

not for windfalls from Methodists, Baptists and Muckers, the raw material would run out altogether. The report of the conference, as published in the *Advance*, makes lugubrious reading. Prof. Scott says:

"There is a feeling that the ministry does not attract the best talent, that the pastor is a kind of compromise between a lady visitor and an extinct species of a previous age."

The professor is not happy in his combination of fossil and lady. It is true the average preacher is the veriest kind of fossil, and very little of the lady is in him, unless indeed a harlot can be classed as a lady. If the professor had said that the preacher is a compromise between a bunko-steerer and a bar-tender, the bull's-eye would be hit sure.

Hear what the Rev. H. D. Wiard, of Dakota, says: "I have gathered a few men from New England, but with great difficulty. I have carried on correspondence with 31 persons desiring to enter missionary fields. I found only one graduate of a theological seminary among them. I was deluged with questions about blizzards, storms, rheumatism, educated society, and so forth. I could find none willing to go to Dakota as a missionary on any terms. There are now fifty communities in Dakota sadly in want of pastors." In this doleful strain Mr. Wiard pictured the modern Christian missionary. This modern Christian is a practical person. Why should he go to Dakota? Neither Christ nor the apostles ever visited Dakota in a blizzard. Rheumatism, too, is a fearful malady. What Christian could be happy limping along on crutches?

How different with Utah. I am told that three-fourths of the missionary aspirants of the United States want to go to Utah. There is no rheumatism, no consumption, no hay-fever, no tie-doloreaux, no preacher's laziness, in fact nothing. Then again, all the preachers who are ailing, or who have wives or children ailing, want to go to Utah. It will only take one trip more of that exposition car to drum up all the gouty, scrofulous, rheumatic preachers and lawyers in the country to seek Utah. What splendid material for developing territorial resources is found in asthmatical divines and rheumatic lawyers!

To the people of Utah this influx of sickly, scrofulous, mentally twisted, morally oblique, non-producing

persons should be matter of serious consideration. An element of this kind, bringing decay, disease and corruption in its train is bad for a new country. We are now trying to protect ourselves from the paupers and criminals of Europe, but Utah is helpless against the outcasts and vagrants of the United States. The only course Utah can with propriety pursue is one of exclusiveness. The people of the territory, that is, the producing classes, should keep themselves absolutely aloof from the contaminating influences of the dissolute and idle class of shysters, Gospel-hacks, and tramps who are swarming into Utah.

"And now that my soul might have joy in you, and that my heart might leave this world with gladness because of you, that I might not be brought down with grief and sorrow to the grave, arise from the dust, my sons, and be men, and be determined in one mind, and in one heart united in all things, that ye may not come down into captivity."

Read these words over again; mark the poetry, the patriotism, the paternal solicitude contained in them. What grandeur, what sublimity, what pathos there is in that picture! Can't you see the venerable brow, the patriarchal beard, the outstretched arm, all exhorting the young ones to unity, to reason, to sense, for their own sake, as well as a peaceful death for his?

For the antitheses to this read 1 Nephi ii: 10-20. In the English language there is not a nicer bit of exquisite logic, profound reason and Divine mentality than is to be found in those ten verses. JUNIUS.

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## RELIGIOUS PROCEEDINGS.

### Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle, Sunday, Jan. 6, 1889, commencing at 2 p. m., President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir sang:

All hail! the new-born year!  
Thrice welcome to the Saints.

Prayer by Elder Henry Walsh.

The choir and congregation sang:

Come, let us anew our journey pursue,  
Roll round with the year,  
And never stand still till the Master appear.

The Priesthood of the Fourteenth Ward officiated in the administration of the sacrament.

ELDER L. F. MONCH

was called to address the congregation. He said he left Utah four years and two months ago, to fill a

mission in Germany. It was with a heavy heart that he left home, but he trusted in the Lord, and had been blessed. He felt glad that he had been considered worthy to fill a mission. It is characteristic of the Latter-day Saints that they love their brethren and sisters of the human family. So when an Elder is called on a mission, he willingly makes whatever sacrifice is necessary to go and proclaim the principles of salvation to the world. The Elders go abroad, suffering scorn and persecution and hardship, that they might make known to the human family the plan of salvation. There are many trials connected with the performance of this work, for the Elders have to labor mostly among the poor, as the rich will seldom listen to the preaching of the truth.

As a result of the promulgation of the Gospel, the Lord has gathered many of His people together. He is still gathering them to a bountiful and beautiful land. The speaker had traveled in all of the countries of Europe, but in none of them had he beheld such a lovely place as that which the Lord had brought the Saints to for a home, and which has been developed under the blessings of heaven, by their industry. They have performed a marvelous work, and the eyes of the world are today attracted to the home of the Latter-day Saints. But the thrift and energy of the people do not remove the intense prejudice that exists against the "Mormons." The world seems to think that the name "Mormon" is a great disgrace. But the Saints think differently, for the word "Mormon" means "more good."

The speaker described the manner of living among the people in that portion of Germany where he had been traveling, as to their food, clothing, etc. He also related his experience in being unable to obtain places in which to preach. The most bitter opponents of the Elders were professed ministers of Christianity, who told the most absurd falsehoods, which were believed by many people. They would tell how the Saints were driven with whips, like slaves, and also that the women were hitched to plows, etc., like oxen. One statement of this class came very nearly causing the banishment of the Elders from Switzerland. This was an assertion that the "Mormons" were in a desert country, and were starving to death. The government, of course, wanted to preserve their people from being taken to such a place. The officials