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"DOES HUMANITY REQUIRE A
NEW REVELATION?"

In the November-December number of the *International Review*, Professor Tait of Edinburgh, discusses the question, "Does Humanity Require a New Revelation?" His article is designed as an answer to the papers of Froude the historian, on Science and Religion, which appeared in the same magazine. He effectually disposes of one proposition made by Froude, that is, that "What is generally doubted is doubtful." This was advanced as one of the two chief reasons why Christianity might be considered as a scheme that requires to be superseded. Prof. Tait explodes it by the enunciation of parallel propositions such as the following: "What is generally misunderstood is unintelligible." "He who is generally trusted is trustworthy." These need no argument for refutation, and when placed by the side of Froude's sentence, clearly illustrate its absurdity.

Mr. Tait also shows that Froude was incorrect in asserting that the evidence of design in nature, and the necessity of an intelligent cause for natural phenomena, are now abandoned by advanced scientific thinkers, and also in his statement that the inferences of Lucretius were drawn in the strictest scientific method. In proof of this he mentions the names of Brewster, Faraday, Forbes, Graham, Hamilton, Herschel, Talbot, and a number of other advanced scientific thinkers who accept and maintain the evidence in nature of a designing mind.

But on the main question at issue Tait becomes quite as incoherent as Froude. He rejects the necessity of a new revelation on the ground that, "the one already vouchsafed unto us is one which men can act on in their lives and believe with their whole souls." He argues that "men in myriads have already thus believed, and acted on the altogether spiritual creed of the New Testament," and says, "if in the past, why not in the present and the future?" But the same may be said of the law revealed through Moses. Men acted on it in their lives, and believed it with their whole souls. Yet a new revelation came with Christ, and is considered that New Testament to which he refers, and seems to think must be final. He says:

"The founder of Christianity has given for all time the answer to those who, discontented with what God has graciously done for them, seek a new revelation." "If ye believe not Moses and the prophets, neither would ye believe though one rose from the dead."

"It is strange that so clear a thinker and forcible a writer as Professor Tait, should make such a quotation in support of such an argument, if those words prove anything in reference to a new revelation, they apply equally to those who looked for one before Christ's coming as to those who seek the need for one now. His arguments, if they have any force at all, wipe out from the sacred pages the whole of the Christian religion. If Moses and the prophets were enough, why look for more. God had 'graciously given' to the people of the anti-Christian times, the revelation from the holy mount, and the sayings of men who spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost; why should they be 'discontented' and 'seek a new revelation?' They had believed in and acted on those things in the past, and as Professor Tait's own query, 'why not in the (then) present and in the future?'"

The answer is, because the growth of human thought, the development of nations, rendered necessary the unfolding of religious truths, and the manifestation of divine light suitable for the period and the conditions then existing. The fullness of time had come for the revelation foretold in the Mosaic creed. But there is nothing either in that revelation or in the predictions concerning it which defies or even imply that it should be final. On the contrary, it provided for further communications from its Divine Author, and its very genius was to bring its disciples by gradual stages, nearer and nearer to the Fountain of all light and truth, until they should 'see as they were seen, and know as they were known.' The apostles and prophets of the Christian Church were all revelators. The spirit which gave life to the Christian body, was the spirit of revelation. But through apostasy, affiliation with paganism, and the loss of the appointed mouthpieces of Deity by martyrdom, revelation ceased, the spirit departed, and the cold, dead form of a dead system was all that was left for comfort in the shape of a church, which finally became a machine that which Christ established as a grumbling mummy is to the living, moving, intellectual man.

"The being the fact, and one of the chief causes of modern skepticism, and creating in reverent minds the desire expressed by Froude for a creed which thinking men 'can act on in their lives and believe with their whole souls,' why should there not be a new manifestation of the Divine Mind? or, if Professor Tait objects to a 'new revelation,' a renewal of the form, spirit and power of primitive Christianity, for the fulfillment of its destiny, as declared by its early exponents and foretold by all the holy Hebrew prophets?"

