

a slight derangement is also detrimental to it. That part of London illuminated by the new process, established for a year's test, would have been on two occasions in profound darkness from some unknown cause which interfered with the circuit, if it had not been for the uninterrupted connection with the gas works. So here in this city. If the new system had prevailed to the exclusion of the old, for some weeks to come we should be without any street illuminator, and be obliged to fall back on kerosene for stores and domestic use.

We had better hold on to the gas for awhile, and shall need it for street purposes at any rate for some time to come. The experience of Ogden in tower illumination is not very flattering, but bears out our objections advanced in the start, and though we have no doubt of the ultimate success of electric illumination as well as electric motive power, our municipalities cannot afford to make expensive ventures, but had better let others do the experimenting, while we wait for the best results obtained from comparisons of the best systems which will soon be in active and general competition.

PARTLY GUILTY, PARTLY NOT.

THE card which appeared in the Louisville Courier-Journal and also in the Post, from Hon. Walter Evans in relation to Gov. Eli H. Murray, which was copied into the News, has been replied to in the first named paper. Gov. Murray pleads guilty to writing the ignoble letter against the appointment of Mr. Evans, is silent as to his untruthful statements as proved by that gentleman in relation to running behind his ticket, and replies as follows to the plain charges of fraud brought against him in the card:

"Mr. Evans seeks in his card to revive slanders that were used in connection with his triumph by referring to my career as United States Marshal for Kentucky, but as I have long since been fully vindicated from all such aspersions, I have now no reference to make to them, other than to say that those exploded calumnies fall as harmless at my feet as if Mr. Evans and his co-calumniators had never given them currency. My record, in which I have some pride and of which, upon the best authority it has been said, that it did 'the State some service' answered all this at the time lying tongues insinuated them. Life is too short to waste in continually answering threadbare falsehoods and I have more important

work in hand. I shall, in the future as in the past, continue my fight with 'the world, the flesh and the devil' with whatever of strength and manliness I may be endowed."

If the charges of crookedness while Marshal of Kentucky are "exploded calumnies," all the better for the Governor. But while the Star route business and other steals of the kind are being inquired into, would it not be just as well for the government to institute a searching inquiry, not a whitewashing commission, into the affairs of the Marshals of Kentucky, during the former part of President Grant's last term of office? Something might be unearthed needing explosion besides alleged "calumnies" and "aspersions." Evans has an opening there that he might avail himself of to some purpose. He has not been half answered; we are mistaken in the man if we have heard the last of this unsavory affair.

QUALIFY!

THERE are quite a number of School Trustees, elected at the annual school meetings in this city and county, who have not yet fled their bonds with the County Clerk. Every man elected to office should endeavor to comply with all the provisions of the law in relation to that office.

County and precinct officers are required to give bonds with approved security, to the acceptance of the Probate Judges of their respective counties, and the bonds must be filed in his office. School Trustees must "qualify by taking and subscribing an oath of office, and give bonds to the county in which they reside, in such sums and

with such sureties as the Probate Judge of the County or the Justice of the Peace for the Precinct may approve," and the oath of office and bonds must be filed with the County Clerk.

These requirements should not be neglected nor postponed. Everything should be done in the season thereof. If this duty is put off day after day, it may be forgotten altogether, and the persons elected find out when they are called upon to act in their offices that they have no lawful authority to do so.

All who are elected to any position whatever, no matter how small it may appear to be, should read and digest the law relating to that office, and endeavor to fill it according to the letter and spirit of the statute in that case made and provided. Let those Trustees who have not qualified according to law attend to this duty without further delay.

A PAIR OF SWINDLERS.

THERE is a prominent female "Mormon"-hater in this city, who uses both pen and voice in calumniating the Latter-day Saints, and who is sustained in this work by ladies and gentlemen of apparent respectability, and yet it is pretty well known that she is utterly unprincipled and a consummate fraud. Her other half, though not possessed of the ability of the "head of the family," is just as dishonest. They pay nobody when they can get goods, lodgings, food or services without payment. They have swindled business people in this city to the tune of thousands of dollars. And not content with this, poor laboring people have been cheated by this precious pair, until their cries are grievous to hear.

