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# THE WORK IN JAPAN.

We have received a pamphlet Japanese characters neatly printed, and Illustrated with a good cut of the Salt Lake Temple. The closest investigation does not result in any light as to the meaning of its contents; but, happily, it is accompanied by a small companion publication of eight pages in English, which gives the key to the whole matter.

It is an announcement concerning the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Heber J. Grant. It calls upon the people of Japan to fully investigate the message which he and his associates in the mission to that nation are sent to deliver, and also the doctrines and principles revealed from heaven through the Prophet Joseph Smith in the ninetcenth century. The Articles of Faith of this Church are given in full, with scriptural references in support of each article. A solemn and forcible testimony is added, that God and Christ have spoken again from heaven, and that all who repent and obey the gospel, as now revealed, will receive a knowledge from God of its

divinity. We are pleased to see this token of activity in the work now progressing in Japan. There is much interest among our people here in the Japanese mission. That everything possible is being accomplished is considered certain, by those who are acquainted with the energy and abilities of Elder Grant and with the faith and earnestness of his associaté missionaries. It is under stood that some of them at least are making headway in acquiring that most difficult language, confidently expected that 18 good results will flow from their efforts, when they have mastered it sufficiently to enable them to do their own translating and to address the people of Japan in their own tongue.

A very interesting letter from Elder Sandford W. Hedges appears in the current number of the Improvement Era, which should be read by all our friends who take a lively interest in the Japanese mission. We learn from it that the Elders are finding favorable openings to introduce the Gospel and make acquaintance with intelligent people; that at a meeting held in a theater and lecture hall in Kanda, Elders Grant and Ensign spoke in Eng. lish and Elders Alma O. Taylor and Fred Caine in Japanese. Elder Taylor spoke fluently and correctly for about fifteen minutes, and the singing of Hornce Ensign was a pleasing feature of the occasion, the meeting being well attended. The missionaries have organized a choir and have frequent practice meetings. The sisters, with President Grant and Elders Ensign and Caine sing treble, Elders Joseph Featherstone, Erastus Jarvis and John Stoker bass, and Elders A. O. Taylor and S. W. Hedges tenor. Some interesting visits and experiences are related in the Era article. It is well understood that the difficulties in the way of the work in Japan are great and peculiar. But it is also believed that with the blessings of God and the perservance and faith of the Elders there, all serious obstacles will be overcome, and the fruits of the labors of our missionaries will be seen before very long, and Japan will contribute its quota to the number of the Saints, who will gather to Zion and help to fulfil the prediction that to it shall come people out of every nation under heaven.

he village expressed surprise that such "holy" man as Aslamasow should be aut into prison for obeying the orders of the Almighty.

Where such ignorance prevails, it is exhibits. o wonder that race haired finds expression in riots and murders. The work of enlightenment is glow. It has been slower in Russia than in the rest. of Europe, because despotism has been afraid of too radical changes.

# FOR FATHERS AND MOTHERS.

The question of "race sulcide" is one that has occupied many a thoughtful mind in France, and it is still one of the great questions there. One of he latest contributors to the discusfor is Mr. Plot, a member of the

French senate His idea is that the mothers of exptionally large families be honored with the crosses and ribbons of some cier, and that their services to the ountry in this way be publicly recog-

This idea is good. But it does not go far enough. If something in this the various tribes. Slam will expend vection is contemplated, it must take mue more practical form than a cross

#### nd ribbon. Is there any reason why a ather and mother, who have brought forth a large family of good citizens.

should not receive in their old age, if they need it, a pension sufficient to keep them free from care? Soldiers and office holders are presioned, as well as honored; why should not fathis and mothers receive as much coognition as one whose calling is t festroy life, in war? Fathers of large families might be given preference in he appointment to offices, if otherwise malified, and the state might, in nu nerous ways, give the needed recogni ion to the builders of homes. Were

this done, the question of "race suicids" might soon be solved. COLUMBIA AND THE TREATY According to reports from Colombia the patrious of that country are placing many obstacles in the way of the anal treaty. In fact, the ratification of the treaty is said to be very much in Ostensibly the objection to it is that the United States virtually obtains

ownership over a piece of Colombian territory. For although this government only "leases" the strip through which the canal runs, it is evident that for all practical purposes it becomes United States territory

