

us that there is a great call for preaching in that section of country.

"Here is room (he says) for several Elders," he had baptized two worthy members, and many were anxiously enquiring into the work.

For the benefit of those who do not have the book of Mormon, and to stir up those who have, to peruse its valuable pages more strictly, we extract the following chapter.

And now I speak unto you, Joseph, my last born. Thou wast born in the wilderness of mine afflictions; yea, in the days of my greatest sorrow, did thy mother bear thee. And may the Lord consecrate also unto thee this land, for thine inheritance and the inheritance of thy seed with thy brethren, for thy security forever, if it so be that ye shall keep the commandments of the Holy One of Israel. And now, Joseph my last born whom I have brought out of the wilderness of my afflictions, may the Lord bless thee forever, for thy seed shall not utterly be destroyed.—For behold, thou art the fruit of my loins; and I am a decendant of Joseph, who was carried captive into Egypt. And great were the covenants of the Lord, which he made unto Joseph; wherefore, Joseph truly saw our day. And he obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of his loins, the Lord God would raise up a righteous branch unto the house of Israel; not the Messiah, but a branch was to be broken off; nevertheless, to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord, that the Messiah should be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in the spirit of power, unto the bringing of them out of darkness unto light; yea, out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom. For Joseph truly testified, saying: A seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a choice seer unto the fruit of my loins. Yea, Joseph truly said, thus saith the Lord unto me: A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins.—And unto him will I give commandment, that he shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren, which shall be of great worth unto them, even to the bringing of them to the knowl-

edge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers. And I will make him great in mine eyes: for he shall do my work. And he shall be great like unto Moses, whom I have said I would raise up unto you, to deliver my people, O house of Israel.—And Moses will I raise up, to deliver thy people out of the land of Egypt.—But a seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and unto him will I give power to bring forth my word unto the seed of thy loins: and not to the bringing forth my word only, saith the Lord, but to the convincing them of my word, which shall have already gone forth among them. Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins shall write; and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together, unto the confounding of false doctrines, and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers in the latter days; and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord. And out of weakness he shall be made strong, in that day when my work shall commence among all my people, unto the restoring thee, O house of Israel, saith the Lord. And thus prophesied Joseph, saying: Behold, that seer will the Lord bless; and they that seek to destroy him, shall be confounded: for this promise, of which I have obtained of the Lord, of the fruit of thy loins, shall be fulfilled. Behold, I am sure of the fulfilling of this promise. And his name shall be called after me; and it shall be after the name of his father. And he shall be like unto me; for the things which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand, by the power of the Lord shall bring my people unto salvation; yea, thus prophesied Joseph, I am sure of this thing, even as I am sure of the promise of Moses: for the Lord hath said unto me, I will preserve thy seed forever. And the Lord hath said, I will raise up a Moses; and I will give power unto him in a rod; and I will give judgment unto him in writing. Yet I will not loose his tongue, that he shall speak much: for I will not make him mighty in



speaking. But I will write unto him my law, by the finger of mine own hand; and I will make a spokesman for him. And the Lord said unto me also, I will raise up unto the fruit of thy loins; and I will make for him a spokesman. And I, behold, I will give unto him, that he shall write the writing of the fruit of thy loins, unto the fruit of thy loins; and the spokesman of thy loins shall declare it. And the words which he shall write, shall be the words which are expedient in my wisdom, should go forth unto the fruit of thy loins. And it shall be as if the fruit of thy loins had cried unto them from the dust: for I know their faith. And they shall cry from the dust; yea, even repentance unto their brethren, even after many generations have gone by them. And it shall come to pass that their cry shall go, even according to the simpleness of their words. Because of their faith, their words shall proceed forth out of my mouth unto their brethren, who are the fruit of thy loins; and the weakness of their words will I make strong in their faith, unto the remembering of my covenant which I made unto thy fathers.

And now, behold, my son Joseph, after this manner did my father of old prophesy. Wherefore, because of this covenant thou art blessed: for thy seed shall not be destroyed, for they shall hearken unto the words of the book.—And there shall raise up one mighty among them, who shall do much good, both in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith, to work mighty wonders, and to do that thing which is great in the sight of God, unto the bringing to pass much restoration unto the house of Israel, and unto the seed of thy brethren. And now, blessed art thou, Joseph. Behold, thou art little; wherefore, hearken unto the words of thy brother Nephi, and it shall be done unto thee, even according to the words which I have spoken. Remember the words of thy dying father. Amen.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

Mrs. Clarisy S. Smith, of Jacksonvil Morgan County Illinois, is very anxious to obtain information concerning her father and brother, Mr. Asa Ly-

man and Asa Lyman Jr. the last account from them was in August, 1838, they were then in the Maumee country Ohio.

Any information from them or from any person who may have any knowledge where they are, will greatly alleviate the family of a Daughter and friends.

Editors in that country are requested to notice the above.

#### IMPORTANT TO EDITORS.

The following is an extract from the instructions recently addressed to all the postmasters of the United States by the Postmaster General:

“Postmaters may enclose money in a letter to a publisher of a newspaper, to pay the subscription of a third person, and frank the letter, if written by himself.”

This liberal regulation will be highly advantageous to the interest of the newspaper press, and therefore favorable to the general distribution of public information.—N. Y. ERA.

POSTSCRIPT—Just as our paper was going to press, we received a letter from Philadelphia, stating that a conference had been held in that city, Jan. 14, at which J. Smith jr. and S. Rigdon presided; the work has got strong hold there; thousands believing. News from Washington, favorable as could be expected.

#### OBITUARY.

DIED—In Quincy, on the 13th of August Charles Son of Joseph & Phebe Knights, aged 2 years 9 months 10 days.

—In this Place Nov. 27, Sally Blodget, consort of Neuman Blodget aged 34 years.

—In Quincy, June 10th, 1839, Hyram K. Petagrew aged 18 years, 6 months.

—In Nashville, Lee county Iowa Territory, August 13th, 1839, Martha Elen, daughter, of James and Polly Goff aged 7 months and 25 days.

—In Nashville, September 12th 1839 Margeret Elizabeth, daughter of James and Polly Goff, aged 5 years 5 months and fifteen days.

—In Lee co. Iowa Territory, July 21st, 1839, John A. Wyman, son of John, and Polly Wyman, aged, 7 years, 19 days.

—Near Carthage, at the house of Noah Pachard. on the 16th of Oct. Miss Caroline Rogers, formerly from McDonough co. N. Y. aged, about 22 years.