Why do decent people countenance these swindlers and arrant humbugs? They have been fostered and petted and their peculations have been winked at, by professedly "Christian" people because the woman has been active in fabricating stories about the "Mormons" which could be used for outside effect. Is it not time that this shameful condonation of fraud should be stopped? The question will doubtless be asked, why do not these alleged defrauded creditors and work people take legal measures against their victimizers? Simply because the frauds have no friends or effects, and those who sue would have the expenses to pay for their pains.

We advise those who have been imposed upon by these leeches and impostors, and are able to do so, to get legal advice and proceed against them under the criminal law. Section 312 of the penal code provides that:

"Every person who knowingly and designedly, by false and fraudulent representations or pretenses, defrauds any other person of money or property is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail, not exceeding one year, and by fine not exceeding three times the value of the money or property so obtained."

We have been repeatedly applied to concerning the depredations of these swindlers who set themselves up as reformers of the people of Utah, and have been requested to publish some of their transactions with their names, over the signatures of their victims, most of whom are non-"Mormons." But this paper is not printed for personal ends nor exposures of this kind, and we have hitherto abstained from naming the unprincipled defamers and defrauders. But their associates should either support them for services rendered in lying about the "Mormons," or repudiate them altogether, that they may not have that social recognition which gives them opportunities for preying upon the unsusceptible. Let them gravitate to their proper level.

COMPARATIVE EDITION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

THE handiest and best edition of the revised New Testament that we have seen is called "The Comparative edition," published by Porter & Coates, Philadelphia. It is so arranged—two columns to a page, that the left column has the old text and the right the new. Thus the reader can compare both versions and note the changes that have been made. He can pay his money—from a dollar and a half upward according to style—and take his choice. It is beautifully printed,

and the cheap edition is bound in cloth extra, making a volume of 690 pages, exclusive of an explanatory preface. The publishers state that it has been examined so carefully by competent proof readers that they believe the text to be absolutely correct. James Dwyer has the book for sale.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE FIRST AND LAST OF IT!

THE fundamental thought of "Mormonism," relates to spiritual communion while men yet tabernacle in the flesh. This thought is as old as mankind, and its facts belong to all sacred history, while not a few of the great events of secular history also, are credited as being the produce of an inspiration outside of those actors, who were the apparent "all in all" of such movements.

The ability to acquire knowledge, intelligence, everywhere implies faculty. The power to receive communication from outside human organization, implies faculty also. Not faculties peculiar to those receiving only, but the same faculties which exist in a greater or less degree in every human being upon the earth.

But as with every other function or faculty so also with this, it may be dormant or active; It may exhibit itself at one time, and at another, its very existence may be doubted or denied; it may be intense in its activity, or as in the masses, be spasmodic or momentary; while in individuals specially gifted, or extra powerful spiritual receptivity, it may only cease with life. Inasmuch as the acquisition of intelligence is the only real test of progress, it may be worth while to inquire, whether the cultivation of the spiritual powers of man would not wondrously facilitate that which all thoughtful minds profess so ardently to desire.

There must be a vast accumulation of knowledge, stores of wisdom, secrets of power, conceptions of right, and comprehension of truths, such as would dwarf into insignificance man's stunted grasp of things, if we only knew how to reach the supply. Even those who have dwelt on this earth in the ages of the past, must have made vast progress, since then, dwelling for thousands of years amid the schools and experiences behind the veil; and if any considerable number of those on earth could become more receptive, surely the dawning of a better day for humanity would be every where acknowledged.

Indeed no strain upon public sentiment would be felt, if the assertion was now unceremoniously made, that all modern marvels were the product of an increased flow of inspirational energy; acting upon prepared mentality for the ushering in of even a social and scientific millennium. The rapid transformations of an age are scarcely realized. Society without railroads, steamboats, telegraph and telephone; society without the printing press, without gas or electricity, without photography, without machinery, would almost lapse into the thick darkness of barbarism in comparison with its own acquired needs.

