.—That the English President is always an American.—Page 5.

2nd *Refutation*.—Thomas Ward, who was President for several years, was an Englishman, and never was in America.

3rd *Lie*.—That it is written in the "Book of Doctrine and Covenants," that Peter, James, and John, did not die, but are now living upon the earth—Page 37.

3rd *Refutation*.—The "Book of Doctrine and Covenants" states no such thing.

4th *Lie*.—Smith's Angel only discovered the plates, and did not preach at all.—Page 57.

4th *Refutation*.—Mr. Bowes states in his book, page 5, that the Angel came.

5th *Lie*.—That Smith's Angel whispered in the dark.

5th *Refutation*.—In a cloud of light. Joseph Smith says it was a clear day.

6th *Lie*.—Smith's Angel only addressed Smith.

6th *Refutation*.—The Angel spoke to Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris.

7th *Lie*.—No one heard Smith's Angel but himself.

7th *Refutation*.—This is entirely false.

8th *Lie*.—Smith's Angel only revealed the plates.

8th *Refutation*.—The Angel laid his hands upon the heads of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and told them who sent him, and that they were to baptize each other.

9th *Lie*.—States that James Bayliss and Miss Holder were Latter-day Saints.—Page 61.

9th *Refutation*.—James Bayliss was expelled the Latter-day Saints' church some years ago. Miss Holder never was a Mormon.

10th *Lie*.—That Elder Wheelock has three wives.

10th *Refutation*.—Elder Wheelock and friends denounce this slanderous charge to be the blackest of falsehoods, and its propagator, John Bowes, to be of the same stamp. Elder Wheelock with his wife, is now in England. I can give the address.

11th *Lie*.—Nobody can find a real miracle performed by any Mormon.—Page 45.

11th *Refutation*.—Thousands who have been healed, can, and do, bear testimony to the fact that miracles are performed in this church.

12th *Lie*.—Joseph Smith taught a system of polygamy.

12th *Refutation*.—The Revelations given through Joseph Smith, state the following:—"If any commit adultery, they shall be dealt with according to the law of God." Page 127.—"He that looketh upon a woman to lust after her; or, if any commit adultery in their hearts, they shall not have the Spirit." Page 150.—"Thou shalt love thy wife, and shalt cleave unto her, and none else." Page 124.

—"We believe that one man should have one wife." Doctrine and Covenants, page 331.

13th *Lie*.—That Joseph Smith tried to seduce Martha Brotherton.

13th *Refutation*.—Mr. Bowes knows that Martha Brotherton's sister sent a letter, stating that Martha was a liar; William Clayton did the same. Both are published in the *Millennial Star*, Vol. 3, pages 73, 74.

14th *Lie*.—That Mark xvi., 15, 18, does not assert that the signs were to follow believers in all ages.

14th *Refutation*.—Jesus said "that as long as the gospel was preached and obeyed, the signs should follow the believer." James v. 13—Commanded, "If any were sick, to send for the elders;" who were to anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

15th *Lie*.—No office-bearer in the New Testament Church was possessed of a Devil.

15th *Refutation*.—Judas was an office-bearer, and was promised a throne; yet he was possessed of a Devil. Again, Mark records that the Devil took possession of a child, who had broken no law.

16th *Lie*.—But the Mormons have worked no real miracle. Page 49.

16th *Refutation*.—Contradicts himself, as in the same page he quotes some testimonies of healing.—The blind have been restored to sight by the Mormons. My child was healed under the hand of P. P. Pratt.

17th *Lie*.—That Mormonism panders to slavery.—Page 40.

17th *Refutation*.—It is false. Mr. B. only quoted part of the sentence. We believe that all men are born equal. Slave-holders, with few exceptions, will not allow persons to preach to the Slaves. Let J. Bowes try it, and if he is sent to preach, why does he not go to them?

18th *Lie*.—Mormon's law, or belief, that a man may know God and not be saved.—Page 56.

18th *Refutation*.—We believe with Jesus, that it is life eternal to know God." Can John Bowes tell us of any man knowing God, who did not obey the laws of God?

19th *Lie*.—Book of Mormon speaks of Mariners' Compass.

19th *Refutation*.—Book of Mormon does not speak of the Mariners' Compass; but of a Compass prepared at that time by the Lord.

20th *Lie*.—In his tract he states, that Mr. Smith offered no modifications, or alterations to his terms of discussion, at his last lecture.

20th *Refutation*.—Mr. Smith offered to bring living witnesses to disprove Mr. Bowes's false statements, and was then, and his now, willing to meet Mr. Bowes on the principles of Mormonism—the Bible to be the rule of evidence; which Mr. Bowes dare not do, being afraid of the truth.

Second.—Mr. Bowes is a False Teacher.

*Mr. Bowes's Doctrines and Teachings*.—1st.—That Apostles and Prophets are not needed.—Page 51, Part 5.

*Scriptural Doctrines*.—1st.—Paul taught, that Apostles and Prophets were for the perfecting of the Saints; for the work of the ministry; for the edifying of the body of Christ, till all were come to the unity of the faith. Are men come to the unity of the faith? How many different faiths are there?

2nd. *B. D.*—Denies the gift of healing.—Page 44.

2nd. *S. D.*—Contradicts Jesus, Mark xvi. 18; and James v. 13; Paul, 1st Cor. xii. 28; xiv. 1.

3rd. *B. D.*—Denies baptism for the remission of sins.—Page 52.

3rd. *S. D.*—Contradicts Jesus, John iii. 5; Matthew xxviii. 19; Mark xvi. 16; (Peter) Acts ii. 37—41; Acts x. 48.

