

their congregations are disturbed and CONVERT MARRIED AND unsettled by attempts at proselyting by advocates of the Christian Science cult they have now to contend with a new danger that even more so, angly menaces the integrity of their flocks. This is none other than a determined and apparently organized movement by agents of the "Mormon" sect to gain adherents from the very strongholds of Christianity.

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Pastor and flock of the Port Morris Congregational church, in 135th street, near the southern boulevard, sustained the most severe shock in the history of that organization when both the president and the secretary of their Young People's Christian Endeavor society made public avowal of their recent conversion to the doctrines of the | "Mormon" church.

Both the converts are women. Their resignation from membership in the Christian Endeavor society, their repudiation of the doctrines of Congregationalism and their warm espous. of the tenets of the Latter-day Saints, have caused a profound sensation throughout the Bronx and the church circles of upper Harlem. Their former pastor, the Rev. Claud M. Severance, has been investigating the success attending recent efforts of "Mormon" missionaries among the orthodox churches of Greater New York. As one result of his inquiries, he said last

their hands, says the New York Her- city and its immediate vicinity.

Mrs. Thomas H. Blair, former presideut of the Young People's Christlan Endeavor society, had been for five or six years one of the leading members of the Port Morris church. She resides th her husband and two children, a ght boy and girl, about ten and lve years old, respectively, at No. 13 East 137th street. Her husband, unfew months ago, was the superintent of a large manufacturing es-ishment in Arlington, N. J. Recent ness, however, has compelled his retirement from active business pur-

Miss Elizabeth Dickinson, the other onvert to the church founded by Joseph Smith, is a young woman, 23 year + old, who lives with her widowed mother, at No. 701 East 135 street. Miss Dickinson was the secretary of the Christian Endeavor society, and, though brought much under the influence of the older woman, she is known to her friends as

a girl of uncommon intelligence and in-dependence of character. Both women disavew any intention to leave their homes for the purpose of migrating to Utah, and they distinctly repudiate any sympathy with the doctrine of polyg-

Their conversion is the result of insidious and persistent proselyting by several of the small bands of Mormon Elders who are seeking recruits from within the membership of orthodox New York churches. Samuel Neff, whose present residence is at No. 608 east 136th street, was born and brought up among the Latter-day Saints of Salt

vents to his Church. New England was the first sphere of endeavor. He then devoted some months to the middie Atlantic states, and last November appeared in the Borough of the Bronx, accompanied by a fellow Elder, George A. Goff, who took up his residence in

same house. It was about six month ago that Elder Neff first called upon Mrs. Blair at her home. He is a smooth talker and a man of polished address and good manners. After some introduct-ory conversation the elder explained the nature of his mission and Mrs. Blair, while professing at first little interest in Mormon subjects, consent-ed to accept and read several tracts, which he desired to leave with her.

ATTENTION RIVITED.

Mrs. Blair said last night that she did read the tracts, and that they rivited her attention, in spite of her well-grounded beliefs. The Elder was not slow to follow up his advantage, and on the invitation of Mrs. Blair he made subsequent calls on her home, accom-panied by his colleague. Elder Goff, She finally became thoroughly convinced of the truth of the Mormon doc-trine and decided that it was her duty to sever her connection with the Con gregational church and with the Christian Endeavor Society, of which she

had long been the ruling spirit. Mrs. Blair at a meeting of the society held about two months ago, publicly announced her conversion and tendered resignation of the presidency, to take effect one month from that date, Her colleagues and associates in church work and the Rev. Mr. Sever-ance, her pastor were astounded by the character of her avowal. They gath-

home and labored with her assiduous-ly, but without success. Christion argument, persuasion, entreaty and doctrinal discussion were alike of no Finally in a burst of righteous indig.

hation Dr. Severance branded the Mor-mons and their teachers as little better than heathens, and a horde of thieves and impostors. "I have more contempt for them," he Id, "and for those who embrace their sald. so-called faith, than the very doge that

run in the street." Mrs. Blair protested against this as harsh language, and insisted that she found in true Mormonism the purest and simplest of the doctrines of the early Christian Church.

INDORSED BY HER HUSBAND. Her husband, who is affiliated with

no church and says he is wedded to no religion, resented the strong language used by the pastor towards Mrs. Blair, endorsed his wife's course and an-nounced that the gentleness and meek spirit shown by the Mormon Elders, in his opinion, were more in consonance with true Christion charity than was the spirit of intolerance which he con-sidered the pastor had exhibited. Dr. Severance and his flock experi-enced a second shock soon afterward,

when Miss Dickinson announced, with equal publicity that she had found that the course of duty for her lay in following in the footsteps of Mrs. Blair. During the period intervening before her resignation tool, effect Elders Neff and Goff did not hesitate to accept Mrs. Blair's invitation to accompany her to several of the church entertain-

ments Dr. Severance observed what was go

course in endeavoring to proselyte in the church circle from which she had already practically withdrawn. Mrs. Blair defended her action by insisting that the Elders were as truly Christian as any orthodox churchmen of the Congregational faith, and that the Port Morris flock need have no fear of being contaminated by their presence. DISARMED BY HIS OWN TENETS.

