

"4. The non-progressive Indians all claim to believe in the appearance of this Jesus and there are very few of the educated, industrious Indians who will say that they do not believe in it. The old Indians give out that, if any of the Indians do not believe in this new religion, sickness, misfortune, and may be death, will be visited upon themselves and families.

"5. I can find but three educated Indians who will frankly say they do not believe in this Jesus, and it was with some urging that I got them to commit themselves.

"What gave rise to this new belief I am incompetent to say. The origin of it is so vague, so unauthenticated, there is no doubt it originated in the minds of the Indians who made use of Christ as a figurehead in order to make this new religion more acceptable to the educated Indians and at the same time hold their allegiance to their own tribe as such, nursing the belief that the Indians are and have been an abused and downtrodden race, and that this Jesus would save them and bring them out of their troubles. There is no doubt that the main ideas have been taken from the Bible as taught to them through ignorant interpreters, and by those who did not fully understand the Scriptures themselves.

"The idea that this is the same Jesus that came upon the earth over 1800 years ago, and that instead of their going to his written word, which tells them all they know about Him, they will believe the vague rumors and pay out money to send members of their tribe to inquire about Jesus, and they come back and say that He says He appeared upon the earth once before and came as a little child, and the white people treated Him badly and crucified Him, and now He has come to save the Indians if they will believe on Him—all this has been taught them, yet they do not seem to understand that Jesus is ever near them, knocking at the door of their hearts, and that they need not take a pilgrimage to the northeast corner of Washington Territory to find Him, the place where this person whom they call Jesus is said to be staying.

"I did think the excitement would die out, but, notwithstanding the inconsistencies connected with it, it seems to be as firmly believed in as ever. It was thought at one time that the Indians would make a start to go north to see this Jesus. Better counsel prevailed, yet they say that should the Indians in the north send for them to come they would start regardless of the consequences. They have no intention of injuring anyone, as they have full faith that if Jesus sends for them He will provide some way for them to get there, yet they do not talk about it much before white people."

SOMETHING PHENOMENAL.

The Springfield, Mo., *Republican* has the following editorial paragraph:

"There is something phenomenal in the work of the Mormon Church. As it is compelled by the moral sentiment of the world and legal enactments to abandon plural marriage, instead of being crippled and subdued, its efforts to grow in membership and influence are redoubled. Its emissaries are sent to all the Christian countries of Europe and to all parts of the United States, and in this country, if not abroad, with wonderful fortitude withstood all sorts of hardships imposed upon them by a

hostile people. Their success in making proselytes in the face of such bitter opposition is something wonderful and can only be accounted for in the fact that they select for their fields of operation, communities where the greatest ignorance prevails and the people are most impressible. Even with this advantage, their success in proselyting is something wonderful."

The *Democrat* makes a common mistake in supposing that "Mormon" missionaries "select" places where the people are "ignorant." Their mission is to all the world and to "preach the gospel to every creature." If the wise and mighty and noble and wealthy of this world do not choose to accept their message, but "the common people hear them gladly," as they did the Savior and disciples of old, who preached the same gospel, are the preachers to be blamed for that?

But the *Democrat* merely repeats another common error when it states that the converts to "Mormonism" are "ignorant." Investigation would show that they are the more intelligent portion of their class. They are chiefly working people, but such as have investigated religious doctrines and are familiar with the Scriptures. They accept "Mormonism" from conviction of its truth and its harmony with the Bible, and they manifest their faith by their works in leaving the places of their birth to gather with the Saints and cast in their lot with a persecuted and oppressed people. In this they exhibit both determination and intelligence.

It is true the missionary work of the "Mormon" Elders is something wonderful. Without fee or hope of earthly reward they go to "the ends of the earth" when appointed, to preach an unwelcome Gospel, in the midst of intense hostility and often of bodily danger, and, suffering all kinds of privation, they pursue their work cheerfully and usually return home in safety and honor, after giving from one or two to five years of their lives and labors gratuitously for the love of mankind and the glory of God. There is nothing like it in the annals of proselytism, except the mission of the Apostles and Elders of the early Christian Church. Some day their patient and praiseworthy efforts and remarkable self-sacrifice will be duly appreciated and receive its appropriate reward.

Queen Victoria drives out at 4 o'clock every day, no matter what the weather may be. She is usually accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, the lady in waiting and an invited guest.

"OF VITAL IMPORTANCE."

WHEN we intimated, a few days ago, that there was a probability that the defeated candidate for Delegate to Congress would try to get himself sent to Washington, anyhow, at the expense of "Liberal" dupes foolish enough to put up the money, the "Liberal" organ proceeded, with its accustomed disregard for truth and prudence, to emphatically deny that there was any such scheme afloat. We took our cue from remarks made in public by the candidate's supporters, who declared they would send him to the capital this winter, whether he was elected or not.

Now it appears that notwithstanding this denial, a project is on foot to send some one to Washington at the expense of persons who are soft enough to subscribe, but whether that individual is to be the defeated candidate or not we think is not yet determined. And lest he or his chief hully should attempt to repeat the denial already made, we will mention the fact, that a meeting of those who desired to "pool their issues" on this point, was called for Wednesday last, at the office of the chairman of the "Liberal" party. The matter was declared to be "of vital importance."

We understand the motive that lies behind this movement. It will be made to appear that the commercial, mining and other material interests of the Territory are to be the objects of sending this "representative." But the chief and real purpose is political. And the immediate iron that is to be thrust into the fire is one of the measures for "Mormon" disfranchisement. Money will be drawn from the pockets of the gullible under the pretense that we have named, but the "representative" or representatives, as the case may be, or the funds will hold out, will labor chiefly first to have a good time at other people's expense, and second to further the plot to rob the "Mormons" of all political rights and privileges. For an earnest of what may be expected, we need but to point to the "work," and play, and results of last winter in this direction.

By the by, would it not be a good plan to send O. W. Powers himself on this mission? He is working the thing up, it appears, and with his Michigan record to back him he would have an astonishing influence over Congressmen of one party,