

PART I.

A

CLOSING ROLL

FROM

HOLY AND ETERNAL WISDOM,

MOTHER ANN,

FATHER WILLIAM AND FATHER JAMES,

TO THE CHILDREN OF ZION.

PART II.

A

SACRED COVENANT

OF OUR HEAVENLY PARENTS,

SENT FORTH UPON EARTH TO THEIR CHILDREN, AT THE CLOSE OF THEIR LATE MAN-
IFESTATION, (ON THE HOLY MOUNT OF GOD,) FOR THE PURIFICATION OF ZION
AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF.

GIVEN BY INSPIRATION, IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY MOUNT OF GOD AT NEW LEBANON,

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 **TO BE KEPT SACRED BY ALL ZION'S CHILDREN.** 

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INTRODUCTION.

The following word, or roll, was firstly prepared by the hand of Holy Wisdom, and written upon parchment.

But as a very great share of the heavy sufferings and burden of the late manifestation had rested upon her daughter Ann, she has left a part of this roll, which was written on the first day of January, 1842, for her daughter Ann to fill out with her last words of instruction and solemn warning to her children, respecting many things, requesting her to set James, [Father James Whittaker,] to re-copy such parts of this roll, when filled out, as referred in a special manner, to all her Instruments, in the temple, in this part of Zion, on a beautiful GOLD PLATE, that it may there remain for ages.

But the remaining word upon the parchment, must go forth to the people, when her angels shall have finished reading all the rolls, and conveyed all the presents, which by us were designed to be bestowed upon the people on the HOLY MOUNT.

This is the order in which I require this roll to be handed forth to the people, saith Holy Wisdom, that all may know my will, and the will of their blessed Mother and heavenly Parents, respecting all the presents and individual notices, both for Instruments and others, that have been given out from the heavens above, at the close of this great manifestation to our children in this place.

This is in love and charity to you all, that you may so walk, as to be greatly benefited by that which you have received from a sacred and divine source.

New Lebanon, January 8, 1842.

PART I.

SECTION I.

The words of Holy Wisdom, drafted from the roll of parchment, on to the Golden Plate, for all the faithful Instruments in the Zion of God, by Father James, January 7, 1842, and read by the Reading Angel of Mother Ann, for mortal hand to write, January 27, 1842.

Come gather near, listen and understand, all ye Instruments, who have been called by the powers of heaven above, to sound forth words, hand-forth writings, or to convey presents of any kind; hearken I say, and hear the words of me, your Holy and Eternal Parent.

My words to you, as individuals, are now written upon this GOLD PLATE, together with the word of your blessed Mother Ann. And this we send to each and every one of you, as a rich present, and among the last of our solemn lessons of warning, for your instruction, that you may go safely while you sojourn in time below.

Also that you may know that you are owned and blessed of us for your faithful labors, through the late manifestation, and furthermore, that you have faithfully held out to the end, and finished your work according as we, in our wisdom did require.

And I, Holy Wisdom, do now address you, my little ones, first, with a short word of comfort and consolation, and then will follow a few words of solemn instruction.

I have, saith Wisdom, repeatedly, for more than four years past, hovered with my wings of wisdom, over this part of my Zion, which standeth on the Holy Mount of God, here on earth. I have with my Eternal Wisdom, through your

heavenly Parents, interposed both by night and by day, that the mortal Instruments, whom we had chosen and called to work for us, in this great manifestation, and who were obedient to our call, and commenced this work with cleansed hands and hearts well purified, might be safely directed, and protected from the subtle influence of false spirits, until this, our holy and sacred manifestation to the inhabitants on the Mount, should, in a measure be closed.

This I have done. None have been lost, but the disobedient and unfaithful. And now my little ones, I can speak unto you, as a body of faithful and true Instruments, my words of praise and consolation. You have well done your work, for you have followed the light of my eternal wisdom, through many gloomy and dismal clouds of darkness, until you have safely reached the line of demarkation, or bounds, prescribed by my holy and eternal wisdom, over which ye are not required to pass.

Here the ministering spirits, and the powers of the heavenly world above, must cease to administer in the line of inspiration, only through that medium which I, in my holy wisdom have appointed, through the order of my anointing, which is as the ladder, that Jacob, in ancient days did see, in a vision of God, that reached

from the earth into the heavens, upon which the angels of God were continually *descending* and *ascending*.

And the spirit and substance of this vision, is now in this your day fulfilled. And this avenue of communication, at the foundation, will remain open, until that Almighty Power and Wisdom that established it, closes the same.

And if any of you should ever be called upon by the Anointed, to labor further in this line, and you refuse to go through the pain and sufferings of both soul and body, necessary to prepare you for a true Instrument, I will blot your names out of the Book of Life; for you have all greatly tasted of the good word of God, and have been deeply baptised with the powers of the world to come.

And I have told my angels, to give unto each and every one of you, this GOLDEN PLATE, and a golden chain, with twelve diamond seals to put about your necks. Now receive ye this,

one and all, and be ye satisfied and thankful, with that notice which I, and your blessed Mother Ann, with the rest of your heavenly Parents, have bestowed upon you.

For it has not been our wisdom, or our intention to notice all of our Instruments just alike, or just as much to one as to another. But we did choose you in our wisdom, and we have noticed you in the same, according as ye have earned through suffering and tribulation.

Therefore let no murmuring feelings be heard by my little angels, that guard around your tents, lest they take from you all that has been given, and leave you with only a bare record of that which you possess not, but have lost through disobedience.

All that has been given you, if you are faithful and wise, may freely be used while you are in time, and when you enter eternity, you will be clothed with the same, saith Holy and Eternal Wisdom; so be ye comforted.

SECTION II.

Words of solemn warning and instructions, from Holy Wisdom, to be observed through life.

I now do give you solemn warnings, respecting the many dangers to which you will be exposed; therefore let them sink deep in your hearts, and keep them through time, and they will keep you from falling a prey to the adversary, who will, from this time henceforth, be very busily engaged to destroy such little ones among you, as will most easily fall a prey to his devouring grasp; and by that means he thinks to destroy the faith of many in the late work of God, and manifestation from the heavenly world.

My wisdom does forbid, that any of you, little

ones, should, in any way be conversing together upon the gifts of which you have been the bearers, or those that have been brought forth by others.

I do also forbid, that ye answer any of the people who seek in the line of disorder, to draw from you any knowledge respecting what you may know in relation to the bringing forth of this gift or that, by whom, through whom, when, or where, or in relation to any presents or farewell notices, that have been handed forth either to the Instruments or to the people,

so far as respects the medium through which they were given.

This is my wisdom, that these things may be kept in their sacred order; and all who may desire any further knowledge respecting them, must go to their Elders.

But remember, my little ones, there will evil spirits, yea, and wicked spirits often beset you from this time henceforth in this line, and many times slily work through those that pretend to be the true followers of Christ and of your blessed Mother. But be ye not deceived, or led astray by the enemy and crafty devices of Satan; for he will leave no means untried that is in his power, to make use of, to overthrow and destroy, even the faith of the Instruments themselves, in the late work to which they have been called; which he knows, full well, would not only destroy their own souls' salvation, but would make great shipwreck of faith and obedience, among the inhabitants of Zion generally.

And this is the great object of his pursuit, which he is striving and will strive still harder to accomplish. But hear ye my word; far better would it have been for that soul never to have had an existence, who has been used as an Instrument in this manifestation, and shall in any way hereafter, turn and betray their trust, by denying the present manifestation, which has been going on for about four years past.

If the Devil could accomplish his design by making an inroad among our chosen Instruments, either now or hereafter, here on the Holy Mount, what would be the loss and destruction he would cause in the more out parts of our Zion, who must be fed and nourished from this fountain? Surely it would be great.

Therefore does the voice of Wisdom cry aloud

at your gates, "*Watch ye your words, watch ye your ways and goings, from the rising of the sun to the setting of the same: watch ye that spirit by which ye are influenced, from the setting of the sun till the rising of the same.*"

Now if any of you, my little ones, get careless, and slumber into sleep, and the enemy cometh upon you, and makes a prey of your souls, and cuts you off from among my holy people, remember your situation in eternity will be like unto that of Judas, who betrayed his Lord and Master.

But I, Holy and Eternal Wisdom, have acted the part of a kind and tender Parent, in showing you the danger to which you will be exposed; and that, in due season, ye might shun the awful step.

My wisdom does furthermore require, that ye should all often bear testimony, in the power and gift of God, operating in your own souls, of the word, and to the work of your heavenly Parents, and to the pure gospel of your Mother.

If ye do not this, darkness and the power of evil, will by degrees become thicker and stronger, thicker and stronger, until it overshadows both your own souls, and the Zion of God. Think not to settle down, and not labor for the gifts of God, because this order or manner of communication with the spiritual world ceases, for if you do, you will surely lose the life of the gospel from your souls.

But by keeping alive in your duty, in the path of true obedience, and subjection to your visible Lead, the beautiful graces of the gospel, which you have gained through tribulation, in this manifestation, shall adorn and beautify you through time, and in the endless ages of eternity.

And if you will faithfully keep these sayings,

which are written upon your GOLD PLATE, though in the midst of darkness and tribulation, your days on earth will be bright and clear, saith Holy and Eternal Wisdom.

SECTION III.

Mother Ann's word upon the Gold Plate to those who have been called as Instruments.

O ye little ones, who have been called by me, your Mother, and by the powers of heaven above, to sound forth in the name of the sacred orders in heaven, the living truth to the inhabitants of Zion;

I say, hear and receive ye your Mother's word of comfort and consolation, for now my work in this manner is finished in this place, as respects the body of the people, as you all well know.

Therefore have I caused my word to be written upon the GOLD PLATE, with that of Holy Wisdom's, that you, my dear children, in whom I greatly delight, because of your beautiful simplicity, honest sincerity, and true devotedness of soul that you have shown for me, and the rest of your heavenly Parents, during this late manifestation, may forever have it in your souls, if you will be faithful, for your comfort and strength, through time and in eternity.

You have all passed through mortification and tribulation, for me, your Mother, and some of you have waded month after month, and year after year, under as much tribulation as your souls could carry.

And this you have done, because you loved me, your Mother, and was willing to lay down your natural lives, rather than disobey or displease your Mother. And how think ye, dear children, can my love be expressed for such souls? Mortal tongue cannot do it. You have

been patient in tribulation and have not fainted by the way.

But as Holy Mother did say unto you, so can I in truth say, you have held out to the end faithful and true, and have reached the destined point allotted by Him who overruleth in the heavens above, and in the habitations of Zion on earth.

Therefore do I breathe upon you peace, love and good will, and with this, power to overcome every enemy to your soul's prosperity; yea as Christ breathed upon his disciples, that they might receive the Holy Ghost, so do I breathe upon you as I leave you; for you have been my chosen disciples through this manifestation, and nothing but your unfaithfulness will ever take away your discipleship in this respect.

