



## CHRISTIAN INCONSISTENCY.

## Insincerity of Preachers Who Are Afraid of the Truth.

Girard, Kan., July 16.—The following is an account of one of a series of meetings held in the city of Girard, beginning Sunday evening, July 16. They are held in a beautiful grove in the city and county block. The first meeting was well attended by a large crowd of anxious listeners. The grove was surrounded with electric lights.

The Rev. Bates of the Baptist church conducted the meeting. He announced that the meetings would be for the benefit of the different denominations, none excluded, each taking charge in their turn. The choir sang, after which Rev. Thomas of the Methodist church offered the opening prayer. It was also agreed that the meetings should be for the cause of truth. After naming two from each church to pass the hat around, the choir sang a selection, after which Rev. Bates took for his text, "The Separation of Lot and Abraham," in Genesis 13:8. In his remarks he said that Lot was very selfish, and that he lifted up his eyes and saw Sodom.

He also said that he had seen a large city, and he was a large stock owner, and being a business man, finally moved into Sodom to make money, and to get gain. But Abraham walked in the ways of the Lord in all things, was a man that the Lord loved, being obedient in all the teachings of the Lord. The speaker warned the浪子 men of Girard not to do as Lot did, but to take Abraham for an example.

After the services were over, and as the "Monmon" Elders desired to be heard as well as seen, Elders J. J. Proctor, B. F. Duffin, Jr., and L. Vivian Hinckley, walked up to the stand and invited them to Rev. Bates, and asked the privilege of joining in with the rest of the church. The Elders were asked what church they belonged to. On receiving a reply, Mr. Bates said: "Oh, you are those polygamous 'Mormons,' are you that are preaching polygamy to our people? The Elders informed him that they were not preaching teaching or practising polygamy, but that they desired to bring the pure Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, before the people. "Well," it may be you don't practise it, but they do it out in Utah, and we don't want to go to Utah." The Elders assured him that they would not preach polygamy. "Well, I object to having you talk to our people." The Elders asked him: "You believe that Abraham was a man after God's own heart, and in all things he pleased the Lord, did he not?"

"Yes, he did." "Then, have you more than one wife?" He was at a loss to know what to say, but finally said: "The Lord looked over Abraham's weaknesses, and we don't believe in the old Bible anyway." Then, holding up the Bible, said: "This is what we believe in, and we don't say that you don't believe in the old Bible, and if so, why have you been teaching it to the people this evening?" "Well," he said, "I have just been taking lessons from it." "Then, Abraham is a very good man, and takes lessons from, and eats candy and lottery tickets than ever before." "Well, we don't want you Mormons to speak to our people. I must go home."

Thanking him for the kind (?) treatment they had received from him, the Elders bade him good evening and went home, leaving the town in great confusion and hypocrisy of the average Christian teacher, who is afraid of the truth.

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Elders are working hard in encouraging us in the work of the Lord. The future is a very bright one for us. We have quite a number of investigators here, and some will be added to the Church this week, and we are looking for more applications in the near future.

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## PIONEER DAY IN LINCOLN, ILL.

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## PIONEER DAY IN WASHINGTON

Seattle Saints Honor Utah's Natal Day.

Seattle, Wash., July 26.—Utah's Pioneer day was a day long to be remembered by the Elders laboring in this conference and the Saints of the church. There were 11 Elders and about 200 Saints gathered at the park, gathered at Woodland Park at 11 a.m. At 1 p.m. a long table was spread with the most toothsome food that Seattle could produce. At 3 p.m. a fine program was rendered following which we all enjoyed ourselves in various amusements. The conference President Horace S. Ensign and wife just returned from the Japan mission, was a treat to the Elders and Saints, as he told many interesting stories of his four years' mission. Ten of the Elders had gathered, and after much cheering and handshaking, they were pleased with the reports of the Fremont stake.

The Fremont stake convened and addressed the conference.

Bishop Lorenzo Stohl of Brigham City and Elder A. W. Wade, a high counselor of the Weber stakes, were present and addressed the congregation.

President Francis M. Lyman, Elder C. W. Penrose of the Apostles and Bishop O. P. Miller, arrived by the morning train.

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