But this is hardly the real ground for objection. It is more probable that the opposition is engineered by parties interested in the Nicaragua route, in the hope that if the Panama, route is blocked by the stupidity of Colombian "patriots," the other route will be selected. This, however, is an idle game. It can be played by both partles. If one party succeeds in driving the canal builders away from Colombia, by such tactics, the other party may be equally successful, by similar tactics . to block the way through Nicaragua, and thus both routes may be abandoned. Congress has declared for the Panama route, and doubtless, finally, it wil

be adopted. The real objection on the figures of speech. part of some of the Columbian leading men is thought to be that they do not Wyoming is the greatest reserve in The the Union. One-third is forest reserve Panama Canal company may have to and the other two-thirds are cattle 'see" these gentlemen before the raticompany reserves. fleation is made. This country will not The flood in Kansas having about pay them for their votes. That is sure, subsided, railroad wrecks have been re-The sum offered is ample, especially as sumed, in the one at Stilwell yesterday Colombia will be the country most beneight people having been killed. efited by that enterprise.

ion, India and the Asiatic and Pacific more or less a public nuisance. Thos colonies of France, Holland and Great who employs it usually want "evidence Britain. Together these countries will for some sinister purpose and not the expend, it is thought, over \$2,000,000 on actual facts and absolute truth. It is not a very far cry from some private Speaking of the success met with, Mr

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detectives to suborners of perjury. Barrett says that Japan will expend THE CANAL TREATY THREATENED between 800,000 and 1,000,000 yen, 0;

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

duplicate of the famous Nagoya cas-Patriotic reasons may influence som tle, which is the finest plece of archimbers of the Colombian congress in their opposition to ratification, bu there have been suggestions of othe cture in Japan. China has appropriat d 500,000 taels, or approximately \$300,causes. There are representatives of a thrifty mind in that congress as there 00 and will erect a beautiful pagoda for have been found in some municipa councils and state legislatures in the alministrative purposes, in addition to naking the most comprehensive exhibit United States. Before the treaty is ratified these gentlemen want to know of her products that has ever been prepared. The emperor and empress dow-"what there is in it for them," and un-til they are satisfied on that point they ager have decided to send, as the head of are likely to hold up the treaty, an retense serving the purpose. If th the imeprial Chinese commission, Prince Pulun, a nephew of the emperor. The Pename Canal company makes pro-Philippines will expend \$500,000, and their structive congressmen, the patriotic fears may be discovered to be without exhibit will be a complete picture of the slands in miniature, showing their resufficient basis, sources and actvities, methods of edu-

## Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The determination of the Colombian government to reject the Panama canal treaty negotiated by Secy. Hay, puts a new face on matters. The United new face on matters. The United States agreed to pay Colombia \$10,000, 600 in gold That bankrupt government insists it must have from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000, and it is quite certain that the Receivelt administration will not ubmit to such an outrageous swindle

It is not believed that under any cirunistances our government will pay fore than \$10,000,000 to Colombia for the "concession," or more than \$40,060, 000 for the property and work done. The \$10,000,000 seems to be about what is required to make good to Colombia her loss of revenue now received from the Panama railroad and for a salve to the wounded dignity of the nation is virtually surrendering control of a por tion of its territory. It is this senti-mental feeling which is the uncertain factor in the case. The Latin-Ameri-can is proud. Love of country and tride in it are common human emo-tions. Money certainly would not hire

have no reason to doubt that patriotic ablana feel exactly as we should feel in similar circumstances.