And now, dear children, I have brought a present unto you: this is a large GOLDEN CROSS, and this I have told my reading angel to place upon each and every one of your breasts, before he left; and from the ends of this cross, is extended a shining band of silver over your shoulders, and back under your arms, to the cross again; and on the cross is written "GOOD OBEDIENT CHILDREN, AND FAITHFUL INSTRUMENTS IN THE HANDS OF YOUR MOTHER AND HEAVENLY PARENTS."

So when ye hear this word, you must all come forward, and kneel down in the alley,

while my angels place upon your heads this GOLD PLATE, and the gold chain with its twelve seals about your necks; also this shining gold cross upon your breasts; and after standing on your knees a few minutes, you may bow four times; then repeat the following words, **We will forever wear the Golden Cross of our blessed Mother.**

These words, above spoken, repeat with three bows, and then return to your places.

Now my dear little children, receive this from me, as the last present from a kind and tender Mother. I have noticed you all individually, and have given you rich presents from heaven.

And you must be careful now, that the adversary does not buffet you, and cause you to feel trials because you think some other one has received a little more notice from me than what you have.

I have given unto every one of you, according to my wisdom, and according to the travel and measure of sufferings that you have passed through, in this manifestation, for me your Mother. This has been my intention from the beginning: I have not left this for mortals to do, as some caviling spirits have already supposed.

But all these individual notices, and presents which have been handed forth, now at the closing of my work, I did carry with my own hands, and did cause my little angels to carry, and lay upon the elder brethrens' table, in their dwelling room, in the first order, between the twenty fifth day of December, 1841, and the eighth day of January, 1842.

And I gave my Instrument, (whom Holy Mother had appointed, in union with the Ministry and Elders, to finish and see to the closing

of my work in this place,) charge concerning them, though some of these I have offered in other places, but they were not properly understood.

And though we shall leave this place with your beloved Ministry, and accompany them to Wisdom's Valley, yet hath Holy Wisdom appointed, in union with the Anointed, that we should leave our reading angels to correctly read, for such Instruments, as are appointed in the line of order, to write, until they shall have ample time to finish, and close all the writings necessarily connected with the ending of my work in this place, according to my will.

And for all of you who have been called to spend your time and strength by day and by night, to finish my work, says Mother, according to my requirement, I have placed in the hands of each of your little reading angels, a golden medal, with my likeness, and a double portion of my thanks, love and blessing engraven thereon.

This the angels shall place in your right hands, when you receive the other presents, for you have not been to work in obedience to your own natural feelings, but you have been to work to please me, your Mother, and obey my voice; and you have been faithful and good Instruments, to write my little rolls and notices, that all my children might have a comforting word from me, their Mother.

I have also placed in the hands of my little angels, a silver plate, with the golden ark and covenant of safety engraven thereon: this, the angels will place in the right hand of all the Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses in the temple.

This I have given them as a reward for their patience and forbearance, which they have shown

from the beginning of my work, to the present day, and in a special manner, in the closing of the same.

And now, my dear little ones, such of you as feel troubled in your spirits, because you think you have not at all times, so readily obeyed the call of your Mother and heavenly Parents as you ought to have done, hear the words of your kind and feeling Mother.

You need no longer be troubled, my little ones, on that account, for you have not willfully rebelled against my work, nor fought against my gospel. Your Mother knows the feelings you have had to feel, as well from those that surround you, as from your heavenly Parents.

Also the careful and reserved feelings of your beloved Ministry and Elders, which were indispensably necessary for them to feel, that our chosen Instruments, in this great manifestation, might not be carried beyond the bounds of protection, and by that means come under loss.

But all these things, my little ones, your Mother knows you have, in your youthful and inexperienced travel, had to meet, which, many times did weigh upon your little spirits like mountains of lead.

And many times had you given way to your

natural feelings, which all inherit from their births, you would have strongly set your feelings against ever speaking another word for me your Mother, or any of your heavenly Parents in the line of inspiration.

But, little ones, you must remember at such times, I have sent my little comforting angels to help dispel those bad feelings, so that you should not be left to fight against my influence, though some of you, might, for a long time feel more bound, cramped and straightened in those things, than you otherwise would have done.

Yet, remember dear children, that in such great gifts and manifestations as have been given of late, these feelings to a certain extent are very necessary. For the altar of wisdom is placed on earth, and the power and means for the protection of those in natural bodies are placed in the hands of the visible Lead.

Therefore your Mother knows how to consider you all in these things, and if you have made any mis-steps in such respects, you are all now freely forgiven; and by walking in perfect obedience to your visible Lead hereafter, you shall always be my pretty little children, and I will be your loving Mother, through time, and in the world to come.

SECTION IV.

Mother Ann's last words of solemn warning and instruction, written upon the Gold Plate for all her Instruments.

Come, all ye my little ones, and gather around your Mother, and hear my last and solemn words of instruction unto you. The heavens were opened and your Mother, with the rest

of your heavenly Parents, ministering angels, and justified spirits did descend therefrom, to the inhabitants of Zion on earth. And by the seal of Holy Wisdom's approbation, did I call

you to stand as mediators, mouths or instruments in our hands, to convey from the invisible, to the visible, and when necessary, from the visible to the invisible.

You have stood as the connecting link of immediate communication between those in eternity and those in time; and the most part of you have been in this sacred position and attitude of spirit for near, or between three and four years past.

But the time has arrived in the order of God's wisdom, again to close the heavens with the same power by which they were first opened, that is, as it respects the body of my people in this place.

Therefore have we often expressed ourselves, as you well know, of returning to our mansions in heaven, no more to work on earth, as we have done; this is true.

But you must all remember that we have only intended such like expressions as immediately referred to the closing of this work, in that part of Zion, which is located upon the Holy Mount.

Therefore as a body of people, dwelling on the Holy Mount, the veil between those in eternity and those in time, is again drawn, and the general avenues again closed, as it respects our immediate manifestation.

But we may yet have much to do in other societies before the work which God has allotted, is completed; therefore none need to think strange if they should hear that Holy Wisdom, or any of their heavenly Parents, are at work in societies, either east or west.

But the time of our departure from all the societies in Zion, will be hastened according to the wisdom of Holy Mother.

So now, my little ones, you are required to gather home to your beloved Elders; look there for your strength, protection and support. Labor to support a free and godly union with your equals, brethren and sisters.

But mind that ye do not enter into conversation with them, respecting the gifts, that have been brought forth in this manifestation.

And I do forbid each and every one of you, who may have a desire so to do, says your Mother, from taking any means, direct or indirect, to let others know that you, yourselves or others, were the bearers of such gifts or communications, or to answer any such like questions, one side of your beloved Lead, according as Holy Mother hath strictly commanded you.

And they that disregard and slight my word unto them, will lose all these blessings and presents, which I have bestowed upon them, lose their travel and fall out of the work of God.

And I furthermore say unto you, my little ones, keep humble and low, pursue a straight forward course, and keep your souls from being stained with actual sin; love purity, love the gifts of God.

And when you feel, see or hear frowns, sneers, scoffs, or rubs, from this one or that, in respect to the work of the late manifestation, in which you have been called, suffer it not, in any way, to dishearten or bind your souls, or cause a certain shameful glow of feelings, respecting the simplicity, or the operations and exercises in which I have required you to go forth in this work; or any power that may hereafter operate upon your bodies; or any gift of simplicity that you may feel.

For remember this is the very way that the devil will work behind the curtain; (that

is so long as he can keep there,) and he will work in this way, through such Instruments as he can employ in his service.

But, on the other hand, you must let all such things serve to increase your zeal, simplicity and energy and to redouble your testimony, both in public and private against the power of evil, and the subtil workings of the serpent.

And as Christ said unto his disciples, so do I say unto you, my little ones, go ye forth and be as harmless as doves, yet wise as serpents. And know ye, my dear children, that the adversary will narrowly watch your steps, to get the advantage of you, and will many times cast back between your teeth, the very words that ye have spoken in my name, and in the name of the rest of your heavenly Parents.

And whenever this may hereafter occur from any individual, who shall presume to make inquiries of the name or the work of their heavenly Parents in this line, answer not back again to the one so speaking, but go to your Elders, and there honestly open it, and in so doing the adversary shall get no advantage over you.

I bind this strictly upon my Instruments who are under thirty years of age, as they will be the most exposed in this line to receive, from the spirit of evil, the boldest attacks of this sort.

But be faithful, my little ones, cause your feet to walk in strait paths. Suffer wrong rather than do wrong. Be truly obedient to your Lead, as I have told you, and the devil with all his emissaries and imps, from the infernal regions, shall never overthrow your souls, nor destroy your love to your Mother.

But if you depart a little upon the right hand or upon the left, remember your path will be-

come more and more slippery, until you fall, and can rise no more in the beauty of your Mother's gospel.

Always be thankful for a privilege to bear testimony that you do love your Mother, you love her word, you love her work.

Now if you will be wise, my little ones, while you are passing through time, you have gained by your faithfulness in this manifestation, a large, bright shining star, that shall never be taken from your crowns.

But if you are unfaithful, you will be far worse off, both here and hereafter, than those who have not had so great a privilege in this manifestation as you have.

I do furthermore require that all of you, who have had particular notices on the account of being Instruments should keep that to yourselves, for the present, until your Elders give you liberty to show them to your room mates.

But none of these sacred notices, or parting words of your Parents, are to be carried to your shops, only by special liberty of your Elders; but keep them in your dwelling rooms and read them in remembrance of me, your Mother, and the rest of your heavenly Parents.

Your work, now, in this line of inspiration is finished, and it is well done. I thank you, I love you, and bless you all, for the same. What sacred rolls or writings there are further to be written, will be done in the order which holy Wisdom has provided for the same.

So receive again the love and thanks of all your heavenly Parents for your faithful perseverance to the end. I can now look upon you with pleasure and delight, for resigning to crosses and confining yourselves to writing the many little rolls that my angels have read unto you, ac-

according to the requirement of Holy Wisdom and me your Mother.

This GOLD PLATE is a very large one, and is covered all over, out side and in, with writing, as fine as your beloved Father James could write.

This PLATE is given to you all, and when any of you desire to read what is upon it, you may go to your Elders, and ask them to be so kind as to let you see; for hereafter you will not be able to see, without your Elders' help, to read minutely that which is written on the PLATE, but your Elders will have a record of all that is written thereon.

So live in peace, in heart and mind be one,
And do as I have said;

Then unto me your souls shall come,
When from the earth your spirit's fled.
In me you'll find a Mother dear,
A Parent kind and true,
So I leave good angels your way to cheer,
Until with things of time you're through.

This little verse Father James has written upon the very edge of the Plate. And thus ends the word upon the GOLD PLATE.

It is my desire, that the Elders would keep a copy of this; and when the Instruments have a desire to read it, give them an opportunity as your wisdom may direct, says;

Mother Ann.

SECTION V.

The words of Holy and Eternal wisdom written upon the roll of parchment for the people dwelling within the Temple.

Draw near, O ye indwellers of this foundation part of Zion, and hear my last and solemn words of warning unto you.