4th. *B. D.*—Teaches a man to disbelieve Jesus Christ.—Page 52.

4th. *S. D.*—See Mark xvi. 18; James v. 13.

5th. *B. D.*—Says that believers are made sons of God, whether baptized or not. Page 54.

5th. *S. D.*—See John xii. If J. B. is true, the Devils are sons of God. See the following: James ii. 19; Acts xix. 13—15; Luke iv. 33—34; Acts xvi. 18.

6th. *B. D.*—Mr. Bowes teaches, that no more miracles are needed, or are to be expected.—Page 50.

6th. *S. D.*—Contradicts Joel, xi. 28; Isaiah xi. 11—16, xxxv. 1—5; Jeremiah xvi. 14—16; Ezekiel xv. 33—38; Rev. xi. These texts prove that many miracles will be performed in these last days.

John Bowes, being acquainted with our books, has made garbled extracts, and withheld the truth by wilful misrepresentations.

John Bowes states in his book (page 31) that terms are used long before the time of Jesus. Now had John Bowes been an honest man, he would have stated that Nephi was relating a vision. And let me ask, does it not occur in the New Testament, that Jesus was the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world? Yet he was not crucified until about 4,000 years after the creation of the world.

Mr. Bowes gives a quotation from the "Book of Doctrine and Covenants," (page of his book 37); by comparing it, the reader will see that he has changed some words, and left out the middle of the sentence.

In the fortieth page of his book, when speaking of slaves, he leaves off in the middle of the sentence, leaving out the reason, namely, "not to jeopardize the lives of men."—Doctrine and Covenants, page 334.

These are a few examples from among the many which may be taken from John Bowes's lying book. We consider the testimony of the tens of thousands of LIVING witnesses, who knew Joseph Smith to be a good man, and a prophet of the Most High God, and who sealed his testimony with his blood, to be a sufficient refutation of the slanders and lies which John Bowes has wilfully published in his book; which book of lies is strongly recommended to the public, by the Rev. JOSEPH BROWN, and Mr. JOHN DYER, a schoolmaster!!!!

The public are informed, that most of John Bowes's objections are replied to in a book entitled, "Mormonism Triumphant," price 4d., which may be had, with other publications on Mormonism, at our meeting-room, Castle street. The lovers of truth, after reading and hearing both sides of the question, will treat John Bowes and his book with the contempt he so justly deserves. "He that speaketh lies shall perish."

THOMAS SMITH.

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#### EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY IN CALIFORNIA.

The following is an extract from a letter written to his wife by a New Yorker, now working in the mines of California. The letter bears date August 26, 1849.

"There was a gold mine discovered here (what is called Murphy's Diggings) one week to-day; it is evidently the work of ancient times—210 feet deep, situated on the summit of a very high mountain. It has made a great excitement here, as it was several days before preparations could be made to descend to the bottom. There was found in it the bones of a human being, also an altar for worship, and some other evidences of human labor. From present indications it is doubtful whether it will pay to be worked, as it is mostly all rock, and will require a great outlay for tools and machinery to work it."

This discovery, if properly pursued by competent observers, may prove of the highest historical importance. It will establish the fact that the mineral wealth of that region has been known to preceding generations, and the relics which have survived may enlighten us as to the nationality of the people who first pierced this mountain two hundred and ten feet, and will doubtless suggest an inquiry into the reasons for abandoning the pursuit of gold in a country in which it seems to abound, and where its discoverers had found encouragement to make such extensive excavations in former times.—*N. Y. Post.*

#### LAKE SUPERIOR COPPER MINES.

There is much curiosity felt by all visitors to this mine on account of the stupendous workings of a race of people now extinct. Their diggings can be traced

on the three principal ridges, where veins are well developed from one to two miles in extent. Their tools, and evidence of some skill in mining, remain.—Their age cannot be determined from existing evidences, yet sufficient to indicate great age.—Some excavations are thirty feet deep. The wash of time has filled them to leave a slight depression. Trees of gigantic size have grown up in them and decayed. Evidences that these depressions are not natural, are, that on opening, stone hammers are found—masses of copper, removed—copper tools also, similar in size and shape to those described by Humbolt in his travels in Mexico, and the historical accounts of Egypt. It is known that the ancient Egyptians were acquainted with the art of tempering copper. Their tools, from their shape and supposed object, give equal evidence of that art; why not then a reasonable conclusion that the race and age were the same with the pyramids of Egypt, the ruins of Mexico, and the ancient mining works on Lake Superior.—*Lake Superior News*.

## BIRTH.

Mrs. Orson Pratt, of 15, Wilton Street, Liverpool, gave birth to a fine daughter on the evening of the 21st December, 1849.

Its name is Marintha Althera;  
 Its features are comely and fair;  
 Thy parents are happy to see thee,  
 With thy head of beautiful hair.  
 Long life to Marintha Althera,  
 May thy days with virtue be crown'd;  
 May love in thy practice and theory,  
 Triumphantlly reign and abound.

EDITOR.

## LIST OF MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE 24TH OF DECEMBER, 1849, TO THE 14TH JANUARY, 1850.

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The Saints are hereby cautioned against the impositions of a man named James Griffiths, he having been excommunicated at Liverpool on the 25th of August last for drunkenness. He carries with him a certificate purporting to be signed at this branch, but we inform the Saints that it is a forgery.

Liverpool Branch.

ROBERT WILKY,  
 JAMES S. CANTWELL.

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