

THE EVENING NEWS.

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"IS CHRISTIANITY A FAILURE?"

UNDER this heading the New York Herald is publishing communications from writers of different faiths and varieties of skepticism. The discussion of the question will probably result in good. Attention will be directed toward religious subjects, and will be exposed and some truth will be made manifest. Before any satisfactory answer can be given to the query propounded, an understanding must be reached on the meaning of the term Christianity. It is variously used. Some mean by Christianity the doctrine and principles enunciated by Christ and his apostles, and on these there are great differences of opinion. Others use it to signify the organized Church or society of people professing to represent those principles; and there is also much contention as to which body is really the authorized exponent of Christianity. Others again understand it to be the general effects of that civilization known as Christian and there are many disputes as to what part of that is really of Christian origin.

Christianism, viewed in the aggregate, presents a tangled web of discordant notions, practices, organizations and interests. It is a mixture of evil and good, of falsehood and error, of human frailty, diabolical promptings and passions, and divine impulses and restraints. The ecclesiastical parts of it are no more united than its national elements. Sect attacks sect with its own peculiar weapons as fiercely as nations rise against nations. As a general rule selfish motives govern the leading minds of Christian priests as fully as they influence Christian warriors or Christian statesmen; the exceptions to either class are as numerous as in the other.

It is evident to the reflecting mind, unbiassed by sectional prejudices, that modern Christianism is very different in its form, spirit and character to that system which was established by Jesus and his Apostles. The object of the religion which they taught was to bring mankind into harmony and communion with God as the Father of the race, and with each other as brethren. To this tended all the ordinances, ceremonies and exercises, the priesthood that administered them and the precepts it enunciated. To know, love and obey the Lord and labor for mutual benefit and good will, formed the grand point of excellence to be reached. Earthly wealth was of very small consideration, when its attainment conflicted in any way with the interests of the Church of Christ or the practice of righteousness, brotherly love and charity. The Church, though composed of many parts in different lands was a unity. Its members of every race were joined to one body. Its ministers taught the same doctrine and administered the same ordinances in the same spirit, and for an identical purpose. And communion was open and free between the Church and the heavenly world by which came the word of the Lord, the manifestation of divine power and the assistance and visitation of angels.

After a time all this became changed. And notwithstanding the various reforms inaugurated and attempted, there has been no true return to the realities of the early Church, no restoration of its primitive power, communion (with heaven and fraternal harmony) in all the wide domain of modern Christianism with its multifarious branches and subdivisions.

But Christianity is not therefore necessarily a failure. If we understand by this term the system established by the Savior, with its doctrine, spirit, priesthood, ordinances, gifts and influences, it has not failed, although little of its substance remained on earth after the early fathers were put to death. It made too deep a mark upon the world to be easily effaced. It was not washed out by the blood of the martyrs nor burned away by the fire of persecution. It has affected the leading nations of the earth in a wonderful manner. Although many of its doctrines and much of its power were lost to the world and supplanted by the vagaries and spurious systems of men, enough of the original became interwoven with the counterfeits to mould the minds of mankind wherever it penetrated. The good to be found among professedly Christian nations may be traced to Christianity, the evil to its perversions. The faith in God—what little exists, the charity towards men, the forbearance, benevolence, equity, justice, mercy, and genuine religious sentiment, are all due to Christianity, while the opposite to these virtues, whether exercised nationally or individually, are not the products of Christianity, but of its antipodes.