Of all the different parts of Zion, none have been so greatly noticed as you that dwell in this place.

None have been so thoroughly swept and cleansed, without and within as you, that inhabit the temple. And there are none in Zion's habitations, saith Holy Wisdom, that will be beset more strongly, with the power of evil to destroy than will those who dwell on the Holy Mount.

And this he will do in various ways and means. But as winter follows summer so will this power and influence follow the great work and bright

manifestations of God, that have of late been among you.

I, even I, Holy Wisdom have twice condescended to come and visit you, and bestow a blessing upon all such as had humbled themselves according to my request, by cleansing their hands and purifying their hearts, as your Mother has always directed from the beginning.

Many of you did I find, in my last manifestation, humbly seated in the vale of humiliation and true repentance; and some of you did I find still soaring on the lofty regions of a self-will, and a fallen polluted nature.

And I did, through ministering spirits, entreat of you to gather down, to gather home, and

work in your own hearts, before the harvest was past and the summer ended, and your souls not truly cleansed at last. I did require your Elders to stand as witnesses between your souls and me your Eternal Parent.

And many of you have said within yourselves, "Why should Holy Mother require a witness, if she knoweth all things? Why should the Elders be required to tell her, whether they felt satisfied with me or not? Why should my case be left to mortals, when there was a power so much superior, come forth upon earth, (or pretendedly so,) to judge it?"

I do not see why Holy Mother wants the Elders to help her; if it is really the power that it is said to be, I'm sure there would be no need of mortals helping."

So have some of you, after this sort reasoned in your hearts, since my last manifestation; but the number is few in the Temple who have done this thing or hearkened to the caviling spirit in this line.

And I am thankful that it is so, for the sake of those who sincerely desire to sacrifice all, that they may win Christ, and find a peaceable mansion of rest in my holy kingdom.

Now give ear, O ye people and understand my word. Be prudent and saving of that which ye have gathered in this manifestation, do not throw it away, do not waste it, for if ye do, remember my word, the day will come that ye will starve for the want of it.

For the winter, is not the harvest season. The great harvest season with you, O ye people, is now passed. And ye have been told by your blessed Mother, and those with her, from the commencement of this harvest, to lay up an abundance in store, against the time of need. And

all such as have done this, have obeyed the voice of their heavenly Parents, and such as have not must suffer hunger, as the righteous and just consequence.

Remember, O ye children of Zion, that ye have been instructed in almost every respect, and that too, direct from the heavens. Never before was there a people on earth so highly favored in this respect as you have been. Therefore is the accountability resting upon you, as much greater as has been your privilege.

Remember all ye people, that I Holy Wisdom, plainly testify unto you, that we, in the order of OUR ETERNAL BRIGHTNESS and POWER, work by means; and that order, which by our wisdom we have established for the protection of souls, is the order by which we work; and no soul can ever enter our heavenly kingdom, only such as are justified by that order.

And this I have done, that you all might learn a lesson not to be forgotten. If you ever enter the gates of my heavenly kingdom, it will have to be in perfect union with that order and anointing which is placed before you, for your soul's protection, while in the visible body; for there is not, and never will be, any other order established, by which souls can enter through the door into the peaceable kingdom of Christ.

Therefore I have reminded you of that order in my visitation; for in that order, or anointing, is held the keys that Christ gave to Peter; and whatsoever on earth is loosed by this order, shall be loosed in heaven; and whatsoever on earth is bound by this order, shall be bound in heaven.

It is not the mortal bodies of flesh and blood that have this power; but it is our holy, saving and anointing power;

vested in the immortal part, while yet its dwelling is in a tabernacle of flesh and blood.

Holy and Eternal Wisdom does rejoice in the increase of Zion's children. The very least cross that a soul takes up to obey the gospel, and travel in the path of purification, is noticed by my little angels, and wafted before my throne, and a record of it is kept. Therefore, remember, day by day, when trials and crosses line your way, that much I shall set down to your credit, if you will take them up cheerfully.

Also the moments you spend whether at home or abroad in breathing forth prayers to God, or in silent contemplation upon heavenly things, are recorded by my holy angels. And they that faithfully do their duty with their hands and at the same time give their hearts to God, by placing their desires upon heavenly things, will be able every night to load my angels with sweet smelling incense, to bring before my throne, and this they never fail to do when a soul has thus spent its time through the day.

So does Holy and Eternal Wisdom, who is one with the GREAT FIRST CAUSE of all created things, delight to notice the most minute action, when performed in obedience to her righteous will.

If not one hair of your heads falleth to the ground, without your Heavenly Father's notice, then consider ye that it is impossible for any action of your lives, whether good or bad, to pass unnoticed. But it is the greatest delight of my holy angels, to notice and record the good and virtuous actions.

I solemnly warn you, my little ones, against the evil workers that prowl around your borders.

Much evil, and many abominations have been purged from the Temple. But hear my words and understand; they are closely watching an opportunity to return and again sow their poisonous seed of corruption. But watch, yea, watch from sun to sun, that the adversary entereth not your habitations, nor breaketh out among you, yea even in your own dwellings and that as a viper; and what I say unto you, I say unto all, watch and pray, that ye be not overcome with temptation, but that ye may be delivered therefrom.

I do require, saith Holy Wisdom, that all ye people who have received written notices from the spiritual world, should now keep them sacred and choice; do not have them round among you as common things, but keep them in your dwelling rooms; and when you read them labour to derive comfort, strength and support therefrom, for they are the last that you will receive in time in this line. I warn you dear children to keep sacred things in their sacred order.

It is my will that the general record of all the sacred writings be finished as soon as consistent, according to the order that was sent forth for that purpose, and that when finished, all the manuscripts, be carefully packed away, in the possession of the Holy Anointed in the meeting house.

The books of record to be kept by the ministry, and as far by the Elders, as they may think proper; and in their wisdom be read to the people, when, and at such times, as they may feel they may do the most good.

And I, Holy Wisdom, do strictly forbid that any soul, whether small or great, who has received any written notices from the spiritual world, either much or little, should in any way

divulge the same to the children of this world, or carry them off, if they themselves should turn back to the ways of sin.

This is WISDOM'S HOLY LAW, and if any souls presume to break it, they shall, in the eternal world, suffer double punishment for all the transgressions of their lives. Understand my sayings all ye people; these holy and sacred presents that have been handed forth from the spiritual world, have all been given you, on these conditions, that if you remain faithful in the work of God to the end of your days, these presents are yours through time.

If not, neither the presents, or a record of the same is in any wise yours; for when you have lost your obedience, and departed in spirit from the gift of God, then do these sacred things become as pearls before swine, and this our sacred order does forbid.

And I do strictly enjoin it upon the Elders, as a strict commandment, that when any of the members are evidently departing in their daily walk from the way and work of God, and gathering to themselves the spirit of insubordination to their visible Lead, it shall be your indispensable duty, to take these pieces of sacred writings from them and keep them until they humbly repent, and again turn and walk in strict obedience to their teaching; and humbly seek to have the sacred treasure returned to them again.

And no one is to keep two copies of these sacred notices; one copy is sufficient for any individual, and if any have more than this they must return it to their Elders.

And when any one dies, it shall be the duty of the Elders, to gather up all such writings of a sacred nature and take care of them, that

they be not scattered about, and perhaps lost, or picked up by some evil-minded person to do mischief with.

But let these sacred writings be strictly kept in their order, until, in our Eternal Wisdom, the time hath arrived for the great ones of the earth to bow before Zion's gates, to know, and do her will.

And this may not be as many ages distant, from the present period, as some of you may apprehend. But in our own time will the eyes of nations be turned towards the "LITTLE STONE" cut out of the mountain, without hands, saith Holy Wisdom.

© my little flock of your blessed Mother's care, cleave to God and to his Christ; let the commandments of your heavenly Parents, in this pure gospel, be all and all to fill your souls; build with nought but that which has been tried in the fire of the gospel, for nothing else can stand in the day of trial, that awaits Zion's inhabitants.

Remember, ye little ones of your Mother, that you have had so great a harvest of late from the spiritual world, that you are not able in the present time, to sense, but in a small degree the value of these things, as you will be in a short time hence: for now unto you the days of this great manifestation are accomplished.

O ye children of the Most High God, who dwell upon the Holy Mount, saith Wisdom, I have hovered over you for good, and would have gathered every one of you under my wings as a hen gathereth her chickens, and sealed you with my eternal seal of protection, *bn si lo si lo vaster re lon*, I would not, because ye would not be gathered: some few I

say, whose feet in the paths of true obedience are strangers, time will clearly show.

But be ye comforted my children, for I speak words of peace and love unto you. All ye who truly stand and walk in justification and have been gathered under my wings, have taken to yourselves the bread and the waters of eternal life, that will never be taken from you, but you will live a life to God; and when you enter eternity, you will be able to meet your heavenly Parents in peace. So be ye encouraged, this number is many, and my holy power and protection shall be their constant guard. I say, and understand ye my words, there are none now numbered within the walls of this part of Zion, but what may, if they will, finish their days in time, in true obedience to their Mother's gospel. I say there is not now any numbered among you, but what are in that situation, they can do this if they will.

But remember, dear children, though Judases should arise among you, yet will I, with my arm of protection, lead you on to the mansions of the redeemed, to the abodes of your blessed Mother; for I have gathered you under my wings and they that want my protection, my love and my blessing must here remain; and here they will be safe. Though mountains do sink around you, and valleys rise in sight, or blood to blood doth run, yet under my holy wings ye shall be safe. Now will ye all remember this promise of your Holy and Eternal Mother, and walk so exact as never to forfeit it, by any known disobedience? If you will, dear children, you may number PLEIADES seven times, and that will not arrive before the period of time shall come, that you will feel this protection which I now promise you in my last and

parting message, to be worth more than many such worlds as this, in which you live.

I do furthermore, as a kind and tender Parent, warn you, dear children, to keep the sacred order and counsel, that has been given you from heaven respecting all these sacred gifts and writings; and those who have been used as Instruments in bringing them forward.

Remember that I Holy Wisdom, do strictly forbid, that any should ask them questions, one side of their Elders, concerning these things, whether it be in relation to gifts which they themselves have brought forth, or that of others; but love and bless them as ye desire that others would love and bless you. And never allow yourselves, in any way, to cant in words of slurs upon them, because they have been used as Instruments in this; our late manifestation.

If they are out of the way, and you get displeased with them, this way or that, and are overcome to vent your feelings in words to them, see that you make no kind of mention whatever, of the sacred order of this work, or of that sacred calling to which they have been called. Upon this ground you will be greatly exposed.

Therefore as a kind and tender Parent, have I condescended to warn you with my own mouth, for if any should do this, they will surely cast themselves from under the wings of my protection.

But go together in love, dwell together in my peace, be of one heart and all pull one way, towards the kingdom of your God. Keep my sayings and keep the sayings of all your heavenly Parents, and all the powers of earth and hell cannot destroy you.