"Tolerance and an open door," said Dr. Severance last night, in discussing his embarrassment, "are among the cardinal principles of the Congregational Church. I could not well turn these men away from our meetings, little as I liked the avowed purpose with which

they frequented them." At the expiration of one month the resignation of Mrs. Blair and Miss Dickinson took effect and they with-drew from all active affiliation with the

Christian Endeavor society. About two weeks ago, however, 'a joint meeting of the Christian Endeavor organizations of the Port Morris church and the Beihany Presbyterian church and the Bethany Presbyterian church was held in the edifice of the former body, and Dr. Severance presid-ed and made the opening address. Again Mrs. Blair appeared, attended by the "Mormon" Elders. When re-marks were announced to be in order from volunizers, several members. from volunteers, several members talked briefly, and then Elder Neff arose and requested an opportunity to be heard. The pastor, thinking that if the Elder undertook to say anything excessively radical he could readily be checked, granted him the privilege of

the floo At first Elder Neff quite captivated his hearers by the orthodoxy of his remarks, but with great skill he gradually insinuated into his talk a mild ad-

While children the twins enjoyed

their similarity and played all sorts

of pranks on their fellows. Having left school to enter business, however,

vocacy of "Mormon" doctrines, and finally he boidly characterized Chris-tianity as exemplified by the Congrega-tional church as not in harmony with the true Christianity of the Bible. Dr. Severance did not interrupt the speaker, and there was a buzz of ex-cited comment as he resumed his seat. A hymn was sung and somebody offer-ed prayer. Then Elder Goff arose, and he, too, asked to be permitted to talk. Here the pastor drew the line sharpiy. Here the pastor drew the line sharply, In a few words he forbade the Elder the privilege sought,

OBJECTS TO "MORMON" PROSE-LYTING.

East 125th street, is an associate Elders Goff and Neff and devotes a self especially to the task of prosel ing among the churches of Harlem. is now engaged in instructing M Blair in the doctrines of Joseph Sm and Brigham Young. Elder Bur said last night that he and his asso ates have visited and been courteen received in the North New York Ma odist church, at 141st street and W avenue: St. James Methodist church 126th street and Madison avenue is any Presbyterian church, in 157 he When Dr. Severance learned that Mrs. Blair and her "Mormon" teacher 126th street and Madison avenue; Bets any Presbyterian church, in 157th size near Willis avenue, and many of Christian churches in Harlem and Borough of the Bronx. In all of the churches they have distributed to purposed being present at another church meeting, ten days ago, he prepared a serie and especially adapted to the occasion. In his opening invoca-tion the pastor prayed that God might endow those who had erred from the faith with intelligence to enable them churches they have distributed trans and pamphlets, but in none of the have they been permitted to speak en to see that they were following a wrong and dangerous path, and that those who had strayed from the flock might Miss Dickinson is a most enthusiasta convert and bitterly resents the con-ments of her former friends who obsr-acterize her conduct as disgraceful. She said last night, "I am proud of my change of faith, and, so far from see-ing anything disgraceful fait, I be-lieve I am following the only the course. I am not a believer in polys-amy, and the Elders assure me that polygamy has not been practized by the see the error of their way and return to the fold. In the course of his sermon he expressed the hope that erring sinners might find their way back to the true house of God, and that in so coming they might not bring Satan with them.

MRS. BLAIR DEFENDS HER COURSE.

Mrs. Blair, when seen at her residence last night, defended her course vigorously. "I have become a firm bever." she said, "in the 'Mormon' faith and I am persuaded that it embodies the only true doctrines of Christianity. For the sake of myself, by family and my friends, however, I desire that the

MR. RHODES'S IDEALS.

