

EDITORIALS

JUVENILE LITERATURE.

INSTANCES are multiplying of the pernicious effects of that vile class of sensational literature, which is so extensively circulated throughout the country and published expressly for young people. "Jack Harkaway," and similar exciting trash, have incited numbers of boys and girls to criminal mischief, and many juvenile periodicals in which lawlessness is disguised under cover of fun and adventure, have been the means of leading astray the unformed mind till the duties of life become obnoxious, and to avoid them entirely is viewed as "a consummation devoutly to be wished."

In Ohio, an old man named Wattmough was murdered recently by three youths for the sake of his money. They have been convicted and sentenced. One of them made the following statement, which appears in the *Cincinnati Times*:

"Yes, sir, I read the New York *Boys' and Girls Weekly* and the *Boys of New York* every week, I never missed a number. That's what got me into this trouble, the first scrape I was ever in. And if you are going to put anything in a paper about me I wish you would tell just what I say about this. It was reading these papers that got me where I am. I read them until I got it into my head that I wanted to have an adventure like some of the heroes I read about. So I started out on a tramp, and fell in with Mann and Wattmough, and here I am."

It is the duty of parents and guardians to keep a constant watch on the reading matter that comes into the hands of young people, and to prevent, as far as possible, their perusal of the infamous books and periodicals of the character alluded to. And the most effectual method of accomplishing this is to provide them with entertaining works, free from the moral poison of the other sort. Youth must have amusement as well as instruction, and if the harmless kind is not placed within their reach, they will run after the harmful kind, and risk the chances of chastisement for disobedience to parental injunction.

Bear this in mind, ye who desire to see youthful Israel develop into righteous and noble men and virtuous and admirable women. Mental and physical recreation is as necessary to their proper growth and training as "useful" study and labor. Provide these of the right kind, and few will hunger and thirst after the trashy reading and unlawful pleasures of the period.

A HINT TO TEA DRINKERS.

We have on more than one occasion given particulars of the extensive adulteration of tea by dealers in this country. But it appears that this nefarious business is not confined to Caucasian rogues. It is stated on good authority that establishments in China are extensively engaged in the adulteration of tea for foreign markets, mixing in mulberry leaves, iron filings and other rubbish. The iron filings are to give the liquor a black color, and their presence can be detected by brewing the tea and allowing it to stand in the vessel over night. The iron dust and coloring will settle to the bottom. A Chinese brand is no longer an assurance that tea is pure.

Considering the injurious and often poisonous nature of the ingredients with which several of the articles alluded to in the "Word of Wisdom" are adulterated, is not that a pertinent reason for its revelation given in the text of the document, "In consequence of evils and designs that do and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days?"

This is an evil and adulterating generation, and blessed are they who walk in the light of wisdom, and avoid the snares of diet spread for those who are blinded by appetite and governed by tradition!

"ALL THAT IS NEEDED."

The Rochester *Herald* says:

"Orson Pratt, one of the leaders of the Saints, has recently taken advantage of the supposed mystical significance of the dimensions of the great pyramid in Egypt to predict the extinction of the Gentile race in 61 years from the organization of the

Mormon church. It seems that it is 61 inches from somewhere in the great pyramid to some other point, and therefore—It is with such chaff that arch deceivers bait the gullible in Mormonism and elsewhere. All that is needed is a little mystery and much positive assertion, and the fools will tumble into an impostor's net with the greatest facility and alacrity."

All that is needed is a lying reporter and an allusion to the "Mormons," and editorial sapheads will tumble into the press dispatcher's net with marvelous alacrity and wonderful stupidity. The *Herald* is a great deal more than "sixty-one inches" from the truth. Neither Orson Pratt nor any other leader of the Saints has predicted the "extinction of the Gentile race in sixty-one years from the organization of the 'Mormon' Church," or at any other period. It is with just such "chaff" as the gullible *Herald* writer has swallowed, that manufacturers of "Mormon" news bait the item-hunters of the press in the United States and elsewhere. And while the Rochester *Herald* and other papers and persons snap up any scrap of sensationalism invented by our enemies, and pass by the simple facts as given by authority, they will continue to be the echo of liars and the tool of knaves, and to remain in the dark as to the subject of "Mormonism" and the "Mormons," which they cannot let alone and will not take the trouble to understand. All that is needed to learn the truth, instead of being misled by falsehood, is to seek for information about the "Mormons" from the "Mormons" themselves.

