

CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTION.

A PERSON by the name of Mc-Niece, who claims and uses the title of "Rev.," has been lecturing in this city on the subject of "Christian Reconstruction in Utah." He has delivered two discourses, taking for his text the following remarks made by Nehemiah when giving an account of his labors in rebuilding Jerusalem: "But it came to pass when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they build the stones out of the heaps of rubbish which are burned? Now, Tobiah, the Ammonite, was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall." Nehemiah iv. 1 and 3 verses.

The lecturer made this the foundation for a violent attack upon the people of Utah and their religious system. He was singularly unfortunate in his choice of a text. The parallel is entirely against his position. He comes here to break down that which the Latter-day Saints have built up to destroy what they have created. The religious and social system established here is the original form of the Territory. He and his "Christian" confederates are not restorers, but as destructionists. The "Mormons" represent the builders, they are engaged in re-establishing the ancient order, they are re-constructing the primitive Christian church, and Mc-Niece stands for the fox whom the Presbyterian Tobiah has sent up to break down our stone wall. But he is not the first of his genus who has found that the wall of "Mormonism" is impregnable; others have learned that it is impervious to scratching and undermining, and that those who run their heads against it only accomplish their own destruction.

The lecturer says: "History seems to show that no reform, however important and worthy, was ever inaugurated without arousing intense opposition, and it is quite natural that it should. For reform means both revolution and restriction, and hence comes in contact with the powerful classes: First, the unprogressive, moss-covered conservatives, who never learn anything, and who are always sighing for the good old days of their great-grandfathers; and secondly, the natural enemies of all truth and righteousness, especially the malicious spies, who are anxious to have old abuses undisturbed in order that they may have opportunity to make merchandise of wrong."

Exactly. History has repeated itself in our times and in our case. The reforms which we are introducing into the world have indeed aroused "intense opposition," and among none of the "foes of truth and righteousness," so grand and vindictive and more murderous hostility than the class which is represented by such persons as Mc-Niece, who fear the disturbance of the "old abuses" existing in their sectarian societies, and of their settled opportunities for making merchandise of the souls of men.

This man comes here as a hireling, with a settled stipend, to work in the interest of our "avaricious enemies," and the discourses to which we have alluded have been delivered for outside effect. The impressions intended to be made are for people at a distance, that they may be induced to bestow money upon him and his associates laboring, as he would have them believe, in the midst of danger, barbarism and bondage. That persons of his class have the hardihood and impudence to stand up in Salt Lake City and make assertions like the following, in a place where everybody knows that his statements are utterly untrue, is evidence at once of their shameless mendacity and of the toleration and patience of the people whom they vilify and abuse. Says he: "As things now are, three-fourths of the people in Utah dare not think, speak and act for themselves from fear of a priesthood as bigoted, despotic and cruel as that which once ground unfortunate Scotland beneath its oppressive heel, and found occasion for a division of the roasting alleged heretics in the fires of Smithfield."

So far is this priestly despotism carried that in most of the towns in this Territory, the people dare not go out on the Sabbath, in the day time, to hear the Bible expounded and the gospel of Christ preached. They dare not go out until the shadows of nightfall, so that they may be better protected from priestly espionage.

deprive numbers of them of their daily subsistence. How many of the Latter-day Saints have been turned away from their employment at the suggestion or importunities of Christian preachers, who have prevailed upon farmers, mill-owners, factory proprietors and others, not to have a "Mormon" upon their premises? Christian priests have aroused popular prejudice and invoked oppression and tyranny wherever they could against the "Mormons," who dared to differ from them on religious matters, and who, instead of being ignorant of orthodox Christianity, as Mc-Niece intimates, were able to confound the divines of the day, with the simple principles of the "Mormon" gospel supported by quotations from the Holy Scriptures. Who provoked and incited the mobs that drove the Saints from their homes in various counties of Missouri, burned their property, shot down their stock, and killed men, women and children? Christian priests; Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, &c.

The Latter-day Saints left their native lands, among other reasons, in a day when they were stoned out of the heaps of rubbish which are burned? Now, Tobiah, the Ammonite, was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall."

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BY TELEGRAPH.

EASTERN.

Another Walking Match. New York, 14.—A six days' game of nine-ball was commenced at three minutes past 12 this morning in Gilmore's garden. It is said that the winner will get \$1,000 in cash and a belt of great value. The affair is entirely a speculation for the game money. Any contestant failing to cover 425 miles gets nothing. Among the players are John Maguire, the "Lepper," who made such a fizzle when walking against O'Leary, and others almost unknown to the public. The match was started in the race and the first mile was made in 7 minutes 23 seconds.

A New Contract. The Daily News says: It is stated that a new contract between the Pacific Mail and Panama Railroad Company has been agreed upon, which will be signed to-morrow, and the new agreement is said to be highly favorable to the Pacific Mail Company. The Pacific Mail stockholders declare that the handling of the company's business during the long time past, been paying the dividends of the Panama Railroad Company, and they propose now to share the profits of the company.

Improved Business Prospects. According to accounts, business interests of all sorts and in all quarters of the country are looking decidedly brighter. This is especially true of coal, iron and lumber. Also in the west, and at such shorter credits. The details published from a wide expanse of country, even from California, make a very encouraging outlook.

Politeness Suspect. The World, in a leading article this morning, says: If the democracy of New York should nominate Tilden in 1880, at the command of Cassius M. Yancy, the Governor, have happened in New York politics, the World certainly would command, not only its republican but its democratic readers to abstain from voting. The World publishes extracts from southern and western democratic journals going to prove that Tilden's nomination would be political suicide.

have been wasted upon the roofed hostility of the South. Now the North begins to understand the fact that as early as possible it understood it some years ago.

Mysterious Death. SAN FRANCISCO, 14.—Joshua Bacon, treasurer of the Goodyear Dental Vulcanite Co., of Boston, who came here a short time ago from the east, was found dead on the floor of his room, in the Baldwin Hotel, yesterday afternoon, with a pistol shot wound in his abdomen. He had been dead several hours. No firearm was found in his rooms, and as the hemorrhage was entirely internal there were no means of finding the murderer. Subsequent to the fatal shot, and nothing has yet transpired to throw any light on the affair. He was a native of Massachusetts, aged 45.

FOREIGN. GREAT BRITAIN. The Egyptian Difficulty. LONDON, 14.—The Observer understands that official circles both in London and Paris, consider that the Egyptian difficulty is being solved by the Egyptian difficulty except for very careful deliberation. No step will, therefore, be taken in reference to the Sultan's proposition until France and England have full opportunity of concealing a common course. A dispatch from Cairo states that the business is completely suspended and is likely to remain so till the decision of England and France is known.

RUSSIA. Reception of Ambassadors. ST. PETERSBURG, 14.—The Emperor also received the ambassadors, yesterday, said all was going on very well. It is inferred from this that the project from the conference of the powers is being favorably received.

DIED. In the night ward, April 13th, 1879, of diphtheria croup, ROBERT IRVINE, son of Joseph and Janet Irvine McMurry, born Feb. 22nd, 1877. Funeral services from residence to-morrow (Tuesday) at 10 o'clock a. m. Friends of the family are invited. Mercantile Star, please copy.

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