Always be thankful for a privilege to join with every testimony that strikes against an evil nature, whether in yourselves, or in others; this will be a great help and strength to your own souls. No young persons who are called to dwell in the church, who are between the ages of eighteen and forty, should ever suffer themselves to go longer than three months, without bearing a solemn testimony in meeting against all manner of sin; and much oftener than this would be still better, if done in a proper sense. And it is my desire, beloved Ministry and Elders, that you in your wisdom would labor to have this thing attended to, where it has not been. For you will hereafter find this to be of great use in keeping the body of the sense alive to God.

Every one should assemble in that state to worship God, that they can be a help in administering a gift one to another, and this can always be done in good order and harmony. You should not wholly rely upon your Elders, when you come to meeting, and expect they will give you a gift, whether you have labored for one or not: this would be unjust, and your souls in this kind of sense would suffer barrenness and poverty. So be wise my little ones, and my blessing will be with you, and my wings will be over you.

Our Holy and Eternal Wisdom, with our own hands, and through your blessed Mother Ann, and heavenly Parents, have now brought the inhabitants of Zion, in the temple, right, or

to that state which we in our eternal wisdom, in the beginning of this manifestation, had designed to bring them; where we could establish our eternal laws and orders, with our waymarks of safety in the hearts of the people. This has now been done, and our wise purposes fulfilled. These are now established where the power of the adversary can never overthrow them, nor blot them out.

And now, O ye lambs of your Mother's fold, each one and all, I, Holy Wisdom have sent on this parchment the record of my last and parting present. The angel that readeth this roll for mortal hand to write, shall convey this present into the Elders' hands, when this roll is read.

This is a gold and crimson colored box, filled full with red and white wafers or seals. And all over the age of sixteen years, who can say in truth they are ready, and forever will stand in that situation that they will readily seal the truth of this testimony of their blessed Mother's gospel by their own blood, if called so to do, may come to their Elders, and upon their knees receive a seal, and eat it up, for I shall record the name of every one that takes this seal.

So farewell, my little ones,
Objects of Holy Mother's love;
My wings extend, my arm has come
To lead you safe, to realms above.

From

Holy Mother Wisdom.

SECTION VI.

The last and parting words of instruction and kind entreaties of Mother Ann, to her children in the Temple, written upon the roll of parchment with Holy Mother's word.

My dear children, who have found favor in the sight of your Holy and Eternal Parents, and to whom my soul is bound in golden cords of love, will you condescend this once, with open hearts to hear and understand the word which my own mouth hath dictated upon this roll of parchment? for this will be the last that you can receive direct from me, your Mother.

O my dearly beloved children, have ye not all received from me a parting word of consolation, in a little book, and does not this feel more rich than earthly treasures of either gold or silver?

Yea, Mother, your spirits will often say, and so they do; they feel to you now more rich than any earthly treasure whatever. But, dear children, these things cannot feel any more precious, near or dear to you, than your souls feel to me; nay, in no wise; the nearest and dearest objects of my love, are such as daily labor to keep my gospel unspotted, and promote the same heavenly zeal in others.

Did you think, O ye little ones of my love, that the spirit of a kind and tender Mother could leave you, with whom she had spent so many days in scenes of sorrow and tribulation; with whom she had walked hand in hand, for more than three long years, spending many an hour in your kind embraces, feasting with her little ones on the holy things of God, and then bid you adieu, without leaving each of you

her last and parting word of consolation and love, and that in a form that ye could look upon it in days to come, when her voice you could no longer hear?

Nay, dear children, this a kind and tender Mother could not do, for I should have grieved in my spirit, if I had returned to my mansion in the heavens above, and not answered the prayers, the most hearty and sincere desires of my children in this respect.

Yea, says Mother, and you my dear children who yet sojourn upon the earth, would have also grieved in tribulation with me, and the rest of your heavenly Parents; for we have all been most delightfully engaged in preparing the rolls to compose these little books, for our dearly beloved and faithful children who dwell upon the Holy Mount.

Your loving Mother's voice did sound and resound through the habitations of her children, inviting them to press on, press on, and faint not by the way; that you would in so doing soon join her in the mansions of her God and your God, in the heavenly world above; where your weary souls should rest in peace from the toilsome things of time, and where the wicked must cease from troubling the righteous.

We have often spoken, says Mother, in our different communications, in the closing days of our work among you, of the words that we

were then speaking, as being the last, meaning that they were among the last, and closing communications of our work.

As we have spoken in the Covenants which we have written for our children, they are worded as our last and parting word, for such they are to all, save those in Zion's Centre.

This communication is unto you as the covenants are unto them. I know not, says Mother that I shall ever again make another direct communication to my children in this place.

And you, beloved children, all must reasonably know that it was utterly impossible for me and the rest of your heavenly Parents, to finish their work, and cause all the rolls, presents and communications, which they had prepared in the heavens, for their children on earth in this place, and which would have to be written by mortal hand, through such means as we had provided for that purpose.

I say this was utterly impossible to be done in proper order, in the short space of time that was allotted us before your beloved Ministry left here for Wisdom's Valley, at which time we were to leave also. And the Instruments that were appointed to finish our work, were desirous, and had been for some weeks, as were also the Ministry and Elders, to have this portion of it deferred for a short season.

Therefore, did we prepare all these things, and send them forth, before the hour of our departure had come, and these rolls and communications bear the date when they were by us prepared, or the time we handed them forth to mortal Instruments, to be written as fast as they could consistently be done; and for this purpose, (as I have before told you;) did I, with your Holy and Eternal Mother, provide

means through the medium of our reading angels, and in union with the Holy Anointed on earth, for all these things to be correctly written, just the same as though your heavenly Parents had all remained here until this was all completed.

So dear children, if any of you have been troubled with buffetings, on this ground, you may now be wholly released from them. As this manner in which my work has been finished, as respects immediate inspiration, is not a plan of the Instruments' devising, but it is a way that I, your Mother, laid out as I have before told you, that my dear children in this place might be comforted with a written word from me, individually, where they otherwise could not have been.

So I have clearly spoken of these things, my dear children, that you may all know how to feel right, as this is the greatest source of joy and delight to your kind and loving Mother, to know and feel that her dear children on earth, at all times feel right towards her and towards each other. So now I think, beloved little ones, I have given you a clear understanding why my work has been finished in the order that it has.

And now, dear children, I feel it my duty, as a kind and tender Parent, (and as the last, for aught I know, that I shall ever bestow upon you in this line,) briefly to cite your minds to take a serious and solemn review of the greatness of that privilege which you have had for four years past; a privilege which God, in his mercy, has granted to his people while yet dwelling in mortal clay, to be joined hand in hand with the heavenly hosts, and to converse face to face with holy angels; and to receive almost daily

instruction, direct from the mouth of me, your kind and tender Mother, and from the mouths of all the rest of your heavenly Parents. Pause for a moment, dear children, and consider the greatness of that day and privilege, through which you have been passing, and the boundless condescension and charity of an Almighty God on your behalf, that you might not be left a prey to the power of evil, that was fast making inroads among you, my little ones.

Do consider, dear children, that your God is a God of love, of charity and of long forbearance; and I entreat of you, as a kind and feeling Parent, never, O never, nay, never again to weary the patience of an Almighty God, by a hard and unbelieving heart. Nay never, O never again be guilty of that sin, while the youngest person, who is now in the hearing of the sound of your Mother's voice, is upon the earth. If you cannot refrain for your own souls' sake, do, my little ones, refrain for the sake of your Mother, and for Zion's sake, that the judgments of an Almighty God be not poured forth upon her.

I know that the most part of you, my dear children, who reside in this part of Zion, would lay down your lives, under the most excruciating and painful tortures, before you would deny me your Mother, or renounce my gospel; and by this faith you are endeared and brought nigh to the heavenly hosts in eternity. But there are many, who are now in the meridian of life, and in their youthful days, that have not yet passed through the days of their heaviest trial. But the strength that will be given to every faithful soul, will be sufficient for the day of trial thereof.

So be ye encouraged, my dear children, be

ye not faint-hearted nor cast down, but go on your way rejoicing, in gratitude and thankfulness to God, for that great privilege which has been granted you, remembering at the same time, that God is able, and will surely fulfill all his promises of strength and protection, to every true and honest hearted child that walks in obedience day by day.

His hand will not be shortened, that it cannot save, nor his strength and power withdrawn that it cannot protect, all who walk worthy of his special notice and blessing. Now dear children, I would cite your minds back to the days of Moses, when by the command of God he led the children of Israel out from under the bondage and servitude of Egypt, and see if you can find any thing recorded in the sacred volume, respecting the manifestations of God, through Moses, to that people, for their protection from the power of the surrounding nations, (their natural enemies,) but what is predicated wholly upon this proviso, that they must walk in strict and true obedience to his revealed will through Moses.

And furthermore, see if you can find one instance where they were truly obedient according to the best of their understanding, but that the previous promises of God were unto them verified to the full extent, and that too in various ways and manners, for which no natural means nor mortal power, could possibly render any reason, save this; that for their true obedience, the overruling hand of providence smote their enemies before them.

And so shall it be with the inhabitants of Zion on earth in these latter days; if they will keep the revealed statutes of heaven, and obey their visible Lead, the hand of God will be stretched

out over them, for their protection, and his righteous arm shall lead them on in his eternal wisdom. A cloud of light and pillar of fire, shall show to the surrounding nations where the power of the Most High does dwell.

So dear children, remember these my words, and this my promise unto you, when ye hear my voice no more. Though you should be cast into the midst of a fiery furnace, or into the depths of the foaming ocean, if you will walk in true obedience, this ARM, that is stretched out, shall be your sure and never failing protection. But on the other hand, it will be withdrawn and heavy judgments will ensue; the Canaanites around Zion shall have power to scourge and afflict, to scourge and afflict, and lead into captivity many of the inhabitants thereof; yea they will surely become as briars in their eyes, and as thorns in their sides.

But I pray to my God, dear children, that none of you may ever be so unwise as to depart from under this ARM of protection, by pursuing your own ways or your own wills. All of you, my dear children, says Mother, who now dwell in this place, according to the established order of God for the protection of Zion, you stand first, as the center or leading part; therefore you, as a body, must come the nighest, and be the most deeply baptised into the spirit and image of his eternal brightness, or in other words, you are called to stand in the nearest relation to that body of holy angels that surround his eternal throne, of any people that ever existed as a body, upon the earth.

And for this reason, O dearly beloved children, are we your heavenly Parents thankful to spend and be spent for your sakes, that ye may always stand and appear as apples of gold set

in pictures of silver, in the eyes of God your Heavenly Father.

Nay, dear children, there has never been a day, since your Mother, or those who labored on earth with her, laid down their earthly tabernacles, and entered the eternal mansions of the just in the heavenly world above, but that we could have willingly returned again to earth, if it had been God's will, and once more drank the bitter cup of sufferings and tribulation, if by that means we could have established the feet of Zion's children, with that degree of firmness, upon that foundation which God hath laid, that in after days they would not have strayed; I again repeat, dear children, this we would have willingly done, if it had been God's will.

