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For Synopsis of Scenery and Incidents see Programme in Curtain.

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BREVITIES.

The North British Review lectures the youth of England for not marrying.

Pope Pius the Ninth has had 256 predecessors.

Mails are delivered in New York in seventeen days from San Francisco.

Bismark's ducal title will be Duke of Pomerania.

Queen Victoria gained twenty pounds of flesh during the past year.

Chicago expended \$585,000 for theatres and operas, during the past year.

A disgusted North Carolina editor is going to raffle away his printing office, with tickets at \$5 apiece.

The Spanish Minister of War has ordered 50,000 American breech-loading rifles.

One man in the London post office does nothing but decipher misdirections.

Several nations in Europe, particularly Austria, are obtaining breech-loaders from America.

A gentleman, in boasting of his wife's many excellences, says she is beautiful, dutiful, youthful, and an arm-full.

A Baptist minister at Muscatine, Iowa, has just paid \$20 for whipping his kitchen girl with a rope.

Melbourne, Australia, twenty years ago, had a population of 8,000, and now it has 128,000.

A Wisconsin clairvoyant, who claims to find stolen and lost goods for her customers, has advertised for several lost articles.

Between 300,000 and 400,000 women in England and Wales must remain single, because of the actual disproportion of sexes.

Charles Muhleirn, of the Canton of Uri, Switzerland, has been fined eight hundred francs for refusing a public office. Barnum has not secured him yet.

The life of Queen Isabella of Spain is said to grow more and more shameful. Her profligacies are no longer concealed from her subjects.

A corps of Zouaves, enlisted at Montreal for the army of the Pope, are about sailing from Canada for Rome. A grand religious demonstration, to bless their banners, is to take place at Montreal previous to their embarkation.

REMARKS

By Elder GEORGE A. SMITH, delivered in the Old Tabernacle, Dec. 29, 1867.

REPORTED BY D. W. EVANS.

In the dealings of God with the children of men in almost every age of which we have any account, we find that a certain weakness of the human heart has ever manifested itself; that is, its proneness to stray from the Lord. On almost every occasion when the children of Israel began to get prosperous and wealthy, they forgot their duty and strayed from the Lord. After Joshua had led them across the Jordan, subdued their enemies and placed them in possession of Canaan, he called the people together *en masse* and exacted of them a covenant that they would serve the Lord who had brought them out of Egypt and had wrought so many miracles in their favor; and it is recorded of that generation that they served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua. This is about as long a time as Israel ever did abide by the law of the Lord. In reading the Book of Mormon this same trait of character is very noticeable, in the history of the Nephites and Jaredites. When the elders were stirred up to preach and prophecy to the people; or when through the scourging of the Almighty they were brought to repentance and to the knowledge of their fathers, it would be but an incredibly short time—a few years of peace and industry with their attendant blessings—before they would again go astray from God, follow new doctrines and forms of worship designed by men, and wickedness would soon again overspread the land. This was repeated time and again by the Nephites from the time they separated from the Lamanites until their final destruction. It is remarkable, however, in the history given in the Book of Mormon, that after the mission of the Savior to this Continent and the reception of the gospel by the whole of the Lamanites and Nephites, that for several generations they remained faithful to its precepts and principles, and walked before the Lord with such a degree of humility and thanksgiving that they were prospered and blessed in all things. This is the longest period of peace and the most like a millennium that we have any account of in any of our records where time is given to us. It is true that Enoch and his followers were more faithful than this, for it is said that he walked with God three hundred and sixty-five years; but as we have no detailed account of the transactions in his cities, or of the regulations in Zion under his direction, we are not prepared to use the short account we have of him and his people by way of comparison.

All these lessons taught in the Bible, the Book of Mormon and by our own experience are to warn us of the danger of going astray, and to show us how prone we are to lust after the leeks and onions of Egypt, or to sacrifice principle to gain some temporary advantage or to answer some mercenary purpose; and they should be so firmly fixed upon our minds and so applied in our lives that nothing could induce us to do so, for however great the seeming advantage resulting from such a course, it would in the end prove a serious disadvantage, for in following it we sacrifice our integrity, violate our faith, weaken our confidence in God and our power with Him, and lay ourselves liable to fall into snares from which it is impossible for us to extricate ourselves.

As I have already said, when I first read the Book of Mormon this trait of character astonished me, and I have been equally astonished at seeing it manifested by this people during the thirty-seven years I have been conversant with their history. In relation to the Word of Wisdom see what a variety of opinions and feelings have arisen amongst us. It is now about thirty-six years since that was given by the Lord to His people, not by commandment or constraint, but a principle with promise, and yet to-day, many of us find it difficult to leave off our tea or to do without our tobacco. Had we as a people pursued an even, straightforward course in obedience to

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