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Dear Brother;-

Herewith I send you a clipping from the "Fresno Republican" published in Fresno, Fresno County, Cal. When our Elders Poulter and Bushman went there about the 15th, October or a little later. The reporter of the 'Fresno Republican' met them and gave them a good write up which I think was afterward copied by the 'Ogden Standard' This brought forth a letter from the Rev. C.A. Mann, of Fresno who said that he had received a lot of 'Documents' from a Rev. Mr. Mc Milton, pastor of a Christian Church in Utah, among which was the Mormon Articals of faith, Catechism, &c and from which he proceeded to 'Expose us to the good people of Fresno' filling up with the mountain Meadows and other Blood curdling stories. The elders sent me a copy of the paper containing his piece and I answered it; this brought forth another piece from the rev. Gentleman, and I answer again sending the enclosed which they have published. In his attack he has brought up the old story so often flung in our faces especially by the 'Josephites' through out this state, and now commonly referred to as 'The Adam God' story, and the opportunity seemed to be so good that I could not resist the temptation to answer him and all the Josephites on that question. I studied the matter closely and very carefully and I felt that I was right and so I forged ahead. Will you kindly look over the piece and if I am not correct please point out to me the errors; as this is a matter that we have got to meet continually; it is the strong hold of the Josephite and one they never fail to use; and our Elders are all lame on that point and are afraid to answer upon it; they therefore side track it, in the most convenient way in each case and the result is, the elders of the "Reorganized" say, "You are affraid to meet it" And it is a fact, as a rule, our young Elders, and all that we have out here, are unable to meet the question and have to 'Dodge' it, the best they can. I would not that you should suppose from this that we are seeking controversy with the 'Reorganized people' or even accepting it, by no means; but, publicly we treat them with silent contempt; they have challenged us again and again to debate, discussion, &c. but do not notice them publicly; but as our Elders go around their respective fields they often find members of the 'Reorganized church' who take them in and treat them well providing for their necessities and with such the elders have to meet the questions raised by them. About three months ago two of their leading elders came to us in Los Angeles and accused us of persecuting 25 of their members, since then we have lead several more into the water of their people.

The Story referred to is the quotation from one of their journals sermon where in he says that "that is our King and God and the only God with which we have to deal."

I fear that our young men and women are being misled to some extent hence I will close devoutly hoping that our dear brethren, Elder Nye united in kind regards to you and your family and the Council. I am with you in every way.