

**J2** *Annerchiad y Deuddeg Apostol yn Eglwys Iesu Grist, Saint y Dyddiau Diwedda. At holl frenhinoedd y ddaear, at raglaw, ac at lywiawdwyr Unol Daleithiau yr Amerig, ac at lywyddion, a holl bobl y byd.* (Proclamation of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. To all the kings of the world, to the magistrates, and to the governors of the United States of America, and to the presidents and all the people of the world.) *Rhydybont: Translated and published by Capt. Jones. Printed by John Jones, 1845.*

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In answer to a request from President Brigham Young, this proclamation was translated into Welsh by Dan Jones. Inasmuch as Jones's periodical *Prophwyd y Jubili* would not begin for another seven months, a separate publication of *Proclamation* was the only choice. "At y dar-llefydd Cymraeg" (To the Welsh reader), a translator's note dated 1 December 1845, is on page 12.

The press used to produce *Proclamation* and all other publications during his first mission was then owned by Jones's brother John, in Rhydybont, a small village about fifty miles over the Black Mountain to the northwest of Merthyr Tydfil. "J. Jones, Llangollen," as his brother John was known, was a controversial figure throughout Wales because of some debates in which he had engaged concerning the temperance movement and baptism by immersion (he was living in the town of Llangollen at the time). The Independents had invited him to Rhydybont as their minister.

David Williams, the author of a 32-page rebuttal to *The dead raised to life!* (J1) entitled *Twyll y Seintiau Diwedda yn cael ei ddynoethi* (The fraud of the Latter Saints exposed), had the following observations about *Proclamation*:

By the time I had glanced over the above treatise on the kingdom of God, yet another one came to my attention, one so presumptuous as if it had been written by the fingers of the devil, who had dipped his pen in the venom of dragons or in the fiery furnace itself, and had it printed in the gates of hell, and this under the name "Proclamation of the Twelve Apostles—the Saints, etc., to all the kings of the earth, etc." Oh my! for human nature to have sunk so low, and become so impudent as to assert such majestic things in a deceitful way. The above booklet, that is the *Proclamation*, has gone so far in its baseless assertions, that all one Welshman has to do is read it carefully to see its madness. (pp. 28–29)

# PROCLAMATION

OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

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TO ALL THE KINGS OF THE WORLD, TO THE MAGISTRATES, AND TO THE

GOVERNORS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE  
PRESIDENTS, AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

*[Translated from the English.]*

GREETING,

Know ye that the kingdom of God has come, as has been predicted by ancient prophets, and prayed for in all ages; even that kingdom which shall fill the whole earth, and shall stand for ever.

The great Elohim, Jehovah, has been pleased once more to speak from the heavens, and also to commune with man upon the earth, by means of open visions, and by the ministration of HOLY MESSENGERS.

By this means the great and eternal High Priesthood, after the order of his Son, even the Apostleship, has been restored or returned to the earth.

This high Priesthood or Apostleship, holds the keys of the kingdom of God, with power to bind on earth that which shall be bound in heaven, and to loose on earth that which shall be loosed in heaven; and, in fine, to do and to administer in all things pertaining to the ordinances, organization, government, and direction of the kingdom of God.

Being established in these last days for the restoration of all things spoken by the prophets since the world began, and in order to prepare the way for the coming of the Son of Man.

And we now bear witness that his coming is near at hand; and, not many years hence, the nations and their kings shall see him coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

In order to meet this important event, there must needs be a great preparation.

Therefore we send unto you, with authority from on high, and command you all to repent and humble yourselves as little children before the majesty of THE HOLY ONE; and come unto Jesus with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, and be baptized in his name for the remission of sins (that is, be buried in the water, in the likeness of his burial, and rise again to newness of

life in the likeness of his resurrection), and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, through the laying on of the hands of the apostles and elders, of this great and last dispensation of God's mercy to man.