So dearly beloved, you may all know of a truth, that the love of your kind and tender Mother, the love of your heavenly Parents and the love of God through them to you is very great, that which no mortal tongue can tell, nor pen describe; were it not so, we never could have been granted the privilege of walking hand in hand with you on earth, as we have for four years past.

Yea, dear children, many are the days I have spent with you within four years past, in heavy and sore tribulation, crying to God, my Heavenly Father, to hear my supplication, and grant the prayers of you, my dear children on earth, and many have been the moments that my spirit has rejoiced with you in the service of God. Yea, many have been the times that your Mother with the rest of your heavenly Parents, have attended your meetings; and refreshed their souls with those beautiful gifts of love and simplicity that you brought forth.

And many and many have been the times

within the period before mentioned, that the innumerable hosts of heaven have descended to earth, within Zion's habitations, to behold the devotedness of the children of God, who do in this latter day of glory dwell upon the earth. And many of them have been commissioned to speak through mortal Instruments unto you. And the words of the Almighty God of heaven and earth, with those of Holy and Eternal Mother Wisdom, have they often sounded into the hearts of my dear children in this place; I say into the hearts of my dear children in this place; I say not into the ears only, but into the hearts. Yea, and more than this, have you my dear children, who are the favored few of God's peculiar notice, twice received from the divine and sacred lips of Holy and Eternal Wisdom, her gracious words of loving kindness, in streams of everlasting blessing to your souls! And with her own hallowed hand did she mark each faithful soul for the Lord of hosts, the God of heaven.

And where is that people, my dear children, that has ever before you, received such special notice? Surely my little ones, they have never existed upon the earth, until in this your day, and ye yourselves are the objects that our Almighty God has been pleased to notice after this sort. And so long as you remain in time, O ye children of your Mother, you will owe a very great debt of gratitude and thanks to God, through your heavenly Parents, for that which ye have received in this manifestation from the powers of heaven above.

And when ye meet together to sound forth sacred and solemn songs of praise to his name, forget not to pay the interest of this debt. So now, my little ones, ye objects of your Mother's

love, ye for whom and over whom I have spent hours, days and months, in tears of godly sorrow, and outstretched arms of love, that I might, by every means in my power, strengthen and encourage your souls to press on in the pure way of God. I say unto you I must now begin to close my last and parting word upon this sacred roll. And I have solemn words in a Mother's kindness to impart unto you, respecting the manner and sacred use that must always hereafter be made of all these sacred gifts and writings, which have come forth in this late manifestation.

And I cannot think, dear little ones, that you will ever grieve the tender spirit of your Mother, or those that have labored with her, in departing from her counsel: nay, I will look for better things from every one of you. For you do witness for me, that I have taken great pains that ye might all be comforted before I left, or ceased my work in this place.

Your holy and eternal parents have given solemn warning in this respect, dear children, that all these sacred writings must be kept and used in the true fear of God; they must not be read and used as common writings, or taken round to your shops, but you must keep them in your dwellings, where you retire to labor for the gifts of God; in so doing they will not become as pearls before swine; neither will they become stained with old age, or lose that thrilling charm which will always serve to awaken and enliven the sensation of all my faithful and honest hearted children; they will never wax old, or lose the cheering rays of life, light and hope, which they possess, if they are kept in their order.

But the days will come, when they will be sought after by the nations of the earth, as the

most precious morsel from the heavenly world above. And for this purpose, that the inhabitants of Zion might have something from this time henceforth, which should be unto them as the URIM and THUMMIM in ancient days were upon the High Priest's breast-plate, has God suffered these things to be written. True light and perfection is contained in them, and this every true and obedient child of Mother will always feel from them.

I entreat of you, says Mother, O ye little ones of Zion, that ye do hereafter walk so carefully, that this heaven-glowing virtue may never be lost from these writings, as it respects imparting to your souls the life and power of God, as was the URIM and THUMMIM from the breast-plate of the High Priest in ancient days.

All the presents that I have sent, or caused to be sent forth unto you, must be used in a proper line of sensation, for they are all spiritual, whether they be from those of ancient or modern date. They have been sent forth in this degree of nearness and semblance of material things that do exist on earth, that you might be better able to appreciate in lively colors, and thrilling sensations, the real adornings and beauties of the spiritual world, or the abodes of the righteous, in the paradise of God, of which the earth and all the arts of man's invention are but a dismal, gloomy and imperfect figure.

Therefore make no mention, in common and passing talk, of these rich presents which have been sent unto you; but with all these things you may be rejoiced in lovely smiles of the solemn fear of God. And they will be a great help to you, if rightly used, in keeping your sensation in that line, that it will be easy for you

to get hold of the gifts of God, when you assemble to worship him.

Much, I say, dear children, God has suffered to be written on your account, and great has been the sufferings of such souls as have been called to write it, that they might be enabled to do the will of God, and that alone, in writing his sacred word. And of the depth of these sufferings, those who have not been called in this labor cannot judge; for in no way could they tell, says Mother, except I should lead them along the same path.

And I have ever found it very difficult, since the commencement of this manifestation, to find Instruments that were indeed and in truth, willing to lay down their lives, and all earthly and natural enjoyments, and spend their days in tribulation of soul, for me their Mother, and for my mortifying work, which was directly against every natural feeling of pride or pleasure to the mortal body; I say, dear children, it has not been easy for your heavenly Parents to find Instruments that were willing in truth to do this; and where we have found such, whether in this place or elsewhere, you must not think it strange, dear children, that we feel it our right and our duty to notice them in our own wisdom.

Therefore, there can no true child of mine, gather envious feelings towards them on that account, but they will love them and bless them, because they have, out of pure love to their Mother, and her blessed gospel; been willing to pass through these mortifying scenes of sufferings and tribulation, that all my dear children might be benefited thereby.

Had there been no one willing to have

passed through sufferings, to enable them to write these things, they would not have been written; and this work, this great work, in this manifestation to the inhabitants of Zion, would, in process of time, have passed away and faded from the mind like a transient dream. And in a great part of these communications, my Instruments, says Mother, have had to pass through two heavy scenes of tribulation to obtain them; one to speak them and one to write them. I speak of these things, dear children, that you may know that these givings of God have not come forth to the inhabitants of Zion, as they now stand, without great sufferings, firstly on the part of your heavenly Parents, your Ministry and Elders, and very heavily upon the Instruments.

So now, dear children, I entreat of you, to love and bless each other, build up each other in the most holy faith, comfort ye one another in my gospel; soothe ye the grief of the troubled soul, that ye may find the soothing spirit of a Mother when ye enter eternity.

Remember, dear children, as you pass along from hour to hour, and from day to day, that the very spirit which you mete out, and measure unto others, whether it be good or evil, will certainly, yet all be measured unto you, either in time or in eternity.

Therefore beware, my little ones, do not do that to others that will, in the end, render yourselves unhappy and uncomfortable, do not dear children, for my sake; for nothing distresses the spirit of your Mother, and of your heavenly Parents more than to see their children disagreeing together, making it hard for each other, and destroying their own peace. The Zion of God is required to be His para-

dise on earth, where nought does dwell to mar the one pure and golden chain of union that does surround the body. Keep in this dear children, and you cannot in any wise be willing to make it hard for each other, for if ye are of one heart and one mind, you will all pull together, and you will all go in union. You will not be setting up standards of your own to go by; but the orders of God will be the unerring line of truth, by which ye will steer.

So comfort ye one another, and my good angels shall comfort you; and though you may feel ever so great tribulation, you will always have a comforter within your own hearts. Now dear children, I counsel you to keep the sensations which you have gained in these days of this bright manifestation, alive in your hearts,

Yea, my little ones, if you keep these things sacred and holy, they will keep your vessels clean. If you love to honor God, through your heavenly Parents, by keeping his commandments, then God will love to honor and protect you, and will hold you in the hollow of his hand in the midst of the days of his fierce anger. If you will delight to keep the sayings and obey the voice of me your Mother, you will delight to unite with me in every gift that will serve to bind your evil natures, or the power of the opposite spirit.

And as you, my dear children, treat this late manifestation, so God will treat you; remember my words, for they will alter not. But if you suffer your souls to lose that love, that nearness of simplicity in feeling, that has ever brought you near to my soul, and near to God, the gifts of this manifestation will become as unimportant and trifling things in your minds, and you will thus fall away from the pure way

of God. But I hope and pray, as I have often before said, that none would be so unwise, who are gathered into Zion, but that they would make their calling and election sure, by their true obedience; for upon this basis all the promises of God do rest, that were ever handed forth to mortals.

So dearly beloved children, your Mother now must leave you; but in your true obedience the righteous hand of God will surely lead you. So fare ye well, beloved ones, my daughters and my sons.

My word says Mother Ann, upon this roll

of parchment is now finished: your beloved Father William and Father James have a few words, to witness to the foregoing, and then our work is done. But the holy angel of eternal brightness, with the twelve holy angels that surround the throne of God, have entered, sounding aloud their seven sealing trumpets; and their sacred seals, with the commandments of God their Almighty Father, will follow these rolls and seal the same, forever more to stand. But your beloved Fathers must speak a short word first.

SECTION. VII.

Words of Father William Lee.

O ye children of the one true and living God keep your lamps filled with good oil, well trimmed and burning; suffer them not to go out, for if ye do, we can no longer help you to light them, as we have done.

But if by the scourging rod you have been cleansed and purified, keep so dear children. There is no path so easy for souls to get along in, if they pretend to be believers, as the path in which they can keep their souls clean and pure.

Remember, O ye my beloved ones, your heavenly Parents have sent forth their Covenants unto you; they have not framed something to please a carnal mind, or indulge a caviling spirit, in any way, shape, or manner; but

we have sent them forth to satisfy our own souls, and do the will of God our Heavenly Father, and if there be any of you that cannot sign them in singleness of heart and sincerity of soul, I again repeat it unto you, keep your names from that sacred writing: and even if there are any of you that cannot count it a great privilege to put your names to that sacred writing, keep your names from those sacred pages.

We have not from the beginning, intended to close this work, without leaving that separating line, that binding Covenant, which would cause the unbelieving serpent to squirm and show itself, in whose ever bosom it does exist, for this is the commandment of God, which he hath

intended from the beginning, should pinch and squeeze the unbeliever, in his righteous and holy work.

So let all be wise, and they that wish from this time henceforth to steer, heavenward, take

the right means for it, and they will be protected on their way. So fare ye well, dear children says Father

William Lee.

SECTION VIII.

Words of Father James Whittaker.

O ye little lovely ones of your blessed Mother, my kind and tender Parent. I beseech you dear children to go with your Mother, go with your heavenly Parents, and you will never have cause to regret, in time nor in eternity. But if you turn a little here and a little there, great will yet be your lamentations when it is too late. Therefore as a kind and tender Father, I can but warn you all to be exceeding thankful.

They that seek to please themselves, seek not

to please the Lord their God, or their blessed Mother; therefore in my everlasting love and blessing, I bid you all dear children, a kind farewell says Father

James Whittaker.