SEASONABLE HINTS.

We clip the following from the *American Agriculturist* for May. Much of the information presented in agricultural journals is unadapted to our mountain region. These hints, however, will be found useful to the inexperienced in this and surrounding Territories:

"Sheep.—Dry ewes may be fattened and marketed as soon as possible. Lambs that are for early market will need the best of care and extra feed. The good shepherd will look well to his flock, and count it every day, so that no animal may get strayed far away and lost. The best way to kill ticks is to dip the lambs shortly after the sheep are sheared in tobacco water, to which sulphur is added.

A deduction of about one-third is made by the wool buyers for all unwashed fleeces, and this is right if the washing is properly done. Take it all in all, it is best to wash the sheep, though there may be cases where it is not convenient, expedient or even safe.

Grafting can be done now, but great care is necessary. As the bark peels easily at this season it should be cut through with a knife, and the saw made to follow the cut, otherwise the bark may be peeled and a bad wound made. It is not best to remove all the buds from the stock before the graft starts; as there will then be no inducement for the sap to flow upwards. After the union of the graft is made and the buds upon it have started, all those upon the stock below should be removed, in order that the graft may have the full supply of sap.

Asparagus should be cut with a strong, round-pointed knife, and with care that the neighboring young shoots or buds may not be injured. Cut the bed clean, leaving no small shoots to grow now.

Beans.—Plant the bush sorts in drills 18 inches apart, as soon as there is no danger of frost. The Limas are not to go in until the cold rains are over and the ground well warmed. Set the poles four feet apart, and afterwards plant four or five beans to each pole, thrusting the seed into the soil with the eye downward. See that the poles are firmly set.

Planting in Orchards.—There is a general reluctance to give up the soil of the orchard entirely to the trees. While the orchard is young it is best to cultivate it thoroughly, and hoed crops, like potatoes, roots, etc., can be grown as a present pay for the trouble, but as the trees get older and shade the ground, nothing else but fruit should be expected from the orchard. It is a good practice to pasture hogs in the orchard in clover sown for the purpose, as it is one of the best methods

of enriching the soil and at the same time destroying insects.

Blackberries and Raspberries may still be planted, but as they start early they should have been set before this. Stakes or trellises should be provided to which the canes are to be secured. Novices fail to understand that it is the new canes that grow this year that are to bear the fruit next season. All suckers are to be treated as weeds unless new plants are desired, when the best ones may be saved.

Grapes.—One healthy, vigorous cane upon a newly set vine is enough. Tie it up securely to a support. Vines are trained so variously that specific directions can not be given. Whatever the method of training it should keep in view and provide for the crop of next year. Generally the fruit-bearing shoots for the present year should be stopped; that is, have their further growth in length prevented, by pinching off the end of the shoot at one, two or three leaves beyond the uppermost cluster of grapes; this should be done very early, as soon as the clusters of buds (often mistaken for young grapes) and the young leaves can be distinctly seen.

THE HILL SCANDAL.

OUR Washington correspondent "Adams" makes allusion to the case of Senator Hill, which is one of the saddest scandals of this corrupt period. In all probability cash will cover up the wrong from the eyes of mortals, and time and other startling cases will help to remove it from public consideration.

Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, the lady lawyer who conducted the proceedings against Hill, on behalf of the seduced woman Raymond and her child, although described as "a very thorn in the flesh and a lioness in the path of masculine frailty," will have to yield to the persuasive power of money, which it is said has been used for the pacification of her client. A man of the world, reflecting on the bold course of the lady lawyer, says: "Great Caesar! what will become of us in this phenomenal civilization? With women at the bar and at the polls, the lords of creation will be no more respectable than the ladies of creation with whom they sin. The stronger vessel will be judged by the same code, moral, legal and social, as the weaker vessel that he tows into troubled muddy waters."

