THE ANSWER. To W. W. Phelps, esq.

A Vision.

1. I will go, I will go, to the home of the Saints, Where virtue's the value, and life the reward; But before I return to my former estate I must fulfil the mission I had from the Lord.

2. Whereas, hear, O ye heavens, and give ear O ye earth; And rejoice ye inhabitants truly again: For the Lord is he, and his life never ends, And besides him there never was a Saviour of men.

3. His ways are a wonder, his wisdom is great; The extent of his doings, there's none can unveil; His purposes fail not, from age unto age He is still the same, and his years never fail.

4. His throne is in the firmament, and his life time is all Of eternity now, and eternally then; His union is power, and none stays his hand; The Alpha, Omega, for ever, Amen.

5. For thus saith the Lord, in the spirit of truth, I am merciful, gracious, and good unto those That fear me, and live for the life that's to come; My delight is to honor the saints with repose;

6. That serve me in righteousness true to the end; Eternal's their glory, and great their reward; I'll surely reveal all my mysteries to them, The great hidden mysteries in my kingdom stand.

7. From the council in Kolob, to time on the earth. And for ages to come till I will show My pleasure shall, what my kingdom will do; Eternity's wonders they truly shall know.

8. Great things of the future I'll show till I can, Yea, things of the vast generations to rise; For their wisdom and glory shall be very great, And their pure understanding extend to the skies:

9. And before them the wisdom of wise men shall cease, And the nice understanding of prudent men fail; For the light of my spirit shall light mine elect, And the truth is so mighty I will ever prevail.

10. And the secrets and plans of my will I'll reveal;
By men called of God, as was Aaron of old.
44. They are they, of the church of the first born of God, And unto whose hands he committeth all things; For he holdeth the keys of the kingdom of heaven, And reigneth with the Savior, as priests, and as kings.
45. They're priests of the order of Melchisedek, Like Jesus, (from whom is this highest reward,) Receiving a fulness of glory and light; As written: They're Gods; even sons of the Lord.
46. All things are theirs; yes, of life, or of death; You; whether things now, or to come, all are theirs, And they are the Savior's, and he is the Lord's, Having overcome all, as eternity's heirs.
47. Tis wisdom that man never glory in man, But give God the glory for all that he hath; For the righteous will walk in the presence of God, While the wicked are trod under foot in his wrath.
48. Ye, the righteous shall dwell in the presence of God, And of Jesus; forever, from earth's second birth. For when he cometh down, in the splendor of heaven, All these he'll bring with him, to reign on the earth.
49. These are they that arise in their bodies of flesh, When the trump of the first resurrection shall sound; These are they that come up to Mount Zion, in life, Where the blessings and gifts of the spirit abound.
50. These are they that have come to the heavenly place; The number of the Elect as promis'd in the eternal gospel To the city of God; e'en the holiest of all, And the home of the blessed, the fountain of love.
51. To the church of old Enoch, and of the first born; And general assembly of ancient renown, Whose names are all kept in the archives of heaven, As chosen and faithful, and fit to be crown'd.
52. These are they that are perfect through Jesu's own blood, Whose bodies celestial are preserved by Paul, Where the sun is the typical glory thereof, And God, and his Christ, are the true judge of all.
53. Again I beheld the terrestrial world, In the order and glory of Jesus, go on; Twas not as the church of the first born of God, But shone in its place, as the moon to the sun.
54. Behold, those of them that have died without law; The heathen of ages that never had hope, And those of the region and shadow of death, The spirits in prison, that light has brought up.
55. To spirits in prison the Savior once preach'd, And taught them the gospel, with powers aforehand; And then were the living baptiz'd for their dead, That they might be judged as men in the flesh.
56. These are they that are the lowest men of the earth; Who were blind and dumb'd by the cunning of men: They receiv'd not the truth of the Savior at first; But did, when they heard it in prison, again.
57. Not valiant for truth, they obtain'd not the crown, But are of that glory that's typ'd by the moon: They are they, that come into the presence of Christ, But not to the fulness of God, on his throne.
58. Again I beheld the celestial, as third, The lesser, or starry world, next in its place, For the heavens must leave three measures of meat, And every knee bow that is subject to grace.
59. These are they that receiv'd not the gospel of Christ, Or evidence, either, that he ever was; As the stars are all different in glory and light, So differs the glory of these by the laws.
60. These are they that deny not the spirit of God, But are thrust down to hell, with the devil, for sins, As hypocrites, liars, whoremongers, and thieves, And stay till the last resurrection begins.
61. Till the Lamb shall have finish'd the work he began; Shall have trodden the wine press, in fury alone, And overcome all by the power of his might: He conquer to conquer, and save all his own.
62. These are they that receive not a fulness of light, From Christ, in eternity's world, where they are, The terrestrial sends them the Comforter, though; And ministering angels, to happily there.
63. And so the terrestrial is minister'd to,