This Spirit shall bear witness to you of the truth of our mission and our testimony, and shall enlighten your minds, and be in you as the spirit of prophecy and revelation; it shall bring things past to your understanding and remembrance, and shall show you things to come. It shall also impart unto you many great and glorious gifts; such as the gift of healing the sick, and of being healed, by the laying on of hands in the name of Jesus; and of expelling demons; and even of seeing visions, and conversing with Angels and Spirits from the unseen world.

By the light of this Spirit, received through the ministration of the ordinances—by the power and authority of the Holy Apostleship and Priesthood, you will be enabled to understand, and to be the children of light; and thus be prepared to escape all the things that are coming on the earth, and so stand before the Son of Man.

We testify that the foregoing doctrine is the doctrine or gospel of Jesus Christ in its fulness; and that it is the only true, everlasting, and unchangeable gospel; and the only plan revealed on earth whereby man can be saved.

We also bear testimony that the "*Indians*" (so called) of North and South America are a remnant of the tribes of Israel, as is now made manifest by the discovery and revelation of their ancient Oracles and records. And that they are about to be gathered, civilized, and made *one nation* in this glorious land.

They will also come to the knowledge of their forefathers, and of the fulness of the gospel; and they will embrace it and become a righteous branch of the house of Israel.

And we further testify that the Lord has appointed a Holy City and temple to be built on this continent, for the endowment and ordinances pertaining to the Priesthood; and for the Gentiles, and the remnant of Israel to resort unto, in order to worship the Lord, and to be taught in his ways and walk in his paths; in short, to finish their preparations for the coming of the Lord.

And we further testify that the Jews among all nations are hereby commanded, in the name of the Messiah, to prepare to return to Jerusalem in Palestine, and to rebuild that city and temple unto the Lord. And also to organize and establish their own political government, under their own rulers, judges and counselors, in that country.

For be it known unto them that we now hold the keys of the priesthood and kingdom which are soon to be restored unto them. Therefore, let them also repent, and prepare to obey the ordinances of God.

And now, O ye kings, rulers, and people of all the gentiles, hear ye the word of the Lord, for this commandment is for you. You are not only

required to repent and obey the gospel in its fulness, and thus become members or citizens of the kingdom of God; but you are also hereby commanded, in the name of Jesus Christ, to put your silver and your gold, your ships and steam vessels, your railroad trains and your horses, chariots, camels, mules, and litters, into active use for the fulfilment of these purposes. For be it known unto you, that the only salvation which remains for the Gentiles, is for them to have the same covenant, and to worship at the same altar with the people of Israel. In short, they must come under the same standard; for there shall be one Lord, and his name one, and He shall be king over all the earth.

The Latter-day Saints, since their first organization in the year 1830, have been a poor, persecuted, abused, and afflicted people. They have sacrificed their time and property freely, for the sake of laying the foundation of the kingdom of God, and enlarging its boundaries by the ministry of the gospel. They have suffered privation, hunger, imprisonment, and the loss of houses, lands, home, and political rights for their testimony.

And this is not all. Their first founder, Mr. Joseph Smith, whom God raised up as a prophet and apostle, mighty in word and in deed, and his brother Hyrum, who was also a prophet, together with many others, have suffered a cruel martyrdom in the cause of truth, and have sealed their testimony with their blood; and still the work has, as it were, but just begun. A great, a glorious, and a mighty work is yet to be achieved, in spreading the truth and kingdom among the Gentiles—in restoring, organizing, instructing and establishing the Jews—in gathering, instructing, relieving, civilizing, educating, and administering salvation to the remnant of Israel on this continent—in building Jerusalem in Palestine, and the cities, stakes, temples, and sanctuaries of Zion in America; and in gathering the Gentiles into the same covenant and organization— instructing them in all things for their sanctification and preparation, that the whole Church of the Saints, including Gentiles, Jews and Israelites, may be prepared as a bride for the coming of the Lord.

And now, O ye kings, rulers, counselors, governors, judges, legislators, nobles, lords, and rich men of the earth, will you leave us to struggle alone, and to toil unaided in so great a work? or will you share in the labors, toils, sacrifices, and glory of the same?