The word of the roll read by the reading angel of Mother Ann, is now finished, and the angel has retired, and here follows

SECTION IX.

The word upon the seven seals, spoken of by Mother Ann, in the preceeding pages, brought by the twelve holy angels, and read by the holy angel of Wisdom, to another Instrument.

Thus saith the reading angel of Holy and Eternal Wisdom to the writer of the seven sealed rolls, or the word on the seven seals.

Hark! O thou mortal writer, for Lo, the witnessing angel of ETERNAL BRIGHTNESS, accompanied by the twelve most holy angels that daily surround the throne of your Almighty Fa-

ther, has entered this the Temple of your God, and they have, even at this moment, sounded aloud their seven sealing trumpets, and I have received from them seven gold seals, bearing the names of Holy Mother Wisdom, Christ the Savior, Mother Ann Lee, Father William Lee, Father James Whittaker, Father Joseph

Meacham and Mother Lucy Wright, upon one side of the seals; and upon the other side a word to the people of the Holy Mount, residing in the Centre.

These seals I am commanded by the united voice of these holy angels, to hand unto thee O mortal writer, that they may be set by thee, upon the sacred rolls, which are written upon the GOLD PLATE and on the PARCHMENT, and that the word which is written upon these seals may be correctly copied, and follow the word of Holy and Eternal Wisdom and Mother Ann, for surely this is their desire.

And now, I, the angel that am chosen to read unto you, command you to see that this thing be done, and delay not your time, for the people stand in great need of this word. So now write thou, while I read the word of the seals.

Words upon the first Seal.

Thus saith the Almighty Power, O ye inhabitants of my Zion on earth, ye children of the new creation, ye in-dwellers of Zion upon the Holy Mount of my glory, hearken ye to the word of the Lord your God, even to my word saith Almighty Power.

In my loving kindness have I purposed a way in which my chosen people, yea, even the chosen few of my peculiar delight, could be supplied to the satisfying of their souls, and the cheering of their spirits, with the beautiful treasures of, and from the rich and bounteous feasts of my heavenly kingdom above, and that my promises should all be fulfilled in due time and season, for the good of my people;

And that my real goodness, love, charity,

kindness, never ending forbearance, and endless mercy, should all be verified in full reality, have I thus done.

Again, O ye my people, know ye all that this my promise I did make, and this my word I did send forth, to the Holy Anointed of my Zion, even at the day, and in the midst of my mighty curses, and furious indignation against my Zion, and my sore displeasure with the inhabitants thereof; yea indeed at that time it was, that I did say unto them, Know ye not, O ye Holy Anointed that my day of severe trial, heavy judgments and fierce anger, has already come, and that my hand filled with heavy curses, I have stretched over the inhabitants of my Zion, and my word of displeasure I have passed upon them.

Yet know ye, O mine Anointed and Holy Chosen, this my day of cursing shall pass by, and my day of blessing shall come. And the same hand that is now filled with judgment and cursing, shall be filled with blessings, of equal weight, and without number, which shall be poured forth unto the in-dwellers of this my Holy Temple, when they shall humble themselves before me their just and holy God.

For lo! even when at my holy throne, I raised my hand to finish the word of my justly provoked anger, and to seal it with the seal of my heavy judgment, I did write this my word, and make this my promise, and did seal it with the seven seals of my love, kindness, forbearance, charity, condescension, peace and mercy, saith your Eternal Father.

So now, fear ye not O my chosen people, to receive freely, and withall to be satisfied with the goodness of your God, and rejoice in the same, in the holy fear of my righteous justice.

Yet ever standing ready for the times and

seasons, yea, for my times and seasons, saith the Eternal Power, to come and pass by, and the remainder of my promises to be fulfilled, for know ye O my people, that my hand of might, and my arm of power is still stretched out and extended over you, and in my wonderful wisdom, as my times and seasons shall come, shall pass by, and pass by and pass over: this same mighty hand of mine, saith the ALMIGHTY, shall perform many mighty wonders among my people; and I say not but it will yet pour forth both cur-sings and blessings; and *Amen, even so let it be.*

Words upon the second Seal.

Thus saith the Lord your God, O ye my people, ye chosen few of my pleasure, hearken to my word, for lo, I am well pleased so to do, and in my wisdom have called from among you my holy chosen messengers, even your blessed Mother Ann, and her fellow laborers, your heavenly Parents, but know ye, one and all, that ere the hour of this my word unto them, I did of myself require them to supply themselves with these heavenly blessings, and more than this, I did in my unbounded mercy and never ending love, provide means in the heavens, whereby all these things could be prepared, and made ready for the hour of their departure.

So let no one of my people murmur, at my doings; let no tongue judge my work, and let no hand be moved to steady the Ark, or my holy Covenant which I have sent forth, as did Uzziah of old, lest ye be smitten, and these lovely blessings, which I myself have commanded to be prepared and handed unto you, the peculiar people of my love, become a snare in your path before you. Hearken ye unto this the word of your Almighty Father, and obey with pleasure the

word of your ever holy Parents, contained in the rolls upon which this seal is to be placed, and let the whole be the word of eternal truth. *Amen, even so let it be.*

Words upon the third Seal.

Again, saith the Lord your God, I am justice, I am equality, I am everlasting righteousness and peace. So hearken, O ye my people, for lo my time is near, my day is at hand, and my hour is already come, and indeed now in my holy wisdom I have commanded the trumpet sounding and proclaiming angels of my throne, to wind up their trumpets of solemn truths, of warnings, of judgment, and of alarm for a season and time. But hearken ye, and understand now the word of your God and Almighty Father.

Beware, beware! O beware, ye people of my name, how ye deal with my precious treasures of my kingdom, and how ye handle the work of my hands, or how ye receive into your hearts, the words which I have caused to be sent forth unto you for four years past, especially that which ye have received the last two years, and that which now, even at the last moment of the stay of your heavenly Parents among you, ye are daily receiving. Hearken ye to this, the word of the Lord your God, and know ye that mortals, yea, even those of my peculiar choice, are not endowed with true knowledge, wisdom or understanding sufficient to know, judge or comprehend the times and seasons of my work, either on earth or in heaven, nor even to understand the meaning of my words very many times; nay by no means, neither that which now is, or that which is to come.

This is my word, saith Almighty Power, and *Amen, even so let it be.*

Words upon the fourth Seal.

Still longer, O ye my people saith the Lord, listen to this my word, and know ye that from the same hand, by the same power, and through the same medium, that ye received a short time ago, the heavy words of warning, and felt the piercing bitterness of my rod, ye have now received these many blessings and rich presents; yea, from my eternal fountain, through the same source, by the same order, yea, from the hands of your heavenly Parents in like manner, ye have received these things. And now again, know ye, that I the Lord your God, did command by my own word, your ever blessed Mother Ann, to write the word of these rolls, both upon the **GOLD PLATE** and upon the **PARCHMENT**, and that without delay, ere the hour of her departure should arrive, promising that I would, in my own wisdom, and according to my own pleasure, provide a way, whereby it could be written by mortal power, and sounded in the ears of my people, after she, your Mother had departed from you her children, even as the Savior did from his disciples; and this O my people, ye see I have done.

As to the word of Holy and Eternal Wisdom, in the preceeding rolls, know ye that it was written by her own hand; and by her own power hath SHE, even **ETERNAL BRIGHTNESS**, sent it forth unto you. And be assured, O ye in-dwellers of my holy Temple on earth, that it is the word, the will, and the earnest desire, of the eternal and heavenly Parents of the children of the New Creation saith **Eternal Power**; and, *Amen, even so let it be.*

Words upon the fifth Seal.

Hear again, O ye my people, saith living truth,

stop and consider upon what you have already heard, and then listen yet a little longer, for surely the word of the four seals, which ye have heard, is in very reality the word which I, myself, yea, even the Lord your God, did send forth unto the Holy Anointed of my Zion, written upon a roll, sealed with four seals of my promise, and the same I did cause your blessed Mother Ann to read unto them, even with her own voice. And again know ye, that the many blessings which ye have received, from the hand of your parents, are only the fulfillment of my promise, even at that time. This remember and know, that my hand of blessing is as ready in the day of my blessing, as in my cursing; and also remember, that I your holy God, am much more delighted and far better pleased, to empty it upon you, my peculiar people, when filled with blessing, than with cursing.

But consider ye well the word of the four seals, and ever fear my holy name, while you remain in time; and remember that I alonsway the bright shining sceptre of eternal justice, and everlasting truth, saith **Almighty Power**, and *Amen, even so let it be.*

Words upon the sixth Seal.

Upon this sixth seal, O my people, do I now write unto you, that ye may know that I have now, even at this hour of the departure of my holy messengers, your heavenly Parents, from among you, sent forth my twelve most holy angels, and have commanded them to enter the holy temple of my likeness, standing upon the Mount of my glory, and to hand forth these seven seals, to the chosen writer, that they might be copied, and follow the forementioned rolls upon the **GOLD PLATE** and **PARCHMENT**

whithersoever they may go, or be sounded in the ears of my people, in union with the holy Anointed on earth; and to fulfill yet another of my promises to them, have I, the Lord your God, thus done at this time.

And now on this sixth seal, do I the Lord your God, place with my own hand, a roll of my holy and righteous love, which you my people may receive, as a memorial of my mercy and never ending kindness, and of the day in which I myself walked in Zion, and sounded forth my word in the ears of the people, even as a man talketh with his brother, and as the fond parent instructeth the innocent babe of his delight.

Surely at the end of the word of these seven seals, ye may all stretch forth your right hands and receive a ball of the eternal love of your Almighty Creator and Heavenly Father; yea even of my holy love, saith Jehovah, and *Amen, even so let it be.*

Words upon the seventh, or last Seal.

Now upon this seventh seal, do I the Lord your God, with my own hand, write my command, and make known my will, concerning the rolls upon which the seals are to be placed.

My will, saith the Lord, and the command which I now seal, while I sit upon my ETERNAL THRONE, in regard to the reading of the word of Holy and Eternal Wisdom, and of your ever blessed Mother Ann, upon the GOLD PLATE and parchment, is as follows. Thus saith the Lord your God, gather ye yourselves together, O ye in-dwellers of the sacred temple of my name, upon my Holy Mount, even upon the first sab-

bath in the sixth month of the year, and in holy fear, and in solemn reverence to my everlasting goodness, which has been displayed to mortals on earth, read ye the word of Holy Mother, your ever blessed Mother Ann, and this the word of the Lord your God, written upon these seals, brought by the twelve holy angels of my throne. This is my word and my will; and to this have all your heavenly Parents signed their names and placed their seals, saith Jehovah; and *Amen, even so let it be.*

And now again listen, and hear my last words unto you, O ye people of my name. Harken and understand my word, while I make known my will, and give you my word and command concerning the reading of the solemn and sacred Covenant, which your heavenly Parents have written and sent unto you, which was fully according to my will, and to which I set my everlasting seal, and to which your ever Holy Mother Wisdom, and Jesus Christ your blessed Savior, have placed their seals.

