

"The narratives of the evangelists are now submitted to the reader's perusal and examination, upon the principle and by the rules already stated. For this purpose, and for the sake of more ready and close comparison, they are arranged in juxtaposition, after the general order of the latest and most approved harmonies."

How this remarkable book could have existed so long and the legal profession not be in possession of it and not to be found in the law libraries here I cannot understand.

"The question is not upon the strict propriety of the arrangement, but the veracity of the witnesses and the credibility of their narratives. With the relative merits of modern harmonists, and with points of controversy among theologians, the writer has no concern. His business is that of a lawyer, examining the testimony of witnesses by the rules of his profession, in order to ascertain whether, if they had thus testified on oath, in a court of justice, they would be entitled to credit; and whether their narratives as we now have them, would be received as ancient documents coming from the proper custody. If so, then it is believed that every honest and impartial man will act consistently with that result by receiving their testimony in all the extent of its import. To write out a full commentary or argument upon the text, would be a useless addition to the bulk of the volume; but a few notes have been added for illustration of the narratives, and for the clearing up of apparent discrepancies, as being all that members of the legal profession would desire."

I have been instructed and thrilled with the work the author has done. It indicates much patience and interest on the part of this great jurist, in placing and elucidating the testimony of the Evangelists and giving explanatory notes of some supposed contradictions which are not really such when they are carefully examined and considered in the light of rules of civil evidence as pointed out by a master mind and eminent authority such as Mr. Simon Greenleaf possesses.

There is much in reference to the rules of evidence that has been presented from time to time, and in fact at our Centennial Conference some of those rules to weigh and measure evidence were presented and it would be useless or unnecessary to repeat them further now.

I appreciate the kindness of my brethren, President Grant and the brethren who surround him, and the kindness of my friends and my people, and I am glad that I am regaining my strength and that I am able to appear before you and talk to you on this occasion.

My testimony corroborates the testimony given by Dr. Greenleaf in this wonderful work of his, a powerful one from a legal standpoint. I give my testimony after an experience in this Church of more than a quarter of a century, and after working with these my brethren, and I bear this confirmation of the testimony just read, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER ANTOINE R. IVINS

Of the First Council of Seventy and President of the Mexican Mission

My beloved brethren and sisters, I believe that this is the greatest occasion of my life. In all my experience I have never had the privilege of addressing such a vast and intelligent audience as this should be. It

is only the realization of the fact that you are all friends and brethren that makes it possible for me to stand here at this time and mingle my testimony with the testimonies that have already been borne.

In standing here I bring to you the greetings of people of a different race and a different hue from those into whose faces I am looking at this time. I bring you the greetings of about thirteen thousand people of the Pacific Isles. Every one of them would like to be here and greet you personally, to sit and listen to the words of exhortation that are given from this stand. This, on my part, is an unofficial greeting, but it is sincere nevertheless, for I know that those people with whom I have been laboring for the past ten years, each and every one, have the welfare of this work at heart.

I bring you also the greetings of not quite so many, but a kindred people who are living nearer to us, the Mexican people. There are quite a number of them in the Church, and they are faithful and sincere and reasonably energetic in the performance of their duties.

The work with that people was begun in the year 1875, when my father, as a junior companion with a party of half a dozen or more, rode his horse from St. George as far as the city of Chihuahua, in the State of Chihuahua and the Republic of Mexico, returning by the same means of transportation. Since that time various vicissitudes have befallen that mission. Men have gone and opened up the mission, then returned, and the mission has lapsed, and that has been repeated time and again. But every time that mission has been reopened people have been found who were willing to listen to the Gospel, people who had attempted, through all of the years of silence, to retain their faith in the Gospel. From those people I bring you greetings.

It is going to be a difficult problem, I realize, to shoulder the burden that has fallen upon me with the death of President Pratt. He was a noble and valiant man. He labored with all the power, zeal and energy that God gave him to further the work among that people. He had their interest at heart, and he won their love and their respect. I pray that with the aid of your faith and prayers, with the power of God to back me up, I may have humility and faith sufficient to carry on the work that he so well and faithfully performed; that the work may not falter, but that it may go forward.

Now, if this is done it will have to be done through the aid of your boys and girls. We have in that mission at the present time forty-one of them, all faithful and energetic and lovable, all of them that I have met. It has not been my good fortune to meet them all, but I hope that within a few short weeks I shall have been through that mission and met every boy and girl that is laboring there.

