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exists among the opposition. May it never grow less if rightly directed.

Now however that the voters of the Territory have exhibited so demon. stratively their earnest desire that Utah be admitted into the Union as a State, that they may enjoy the common rights and privileges of American citizens. Congress can, with the best possible grace, open wide the portals of the Union and invite her courteously and ever in h

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As for Peter's special mission to the Lambs of dispersion, "Rome was as good a place as any, even Babylon, to fulfil it successfully, there being a great number of Jews in Rome, some of which had great influence; as, for instance, Poppen, the mistress of Nero, who was a Jewess." This speech had, it is said, quite as much success as the first. Mr. Ribetti, second Protestant' orstor, then improvised a very long speech, from which I select only the arguments that are not a repetition of what had already been add by Mr. Sciarell. He confesses "he has not studied the question 40 years, being much too young. In his mind the tradition of Peter's sojourn at Rome is the result of a more insinus-tion, which spread and grew and finally had the semblance of truth; then, and then alone, historians ploked it up, and helped to sustain it by the sanction of their well re-puted authority.

sustain it by the sanction of their well re-puted authority. "Our adversaries wish us to prove that Peter was not in Rome; why prove it? Any one would be considered a madman, who would believe in the Phoenix who rises out of his sakes, so long as it was not proved to him that the Phoenix ever exist-ed." In the opinion of this speaker, "there is no need of proving the non-existence of a thing, when there are no proofs it ever existed. You Catholics say, 'If Peter had been only one day in Rome, everybody must submit to the authority of the Papacy, and recognize the dogme of the Pope's infallibility, of the immaculate conception, etc.; such a consequence is

Dear Sir:-I have before me a French translation of a verbatim report of the dis-cussion which took place at Reme, on the 9th and 10th of the present month, between Catholic and Protestant divines, on the following question: Was the apostle Peter ever in Rome?





ceptionable population, as to numbers, intelligence, enterprise, energy, indus-try, morality, independence, financial prudence, and true loyalty; her people, with a mre union, ask that she be ad-mitted, and in token of their carnest-mitted, and the carnest-mitted below of the carnest below of the carne

liberal constitution, uncommonly re-publican in form and spirit; her public and development require the condition of Statebood. Utah knocks for admis-sion into the Union—she stand state of also release and welfare and material growth and development require the condition of Statebood. Utah knocks for admisand development require the condition of Statchood. Utah knocks for admis-sion into the Union-she stands at the door and waits. Will you open the deor and let her in?

THE MORMON PROBLEM.

To the Editor of the Nation:

While writing for another purpose, Nation ther good works in calling at-

y way to this coast from the East, his at the time the U. S. officials were has ating their present policy; I made alt of my previous notions revers-sympathies in no small degree

inst them, combined, perhape, with justice and the line of making a sensation, iscensistent with justice and the long and interesting speech, the most

Editor Descret Evening News:

Correspondence.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 18, 1872.

"All testimonies posterior to the first entury, are like a tog which is dispersed y the first rays of the rising sun. Genera-ons have repeated the testimony of early istorians as do the parrots or the sheep in ents. Those testimonies are but soap ubbles which shine brilliantly, but which

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ported by other and more reliable testimo-ny; since the Bible does not mention Pe-ter's about in Rome, we Protestants conclude, he never was there." Mr. Guidi closed the debate with short remarks, repeating the arguments of his

marks, repeating the arguments of his tholic colleague, and ended with the Catholic colleague, and ended with the affirmation that: "The presence of Peter at Rome is as certain as the very existence of the Church of Rome, which was founded in Rome by Peter himself. If the church exist to-day, it is tantamount to a positive proof that Peter was at Rome to astablish

Catholics, that since the letters written by Peter bear the date of Babylon, that word Babylon cas mean no other place than Rome. He says "The real Babylon still existed in the first contury, and was the central point

And thus ended that on throughout which the be first century, and was the central point of the Jewish dispersion, with regard to which Peter had received a special mission from Jesus." Mr. Sciarelli énded his

plaining that too much importance and re-liance are placed in more tradition, as a historical proof; in his opinion, "Tradition has no value whatever when it is in oppo-sition to the text of the Bible."

It appears this speech was listened to very attentively by both Catholics and Protes-tants, and created a favorable impression on the left of the assembly, where sat the latter.

throughous which the best of feeling seemed to exist between the opposing ele-ments composing the meeting. The speech-es were listened to vary attentively, by the fortunate few who were present. It is cer-tainly something unusual in Rome to see Protestant and Catholic clergymen meet-ing pescebly in the very metropolis of papel infallibility to discus, without haired and fear, a question concerning the origin itself of the Christian church, and it must have appeared curious to see the ad-versaries embrace one another at the end of the conflict, as the reporter positively assers they did. Yours respectfully, C. In Ballantys 111bt BUSCIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.] Ret Wolar







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