To the Women of America: Let every happy wife and mother who reads these lines give her sympathy, prayers and efforts to free her sisters from this degraded and despised state. The love of country stands waiting for them. There is a power in combined enlightened sentiments and sympathy, before which every form of injustice and cruelty must finally go down.

How. - The brethren.

A Vision.

DESCENDED TO LITTLE CARL COLBEY BY A FRIEND OF HIS MOTHER.

The faint, sweet golden of the winter moon.

Blessed softly through the twilight of my life.

I lay upon my dying bed,

Awaiting calmly the last hour of doom.

Yes, calmly, for my spirit was at peace.

And I, though dying, yet could feel new life.

The mystery of death, I feared it not,

Though it might only prove a rest from strife.

I saw the angel Death steal gently in,

And smilingly I looked up to his face.

While friends with pas deo, despairing, wept and sigh'd.

Enraptured at once for a last embrace.

He took my prayer, but he would not relent.

He had foretold their love alone in this,

But though all powerless to give consent,

I felt upon my lips a cold press kiss.

A kiss so exquisitely pure and sweet,

It fixed me and from lingering alarms.

Ah! Christ, I said, in memory of Thy birth,

My child commits me to Thy tender arms.

I was like the angel of peace, for now,

Shot through my soul, that I alone was blest,

As through the mystic purple gloams, the gates

Of Glory opened in the golden West.

The angel Death then gently touched my hand,

Whispering softly, "Him, let go and let's go.

We are not alone, we're going into the immortal arms.

Leaving behind this other world of sense.

But although all the world is here;

I turned and looked upon my own dead face,

Some sight of beauty in its faded line,

Except the impress of that last embrace.

Oh sweet it was to live there.

When all was we were to die so faith

I first and this first from earth's forever gone.

I followed then the angel messenger,

And joyful, mounted high the stairs of bliss.

And when the seraph opened the gates of pearl,

I gave him, as my passport, my baby's kiss.

J. A. F.

SALT LAKE CITY, January, 1881.

Sketches from the History of Polygamy.

Joseph Smith's "Special Revelations."

It has been claimed by many Mormons who do not believe in the doctrine, that Joseph Smith was not the originator of polygamy, but that the pretended revelation was only a delusion, to cover up his own immorality, and to pacify some of the more virtuous of his followers, who were disgusted with the amount of scandal which the loose conduct of their leader occasioned.

This statement is universally accepted as a fact among non-Mormons, and has sworn to the fact that Joseph told them at different times, but always in strictest confidence, that the doctrine of polygamy had been revealed to him by the Lord, and an angel with a drawn sword had appeared, threatening him with eternal punishment if he did not obey the word and establish it. It has been claimed that the angel threatened him with instant death, and that he died after his dictate, but this statement rests on very vague and doubtful authority.

That Wm. Clayton, who would be willing to give it as much "divine" authenticity as possible, simply says that he wrote it word for word as Joseph dictated to him.

In this auto-biography, Smith states that when he was about the age of fifteen, there was a religious revival in the following manner.

The following verse to the two, two glorious appearances being presented to him. It was three years and a half before he had another vision, when he once more received the command to publish the "plates," on which the "Book of Mormon" was inscribed. Smith gives evidence of this part of the revelation, and states that he always has said he had no record as having said that the principles of celestial marriage were one of the first things the angel showed him, and this before Mormonism started!

In the summer of 1837, Apostle Orson Pratt addressed the Josephites in Manchester, New Hampshire, and in his remarks stated that as early as 1831 the prophet Joseph told Lyman Wadsworth, one of the first elders of the church, that polygamy was a true principle, and would yet be introduced into the Mormon church, but the time had not yet arrived. This Lyman E. Johnson, who was a brother of Mrs. Orson Hyde, was the first apostle called when the quorum of the Twelve was established in Kirtland, Ohio, in 1835. Orson Pratt said that he and Johnson traveled and ministered together, and he confided this to him during the intimacy engendered by this close companionship. Pratt probably told this to the Josephites, to corroborate their statements that Smith was the originator of polygamy, but it also proves what we have before stated that polygamy was a graft, but the legitimate fruit of Mormonism, and that Johnson told Pratt was really false, but it would verify this without a shadow of doubt of the facts.

On Saturday night, March 23, 1852, Sidney Rigdon and Smith were tarred and feathered at his home in Hiram, Ohio, the latter especially was very highly handled, being left for dead. Smith was then staying at the house of old Father Johnson, who mentioned Lyman Johnson. Father Johnson was a good friend to the Mor- mons, and he confided to him that they obtained their first possession of "Kirtland Flats," a few miles to the west. There was a large family of these Johnson daughters, some of whom opposed Mormonism, notably Olmstead Johnson. In addition to Lyman, three others, Eli, Edward and John, Jr., joined the new church, but "apostatized" in the winter of 1851-52. When these brethren assisted in the tarrying and feathering of the prophet, it is not a very far-fetched question not generally understood, to know them of what Smith had told their brother Lyman about polygamy.

There are many other authentic statements that prove that Smith never received a revelation unless there was special necessity for it.

A Valedictory.

"Counsel to Parents on the Moral Education of Children," by Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, is a book which discusses, with singular intelligence, delicacy, patience, interest and earnestness, a subject the importance of which is impossible to exaggerate—the moral education of youth considered in relation to sex. This is the third edition. It is a book which should be in the widest circulation, "It is with a keen sense of responsibility," says the author, "that I am called upon to lay before the wide community of parents a subject which must necessarily bring forward questions not generally considered suitable for public instruction. I know, however, from long medical experience, that such instruction is now required by the times, and is extremely well presented. The work done by Mr. Anthony Comstock gives to some of these reasons a terri- ble form, but the truths are still the same." (Literary Emпорium. pp. 152, 60 cts.)

Advance.

We take pleasure in announcing that we have arranged to club with Our Union, the organ of the United Church Temperance Union. This plan has lately been much improved and improved, and is now, without exception, the best temperance journal in the country. The name of the editor—Miss Margaret Wasing—sufficient guarantee for its literary excellence; while Miss Pugh, who has charge of the publishing department, is well known for her managing ability. We will sell Our Union together for $1.25, only 25 cents more than the regular subscription price of our paper. We are also making arrangements to club with other well-known journals.