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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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JERUSALEM MISSION.

Our readers, generally, are aware that the disciples of Jesus Christ in America, have established a missionary family at the ancient and world-renowned city, Jerusalem. We trust they will not, for a single week, forget that the mission continues to increase and prosper. For the information of some of our readers, and to refresh the memories of others, we will take a rapid glance at the history of the effort.

Impressed with the conviction that to enjoy continued prosperity at home, efforts must be made for those "in the regions and shadow of death," the brotherhood were quite unanimous in turning their eyes to the birth-place of Christianity. Some great foreign work was desirable to unite and combine the energies and sympathies of a brotherhood scattered over the entire continent of America. A work good, great, and noble was easily devised, and thus far it has progressed beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. God, our heavenly Father, has graciously smiled upon the effort, from its inception to the present hour. Although, in some minds, doubts may lurk as to the propriety of large associations to carry forward missionary efforts, yet all will, without hesitation, admit that there should be enough combined to carry it on efficiently. The duty of the Lord's congregation, to sound out his Word is so obvious that no disciple of Jesus for a moment entertains a doubt on that score. The gospel must be sent to the world. If one congregation is unable to send it, a sufficient number must unite. The congregations among the Gentiles cooperated to raise money for the disciples in Judea, under the sanction, and by the direction of the Apostles (see 2 Cor. viii & ix). Then the disciples in Judea had the truth—the bread of life, and from them it spread to the Gentiles, and to the ends of the earth. Now we have the bread of life and the waters of salvation. May we not very properly apply the Apostolic declaration (Romans xi 30 31) "For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief; even so have these also not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy." We owe much to the ancient disciples of Judea. Let us show our gratitude, by keeping a light burning on Mount Zion, in the Holy City.

To supply the Judean brotherhood with food and raiment, was a work that not only engaged the Apostle's attention, but one, evidently,