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THE "TRAVELER'S" SILLY TALE.

The Boston Traveler has been making a big sensation over a very small matter. That is an easy task when the subject relates in any way to "Mormon" affairs. It is not a new topic, by any means, but only an old one revived. The facts, so far as they have been ascertained, appear to be that when a company of Latter-day Saints was formed in the British mission this season for emigration to this country, a Scotch fairly named Henry, desired to send on their little daughter, Susan, to Utah, and requested one of the Elders named Bachman who was returning from a mission, to take the little girl with him and adopt her as his own. Legal papers were made out and attested by the American consul. The parents had been members of the "Mormon" Church for many years and the girl had been baptized into the faith.

On the arrival of the vessel—the Arabic, in Boston, the question was raised as to the probability of the child becoming a public charge, seeing that she was there without parents, and the commissioner refused to recognize the adoption papers presented by Elder Bachman. The little girl was thereupon sent back to her parents in Scotland. There is no need to say much if anything on this arbitrary act of the bureau at Boston. Appeal to Washington could have been taken, with strong assurance of success. Judging by other cases, but we suppose the delay that would be occasioned was not desirable and the incident itself closed with the deportation of Susan Henry.

The Traveler, however, saw in it a chance for a big anti-Mormon tirade about "Mormon" Elders importing girls and women for plural wives," after the style that prevailed with eastern papers in former times. The affair was represented as disclosing "a systematic scheme by which hundreds of foreigners are yearly imported to enter into polygamy in Utah." This will be eagerly devoured by thoughtless people ready for anything of the sort to satisfy their depraved appetites, and by that class of philistines that panders to them, and it will serve to make a newspaper story for a short time. But sensible readers will wonder how the coming to this country of a little girl eleven years old by the wishes of her parents, could be rationally magnified into a systematic scheme of huge proportions for the promotion of a system that has been set aside for over fifteen years. But of such tales is yellow journalism chiefly composed.

We do not think it worth while to take up, serially, the various paragraphs of newspaper nonsense indulged in by the Traveler. They are all based on fallacy, except the fact of the child's deportation. The truth concerning "Mormon" immigration can easily be ascertained from public documents on file at Washington and the records at New York and Boston. At no time in the history of the gathering of the Saints to this country, even when plural marriage prevailed, was there ever a greater preponderance of young women in the companies that arrived from the Old World, than could be found among other immigrants not in any way associated with the "Mormons." The idea that women were especially sought for in proselyting was entirely without foundation in truth.

The emigrants from the European countries usually came in families. It is true that occasionally young women as well as young men preceded their parents and brothers and sisters, so that they might earn means to send for the other members of the family. And this was effected in numerous instances, helping in great demand both of males and females, and many a family has been brought here through the means earned by young men or young women in service.

We remember a conversation in Washington with Secretary Evans on this subject, who, being deceived as to the purpose of the "Mormon" propaganda, was unwise enough to appeal to the British government to stop the gathering in of young women and their emigration under "Mormon" auspices. The English premier, after making inquiries, found that the "Yankee" secretary had, so to speak, "gone off half-cocked," and that there was no foundation for his notion. His communication met with ridicule and the matter was dropped. Evans was merely one of the "wise men" of the age who took for granted the stories concocted by the enemies of the "Mormon" Church. He had only chagrin for his pains and vexation for his credulity.

The endeavors of our missionaries abroad are rather to persuade converts to remain at least for some time in their respective countries and make a nucleus for Church work, than to come here where labor is scarce compared with past conditions. But people who embrace the latter-day work are imbued with the spirit of gathering, and desire earnestly to come to Zion and help to build it up and receive of the benefits of its teachings and ordinances. It is difficult to prevail upon them to remain away.

If the Church was in the business supposed by some uninformed persons, it could bring in people from abroad by thousands upon thousands. But that is not its purpose. It will preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all na-

tions, and when its members determine to gather with the Saints, the Elders will guide and guard them by sea and land that they may not be injured or imposed upon by the way. The notion that Elder Bachman wanted the eleven-year-old child for a wife is too silly to combat, and the Traveler has only exposed its ignorance and stupidity by trumping up its terrible tale for the astonishment of the simple-minded.

The story said to have been told by the girl that Elder Bachman "lathered," that is, whipped her while on board ship, is very doubtful. She may not have told it, as the "enterprising" reporter has evidently painted his tale in lurid colors, and if she did, as the immigration commissioner suggested, she had evident "spite" against the Elder and this may have caused her to make the charge. We shall wait to hear his side of the story before placing credence on the tale of the Traveler.

