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"AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD,
FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME."—
Matthew xxiv. 14.

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UNTO THE CHURCHES.—*Rev. ii. 7.*

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FIFTH GENERAL EPISTLE

OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, FROM
GREAT SALT LAKE VALLEY, STATE OF DESERT, TO THE SAINTS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT
THE EARTH, GREETING:

Beloved Brethren,—Ever mindful of the Redeemer's kingdom and of your interest therein, we gladly improve the present moment in expressing to you our watchfulness and care concerning you, and concerning those things which may tend to your present happiness and future exaltation. There is nothing that transpires around us, but what has its tendency to good or evil; and while we are in the world, and are surrounded by circumstances and events which have a bearing on our welfare, either for or against, it becomes us, as Saints of the Most High, to inform and become informed; and to treasure up knowledge and wisdom concerning all things that are transpiring on earth; and in the heavens, so far as it concerns us and we are permitted to know; and in hell too, that we may be ready to shun every evil tendency, and embrace all good; and if through our pen the wisdom of God shall be made manifest for your good, comfort, consolation, and salvation, the greatest joy of our hearts will be realized.

The Church, of which you are members, was organized on the 6th of April, 1830; then consisting of six individuals, since which time it has continued to increase, and to be persecuted and driven from town to town; from county to county; and from State to State, and out of the States; until its resting place in the wilderness and vallies of the mountains, is about three

thousand miles from the place of organization in the State of New York; and in those persecutions, prophets and apostles have been martyred for the truth's sake, and the elders have been scattered abroad on the four quarters of the earth, and the islands of the sea, preaching as they went, faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism for the remission of sins, the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, the Lord's Supper, the gathering, the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment, and hundreds of thousands have believed and yielded obedience to the heavenly message, and are patiently waiting the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; who, ere long, will set his feet again on Mount Olivet, and make himself manifest unto Israel, according to the predictions of the ancient prophets; for Israel must be gathered from all nations, and be again established in the land of their inheritance, and behold the wounds in the hands and side of Him whom they have pierced, and acknowledge Him as their Saviour, their Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. The gathering of Israel has already commenced; Judea is receiving its ancient inhabitants, and the Holy City is re-building; which is one prominent sign of the near approach of the Messiah.

During the twenty-one years since the organization of the Church, the Gospel has been preached in Europe, Asia, Africa,

to be formed by Bros. Lyman and Rich in that vicinity, and from thence to this place.

May grace, mercy, peace, and prosperity be multiplied unto all the Saints, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BRIGHAM YOUNG,
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ETOILE DU DESERET.—PEARL OF GREAT PRICE.—NEW CATALOGUES, ETC.—

POSTAL INFORMATION.

ETOILE DU DESERET, is the name of a new Star which has recently appeared in the moral firmament. It was first discovered by Elder John Taylor, in Paris. It is determined to be of the first magnitude, and was first noticed by the naked eye, some time in the month of May. Already observations have been taken from it in Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, the United States of North America, and in different parts of England, Wales, and Scotland, to say nothing of the interest awakened by its appearance generally in different portions of France, and in the Channel Islands, where we are informed it commands particular attention.

It is with no small degree of pleasure we welcome the first Number of this "Star of Deseret," published in the French language, by reason of which it will no doubt obtain an extensive circulation on the continent, as that language is extensively spoken among all the western nations of Europe. The Saints have already begun to derive edification, instruction, and comfort from its perusal in different States of continental Europe, and we doubt not the "Etoile du Deseret" will soon obtain a circulation which will amply encourage and repay the exercise of that master-talent with which it has been commenced. The sheet before us is a royal octavo, and printed in beautiful clear type—seems to be just the medium for communicating the principles and doctrines of the Editor, and of the Latter-day Saints, to its French readers, indeed, we consider it *par excellence*.

Elder Taylor will please accept our thanks for his favor, and an assurance of our pleasure in an exchange.

PEARL OF GREAT PRICE, is the title of a new work which will soon be ready for sale, containing 64 pages on beautiful paper of superior quality, and on new type of a larger size than any heretofore issued from this office. It contains

Extracts from the prophecy of Enoch, including a revelation of the Gospel to our first parents after their expulsion from the Garden of Eden.

The Words of God, which he spake unto Moses at the time when Moses was caught up into an exceeding high mountain, and saw God face to face, and talked with him, and the Glory of God was upon Moses, so that he could endure the presence of the Lord. Including also the history of the creation of this heaven and this earth, together with the inhabitants thereof, and many historical items until the time of the flood, being items from the new translation of the scriptures by the Prophet Joseph.

The Book of Abraham—a translation of some ancient records that fell into the hands of the Church a few years since from the catacombs of Egypt, purporting to be the writings of Abraham while he was in Egypt, called the Book of Abraham, written by his own

hand upon Papyrus; translated from the Papyrus by Joseph Smith. Connected with this translation are three fac-similes from the Papyrus.

An extract from a translation of the Bible—being the Twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, commencing with the last verse of the Twenty-third chapter, by the Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, Joseph Smith.

A Key to the Revelations of St. John, in a series of questions and answers. By the same.

A Revelation given December, 1832, which has never before appeared in print.

Extracts from the History of Joseph Smith, containing an account of the First Visions and Revelations which he received, also of his discovery and obtaining the Plates of Gold which contain the Record of Mormon; its translation, his baptism, and ordination by an Angel; items of doctrine from the revelations and commandments to the Church, &c.

This little work though not particularly adapted nor designed as a pioneer of our faith to unbelievers of present revelation, will be a source of much instruction and edification to many thousands of the Saints, who will by an acquaintance with its precious contents, be more abundantly qualified to set forth and defend the principles of our Holy Faith before all men. The PEARL OF GREAT PRICE will recommend itself to all who appreciate the revelations of truth as hidden treasures of Everlasting Life. Prices printed on the covers.

WITH this number we issue a new Catalogue of Works, published by the Church; which our agents will place in as conspicuous places in their chapels and meeting houses as possible, that strangers attending may acquaint themselves with our authorized publications, and their prices.

We have also considered it advisable to issue a number of small hand-bills, describing the *Millennial Star*, and giving a list of the works as contained on the larger catalogue. It is designed to supply each agent with a quantity, that he may present one to unbelievers when purchasing our works. By this means more general information will be given respecting them; and we have no doubt the sale will be materially increased thereby, and consequently many be brought to a knowledge of the Truth, who otherwise might have remained in ignorance of the principles and doctrines of our Holy Faith for a much longer period.

POSTAL INFORMATION.—For the benefit of such as have friends residing in Utah territory, Kaneshville, or St. Louis, and who may wish to address them through Post, we have thought proper to give the usual form of addressing letters or papers to each of those places, viz. :—

A—— B—— St. Louis, Mo. U.S.A.

A—— B—— Kaneshville, Pottawatamie Co., Iowa. U.S.A.

A—— B—— G.S.L. City, Utah, U.S.A.

Should any of your friends in Utah have removed from G.S.L. City to Ogden City in Weber county, or to Provo City in Utah County, Manti City in Sanpete County, or Cedar City, in Iron County, or any other settlement in the territory,—letters addressed with the persons names, distinctly written on them, to G.S.L. City, as above stated, will reach them, until you learn by your friends there, what is the particular address of their residence. All persons sending newspapers to America must post them within seven days from the date of their publication, and must in all cases pre-pay the postage thereon (one penny), but letters may be pre-paid or not, at the option of the sender. The word "California" must not be written on letters addressed to Utah Territory: if so, they will not go through.