

## (COMMUNICATED.)

MR. EDITOR,

SIR;—Since I have been a sojourner in your city, I have been a constant observer of things in general and particular; and I must say, that in my travels from Maine to Georgia, and from Georgia through almost every part of the East, West, and North, I have never met with any order or class, or even of all classes of people combined, either socially, religiously, or politically; such a perfect unity of feeling, oneness of thought, and concentration of action, and general hospitable feeling; it appears to be more harmonious than man would naturally conceive to exist in any family of brotherhood throughout the whole Eastern Hemisphere. It is true there are some spirits of discord existing among individuals here, that misrule would call into action; but the superior wisdom that governs the leaders of this people, politically and religiously, prevents its appearance. They are honored, and hence a spirit of emulation animates every one in order to establish peace, and where peace and truth prevail, the spirit of Elijah's God must prevail, and lead this people.—

This people, after having been robbed and persecuted, were by violent hands, armed with political and priestcraft law in Missouri, driven into Illinois, where they vainly hoped to have enjoyed that liberty politically and religiously, which our forefathers fought and bled to enjoy for themselves and posterity, and all others who should seek an asylum in the birthplace of freedom; they were again by lawless and blood thirsty hands, sanctioned by the Legislative Departments of the State, persecuted and driven from their homes, poor and naked, despised and forsaken by all except Israel's God, and the hospitality of Iowa, to seek for themselves, like the fathers of '76, an asylum from the oppression not only of priestcraft, but political bondage, in the quiet peaceful bosom of this valley, fortified by the hand of God, where they could without molestation worship God without any one to disturb their peaceful retreat; and also to organize for themselves a State Government, which could not become corrupted by aristocrats, mobocrats, or political rats; which, thank God, they have done, and by his blessing upon their united labors, peace and good will prevail, the gospel of good news and glad tidings of great joy to all people, is sounded in the ears of the Emigration, and will continue to be sounded to all parts of the earth, by their missionaries; also by their united industry, a bountiful harvest is waving all over this valley, in extent some two hundred miles, and will crown them with a rich reward; while the hand of

kindness is extended to the Emigrants in furnishing them with means of subsistence to recruit themselves, and continue on their journey. Their increase from all parts of the world is extensive, which, with their own, surrounded by natural fortifications, and the blood of '76 flowing in their veins, will enable them to bid defiance, with liberty and truth as their motto, to any factions which may be disposed to encroach upon their rights in this peaceful retreat; but the spirit of war and contention is not the spirit of this people; but the spirit of liberty and truth, peace and good will to all, is the spirit by which they are moved, and the one which will ultimately prevail until it conquers all nations, and causes them to bow to the mild and peaceful sceptre of Prince Messiah; and the opposite spirit of war and strife will never be entered into only in self defence.

July 24, the anniversary of their arrival and safe deliverance from persecution and mob law, was celebrated by them in a manner and order far excelling all the pomp and show of pageant power, political aspiration, long faced priestcraft, or protracted meetings. Early in the morning, the people began to gather, and by noon, 15,000, to say the least, were on hand to celebrate the day, and it was conducted without a dissenting voice, contention, strife, or discord, even in word or deed, from the highest to the lowest; and a feeling of admiration rested with all of its peaceful influences on the Emigration, as well as on the whole community.

This people have been called fanatics: by whom? political demagogues, and hireling priests and people. The same spirit pervades the minds of the mass in these last days, that influenced the minds of the mass of people previous to, and in the days of Christ, the Jews cried false prophets, and stoned them to death; they crucified a Savior, and stoned the martyr Stephen, imprisoned, persecuted, and beheaded the Apostles as fanatics, and in every age from the days of the Apostles, every ruling religious power persecuted in some form all species of seceders or reformers; and it was that power that drove the Puritan fathers to this Continent; and it was that same influence which has prompted them and their descendants to persecute this body of people; but the Apostles never tried nor even intimated such a thing, and this people follow in their footsteps, preaching peace, truth, and good will, and practicing it; this is what the gospel teaches, and they teach it and practise it: if this is fanaticism, God speed the time when all the world shall not only preach and teach it, but practice it to the third and fourth generations, yea, to the end of time: "by their fruits ye shall know them." This people are of one heart and

one mind in regard to religion and the teachings of the Scripture; but all other sects are at variance among themselves, no two individuals agreeing in regard to Scripture, showing at once by their fruits that they have not the true spirit of Christ that this people have; not one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and father of all, &c., consequently, there can be no union in the principles of peace, truth, and good will to all men, but the result must be as it is; division, misrule, priestcraft, and oppression; and when the Governments of this earth (as they are now corrupted,) shall pass away, and anarchy, politically and religiously reign in terror throughout the world. This people alone exempt from it, will have to rebuild the Constitution given in times of old by inspiration, and remodeled to perfection, and then this place will form a place of refuge for generations yet unborn.

May you all live long, and enjoy the fruits of your labor; your children's children also rise up and call you blessed, is the wish of your contributor,

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## A TURKISH STORY.

The Oriental Correspondent of the Knickerbocker gives the following Turkish story:

"Once, a rich man, while seated at dinner with his wife, during the blessed month of Ramazan, heard a beggar knock at his door and ask for bread. Arising in anger, he with terms of harshness and severity drove the poor man away. Not long after this, the rich man became greatly reduced in circumstances, and being unable to support his wife, divorced her, and in extreme poverty begged his bread from door to door. The innocent wife married again; and it so happened, that once, when seated at the evening meal, or *iftar*, with her second husband, a beggar knocked at the door and asked for food. Her husband, handing her some bread and meat, bade her carry it to the poor man, which she hastened to do.

"Now what was the surprise of the woman, on opening the door, to perceive her first husband!—Overcome with emotion, she, without making herself known to him, handed him the food, and then closing the door and returning to