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Preface

Time—Truth—Triumph

Joseph Smith accepted the title and assumed the office of Prophet. He asserted his spiritual leadership, and with avowed authority spoke in the name of the Deity. In addition to the principles of revealed religion which he promulgated, he made numerous prophecies. The publication of both places him at the mercy of Time. It is the purpose of this publication to ascertain and disclose the verdict which Time has thus far rendered.

Time is the supreme test of a prophecy. He who undertakes to foretell events must know that Time in its merciless pursuit will find him out. Of all the pretenses of the false prophet, prophesying is the most hazardous. Religious impostors often display qualities of leadership in controlling the affairs of their followers. The more modest their pretenses, however, the more likely are they to escape detection and exposure. But when spiritual leaders assume to exercise the exalted function of prophecy, and have the courage to publish their prophecies, they place their reputations before the bar of the world, and as the weight of Time presses out the vintage of the centuries they must sink to a deserving oblivion or be exalted to a place in the skies. Time is a foe of Fraud, but the never-failing friend of Truth.

Now that the claims of Joseph Smith as prophet have been set up before the world for a century, it is proper that the verdict of Time should be ascertained. To disclose these findings, this small volume is given out. Only a few of the well-known prophecies are here considered.

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Early prints and old and forgotten manuscripts have been examined with the intent to establish, without bias, the truth with respect to the claims of the Prophet. Such first-hand evidence as has been discovered is laid before the reader. Originals, wherever possible, are submitted. This testimony is highly important for the reason that Joseph Smith, as prophet, must stand or fall with the outcome.

Thomas Hartwell Horne says:

“Prophecy is a miracle of knowledge, a declaration, or representation of something future, beyond the power of human sagacity to discern or to calculate, *and it is the highest evidence that can be given of supernatural communion with the Deity, and the truth of a revelation from God.*

. . . “The man who reads a prophecy and perceives the corresponding event is himself a witness of the miracle.”

Therefore all who read these prophecies and see the corresponding events become witnesses to the miracle.

We here acknowledge the very kind and helpful offices of Elders Joseph Fielding Smith and Orson F. Whitney, a committee appointed by the First Presidency, who have read the manuscript and have made suggestions leading to its improvement. We also wish to express our appreciation to the publishers who have given every aid in the matter of getting out the book. Without their encouragement it is probable that a sermon would never have grown into the printed volume.

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TO THE MEMORY OF

JOSEPH SMITH

WITH REVERENTIAL LOVE

"Turned from the reed that, breaking, disappoints
The fool that takes it for the oak; and turning
On the arm, by which suspended worlds hang
Innumerable; and eye upturned to where
The sun ne'er sets, where flows the font of life,
Beneath the throne of God, unshaken he stood
By all that earth could do."