Does this matter not pertain to you as well as to us? Is it not sent forth to renovate the world—to enlighten the nations—to fill the earth with light, knowledge, truth, union, peace, and love? and thus usher in the great millennium or Sabbath of that rest, so long expected and hoped for by all good men? We bear testimony that it is; and the fulfilment of our words will establish their truth to millions yet unborn, while there are those now living upon the earth who will live to see the consummation of them.

Come, then, to the help of the Lord, and to ours. Let us have your aid and protection—and your willing and hearty cooperation in this virtuous

and glorious revolution.

Again, we say, by the word of the Lord, to the people as well as to the rulers, your aid and your strong assistance is required in this great work; and we at this time command you, in the name of Jesus, to throw yourselves heroically into it, from this day forward.

Open your churches, doors, and hearts for the truth; hear the apostles and elders of the Church of the Saints when they come into your cities and neighborhoods; read and search the scriptures carefully, and see whether these things are so; read the publications of the Saints, and help them to publish them to others; seek for the witness of the Spirit, and come and obey the glorious fulness of the gospel, and help us to build the cities and sanctuaries of our God.

The sons and daughters of Zion will soon be required to devote an abundant portion of their time in instructing the children of the forest; for they must be educated and instructed in all the arts of civil life, as well as in the gospel. They must be clothed, fed, and instructed in the principles and practice of virtue, modesty, temperance, cleanliness, industry, mechanical arts, manners, customs, dress, music, and all others things which are calculated in their nature to refine, civilize, purify, exalt, and glorify them as the sons and daughters of the royal house of Israel and of Joseph, who are making ready for the coming of the bridegroom.

Know, assuredly, that whether you come to the help of the Saints in this great work, or whether you make light of this message, and withhold your aid and cooperation, it is all the same as to the success and final triumph of the work; for it is the work of the great God—for which his word and oath have been pledged from before the foundation of the world. And the same promise and oath have been renewed unto man from the beginning, down through each succeeding dispensation, and confirmed again by his own voice out of the heavens in the present age; therefore he is bound to fulfil it, and to overcome every obstacle.

The loss will therefore be on their own part, and not on the part of God or of his Saints, should the people neglect their duty in the great work of remarkable restoration.

There is also another consideration of vast importance to all the rulers and people of the world in regard to this great work. It is this:—as this work progresses in its onward course, and becomes more and more an object of political and religious interest and excitement, no king, ruler, or subject—no community or individual will stand neutral: all will at length be influenced by one Spirit or the other, and will take sides either for or against the kingdom of God, and the fulfilment of the prophecies in the great restoration and return of his long-dispersed covenant people.

Some will act the part of the venerable Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, or the noble Cyrus, and will aid and bless the people of God; or, like Ruth, the Moabitess, will forsake their people, and their kindred, and

country, and will say to the Saints, or to Israel—"Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Others will walk in the footsteps of a Pharaoh or a Balak, and will harden their hearts and fight against God, and seek to destroy his people. These will commune with priests and prophets who love the wages of unrighteousness, and who, like Balaam, will seek to curse, and to find enchantments against Israel.

You cannot, therefore, stand as idle and disinterested spectators of the scenes and events which are calculated, in their very nature, to reduce all nations and creeds to one political and religious standard, and thus put an end to all Babel forms and names, and to strife and war. You will, therefore, either be led by the good Spirit to cast in your lot, and to take a lively interest with the Saints of the Most High, and the covenant people of the Lord; or, on the other hand, you will become their professed enemy, and oppose them by every means in your power.

To such an extreme will this great division finally extend, that the nations of the old world will combine to oppose these things with all their military force. They will send a great army to Palestine against the Jews, and they will besiege their city, and will reduce the inhabitants of Jerusalem to the greatest extreme of distress and misery. Then will commence a struggle in which the fate of nations and empires will be suspended on a single battle. In this battle the governors and people of Judah will distinguish themselves for their bravery and warlike achievements. The weak among them will be like David, and the strong among them will be like God, or like the angel of the Lord.

In that day the Lord will pour upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication, and they shall look upon the Messiah whom they have pierced.

