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### TOTALLY DISSIMILAR.

There have been several attempts by writers for the eastern press to draw comparisons between the pretended Elijah III, John Alexander Dowie, and the Prophet of the Nineteenth century, Joseph Smith. There is nothing in common between the two very dissimilar characters, nor is there any identity in their respective doctrines, although there is little if any doubt that Dowle once made a study of "Mormonism," and endeavored to adopt some of its ideas and discipline in his own system, without really understanding either the principles or the organization of the Church which he attempted to plagiar-

We have been asked several times if Dowle was ever a member of the 'Mormon" Church. We understand that he was not. But it is claimed that after leaving Australia, he spent some time in Salt Lake City and caught up some things that "Mormonism" seemed to him to suggest, which he used in his founding of the Chicago "Zion" and in organizing the society of which he is called the Superintendent, but of which he is really the absolute master. However, the two systems are totally dissimilar both in form and in spirit. The Dowie notion about Elijah is hostile to "Mormon" doctrine. It is based on the theory of "reincarnation" which "Mormonism" denounces as false. Joseph Smith taught the eminently Christian doctrine of the literal resurrection from the dead, agreeing with the Apostle Paul that each individual will be raised "but every man in his own order," and "to every

seed his own body." On Dowie's notion, Elijah will have three bodies. On now, having been translated so that he did not taste of death. John the Baptist ministered in "the spirit and power of Elias" and so did the Prophet Joseph Smith, but neither of them claimed to be Elijah in person. According to the testimony of the Latter-day Prophet and Seer, John the Baptist came to him and Oliver Cowdery, on May 15, 1829, and ordained them to the authority of the Priesthood of Aaron, of which he held the keys when the forerunner of Christ. Elijah appeared to them in the Kirtland Temple, April 3, 1836. The event, following other heavenly manifestations on that day is thus described in Doctrine and Covenants Sec. 110, v. 13-16:

J. A. Dowie has worked up into a ma.

terial system in which all property is vested in himself, some ideas about gathering and co-operation, suggested

by the successful colonizing of the "Mormon" people from all parts of the world, but in the "Mormon" system every person holds his own property and exercises his free agency, and the influences that unite the Saints is spiritual and divine.

The doctrines, the Church organization, the ordinances, the gifts, the spirit, the orders of the Priesthood, the methods, the services, the missionary work, the entire system, aims, effects and position of "Mormonism," are as different from Dowle's concern near Chicago as Catholicism is from the little sects of dissenting Protestantism, or as the mighty Rockies in their mountain grandeur are from the hills thrown up by the moles of the plains.

ONLY A FIZZLE.

Press dispatches from Kansas City state that Bishop C. H. Fowler, of the M. E. church, delivered himself on Friday at the general conference there of one of his characteristic outpourings against the "Mormons." It is said that he "predicted that the Mormons in a few years would have the deciding votes in the politics of Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada." Isn't that wonderful? Seeing that this story has been the burden of anti-"Mormon" attacks from press and pulpit, pamphlet and book romance for twenty years, Fowler's gift of prophecy looks rather dilapidated.

But why was this old terror worked up this time in the shape of an episepal prognostication? Why? for the usual Methodist purpose; namely to raise funds. The failure of missionary work in Utah was confessed. The causes were named as two-fold; one, the inefficiency of the Methodist preachers in this State, and the other the small amount of cash given for Utah work. Bishop Cranston also said 'the Methodist church had practically failed in Utah because of the need of money.

When Fowler characterized the Methodist preachers sent among the "Mormons" as "2 by 4 men," the only kind that could be got for the money, he roused T. C. Iliff to remonstrance. It was rather tough on Iliff, Leilich and the rest of that class, coming from such a source. But of course they all joined in the demand for more money. This has been the cry for the past half a century, and with all that has been gathered in, what is there to show for lions each. it in conversions of "Mormons?" Hadn't Fowler better spread his "snare" among the heathen-either white or colored or both awhile? The whole business so far has been a fizzle. Perhaps more money could be raised and with greater ease, for mis-

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sionary work among the Hottentots, or Senegambians. Pass the plate brethren!

According to Washington dispatches, the Chinese minister to this country Joseph Smith's doctrine, Elijah has his has formally asked the United States to aid China, in some way or another, in her present crisis. The proceedings of Russia in Asla are most peculiar, and certainly not calculated to give the Mongolians a high estimate of western justice. The recent demands upon China for the murder of an officer who had executed a criminal, is an illustration. Speaking of that occurrence, a Washington official said:

were well. Since the letter was dated | as though they were the court of last July 20, the expedition had only been out a few days before the ice was en-

A CHOSEN NATION.

