

economized their powers to comprehend the principles of the system by bringing them into activity. Sometimes circumstances occur which break the spell of this spiritual stagnation, the individual becomes a new being, and sees things in a clearer and broader light.

This truth has been exemplified by the cases of young men called to go on missions, who have had barely sufficient interest or faith to respond. That response, even when languidly given, has led to further activity until the individual has, step by step, become converted to the glorious truths of the Gospel. Indeed, this result is inevitable if personal purity and spiritual activity are maintained. The powers in that direction being economized by use, they are enlarged by accumulation.

"Intelligence cleaves to intelligence" and truth to truth. The laws which a just God has placed for the government of the universe are in constant operation, and their conditions are unerring and inevitable. Every effort made in the line of true progress is seconded by an administrative assistance given by the Spirit of Truth. Receptivity and administration are parallel conditions in the divine economy, the latter responding to the degree of activity existing in the former. Hence, the legitimate condition of all intelligent things is that of work, which implies motion, which necessitates the existence of faith, without which there is no existence.

INFANT MORALITY.

THE Health Department of New York City reports that during the week ending June 14th there was a marked increase in the mortality of children under five years of age in that city. The number of deaths reported, as from diseases peculiar to the hot season, was double that for the week ending May 31st.

The infant mortality of New York is usually very great. Yet it is a city of sewers and water pipes and modern improvements of various kinds. And it is also a monogamous and "Christian" city, or is so understood. When those hot waves which sweep over Gotham prostrate so many innocents and the graveyards are crowded with the corpses of the slain, we hear no outcries like those which go up from Utah cranks and chronic growlers, who charge all misfortunes to "Mormon" doings or doctrines.

The infant mortality of the world is amazing. It is due, no doubt, in a large degree to the lack of vigor and vitality in the immature. This proceeds from pre-natal causes. The fault may not always be in the parents but in more remote ancestry. But it originates in violated natural law.

When the production of the human species is regulated by rational principles and by divine counsels, the results in longevity will be as astonishing as is the present premature decay. "A child shall die an hundred years old," is predicted as one of the events of the millennium. As this fondly anticipated period is drawing near, it is time that preparations were being made for it, and among them is the proper production of the race, which presupposes correct marital relations. God Almighty will have something to say on this vital question and what He reveals will be heeded and practiced, or the restoration to primitive vigor and longevity foretold by the prophets to take place in the latter days cannot be accomplished as they have declared it.

The mortality in Utah will compare favorably with that of other parts of the world, and its record of longevity is a good one. It is a mistake to imagine that when plural family relations were undisturbed, the mortality of children in such families was greater than in monogamous households according to the respective numbers. The returns would demonstrate the contrary.

But this apart, the subject of infant mortality is of serious moment, and the causes which lead to its prevalence are worthy of deep investigation. That the production of animals of the best stock is a subject of such great interest to many people, and the propagation of the human race remains so universally a matter of comparative indifference, is one of the marvels of this age of progress and boasted intelligence. It will become one of the topics of the times before many years have passed away.

THE DELEGATES FROM UTAH.

IT is customary with certain persons here to sling mud at everybody of prominence who does not train in their crew or join in their projects. Delegate Caine frequently comes in for his share of assault. He has recently exerted himself in behalf of the Territory he so ably represents in the direction of needed

public buildings. All classes of the community will commend his exertions. But the mud-pelters cannot view this commendation with complacency. They have to make it appear that this work of the Delegate is something exceptional. And it is charged that:

"All that he has done, except to further the interests of his creed, and to circumvent or stave off such laws as have been intended to bring his creed into subjection to the Government of the United States, has not averaged one hour in one hundred of his time."

There are thousands of people in Utah, not subscribers to "his creed," who know that Delegate Caine has spent a large portion of his time in looking after their interests, in doing them services which his position enabled him to render, and in favoring and helping in committees, on the floor of the House, and in private conferences with members, in behalf of every public measure projected for the welfare of this city and Territory.

The time he has spent in the various departments in the interest of his constituents, entirely regardless of their creed or politics or position, and in the correspondence entailed by the numerous applications made to him, amounts to more than some of his maligners ever devote to any useful pursuit.

It is gratifying to know that there are many non-"Mormons" in Utah who understand perfectly that what we say on this matter is true and that the attacks of his petty maligners are false; that they appreciate what he has done and the interest he has taken in everything that affects this Territory; and they know how to value the vile assaults of those who cannot bend him to favor their plots and purposes.

If Delegate Caine should prostitute his office to the work of reducing the people of this Territory to political serfdom, he would be deserving of the infamy which would always cover his memory, and which will soon overwhelm those who now malign him and seek to plunder his people.

DOM PEDRO on one occasion wished to found a hospital, and funds being a little low, he hit upon the expedient of ennobling any citizen who would contribute a certain sum to the hospital fund. He soon found that half of Rio was anxious to possess a title, and money poured in from every side. When the hospital was finished the Emperor caused to be sculptured above the gates a Latin legend signifying: "Human Vanity to Human Misery."