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A WORD OF DEFENSE.

Utah and the "Mormons," as Viewed by a Resident Outsider.

The following article was refused by the Boston Globe, and has been sent to the "News" for publication:

To the Editor:

During the past few weeks there has been written and published in all parts of the country many articles on the subject of polygamy among the Latter-day Saints or Mormons. For some time I have felt it my duty to give the world a few facts on this subject. As I am not, nor ever have been a "Mormon," I feel that I can do so in a fair and unbiased manner. Having resided here among this people the past four years, I have learned, by personal observation and study, much of the teaching and practices of this people.

This valley is one of the most beautiful and thrifty places on the globe, and is inhabited by about [illegible] people, [illegible] per cent of whom are so-called "Mormons." During my residence I have had much to do with the general public both in business and socially, hence what I shall say here is known by me to be the truth.

The people are one of the most progressive, virtuous, industrious and thrifty classes of citizens it has ever been my privilege to live among, and I was born and lived in New England till I was past 25 years of age. There is no place on the globe where brotherly love and kind assistance in times of need are practiced to a greater extent than among these people. The members of the faith are encouraged to give a tithe of their increase to the support of the Church. This tithing is used to defray the necessary expenses of the Church and to supply the wants of the poor and needy. There are no alms houses in this part of the country, but the poor of each ward are cared for by those in charge of the different branches of the Church.

Cliques and clans are unknown and the poor stand just as high in the community, socially and religiously, as the rich.

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GEO. L. MARION.
Richmond, Cache Co., Utah.

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Fond du Lac, Wis., March 15, 1899.

To the Editor:

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In the British Mission.

Millennial Star, March 9, 1899.

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A Gospel Testimony.

Abilene, Harper County, Kans., March 12, 1899.

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Pollard, Ark., March 16, 1899.

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