

EDITORIALS.

"CHRISTIAN" SENTIMENTS.

TALMAGE, the theological mountebank, still opens his wide mouth and brays against "Mormonism" using those epithets which come so fitly from such a heart through such an aperture. In a recent "Friday night talk" he exposed again his ignorance of the situation in Utah by attempting to describe what the Governor was doing for the overthrow of polygamy, and went on to give vent to the following murderous sentiments:

Mormonism will resist through the courts as long as possible, and then it will go into bloody encounter. I am more and more persuaded of the truth of what I said two years ago in this place, that polygamy will never be driven out of Utah except by the bayonet. It is well to try peaceful legislation at first, but it is well enough to know that Mormonism is so thoroughly entrenched, so contemptuous of the law, so infuriate against the United States government that nothing that Congress has yet done will move the abomination the thousandth part of an inch. If President Buchanan had allowed Col. A. S. Johnson to go ahead with his army in 1857, after he had arrived in Utah, polygamy would have been dead a quarter of a century ago, but the over-married Mormons cut off three of our supply trains, and captured 800 oxen, and forthwith the United States government went into treaty, the Mormons promising to behave well if the United States government would fall back and let them alone. Our government fell back, and up to this hour the organized libertinism of Utah is master of the situation."

Talmage hankers after "Mormon" blood, and still desires as he expressed it some time ago to "gather the Elders and Saints in their huge Tabernacle and turn loose upon them United States artillery. From such "Christian" teachers good Lord deliver us! Verily of such is not the Kingdom of Heaven.

WORK AT HOME.

ONE of the objects of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society, which held its general meeting in this city a few days ago, is to try to enlighten the benighted women of Mormonism, and to educate the Mormon children, so that they may be able to see the inhumanity and the licentiousness of the heads of the Church of the Latter-day Saints, whose slaves the women of the church are.

The foregoing is from the Cincinnati *Times-Star*. It is another striking illustration, added to the already large gallery of examples, of the extreme anxiety of good "Christian" people to correct remote errors—magnified in proportion to the distance, while they neglect those immediately within their reach, scent and vision. Porkopolis trying to sanctify Salt Lake! Gomorrah seeking to convert Salem! The illuminated (?) Pharisees proposing to enlighten the "benighted" Saints!

Cincinnati, with crowds of fallen women, hordes of base-born children, saloons, gambling hells, dens of infamy and sinkholes of sin, swarming with devotees and priestesses of vice, defaced with debauchery, steaming with lust and pitted with crime scars, rolling its eyes to heaven and preparing to regenerate Utah which, even if the charges against her were true, is marble whiteness compared with the stained, pimped and spotted corruption of the city of swineflesh and beer.

"The benighted women of Mormonism!" Where will they find them? We will compare samples or contrast the full numbers with Cincinnati, any day. We can produce more "women of Mormonism" in Salt Lake who can explain intelligently the true principles of the Christian faith as set forth in the orthodox version of the ancient Jewish record, than can be found in Cincinnati, whose population is so much greater. We will guarantee to find twenty uneducated children in Cincinnati to one in this city. There is more licentiousness in the city of Cincinnati in a single night than in all Utah in a year. There is more inhumanity exhibited in one day's doings there than here in five hundred.

Let those ladies of the Home Missionary Society attend to home business, they will have their hands full. They can find benighted women enough, in the purlieus of their own town, to say nothing of the comparatively respectable attendants of sectarian churches, many of whom go to show off their clothes and criticize others, and could no more give an intelligent reason for their lip-service and formal worship than explain a problem in the higher mathematics. They can pick up uneducated children enough out of the Cincinnati gutters and tenement houses. They can find lessons on licentiousness enough in the daily lives of church leaders, newspaper writers and lightened city notables at home, where a Home Missionary Society should find and apply its labors. There is no need to crane their necks and strain their eyes to hunt for motes in Utah, while there are so many beams of evil right in Cincinnati.

