

the system cannot stand such an investigation before the all-penetrating rays of truth, we say cheerfully, let it fall.

Here is the article in the *Christian Advocate*:

At the risk of saying something superfluous on the much discussed matter of the Latter-day Saints, I submit a few thoughts from a personal experience stretching throughout one year, on how to successfully meet the attacks of the Saints. I say successfully, for I am satisfied that by the right method they can be turned down in any place. And the work can be done by anybody. The onslaught is made on our weaker charges, often against our younger men. But none need be dismayed. And I believe any one may profit by the year's experience of the writer.

How not to:

1. You can't pray them out. It's a matter of instruction. Only the older men and women remember anything about Joe Smith and Mormonism. The people must be informed.

2. You can't revile them out. I tried that. Three whole weeks we ran counter meetings at the same four corners. The saint beat me in sustaining interest and drawing the crowd. The saint missionaries are shrewd, subtle, able fellows, and in most instances will tower above our ordinary men. After three weeks I saw that I was beaten at that game, and adopted a more successful method.

3. You can't ignore them out. Silence is doubtless golden, but the preacher, especially the Methodist preachers, who sits by and sees inroads made upon his work by the saints, is either a laggard or a coward. In either case he is unworthy of his robes. There are in any community many uninformed, innocent, unsuspecting souls, especially sisters, who can be easily wrought upon and prejudiced by the smooth, wily saint, and it our work to open their eyes to what is behind. Unless the pastor exerts himself, and that right speedily, they will be lured away and lost.

4. Don't debate. This may sound strange. But it is good advice just the same. Debating is peculiar work. It is an art all by itself. Many successful preachers are not debaters. Few debaters are successful preachers. If you know that you have the gift of debate, go ahead. But even then it is not the best way; at least seldom so. Saint missionaries are tried and gifted debaters. Be careful how you cross swords with them or they may whip the life out of you and carry away the whole community in their hearts.

5. Don't expect too much. You may lose a few. They will have some followers anyway. In spite of all the temperance work there is some drinking yet. So some may join the saints.

How to do it:

1. Begin the very day the saint preacher begins. Earlier if you hear of his appointments ahead. They will not undertake an even fight if you fight right. Part of their work is done by making friends. They practice every imaginable wile and trick to get into people's hearts. That is to get people to like them personally. If you begin at once, you head them off on this line, which is very important.

2. Master and preach Mormonism as it is. You will find it only in the Mormon Bibles: "Book of Mormon," "Book of Doctrine and Covenants," "The Inspired Translation of the Bible." These are their true books of revelation. Other books will be helpful. But these are all-important. These are the only books that will defeat the saints at their own work. I defy an angel from heaven to down the saints in a community, without these books. With these books, any schoolboy it too much for them. Just

get these books, study them, take them into your pulpit, read their black and woeful contents to any American audience, and they will drop saintism as though it were burning brimstone from the pit. You may think this cynical and foolish. But if you have to go through the fight you will understand. These fellows come in with our Bibles in their hand, denying that they have other Bibles. They get their converts baptized and steeped in prejudice against the church and Christians before they say anything of these books at all. Converts to saintism can be found on my charge today, converts of two years' standing, who still deny that the saints believe in these books. These books should be bought and mastered now, before the fight comes on. If the saint missionary has not been in on you yet, it's only a matter of time till he comes.

3. Don't take up unnecessary issues with them. For instance, the missionary will say: "Please don't call me a Mormon. I am not a Mormon. I am a Latter-day Saint." All right, call them Saints. Show up Saintism, and soon the people will see that Saintism is as bad as Mormonism; in fact, the same thing. Again they will attack the church and John Wesley. But the church and Wesley can take care of themselves, for all the saints. Again they preach immersion as the true baptism. Don't dispute it with them. Let the Baptists have all the consolation there is in this agreement with the saints. Keep to Mormonism as found in those books. Don't be sidetracked.

4. Do the work yourself. Nothing can give a man such a grip on any community as to defeat the saints. After the smoke has cleared away, the pastor finds every man is his friend. To delegate this work is sometimes necessary, but always hurtful to the influence of the pastor, that is, it advertises his incompetency. It is a task where a specialist is not really necessary if the proper method be pursued.