No adequaic conception can be had of the horror of the catastrophe. The unfortunate worle driven to their houses to escape the flood and impris-ored in their homes by the sea of wat-ers have lost their lives by fire in the midst of the deluge. They have been driven to accept the alternative of death by fire or flood. No event of such celarificase proportions has stricken A fool cannot be made to stop bray ing by braying him in a mortar. The Kansas tide taken at the flood led on to misfortune and to fame. The walking fad is said to be gaining calamitous proportions has stricker this country since the Johnstown flood ground. Foot by foot, no doubt. unless all advices have been greatly exaggerated. For the dead nothing car New England has long been a beacon e offered but the guerdon of tears. To light to the world. Her forest fires can the living the survivors, whose lot in scarcely less awful than that of those who went down to death, material and In Chicago they read Shakespeare substantial aid should be sent at once The horror of the occurrence will touch thus: "For some must wash, while the great heart of the American people some must sleep; so runs the world

San Francisco Call. After eleven months of striking, the Within a week the deaths caused by cyclones in the upper Mississippi valley number one hundred, and the loss of Union Pacific machinists have returned to work. It is a long strike that has property by wind and flood goes into the millions. Science may tell us about the origin of these whirling terrors, but can offer no remedy. They are generat-The future of the United States cannot be measured in words." declares ed in natural forces that no human Senator Hanna. No, sir, not even in cover can curb. The unfortunate resi dent in those regions has no recourse except to seek als cyclone cellar and fasten the door, while his houses and cattle are lifted into the nir and dashed to destruction upon the ground from a great height. Flanted fields and grow ng crops are eradicated, and when th nan issues from Lis cave he finds of his possessions gone except his title to his clean shaven real estate. That region was always subject to these storms, but they became a human calamity only as the country was in-habited, and their destruction grows The leader of a Missouri mob that orse as the population increases,



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# IGNORANCE IN RUSSIA.

A distinguished Japanese traveler has said that the Russians are very much misunderstood, and that, as they become better known, there will be less prejudice against them. It is kind of the Japanese gentleman to take this view, for it is popularly supposed that the love between the Russians and the Japanese is not very fervid. But it is no doubt true that there is much good in Russia and many good Russians. In fact many travelers there have been delighted with the people. On the other hand, there is much ignorance, and superstition. The masses are held in darkness by a bigoted class of ecclesiasticals, who prevent, as far as they can the entrance of the light from abroad.

What can be done in the spiritual darkness that prevails is well illustrated in the following story told in a Glasgow paper. It happened in the Russian vil lage of Vajandur. One of the inhabitants there brought his son into a church and killed him before the altar. Some time ago, says the account, the man whose name is Aslamasow, was taken seriously ill, and in spite of all reme dies failed to get better. One evening he dreamt that God promised him res toration of health on the condition that as soon as he was well he would sacrifice his infant son as a thank-offering for his recovery. In his dream he prom fied to do this, and shortly afterward became quite well. On the following day Aslamasow bought a knife, and after vespers in the church killed his and obtained their promises of particichild in full view of the worshippers. and laid him in front of the altar. The

IN ARMENIA TOO.

lynched a negro has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. That is It is now claimed that the Armeniar right and proper, and is a great big question is again coming to the front, feather in Missouri's cap, in addition to the Macedonian problem. Rumor has it that the Turks are com-

mencing to wreak vengeance upon the Armenlans, and that the latter are banding themselves together for de fense. Several such bands are said to be operating in Turkish Armenia, and all are supposed to have come from across the frontier, in Russian Armenia. If this is true they must have received some encouragement from grovernment officials, for they could not have equipped themselves and escaped from the country without it. Are the Russians in the business of troublemaking just now?

The further development both in Eudetermined and bloody as a Kentucky ropean and Asiatic Turkey must be feud. The victims outnumbered the closely watched, for there seems to be list of casualties in a South American written the commencement of an important chapter of the history of the human family,

A HOLY WAR.