And we will inform them and the *Times-Star* that there is far more social, religious and political freedom among the "benighted" women of Utah than exists among the feminine Pecksniffs of pharisaic Ohio. We can prove this by the law and the testimony. Clean out the inside of your own platters, Oh! ye powdered, painted, padded and perfumed puritans of the Ladies Home Missionary Society, before you give yourselves airs of assumed superiority and attempt to manage the dishwashing for far-away Utah, which you know nothing about! You might as well knit woolen shirts for the denizens of the tropics, send ice-cream to the Finns and Esquimaux, or point the scriptures for the heathen of the American Bible Society, as to engage in the "enlightenment" of the women and the "education" of children in the, to you, unknown and mysterious regions of Mormonism. Look at home, ladies, and also work at home.

A LATTER-DAY CRUSADE.

THE pious people of the East have to do something abroad to keep up religious interest, no matter how much they neglect affairs at home. The latest project among the Boston evangelizers is to inaugurate a latter-day crusade on Palestine. A society has been organized to found three colonies of "Christians" in the Holy Land. The design is to Yankeeize the Jewish domain, and establish American institutions on the soil of the patriarchs. Of course there is speculation in the eyes of the promoters of the scheme. A joint stock company has been formed, and profit as well as piety is expected to receive promotion.

We are not of the opinion that the society will prove very successful. We do not think there will be very large dividends on the shares of the company. Judea is for the Jews. Palestine is for Israel. And the "times of the Gentiles" are nearly fulfilled. The land of the Hebrews is not suited to the genius of New England, and we look for disgusted returning colonists, if the settlements are ever founded, and a bankrupted exchequer.

If Jews accustomed to Oriental life can be gathered there to redeem the land and prepare the way for others of their race to follow, "build up the waste places," and revive the glory of former generations, as some energetic and wealthy Hebrews are planning, we believe they will succeed, having with them the blessing and guidance of Jehovah for the fulfillment of the promises made to the covenant people. Judah will rejoice and flourish again upon the mountains of Israel and the plains of Judea, but speculating Yankee "Christians" will find Palestine a land barren of financial and sectarian results.

INTERESTING FROM ENGLAND.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE MISSION—PHIL. ROBINSON COMING TO SALT LAKE, ON A LECTURING TOUR.

The following is from a letter from Elder O. F. Whitney, written at Liverpool, to a friend in this office:

Things are moving along pretty well in Liverpool at present. The

Saints—what few are left—are nearly all talking emigration, and the departure of the next company, Oct. 21st—the last of the season—threatens, I am both happy and sorry to say, to break up our local branch entirely. It is for the good of the Saints to gather, but we shall miss their loving hearts and cheerful faces. It is estimated that this year's emigration, in which, under President Carrington, Brothers R. R. Anderson and C. B. Felt, have been faithfully, efficiently and energetically employed, will exceed last year's by about 550 souls. Financially, numerically, executive and generally, it has been a prosperous and successful season. The work of conversion in this Conference goes on slowly. The people seem to have lost all interest in "Mormonism." The Elders here are as faithful as in any other region, but their efforts seem to be almost fruitless, so far as additions to the Church are concerned. It is the gleaming after the vintage is over, evidently, in this quarter, or as one of our Utah Elders quaintly expresses it: "Gleaning the wheat field after the chickens have been turned in." But then you know what Liverpool is. Two, three, and sometimes four or five strangers will casually drop in at our Sunday night meetings in Oldham Street, but they seldom if ever come again, and never seem to be attracted there by our out-door preaching. We have baptized several this season, but their conversion has been effected through the medium of fireside conversation or accidental contact with the Saints or Elders. So much for Liverpool. In the Midland Counties the work seems to thrive most. Elder George Stringfellow has done a good work in Nottingham. He is indefatigable and fearless, and his traveling associates are influenced by his energetic example and partake of his spirit and success. It is really invidious to mention names where all are doing so well, for I firmly believe a better feeling and more faithful set of Elders never labored in the British mission than now. I love them all as brothers, and they act with reciprocal tenderness towards me. They are men of God, every one of them that I know, and it is a pleasure and a precious privilege to mingle with them. In London there is quite an awakening. Brother Joseph A. West has stirred things generally there, and is doing nobly. I hope his health will permit him to remain, for all feel that he is the right man in the right place. The *Star* will show you how matters are progressing generally. President Carrington has been busily attending the various conferences, and for the last several weeks I have had the pleasure of accompanying him. We were in London on Sunday last. Business matters recalled him to "42." I remained behind, attending, besides Sunday's indoor and outdoor services, other meetings and gatherings of the Saints up till Thursday night, when I took the midnight train for Liverpool, sharing—reluctantly I must confess—the carriage which I had hoped to occupy alone in order to nap it to my destination, with three drunken Highlanders of the gallant 74th, returning from Cairo, and "making night hideous" with beer fumes, tobacco smoke and profanity. This experience—with the superinduced opening of the car window in order to breathe—added to the extra amount of vocal exercise I had been indulging in, gave me a severe cold from which I am still suffering to some extent.

