

dom," which prohibits the use of tea, coffee, tobacco, intoxicating drinks, and the excessive eating of meat. Subsequent to the proclamation of this revelation, scientific investigations have demonstrated the great value of these wholesome rules of practical living. The observance by the followers of Joseph Smith of these and other laws given by this prophet has reduced their death rate to 8.3 persons per thousand annually as compared with the rate of 13.5 persons per thousand in the United States at large.

His niche in the ages is secure. His mighty fact is already commencing to thunder louder than the mendacity of his misguided enemies. The story of his triumphant faith is the most thrilling incident in modern annals. It gives hope, light, and life. It is the beacon that lights the way across the dark chasm which ages of ignorance and superstition have placed between man and God. Tens of thousands of true-hearted men and women who have heard this story of all-conquering faith have gone in quest of the knowledge of God with a sincerity and fervor so genuine that they have received that witness of God's Spirit which has made them so certain of God's existence, the divinity of Christ's mission, and the reality of the future life, that the besetting evils of this world have lost all power over them.

What a man he was! He was a seer. With the white light of God's Spirit he saw the past of nations now covered with the dust of ages. He was a prophet. By the inspiration of the Holy Ghost he saw tomorrow and tomorrow's morrow. He was a teacher. He gave to the world, at its most enlightened period, a sane, sensible, original, and comprehensive religious philosophy which has successfully weathered the opposition of the learned and the persecution of the wicked for nearly a century. He was an organizer. By the aid of divine inspiration he established a Church so perfect in organization and internal workings that it commands the praise of even those who despise it. He was a leader of men. By the magic power of his pure character, genuine sincerity, and deathless integrity to truth and God, he gathered about him, as his aids and lieutenants in the work of righteousness, a coterie of men of the highest probity and the greatest native intelligence.

He belongs to the ages. The trumpet call of his mighty faith-fact will yet reverberate through all lands and climes, and turn a doubting world back to God. All who heed the clear, shrill outringing of this deep, certain note of hope will forever honor this true prophet of God. As long as men aspire to fervent faith, love, the truth, and honor God, they will hold in eternal veneration, the name of this great and good man who discovered faith taught the truth, and glorified God.