The *Nation*, a polished and ponderous journal, criticized Mrs. Lockwood because she did not abandon her client when she found there was no money in the case (and when her weak client was disposed to abandon it herself), as a male lawyer would have done. And that paper moralizes and piques itself on the strength of a prophecy that it had made, and refers to this as a realization of the condition of things it had predicted that women would bring into politics and into the professions. If it had not been for the weakness of her client, the woman lawyer would have made it uncomfortably hot for the sinful senator. And if it requires female indignation to push male seducers to justice, it is to be hoped that more ladies will be admitted to the bar.

A Washington correspondent of western journal, commenting on the doings of Senators and Representatives, and the scandal consequent upon their actions, writes:

"Worldly wisdom says to these men, 'Don't let such trifles annoy you; put on a bold, defiant manner, and, provided you can prevent your wife from knowing, nobody but your victim will be hurt. The partner in guilt is only a woman, and she, like all her sex, is born to suffering. They get used to it; and, besides that, what is a woman's happiness and self-respect in comparison to the success of a politician? We are the lords of creation; we are made different from women; they ought to know better than to fall into sin; but it is no sin for us to indulge in everything we are inclined to. If I like the wife of another man, it is my privilege to do my best to win her; but I would kill the man who would retaliate and seek to alienate my wife or bring disgrace upon me!' It must be a great trial to a brave, truthful man when self-preservation forces him into cowardly lies and subterfuges. To be impelled to crush a helpless woman and his own offspring. It would be far nobler for men who know their own weakness

to at least try and maintain their manhood, to shield and protect their partners, and at least save them from further degradation. The world overlooks much that is wrong, if it is not accompanied by meanness and cowardice. Just let some man try the experiment, and say, 'I have sinned, be generous and lenient toward me. Forgive me as you hope to be forgiven.' The world would not be deaf to such an appeal."

We are rather doubtful about the issue in such a case. The world winks at much evil that is not made public. But it has little sympathy with sinners who are found out. These same politicians who would sacrifice honor, purity, a woman's happiness, a child's future, at the shrine of their own lust, cry out for laws to punish a "Mormon" who, instead of ruining and discarding, marries every woman with whom he cohabits, and who views plural marriage as a religious duty, not as a cover for secret evil.

This enlightened age is not only sexually corrupt but it is damnably hypocritical, and the known libertine, if he keeps his licentiousness under the cloak of respectable decorum and out of the glare of the public sunlight, receives recognition from society's leaders, and the smiles of dainty ladies as well as high-toned gentlemen, and the world winks and says nothing severe. If women lawyers can do anything towards tearing off the thin disguise of the betrayers of their sex, the Mrs. Lockwoods ought to multiply in the land, and neither money nor position should shield the villains from their just deserts.

SABBATH WORDS FOR OUR YOUTH ON FIRST PRINCIPLES.

ALL truth is divine, and all truth is eternal. Yet there are those truths which are said to have been discovered by man; truths of philosophy, chemistry, geology and astronomy, with many other branches of so-called science. All these departments or branches have their first principles. They have a beginning in simpler or elementary truths, and gradually expand or work upward to truths of a higher or more advanced character; truths, however, no more important in their place than the simple, or what we call the first principles!

Man being the offspring of God, follows in this the genuine and ancient practice of his father, and if the Father has revealed, or will reveal the great science of progress, of salvation, or "eternal lives," as we say sometimes, that science will have its first principles suited to the students or pupils in that science, and these truths while simple are yet necessary, and of course eternal. Now we say the Gospel is a divine plan, order, or system, and it must have a beginning, as far as individuals are concerned, if it have no end, hence we find one of the old teachers, or Apostles, of this science saying, "Therefore leaving the (first) principles of the gospel of Christ, let us go on unto perfection!"