A "WANT" SUPPLIED.

One of the "long felt wants" has been an accurate and comprehensive index to the book of Doctrine and Covenants. That the present references are inadequate and insufficient, will be conceded by all readers of that invaluable volume, and there has been a general desire for something more satisfactory. That "want" is now fully supplied if not more than has been desired, by the publication of a Concordance to the Doctrine and Covenants, compiled and arranged by Prof. John A. Whitson, and published by the Sunday School Union. It will be found fully equal to the demand. It is a neat volume with all the subjects alphabetically arranged, and will save the student and those who desire to refer quickly to its contents, much time and trouble. It is really a concordance and not simply an index, and it is the intention, some time, to bind it with the Doctrine and Covenants. Meanwhile, persons who wish to get the concordance can obtain it at the office and store of the Sunday School Union on East South Temple street, Salt Lake City. We recommend it to the societies and associations and to all the Latter-day Saints everywhere.

NATURE OF ANTI-MORMONISM

In the Kansas City Star of July 22 appears an unsigned article on the growth of "Mormonism" in Independence, Missouri. It exposes so much bigotry and ignorance of American principles as to be almost nauseating, but it is characteristic of the incurable anti-Mormon mania. It proves two points: First, that the faction that separated itself from the Church and since then has done its utmost to curry favor with the world, while, at the same time, in a way, proclaiming the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph, has made a great mistake; secondly, that the real sentiment of bigoted anti-Mormons is that the Latter-day Saints should be accorded no rights or privileges claimed by other citizens under the laws of the land. The article, odious as it is, is not entirely worthless. It reveals the very nature and essence of anti-Mormonism.

It has been the boast of the faction just referred to that by joining other sects in slandering and vilifying the Latter-day Saints, they were obtaining the respect and approval of those sects. They have openly proclaimed their alleged success in making friends of the world, forgetting, evidently, that the Master did expressly warn His disciples against seeking to obtain the praise of all men, at the cost of truth. The writer in the Star unveils the folly of the contradicting efforts of that faction, for he bitterly deplores that "within the last twelve months the denominational situation in Independence has assumed an aspect that has been observed with consternation, and declared a crisis." He further says that an Independence minister recently preached a "warning" against the "Mormon peril." And that is not all. Old-time anti-Mormons, the writer declares, are approaching a state of panic, while the politicians are "gazing at the Saints with a speculative eye." The occasion for this panic, this fearful state of affairs, is, according to the truthful writer quoted, partly at least, the removal of "Reorganizing" headquarters from Lamoni to Independence. Verily, apostasy from the Church has not brought the hoped-for peace and harmony between the world and the apostates.

Denial of the truth never produces that result. Ecclesiastical history very plainly shows that apostates very often become objects of disgust among the very class they hope to win by their false course. Judas did certainly not gain the respect of anybody by the betrayal of the Master. During the first centuries of our era there were many weak professors of the faith who fell during the persecutions that raged at various times. Their lives were spared, but very often they became the objects of contempt. The martyrs who remained faithful and faced the foe without flinching were admired and often honored, even by the very men that caused their death. Nobody has any regard for any length of time, for a person who is not true to his own convictions. But if a man is found to be true, many weaknesses and imperfections are forgiven for the sake of the excellency of character that finds its expression in faithfulness to what is held to be right. Turncoats will ultimately find themselves abandoned and shunned. These reflections are naturally suggested by the peculiar fact that the misguided brethren of the faction that have done their best to flatter the antagonists of their faith, cannot move into Independence without causing a "panic."

It should be no secret to anybody who is well informed on these matters, that the Latter-day Saints are the objects of hatred solely for the reason that they boldly testify that they know that the Prophet Joseph was a divine messenger. That is the real cause of the animosity of the leaders of the sectarian world. Other charges, covering moral and political grounds, are false and baseless, and invented for the purpose of diverting the attention of fair-minded men and women from the true motives of the warfare, and furnishing an excuse for an enmity that exists on one side of the controversy.

The cause, then, being the firm religious convictions concerning the divinity of the latter-day message, all those who to some extent hold this conviction, will have their share of the opposition of the world.

