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MORMONS IN CANADA.

It appears from an Ottawa, Canada, dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald that some Presbyterians are conscientiously trying to create a "Mormon problem" in the Dominion, too. They have, according to the dispatch. made a failure of proselyting in the district where the Latter-day Saints' settlements are located, and on that account they are determined to make trouble. Noble "Christians" those Presbyterian missionaries who, when their spiritual weapons in actual combat are proved to be miserable sticks, turn to the political power for help, or revenge! For, that is the reason why they are trying to make trouble. It is to induce the secular government to fight for them, they being defeated on the spiritual field of contest. It is the outcome of the same spirit of darkness which was manifested in the days of the persecution of the Prophet Joseph, when it was said that though the law cannot hit the "Mormons" powder and ball can.

The dispatch has it that at the Presbyterian general assembly at Montreal, it was declared publicly that the mission forces of the Protestant churches seem powerless to keep many settlers in that section from becoming proselytes and the Presbyterian home mission committee acknowledges that efforts to evangelize in the Mormon settlements have proved comparatively fruitless during the last year, "This," it is added, "is regarded as of profound significance view of the knowledge that the influence of the Mormons in Canada is growing politically." This allusion to political influence is, no doubt, very cunning. It is calculated to arouse the ire of a certain class of politicians, but lest this should prove insufficient for the "Christian" purposes of the Montreal Presbyterians, further insinuations are made to the effect that the "Mormons" exercise undue influence upon educational affairs, and that this is detrimental to immigration. The Presbyterians in Canada are evidently very much concerned about politics and immigration. Rather strange subjects for consideration at a church council! The inference is near at hand, that if they were less interested in subjects that are outside the domain of their religious assemblies and more concerned about the salvation of souls, there would be no "Mormon problem" to disturb them. Why do they not learn from the "Mormons" to keep matters of church and state entirely separate, as they are and ought

Out of them may arise blessings which pressed similar protests against the human minds cannot conjecture nor slanderous utterances of the Presbyterian gentlemen. To quote again: human time compute.

"The attorney-general, who refuted the charges with a good deal of warmth and vigor, said that after reading Dr. Kilpatrick's letter he took occasion to estimate the number of crimes and offenses committed in the various parts of the province during the last year and he found that there

The interesting debate was closed

applause. The report goes on to say:

Bible.'

PROPERTY RIGHTS.

A correspondent of Spanish Fork write in substance: "Man and wife agree to divide a certain piece of land. and to sign each other's deed. But they are told that the wife cannot sign away her right to her share in the property of the husband, but that she can always claim that share. If that is the law, the writer adds, a man has not

the right to sell his part as long as the wife lives, while the wife can control both parts. Is that the law?" As we understand it, there is differ-

occasion to estimate the number of crimes and offenses committed in the various parts of the province during the last year, and he found that there was twenty-five per cent less crime in the 'Mormon' district than in any oth-er similar area in the whole province. "Polygamy is crime, and np charge or information has ever been laid against the 'Mormons' in Alberta,' said the speaker. If the charge would be made and information laid his de-partment would attend to it. He also referred to the strong temperance sen-timent in the 'Mormon' district, which was the only one in the province that had carried local option. If the people of the province were as much in favor of local option and carried it out like the Cardston district it would be an inestimable boon for temperance re-form," ence of opinion among the lawyers as to whether a wife can by deed, or any other conveyance, relinquish her right to a third interest in property held by the husband. It is a question which must be settled by a court decision, by Mr. Woolf, the member for Cardand until it is so settled there will always be a difference of opinion. If the ston, and he was received with cordial husband desires to sell his half of the divided land, he had better obtain the signature of his wife to the deed, to avoid all future trouble. If the wife is

honest, and the original agreement was to divide equally, she will not refuse to sign and permit the husband to dispose of the half that is his by agreement. The law very wisely protects the wife