5. Keep sweet, cheerful, kind, patient. Be kind and civil to the enemy. Invite him down to dinner. That is, use his own methods on himself.

Victory is as sure as that you begin the conflict. The American people are not sufficiently degraded to endorse the Mormon Bibles, which tell us that we shall not commit adultery, unless God wills to raise up offspring to his servants, in which case he will make it known—otherwise obey the Doctrine Book of Mormon.

THE KAISER IN PALESTINE.

The German emperor has entered the Holy City under triumphal arches and amidst the enthusiasm of the population. From the tower of David their imperial majesties proceeded on foot through the Jaffa gate to the church of the Sepulchre, and then to the Protestant church. Thus far, what has been called the crusade of Emperor William has proceeded without mishap. The emperor has come, seen and conquered.

Naturally the Russians are looking on with jealous misgivings. They are afraid that the influence in Turkey may suffer from the ascendancy of German Protestantism. With Russia this is a serious question, more so because it is one of a religious nature. Russians regard the Holy land with feelings of reverence. Every orthodox Russian looks forward toward the day when he can start on a pilgrimage to the sacred places and carry with him home water from Jordan and a burning candle lit from the sacred flames in Jerusalem. For years and years the peasant will save money to be spent on such a pilgrimage. Thousands of them visit Pal-

estine every year, as a religious duty. They have been taught to look upon the sacred places as theirs, in an ecclesiastical sense, though temporarily under the political control of the followers of the "false prophet." The ascendancy of Protestantism in Palestine is therefore a serious matter to the Russian government, in the omnipotency of which the simple Russian believes. Rumors are already abroad of a Russo-Austrian understanding as a counter-balance to any Turko-German intrigues.

English criticism of the emperor's pilgrimage is based on different grounds entirely. It takes the view that under the theatrical display a business project is carefully hidden. It is pointed out that probably the kaiser at no distant date will ask the sultan to give him two small ports—Haifa on the Mediterranean and another on the Persian gulf. Then there will be some more railroad building. Germans will feel the importance of their mission as the civilizers of Turkey and room will be made in Syria for from ten to fourteen million citizens of the great Fatherland. Whoever holds Palestine is in a position to dominate Egypt and is in control of the meeting point of the lines of communication that are sure to be established through the Asiatic continent from Hong Kong and through Africa from Cap Colony. Undoubtedly Syria is destined to rise once more out of the ruins in which it has been slumbering so long, and the power that is first will have a tremendous advantage over its rivals. The kaiser, it is evident, is playing a big game in the interest of Germany. That, at least, is the English view of the matter.

The fact, however, is that if the emperor has any plans beyond a devotional visit to historic places, they are carefully concealed and can only be the objects of conjecture at this time. The Russian threat that any concession of Turkish territory to Germany will be the beginning of the dismemberment of the Ottoman empire may have the desired effect at Constantinople, at least for the time being.

RETURN OF COLONEL CANNON.

Lieutenant Colonel John Q. Cannon, who arrived home yesterday, October 30th, from Jacksonville, Florida, where his regiment has been encamped during the summer months, speaks in high terms of the regiment with which he has been connected. He says the boys, when they left Fort Russell, were as well trained a body of men as any in Uncle Sam's service. They were full of vigor and martial spirit and would simply have been invincible. This spirit was broken, however, by sickness. Bacteria did the work no Spaniards could have done.

The government has, as is well known, been severely criticized for the management of the various camps, but Colonel Cannon is of the opinion that there is but little ground for such criticism. The site of the camp where the Rough Riders held forth was selected with the utmost care. It was high and sandy and as dry as the humidity of the air at the low level would permit. There were several causes for the sickness of the soldiers. Most of the boys were born and raised in the mountain regions. The change of climate had its effects. The drinking water, from artesian wells, was sulphurous and laxative. This weakened the systems and made it impossible to withstand the attacks of the fever. But the government acted most generously in every respect towards the soldiers. No expense was spared in order to secure