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THE "PALL MALL GAZETTE" ON "MORMONISM."

The unexampled prosperity and astonishing success of the so-called "Mormons," under the most adverse circumstances, is attracting the attention of all thinking men. They cannot but perceive that there is power in this "Mormonism," and power, too, of a singular kind; but what that power is, and whence it comes, puzzles them exceedingly. All kinds of hypotheses have been put forth by those who consider themselves clever in discovering the hidden springs that move mankind to peculiar actions, and many predictions, based upon these hypotheses, have been uttered, oracularly, concerning the immediate downfall of this remarkable system. But all these predictions have failed hitherto, and the clever men who made them have discovered that they had blundered, and that their sagacity was sadly at fault.

However, nothing daunted at the foolish mistakes of others, the *Pall Mall Gazette* comes out with a new theory on the spread of "Mormonism," and an old prophecy revamped about its speedy dissolution. He has found out why "scores of thousands of enthusiastic and energetic men" have been "drawn together" by "Mormonism," and what will cause its complete overthrow. Wonderful man! let us hear him: He says, "The attractiveness of Mormonism has been all along two-fold. It has promised abundance to the industrial poor of Europe, and many wives to those who are discontented with the rigors of European marriage laws. Polygamy is the privilege which has drawn together its scores of thousands of enthusiastic and energetic men, who were ready to submit to the discipline of any sort of despotism, providing only this liberty of marrying was secured to them. How they came to accept the supernatural claims of their leader and his chief assistants, it is easy to understand now. They believed in his assertions and asked no proof, just as the vast majority of uneducated men and women in Christendom, accept the simple assertions of their teachers whether lay or clerical, with no more desire for evidence of the truth of these claims, than they have for a mathematical proof of the law of gravity."

Here are two reasons assigned why people will embrace this "delusion" and "imposture," in spite of all warnings and "exposures" uttered by priests and editors. The first is, the promise of "abundance to the poor." Will the *Pall Mall Gazette* explain to the world why it was that so many persons embraced "Mormonism" when it had no inducements of a temporal character to offer them? The first eighteen years of its history, is a tale of suffering, privation, and distress, enough to make the angels weep. Did the Elders, who traveled without purse or scrip among the nations, have anything to offer to the poor, except the Gospel, when the Saints were fleeing before their Christian persecutors in Missouri and Illinois? Hungry, weary, and scantily clothed, they went from place to place, sometimes, like their great Master, without a place to lay their head; and the poor, who received them into their houses, and who administered to their necessities "in the name of a disciple," did so without any prospect of earthly reward. How much land, or "abundance" of any kind had they to offer to the poor when the Saints were traveling across the great American desert, seeking for a home in the wilds of the mountains, far away from the wretches who had slain their Prophet and Patriarch? We venture to assert that neither the *Pall Mall Gazette* nor "any other man," ever heard an Elder in this Church, offer any other inducement to people to join the Church, than the promise of Gospel gifts and everlasting salvation.

So much for the "promised abundance to the industrial poor of Europe," which he considers "by far the least tempting of the two inducements." The promise of many wives, he says, is the great attracting power which has drawn so many thousands together. But we beg leave to call the attention of the *Pall*

Mall Gazette to the fact, that plural marriage formed no part of the creed of the Latter-day Saints until 1843, and that until 1852 it was not publicly proclaimed either to the Saints or to the world. When that doctrine was first published the downfall of "Mormonism" was predicted by editors and preachers as a certain consequence; but as the voice of time has declared them to be false prophets, they now turn round and boldly assert that polygamy is the very cause of its success. They can blow hot, or blow cold, just as it suits them. We ask the *Pall Mall Gazette* to tell us, if polygamy is the great inducement for men to join this Church, why it was that so many embraced the faith, and passed through so much persecution on its account without faltering, when the Church permitted no man to have more than one wife? "Mormonism" was built up and established, and became a powerful organization, before ever the doctrine of plural marriage became a part of the system; and it was as difficult for its adherents to embrace that doctrine in their faith and practice, when it was first revealed, as it is for some editors to tell the truth, or frame a substantial argument, when they write against "Mormonism."

If the promise of many wives be the inducement for "so many scores of thousands of enthusiastic and energetic men" to go to Utah, what is the inducement which leads so many women to emigrate to that country? Is polygamy so congenial to the nature of the fair sex, that they gather to Utah in such numbers as the *Pall Mall Gazette* admits they do? It is generally considered that the idea of becoming a second or third wife, and sharing a husband's home and affections with others, is positively repugnant to the female mind. Why, then, do so many women embrace the doctrines of "Mormonism," and leave their native lands to gather to the far off vales of Utah? And is it not rather remarkable that men should travel so far, and then submit to the "discipline of such despotism" as the *P. M. G.* says exists in Utah, just for the privilege of having several wives, when, if just and licentiousness are their ruling passions, they have such an opportunity of indulging them in this free and Christian land, and that, too, without the care and responsibilities which large families must entail?

To be Continued.

FOREIGN NEWS.

TURKEY.—It is reported on good authority that the Sultan is making unusual preparations. It is stated that fifty thousand needle guns have been recently purchased by the Turkish War Department, while large shipments of rifled guns have been made to the Turkish forces in Asia. It is also known that the government has been restoring the citadel, completing the walls, and otherwise strengthening the fortifications.

Mayence, the famous fortress, by the laying of a cable under the Rhine, has just been connected with the telegraph network, which places all the fortresses of the Rhine in communication with Berlin, or in case of necessity, with the Commander-in-chief of a Prussian army. This will be of great value to Prussia if hostilities break out next year.

By the new postal treaty which has been negotiated between Belgium and the United States of America, the rate of postage on single letters weighing half-an-ounce or less has been reduced to fifteen cents.

The Archbishop of Paris, in a letter to the curés of his diocese, denounces the late invasion of the Papal States by the Garibaldians, and lauds the intervention of France.

Late advices from Tientsin, China, represent that great hostility is shown to all foreigners in that neighborhood. An English gunboat and an American steamer have been attacked. Serious trouble was anticipated.

Fetanism keeps bursting out in spots all over England; and as far north as Aberdeen, in Scotland, apprehensions have been entertained of trouble from the organization.