

fortitude of others. Sure there is no hate like late changed love.

A singular fact it is that no party or individual has ever yet undertook to review and answer the arguments contained in the 1st Voree Herald. Every set of pretenders which have sprung out of the church avoid that—not one has ever undertaken to answer it.—They know they cannot. Accusations any body can make, but there is no argument that will stand against so plain truth.

**THE TELEGRAPH.**—In the last No. of the Gospel Herald is an article from a recent No. of the Southport Telegraph, which we think a saint could not improve. There is a manly independence and a freedom from bigotry in the writings of Mr. Sholes which few men have the talent to sustain themselves in. Success to him. If there is a man in the community who *loves truth and hates bigotry*, let him sustain one who dares speak out in defiance of political associations, hoary headed hypocrisy, and the tyranny of debased public opinion. The single No. from which we extract is worth the year's subscription.

**NORWEGIAN PAPER.**—We are in the regular receipt of a Norwegian paper published in Racine Co., out of which we get a pleasant weekly feast, though the nut is hard to crack. There are now in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, twenty Norwegian settlements and sixteen of them within the limits of this Territory. They embrace a population of from fifteen to twenty thousand; frugal, industrious, honest, law-loving and law-abiding citizens. The principal settlement in Wisconsin is on Koskonong prairie, where there are nearly a thousand Norwegian families. In the towns of Muskego, Waukesha county, and Norway, Racine county, which adjoin each other, the Norwegian settlers number nearly 1000. In Rock county, there are a thousand and upwards, and many in Jefferson, Dodge, and other Northern counties.

**TO THE SAINTS:**—"Though I fall I shall rise again." I have been engaged for more than a year in the constant work of the ministry, separate more than a thousand miles from the Presidency.—During that time I have received occasional communications from men of talent, holding respectable standing in the church, on subjects to which I can allude only with pain, and contrary to the instructions of the President of the church. To these I have offered a certain share of opposition, but I still feel that I have come short of my duty in the premises, and that by not sufficiently resisting evil it did not flee from me. For this I have now subjected myself to the censure of the priesthood for the first time in my life, having been a member of the church over sixteen years, I feel myself redeemed by the vigor and justice of the administration from a thousand perils.

Voree, Sept. 10th, 1847.

EBENZER PAGE.

Bro. E. Page has shown us several letters sent to him by different individuals containing *confessions for injuries done and attempted, on which he has paid postage.* Well, now, if that is not mending the matter! He says he will forgive them all, but does not want any more letters of that kind. Good confessions are worth from five to ten cents a-piece, but having preached a year without salary it is not exactly convenient to pay for them now. So say we; and we advise the individuals concerned to send him something handsome, and pay the postage next time. Don't be afraid of doing it too soon.

#### AN IMPROPRIETY REBUKED.

It is, or rather ought to be, well known to all the saints in the church that the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints does not acknowledge but one Prophet or *law-giver* to the church at one and the same time, and that the church is commanded not to receive as *revelations or commandments* any teachings but those given through him whom God has appointed. The lesser or minor authorities are only authorized to teach those *revelations and commandments* that come through the source referred to above. From the beginning of this church until now it has been more or less *annoyed* with a certain class of men under some grade of priesthood or other, who have over reached the duties devolving on them, and have laid many stumbling blocks in the way of many inquiring minds by pretending to preach things which have been (they say) revealed to them.—

We have so often and repeatedly been put under the necessity of removing those stumbling blocks referred to above, that our patience is worn almost thread bare.

No longer since than last Sunday, the 3d inst., we heard a certain elder say "that it had been revealed to him that *dominion* would be given to the saints, as a *kingdom, within two years.*" Now we wish to say to that elder, and all others, that we feel it our *imperative* duty to "*sharply rebuke*" such a course of conduct, and also to say we do not believe his declaration to be true. And why? 1st. Because he is not the proper authority through whom God should "*reveal*" to the church so important and sudden event. 2d. We do not believe the saints will possess the "*dominion of the kingdom of God*" until the "*setting*" of Adam, "*the ancient of days,*" and the "*house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.*" Read Dan. vii. 9 to 27 inclusive. Also, Obadiah 17 to 21 inclusive.

It is a great *impropriety* in the character of an elder to step out of the range of the word of the Lord, already made public. When the Lord makes bare his arm in the literal gathering of the Jews, to Jerusalem and brings Israel from the "*north country,*" and the house of Joseph as a mass receive the gospel, then let the saints begin to look for the sudden advent of the ancient of days, and the saints to possess the "*dominion*" of the kingdom of God.

JOHN E. PAGE,  
Pres. of the Twelve.

#### PROCLAIMING AGAINST INIQUITY.

It is a common saying among apostates, "we will proclaim against iniquity." None is more likely to cry "stop thief" than he who commits the deed, and none shouts "murder" louder than the midnight assassin. So it is with apostates. They are always crying "iniquity," while they themselves reject the order of God, according to their own testimony, which they said was given by the power of the Holy Ghost. Of such the Apostle says, (Heb. vi. 4 to 6,) "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."

Brethren, be not of those who watch for iniquity and draw back unto perdition, but be of those who believe unto the saving of the soul; remembering that it is those only who endure unto the end that will be saved.

G. W.

#### EXTRACT OF A LETTER.

PRES. STRANG:— Voree, August 13th, 1847.  
DEAR SIR,— \* Joseph was a prophet of the living God, and established the church of Christ, and gave the law and commandment which the saints must observe and keep in order to obtain an inheritance in the kingdom of our God. I believe also that Joseph brought forth the principles by which the church of anti-Christ will be governed when it is organized and established on the earth. For I contend that both kingdoms will be organized, that both the righteous and the wicked may be gathered to their own place. \* Now, sir, I consider it necessary that the principles by which both of these kingdoms is to be governed should be brought forth, that life and death may be set before this people. \* Joseph said that God is true, the constitution of the United States is true, the Bible is true, and the Book of Mormon is true, &c., &c. \* With respect,

JAMES M. ADAMS.

P. S. Since I commenced writing the above I have been informed that you have been circulating the report that two individuals, that are on the island, stated that I was a believer in the spiritual wife doctrine when they left here. I boldly say, as you have said in the Reveille, that the man nor woman does not exist that ever heard me say that I had any faith in that system, further than what I stated to you last spring. \* \* \* J. M. A.

We have not circulated any such report. We do not thus try questions of divine truth. By the way, will Mr. Adams tell all the world "*how he believes the spiritual system.*" It would not make him quite as popular as telling how wicked Prophets are. We don't wish to tell on him, but it ain't pretty, Mr. Adams, to cry stop thief to the honest, while you hug the prey. By the way, is it not a new notion in religion that the constitution of the United States is of equal authority with the Bible and Book of Mormon? [Ed.]