

coward, and Joseph heard of it, and he then returned, and said, 'I will die before I will be called a coward.'

"He was going to find a place and then send for the family, but when he came back I felt the worst I ever did in my life, and from that time I looked for him to be killed, and had felt so bad about it, that when he was murdered I was not taken by surprise, and did not feel so bad as I had for months before."

While she talked to us the tears flowed from her large, bright eyes like rain, and I could see in every act affection for Joseph.

Delineating her evidence of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon, she said: "When my husband was translating the Book of Mormon, I wrote a part of it, as he dictated each sentence, word for word, and when he came to proper names he could not pronounce, or long words, he spelled them out, and while I was writing them, if I made any mistake in spelling, he would stop me and correct my spelling, although it was impossible for him to see how I was writing them down at the time. Even the word *Sarah* he could not pronounce at first, but had to spell it, and I would pronounce it for him.

"When he stopped for any purpose at any time he would, when he commenced again, begin where he left off without any hesitation, and one time while he was translating he stopped suddenly, pale as a sheet, and said, 'Emma, did Jerusalem have walls around it?' When I answered 'Yes', he replied, 'Oh! I was afraid I had been deceived.' He had such a limited knowledge of history at that time that he did not even know that Jerusalem was surrounded by walls."

She also spoke very highly of Elder William Marks and said, "Joseph always had confidence in him. David Whitmer is honest, and when you see him you will say he is an honest, truthful man, and the reason he absented himself from the church was because of his misunderstandings, and the acts of some in the church he could not fellowship."