Rev. T. M. C. Birmingham of Wanette, O. T., is the author of a little pamphlet, in which he endeavors to show that the United States is a "chosen nation," and that its people has a special mission in the world, to guide and lead the entire human fami-As the United States goes in this ly. century, he says, so the world will go, up or down. The citizens of this country are therefore called upon to decide the destiny of the world. He bases this view largely on what Christ said to the Jews: "Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits." That nation,

countered.

he says, is the one inhabiting the United States. It is the chosen nation in the New Testament dispensation. The thought he expresses is, as will be seen, the one that has found its best expression in the teachings of the Church. Through these teachings the world has been taught that this is the land where the Almighty first. placed His children. It is the land of Joseph, blessed above all others. The Constitution, so the Church leaders have testified, is an inspired document. framed for the benefit of all the world. They have also given the reason, why this land was chosen, viz., that from this land the principles of life and salvation, of truth and liberty, should be proclaimed. It is gratifying to notice

how "Mormonism" is penetrating modern thought, as surely as the leaven that affects the entire contents of the pan. We need but look upon the United States, and then upon the adjacent

countries on this continent, to find the statement proved that this is a chosen country. There is Mexico to the south. It is a republic. It has a glorious climate, and wonderful resources. But its development has not kept pace with the United States. There is, for instance, the state of Sonora with over 76,000 square miles of ground and but 200,000 inhabitants, while the state of New York with only 49,170 square miles has over seven million inhabitants. What a contrast! The District of Columbia, with only 70 square miles of territory, has more inhabitants than the state of Sonora. In Mexico only two states have a population exceeding a million, while in this country twentyseven states have more than a million and fourteen of these have several mil.

A similar condition meets us to the north. Canada is a good country, but what a difference in development on either side of the border line! Maine is more than twice as populous as New Brunswick and three times as rich; Massachusetts is five times as populous as Nova Scotia and twenty times as rich; New York state is more than twice the equivalent of all Quebec and Ontario in population, and of incomparably greater wealth than the whole Dominion; the population of Minnesota is greater than that of the whole Canadian prairie Northwest, Manitoba, Keewatin, Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan together; and the state of

resort and what they say "goes."

Mr. J. P. Morgan has bought him a country house in England where he will spend a good portion of his time each year and his hard-earned dollars.

The Seattle woman who loved a woman who was masquerading as a man, and attempted suicide when she could not marry her, has proven the truth of the saying that "The clothes do not make the man."

"The first practical test of a voting machine in this city was had during the municipal election yesterday. It demonstrated that it possesses an immense advantage," says the San Francisco Chronicle. The voting "machine" was not a success in this city.

The good people of Vancouver have not become reconciled to the Alaskan boundary decision, hissing the American anthem when it was played at a performance there. If it relieves them and makes them feel better to hiss, let them hiss; and no one will object.

Which is Jekyll and which is Hyde? asks an inquirer as to the identity of the author of certain conflicting articles. "Whichever you please, my dear,' "you takes your choice," but you needn't pay anything for it, see? The idea of a double character was appropriately set forth in the "News," and similes are not expected to be perfect in every detail.

District President William Howells of the United Mine Workers of America, speaking of the strike of coal miners ordered in District 15, says: "In reference to the non-union miners, I will say that if they refuse to obey the strike order and do not come out at present, weight will be brought to bear upon them to guit work." That is not a covert threat but an open one. It means that if the non-union miners dare to exercise their right to sell their labor where and at what price they choose, they will be dealt with according to well known union methods. They, as every one knows, mean picketing, intimidation and deadly assault if necessary. Every state in District 15 owes it to the non-union miners to protect them at all hazards if any attempt is made to carry out Howells' wicked threat.

### **ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.**

#### The American Hebrew.

Religion received a setback a quarter century ago from which it is only now recovering. Churches have not multi-plied in proportion to schools, and it would be idle to deny that the religious press has failed to keep pace with the growth of the people. The decine and religion and the greater attention of growth of the people. The decline in religion and the greater attention to religious matters in the secular press were largely responsible for it. To these has recently come a third weak-ening influence; advertisers in the past looked upon the religious weakly as a looked upon the religious weekly as specially desirable medium; while th secular papers were cast aside as soon as read, the religious journal was kept from week to week, and was passed from hand to hand: hence advertising was not so evanescent as in the secular papers. But the latter developed great circulations, larger than was possible circulations, larger than was possible for any religious journal, and advertis-ers, whose methods change from time to time, came to look upon the size of a circulation as preferable to its quality and hence passed over the religious pa-The material reduction in from advertising for the per mentioned, has played havoc

with the religious press all along the

Princeton Theological Review.

Princeton Theological Review. The iconoclastic function of science is sometimes regarded as unfavorable but we regard it as wholesome and necessary. Our Savior often warned men to consider the cost before becom-ing His followers. There is still far too much blind faith in the world and dis-crimination is essential to a healthy mind. In secular matters men trust too easily in rotten ships, and rotten busi-ness combinations, and in fraudulent drugs and adulterated foods; and worst of all, they trust for their souls to any-thing that is named religion, though it may be very corrupt and God-dishonor-

may be very corrupt and God-dishonor-ing. Even the existence of an effete cult is sometimes advanced as an argument for our withholding Christianity from a country. Notice, and an argument

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"After this vision had closed, another great and glorious vision burst upon us, for Elijah the prophet who was taken to heaven without tasting death, stood before us and said:

"Behold, the time has fully come, which was spoken of by Malachi, testi-fying that he (Elijah) should be sent before the great and dreadful day of the Lord should come,

"To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse. "Therefore the keys of this dispensa.

tion are committed into your hards, and by this ye may know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors.'

