

children will be born with a proper development during embryotic life, and consequently with a strong constitution and without a predisposition to every disease.

To accomplish these results the mothers of this country should be up and doing to show their big, stately daughters what to do to become the mothers of a worthier generation.

On these bases the discussion referred to was motherhood, babyhood, health and home, from beginning to end; and the women who talked were doing so as ardent equal suffragists. The practical, valuable, life-sustaining and morals-improving lessons advanced strongly suggest that if the woman suffragists enter largely into that field of operations in their meetings, the antagonism to "the new woman" on the ground of being a menace to the home will melt away before the fact of advanced education in and inclination for the sacred duties of wife and mother.

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The following note was received by the NEWS today from a tourist who has been making a brief stay at the Templeton hotel:

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Editor Deseret News:

As my grandfather was one of three men in authority who compelled Joseph Smith to depart from the Susquehanna River valley, in northeastern Pennsylvania, I naturally have had a strong desire to see Salt Lake City, which has been built up by the religious sect which he founded. After a sojourn of nearly a week in this marvel of the nineteenth century, I am impelled to believe that the act of my grandfather was one of the wisest and best of his life. It helped to turn the face of Joseph Smith to the westward, and it was in a measure instrumental in bringing the Prophet in contact with the master spirit of Brigham Young; for nothing but a master spirit could have led an army of almost helpless and persecuted emigrants across a thousand miles of desert and gigantic mountain ranges and located them in a once forbidding valley which they, by industry and marvelous courage, have transformed into a veritable earthly paradise.

There are two cities in America which stand first in beauty and cleanliness. One is Washington, the other is Salt Lake City. I predict that in the near future Salt Lake City will become the most popular health resort in this country and the objective point of all tourists. It has been a revelation to me. The half has not been told of it in the East.

JAMES T. DUBOIS.

It is gratifying to note the pleasing impressions this city has made upon Mr. DuBois, and we can assure him that the people of Utah will highly appreciate his kindly words. Recognizing the foundation he has for his prediction regarding the future of Salt Lake City, her citizens will agree with him fully as to that which is in store for her, and always will extend a hearty welcome to the frankness and generosity of such a nature as the gentleman shows himself to be the possessor of.

Mr. DuBois says that what he has learned in Utah has been a revelation to him. He also says the half has not been told. In that he speaks truly even the other subject. And it may

be when the whole has been brought to his attention, it will be to him a revelation that his grandfather's action of three score years ago was not, after all, either wise or good, but was as unwise and unfortunate for the actor and his associates as it was unjust and uncalled for—albeit those who drove the Prophet and his people from the Susquehanna River valley may have been proceeding under a misapprehension of the necessities and equities of the case.

It is an error to say that the driving referred to was in any way instrumental in "bringing the Prophet in contact with the master spirit of Brigham Young." The association referred to was brought about wholly by other and more righteous means. It was accomplished by the Gospel message, which Brigham Young received. Further: whilst it is true that "nothing but a master spirit could have led an army of almost helpless and persecuted emigrants across a thousand miles of desert and gigantic mountain ranges" to these valleys, the implication that Joseph Smith himself was not such a master spirit, had his life been spared to the time for the work, is a great mistake. The greatness of President Young as a leader must ever hold a prominent place in the world's history; his genius as a pioneer and founder of commonwealths must shine with undimmed luster on the pages of progress. He was indeed a master spirit, with few peers in earth's history, and of the noble band who are accounted saviors among men. But the Prophet Joseph Smith, who, ere he had attained the age of twoscore years, had conducted his people through their trials in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other states east of the Mississippi; who led them in the toilsome migration of more than a thousand miles to Missouri, all the while in the midst of active, bitter enemies, and located the settlements there; who withdrew them from the fierce onslaughts of Missouri mobs and established them in the beautiful Nauvoo and other places in Illinois; thereby also fully established his greatness as a pioneer, a founder and a leader of commonwealths. Beyond all this, the fact that he was instrumental in founding the Church which made all this subsequent work possible, that he gave to man the system through which the successes referred to were achieved, and that through him, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator, was instituted the plan which is effecting a revolution in the religious, scientific and industrial operations of the nineteenth century—all this marks the Prophet Joseph Smith not only a master spirit but, under the blessings of Christ the Lord, the chief among those master spirits who have been embodied in the flesh since Jesus, the Holy One, was born in Bethlehem.

As to the idea expressed by our esteemed correspondent that the driving referred to was one of the wisest and best acts of his grandfather's life, we trust the gentleman will pardon us for insisting that it probably was the worst and most foolish of those acts. With the lesson before him of what the Mormons have accomplished in these valleys, will Mr. DuBois say what they would have

accomplished in Pennsylvania if the people there had received the Prophet of the Lord with open arms, instead of with enmity? If Pennsylvanians today were the united, contented, prosperous people, as a whole, that the Mormons are, with all the advantages they have had otherwise their peers in material advancement would not be known on earth.

The act of Mr. DuBois's grandfather was not wise or good; it was for him a grievous blunder, and did not aid in producing the great results our friend suggests. We might as well say that the man who throws difficulties in the way of others deserves credit for the work of that determination and energy which overcomes those difficulties. Carrying it back to the central religious events in the universe, such logic would say that Judas, and the Jews and Romans who encompassed the crucifixion, should be declared the saviors of the world instead of the Christ who made the infinite atonement. It will not do. The evil does not accomplish the good; the commission of wrong does not effect the right. The honor all belongs to the good which effects its holy purpose in spite of the antagonism which the evil presents. Let the credit and blame each go where they belong, that justice may be done. And if the grandson recognizes the good today, as he seems to do, may he also have the light and courage to stand by it manfully, that the former error may be overcome by its future rectification and the greater benefits that follow upon entering the right path.

ASSAILING AMERICAN RIGHTS.

In another part of this issue of the NEWS is given some particulars of the action of the French in the Society Islands, by which the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and other missionaries representing religious denominations that have their headquarters in the United States, are denied the right of religious liberty in those islands. The Tuamotu, Society Islands and Tubuai groups comprise what is known as the French colony of Oceania, which is under the jurisdiction of a French governor—Governor Papino being the present incumbent of the office. Governor Martin is a subordinate officer, over the Tuamotu group. These are the officials who have engaged in the high-handed proceedings, in contravention of the treaty between France and the United States; and they claim French law as a justification for their action, not only disregarding the rights of American citizens but also the official protest of the American consul at Tahiti.

Under the laws of France only three religious denominations are allowed to teach their doctrines, viz: Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Of course neither of these includes the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Re-organized church, or the Seventh Day Adventists; though in general classification these are listed as Protestants, yet are strictly so, from the fact that their origin is not based on any protest against the Catholic church, but is independent thereof. More than this, however, the treaty between France and the United