While in London Brother West and I called on Mr. Phil Robinson, late correspondent of the New York *World*, home from Egypt, whither he went in the interests of the London *Chronicle* and *Pall Mall Gazette*—but on the eve of departing for America, with his family, to lecture. He said he would probably lecture in Salt Lake on his way to or from the Pacific Coast and reiterated his respect for the Church authorities, and kindly feeling for the people of Utah. We found him busy with the proof of his latest literary project, "Sinners and Saints," a fascinating narrative—as we found by perusing a few lines by his permission—of his recent peregrinations in America, and incorporating a number, most in fact, of his exceedingly interesting letters to the *World*, which we have all read with so much delight and satisfaction. "Sinners and Saints" will be well worth reading. The author is what we here term a "right good fellow, you know," full of intelligence, travel and observation, and though, as a man of the world ever must, gazing at "Mormonism" "through

a glass darkly," and therefore unable to perceive it in its full spiritual light, he is a genuine friend, I believe, to the people, whom he admires and respects, as well as the Church authorities. He said that some of his friends had endeavored to persuade him—especially his publishers—to make the subject matter of his book less favorable to the "Mormons," and that some had told him he was injuring himself by being so outspoken in his views and opinions. He the same as admitted that he began to perceive some of the prejudice that exists against our people, and yet maintained it was all due to the false reports of anti-"Mormons."

TWO ERRORS CORRECTED.

THE Grand Rapids (Michigan) *Times* says:

"In the last Utah Legislature there were only three members who were not polygamists. If, as expected, no polygamists dare to be candidates for the new legislature to be elected next month, it will hardly be fair to say the Edmunds bill has accomplished nothing."

Why is it that editors do not inform themselves before they begin to talk about Utah affairs? The paper from which the above is clipped is a bright, lively, condensed and able sheet, but like the rest of the journalistic world, blunders on the Utah question. The first statement is entirely incorrect, and is based on a falsehood started by the Bane of the Utah "Liberal" party. The last is an error for which there is no foundation that we know of, as there is no election in the Territory for members of the Legislative Assembly this year, neither is there in the month of December in any year. The election does not take place until August, 1883, and it remains to be seen who "dare to be candidates."

The Edmunds bill has already accomplished something. It has demonstrated the fact beyond dispute that the hue-and-cry about polygamy in Utah politics is all foolery and nonsense. For notwithstanding the exclusion from the polls of every "Mormon," male and female, against whom there was even a faint suspicion of polygamy, and the control of the election by the small anti-"Mormon" minority, a larger vote was polled than at the previous Delegate election, and the defeat of the clique which has slandered and procured the inimical legislation against Utah has been thorough and overwhelming. The religious and editorial fanatics will have to invent a new cry against Utah; the "polygamy" howl is played out.

A TARIFF SUGGESTION.

