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"MORMON" THEOLOGY.

When the translators of the "Mormon"
tires of personal abuse, they generally
vary the monotony by dissertations on
"Mormon" theology. The most absurd
propositions are then presented as "the-
ology," for the edification of persons
who are always willing to believe the
worst of those against whom they are
prejudiced. A specimen of this kind
of misrepresentation appears in the
current issue of a monthly magazine,
where a contributor exhibits her igno-
rance of "Mormon" theology, and her
willingness to him, and spit venom,
whenever a certain class of the public
are willing to pay for that performance.
It is amusing strange that outsiders
pretend to be so well posted on a sub-
ject which, as theology in general, has
so many difficulties even to the student
who approaches it in a friendly, prayer-
ful spirit, and without prejudice. His-
tory shows that persons outside a re-
ligious denomination seldom, if ever,
understand the doctrines of the mem-
bers of it. A great many Protestants,
for instance, if asked about the tenets
of the Catholics, would answer without
hesitation, that these believe that
they can sin all they want to, and then
go to the priest and buy the remission
of their sins. Every Catholic knows
that that is a burlesque on Catholic the-
ology, and yet thousands of honest, but
ignorant people hold that that is true,
and they pity, in their own mind, the
ignorant Catholics who, as they sup-
pose, are the victims of such delusions.
Many people used to believe that
Methodists were deluded beings who
claimed they were perfectly holy, be-
yond even the temptations to which
common mortals sometimes yield. In
the same way, how many outside of the
circle of the friends and admirers of
William Penn really know anything
about the doctrines of the Quakers? And,
to refer to more ancient history, how
many of the Jews at the time of Christ
knew the doctrines preached by Jesus
and His followers? How many Romans,
even of the cultured classes, could
explain the theology of the first Chris-
tians, though these were so nume-
rous in the empire? They held, many
of them, that the Christians wor-
shipped a donkey, as their "god." They
told all sorts of absurd stories about
their theology. History is but repeat-
ing itself, when ignorant people to our
own day view, for a moment, "Mor-
monism" through their own glasses
darkened by prejudice and then go on
to explain to others sitting in the dark,
what "Mormonism" is. Their pro-
ceeding is no less absurd than the dis-
pute of the blind about forms and col-
ors. Does not common sense suggest
that it is in vain to seek for true in-
formation on "Mormon" theology from
such sources? It is the same with the
theology of all other denominations.
He who wants information must study
their own authors and not the caricatures
of outsiders.

The "Mormons" do not believe in any
absurd doctrines. Their standard works
are the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the
Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl
of Great Price. "Mormon" theology,
must be judged by the teachings of
these standards. In fact, "Mormon
theology" is as comprehensive as truth
itself. For, whatever is true is "Mor-
monism," and whatever is false is
something else.

Some of the enemies of the Church
are at a loss to understand why their
attacks upon "Mormon" theology are
so barren of result, but the secret of it
is this, that these enemies make a
strawman of their own, very ridiculous,
of course, and then pelt it mercilessly,
pretending that they are demolishing
"Mormonism." Those that know any-
thing at all about that system can only
laugh at the childish absurdity of the
performance, as they would laugh at
the antics of any clown.

"Mormonism" is truth. It is the re-
cognition of truth that only its friends
can appreciate it, and understand it. It
is only he who is willing to do right to
whom an understanding of the divinity
of the doctrine of truth is vouchsafed.
He who is an enemy of truth soon loses
all appreciation of it. He falls into
darkness, and error appears to him per-
fectly true. If those who suppose it to
be their mission to come before the
public on the subject of "Mormonism,"
would remember this, they would not
present their own monstrous misrep-
resentations and wilful perversions as
"Mormon" theology. They would know
that people are pretty well aware of the
fact that the convex, or concave, mir-
rors found at certain cheap shows,
do not tell the truth, when they dis-
tort the features of the spectators.
They may excite mirth for a moment,
but they are absolutely useless for
serious purposes— as useless as the
common perversions of the theology of
the Church.

THE CONGRESS AT BASLE.

The Hebrews, at their Basle congress
have, after a stormy debate, rejected,
with thanks the offer of Great Britain
to provide their oppressed brethren an

asylum in Africa. The reason for this
is that they consider Palestine their
gathering place. Zionism, as repre-
sented by the so-called Zionist move-
ment, is a yearning for possession of
the land of promise, not a desire for
national independence anywhere, and
under any circumstances. This has been
clearly expressed by the votes of the
Hebrew delegates at their congress.

Whether this result is to be consid-
ered wise, or otherwise, is another
question about which opinions may be
divided. It will be pointed out that the
entrance to Palestine is effectively
closed now, and that the necessary
training for political autonomy could be
had in any other country, under free
institutions, as an excellent preliminary
to the final occupation of the land of
the fathers. On the other hand it will
be argued that the doors of Palestine
may be suddenly opened at any time,
by some of those events which Provi-
dence shapes and utilizes for the fur-
therance of its own purposes, and that
the Jews should be ready, at a mo-
ment's notice to enter Canaan, when-
ever the time for this clearly is at
hand. Possibly, the refusal of Great
Britain's generous offer will lose Zionism
some of its influential friends, but the
cause itself will not perish. It has
come to stay, as a factor in the future
history of man.