The article in the Star is also remarkable for the frankness with which the writer reveals the true nature of anti-Mormonism. What is his complaint? He says that for many years the "Mormons" were humble and obscure. There was not a rich man among them and they mingled freely with the "Gentiles" as mechanics, clerks or day laborers. They were law-abiding, meek, industrious and sober. This, surely, does not form a ground for complaint. What, then, is the crime of the "Mormons"? Why are their opponents panic-stricken? The writer quoted tells us. He says that "Saints" from distant points took up their residence in Independence. Their finances improved, they built good homes, enlarged their stores, began to "dabble in politics," and, "Independence awoke one morning to find itself with a 'Mormon' postmaster!" And this is not all. According to our authority, the "Mormons" had the hardihood of becoming lawyers, doctors, merchants, and professional men, and some of them actually earned a little money. The writer says: "Twenty-five years ago it is doubtful whether there was in Independence a member of the faith possessed of a thousand dollars in cash. Today a 'Mormon' is said to be the city's richest man, and his fortune is estimated at more than half a million dollars."

Is not that awful? If the "Mormons" had only remained day laborers, clerks, etc., and never aspired, as other American citizens do, and have a right to do, to obtaining a competence, there would have been no panic in the circle to which the writer in the Kansas City Star belongs. If the "Mormons" would only have abstained from every aspiration to political honors, their presence in Independence would not have been mentioned. Such are the sentiments of that writer and his class. They are not only anti-Mormon but anti-American, and if there were any danger that they could be generally accepted they would be a great menace to the free institutions of this country. The article is quite remarkable for the frankness with which it reveals the odious and dangerous features of anti-Mormonism.

THE SALTON SEA.

A contributor to the North American Review, Mr. Edmund Mitchell, gives an interesting description of the peculiar natural phenomenon by which a lake is being added to the geographical features of Southern California.

The water of the Colorado River has broken through its embankments and is now pouring into the Salton basin, along the margin of which saucer-shaped depression, very much below sea level it formerly flowed. The level of the "sea" is rising six inches per week, and at this rate, allowing for evaporation, the flow can go on for thirty or forty years more, at the end of which time equilibrium will be restored, with a lake about the size of the Great Salt Lake ready to make for itself a new outlet to the sea. These are some of the facts set forth in the paper in the Review.

The phenomenon is remarkable enough, from the standpoint of the student of nature, but it seems that it has political importance, too. The Colorado River is partly a Mexican water course, and by the diversion of the stream, water that rightfully belongs to Mexican agriculturists is being impounded in this country. The stream is also rendered useless for navigation. For these reasons the Mexican government has appointed a commission to investigate the Salton Sea curiosity. That it can give rise to international complications is improbable, unless it can be proved that the canal company that proposed to supply irrigation water from the river to the farmers of Imperial valley, through carelessness caused the break that diverted the entire stream towards the ancient lake basin. In that case the interesting question will arise as to how much damages Mexico can recover for the loss of a river. What is a river worth?

It is hard to live one's life to the full in a flat.

If Nicholas can take a rest it certain, ly will be well earned.

There isn't much difference between a soothsayer and a smooth sayer.

The Sultan is ill, but it isn't that that makes him the "sick man of Europe."

People who stand before kings stand because they are not permitted to sit down.

If those Polajanes were fighting for their country they could not fight more persistently.

Some people have to have two coats of whitewash a year, a summer and a winter coat.

There seems to be a woeful lack of "perilous activity" in furnishing builders with brick.

"Is Japan keeping faith?" asks the Chicago Record-Herald. She is keeping Manchuria all right enough.

The gold beaters of New York have gone on strike. To strike and beat or strike and be beaten is their fate in life.

Big game in Maine has almost entirely disappeared. Even the "blind tiger" isn't met with nearly so often as formerly.

President Shea has suddenly found that he cannot drive the teamsters all abreast or at all, as the formation of a new union shows.

When she reached her new Pennsylvania home, Fay Templeton was given a charivari, just as though she might have been a culprit fairy.

The new conical bullet will carry further and penetrate deeper than any yet invented. Another triumph for science and the advancement of humanity!

Chicago police officers find no trou-

ble in laying the blame for the Milwaukee Avenue State bank failure on Stensland, but they can't lay their hands on him.

A dispatch from Manitowoc tells the story of an old man, 95 years of age, who committed suicide, because he could not induce a girl, 29 years old, to marry him.

"Sealing wax is not a wax at all, nor does it contain a particle of wax. It is made of shellac and resin melted with turpentine," says an exchange. And likewise canned chicken is often made of veal.

A University of Chicago professor has evolved a theory as to how life at first was female and then male and female, and how woman ruled over man. "The Coming Race" brags this theory all to pieces.

Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts has been compelled to make formal denial of the notorious "endless chain prayer" scheme. No man of sense or sanity could have evolved such a scheme, and Bishop Lawrence has both sense and sanity in abundance. That any one should have taken the hoax seriously is the marvelous thing.

Says the Chicago Record-Herald: "The lie is an elusive thing. It has given rise to the most intricate arguments and the most fine spun casuistry. It is easy enough to establish a principle against lying, but often exceedingly difficult to decide whether a given case comes under the application of the principle." And yet, in every case, the man and woman who possesses the spirit of truth will know, as by intuition, to discern between truth and falsehood. The sheep know the voice of the shepherd.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Mexican Herald.

"Pope" Schrader, of the "Divina Catholic Church," is en route to this city and is now in San Antonio, Tex. He was interviewed in that city, and it seems that his priestly robes and general appearance created a profound impression. "The Lord has prospered me," he is quoted as saying, "and has brought many followers to the standard of true religion." It appears that "Pope" Schrader is following in the footsteps of the "third prophet Elijah," for the basis of the "true religion" is to be the new city of "Bethlehem," which will be located in the center of a 100,000-acre tract near Mexico City. If the present plans of the "Pope" materialize, He says the government has given him the land near this city for "Bethlehem," where he will build a temple and homes for people who profess his religion. Schrader's plan is to settle the land with German and other colonists from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, and other large cities of the United States. As an inducement he is promising each colonist 160 acres of land as a homestead free. He expects to bring 500 colonists through San Antonio within the next three months, and if the "true religion" fails to effect an entrance into the "kingdom of heaven," it may be a financial success.

New York Observer.

There is very little that can be accepted in any domain of knowledge except after experiment and demonstration, and for that very demonstration a measure of belief (and even in some cases credulity) is demanded of the student of science. The physical scientist, therefore, is the last man who should bring an accusation against the Christian for "believing" this or that doctrine. For the purposes of students of science the "lump theory" of matter is assumed—but what do any such investigators know of the real constituents or ontological nature of matter? Matter still escapes beyond the probe of the human mind, since all the actual knowledge of it we obtain comes to us colored by the medium of our senses. What matter is in itself we do not know, just as Kant did not know. In view of facts like these the scientist would better tread softly in presence of the universal mystery.

Chicago Standard.

We have no word of criticism for that school which, within the past few years, has been laying such strong emphasis upon putting away known sin. It is asking only what Christ asks. But we must protest against any human assumption of authority to determine what sin is. That is the prerogative of Jesus Christ. Where he is silent it is well for His followers to move cautiously. Not a little harm has been done by the attempt to catalogue this and that and the other thing as sinful, when the sinfulness did not attach to the thing itself but to its abuse. Christ did many things which the religionists of His time held to be wrong. They accused him of breaking the Sabbath and of blasphemy. Every Christian must determine for himself in the light of all that he can learn of the mind of Christ, how his Lord would have him live. He must decide for himself in matters where good men differ. He may not hold as sins some things which we count such, but we ought not therefore to conclude that he is living in known sin. To his own master he standeth or falleth."

Chicago Interior.

The New Testament conception of a Christian is that of a worker. He is to be not a storage battery but a dynamo. But the Church as a whole has not as yet risen from the plane of the older thought. The chief object of religion still with the most, is to be saved. Men have not learned what Paul learned, to leave the question of their salvation with God. They have perhaps abandoned the cloister, but not that view for which the cloister stood—a religion of self-culture, of redemption by nature. The Scripture ideal is, however, a religion of service—of forgetfulness of self and of ministry to others. The Christian's anxiety is not to "get religion," but to give it. The first effect of Bible Christianity is to wake men up. Jesus is not a pool but a running stream. He seeks not the cave but the market. Good as this rich earth is, it is a poor earth for the sluggish. The red man starved where the white man became a multimillionaire. Today the "deserts" of Arizona produce more wealth than did the river bottoms of Illinois when untilled. The "American Beauty" is expressed in terms of labor. When Jesus redeems you from the necessity of thinking about your own salvation, it is that you may have time to work for the salvation of somebody else.

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Alpine Activity.

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Towne—The weather seems to be clearing up. I'm sorry, now that I took this umbrella today. Browne—Yes, the sun is all the greater when you steal something you don't really need.—Philadelphia Press.

"But," protested the pert young house-wife, "you ought to take off something for the holes in these doughnuts." "Very well, madam," replied the wise baker, "I'll allow you once cent each for the holes when you return them."—Chicago Daily News.

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