MORMONS IN AUSTRALIA.

How They Are Received and Treated by the People There.

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To the Editor:

Cotton says: "We hate some people because we do not know them; and we will not know them because we hate them." I dare say no one appreciates the truth of that saying more than the Latter-day Saints in general, and the Elders in particular. It has been our lot to be hated, because we are not known, and some people will not know us simply because they hate us. Here in Melbourne we meet this case of people occasionally, although prejudice is waning. I lectured in the presence of hearers associated with a prominent author, Dr. R. Mitchell by name, who is friendly to us, and he has every means in his power to bring every some of the prejudice which has not an influence on him. He has had nearly all the mentions Brother Barrett and I possess, and though he is not an his way clear to accept all of our teachings, he is friendly, and expressed himself to me personally that it is a pity for which he is a correspondent. The following is one of his letters:

"Next month there will be celebrated in the State of Utah (U. S. A.) a jubilee that is attracting some attention in the United States. This is the 50th anniversary of the entrance of the Mormons into Salt Lake City after the bitter persecutions they suffered in the state of Illinois. When Brigham Young and his associates arrived on the spot in 1847, they found a bleak, barren wilderness. Today it is one of the most handsome and most prosperous cities in the Union. At present there is nothing other than will be exhibited all kinds of relics and memento of the early pioneers, and the history of the Mormons, including the journey of the Saints, including the time that Brigham Young drove to the site chosen. Mormonism is much misunderstood. It is a very far more truthful religion than most people think. There are many thousands of Mormons in Australia and New Zealand. In Melbourne the representatives of the Church are Messrs. Carr and Barton, who reside at Wanderrabb street, Richmond, and readers of the Deseret Evening News are Elders, and Barton who reside at Richmond, should address them with some information and particulars.

Occasionally the Melbourne papers have something to say about "Mormonism," and as a minority the way with people who write about it, it is generally of a very hostile character. Two or three times within the last twelve months the Sun Newspaper had it was not until a Christmas (U. S.) correspondent of the "Age" wrote something that was thoroughly the truthful that we thought it to make any answer. The following is our reply:

"To the Editor of the Age: Sir—In your issue of Saturday last the Tribune appears in the New Zealand Mail, in:

"There are seven Mormons who have two or three wives, and seven more, and it is well known that religion has increased since Mormonism has been established in Utah, and it is well known that the Mormons have succeeded in inducing some European settlers to come to Utah and embrace the tenets of Brigham Young and his polygamic doctrine.

"It is quite a mistake to open that body of people known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but more especially the Mormons, and we, as the representatives of said Church in Melbourne, feel bound to question the Tribune to represent, and to the community at large, some answer should be made to the above charges. First, your correspondent does not state whether or not the Mormons who have "seven wives" are from what follows we can easily imagine that he thinks the Mormons are responsible for the existence of polygamy in New Zealand. It may, or may not be, but if it is, the polygamy has increased since "Christian missionaries" arrived in New Zealand, and it may also be true that several Mormon men may then use with Moses and say he, like Christian Mormon referred to, are members of the Mormon Church, and have the same right to do so as have the adherents of Mormon doctrine, or have the mormonites proselyting in the colonies of Great Britain and America. It polygamy has increased in New Zealand since the arrival of the missionaries, it is not to be attributed to Mormons. Secondly, those missionaries have not induced any Europeans to come to Utah, but they went of their own free will. Thirdly, the Europeans settlers who came to Utah to embrace the tenets of Brigham Young. They joined the Church in New Zealand and emigrated to Utah because they wanted to, not because they were induced. The principles we teach were not introduced by Brigham Young, but our ancestors, and we, and other men, but by God Himself, and if our sons and our sons' sons continue to live the teachings left them by God, they will find Christ, who will find Christ, who, Joseph Brigham Young, and the Church of Jesus Mormon Church, for it was organized in Fayette, Seneca county, New York, United States of America, on 6th April, 1830, by Joseph Smith Jr. and the others.—Yours, etc.

"E. CARR.

"6th June, HORACE W. BARTON."

The work is proceeding, the Bible teaches, but men will accept the teachings, but we are trying to do what we can. We are trying to warn people to turn from their wicked ways, and to accept the Gospel of Christ. The Gospel calls for living saints, and it is not enough for them to be called Christians, but they must bear fruit. We are doing what we can, the Bible says, but it is not enough, one the Bible says, but it is not enough, one the Bible says, but it is not enough, one