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THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS ENOUGH.

We notice with pleasure an editorial in the Salt Lake Tribune of this date, in line with the remarks of the Deseret News concerning the wrong of grossly exaggerating the condition of affairs in this city.

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Woodruff, Mission President A. H. Woodruff and Elders Edw. H. Hardley, Jas. H. Shaveroff, Thos. C. Thompson, Jr., Harrie P. Barrows, Edwin Bodily, Jr., Jas. E. Henrie, Wm. Attwood, Brigham D. Gardner, Wm. G. Keyser, Alfred H. Hart, Fred Stimpson, Jr., Abram D. Taysum, Hyrum Hanson and Sven Petersen.

The Sentinel refrains from making those invidious and misleading remarks, so often indulged in by reporters when speaking of "Mormons" and the proselyting of the Elders, but instead gives a very fair account of their personality and labors.

A summary of the progress of the work in the Northern States mission is presented, as obtained from Elder Alfred H. Hart, and it is evident that the Sentinel has treated the subject justly, and for public information rather than in a spirit of derision.

It is gratifying to note the difference in the tone of leading newspapers in regard to that bygone times. It is a good sign and we appreciate the pleasant change.

AN HONEST ORGANIZATION.

An organization of farmers has been incorporated at Indianapolis, and it is expected it will spread all over the Union. According to press reports its object is to direct its efforts toward the improvement of the soil and advancement of scientific agriculture.

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only one-fourth was found in the churches, on that day. Of the attendees more than one-half were women, one-fifth children and only one-quarter men.

That shows that church going is at a low ebb, and especially among men. And this we believe, is one of the significant signs of the present time.

The world abandons the places of worship and perhaps discards the time-honored rules of ethics, a new era must be at hand.

It was thus in Rome, before the advent of the ascendancy of Christianity. It was thus in Europe before the Reformation.

SOULS ON DOLLARS.

As has been noticed in these columns, the American Methodists commenced the new century by an effort to raise \$20,000,000 for church purposes, as a twentieth century thank offering.

It is now said that the fund has been raised, and the fact will be officially announced on the 31st of this month, at midnight by Dr. Mills in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church in Springfield, Mass.

The place from which the first call for the movement emanated. Of the total amount \$7,850,000 will be devoted to educational purposes, eighty-six institutions being the beneficiaries.

Eight millions will go toward the wiping out of church debts, while \$1,500,000 will be used for the relief of superannuated preachers.

At the time the call for twentieth century money went forth, we believe the suggestion was also made that some millions of souls be won for Methodism.

We have seen no reports as to the success of this part of the work, beyond the regular statistics, which by no means indicate a special pouring out of the spirit of revival.

The steel trust absorbs independent plants like a sponge absorbs water. That Venezuelan arbitration scheme was not made in Germany but in Washington.

impossible at certain hours of the day for anyone to use these public vehicles without being forced into close and often shameful contact with other occupants.

The ladies of the Passengers' Rights association started to crusade for better car service—for the best possible car service.

But it is no longer an affair of a single society. The Merchants' association has put in a strong plea. All the local improvement bodies have joined the movement.

The Board of Aldermen can enact the necessary legislation, and, if the railroad companies disregard it, we can go after their franchises.

It is not the "offering" rather poor, notwithstanding the magnificent sum of money, if it cannot be shown that it is from a harvest of souls, rather than dollars? Earthquakes make Russia tremble more than anarchism does.

THE ENDOWED THEATER.

Uncle Sam and Mr. Carnegie would make a strong team of "elevators" but even they may find it impossible to purify the frame and make the public patronize only such plays as are "best for its temperamental, social and ethical interests."

Before Uncle Sam and his "angel," Mr. Carnegie, can reform the very things they may condemn, it is necessary to work a revolution in human nature.

That is a task which does not seem to have been possible of achievement in any age. Still, money works marvels, and a man with several hundred millions of dollars may be able to persuade the public, at his expense, that its tastes are not as refined as they should be.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The leading article in Leslie's Monthly for January is by Commodore Peary on "Hunting Over the Great Ice."

The January Arena commences the 29th volume of that magazine. It opens with a symposium on the coal strike. The contributors are Prof. Frank Parsons, the Hon. George Fred Williams, Elwood Pomeroy, M. A. Bolton Hall, and Ernest H. Crosby.

The novel in Lippincott's Magazine for January is "The New Heloise," by Mrs. Schuyler Crowninshield. In this there is a young probationer behind walls seeking refuge in priestly garb from a disastrous marriage arranged by a too zealous stepmother.

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