For lo! he will descend from heaven as the defender of the Jews, and to complete their victory. His feet will stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which shall cleave in sunder at his presence, and remove one half to the north, and the other to the south, thus forming a great valley where the mountain now stands.

The earth will quake around him, while storm and tempest, hail and plague, are mingled with the clash of arms, the roar of artillery, the shouts of victory, and the groans of the wounded and dying.

In that day, all who are in the siege, both against Judea and against Jerusalem, shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth should be gathered together against them.

This signal victory on the part of the Jews, so unlooked for by the nations, and attended with the personal advent of the Messiah and the accompanying events, will change the whole order of things in Europe and Asia, in regard to political and religious organizations and government.

The Jews as a nation become holy from that day forward, and their city and sanctuary become holy. There also the Messiah establishes his throne

and seat of government. Jerusalem then becomes the seat of empire, and the great center and capital of the old world.

All the families of the land shall then go up to Jerusalem once a year, to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. Those who do not go up, shall have no rain, but shall be smitten with dearth and drought and famine; and if the family of Egypt go not up (as it never rains there) they shall be smitten with the plague. And thus all things shall be fulfilled according to the words ever spoken by the holy prophets of old, and the word of the Lord which is now revealed, to confirm and fulfil all things. In short the kings, rulers, priests and people of Europe, and of the old world, shall know this once that there is a God in Israel, who, as in days of old, can utter his voice, and it shall be obeyed.

The courts of Rome, London, Paris, Constantinople, Petersburg, and all others, will then have to yield the point and do homage, and all pay tribute to one great center, and to one mighty Sovereign, or, THRONES WILL BE CAST DOWN, AND KINGDOMS WILL CEASE TO BE.

Priests, bishops, and clergy, and everyone, whether Catholic, Protestant, or Mohammedan, will then have to yield their pretended claims to the priesthood, together with titles, honors, creeds and names, and reverence and obey the true and royal priesthood of the order of Melchizedek, and of Aaron; restored to its rightful heirs—the nobility of Israel; or, the dearth and famine will consume them, and the plague sweep them quickly down to the pit, as in the case of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, who violated the priesthood, and rebelled against God's chosen priests and prophets in the days of Moses.

While these great events are rolling on the wheels of time, and being fulfilled in the old world, this continent will present a scene of grandeur, greatness, and glory, far surpassing the scene just described.

The Lord will make her that halted a remnant, and gather her that was driven out and afflicted; and make her who was cast afar off a strong nation; and will reign *over them* in Mount Zion from that time forth and for ever. Or, in other words, He will assemble the natives, the remnants of Joseph in America, and make of them a great, and strong, and powerful nation; and he will civilize and enlighten them, and will establish a holy city, and temple, and seat of government among them, which shall be called Zion; and there shall be his tabernacle, his sanctuary, his throne, and seat of government for the whole continent of North and South America for ever; in short, it will be to the western hemisphere what Jerusalem will be to the eastern.

And there, the Messiah will visit them in person; and the old Saints, who will then have been raised from the dead, will be with him; and he will establish his kingdom and laws over all the land.

To this city, or, to its several branches, shall the Gentiles gather, as to a standard of light and knowledge; yea, the nations, and their kings and

nobles shall say—Come, and let us go up to the Mount Zion, and to the temple of the Lord, where the holy priesthood stand to minister continually before the Lord; and where we may be instructed more fully, and receive the ordinances of remission, and of sanctification, and redemption, and thus be adopted into the family of Israel, and identified in the same covenants of promise.

The despised and degraded Son of the forest, who has wandered in dejection and sorrow, and suffered reproach, shall stand forth in manly dignity and boldness, and exclaim to the Gentiles who have envied him—“*I am Joseph; does my father yet live?*” or, in other words, I am a descendant of that Joseph who was sold into Egypt. You have hated *me*, and sold *me*, and thought *I* was dead; but lo! I live and am heir to the inheritance, titles, honors, priesthood, sceptre, crown, throne, and eternal life and dignity of my fathers, who live for evermore.

