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the Mes, but we found that nothing would move him on this point. The whole Whitmer family are deeply impressed with the same idea, and it may be thoroughly imbued are they with the idea and faith that it is under the immediate protection of the Almighty, that in their estimation not only are the Mes, themselves safe from all possible contingencies, but that they are a source of protection to the place or house in which they are kept, and it may be to those who have possession of them. Another reason why they cling to this Church of Christ is that David Whitmer has reorganized the "Church of Christ" with six Elders and two priests, after the pattern of the 1st organization, the twelfth anniversary of which are represented by Joseph and Oliver as founding the Aaronic priesthood from the hand of John the Baptist. David and John Whitmer were two of these elders, four others, viz. John C. Whitmer, W. W. Warner, Philander Page, and John Short, having been ordained by David Whitmer; and as the recent death of John has diminished the number to five Elders it would be interesting to know if, according to their strict construction the vacancy can be filled.

Their creed is to preach nothing but the Bible and the Book of Mormon; and Mr. Whitmer and others called on us again at the hotel, and conversed during the evening, reiterating many things before stated. Upon inquiry, Mr. Whitmer informed us that Oliver Cowdery had told him all about his visit to Council Bluffs, and of his having been rebuked. Said Mr. Whitmer, "I died the happiest man I ever was, after shaking hands with the family and kissing his wife and daughter, he said, "Now I lay me down for the last time, I am going to my Savior," and died immediately with a smile on his face.

In response to some questions, Mr. Whitmer said, "Many things have been revealed which were designed only for the Church, and which the world cannot comprehend, but the Book of Mormon and these testimonies therein given we are to go to all the world."

While we were there we have sent that Book to the Danes, the Swedes, the Spaniards, the Italians, the French, the Germans, the Welch, and to the Islands of the Sea, the book even having been translated into Hindoostane, so you see the Church has not been idle in this work of transmitting the word of God. In parting with him, he said, "That may be the last time I shall ever see you in the flesh, so farewell."

This ended our interview with the last remaining witness who saw the plates of the Book of Mormon, yet not the last witness of its truth, for these witnesses are multiplied into ten of thousands. (To be continued.)