The world is the better for even the mixed Christian, Pagan, ancient and modern truths and here also popularly called Christianity. Without it the progress made in Christendom could not have been achieved. If the Christian religion had been entirely taken away from earth without leaving a remnant among men, barbarism and heathenism would have continued to prevail, and the people of to-day would not be at all prepared for the restoration of the true order in the dispensation of the fullness of times. Christianity as it came from its author has not failed, because it accomplished its mission on earth and in the spirit world in the season thereof, and left an indelible impress which has been a blessing to mankind, and a preparer for the latter-day glory. Christianity, even as perverted by human theories and selfish devices, has not been a failure as a means of influencing to some

extent the souls of mankind in favor of the right. And when the purposes of God are fully unfolded concerning this planet and its people, it will be found that He whose wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil has overruled all, for the accomplishment of his purposes in the final salvation of His children of every age and every race. The servants of God who have been called in this last dispensation to re-establish the Christian Church on earth in all its perfection and power, find the way prepared before them among all nations wherever Christianity has obtained a foothold. And so with those who have passed from mortal scenes, to labor like the Master among the spirits in the spheres of the departed; their task will be the easier for the effects of Christianity, mingled though it has been with error and human folly.

No, Christianity is not a failure. The day is fast approaching when it will be acknowledged to have been a triumph. For the gospel restored—vulgarily denominated Mormonism, will be published to every creature. It will gather to itself all of principle, power, or influence which is really and truly Christian, and establish on earth that kingdom which all the prophets foretold, while everything that is antagonistic to it will perish. And when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Lord, to the glory of God the Father," not a voice will be heard to utter the thought or ask the question, "Is Christianity a failure?"

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EASTERN.

Dr. Hayden Lobbying.

NEW YORK 29.—The World's Washington special says: Dr. Hayden is lobbying, and is endeavoring to secure the confirmation of Clarence King, as director of geographical surveys. King's nomination is now pending before the committee on public lands. It is understood that while there is a division of opinion among the members of the committee, it is pretty certain that Hayden's efforts will be unsuccessful, and that King will be confirmed.

The Credit Mobilier Case.

The Times says: The complaint of the Union Pacific Railroad Company against McComb, which we published this morning, will be found interesting to others besides lawyers. It contains a history of the facts in the famous credit-mobilier scheme, which brought ruin to so many reputations half a dozen years ago. At that time it was very well proved that bona fide shareholders, as well as government, had been made to pay extraordinary profits to a company of directors of the Union Pacific forming the credit-mobilier corporation. It was supposed that government would be able to recover from the credit-mobilier, though the wrong committed was substantial, and the conduct of those who committed it was outrageous. The Supreme Court decided that actions would not lie. But now comes the Union Pacific Company and sues one of its faithless officers for his share of the ill-gotten gains. The complaint sets forth the method by which the trustees of the Union Pacific managed to pocket a dollar or more for every dollar which the road cost to build. If "equality" be not merely an empty technicality, and if the law is designed to do justice, and not to cover up swindling, it would seem that the company ought to win the suit which it has brought.

Theatrical Wins of the Week.

The directors and stockholders of the Academy of Music give Mapleson a testimonial benefit on April 4th in acknowledgment of his successful production of Opera in this city.

Mapleson concluded negotiations on Tuesday, for the purchase of Her Majesty's Theatre, London, from the Earl of Dudley. Though considerably successful in his London operatic seasons, Mapleson thinks the Opera House in New York would be a better investment than in London. He says he expects to spend three-quarters of his life here.

A grand concert will be given to-morrow night in aid of the Seagelin soldiers, Mapleson's entire company volunteering.

The family of Mario, the tenor, deny the statement of a Paris paper that he is insane.

The Italian tragedian Salvini appears here next season at Booth's, probably under the direction of Boucault, who is reported to have leased that theatre from September 1st.

It is stated that the Patti Combination company left Naples without fulfilling its engagement or paying bills. The manager of the Carlo Cingoli company.

An injunction was served on Tuesday on the manager of the New York Criterion Club Company forbidding their performing while at Troy, "Cassidy" was substituted before the disappointed audience.

It is announced that McKenna has sold George Chaplin, the right to play "Wallace" and "Gentle," Chaplin leaves for San Francisco to-day. It is stated that he will leave there April 14th for Australia with Owens and Rose Osborne, playing at Honolulu en route.

The "Little Duke," at Booth's, draws well.

Heavily opens at the Lyceum on Monday with the Oates Troupe in "The Little Duke."