He shall then be ordained, washed, anointed with holy oil, and arrayed in fine linen, even in the glorious and beautiful garments and royal robes of the high priesthood, which is after the order of the Son of God; and shall enter into the congregation of the Lord, even into the Holy of Holies, there to be crowned with authority and power which shall never end.

The spirit of the Lord shall then descend upon him like the dew upon the mountains of Hermon, and like luxuriant showers of rain upon the sweet herbs of Paradise.

His heart shall expand with knowledge, wide as eternity, and his mind shall comprehend the vast creations of his God, and his eternal purpose of redemption, glory, and exaltation, which was devised in heaven before the foundation of the world; but made manifest in these last days, for the fulness of the Gentiles, and for the exaltation of Israel. He shall also behold his Redeemer, and be filled with his presence, while the cloud of his glory shall be seen in his temple.

The city of Zion, with its sanctuary and priesthood, and the glorious fulness of the gospel, will constitute the standard which will put an end to jarring creeds and political wranglings, by uniting the republics, states, provinces, territories, nations, tribes, kindred, tongues, people, and sects of North and South American in one common family, united with the bonds of brotherly love; while truth and knowledge shall make them all free, and love cement their union.

The Lord also shall be their king and their lawgiver; while all wars shall cease, and peace prevail for a thousand years.

Thus shall American rulers, statesmen, citizens, and savages know “*this once*” that there is a God in Israel, who can utter his voice and it shall be fulfilled.

Americans! This mighty and strange work has already been commenced in your midst, and must roll on in fulfilment.

You are now earnestly invited to investigate it thoroughly, and to aid

and participate in its accomplishment.

If you ask, what could you do?

We answer: protect the Saints; give them their deserved rights; extend the broad banners of the constitution and laws over their homes, cities, firesides, wives and children, THAT THEY MAY CEASE TO BE BUTCHERED, MARTYRED, PLUNDERED, AND DRIVEN, and may peaceably proceed in the work assigned them by their God.

Execute the law upon the offenders, and thus rid your garments of INNOCENT BLOOD.

Pass acts, also, to indemnify them in the millions they have lost by your cruel and criminal neglect.

Contribute liberally of your substance for their aid, and for the fulfilment of their mission.

Let the government of the United States also continue to gather together, and to colonize the tribes and remnants of Israel (the Indians), and also to feed, clothe, succor, and protect them, and endeavor to civilize and unite; and also to bring them to the knowledge of their Israelitish origin, and of the fulness of the gospel which was revealed to, and written by their forefathers on this land, the *record* of which has now come to light.

It is these oracles, together with the other scriptures, and the priesthood and authority now conferred upon the Saints, that will effect their final conversion and salvation; while the creeds of man, and the powerless forms and dogmas of sectarianism will still remain powerless and insufficient for the task.

The Lord has spoken, and who can disannul it? He has uttered his voice, and who can gainsay it? He has stretched out his arm, and who can turn it back?

Why will not the government and people of these States become acquainted with these records? They are published among them for this purpose. They would then begin to know and understand what was to be done with these remnants, and their own duties in the great restitution of Israel, and of the kingdom of God. They would also know the object of the labors, and the final destiny of the Latter-day Saints as a church and people. This very subject has been, if it does not continue to be, a source of no small wonder and conjecture, and sometimes even of anxiety among the people, ever since the first organization of the Saints in the year 1830.

And more than all this, they would know the destiny of this government, and of all other Governments on the American continent; and the purpose of God in relation to this continent, from the earliest ages of antiquity till the present, and from this time forth, till the heavens and the earth shall pass away and be created anew. All these things are made plain in these ancient records, and are rolling on in fulfilment.

