

they had been before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried in a loud voice:

““While the stars remain and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Republic last.”

“And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word ‘Union,’ he placed it upon the standard, while the people, kneeling down, said ‘Amen.’”

“The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising curling vapor I had first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing on my mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said:

““Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted. Three perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the second, passing which, the whole world united shall never be able to prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and the Union.”

“With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat, and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, progress and destiny of the United States.

“‘In Union she will have her strength, in disunion her destruction.’

“Such, my friend,” concluded the venerable narrator, “were the words I heard from Washington’s own lips, and America will do well to profit by them.”—Zion’s Ensign.

A MESSAGE.

On the evening of October 2nd, 1908, Brethren R. C. Evans and R. C. Longhurst bowed in prayer in their room. While praying the Spirit came upon them and they retired, but the Spirit continued to bless

them till the power became so great that the bed upon which they reclined trembled.

A sister in another part of the house, knowing of the blessing under which the brethren were rejoicing, testified that the whole house shook.

While under this power Bro. Evans said, "Oh, I cannot remain in bed longer." On reaching the floor he was commanded to secure material and write, for the Lord had a message for his people.

Bro. Longhurst arose and turned on the light, and Bro. Evans took his pencil and pad and wrote very rapidly. He stopped suddenly, left the room, requested some others to dress and come to his room, and hastily donning some clothing, they entered the room, and they all testified to the witnessing of a most powerful manifestation of the Spirit, as Bro. Evans, now pale and trembling, wrote rapidly, without a moment's hesitation, till the message was completed. While under the Spirit he sang it to them, and all retired rejoicing.

The next morning the message was presented to the conference, who ordered that it be printed and sent to each branch in the district.

The following is the message, and it is sent forth with a prayer that it may be a blessing to all who may read it:

O my people, hear the message
That to you this day I give.
Cease your quarrelling and contention,
For in me ye move and live.
By my power I have led you
Through the struggles of the past,
And if faithful to your mission,
I will crown you at the last.

If ye love me, build my kingdom;
Work together one and all.
If divided, ye shall suffer,
And the house ye build shall fall.
Harshness, jealousy and envy,

Hath brought weakness and distress.
 Human weakness calls for pity;
 Love, repent, and find sweet rest.

Tear not down another's structure,
 Hoping thus to build thine own.
 Each shall answer for their conduct
 When they stand before the throne.
 Honor comes to those who honor,
 Faith to those who me obey.
 Keep the law that I have given;
 Soon will dawn Millennium's day.

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VISION BY JOSEPH THE SEER.

On the evening of the 21st of January, 1836, the First Presidency met in the west schoolroom of the Kirtland Temple, at which time they ordained Joseph Smith, Sr., Patriarch of the Church, and also received their patriarchal blessing under his hands. Joseph states concerning this meeting and other matters as follows:

"The heavens were opened upon us, and I beheld the celestial kingdom of God, and the glory thereof, whether in the body or out I cannot tell. I saw the transcendent beauty of the gate through which the heirs of that kingdom will enter, which was like unto circling flames of fire; also the blazing throne of God, whereon was seated the Father and the Son. I saw the beautiful streets of that kingdom, which had the appearance of being paved with gold. I saw Fathers Adam and Abraham, and my father and mother, my brother Alvin, that has long since slept, and marveled how it was that he had obtained an inheritance in the kingdom, seeing that he had departed this life before the Lord had set his hand to gather Israel the second time, and had not been baptized for the remission of sins.

"Thus came the voice of the Lord unto me, saying:
 "'All who have died without a knowledge of this