

For the News.

ADVICE TO FEMALES.

The most wise, judicious and intelligent people in the world, have all the misery and sorrow they are willing to endure, when their course of life is regulated by all the combined excellencies of their character.

This Valley proves to be directly on the Great Western thoroughfare leading to the golden mountains and shining vallies of the far-famed California. Thousands and tens of thousands swarm along its course, and call at this **HALF WAY HOUSE** to rest and recruit themselves and their animals.

Many conclude, on arriving here, to go no further,—to make this place their home, and embrace the religion of this community by being baptized, &c. It is highly gratifying to every Saint to learn that such is the fact, provided they come with honesty in their hearts, and sincerity upon their tongues: but as different men are actuated by different motives, it becomes the females of this Valley to be on their guard; and to suffer no man to gain a seat in their affections, until he has gained the confidence of the Church, and of the authorities of the same by a high minded and honorable course of virtuous actions.

Will you, young ladies, give yourselves to the stranger—to the transient and uncertain traveller, whose intention may be to remain here only until the yielding snow will admit his egress through the mountain passes in the coming spring? Will you thus hazard your person, your character, and perhaps your salvation, and join your destiny with a man who, for aught you know, has a family in the States, or in some other country? Remember that it requires something more than baptism to constitute a Saint; and my advice to every unmarried female in this country is, to wait till the proof of established righteousness, virtue, sincerity, honesty and integrity shall appear in the man, before she

consents to enter into any marriage covenant with him.

If you regard this counsel of a friend, in the spirit by which it is dictated, you may rest comparatively safe; but if you do not, in four cases out of five, your union will only last long enough to accomplish your ruin, and you left to welter under the shame and mortification of your hasty and ill-advised marriage.

Fathers and friends ought to interpose in behalf of the *simple* in such cases,—(the wise will never become thus ensnared.) Every virtuous and good man, whether he be Jew or Gentile, will not only honor this advice and counsel, but will see, at once, its propriety and acknowledge it: but the libertine, the hypocrite, the false-hearted and the unprincipled man may rail against it.

While good wishes are reserved in the breasts of this people for the sincere and honest stranger, who seeks among us the words of life and salvation, duty calls upon us loudly to guard against the encroachments of worthless and unprincipled adventurers,—against the serpent in the grass who, in a moment least expected, thrusts his deadly fangs into our heel.

Respectfully submitted by
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[We are pleased with the above communication; and we say to all when you hear any **MAN TREAT LIGHTLY** the foregoing sentiments, know assuredly that **THAT MAN** is the **HYPOCRITICAL, FALSE-HEARTED, UNPRINCIPLED LIBERTINE** referred to; and if any woman shall speak or think lightly of those teachings, she is just a fit subject for to be a companion to that libertine; and is unworthy of the Kingdom of God. We believe in treating strangers with all due respect, and kindness; but common decency, regardless of religion, requires that they should prove themselves upright and virtuous before they approach too familiarly the domestic circle: and when any man, no matter how great, pure, or holy his profession, shall violate the sanctity of a virtuous family or community, he is worthy only the attention of that community, to cast him out from their society, and let his name rot with his carcass.—**WE.]**

MARRIAGES.

We heard an Elder of our Church remarking the other day, that he had been often called upon to solemnize marriages in this Valley, and after he had performed the ceremony and fixed up his face for about a *five* or a *ten* to buy a little sugar and coffee with, he would receive as a compensation, only, "*Thank you Sir*"!!

We would advise those ladies that have been so unfortunate as to become united in marriage with men who neglected to pay the minister for marrying them, to counsel their husbands to make a handsome donation to the poor fund, in order to redeem themselves and if the husbands neglect to do this, we would advise the women to apply to the legislature for a divorce. And be careful next time that you get a man having spirit enough to pay the minister for marrying you; and remember if he is unable to do this, he is unable to support a wife, and consequently ought not to have one.

[The above reminds us of a young gentleman down east, near Gotham, who went to be married. After the ceremony, the groom very graciously presented a large handful of money, which, while the priest was counting, and could make no more than twelve copper cents, the happy man drew out and presented three more, saying, "here, sir, perhaps you think that ay'nt enough, take them now."—As we have no coppers in the valley, the Elders have to content themselves with the honorable payment, "thank you sir," at least so say some of the Elders.]

QUICKSILVER MINES OF CALIFORNIA.—We learn from the Baltimore Patriot, that a company has been organized in that city, and that the stock has nearly all been taken, to work one of the quicksilver mines of California. Some idea may be formed of the value of these quicksilver mines in California, from the following extract of a letter from Gov. Burnett, of California, which he addressed to a friend in Washington:

The quicksilver mine of New Almaden, within 12 miles of this place, is valued at several millions