The doctrine of preaching to the fathers who are "spirits in prison." and of baptism for the dead, the living children acting as proxy for them, was ties. Japan has probably been silenced revealed in the ministry of Elijah to Joseph Smith, and while a prominent feature of "Mormonism," is not included or comprehended in Dowieism nor in any of the other man-made creeds of modern Christendom. In "Mormon" Temples there are daily practical illustrations of the result of the mission of Elijah as set forth in Malachi, iv: 5, 6. John the Baptist, whom Dowie calls | the Anamese border. The silence of the Elliah II, was not Elliah at all, nor was Elijah Joseph Smith, but each had his own personality and will have his own identity here and hereafter, Moses, who also appeared on the same day in

brougland His three Apostles on the shippe transfiguration. They had At t each their special appoint Were antine the spirit and power thereof develoerred upon Joseph Smith, as the has of "the dispensation of the

fulness & times." John A. Dowle, who tried to repudi-

ate his parentage, was born in Scotland, and his father lives to mourn over the folly and ingratitude of his son. the pretended Elijah. Joseph Smith's father was an honored patriarch in the Church organized by his son, and died in full faith of that son's divine mis-

Joseph Smith was a genial, natural, loving man among men with no affecta. tion, mock sanctity or aping of ecclesiastical sectarian dignities, robings or ceremonials. His prophetic career commenced in his boyhood, and he was guided by direct revelation all his days, copying nothing from the religious world and putting no "new wine in old bottles," and he "sealed his testimony with his blood." The contrasts letter, all the members of the expedition

"Just look at it. A Chines criminal who has been employed criminal who has been employed by Russia is turned over to the Chinese authorities at Mukden. With that quick antication with that quick application of their ideas of pun-ishment, the Chinese execute nim. Rus-sia then demands that the taoti of the district in which the execution occur-red be degraded, and that the officer under whose orders the execution was carried out be murdered. It is as if an American criminal surrendered by Ger-many were executed in New York City, and the German government demanded that Gov. Odell be dismissed and de-graded and that Mayor Low be killed. The Chinese government agreed to de-grade the taotal and promised that the was? officer who ordered the execution should be banished. While the matter is be-ing negotiated the Rusisan government ing negotiated the Russian government occupies Mukden because its demands were not complied with. The manner in which Russia is acting is the most shameless exhibition of the times. It is downright robbery."

But although this is the general seniment, we fear nothing will be done by the powers for China. The probability is that Russia is proceeding under cover of some agreement, to which the great powers of the Old World are parby a promise of control over Corea-a promise that can be kept, or not, as circumstances shall require, Great Britain, we presume, will be found to have secured the concessions she desires in the Yank-tse valley, while Germany obtains confirmation of her occupation of the Shangtung peninsula, and France some Chinese province on powers indicates an understanding which can only mean that the division of China has been decreed, and if this

is the fact, the United States is powerless to prevent the catastrophe, even cedifiand Temple, came with Elljah | if it were the business of this country to do so.

# FROM THE ARCTIC.

According to a letter received by Mr. Ziegler from Anthony Fiala, the commander of the Ziegler expedition, the ice conditions in the far north are exceptionally bad. The ice pack was encountered on 75 degrees north lat., and 38 degrees, 30 min. east long., and for days the expedition was in valu looking for an opening. The writer says the season is peculiar. Numbers of dead birds were strewn on the cakes of ice; not a Polar bear was seen, and only few seals were met with. Mr. Fiala thinks that these signs either indicate immense ice fields to the north, or much open water. At all events, it may presage a long, hard winter, the effects of which may be felt more or less all over northern latitudes. The expedition left Vardo, Norway, July 10, this year. At the date of the last В самотели сталители стали состание с стали сталители с состание с состание с состание с состание с с

Washington is nearly three times as populous as British Columbia. Even Alaska, under our flag, is forging ahead of the British possessions in the same latitude and longitude. Can this be accounted for, merely on the difference

in climate, and government? Hardly. It is the hand of Providence, At last Colombia is "up against it."

To the new Republic of Panama: Pax vobiscum. It begins to look as though the end

of Central American revolutions was in sight The merchants of the city have said, "Let there be more light." And there

The oriental war cloud appears to have divided itself and become part occidental.

City officials who try to sow the seeds of dissension will find that they have sown dragons' teeth.

Twice the American people decided against Mr. Bryan and now the Connecticut courts also have.

Panama has declared her intentions to become a citizen. In three years she can take out full papers. Sam Parks has learned that the way

of the transgressor is hard though that of the walking delegate is a soft snap. The recognition of the new republic

and not the Panama canal is regarded by Colombia as the most unkindest cut of all.

Colombia wouldn't let any one dig the Panama canal and the consequence is that Colombia will have to dig out of Panama.

In the matter of Nick Haworth's petition, some of the Iowa officials talk ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York



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