Mr. Tait, in his final paragraph, objects to a creed "stated to men in a form as precise and definite as was the more ceremonial law," as "altogether an anomaly—incoherent in character with all the other dealings of God with man." Does

he mean to say that the ceremonial law was "incoherent with the character of God" and His "dealings with man?" Yet this is the plain inference from his language. The Professor, like other orthodox theologians, is so violently opposed to the idea of any further revelation from God, that he closes his eyes in his eager advance upon it, and falls into gross and absurd inconsistencies.

The necessity for something more vital and definite than any of the conflicting fragments of modern "Christianity," is forcing itself upon the minds of thinking men and women all over the world. Humanity not only requires a new revelation, but continued and repeated revelations. They are needed to save the world from utter infidelity. They are needed to fulfill the prophecies contained in the Old and New Testaments. They are needed for the growth and progress of the age. They are needed to prepare the world for its King. They are needed to bring mankind into peace, banish discord, establish union, usher in the Millennium, and draw the sons and daughters of men into harmony with the Great Father, that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. A new revelation has been made. The way is being opened for its universal diffusion, and though now, under the name of "Mormonism," it is despised and derided of the world, it will shine forth as the advance rays of the Sun of Righteousness, and the whole world will bask in the glorious effulgence.

A SURE RESULT.

THE enthusiastic and large attendance at the meeting of ladies, at the Theatre this afternoon, a partial report of which only we are able to publish this evening, forms another proof that the best way to consolidate and give stronger activity to a religious cause, is to persecute and seek to destroy it. Strong conviction of the truth of any creed, no matter how absurd it may appear to others, cannot be and never has been stamped out of the human mind by the iron heel of force, the power of oppressive enactments, nor attempts to bring it into trouble and reproach.

One of the many evidences of an Overruling Hand shaping the destinies of "Mormonism" and the "Mormons," is the continually recurring, hostile outside influences, which, while they originate in the hearts of evil designing men, and are intended for harm, always result in reviving the faith of the faithful, bracing up the nerves of the weak, and uniting the trembling with the firm, in determination to stand by the truth if needs be unto death.

Let the warfare go on. It means strength to our cause, defeat to its enemies, and the attraction of the world, to its principles, the result of which will be accession to our numbers and the glory of God whom we live to obey.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOR WORKING UNDER TELEGRAPH LINE.

EASTERN.

Survey Reports. New York, 15.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says: The select committee of the Academy of Sciences has completed its report with reference to surveys, and has submitted it to the academy, by which it has been adopted. The report favors the abolition of the present survey system, and the transfer of the work to the coast survey, and the transfer of the survey to the Interior Department. It is proposed to make the coast survey the nucleus of the grand system of scientific exploration and survey. It is also recommended that the duties of the Surveyor General and of the various land offices be united to the same of public lands.

Theatrical News of the Week.

The theatres have been doing a good business the past week. The attractions are numerous and varied.

At the Academy, Mapleson Opera Company is drawing immense houses, and as much as \$12 was paid to speculators for single seats on Monday night. The Chicago *Post* has completely won the hearts of the New Yorkers by their pretty ways, pleasant acting, and beautiful vocalization, though her voice is by no means as full as Nilsson's or Parepa's.

At the 4th Avenue, Booth has been performing "Hamlet," "Othello," and "Richard III."

Lotta, in "La Cigale," continues to draw large audiences.

George Knight has made a hit in "Satanstoe," at the Broadway, and the theatre is filled nightly.

The reign of old comedies, at Wallace's, came to an end last night.

The Williamson's are drawing excellent houses at the Grand Opera House. They will not attempt their new play during the present season.

"Elvira" and "Iris" the last week of the Opera House engagements.

Rose Eytinge has been playing Rose Michel, and Nancy Sykes, to enormous houses at the Bowers.

Variety shows are doing splendid business.

The Hess English Opera Company, with Emma Abbott, is doing an immense business in Philadelphia.

Josh Hart, with a variety combination, starts for San Francisco on the 18th.

Adelaide Neilson has postponed her proposed American tour, in order to appear in the Haymarket, London, early next year.

Manager Dawsey, of the Detroit Opera House, has taken the Memphis, Tenn., Theatre, and will open on the 15th. His report is business lively.