We notice that the American dele-
gates have asked for a reconsideration
of the decision, undoubtedly convinced
that the acceptance of the African land
would in no way hinder the plans
looking toward Palestine. In the
meantime something must be done for
the oppressed Jews in Russia. Every-
day the dispatches speak of some act
of injustice to them. At Odessa, the
people are again alarmed, anticipating
another massacre, when martial law is de-
clared, and the Hebrews of Odessa are
accused of being the instigators of
sedition. "But for the Jews," he says
officially, "there would be no distur-
bances and no Kishinev massacre." Now
the Jews have the impudence to
bring charges against the police! This
is taken to be almost official encour-
agement to do violence to the Hebrews
in that district. How long can this
condition last without interference by
the rest of the world? One would sup-
pose that the very enemies of the Jews
are hastening the day of their political
redemption.

FOR CO-OPERATION.

We are advised that a committee
calling itself the California Promotion
committee, is about to commence a
movement for the organization of per-
manent societies in the Pacific states
and their near neighbors, with the ob-
ject of securing co-operation in the
material advancement of this section
of the country. This is, we think, a
most commendable movement. The
Pacific is destined to become the cen-
ter of the world's commerce and indus-
try, and the advantages of location,
when the point of business gravitation
changes from the Eastern, to the
Western hemisphere must be secured
and enhanced by co-operation.

In the circular announcing this
movement we are told that the pur-
pose of the central organization will
be to bring all the Pacific States to-
gether through a close relationship of
their commercial organizations. The
Pacific States Progress Association
will bring about a broad, vigorous and
generous spirit of co-operation so that
the Pacific Coast will be in a position
to reap the benefits to which it is by
nature entitled, and to command the
respect and admiration of the world.
The Oregon Development League and
other organizations in Oregon, Wash-
ington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Ariz-
ona are co-operating with the Cali-
fornia Promotion committee, which is
the central organization of 150 Cham-
bers of Commerce and development as-
sociations in California.

It is a good suggestion. Co-opera-
tion for a common object should re-
sult in material advancement, and in
neighborly good feelings. Business in-
tercourse should promote friendship
and remove the misunderstandings
that are founded only upon misrep-
resentations. In union there is strength,
and this is particularly true of union
for the promotion of common interests.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

According to a Vienna dispatch, the
Austrian Emperor has decided to pre-
vent, by armed interference, if neces-
sary, any attempt by Hungary to dis-
solve the union of those two countries.
Austria, it is said, is prepared to fight,
if provoked to do so.

The present grievance of the Hun-
garians is the alleged attempts of the
common monarch to "Germanize" the
Hungarian soldiers. The Hungarians
have demanded the abolition of the im-
perial flag and the Austrian language
in the army. The Emperor, it seems,
was willing to grant everything ex-
cept the use of the Magyar language in
the Hungarian regiments. What the
outcome of this quarrel will be, is not
easy to foresee, but there will be no
peaceful secession, if secession is at-
tempted.

The autonomy of Austria is regarded
as depending on the union. A French
writer thinks that as the trouble be-
tween the two countries increases, Ger-
many will see her opportunity to inter-
fere. In order that the German ruler
may become a Charles V., to the in-
jury of France, and the rest of Europe.
There is evident uneasiness in the
world, on account of the political fer-
mentation among the nations.

INDIANS TO MOVE.

The Springfield Republican says a
convention of Indians in Indian terri-
tory recently debated the question of
migration to Mexico, and it was regard-
ed favorably. Two delegations were
chosen to arrange for the removal, if
possible. One delegation will visit
Washington and ask President Roose-
velt to grant the Indians permission to
sell their lands in Indian territory, and
the other delegation will go to Mexico
to see what arrangements can be made
for buying land there. It is said that

the Cherokees are against the removal
to Mexico, but have been overruled by
the majority, who consist of the Creeks,
Choctaws, Chickasaws, Seminoles and
several smaller tribes. The Indian ter-
ritory land can be sold at an average
of \$25 per acre, while land can be
bought in Mexico for \$1 per acre.

The facts here set forth are rather sig-
nificant. It cannot be the price of land
alone that prompts their contemplated
exodus. Do the civilized Indians find
their opportunities in this country too
limited, on account of race prejudices,
or other causes? That should not be.
Mexico, however, is a rapidly progress-
ing country, and it is possible that the
Indian's lot would become better there
than here. Its advance may not be too
rapid for the Indians to follow, as per-
haps is the American hustle.

You never miss the water till the in-
specter runs by.

Colon is a health paradise compared
with New Orleans.

A cotton report has dealing quali-
ties as well as pitch.

Six people struck by lightning at
Coney Island, and not one a candidate.

Somewhere in the department of ag-
riculture there is a school for scandal.

What with the preparation for the
opening of the reservation and the cir-
cus, Provo is strictly in it.