Lester Wallace plays a week in Chicago on route for San Francisco. It is stated that Coghlan and Miss Coghlan withdraw from Wallace's company next season.

The shooting of Porter and Barre produced a profound sensation among theatrical people in northern cities. A meeting of actors and managers of Philadelphia will take place next Monday to arrange a benefit for Porter's family. All the managers offer their terms.

Frank Mayo commenced a three weeks engagement at the Grand Opera House on Monday, appearing as "Davy Crockett," to fair business.

Fanny Davenport opens in "Pique," at the Grand Opera, in April.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin return with the "Danites" to Brooklyn on April 7th under J. H. Haverly's management.

"Pinefore" will be produced at Boston, with a cast including Myron W. Whitney, Tom Kent, Adelaide Phillips, and possibly Henrietta Beebe.

The Church Choir "Pinefore" Company at Broadway have drawn crowds, and been engaged for the Boston Gaiety.

It is stated that Strakosch's engagement with Marie Ross for California is fully completed. She did not like several other offers. Henry Mapleson's contract and sent the papers back for revision.

"The Two Orphans" will be revived at Union Square next season. The latest reports concerning Barre more make his recovery improbable.

Maurice Grau, with Almee and her troupe of opera bouffe singers, from Paris, arrived on Thursday, and will play at Booth's for eleven weeks from April 11th.

Horatio Seymour the Man.

The Sun's Albany correspondent says: Horatio Seymour, in spite of his repeated refusal to accept office, is to-day, the most prominent candidate for Governor in the State of New York. Circumstances have conspired recently to bring his name before the people and when that name is mentioned it awakens an enthusiasm which no other name arouses.

The Rochester Union and Advertiser says: The Union made no mistake when a week ago it named Horatio Seymour as the man to whom the democracy of the State turn their eyes in this emergency. The man who can be relied upon as a leader of the whole party and not a faction. Other authorities assert that the use of Seymour's name is only a mask to cover the designs of Robinson's opponents, who will, at a favorable time, disclose their real preference for Sanford E. Church.

Grant Studying the Working of Monarchical Government.

The Sun's editorial says: Gen. Grant is studying the people of the different countries in the old world to learn how people can be permanently ruled, and he is studying monarchical governments to learn how a monarchical government may be established in the United States. This is no imaginary dream. We point to real danger. Grant is not like Washington. He was not content with the highest military rank ever conferred upon the father of his country, but craved and obtained a higher. He is not content with the terms of the presidency which satisfied Washington and all his successors till Grant. He wants a third. He wants to be emperor. Grant is not an unselfish patriot like Washington. He rather resembles Alexander or Napoleon and his unbridled ambition already menaces the liberties of his country.

An Air Line Contract.

A contract will be signed by officers of the air line railroad from New Haven to Williamstown, and those of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, by which the latter secures the shortest route between New York and Boston, and brings the air line into the family of consolidated roads.

A Busy Season Expected.

The Hudson River is open nearly to Albany. It is announced that navigation will be resumed on Monday. The steamship and forwarding interests will be unusually active. A busy season is expected.

Perished in the Flames.

CLAREMONT, N. H., 29.—The Fremont House was burned, early this morning and five persons perished.

Railroad Bridge Burned.

TORRANCE, Kansas.—The bridge over Soldier Creek, on the Kansas Pacific Railroad, near here was burned.

The Swimmer.

EVANSTON, Ind., 29.—Paul Boyton has arrived in his boat.

Collecting Taxes.

CINCINNATI, 29.—Officers yesterday, filed the Pullman cars on the track for taxes due in 1876.

Disasters Fire.

The Licking County, Ohio, Court House, at Newark, lost \$200,000, caught fire in the cupola, from a gas jet used to illuminate the clock, at 12 o'clock, to-day, is now burned down to the second story. It will probably be totally destroyed. The insurance is but \$20,000.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

German Tariff.

LONDON, 29.—A Berlin correspondent writes for the correctness of the following: According to the present form of government's bill, raw cotton will be exempt from duty. The whole tariff is considerably below what was expected, and by no means justifies the recent scare.

