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TWO WRONGS TO BE STOPPED.

The public have been greatly aroused over the case of the three little girls who it seems now were all unjustly suspected by the police. Their names have been paraded before the people and their reputation has been placed in jeopardy without sufficient reason. The physicians who have acted as health officers previous to the present city administration have also been placed in an improper light, for it seems that none of them has ever acted in any such case as that which has caused so much comment.

It has been advanced as an excuse for the examination without authority of law, that it is no more lawless than "the cheating of a prisoner suspected of a crime and obtaining a confession from him." That is quite correct as an argument, but both practices are to be condemned as an excess of authority. The Deseret News desires to impress upon all concerned that it has no war to make upon the police or their chief. It does not urge any extreme measures as to them. But it is claimed that the case in view is but one among many and we want the practice stopped. The other custom of putting prisoners through a sweating process to extort confession has been stamped upon and destroyed in England, and is looked upon in this country as wrong and vicious. Prisoners have rights as well as the police and officers of the law must keep within the law.

We believe good will come out of the evil that has been exposed. Public officers must not imagine that they can exercise functions totally outside of their legitimate authority. An order of a court, or a request by a parent or guardian may justify such an examination as that which has been the subject of so much animadversion, but what has been done is a terrible blunder and all parties engaged in it are to be strongly censured. The wrong, we think will not be repeated.

SCRIPTURES EXPLAINED.

We have received the annexed letter of inquiry from an extreme southern county:

"Would you please explain through your columns the meaning of the passage in Malachi 2: 1, where it speaks of the Lord coming to His Temple suddenly. Am I to understand that this prophecy of Malachi was fulfilled when the Lord appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and some of the Twelve, at Kirtland Temple, or is it prophecy yet future, and refers to the great temple to be erected in the center of the state, or in the center of the world, or even Jackson county? Some claim that the prophecy had already been fulfilled. Also where Christ speaks of, not thinking it robbery to be equal with God, are we to understand that He (Christ) is equal in intelligence with the Father, or what did He mean?"

This prophecy, like other scriptures, is to be viewed in the light of the context. It evidently refers to a later appearance of the Lord than the manifestation in the Kirtland Temple, and the attendant circumstances are also entirely different. The question is asked, "who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth?" He says: "I will come near to you to judgment." And further: "Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord as in the days of old, and as in former years."

These events are couched with the declaration that He will come "suddenly to His temple," and therefore it appears clear that His advent this spoken of is yet in the future. Many passages of scripture which seem obscure when isolated, become plain when compared with the context.

The other question is in regard to the statement in Philippians 2: 6: "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God," etc.

There is nothing said there about equality of "intelligence." Christ is one with the Father. He is in the "express image" or "form" of God. He is the possessor of "all things." That is, He has the keys of power in heaven and on earth, to comprehend all things, to inherit all things, to enjoy all things and to rule over all things with the Eternal Father. In this there is no "robbery," because they are ONE. Their power, and glory, and dominion are not divided. That which the Son possesses does not take away anything from the Father.

The Saints, the followers and disciples of Christ, are to be one with Him. They are to have "the same mind" as was in Him when He "humbled Himself and became obedient unto death." The promise is that they also shall inherit all things and become one with the Father. Then they can say with the Apostle of old, "All things are ours, and we are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

The modern revelation on the work of redemption by the Savior says con-

cerning its finish: "Then shall the angels be crowned with the glory of His might, and the Saints shall be filled with His glory, and receive their inheritance and be made equal with Him." Deceit and Cov. section 88, verse 107. See also section 76, verse 95. This equality is the power to possess all heights and depths, to progress and increase eternally. "All that the Father hath shall be given unto them" who obtain the crown. They have "overcome all things," therefore "they inherit all things." Rev. xxi, 7.

As with Christ and the Father, so with the glorified, perfected Saints and Christ. They are made one with Him. There is no robbery in their possession of the power to receive everything in the boundless universe, from which light and wisdom and pleasure can be derived, for it takes away nothing from Christ or from the Father. They are "in the form of God" and in this manner are made "equal with God."

This is the grand goal to be reached by those who run the race for the highest prize—the celestial glory. To gain it they must have "the same mind" in them that was in Him. He was obedient in all things. That was the test in His case. It will be the same in theirs. And as He obtained the crown, so will they who walk in His steps to the end. Therein are happiness and peace, and victory, and glory, and union with the Highest in the possession and enjoyment of "all things" for ever and ever.