If the rulers and people will now inform themselves on these momentous principles, and fulfil the duties that have just been pointed out to them,

they will then be entitled to a continuation of the great national blessings and favors they have heretofore enjoyed; yea, and to more abundant and more excellent favors from the bountiful hand of *the One* who first raised them to the national greatness they now have. They will in that case be prospered and enlarged, and spread their dominion wise and more wise over this vast country, till not only Texas and Oregon, but the whole vast continent from sea to sea, will be joined with them, and come under their protection as one great, powerful, and peaceful empire of Liberty and Union.—Millions of people would also come from all nations, their silver and their gold with them, and would settle under their banner, till, in less than half a century from the present time, there would be upwards of a hundred millions of population, all united and free in the country; while civilization, arts, cultivation and improvement, would extend to the most wild regions of the continent, making the “wilderness like Eden, and the deserts like the garden of the Lord.” Or, if they will go still further, and obey the fulness of the gospel, they would then be entitled, not only to temporal blessings, but to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and thus be prepared to receive their king,—Messiah,—and to dwell for ever under his peaceful government in this excellent country.

But so long as they remain indifferent and ignorant on these principles, and so long as they continue to breathe out slanders, lies, envy, and murder against the Saints, and against the remnants of Israel, and to speak evil of and oppose the things which they understand not, so long the blood of the Saints and of the martyrs of Jesus must continue to flow; and the souls under the altar will continue to cry out “how long, Lord, will our blood be spilt on this guilty land; yea, till the great Messiah shall execute judgment for his Saints, and give them the dominion.

It is in vain to suppose that the sound of your muskets, the thunder of your cannons, the grating and rattle of your chains, the power of your bolts and bars, or the sharpness of your swords, will take away, or weaken the faith, hope, or knowledge of the Latter-day Saints. They *know* some facts—and these will continue to be *known facts*, when death, war, and calamity in their most horrid forms are raging around them. They cannot shut their eyes upon these facts to please their governors, their rulers, and the raging multitude.

We would now make a solemn appeal to our rulers, and other fellow citizens, whether it is treason to *know*, or even to publish what we *know*? If it is, then strike the murderous blow, but first listen to what we have to say.

We say, then, in life or in death, in bonds or free, that the great God has spoken in this age.—*And we know that.*

He has given us the holy priesthood and apostleship, and the keys of the kingdom of God, to bring about the restoration of all things as ever promised by the holy prophets of old.—*And we know that.*

He has revealed the origin and the records of the aboriginal tribes of America, and their future destiny.—*And we know that.*

He has revealed the fulness of the gospel, with its gifts, blessings, and ordinances.—*And we know that.*

He has commanded us to bear witness of it, first to the Gentiles, and then to the remnants of Israel, and the Jews.—*And we know that.*

He has commanded us to gather together his Saints, on this Continent, and build up holy cities and sanctuaries.—*And we know that.*

He has said, that the Gentiles should come into the same gospel and covenant, and be numbered with the house of Israel, and be a blessed people upon this good land for ever, if they repent and embrace it.—*And we know that.*

He has also said, that if they do not repent, and come to the knowledge of the truth, and cease to fight against Zion, and also put away all murder, lying, pride, *priestcraft*, whoredom, and uncleanness, they shall soon perish from the earth, and be cast down to hell.—*And we know that.*

He has said, that the time is at hand for the Jews to be gathered to Jerusalem.—*And we know that.*

He has said, that the ten tribes of Israel should also be revealed in the north country, together with their oracles and records, preparatory to their return, and to their union with Judah, no more to be separated.—*And we know that.*

He has said, that when these preparations were made, both in this country and in Jerusalem, and the gospel in all its fulness preached to all nations for a witness and testimony, He will come, and all his saints with him, to reign on the earth one thousand years.—*And we know that.*

He has said, that he will not come in his glory and destroy the wicked, till these warnings were given, and these preparations were made for his reception.—*And we know that.*

Now fellow citizens, if this *knowledge*, or the publishing of it, is *treason* or *crime*, we refuse not to die.

But be ye sure of this, that whether we live or die, the words of the testimony of this Proclamation which we now send unto you, shall all surely be fulfilled.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but not one jot or tittle of his revealed word shall fail to be fulfilled.

Therefore, again we say to all people, repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and shall know the truth, and be numbered with the house of Israel.