applause. The report goes on to say: "He denied most emphatically the statement of Dr. Kilpatrick that po-lygumy or disloyalty was taught to the children. One of the principal te-nets of 'Mormonism' was fidelity and loyalty to the chief magistrate, and quoted from an article of the 'Mor-mon' faith as follows: 'We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rul-ers, and magistrates, in obeying, honor-ing and sustaining the law.' This doc-trine was sedulously inculcated into the minds of the children, and even little ones of eight years could recite them and were taught them at school and at their own fireside. "The fundamental text-book of the "Mormon" Church,' said Mr. Woolf. 'Is the King James' version of the Bi-ble, and if there is anything wrong with the teaching of that book it is as much the duty of Mr. Kilpatrick to change it as it is the duty of the "Mormons.'' There was no other text book used that differed in any ro-spect from the King James' translation of the Bible.' in her property rights to the very ut-The purpose of this is to save most. her from becoming a public charge, if the husband dies or loses his possessions by unfortunate speculation. It is a matter of public policy. Any agreement therefore, between husband and wife as to the disposal of their property must be drawn with all possible care to be worth anything at all. The best legal advice obtainable should be secured. It is one of the surprises of the la-

from the King James' translation "In conclusion, Mr. Woolf held that the claims of the 'Mormon' to be a loyal the claims of the Mormon' to be a loyal dies back east, who are not permitted to vote and who cannot control their In contrasion and the Mormon' to be a local and moral people have been fully proved. He was pleased with the man-ner in which his fellow members had referred to the matter, and that many of his closest personal friends were non-'Mormons.' It was the duty of those who made those charges to bring them to the light of law." "It was not the motive of any 'Mor-mon' to find fault with the religious views of other sects, but to grant lib-erty of conscience as freely as they claim it. He believed the people of the west were not concerned with min-or divisions of sects, but desired to live in peace and build up a great commonwealth." own property, to hear that the women of Utah not only vote but hold and dispose of property without any other interference by their husbands than that of a friend, whose advice may, or may not, be followed. They have an idea that women here are slaves, and when they hear that they are more free and independent than their sisters in the

states, who have been led to believe that it is their duty to send money here for their redemption, they are simply amazed. But such is the fact, and there is not a real man in Utah who is not proud of the independence of the wo-After such stinging rebuke in the

men here. Utah women, and in fact Legislature, the maligners turn to a most women, can be trusted. If their religious assembly as a proper forum husbands do not wrong them, they are in which to make their malicious statenot likely to wrong their husbands, in ments. They do not fear contradicthe matter of property, or anything else. tion there. Why will not our religious friends desist from creating a "Mor-The nice ice man weighs his ice to a mon problem," where there is none nicety. and join the Latter-day Saints in an earnest, patriotic effort for the build-One man's pure food is another ing up of the country and the prevaman's poison. lence of truth and virtue? They can

never destroy the Church. They may The farmers would do well to make as well accept the fact of its existhay while the sun shines. ence as a moral force in the world and in the spirit of brotherly love join Dr. Beatty believes there are some its members in doing good, as far as things worse than smallpox.

"The summer months are coming, love, the bloom is on the rye."

Only French spoken at the Hague

The weather bureau might very ap-

The return of half the Chinese in-

San Francisco would not have an

conference. This beats the Dutch.

PROBLEMS OF FAITH.

co-operation in the work of redemp-

tion is possible, or leave them unmo

lested, if they can do no better. That

would be the spirit of Christianity.

That was a frightful fatality that ocpropriately be called the chateau d'if. curred at Layton on Tuesday, and one that seemingly offers no chance for comfort or compensation, though the demnity would be a kind of return of heartfelt sympathy of thousands is the prodigal. with those who are so suddenly called upon to mourn. Four persons two of whom had been out for a day's pleasacting mayor had it not had a misure and to minister to the comfort and behaving mayor. pleasure of others, all worthy people, were snatched to eternity in a n

the construction of public buildings au-thorized by Congress is likely to be haited. It is being found that bids can-not be obtained from contractors that will come within the sum appropriated. will come within the sum appropriated. Bids were recently opened for new buildings at Petersburg, Va., and Tren-ton, N. J. The lowest bid on the Pe-tersburg building was about 25 per cept higher than the appropriation, and the Trenton bids were much too high. The consequence is that these buildings can-not be erected unless Congress appro-priates more money. Many-bids are to be opened during the next month, and the same results are looked for. Thus does "prosperity" defeat itself.