SCHOOLS IN MANILA.

When an estimate of the influence of the Americans in the Philippines is to be made, the educational work is of the greatest importance. On this point the Springfield Republican contains some data given by Fred W. Atkinson, who has been appointed superintendent of the schools in the islands.

From his report it appears that there are now 5,000 children in the schools of Manila, which are conducted, after a modified American plan. There are eighty-five native teachers, forty Spanish, and twenty-two Americans, some of whom are the daughters of army officers. The school year begins June 1 and ends March 1, and there are seventeen holidays adopted by the American government. The sessions are from 7:30 to 10:30 a. m. and from 2:30 to 5 p. m., and there are no sessions on Thursday, that being the weekly holiday, instead of Saturday, as with us. Not only the children, but many of their parents come to the schools to study the English language, and they are said to be quick to learn.

It is safe to say that nothing is so conducive to a good feeling between the natives and the Americans, as these schools. Teachers and pupils soon regard one another with mutual affection, and the love of the children for their instructors soon spreads to the parents. Missionaries have found schools—both Sunday schools and day schools—one of the most effective means of allaying prejudices and gaining confidence. The way to the hearts of parents often goes through the children. In the spread of educational institutions, there is, therefore, the best guarantee of a final happy ending of the Philippine trouble.

IGNORANCE OF THE BIBLE.

At different times, attention has been called to the fact that ignorance about the Bible is becoming alarmingly general in this country. Dr. C. F. Thwing has lately spoken upon this subject and published some data which are almost incredible. Tests were made with students of an Ohio university and an Eastern woman's college, and it was found that of 34 men, from northern Ohio, central New York, and western Pennsylvania, and of 51 young ladies from New England, the greater portion could not answer a few simple Bible questions correctly. Only one, a young lady, could give the correct answer to all the questions. The result makes Dr. Thwing draw the conclusion that the world is sinking back into paganism.

The facts speak for themselves. Of the eighty-five students only about twenty knew anything about the "crown of thorns." Forty knew almost nothing about Cain, Esau, Ruth, and the tomb of the Saviour. Thirty were unable to relate the incident of Moses striking a rock to obtain water, or the wrestling of Jacob with an angel. Sixty-six had heard nothing of Jonah's gourd, and seventy-five were at a loss when an allusion to Hezekiah was made. The girls were pretty well up on the story of Lot's wife, but of the 34 men only 22 bore it in their memories. This same number of the male students were stumped by a question relating to "pearls and swine," and 40 of the girls missed a reference to the guilt of Iscariot. One of the answers, indeed, made the amazing statement that Iscariot meant the cross, while another told of Ruth "grieving for her children." These were surpassed in an answer which seems to assume that Jonah's gourd was the emetic that caused "the whale" to cast Jonah ashore.

It is certainly one of the phenomena of the present age, that there is such a growing indifference to the contents of the Book of books. But it is what may be expected from the elimination of the Bible from the schools, and its all but elimination from the modern pulpit, too, where political, social and other questions are discussed, rather than the ethics of Sacred Writ. It is no wonder that there is indifference to the Word of God, for the world professing to be guided by it, clearly proves that it does not believe in its teachings.

If it is a fact that the "golden rule" has no application to every-day business, to common transactions between man and man, nation and nation, why should it not be laid on a shelf, together with the ancient case in which it was once given to man? Why should the children be expected to read a book, the parents treat as if it were an antiquity, out of date and out of use?

Our "Christian" friends have taken much pains to represent the "Mormons" as an ignorant people. We do not boast of perfection in anything. Probably the Saints do not study sacred literature as much as they ought to do,

and maybe their children are not always looked after as much as would be desirable, but it is safe to venture to say, that if the test were made with "Mormon" students in any of the Utah schools, the result would be vastly different from that obtained in eastern institutes of learning, as related by Dr. Thwing. For, though the public schools have no religious instruction, the Sunday schools, the religion classes, and the training at home supply the deficiency.

It is a divine law that a light rejected is withdrawn. "The candlestick" is removed. It almost looks as if the world were about to be left without the light of the Bible. It appears as if a condition were gradually coming, rendering the masses blind equally to the literary and poetic beauties of the sacred volume, and to its grand revelations of the glory of truth. If so, a "new witness for God" is greatly needed, and it is this the Lord has supplied in the Church of this dispensation. May its testimony resound to the uttermost ends of the earth!

MONEY TO BUY PALESTINE.