The Rowers.

Hanlon and Howdon met, for the first time, on the Thames, yesterday, and had a friendly race. Hanlon showed well.

Four per cent bonds, 101; four and a half bonds, 107; 67's 103; tenforties, coupon, 103; new 5's, 106; Erie, 24.

The Business Trouble.

A dispatch from Rangoon says: The natives of Burma here believe the king is about to abdicate in favor of China. The reinforcements promised for British Burma amount to 5,000 men. A man-of-war is also coming. All non-official English residents have left Mandalay. There have been several attempts at incendiarism here, and one large fire occurred.

Amused, Not Hurt.

This morning a couple of boys on a light wagon loaded with malt, were coming up Main Street. As they reached the crossing, between the Democrat Bank and the Kimball and Lawrence corner, the larger boy stood up and leaned far over the dash board to examine something, when the horse suddenly stopped, and the luckless urchin was precipitated over the front to the ground, where the wheel passed over him. He arose much surprised at the unexpected turn of events and himself had taken, but was fortunately unhurt, and remounting the load, drove slowly and leisurely away.

Sandwich Island News.

Bro. Samuel P. Richards of this office favors us, with the perusal of an interesting letter received from his uncle, Elder H. P. Richards, now laboring on the Sandwich Islands. The writer states that he, in company with two native elders, had lately dedicated a new meeting-house built on the island of Kauai, and while there, 80 persons were added to the Church by baptism, and there were prospects that more would join. An interesting extract from the official census taken Dec. 27, 1878, shows the total population of the Hawaiian Islands to be 67,985, an increase of 1,085 since 1872. But the increase has been among the foreigners, for in 1872 there were 49,044, but in the succeeding six years had decreased to 44,088. If this rate continues, in little more than half a century the race will be extinct.

A private letter from Elder E. M. Molen to a friend in this city states that quite a number of natives are prepared to emigrate to this country, and will come with the first missionaries who are released.

Educational Association.—The association held its regular meeting in the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms this afternoon, at 1 o'clock, President T. B. Lewis in the chair. Mr. E. H. Laver explained his method of conducting recitations, also made some remarks on school government. Mr. Wm. H. Van Dam lectured on the subject of arithmetic, after which various subjects being open for discussion, Mr. Snell brought up that of music, which occupied the time of several speakers. The late hour at which we received the report necessitates our giving but a cursory notice of to-day's proceedings.

The meeting adjourned for two weeks at the same time and place.

Called.—We had a call, to-day, from Mr. P. E. Studebaker, of South Bend, Indiana, one of the well-known Studebaker wagon firm. The company intend soon to open an establishment south of Z. C. M. I. for the sale of their wagons.

SALT LAKE THEATRE.

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NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the Salt Lake City Railroad Company will be held at the office of President John Taylor, Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, at 2 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, April 19th, 1879, for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

R. R. ANDERSON,

Secretary.

Salt Lake City, March 29th, 1879.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the Estate of Michael Holding deceased.

To the Creditors of the estate of the deceased:

All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby required to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, to me, the undersigned, at my office, on South 2nd St. between 4th and 5th Sts. Salt Lake City.

ELLEN HOLDEN, Administratrix of the estate of Michael Holding deceased.

Salt Lake City, March 28, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution will be held in the Council House, in this city, on Saturday, April 5th, 1879, at 2 p.m., for the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting.

T. G. WILKINS,

Secretary.

Salt Lake City, March 28th, 1879.

WANTED.

A GIRL to do general housework. Apply at this office.

WANTED.

A NURSE GIRL. Apply at this office.

STRAYED OR STOLEN

FROM Farmington, about the 15th of February last, one gray horse, about years old, with dark mane and tail, branded JU on the left shoulder.

Any person who has information of his whereabouts to James K. Millard, Farmington, will be liberally rewarded.

Farmington, Deer County, March 28th, 1879.

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Gen. Ag't for Utah.

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