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## THE HANDS OF CHRIST.

The hands of Christ are soft, white hands  
That like cool lilies lie  
Upon my fevered throbbing brow,  
And soothe, and satisfy.

The hands of Christ are clean, pure hands,  
And on my parch'd lips  
The love-dew, caught in His sweet palms,  
In constant mercy drips.

The hands of Christ are kind, true hands  
Wherein I trusting lay  
My own weak hands, glad to be led  
By one who knows the way.

The hands of Christ are kingly hands  
Wherewith he giveth free,  
To him who loveth, largeness  
Of Love's Eternity.

The hands of Christ are mighty hands  
That builded and uphold  
The universe—He openeth them  
And centuries are unrolled.

The hands of Christ are gentle hands;  
Ah, with what tender grace  
He lifts me up that I may catch  
The lovelight in His face.

Strong pledge of peace, of life beyond,  
Love's, Mercy's, Wisdom's plan,  
The pierced hands of Christ outstretched  
To rescue every man!

INGRAM CROCKETT.

—In St. Louis Magazine.

## MORMONS IN MEXICO.

[Troy Daily Times.]

While I am no apologizer for any wrong-doing on the part of any man, be he Jew or Gentile, Mormon or pagan, I am unwilling to see misrepresentations of people whom I know to be as moral and as law abiding as any other class in the United States, and among whom I am proud to number many friends. It has been for many years quite the sad to denounce the Mormons, and there never are wanting writers who are ready to fill their sails with the breeze from the popular side, without regard to the justice or correctness of the statements they may make. For two or three generations nothing has been too abusive to hurl at the Mormons; but take them as a people, or man for man and woman for woman, I believe they will compare favorably with any other in the country. Time is fast proving this to be the case, and the old Mormon-

baiting notion is rapidly being relegated to the same position in public estimation as the long-banished witch-burning and other interesting amusements of our New England forefathers.

### A FEW STATISTICS.

For general information will the ever courteous editors of the *Times* permit me to give a few statistics? I quote from "The History of Utah," by Huber Howe Bancroft, whose histories of the various states and territories of the Pacific slope are acknowledged authority, whose "Native Races of the Pacific States" enjoys a world-wide reputation. In his preface to his work on Utah Mr. Bancroft says:

"In regard to the quality of evidence I have encountered [in investigating the history of the Mormons] I will say that never before has it been my lot to meet with such a mass of mendacity. [Mark the term used.] The attempts of almost all who have written upon the subject seem to have been to make out a case rather than to state facts. Of course, by any religious sect dealing largely in the supernatural, fancying itself under the direct guidance of God, its daily doings a standing miracle, comingling in all the ordinary affairs of life, prophecies, special interpositions and revelations with agriculture, commerce and manufactures, we must expect to find much written which none but that set can accept as true. \* \* \* And in relation to opposing evidence, almost every book that has been put forth respecting the people of Utah by one not a Mormon is full of calumny, each author apparently endeavoring to surpass his predecessor in the libertinism of abuse. Most of these are written in a sensational style, and for the purpose of deriving profit by pandering to a vitiated public taste, and are wholly unreliable as to facts."

### VOUCHED FOR AS CORRECT.

With these statements six years' intimate observation of the Mormon people and their traducers in Utah compels me to agree. The Morinons have taken the Bible literally and as a whole as their guide in life, not merely for one day in the week but for seven, and their traducers have ried with each other in their efforts to publish widespread among the people of the East the most wilfully mendacious statements, distorting every word, thought and act of the Mormons, and placing upon each the most sen-

sational and misleading construction possible, until the information that the public generally has been accustomed to rely upon has become a tissue of fable and falsity in comparison with which the tales of Baron Munchausen were gospel truth. As a press reporter, a newspaper correspondent, an editor and a telegraph operator, my facilities for getting at the true inwardness of the situation during my life in Utah were unusually favorable.

### THE FIGURES.

Now let me give some speaking statistics brought down to 1882, and compiled from the census of 1880, from police and penitentiary reports and from the reports of the territorial commissioners appointed under the Edmunds bill, premising that the Mormons outnumber the Gentiles in Utah at least ten to one. Of the criminals arrested during the time specified there were for murder, manslaughter and all assaults endangering life, 317 non-Mormons to 41 Mormons; for rape, 5 non-Mormons to 1 Mormon; for prostitution and similar crimes, 169 non-Mormons to 4 Mormons; for drunkenness, 594 non-Mormons to 109 Mormons; for disturbing the peace, 111 non-Mormons to 34 Mormons; for vagrancy, 147 non-Mormons to 1 Mormon; and so on throughout the list, the grand totals in the comparison being 1578 non-Mormon criminals to 208 Mormon, and this in a section where the latter outnumber the former ten to one. In the face of such facts as these, how absurd to talk about "persons who persistently defy both law and morality," when the facts show that in a community where these "persons" number ten to every one of the non-Mormon class, ten of the latter are criminals to one of the former!

### WILL NOT ABANDON UTAH.

The Mormon people have never done or said a thing to indicate anything like an exodus from Utah. And the reliable "news" manufacturers, of whose able reports Bancroft says: "Never before has it been my lot to meet with such a mass of mendacity," those who for years have lived by traducing and plundering the Mormons, would be the first to oppose such an exodus. In the words of an eminent representative of this class, they would repeat what he himself said: "We don't want to drive you Mormons out. We want you to go on cultivating your farms and building up the Territory