Emperor William is going to pay the
king of Denmark a visit. It is a Chris-
tian duty that he performs.

Some folks find it as hard to distin-
guish between right and wrong as be-
tween mushrooms and toadstools.

Department of agriculture scandals
are to be probed to the bottom. Clearly
a case of the Moore the merrier.

Nevada sending grapes to Utah
should be like sending coals to New-
castle, but unfortunately it is not.

When the Utah reservation is final-
ly opened to homesteading and grazing,
some black sheep are bound to get in.

A Kalamazoo woman left ten thou-
sand dollars as a trust fund to be used
to feed tramps. Kalamazoo is where
the Michigan insane asylum is located.

Japan will go to the peace conference
with the assurance of Great Britain's
support of her terms, whatever they
may be. This is a sort of London as-
surance.

In the investigation of scandals in
various government departments and
also into the cause of the explosion on
the Bennington, "Thorough" should be
the watchword.

"The Minneapolis linseed oil indus-
try, hit by the corner in flaxseed, is in
a state of temporary paralysis," says
an exchange. It should apply a poultice
to the wound.

The Prince of Wales is going to In-
dia where, it is said, he promises him-
self a good time. His royal sire can
give him a few pointers on having a
good time in India or elsewhere.

"Ed" Green, the son of Mrs. "Hetty"
is going in for raising flowers out in
Texas. He has just bought a big tract
of land there, and is going to start a
stock company. A green house would
seem to be about the proper place for
young Mr. Green.

The historic Mason and Dixon line
has just been resurveyed at the joint
expense of Pennsylvania and Mary-
land. Probably no line was ever run
on which so many momentous historic
facts and fancies hung as on this. In
American history it ranks alongside
the discovery of America and the land-
ing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock.

MANY GUESSES.

Boston Transcript.

The Kaiser must greatly enjoy the
sensation his conference with the czar
has created. The speculations as to his
motive range from the prevention of
a Russo-Japanese alliance to the es-
tablishment of a Hohenzollern prince
on the Norwegian throne, and even to
rivalry of Roosevelt as peacemaker.
Everybody is guessing, and the guesses,
run into columns of type, would reach
from Berlin to the Russian border and
back again. The Washington guessers
guess that the Kaiser is simply jealous
of President Roosevelt's prominence in
the peace negotiations, and perhaps
they are right.

THE QUESTION OF MONEY.

New York World.

M. Witte's conferences with French
and German bankers and officials have
undoubtedly had something to do with
the question of Russia's ability to float
peace loans. Logically the czar and
the Kaiser at their meeting must have
discussed the Russian question of the
loan. For the privilege of being per-
mitted to devote all the attention of his
government to safeguarding his throne
the czar could hardly refuse to pay
Japan a fair price, especially if France
and Germany will advance the money.

THE FATHER OF THE NAVY.

Los Angeles Times.

Without detracting, or attempting to
detract from the credit and glory
that belongs to Paul Jones, Ezek Hop-
kins, Conyngham or any of the other
splendid sea-fighters who scoured the
British on the ocean, as well as with-
in the narrow seas, during our revolu-
tionary war, there can be no ques-
tion that none of these men can right-
fully be claimed as the "Father of the
American Navy." The title belongs
alone to John Barry, and his claim to
it is as clear as the records of history
have ever made anything.

GERMANY'S TRAVELING SCHOOLS.

Philadelphia Press.

Farmers' daughters are educated in
many parts of Germany in traveling
schools, which go from village to vil-
lage to give girls over sixteen years of
age practical lessons in housekeeping,
cooking and selection of food, care of
poultry and cattle, the cultivation of
vegetables, and butter and cheese mak-
ing. The results have been so satisfac-
tory that it is now proposed to add
instruction in domestic cooking for the
sick, mending and sewing. The teach-
ers, who are graduates of the schools
of housework and have passed govern-
ment examinations, carry with them
an outfit of a cooking stove and the

Various utensils for cooking and iron-
ing. The classes are held in the school
houses, the term lasts six weeks and
the cost of tuition is put so low as
practically to exclude no one.

BOYCOTT FOR BOYCOTT.

San Francisco Chronicle.
If the Americans make up their
minds to meet the Chinese boycott by
refusing to drink the tea of China
they will give the finishing stroke to an
industry which has suffered very
greatly from East Indian and Japa-
nese competition. Trade discrimination
is a game that two can play at, as
the short-sighted Chinese may find out
before they get through with their boy-
cott.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The experiments of the Salvation
Army in the establishment of farm
colonies have been given added promi-
nence lately by reason of Rider Hag-
gard's visit to this country on behalf
of the British government, and his re-
port recommending the Army work as
a model for the government. Of this
phase of the Army work Mr. William
Brown Meloney writes very interest-
ingly in Public Opinion, July 29.

The Black Cat for August has five
short stories, all very readable, and the
stories of that little magazine always
are. The titles are: "Key to the Gate of
Honor," "Star-Eyes," "In the
Cave Belt," "The New Minister," and
"The Turning Worm."—14 High street,
Boston, Mass.

TEA

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erally, there is no difficulty in
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