WEDDINGS AND FOOLS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer

Cleveland Plain Dealer. This is the month of brides and roses, and also the month of idiooy. There is a peculiar type of mental alienation that breaks out among guesis at wed-ding coremonies. It is always extreme-ly foolish, and sometimes violent. Peo-ple who under other circumstances are normal, same, well behaved and consid-rate of others areas to be "locoad" by normal, same, well behaved and consid-crate of others seem to be "locoed" by the presence of a bridal couple. Every device that perverse and cuanting in-genuity can suggest they utilize for the torment of their newly married friends. And the closer their friendship for the bridal pair, the more they feel impelled to idiotic "stunts," embracing tricks and acts of violence.

COMMONPLACE.

New York Tribune. New York Tribune. This is a government of the people, for all of the people, and the sovereign-ty of the people must be supreme.-Commencement day address of Gov. Johnson. Gov. Johnson talks like a safe man. An original man is likely to be erratic, but a man who would use that sentence as the conclusion of his ora-tion would make as advisable depend. tion would make an admirable chaper-one for Destiny.

THE TRAGEDIES OF PARIS.

London Answers.

From 1.000 to 1.500 bodies are received the morgue in Paris every year, hese represent suicides and murders. and not the deaths that occur in the or-dinary course of events. And of these self-slaughters nearly half are drown-ings, which means that every day at

seit-staughters hearly hait are drown-lings, which means that every day at least two persons jump into the Seine; two poor wretches who have failed to find live worth living. In the months of October and Novem-ber suicides by drowning in Paris are double what they are the remainder of the year. The prospect of having to suffer the hardships of another winter, begging about in the cold and sleeping out in the snow, is too much for many a fait-cursed wanderer. An interesting fact revealed by the suicide statistics of Paris is that women show a decided dis-like to drowning as a means of violent death. Four times as many men as women are fished out of the Seine. The records show that asphysiation is the favorite way with the weaker sex for shuffling off this mortal coil," when it has ceased to be bearable.

JUST FOR FUN.

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Star





It is fair to mention in this connection that Canadian Presbyterians have for some time been busy spreading false rumors about the Saints. Prof. Kilpatrick, of Knox College, Toronto. and Rev. Sommerville, treasurer of the Presbyterian church in Canada, are said to have tried to represent the "Mormons" in Alberta as disloyal and immoral. But the honorable gentlemen were branded in the Canadian legislature as maligners. just as the reverend traducers of Senator Smoot in this country were branded as perverters of truth, by the United States Senate.

We copy the following from the Millennial Star, which reproduces the account of the proceedings in the legislature given by the Edmonton Daily Bulletin

"Mr. McKenzie said before the or-ders of the day were called he desired to make a statement in reply to certain to make a statement in reply to certain accusations made by 'doctors of di-vinity' in Toronto against the 'Mor-mon' population of Alberta. The doc-tors accused the 'Mormons' of com-mitting crimes and teaching doctrines contrary to the morals and the law of the land. The legislature of Alberta was unique, as it was the only legis-lative body in Canada with a 'Mor-mon' as the people's representative. The statements of these 'doctors of divinity' were a reflection upon the whole people of this province and should not, and would not, go un-challenged and disproved. It was strange that this alarm should be raised periodically by those who had not lived among the 'Mormons', and who were unacqualited with their conhot lived among the 'Mormons,' and who were unacquainted with their con-ditions of life. This was the third time the alarm had been raised. The first was by Rev. Dr. McQueen, of Edmonton, the next by Rev. Dr. Mac-laren, of Toronto, and the last by Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick and Rev. Dr. Sommer-ville."