THE Cleveland *Herald* sagely suggests that "One article of import on which a heavy tariff should be placed is the Mormon convert." If the object is revenue, we would propose that a tariff be placed on every anti-"Mormon" lie that is manufactured by editors and preachers, whether for home use or exportation. It need not be a "heavy" one. At a low rate it would yield a fine income, and would be enough to warrant the removal of the tax on some article of common consumption and thus give relief to the masses. Thus the "party of high moral ideas" could figure both as promoters of truth and reducers of taxation upon popular commodities. They had better try it awhile; it would be hard on the anti-"Mormon" preachers, orators and editors, but would be a double boon to the country.

IMPROPER UNION OF TWO SEPARATE SUBJECTS.

THE Philadelphia *American*, just previous to the November elections sounded a note of warning to voters in the following language:

A new reason for supporting everywhere the regular Republican ticket, is found in the fear that a Democratic Congress will admit Utah as a State of the Union. We have no doubt that a number of our Democratic statesmen are quite ready to support such a proposal, although more of them are ready to declaim against Republican legislation in the matter of polygamy, than to take any risks when their votes might effect something. But, even if they all were sincere and

consistent in this matter, they could not bring their party into line to vote for the admission of Utah. Mormonism is detested as heartily in the South as it is in New England. No Northern State has gone farther to put down the Mormon propaganda than Georgia has.

The first sentence in this quotation expresses a notion entertained by many other journals. But the voice of the people at the ballot box has proclaimed that the so-called "reason for supporting everywhere the regular Republican ticket" had no weight in determining the result. We have not heard of the alarm having affected the issue in any place. All fears of what a Democratic Congress might do or might not do, were banished in the determination to throw off the yoke of Radicalism and "stalwart" domination.

Utah cut no figure in the campaign. The tidal wave of passion raised by the anti-"Mormon" lunatics of the pulpit and the press reached its height in the passage of the Edmunds bill, and the turbid waters receded to their ordinary level. It will take a huger storm than a bogus alarm about Utah's possible statehood to arouse the country again in any such a manner, or to urge Congress into so passionate, undignified and irrational an attitude towards this Territory as it assumed at the last session.

But the *American's* remarks on this subject are inconsistent with each other. First, a fear is expressed that Utah will be admitted to Statehood by a Democratic Congress; then the impossibility of such a political step is announced. First, a Democratic Congress would be likely to admit Utah; second, Democrats who would favor the scheme "could not bring their party into line" to vote for it. And what is the reason? Southern hatred of "Mormonism."

It seems to us that any editor of intelligence should be able to perceive the fact that the promulgation of "Mormonism," and the admission of Utah into the Union are entirely disconnected. "Mormonism" is a religious system with the same rights of free speech and free action as other religions in this country. Utah is a political organization or Territory of the United States, with the same claims for admission into the Union as any other Territory with equal population and capacities. The religion of its people should form no question connected with its political status. Some of them are Methodists, others Episcopalians, others Catholics, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists, Secularists or Infidels; the majority are Latter-day Saints or "Mormons." The hatred of people in Georgia or any other part of the country "The Mormon propaganda," should have nothing whatever to do with the admission of Utah into the Union.

What the *American* has in mind, no doubt, is the polygamy question. But even that does not or ought not properly to enter into the matter of Utah's statehood. Divested of all nonsense that has been dragged to the subject, it stands thus: There are a number of people in Utah who are practically connected with the system of plural marriage, commonly called polygamy. There are a great many more who are not practical polygamists, as has been demonstrated by the late Delegate election. The practice is regulated, not by statutory law, but by religious ordinance. The Territory does not provide for it or protect it. Plural marriage is not a factor in the sum of Utah's politics. Polygamy is not a feature of the local government. It would not be a part of the State government. Neither Congress nor the country, by admitting Utah into the Union, would be called upon to recognize, or assent to, or palliate or in any way have anything to do with polygamy.

Congress would be called upon to see that "a republican form of government" was secured to the new State. If it contains sufficient population, the means of self-sustenance as a political body, the strength of an independent commonwealth and its constitution contain the essential elements and guarantees of a republican form of government, there are no constitutional or statutory barriers in the way of its admission, and the religious notions of its people or the peculiar social practices of a minor portion of its people, should have no bearing upon the question of its freedom.