It is my command that upon the second sabbath of the sixth month of the year, ye gather together, even as I the Lord did say concerning the first sabbath, and solemnly read and hear the word of that sacred covenant.

But if circumstances render it inconsistent to attend to this my word upon these days, then it shall be the duty of the leading influence to transfer it to the next.

This is my word and my will, saith God, your Eternal and ever Holy Father; and blessed shall be every one that obeys it; and **AMEN, EVEN SO LET IT BE FOREVER.**

END OF THE ROLL.

PART II.

A

SACRED COVENANT OF OUR HEAVENLY PARENTS.

**SENT FORTH UPON EARTH, TO THEIR CHILDREN, AT THE CLOSE OF THEIR
LATE MANIFESTATION, FOR THE PURIFICATION OF ZION,
AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF.**

GIVEN BY INSPIRATION, IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY MOUNT OF GOD, AT NEW LEBANON,

December 31, 1841.

A Sacred Covenant, sent forth upon earth, or to that part of Zion residing within and without the Temple or Inner Court on the Holy Mount, by Mother Ann, for all such of her children as are over the age of sixteen years, and under the age of seventy, or to such of them as can and do count it a great privilege to place their names and seals, as a testimony of their firm and unshaken confidence, and full belief in the late manifestation of God to his people; and of their full faith in the truth of the word which has been handed forth from their Eternal Parents, Holy Mother Wisdom, Mother Ann, and the rest of their heavenly Parents, with the Elders, ministering angels and spirits.

And I do entreat of you, my dear children, says Mother Ann, that no one of you would write your names, or cause the same to be written, in assenting to this sacred Instrument, only

such as do believe, in full purpose of heart, without a doubt, respecting the reality of the late manifestation of God to his people. I shall love you and bless you much better than I could, if you should go forth to write your names with an unbelieving heart.

And furthermore, says Mother, I do strictly enjoin upon all to consider well, before they attempt to sign their names or place their hands upon these three sacred Covenants, combined in one, and sent from their spiritual and heavenly Parents, Mother Ann, Father William and Father James, to their dear children residing in this place. For these shall stand in time, for ages and ages to come; and in eternity they shall never be blotted out, but shall remain as an everlasting memorial of the closing, parting and sacred Covenant, sent forth from heaven, for such of Zion's children to sign, as have been or may hereafter be deeply baptised with a spirit

of full, firm and unshaken belief in the late work of divine inspiration to the in-dwellers of Zion upon earth.

This, says Mother Ann, I require to be signed and sealed throughout this society, as soon as possibly consistent after the windows and doors of Heaven are closed. And if in union with the beloved Ministry, I require the Instrument through whom I first commenced my work in this place, to see this faithfully executed. And this is the last duty which I have laid, in a special manner, upon that instrument, if this be in your union, beloved Lead.

And I forbid the Elders of each family, says Mother Ann, to suffer any souls to put their names to this sacred writing, that have not, in a good degree received the blessing of their Holy and Eternal Mother Wisdom, or have not, since the day of her visitation, confessed and repented, and come so humble and low, that their Elders could bestow that blessing upon them, which Holy Wisdom left in their hands for that purpose.

For these Covenants, with the names of the signers thereto, we shall take home to our mansions in heaven. And when those who have signed them enter eternity, if they have walked in strict obedience, through time, both in spirit and to the letter of that which is therein contained, they shall be read before the throne of Holy and Eternal Wisdom, as an everlasting recommendation of their true and genuine faithfulness, while they did sojourn upon the earth. And Holy Wisdom will, in her great condescension and kindness, bestow upon them a ticket of her everlasting love and blessing.

But to such as shall enter eternity having disobeyed their most solemn and sacred pledge in signing their names to this writing, it shall stand as a memorial against them, and a stain and dishonor that never can be washed out, and they can never meet our faces in peace says Mother.

Ann Lee.

THE SACRED COVENANT.

1. I pray God that his Holy Spirit, through my heavenly Parents, the holy angels and justified saints in eternity, would condescend, this once, to draw near to my heart, and bear witness that my soul is filled to overflowing with gratitude and thanks to the Giver of all good, for his great condescension in opening the doors and windows of heaven so wide, that the Holy and Eternal Mother Wisdom, surrounded by the everlasting brightness of the GREAT FIRST CAUSE, could come forth to the inhabitants of

Zion, and notice the faithful with her blessing.

2. To my ever blessed Mother Ann, also, do I bow low, even to the dust, in thankfulness of soul, yea and gratitude of heart, for that testimony of living truth, which she hath sounded, and sounded, and sounded again, in my ears, that it might purify my heart, and cleanse my vessel clean. I know it to be true; I know it to be the living truth of God, though sounded by inspiration through mortal clay unto me.

3. And I do furthermore testify, in the most solemn and sacred feelings of my soul, before God, his holy angels and our heavenly Parents, and in the presence of my beloved Elders, brethren and sisters, that I have not the least shadow of a doubt, or wavering feeling existing in my mind, respecting the genuineness, purity and holiness of the laws, orders, messages, communications and divine songs, which have been showered down from the heavens above, in this late manifestation commencing about four years since.

4. I do believe and know, and that without one faltering feeling in my heart, that God, in his boundless charity and loving kindness, did look upon the indwellers of Zion, though but worms of the dust, and frail mortals in his sight, with an eye of pity and compassion, turned thitherward through the incessant prayers and humble supplications of our spiritual and heavenly Parents, and was induced to open the closed avenues of spiritual communication, from the mansions of the celestial world to the inhabitants of Zion, whose souls were yet confined in tabernacles of mortal clay.

5. That they might be made able to enjoy and partake, freely, of the spiritual and beautiful treasures reserved in the heavens above, for all such as were and forever would be true and faithful to walk in, maintain and support, to the laying down of their lives; that everlasting, sin destroying, and self-denying gospel, which the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and Mother Ann Lee did, through tribulation deep, and sufferings sore, (supported by the hand of Almighty God,) plant upon the earth, forever more to stand.

6. And since this work commenced we have

received of these sacred and holy things in boundless measures, from the hands of our ever blessed Mother and those who labored and toiled with her. These sacred, holy and divine treasures, are as wells of living waters in our souls "springing up into everlasting life," that which carnal eyes cannot behold, nor polluted hearts enjoy. But such as have clean hands, and spirits pure, can render thanks unceasing to their God, through Christ and Mother Ann.

7. And I do testify unto all living, so far as this word may be heard, that I do know that God has, in these last days, condescended through means of his own choosing, to make known his word and will, in language plain, (and not to be misunderstood,) to poor frail mortals on the earth; and with this his word, evidence sufficient to convince every rational and reasonable minded person.

8. And I do covenant and agree, yea, and solemnly promise here, in the presence of God and his witnesses, that I will never in any case whatever, suffer my heart to feel, or my tongue to move, in uttering words of doubt, unbelief or disrespect, to any gift however small or great, that has been sent forth, in this late manifestation of the goodness of God to his people. This I will never do, from this time henceforth, even until my soul shall enter that long and sweet eternity, from whence these holy and sacred things have been handed forth to us, while sojourning on the earth.

9. I know the voice of my Mother; and that I never will deny, through time nor in eternity. I know the voice that calls my soul from sin and death, to life and peace. I know the voice of all my heavenly Parents, for oft and oft have they

been sounded in my ears, and in thrilling veins of light and truth, have they pierced the inmost recesses of my heart.

10. I know the voice of truth, and that alone has been sounded forth from the heavens above unto me; and of this my soul can bear witness through time and in eternity. No trying hours however dark, nay, nor days and years of tribulation, shall in any way whatever, cause my soul to feel, or my tongue to speak slightly of any gift sent forth in this divine manifestation, which has been sanctioned upon the ALTAR OF WISDOM, where God hath placed it to be tried.

11. I do solemnly promise here, in the presence of my Elders, brethren and sisters, that I will forever hereafter, in the true fear of God, carefully obey the goodly shepherd's voice, that leadeth Zion's children heavenward, and always walk in true obedience to my beloved Lead, placed for my protection; and this I will cheerfully do, without murmuring or complaining. For I do truly know that the greatest blessing a soul can have, is a visible Lead, to protect and direct it while on its journey home to God.

12. This Covenant, says Mother Ann, I have written with my own hand, in the heavens above; and I have now sent it forth upon earth, through means of my own choosing, that in union with the beloved Lead, all such of my children as reside in this Society and further if they feel, and are over sixteen years of age, who have been among believers two years, (and less if they have been truly faithful) may sign and seal their names to this Covenant. I say, all such as can do it in truth and sincerity of soul, believing in their hearts that which is herein stated; but no others. If those who are over seventy desire to have their names placed in this book,

they have a right so to do; for I have already recorded their names in heaven, says Mother Ann.

13. Now, says Mother, dear children, can you sign this in truth? If ye can, then your Mother will bless you in so doing. For I have written and signed it in the presence of my Heavenly Father, and before his holy angels. Now if you can sign, in truth, well; if not forbear, for a deceitful heart is an abomination in the sight of God, and the vain pretense of such a soul, is like a person beginning to erect a house, before he has built any foundation to set it upon.

14. But I should be thankful to God, with all my soul, says Mother, if it were so, that there was not a child in any part of my vineyard on earth, who hath heard the sound of my voice, but what was now able to sign this writing with me with full purpose of heart, without a doubt.

15. But be not discouraged, my dear children my little ones, who are near to my soul; for your Mother, with the holy angels in heaven, does bow before the throne of God, in gratitude and thanks, for that purification, through tribulation, which has been found in this part of Zion, and throughout our lovely vineyard.

16. Great has been the increase, yea, great indeed has been the increase of our children on earth. Keep it, O do forever keep it, is the prayer of your kind and tender Parent. And this prayer I shall continually pour forth, in the mansions of my God, to which place I must now retire, having finished the present order of my work in this part of my vineyard.

17. And now, in the tenderest feelings of a Mother's love, my dear and lovely children, my little ones, in whom my soul delights, I must bid you all a long and kind farewell. Fare ye well;

and this will always be your lot, if ye keep in the holy way and work of God. These are the last and parting words in a direct line of your kind and affectionate Parent, and Mother

Ann Lee.

FATHER WILLIAM'S COVENANT, WITH HIS CHILDREN:

Written December 31, 1841.

1. Having full faith in the late manifestation of God, and knowing of a truth, that it has proceeded from the SOURCE OF ALL GOOD; and having a witness, a full assurance within my own soul, that it never was, from the beginning, the invention of man nor woman, but of the ALMIGHTY CREATOR of heaven and earth, I here unite my voice and declare, in the presence of God and his witnesses, as follows;

2. I never will, in any wise, deny my blessed Mother, nor any of my heavenly Parents, nor any gift sent from heaven, by or through mortals, to mortals on earth, which is owned, acknowledged and sanctioned by the visible Lead, but I will forever stand firm, unshaken and true, in the way of truth and holiness, in the blessed gospel of salvation, revealed through Mother Ann.

