

rife. Elder Woodard had had several narrow escapes from the hands of his enemies. The work was onward.

*Burmah.*—In connexion with Elder McCune's letter, we have received one from Elder Elam Ludington, dated September 1st. On the 21st of August he baptized one person.

We trust that Elders Ludington, Savage, and McCune will be enabled, amid the chances of war, to plant the Gospel firmly in Burmah. The faith, energy, and integrity of Elder McCune are highly commendable. We can appreciate the nature of his feelings when the doctrine of Celestial Marriage was first made known to him. We are gratified to learn that his integrity of heart carried him eventually to a righteous conclusion on the subject, and enabled him to triumph over the traditions which he had previously imbibed. Such will be ever the case when the revelations of the Almighty come in contact with our preconceived notions, and the feelings those notions have engendered. In these moments of weakness and of trial, we feel our dependence on the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, and, thanks be to God, they are always given when humbly and faithfully sought, so that the truly honest and diligent may walk without stumbling. There are, doubtless, many truths, yet, which, when made known to us, will come as much in opposition to our ideas and feelings as any that have already been revealed.

OUR FATHER ADAM.—The extract from the *Journal of Discourses* may startle some of our readers, but we would wish them to recollect that in this last dispensation God will send forth, by His servants, things *new* as well as *old*, until man is perfected in the truth. And we would here take occasion to remark, that it would be well if all our readers would secure a copy of the *Journal of Discourses* as it is issued, and also of every standard work of the Church; and not only secure these works, but attentively read them, and thoroughly study the principles they contain. Those of the Saints who fail to obtain the standard publications of the Church, will not be likely to prove very intelligent Saints, and will be very liable to wake up some day, and find themselves wonderfully behind the times, and consequently will not be able to stand the day of trial, which will come upon all the world. Without the intelligence that comes through the Holy Priesthood, the Saints cannot gain salvation, and this intelligence is given in the various publications of the Church. Who then will endanger his salvation by being behind the times? Not the wise, certainly.

THE "MORMONS."—The extracts from the *New York Tribune*, and *Chambers' Repository of Tracts*, show that in many quarters public opinion is not so fiercely set against "Mormonism" as has been the custom in times past. But we have not room to enlarge on the subject this week. We may say a word or two next.

ARRIVAL.—Elder Thomas Obray left Malta, on the 23rd of October, on board the *City of London*, and landed at Southampton after a passage of thirteen days. He designs emigrating to the Salt Lake Valley the coming season.

DEPARTURE.—Elder J. F. Secrist left London, on the 8th instant, for Switzerland, *via* Paris.

APPOINTMENTS.—In appointing the successors of those Pastors and Presidents who will be released at the New Year, we have ordained the following alterations and appointments to take effect on and after the first day of January, 1854.