When Sothorn, the 1st, farewell of England, the Haymarket, made a short speech, in which he spoke of shortly returning to England for a three or four years' stay.

John Baldwin Buckstone is on the way to appear in the Haymarket Theatre, of which he was for many years manager, at \$10 per week.

Embassies Enacted.

CINCINNATI, 15.—The grand jury of Xenia, Ohio, have indicted A. H. Baughman, Alfred Tracer, Samuel Putterbaugh, John Steele, John D. Allen, and a new director of the First National Bank of Xenia, for embezzling and converting to their own use money and bonds to the amount of \$65,000, belonging to the bank, and the consent of the banking company or owners of said property.

MORMON RETRA.

CHICAGO, 15.—The *Times* Boston special says: Dennis Kearney is about to return to California. He is satisfied that his eastern trip has not been a success, and a few days ago he telegraphed to his private secretary, Carl Brown, to send money to take him back to the Golden State. It seems that the quest was promptly attended to, as he told several persons, to day, that he had concluded to return early next week, and ostentatiously displayed \$1,000 in gold pieces, which he carried in his trousers pocket.

Persecution of the West.

The *Tribune's* editorial on its Washington dispatch says: A dramatic estimate of the formation of the Forty-sixth House, made by a northern speaker, has been made, claiming a plurality of 19 over the Republicans, and a majority of 14 over all. This result is reached by locating the greenback members according to previous party predictions, together with the characteristically democratic process of the day in every contested case, the seat will be awarded to the democratic claimant.

Schurz will Call for an Explanation.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says: Secretary Schurz will probably call upon General Sheridan, through the Secretary of War, for an explanation of the severe reprimand made against the management of the Indian bureau. Gen. Sheridan, in fact, seems to have made a slip in his report relative to the removal of the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail bands from the Missouri River. This Gen. Sheridan severely condemns as in the interest of traders and speculators. It happens the removal was made against the wish and protest of the Interior department, by the direction of the President, at the request of the Indians themselves, who threatened hostilities unless permitted to remove to a reservation of their own selection. The removal was made under the direction of Gen. Crook, one of the army officers who has been most successful in his conduct of Indian affairs. Secretary Schurz, in his report, says that he had a special paper on the Chyenne outbreak; in which it will be maintained that the Indians were not only well fed as the agency but it will be supplied with subsistence.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Nineteenth Century.

LONDON, 15.—The *Post* predicts that the reclamation of the northwestern frontier of India, desired by government, will be found to consist in the permanent occupation of Quetta and Jellalabad, and the establishment of British residents in Cabul, Candahar and Herat.

The Execution of the Berlin Treaty.

A Pesth dispatch says: Premier Tisza, speaking in the diet, said the policy of Austria-Hungary was to prevent Turkey from becoming a prey to Russia. He expressed a firm hope that the Berlin treaty would be punctually observed. If, however, any power should resist the execution of the treaty of Austria, he had been able to harmonize her interests with those of Europe, would not stand alone in the fight that might ensue.

Russia's Policy Changed.

Count Schouvaloff's mission marks a change in the policy of Russia, who was previously disposed to strain her rights under the treaty of Berlin. The change is due to the political situation of Europe or the blunder committed by Berlin on domestic affairs. It is noticeable that when Prince Gortschakoff recently offered to go to Livadia, he was informed that it was unnecessary.

The Afghans are rapidly marching on the hills commanding the Ghuznee and Cabul roads.

Stocks. Consols, 93 1/2; Erie 19 1/2; Bonds, 4 1/2; 104 1/2; New Aves, 105 1/2.

An Unfortunate Report.

The report of fire on the steamship *Weymouth* from New York was unfounded.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Stockholders of the Deseret Lumber and Manufacturing Company will be held at the Deseret National Bank, Salt Lake City, on Monday, the 19th inst., at 11 a.m., for the purpose of increasing the capital of said company, and for the purpose of electing a new board of directors. By order of the Board, JOHN D. McALLISTER, Secretary.

APPLICATION for PATENT.

NOTICE No. 48.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the following claims for land, situated in Big Water, Utah Territory, and in Big Water, Utah Territory, are hereby offered for sale, to wit:

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