Dr. Herzl, who recently visited London in the interest of his great plan of colonizing Palestine with the Hebrew race, in an interview with a correspondent of the Chicago Record, spoke interestingly of his plans and aims. He said substantially that the leaders now have sufficient resources to pay the Sultan whatever he may ask for the concession to settle in the Holy Land. The hope is entertained that Abdul Hamid's need of money will open the gates to the ancestral home of the Jews.

He further points out that Zionism, if carried out would be of great benefit to the world. The various governments would get rid of the dangerous anti-Semitism. The large centers of population would find themselves freed from a considerable proportion of the evils of the sweating system. Besides a Jewish state in Palestine would be a positive boon to the world. The Jew would bring education to the neglected Asiatics; they would build harbors and railroads; they would connect the bay of Acre on the Mediterranean with the Persian gulf, thus shortening materially the road between Europe and Asia. This would be a neutral road. Nobody would fear the Jews, a weak people, desirous only of promoting prosperity and peace.

Dr. Herzl certainly has enthusiasm enough for the plan of which he is the most prominent promoter. When the Almighty is about to accomplish a great work among men, He generally raises up men or women peculiarly endowed for that purpose. They may seem strange to their fellowmen, being instruments formed for other than common purposes. In the eyes of the world they may appear to be enthusiasts, charlatans, or even heretics, but they are nevertheless the chosen ones of the Lord for His special purposes. This truth is illustrated in the history of Moses, Joshua, Ezra, Nehemiah, and, in the last dispensation, Joseph, the Prophet. They all had a peculiar work to perform and were practically alone, for a long time, with their aspirations, the yearnings of their hearts and the promptings of the Power resting upon them.

Dr. Herzl in this age seems to have a special calling in regard to his people. His heart is set on one grand object, and wherever he goes he kindles a fire of enthusiasm—the fire that burns within his own bosom—for that object. He may, perhaps, not be the Moses that is destined to lead the children out of bondage, but if he is not that he is surely raised up to prepare the way for that great event, and his work is of overwhelming interest.

THE BOER ENVOYS.

According to W. T. Stead, the representatives of President Kruger, now on their way to this country, hope to find in the United States the sympathy and encouragement denied them at all the courts of Europe. They hope that the country which obtained arbitration for Venezuela will be able to do as much for the South African republics.

The probability is, however, that the United States government will find it impossible to act different from the European governments. The envoys may find in public opinion much encouragement, but the government can in no way commit itself to either side of the South African dispute. When a nation interferes with another to stop an armed conflict, it must be on the ground that the continuation of it is detrimental to the interests of the power that intervenes. Mere sentimentality does not count in this age.

Still, it does not necessarily follow that the visit to this country of the peace envoys will be entirely in vain. When the struggle is over, and the question of peace terms comes up, the voice of nations friendly to Great Britain can be heard without offense to the conqueror, and probably the envoys hope to be able to present their case in such a light as to convince the American people that their cause is just. If so, they will also expect the friendly interest of our government in the final settlement, and this might possibly obtain for their people some advantages not otherwise obtainable. If, however, Great Britain refuses to take suggestions from a third party, the mission of the envoys to Europe and America must be regarded in the light of a complete failure.

SUNSHINE FOR POWER.

The New York Journal says William Calver, a Washington man, is about to set up a sun-power machine in Arizona, near Phoenix, and dig wells in the desert. His idea is to utilize the heat of the sun for developing power whereby to pump water for irrigation purposes.

The machine consists of a set of big mirrors and lenses, by which the inventor focuses the sun's rays as a boy does with a burning glass. The heat which can be generated is said to be equal to a furnace for a 500 horse power boiler.

It is believed that this machine will do much toward the solution of the arid land problem. Geologists claim to have found an abundance of water from 25

to 350 feet below the dry surface of the American deserts, and when it can be utilized, a complete transformation will take place. With sunshine as the motive power, it should be possible to bring the subterranean streams up for irrigation purposes.

The national political parties are being organized in Honolulu, so that the Hawaiians soon will have some of the pleasures as well as the burdens of politics.

The Irish in Boston have condemned Lord Salisbury. The British premier has a strong point in the fact that the Boston Irishmen have not acquired an effective jurisdiction in his case.

There is no likelihood of a war between the United States and Germany, but recent utterances show that such a thing is possible as the nations of the American continent having to repel by force of arms German aggressions.