And we once more invite all you kings, presidents, rulers, judges, and people of the earth to aid us, the Latter-day Saints, and also the Jews, and all the remnants of Israel, by your influence and protection, and by your silver and gold, that we may build the cities of Zion and Jerusalem, and the

temples and sanctuaries of our God; and may accomplish the great restoration of all things, and bring in the latter-day glory.

That knowledge, truth, light, love, peace, union, honor, glory, and excellence, may fill the earth; together with eternal life and joy.

That death, bondage, oppression, wars, mourning, sorrow and pain, may be done away for ever from the land, and all tears be wiped from every eye in the country.

In fulfilment of the work assigned them, let the Saints throughout the world, and all others who feel an interest in the work of God, forward their gifts, tithes, and offerings, for the building of the temple of the Lord, which is now in progress in the city of Nauvoo, in the state of Illinois.

Let them also come on with their gold, and silver, and goods, and workmen, to establish manufactories and businesses of all kinds, for the building up of the city, and for the employment and support of the poor, and thus strengthen the hands of those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and who have made great sacrifices, and have suffered abundantly in laying the foundation of the kingdom of God, and moving on the work thus far.

We also make a solemn and an earnest request of all editors of newspapers, throughout this country, and all other countries, to publish this Proclamation. It certainly contains news of importance, especially for those who pray daily, "*Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.*"

President Wilford Woodruff, who superintends the publishing department of the Latter-day Saints, in Liverpool, England, is also requested to give this Proclamation a wide circulation throughout England, Scotland, Ireland, and the Isle of Man.

Elder Jones, our minister to Wales, is hereby instructed to publish the same in the Welsh language, and circulate it widely throughout that country.

It should also be translated into German, by some of our German elders, and published both in this country, and on the continent of Europe; also in Spanish and in French.

Our Norwegian elders in the branch at Norway, Illinois, should also translate and publish it in their language, both in this country and in Norway, in Europe.

Elder Addison Pratt, our Missionary to the Sandwich Islands, should also publish it there.

We also rely on our friends, the Jews, throughout the world, to give it a wide circulation in all their tongues and languages as much as they can.

And last, but not least, we would invite the editor of the *Cherokee Advocate*, and others of the remnant of Joseph, to publish the same, as extensively as possible in the Indian tongues.

We also will endeavor on our part, to publish at our office, No. 7, Spruce Street, New York, one hundred thousand copies of this PROCLAMATION, to

circulate in this country, gratis; and will do our best endeavors to send them to all governors, legislators, judges, and people, not forgetting the clergy.

*New York, April 6th, 1845.*

### TO THE WELSH READER.

The Welsh are informed that further information on our principles can be obtained from our preachers, who travel the length and breadth of the principality, without pay or compulsion; and whoever sees fit to make a contribution towards their needs, the Lord God of the earth and its fulness will bless them for it a hundredfold.

We would be glad to have opportunities, and a further call, to preach the eternal gospel, in the fulness of its gifts, and its blessings to our brothers and sisters of the same blood, among the mountains of Wales, gratis.

Let the readers notice that the foregoing Proclamation was composed in America, therefore, if some tendency can be found in the language which is thought to be inappropriate to this country, let it be remembered that it emanated from that country.

The reader is informed that I have published a Treatise recently in Welsh, entitled "THE ANCIENT RELIGION ANEW," showing the principles we believe. *Price sixpence.*

Also a Treatise, in answer to the main counter-arguments which are offered to disprove the doctrine we profess. *Price threepence.*

I ask the Welsh to reserve their judgment on our characters for a while yet, and they will have sufficient proofs that what was published about us in the "TRUE BAPTIST," the "STAR OF GOMER," "THE TIMES," &c., were lies. As there are several calumnies about us and our religion, published by men who refuse to publish the rebuttal, these will appear as short Treatises, as soon as convenient; these can be had from our preachers and several book-sellers throughout the country. And I do not doubt that Truth will be ready to give thanks as usual for the freedom of the Printing press. Let the Saints suffer a little more, and let the world bear with them; and they shall see that blessed is he who does not give his opinion rashly. May the merciful Lord bless every man, especially my dear fellow countrymen.

D. J.

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