

where he had not access to the writings and discoveries of antiquarians, he would be entirely incapable of forging the true and genuine glyphs of ancient America ; therefore we consider this testimony of Professor Anthon, coming as it does from an avowed enemy of the Book of Mormon, to be a great collateral evidence in its favor. Professor Rafinesque says, as we have already quoted, that 'the glyphs of Otolum are written from top to bottom, like the *Chinese*, or from side to side, indifferently, like the *Egyptian*.' Now the most of the Book of Mormon was written from side to side, like the Egyptian. Indeed, it was written in the ancient Egyptian, reformed by the remnant of the tribe of Joseph."

Other glyphs have since been found, as we learn from the following statement which appeared in the *Times and Seasons* :—

"On the 16th of April, 1843, a respectable merchant, by the name of Robert Wiley, commenced digging in a large mound near this place ; he excavated to the depth of ten feet, and came to rock. About that time the rain began to fall, and he abandoned the work. On the 23d, he and quite a number of the citizens, with myself, repaired to the mound, and after making ample opening, we found plenty of rock, the most of which appeared as though it had been strongly burned ; and after removing full two feet of said rock, we found plenty of charcoal and ashes, also human bones, that appeared as though they had been burned ; and near the eciphalon a bundle was found that consisted of SIX PLATES OF BRASS, of a bell shape, each having a hole near the small end, and a ring through them all, and clasped with two clasps. The ring and clasps appeared to be iron, very much oxidated : the plates first appeared to be copper, and had the appearance of being covered with characters. It was agreed by the company that I should cleanse the plates. Accordingly, I took them to my house, washed them with soap and water, and a woollen cloth ; but finding them not yet cleansed, I treated them with dilute sulphuric acid, which made them perfectly clean, on which it appeared that they were completely covered with characters, that none, as yet, have been able to read. Wishing that the world might know the hidden things as fast as they come to light,

I was induced to state the facts, hoping that you would give them an insertion in your excellent paper, for we all feel anxious to know the true meaning of the plates ; and publishing the facts might lead to the true translation. They were found, I judge, more than twelve feet below the surface of the top of the mound.

“ I am, most respectfully, a citizen of Kinderhook,

“ W. P. HARRIS, M.D.”

The following certificate was forwarded for publication at the same time :

“ We, citizens of Kinderhook, whose names are annexed, do certify and declare, that on the 23d of April, 1843, while excavating a large mound in this vicinity, Mr. Wiley took from said mound *six brass plates*, of a bell-shape, covered with ancient characters. Said plates were very much oxidated. The bands and rings on said plates mouldered into dust on a slight pressure.

“ ROBERT WILEY. G. W. F. WARD. FAYETTE GRUBB.
 GEORGE DICKENSON. J. R. SHARP. W. P. HARRIS.
 W. LONGNECKER. IRA S. CURTIS. W. FUGATE.”

We have now to do with the manner in which the Mormons apply the supposed possession of some such plates as these by Joseph Smith to Isaiah's prophecy respecting Ariel, as interpreted by the Latter-Day Saints in their own favor. We therefore proceed with Mr. Orson Pratt's statement :—

“ Isaiah says, as we have already quoted, that ‘ the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, read this, I pray thee ; and he saith, I cannot for it is sealed.’ Mark this prediction ; the Book itself was not to be delivered to the learned, but only ‘ the words of a Book ;’ this was literally fulfilled in the event which has already been described, as clearly testified of, not only by the ‘ plain-looking countryman,’ namely, Martin Harris, but by the learned Professor Anthon himself.

“ But Isaiah informs us, in the next verse (12), that the book itself shall be delivered to the unlearned. He says,