Lord Roberts' army today is four miles from Koonstad. Whether there are any fighting Boers there will be developed soon, but it is evident there are among the Boers no successors as yet to Gena, Joubert and Cronje.

If there are other heavy battles in South Africa, the first will probably be at the ridge of mountains surrounding Johannesburg. There are no present indications of strong Boer resistance south of that point.

Japan has had a big fire, too, 1,600 buildings being burned in one city. But Japanese houses are so cheaply constructed that the calamity is not so burdensome as the burning of a similar number of houses in an occidental city would be.

Some of the friends of Lord Salisbury excuse his recent speech by saying, he must have been "off his head." Certainly he gave enough out of his mind to shake up Europe, whose rulers are now pondering methods to offset the proposed change of Britain from a commercial to a military nation.

Some of the New York politicians are so anxious to get Col. Roosevelt away from the gubernatorial contest in New York that they now have him slated for the governor generalship of the Philippines. But "Teddy" is himself a more than ordinarily clever politician, and the others probably will have to allow him the main track.

It is suggested from Washington that if Turkey will not pay the indemnity direct for damage to American property, there is no likelihood of its paying the amount with the added price of a warship. The Turk may feel more unappealing than ever when he realizes that the Yankees are "on" to his tricks.

Senor Buencamino, a leading Filipino, thinks Aguinaldo will give up if the government will only grant him certain terms. The terms as set forth do not appear to be unreasonable or virtually different from what the government has been willing to concede all along, so if Aguinaldo wants them, the best thing to do is to appear in person and settle the business. Then his sincerity might be in doubt no longer.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Worcester Spy. The Methodist general conference at Chicago showed its knowledge of human nature, when it gave as its opinion, that too great austerity in the matter of amusements usually results in excess of amusements. The Methodists have apparently determined no longer to single out special forms of amusement as vicious, but to allow a range of choice to the individual church member.

Chicago Record. The opening session of the Methodist general conference has been signalized in a remarkable way by a decision which will be regarded as of first importance by church members everywhere. The question of according equal lay and ministerial representation in the general conference is one of the oldest and most carefully studied problems with which the church has had to deal.

Indianapolis Press. The change is in thorough consonance with the democratic spirit of Methodism and will further commend itself as opening the way to a more business-like management of the great Methodist business enterprises.

Buffalo Commercial. This radical change has long been desired by a very large majority of the membership, and that it has at last been brought about with unanimity will be the cause of profound rejoicing throughout the great communion.

Chicago Inter Ocean. This is regarded as important. In view of the fact that many of the questions to come before the conference interest the laity even more than the ministers.

Philadelphia Press. This ends a long contest with victory and insures peace on a question that has disturbed the harmony of many general conferences. It proves that the Methodist conference is responsive to the sentiment of its members when that sentiment is expressed clearly and unmistakably.

THE PHILIPPINE SITUATION

Kansas City Star.

Much as the loss of life among untutored natives so far has been deplored in the United States, the massacre and oppression following a withdrawal of the American army is terrible to contemplate. Would not the abandonment of thousands of defenseless natives—whose only crime is friendliness toward the Americans—in the mercies of the insurgents be a blot on the name of the United States?

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Judge Advocate General Lieber did the best he could under the circumstances. He has reported that Otis had authority for disposing of the cases summarily. That, by direct inference, admits the existence of "a state of war" in the Philippines. Undoubtedly Senator Pettigrew, or some other senator who does not approve of the President's Philippine policy, will take the first opportunity to ask whether it still exists, and whether somebody, the President or Gen. Otis—has not gone beyond constitutional or legal limits in the proceedings.

Sacramento Bee.

A declaration from our government of its intention to give liberty and independence to the Filipino would go farther to pacify the islands than the sacrifice of thousands of lives and the expenditure of millions in military enterprises. Such a declaration, coupled with another to the effect that our gov-

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ernment must first restore peace and order, would soon bring the desired tranquility in the islands, and then the United States could retire with dignity upon any further assertion of sovereignty over them, and leave them to carve out their own future.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Guerrilla warfare in the Philippines is likely to continue, although the insurrection is completely broken. That is recognized both at Manila and Washington, and the troops on the islands have been disposed at various points where they can cope with the new conditions most advantageously. But because of our liability to a continued experience with these guerrilla eruptions is no reason why we should maintain an army on the war footing in the islands. There are now 63,000 armed men in the group. It should be the policy of the war department to reduce their number as fast as circumstances will warrant, leaving only enough men in the garrisons to meet the actual necessities of the situation.

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