

his wife, by whipping her, kicking her out of bed and turning her out of doors &c. Yet he was a public professor of some religion. He was first an orthodox Quaker, then a Universalist, next a Restorationer, then a Baptist, next a Presbyterian, and then a Mormon. By his willingness to become all things unto all men, he has attained a high standing among his Mormon brethren. The Smith family never made any pretensions to respectability.

G. W. STODARD.

I hereby concur in the above statement.

RICHARD H. FORD.

Palmyra, Dec. 4, 1833.

We, the undersigned, have been acquainted with the Smith family, for a number of years, while they resided near this place, and we have no hesitation in saying, that we consider them destitute of that moral character, which ought to entitle them to the confidence of any community. They were particularly famous for visionary projects, spent much of their time in digging for money which they pretended was hid in the earth; and to this day, large excavations may be seen in the earth, not far from their residence, where they used to spend their time in digging for hidden treasures. Joseph Smith, Senior, and his son Joseph, were in particular, considered entirely destitute of *moral character, and addicted to vicious habits:*

Martin Harris was a man who had acquired a handsome property, and in matters of business his word was considered good; but on moral and religious subjects, he was perfectly visionary—sometimes advocating one sentiment, and sometimes another. And in reference to all with whom we were acquainted, that have embraced Mormonism from this neighborhood, we are compelled to say, were very visionary, and most of them destitute of moral character, and without

influence in this community ; and this may account why they were permitted to go on with their impositions undisturbed. It was not supposed that any of them were possessed of sufficient character or influence to make any one believe their book or their sentiments, and we know not of a single individual in this vicinity that puts the least confidence in their pretended revelations.

Geo. N. Williams,	H. Linnell,	Thos. Rogers, 2d.
Clark Robinson,	Jas. Jenner,	Wm. Parke,
Lemuel Durfee,	S. Ackley,	Josiah Francis,
E. S. Townsend,	Josiah Rice,	Amos Hollister,
Henry P. Alger,	Jesse Townsend,	G. A. Hathaway,
C. E. Thayer,	Rich'd. D. Clark,	David G. Ely,
G. W. Anderson,	Th. P. Baldwin,	H. K. Jerome,
H. P. Thayer,	John Sothington,	G. Beckwith,
L. Williams,	Durfey Chase,	Lewis Foster,
Geo. W. Crosby,	Wells Anderson,	Hiram Payne,
Levi Thayer,	N. H. Beckwith,	P. Grandin,
R. S. Williams,	Philo Durfee,	L. Hurd,
P. Sexton,	Giles, S. Ely,	Joel Thayer,
M. Butterfield,	R. W. Smith,	E. D. Robinson,
S. P. Seymour,	Pelatiah West,	Asahel Millard,
D. S. Jackways,	Henry Jessup,	A. Ensworth,
John Hurlbut,	Linus North,	Isarel F. Chilson,

Manchester, Nov. 3d, 1833.

We, the undersigned, being personally acquainted with the family of Joseph Smith, sen. with whom the celebrated Gold Bible, so called, originated, state: that they were not only a lazy, indolent set of men, but also intemperate; and their word was not to be depended upon ; and that we are truly glad to dispense with their society.

Pardon Butts,	James Gee,	Joseph Fish,
Warden A. Reed,	Abel Chase,	Horace N. Barnes,
Hiram Smith,	A. H. Wentworth,	Silvester Worden.
Alfred Stafford,	Moses C. Smith,	

Harmony, Pa. March 20th, 1834.

I first became acquainted with Joseph Smith, Jr. in No-