Now, if the secular blessings are acknowledged as inspirational can there be difficulty in believing that other faculties and powers of man are also susceptible of increased activity, even to an equal ratio? Can there not be from the same sources, stimulus given to the religious, moral and social relationship of life? And is not such stimulus as probable and possible in this age as in any age circumscribed by Bible history, providing the prepared receptive mentality is to be found among mankind? It would appear that for real tangible importance, a knowledge of the origin of life, its purpose, its future, is of a much higher grade than the conveniences of science and industry, or the trophies of momentary wealth or power.

What is man? Who is he? Whither is he bound? What are his relationships to time and eternity, to the universe, to God? Do all the products of his busy brain, and the dreams of his fierce ambition, the aspirations of his hope and the longings of his inner self, perish when as a cloud he mingles with the "clouds of the valley?" If not, from whence can his information come, except from some of that countless host who from every battle field of life, and from many an organized earth have "jumped the life to come." "Surely they have borne our sorrows, and are acquainted with our grief." Surely they are interested in us by virtue of common origin, com-

mon struggle, and common destiny. And nothing would appear so rational, so consistent, so inevitable as that communion which often appears desirable, but from which many shrink, and while giving the history so many deprecate and deny.

That this intercommunion is graded and gradual in its unfoldment, is in harmony with every law of growth. That many are amenable to impressions, susceptible to spiritual force, is well known. Some yield to influences of this character intuitively, without consideration as to their origin; others are rebellious, and in resistance often prove the proverb, that "first impressions are best."

Then there are the dreamers among mankind; veritable descendants are they of Joseph of old. Dreams are said to have been a common method of imparting intelligence. In bodily sleep the spiritual perceptions seemed to be most active, and many a warning, many a promise, many a truth in ages past, came by way of dreams. Others in waking moments had their minds opened, and in vision great things were given for individual as well as for general good.

But a condition of advancement beyond the impression, the dream, or vision seems to have been reached by some to whom the visitation and communion of angels was oft vouchsafed. This appeared to be introductory to a more tangible and practical educational method than belonged to the rudimentary stage; hence the admonition, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares;" and also the apostolic inquiry, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister unto those who shall be heirs of salvation?" From the lack of experience "John the beloved" might have been disposed to do homage to one of his glorified "brethren of the prophets," but Paul declared to the early Christians that they had not come to the terrors of Sinai, but "to the Church of the first born, and to an innumerable company of angels." By these the most fully developed spiritual pupils of the early Church were more or less moulded, educated and formed. Yet there was an advance guard even upon these. We read of those who were taught of "The Master," they had communion with Him, and He made promises to some that His Father even (in the upward and onward path of progress) should take up His abode with them, and that in any interim the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, the revelator, the inspirational minister of the Saints and the Church should "lead and guide them into all truth."

"Mormonism," then, in grappling with this thought, in accepting this possibility, simply returns to primary principles and builds upon the same foundation as the prophets and apostles of old, and all its spiritual vitality was but the reopening of the heavens and the giving of an audience to its ministers and authorities, the same as all spiritually cultivated intelligences of earth have done in every preceding age of time.

All the inspiration and revelation, each dream and vision, every impression of power, and every monition of "the still small voice;" every word of wisdom, of prophecy, and of tongues; every gift of healing and power to cast out devils; every vestige of authority, and all official acts and deeds; every recognition of God, and every testimony of His Spirit, is planted firm as the hills and unshaken as the throne of Jehovah, upon the renewal and continuance of communion and the increased culture of spiritual perception, function and power, even to the final opening of the flood gates of those vast reservoirs of spiritual intelligence which have been gathered by the great and good in the wondrous eternities of the past. When this day comes, "the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the face of the great deep," the "first shall then be last and the last first," for "the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it!"

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Salt Lake City, U. T., on Saturday, June 18th, 1881, viz., Jeter Clinton, Homestead Entry No. 2,103 for the S. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4, and S. E. 1/4, S. N. W. 1/4 and Lots 1, 2, 3, of section 25, T. 1, S. R. 4 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: William F. Moss, of E. T. City, Tooele Co., Utah; Joseph Griffith, of E. T. City, Tooele Co., Utah; Thomas C. Patten, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Frederick F. Kesler, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

H. W. McMASTER, Register. STAYNER & SIMMONS, Atty's for Claimants.