One of the first, or the first, is faith in God. It is easy to see that if we have not faith in such a being, in his existence, we shall not seek him, nor seeking him shall we expect communication from him, nor if he sent a messenger to us should we receive him. Hence this is the groundwork, and being so, we can understand how it was so pointedly said, "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

Now from this faith grow inevitably repentance, because contemplating God we realize he must be intelligent, pure and good, and consequently sensing our follies, our weaknesses, our sins, we remember and are grieved over them, whether sins of omission or sins of commission. We desire to amend, to be worthy to approach God, and this is the spirit of repentance. Through it hope is born within us, and as one of old said, "He that hath this hope purifieth himself even as God is pure."

To meet us in our ignorance our wise kind Father sent to us a delegate, his Son, and that he might reach mankind he calls others to his aid, teaches them his mission, points out his designs, establishes his ordinances, and communicating certain truths sends them out to tell and teach. We have a brief history of this great leader, and of those men whom he sent out, in the New Testament, and we find the leader was baptized in water, as

were also his disciples for the remission of their sins, and if Jesus was from the Father, if he understood his mission, if his disciples understood what they saw, what they were taught and practiced, it is morally certain that they received the remission of their sins, and inasmuch as this was an advanced step in the new school and in the new science taught therein, we might naturally expect that there would be new feelings and desires, and a new spirit originated. Being a divine science and for divine ends, divinity, from its unfathomed resources, promises a measure of the divine spirit as an individual teacher, to give testimony to the words of men sent to teach, and also to help the learner when these teachers were engaged elsewhere. Now this spirit dwelling in the man or woman, is the spirit of life and light, and it quickens the faculties, enlarges the capacity, and when encouraged and followed, leads out towards further, higher, and finally all truth.

These are some of the first principles of the Gospel, and there are many others which we are apt to think advanced, but which are little more than first; but here is a beginning, and as these few words are only reasoned out, you will have to "search the scriptures" to ascertain and find illustrations for yourselves. There are many places in the scriptures where the necessity of faith in God is taught; many where faith in Jesus is pressed upon the attention of mankind; many places where repentance is forcibly inculcated; many places where we can read of persons who were baptized, and also of the baptism of many whose names are not recorded; we can easily find from many places what the purpose of baptism was in the order of the gospel, we can also find many places in regard to the bestowal of the Holy Ghost by "the laying on of hands," followed by manifestations of gifts, such as "tongues, healings, prophecy," &c. But to hunt up and quote all these places and points would only be to do the work you yourselves should do; and when you have done all this, you have the servants of God with you now, and their plain teachings, and your simple obedience will bring a ready and willing, yet sure and abiding testimony to you, even if you had no Bible or New Testament, or having them had not read them. It will do this not only here but in China, India, Persia and among all the human family where what we call the Sacred Books of Christendom are unknown, or if known as yet are unbelieving.

Study these principles, however, you young men and women, from the Bible, from the Book of Mormon, and from the revelations given to Joseph Smith, and then, when you go to the Christian nations of the earth, you can point them to the Bible, to the Indians and to the youth of Zion, you can teach from the Book of Mormon and the revelations of our day, and should you go to heathen lands you can preach the same principles as revealed through Joseph Smith, and bear testimony to them, as the result of your own experience, and so by practising upon and recommending first principles you will be able to receive and use more, until finally, through higher truth and more advanced revelations, you will be counted among those who will work (through the redemption of Christ and the power of his gospel) your way into the celestial kingdom, even the dwelling place of the Father and the Son.

PROHIBITION IN MAINE.

THE State of Maine is recognized as the great field of prohibition. There are conflicting statements as to its success. It has been pronounced by many persons as a failure, and quite recently a clerical correspondent of the *Boston Watchman* gave a number of statistics to prove that prohibition does not prohibit in Maine. In the town of Biddeford, he says, "88 persons have taken out United States licenses to sell," and, according to a statement in a local paper, there are "more than 100 rum shops" in the place. The traffic in Bangor is represented as "open and unlimited," and "there is more liquor sold to-day in Portland than ever before." The number of club-rooms in Portland is stated at 80. A great evil is, that men are led to think it justifiable to disregard and circumvent law. Another evil produced by the Maine