If the following newspaper item is same blind obedience here that it does true, Peru has commenced a war in the matter of strikes? If it can, it against intoxicants, the like of which augurs ill for American politics where has never before been recorded. To be-It is concerned. gin with, President Romana signed the pledge. His example was quickly fol-The following is vouched for by a lowed by other influential persons well known lady. She was standing Then laws were passed to drive the near the Federal building when the liquor manufacturers and distillers out President and party went by to the of bustness. Provision was made for City and County building. A mother the seizure and public sale of distillerand her little boy were also there. Af ter the President had gone by, the es and all saloons were ordered closed. The new laws became effective on the mother said to the boy: "Come, we lat of April, but the distillers hired must be going now. We have seen it armed gangs of men to protect their es-"I don't want to go," he said ablishments. They also secured the "I ain't seen the elephant yet." riendship of the army temporarily, bu this was soon overcome by the president Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, directors of issuing a proclamation increasing the the Hemenway gymnasium of Har pay of enlisted men. That won the card, claims to have found a young military over to his side and he at once man, a mulatto, who surpasses in perwized the distilleries. All of the latter ection the famous Apollo Belvidere are now in the hands of the government His measurements are given as follows and are to be sold at public nuction, the Height is 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 15 buyer pledging himself to destroy the pounds: chest (normal), 35,6 Inches. distilling apparatus and to refrain from chest (expanded), 39.8 inches; waist, using the buildings for liquor manufac-31.6 inches: hips, 35.8 inches; thigh, 21.6 ture. The proceeds of the sale are to be inches; calf, 15.2 inches; upper arm, 14.6 turned over to the distillers, who are

# forbidden from bldding at the auctions. ASIA AT ST. LOUIS.

According to reports. Asia will be more

"A respectable man has rights which generally, and generously, represented must be protected, and it is not right at the St. Louis fair next year, than that he should be subjected to the anit has been on any former, similar ocnoyance of being followed from the cacion. Commissioner General Barrety time he gets up in the morning until he is said to have traveled about 45,000 retires at night." declared a New York miles in the interest of the big show. judge who imposed a heavy fine on a He has visited a number of countries private detective who "shadowed" a No. 12\*, 9:45 p. m. merchant that made complaint against pation. Among these are, Japan. China, him. While a man has these rights

Yorea, Eastern Siberla, Slam, French , they are too often infringed upon. The ignorant and superstitious inhabitants of Indo-Clina, the Philippines, Java, Cey- private detective business has become

inches; forearm, 12.8 inches. This re-

calls the remark of Benjamin West

when he first gazed upon the Apollo:

"A Mohawk, by -----

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Improvement Era for June has for frontispiece a fine portrait of Jos-Delegates returning from the Presby-There is also a terian general assembly at Los Angeles M. M. I. A. 1885-7. lographical sketch of him. Elder B. stopped over yesterday and were given H. Roberts contributes a character sketch of Brigham Young. "Heaven" an organ recital at the Tabernacle, Music hath charms to soothe the savage s the title of a poem by Lydia Alder, "The Artist" is a short story by W. J. Sloan. Among other contributors are, Frank Oliver Hall, "Character En-dures;" Malcolm Little, "A Week in a Box Canyon," an Era prize story; Mar-There are indications that the Mis. souri will change its course near Kansas City. A river that has been on such garet E. Sangster, "Our Aim," a poem; Richard Ballantyne, "A Promise Fula rampage as the muddy Missouri has Richard Ballantyne, "A Promise Ful-filled," and Sanford W. Hedges, "Life in Japan;" Dr. J. M. Tanner writes about "Some Leading Events in the Current Story of the World;" and George Langston of "The True Zion.". President Joseph F. Smith contributes an editorial on a timely topic. It is under the caption "The Probable Cause," and deals with the curious heattle attitude certain people assume. of late, should change its course, and That battle at St. Francis, Kansas. between cowboys and farmers was as hostile attitude certain people assun toward the Latter-day Saints. Th umber is, as usually, finished with The Western Federation of Miners "Notes" and comments on "Events of the Month," by Thomas Hull,-Temple ton Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. has declared in favor of Socialism. This means that the Federation has gone in for politics. But can it command the



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