It seems that the people of the Church are not entirely clear as to what the Mexican mission at present consists of. You will remember, those of you who have read the papers, that certain laws have recently been passed by the Mexican government, which forbid the entry into Mexico of priests and ministers of foreign birth; so that our own Elders were forced to leave Mexico under this rule. We have in

Mexico, laboring as an ordained missionary, only one person at this time, and he is a Mexican boy. He is laboring in the vicinity of Monterey and is doing a very excellent work. All of the other work that is being done by missionaries is being done in the United States. Our mission covers a length of two thousand miles, from Los Angeles to Brownsville, Texas. In addition to that we have a very thrifty and vigorous branch in this city, and we have organized branches that are laboring under the guidance of native branch presidents in various cities in and around the valley of Mexico.

I was very much surprised when I first learned, years ago, of the work that was being done among the Mexicans in the United States, but when you look into the matter it seems a logical field, for in the city of Los Angeles alone there are said to be no less than one hundred and fifty thousand Mexicans. We are attempting to make contact with those people. We are trying to do it with six persons—four boys and two young ladies. They are accomplishing a wonderful work, but they are limited, naturally, by their number, and as much as might be accomplished with more people is not being realized. We have there a very fine congregation, however. They are diligent, energetic and faithful.

From there our labor extends, as I have said, clear to Brownsville, and we have some of the finest young men and young ladies in the Church working with those people. We hope that you who are here and who are bearing the burden of that labor will have the wherewithal to supply them. Some of those boys right now are wondering how long they will be able to stay—when their missions may be terminated by the lack of funds. I hope that they will be able to stay until they care to return, for it is an unfortunate thing when a missionary from that field has to quit his work prematurely. It takes the first half of his period to learn the language, and then if he has to go home we miss the great accomplishments that he is capable of during the latter part of the missionary period. I trust that you will be able to stand the burden, that you will sacrifice willingly in their behalf, for every one of them is interested; every one of them is laboring with diligence and energy. Most of them are enjoying good health, and you have to worry little over that. However, they are in a warm country; they have differences of food to contend with, and occasionally some of them suffer because of that. Right now we have two or three boys concerning whom we have to be very careful, because they are suffering from the changes of food that they have had to meet.

I pray that the Lord will bless us, that he will give us power to endure, for the power to endure is the genius of this Gospel. If we cannot endure, the Lord pity us. These times are trying, but if we will round up our shoulders I am sure that the Lord will come to our rescue, that we will be able to carry on, and that we will not be the losers because of these trying times. The times of thrift and prosperity are the ones that we should be afraid of, not the times of adversity.

I bear you my testimony that this is the greatest work in the world that we are interested in. I hope the Lord will bless me with power to carry on, and with strength to continue to the end, and I do it in the name of Jesus, Amen.

A vocal duet, "I would not part the curtain," was rendered by Martha Smith Jenson and Donna Cox Gunderson.

ELDER JOHN W. HART

Of the Church Auditing Committee

This is one time in my life that I was really surprised. I was sitting very comfortably in the audience, with some of my friends, enjoying the services, as I usually do. However, being called upon I feel under obligation to respond. I never did, to my knowledge, refuse anything that was required of me by those who presided over me. I am very sorry that I missed the services yesterday. I was out in the state of Montana, and came directly from there this morning. I am very happy to get here for the second day's services.

I hope and pray that the Lord will sustain me this afternoon for the few minutes that I occupy this position. I know that he comes to the rescue of those who are called upon to perform service in the Church.

I was interested in the remarks of Brother Ivins this afternoon, as it was only last May that I had the privilege of visiting him in the Hawaiian Islands, and I was very happy to meet him. I was very happy also to note the progress of the work of the Lord in that island. While I was there one Sunday I had the privilege of attending the Sabbath school. I never in all my life attended a Sabbath school that was better disciplined and better organized, and that functioned any better than this Sunday school in Honolulu. There were practically all nationalities present. There were natives, Chinese, Japanese, Americans, and other people, but to my surprise, notwithstanding this great mixture there was order, and the Spirit of the Lord prevailed.

I had the privilege of attending their sacrament meeting at night, it being Aaronic Priesthood night. I sat there and listened to the natives—and it was principally natives that had part on the program—stand up and deliver their parts in a most efficient manner, enjoying the Spirit of the Lord. Their splendid chorus of about thirty-five singers rendered most efficiently the hymn, "An angel from on high." It was wonderful! I was asked to speak a few minutes, which I did, and can say that I enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord there as much as I ever enjoyed it anywhere in my life. This all goes to show, my brethren and sisters, that wherever we go, wherever we find a congregation or an organization of the Latter-day Saints, we find that same splendid, sweet Spirit of the Lord.

I am very happy that I am a member of this Church. I have never seen the day that I have had to apologize for being a member. I have