

claim the same in the way appointed. The Lord sends His servants out to testify and warn the people, and says: "It becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor." By means of correspondence and the letters of introduction requested, this warning can be accomplished to a great extent, therefore the Saints should avail themselves of the opportunities thus afforded to aid the Elders in their work. Many of them do so now, and doubtless there are others who can add their mite, and thus rid their garments of the blood of this generation.

The Lord has promised that after the testimony of His servants and Saints to this generation He will send the voice of judgments upon the earth. That these latter are being poured out with alarming force and increasing frequency cannot be denied. The Lord is hastening His work toward the great consummation promised in this dispensation. The wise and the prudent among the Elders and Saints will profit by the great lesson portrayed to them in the notable events of the time, and will not be neglectful of or dilatory in performing the duty assigned to them in spreading the Gospel.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

An educated and observing Hindu Purushotam Rao Telang, writes a bright article on "the Hindu Wife" in the *Forum* for the current month, in which he indulges in certain comparisons that will hardly be deemed altogether palatable to Western taste. We can do no better than quote a few sentences:

"An impression seems to prevail in Western countries that there is no love between the Hindu wife and husband. The truth is, the Hindu families are the happiest in the world. The Hindu woman, having been tied to the lot of the man early, thinks only of him. His happiness is her happiness. She loves her husband devotedly. In the Western nations I observe that the man works from morning to late in the night to earn money. He has no rest. Who enjoys the benefits of his money? His wife. While he is struggling to get the almighty dollar, his wife is enjoying the luxury and leisure it buys. If she cannot get the newest fashion of ornaments or clothing, she is often unhappy, and consequently, if the husband cannot buy them, he, too, is made unhappy. Moreover, the women in America seem to have greater liberty than the men. The young girl is brought up by her mother to think that she is equal to man and in some respects superior to him. She reads love novels, spends much time at her toilet; she wears in her bonnet flowers, feathers, dead birds, seaweeds, moss, horns, thorns, big needles, and in her dress, pins, hooks, ties, iron and brass bars, clips, stitches, and what not; and on her bosom I have seen her wear a living lizard fastened with a thin chain. Her waist is laced tight by a corset, which makes her pant for breath. Thus equipped she sallies forth to make conquests of young men's hearts. She seems to me (pardon me, I write without offense) to lack the mild and deli-

cately sweet look that even the commonest Hindu woman has. Her look is bold and defying to the man. This is all owing to the innate feeling that she is equal to the man. In her pride she has forgotten woman's part."

This is all very severe, as everybody will admit; and our censor will be set down at once as an extremist of the most pronounced sort. Yet there is enough foundation for his fault-finding to save it from the stigma of falsehood — too much truth, indeed, to warrant extended criticism of the critic. While no Western woman would want to change places with her Hindu sister, there is much in so-called civilization that deserves ridicule and rebuke. Finally, whatever Mr. Telang's objections may amount to if estimated at their true weight, they cannot be without the value which is said to exceed the false flattery of a would-be friend.

PNEUMATIC GUNS.

The successful final tests of the pneumatic dynamite gun, made at Sandy Hook yesterday (Sept. 4), mark an important development in coast defense armament. The heavy dynamite gun has not proven satisfactory as a part of the armament of war vessels, for the reason that it must have a stationary base, and in order to change the direction of the shot the position of the vessel must be altered. This is, of course, a too unwieldy task in the midst of an engagement, and so far as present knowledge of the gun's manipulation is concerned, the dynamite throwers are not suitable for naval warfare.

But if the pneumatic dynamite gun is not brought sufficiently under control to be used to advantage on board ship, it makes up for all deficiencies there by its excellence as a weapon for coast defense. A gun that can throw 117 shots in three hours a distance of three miles, or fifty shots the first hour, as did the pneumatic gun at Sandy Hook, is a marvelous creation of mechanical skill. The shell which the weapon hurls at the rate and to the distance indicated contains 500 pounds of dynamite, and weighs altogether 1180 pounds. There is no war vessel afloat that could withstand a well directed missile of this character.

The big pneumatic gun is the most formidable engine of destruction known in modern military equipment. It weighs 50,000 pounds, is 50 feet long, with a bore 15 inches in diameter. When ready for use it is set in a circular basin of masonry and sheltered by suitable structures. It is supplied with an electric motor that moves it in any direction desired, elevating and lowering the muzzle at will.

The last test made was for speed in firing, as recorded in the dispatches. The first test was for accuracy, and was none the less satisfactory. The huge projectile was slipped into the gun, the muzzle of which was elevated to an angle of thirty-four and a half degrees, to carry the shell one and three-fourths miles. A pressure of 1,000 pounds to the square inch was applied, and the quarter of a ton of dynamite was started on its way with a dull thud

that could be heard only a few rods distant. The projectile described a semi-circle so leisurely that the eye could easily follow it. Its flight did not appear to be swifter than the flight of an arrow. A delay fuse was attached, and it was two and a half seconds after it entered the water before the explosion came. Then the earth trembled for five miles around, a vast column of water shot up, and a great wave formed and spent itself on the beach. The second shell burst on impact with the water, and the earth shook and buildings trembled as before. The accuracy was remarkable, the variation from the line being 75 per cent less than for the ordinary heavy rifled cannon. If the most heavily armored war vessel afloat had been struck or had the shell exploded in the water under it, the vessel would have been destroyed.

At Sandy Hook a battery of three of these guns is to be erected. With a harbor protected by such weapons it would be impossible for a hostile fleet to enter against the well-directed fire of even one of them. There is no powder, no smoke, very little noise, but terrible effectiveness in execution. In the pneumatic gun it is demonstrated that the United States has the greatest and best of all huge weapons of war. It probably will serve as one of the guarantees of international peace so far as this country is concerned. It certainly would make a hostile fleet chary of entering an American port defended by it.

"THUNDERING DOWN THE AGES."

The recent prominence in the newspapers of Adjutant-General Tarsney of Colorado, who was tarred and feathered, and of his brother, Congressman Tarsney of Missouri, who stood out against the caucus action of the Democrats on the Senate tariff bill, recalls to Kate Field's *Washington* an anecdote told by another brother, ex-Congressman Tim Tarsney of Michigan, of his reception in a Connecticut town where he had been sent by the congressional campaign committee to do some political missionary work. The people had turned out with becoming enthusiasm and the hall was packed. The chairman had prepared a speech for the occasion. It was short, but a miracle of oratory.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said; "this tremendous and cultured audience that has assembled this evening will have the extreme felicity of listening to an orator whose voice has resounded with telling effect in the halls of the national legislature. He has often been honored by the people of his state with election to that great body, the House of Representatives, and so great and potent has been his labor for his countrymen, that, through the length and breadth of this broad land, his name has become a favorite household word."

Here the orator bent down a moment, and whispered to Tarsney, "What is your name, sir?" and receiving the reply, continued:

"I now have the most gratifying pleasure of introducing to you Congressman Larceny."