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Other members of the legislature ex-

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and in a manner so tragic as to inspire horror in the minds of those who learn of it.

Such occurrences sometimes awaken dubious questionings. A skeptic naturally asks. If the good, the religious, have in their good qualities no protection from the evils that infest the world, what incentive is there then to live the high ideals of life? Is the Creator heedless of the safety of His children, or does He take no notice of the daily events of this earth?

Thus man, in his short-sightedness, often reasons concerning the mysteries of existence, which cannot be fathomed until our knowledge is more perfect than it can be while we are

here. But faith listens not to the doubts that perplex, but rather to the sweet assurance of the Redeemer: 'What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.'

In the meantime, even reason tells us that sudden death is not the calamity it seems to be. It is sickness that is distressing. He who is ready for the journey and passes away suddenly is spared many trials. Without care without fear, without pain he passes from this life to a higher existence. like

one who wakes up from a dream. The blow that crushes out life in an instant of time is infinitely more merciful, in one sense, than the cancer whose process of annihilation consumes years of poignant suffering to the same inevitable end; yet, its picture to the human mind is far less terrifying than the accident which snuff's out life in a moment.

Unreasonable, too, as it might seem, divine love may be at the heart of a tragic occurrence. None may judge the

It will take something more than a voyage to Central America to make the Milwaukee famous.

"I am not an authority on anything," says Jack London. Not even on fake nature stories. Poor man!

It is said that Secretary Taft wears a smile that won't come off. This only goes to show how well he wears.

It is said that Governor Hughes is revolutionary. If he is, he's American revolutionary; and that's all right.

It is said that no animal laughs. The statement is incorrect. The horse does. for he saith among the trumpets, "Ha, ha.'

About all that can be predicted as to where the next great naval war will be fought is that it will be upon the water.

> Mark Twain himself has connected his name with the theft of the Ascot cup. That is the only connection between them.

We have been asked where the headquarters of the Standard Oil company is. Wherever John D. Rockefeller happens to be.

Judge Diehl proposes to drive the grafters out of the city. Why this proposed assault on the "American" administration?

General Bingham's book of professional etiquette says that "pollcemen must be courteous." They can always be relied on to be curt.

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At the pit of a coal mine in Pennvlvania there have occurred, during sylvania there have occurred, during the past few months quite a number of accidents whereby innocent bystand-ers have come to grief. Accordingly, some kind official has caused to be posted a notice that reaches the acme of politeness. It reads: "Please do not tumble down the shaft."—Harp-er's Weekly.

Ella—I have seen 22 summers. Etella—I wish I was as nearsighted as you are.—Illustrated Bits.

Wigwag-What is your wife mad about now

about now? Henpeckke—Her absent-minded-ness. She was going to scold me about something, and she can't re-member what it was.—Philadelphia Becord Record.

Edyth-You ought to have heard r. Huggins' ringing speech last

Mr. Huggins thights May-Why, I wasn't aware that he could make a speech. Edyth-Wall, I can't repeat the speech, but I can show you the ring, -London Tit-Blits.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The following are features of Har-per's Basar for July: "Why Co-oper-ative Housekeeping Falls." Charlotte Perkins Gilman: "The Married Wo-man and the Spinster," Anne O'Hagani "Cupid and the Hurdy-Gurdy." a sto-ry, Ella W. Peattie, "Three Poems." Ethel leRoy deKoven: "The Manners of American Women," part 4, Henry James: "The Garden," a story, May Turner, "Walked In," a novel, chap-ters 10 and 11, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps; "Summer Fashions, "Linen Gowns," and "Maternity Gowns," Marie Oliver; "Dream Clothes," Flora McDonald Thompson; "The Housemother's Daily Problems," "Eazar" Readers, and "Rearranging the House," Martha Cut-ier, There are many other very good features.-Harper & Bros, New York.

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