3. This I will do, through all storms of persecution and heart trying scenes, knowing of a truth, that this work of the Almighty has carried full evidence in itself, sufficient to convince every rational soul of its true emanation from the DIVINE SOURCE and FOUNTAIN of all good. Therefore I say, let this my word stand as my accuser, should I ever turn from my

present faith, or vary from it in the least degree.

4. And I do furthermore testify, that neither men nor devils can falsify or counterfeit this late divine manifestation of God that has been given to his people on earth. And I promise, covenant and agree, before God and my heavenly Parents, and in presence of his living witnesses on earth, that I will never join, in any way shape or manner, or in affinity with any spirit or person, that does not believe, own and acknowledge the divine origin and the sacredness of that manifestation which, through the goodness of God hath been showed unto Zion, and entered the hearts of those who dwell within her walls.

5. And I declare unto all people, says Father William, that the soul who confesseth not that this work is of God, shall surely be accursed in his sight, and shall wither and die, and drop off from the body of Christ, as a dry and withered branch.

6. In this heart searching work of the Lord my faith is grounded, never more to be destroyed or shaken. I know my Father's voice, because it cometh in the power of God, to search the heart with the candle of the Lord, and cleanse

the soul from every filthy stain; that it may be clothed in humility and love, and be adorned with a Parent's blessing; that the smiles of heaven may distill upon it, as dews upon a tender plant, and clothe it in a garment white. And from this my faith, I never will depart, either upon the right or upon the left. But straightly in the narrow path I will walk, while sojourning in time's dark vale below.

7. Now, dear children, can you, with your beloved Father William, sign this Covenant, with a full purpose of heart, never to depart from, one jot or tittle, to the right or to the left? And say in truth, I never will be ashamed of this gospel, nor of those precious gifts which have been given, or handed down to us from the heavens above? For the light of God in my own soul, doth clearly show and testify, that nothing but the carnal fallen propensities of lust will cause a soul to despise the simple gifts and power of Almighty God.

8. So now, dear children, I must say with your

ever blessed Mother, the time is come, that I must depart from the earth, and return with my Mother, and your Mother, to the mansions of my God.

9. And those of you that can sign this Covenant indeed and in truth, never more to depart therefrom, may always remember, while you remain in time, that your heavenly Parents in the eternal world above, hold this Covenant, with all the names that are signed and sealed thereto, in the mansions of their God and your God, as a testimony and lasting memorial of that work which God, in his mercy, sent us forth to do upon earth.

10. And now, dear children, your kind and loving father must bid you adieu. So fare ye well my loving friends; keep your faith unspotted. Stand in the work of God unmoved, and the powers of hell shall not prevail against you. In kindness and charity, love ye one another, as your father hath loved you. So fare well, say your loving friend and Father

William Lee.



FATHER JAMES' COVENANT,

For such of his dear gospel friends as are able to sign it with thankful hearts:

Written December 31, 1841.

1. Come gather near, my little ones, and hear the words I have to speak. I, for one, says Father, do believe and know, beyond a doubt, or a possibility of a contradiction, within my own soul, that this gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to all such as believe and obey it.

2. I also believe and know, that God in his infinite goodness and mercy, hath opened the

heavens, for several years past, with that degree of his brightness and power, that none within Zion's borders, who were bound in their sins, and would not come to judgment, could help fearing the searching rays of his eternal light, and fear and tremble in his presence.

3. Nay, nay, O heavenly Parents! I never will slight the holy and sacred work of God, which in

his condescending mercy and goodness, has been bestowed upon his people, for a few years past. I never will, nay, I never will to the end of my days, I never will say, I never will speak, that aught of the things that have been sent forth from the heavens above, were the inventions of man or of woman, or that the Instruments were instructed by the Ministry and Elders, to bring forward these things in the name of God, of Christ or Mother, or any of the heavenly hosts.

4. I never will flinch and stop to hearken to the influence of the devil. But when I find my fallen, corrupt, filthy and exalted nature, is closely ground on every hand and side, by reason of the sacred Laws and Orders which have been sent forth from heaven, in this late manifestation, to be established in Zion, I will not suffer the wicked and benighted influence of the adversary to overshadow my soul, and cause me to feel, act or speak after this manner, viz ;

5. *I don't expect to regard that as a law, order or rule for me to go by ; I know well enough how it came. The Ministry or Elders wanted something of the kind established : so they hinted it to some of the Instruments, and soon it came forward, sanctioned and established by the powers above, as a law or order that all must keep.*

6. *I can see human nature here, whether any body else can or not. I think the Instruments had much better be at work with their hands, than to be cooped up there, writing laws and orders for the rest of us to keep.*

7. *And worse than all the rest, is their boldness in putting on such a divine sanction every now and then, saying ; "Thus saith the Lord of heaven and earth. So says Mother Ann. So say your heavenly Parents, or the holy angels in heaven." This is what I dislike to hear, or*

see ; mortals calling upon the sacred powers of the heavens above to sanction their own views and natural feelings ! this, though cloked under a divine sanction, is what I call BLASPHEMY.

8. Now my beloved gospel relations, I am your Father, I am your friend ; and as such, I now warn you against these evil and wicked spirits, which will come up against Zion, as a flock of hungry vultures in quest of prey.

9. Thus do I forewarn all my children of the days and heavy pressure of evil, which will surely come, when our voices shall cease to be heard, sounding among you, and the doors of communication shall be closed between those in time, and those in eternity, which is now measurably done, as respects this part of the vineyard of God upon earth.

10. Therefore I do, with a thankful heart solemnly promise, covenant and agree, before God and his holy angels, from this time henceforth, even forevermore, that I will never, in any way, shape or manner, listen to, join with, or take any part on the side of the opposite spirit, to support it, either in deed, in word or in action, which will strive to destroy and trample under foot, the holy and sacred orders of God, and again blend in spirit with the children of this world.

11. This I promise you, my beloved Elders, brethren and sisters I never will do, but will resist every temptation thereto, even to the laying down of my natural life. But I will love, I will bless the way and work of God ; I will bless my brethren and sisters ; I will love and bless the order of God, which is established in Zion for my protection ; and forever more, yea, through my days in time, I will yield strict obedience thereunto.

12. I will often kneel down and bow low even with my face to the floor, and pour forth my feelings in gratitude and thanks to God, and Holy and Eternal Wisdom, to Christ, Mother Ann, and all our heavenly Parents, Elders and holy angels and spirits that surround them, for the boundless stores and heavenly treasure of good things, which I have received by and through such means as God, in his own wisdom, did provide, in this his late wonderful and remarkable manifestation to his people dwelling in the Zion of his likeness upon earth.

13. These I prize as the most rich, precious and invaluable treasures that can possibly be given to human beings, while residing in mortal clay. I am also thankful to God, for every chastening and scourging that I have received to humble, mortify, cleanse and purify my heart.

14. I also beg and pray of my beloved Elders, never to withhold the chastening rod from my

poor and needy soul; for without this, I know I cannot be cleansed, nor find acceptance in the kingdom of my God. I do most solemnly promise you all, that with every sharp and powerful testimony against sin, I will always unite my heart, and join my voice to support the same, by saying, *It is the truth of God.*

15. I love you, yea, I love you dear children, with every feeling of my soul, and bless you with every sensation of my spirit. In obedience to my Mother, did I come to work among you, and in obedience to my Mother, do I return with her, to dwell in the mansions of my God.

16. All such of you as are prepared to sign this Covenant, in singleness of heart and sincerity of soul, with a fixed and full determination never to depart therefrom, will confer a favor, and bestow much comfort upon your loving Father. So fare ye well in peace.

James Whittaker.



Additional words from Mother Ann.

1. Draw near, my little children, and hear again the words of your Mother. We have all three written these Covenants, with our own hands, for our children in this part of Zion, and as far as the Anointed may feel a desire to extend it. We wrote them while sitting together in our mansion, in the heavens above, that our dear children upon earth might have something to bind the adversary of their souls, and be a help and strength to them, both now and hereafter.

2. And also, that you may have a privilege to enter into covenant relation with your heav-

enly Parents; for this will surely be a great strength to every sincere and honest hearted soul. Also, that you may always remember the parting instructions of your Mother, Father William and Father James, combined and put in the form of solemn and sacred Covenants; and so it must be kept for generations to come.

3. And now, O Holy Anointed! if this meets your approbation, it is my wish that you and the Elders in the Church, keep a copy of the same; and also, that you, in your wisdom, suffer each family in this Society to read it once a year. And such members as have become old

enough and have been faithful, and have a desire to sign and keep the same, give them a privilege so to do, when it is read.

4. This book, I require, says Mother to be kept close and sacred. And whoever signs it, whether now, or in years to come, shall, if they are sincere and honest hearted, receive a ball of their heavenly Parents' love; for I have provided means to place our love in balls upon the table, before those who shall write their names, in singleness of heart, in this book. And this they may receive, by taking a ball from the table and bowing once.

5. And whenever this is read, let all kneel down, and if they will, in the sincerity of their hearts, unitedly make the following promise, by repeating these words; *I will be faithful and keep these sacred promises, to which I have placed my name and seal.* If you will repeat these words, with four bows, says Mother Ann, the love and blessing of your heavenly Parents shall distill upon you from the heavens above, and your souls shall be refreshed.

6. And now, beloved Ministry, in your wis-

dom deal with this, as with all other gifts. It is my desire that these three Covenants be kept in the hand writing of the Instrument through whom they were given, if it be with your union, beloved Ministry; for they are the parting and finishing words of your heavenly Parents to the people.

7. And to all such as sign these Covenants, they will on entering eternity, be firstly presented with a copy of the same: and this they may remember from day to day, as they pass through time.

So now beloved, receive my everlasting love, my blessing and my thanks. Now fare ye well in love; fare ye well in a Mother's peace and consolation.

Note. All who are unable to write their own names; but feel desirous that their names should be written in this Covenant, shall distinctly ask some one of the Elders or members to write it for them, and they, if able to be present, shall stand by the side of the writer, with the right hand uplifted and see it written.

END OF THE COVENANT.

APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY ON THE HOLY MOUNT.

We, the Ministry of the flock of Christ, on the Holy Mount of God, and in Wisdom's Valley, do hereby acknowledge and approve the sacred Covenants of our heavenly Parents, contained in the preceding pages, and esteem it our blessed privilege to support and maintain the same, even to the sacrificing of our lives, if

required; and we freely and conscientiously recommend the same to all the faithful in Zion by affixing thereto our names and seals, this first day of March in the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand eight hundred and forty two; and from the birth of our ever blessed Mother Ann, one hundred and six.

<i>Perth London.</i>	66.	<i>L. P.</i>	<i>Ebenexer Bishop.</i>	73.	<i>L. P.</i>
<i>Ase-nath Clark.</i>	62.	<i>L. P.</i>	<i>Perfus Bishop.</i>	68.	<i>L. P.</i>

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