perhaps a commercial capital in

Arrangements have been made for the baptism of Miss Dickinson, which will be a public, outdoor ceremonial on in-dependence day. In the afternoon of July 4 she will be baptized by humer-sion off the shore at Bayonne, directly connected the New York Bay series opposite the New York Bay cemeter giving a particularly pratty squaw a string of beads. A few weeks later he received from the squaw an eleganty Among common men Cecil Rhodes received from the squaw an eleganty embroidered jacket, and then heleaned that this exchange of presents consti-tuted an Indian betrothal. He proposed when he gave the beads, and she ac-cepted by sending him the jacket. The telegraph official works at one the stands forth like a rugged mountain rising from a plain. Imperial expansion on co-operative lines, local federation leading eventually to imperial fedtelegraph official wrote at once to the chief of the Utes explaining that he did eration, which may again lead to An-

cept in the Port Morris Congregations

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not want a wife, that he already has one, and that the whole thing was a we, due to his ignorance. Now he has received a ruply saying that all preparations for the wedding had been York and an intellectual capital in London-these are the lines of his thought. He is willing them, and they made, and that if he failed to be a hand there would be trouble.-Tele, graph Age, New York,

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THE HOUSES OF MANILA.

Stone Not Permitted to Figure in the Construction of Upper Stories.

The sky-scraping tower of stone and iron which is becoming so common an eye-sore in American cities, has not invaded Luzon, that land of the earthquake and the typhoon, and is not likely to do so soon. These perilous visitants govern the character and the size of the houses, which are very rarely case of fire. more than two stories in height, even in the best quarters of the city. Of these, the ground floor is used as a coachor to lodge the native servants. It is apt to be too damp for the family, house is built upon four stout posts, and put together without a nall or peg, the form being of bamboo, tied together with rattan. Nipa-palm leaves or wowho live on the upper floor, which is di-vided into a spacious hall, dining and reception rooms, and bed and other private apartments. The kitchen is often a separate building, with a roofed pasven bamboo strips form the sides and sage leading to the house. Beside it is the bath room, an apartment much in the roof is thatched with nipa leaves or coron, a long grass. The floor is made of bamboo strips with their rounded sides uppermost and tied together so as to leave wide demand among the Filipinos, with whom cleanliness is one of the chief virtues, and bathing a daily duty. cracks between. Swinging shades.

These houses were formerly of stone,

but since the great earthquake of 1880 | which can be propped up during the only wood has been permitted in the day, serve for windows. A ladder takes second stories. These are fitted with the place of stairs. Ventilation is the most important thing that is constantsliding windows all around to permit i the freest entrance of air. At the same ly sought.

time to keep out the hot glow of the sunlight, glass is replaced in the win-Often there is only a single room. which serves for cooking, eating and sleeping, the fire being made on a heap lows by translucent sea-hells, through of earth in one corner, and when in use filling the house with smoke. In which only a modicum of light can liter. Corrugated iron roofs are comthe better houses there are two or more rooms. There is one great advantage in these houses. In case an earthquake non, but they are very hot. To obviate this, many roofs are covered with a thin layer of nipa-palm thatching, should shake them down or a typhoon topple them over, no one is likely to be which is cooler, though dangerous in In the native quarters of the city the The materials are too light to do houses are much simpler in design, each being composed of a single story, lifted any harm. And they are so open to the air as to make them much cooler than from five to ten feet into the air. The close built dwelings .- New York Led-

ger.

THE BURGESS TWINS.

It is Difficult for Even the Bertillon System to Distinguish Them.

The Burgess twins, of Auburn, N. Y. whose identity baffled even the Bertii- inches tall.

were found, have decided they look too much alike to live in the same town. According to their own story no one can tell them apart but they themselves, and even they at times find this hard to accomplish. As if to make the resemblance still closer the mother of the twins gave them names which are almost identical. They were christened Ray and Roy. They are

lon system until a few telltale scars

now 17 years old. Ray and Roy Burgess, du early childhood, were india auish-able except to their mother, who held the clews of their identity in certain small marks and twists of hair. The main characteristics of feature and form to which the great majority of mankind owe their individuality in appearance are exactly similar in the Burgess twins. Both have dark brown hair, gray eyes, slightly flattened noses, moderately thick lips, long ears and rounded chins. In weight Roy has had the advantage at several different times, although at present both weigh exactly 144 pounds. Both are 5 feet 3

individuality. By staying in Auburn he is still mistaken for his brother by his brother's friends, who believe latter may have returned on a visit. Before Roy's departure for New Hampshire the twins were measured accord ing to the Bertillon system at the Auburn prison. The system proved suc

cessful in distinguishing them only because of the discovery of a few scars .-New York Tribune

they have found that their lack of in dividuality is of great annoyance, and even injury. All kinds of mistakes are made by a debtor stopping the wrong twin on the street to pay him, or a creditor running down the other one, who owes no one. In consequence, the twins decided to separate, and last glo-Saxon commercial federation, with week Roy went to the town of Keene, N. H., where he expects to enjoy the novel experience of having an identity of his own. Ray remains in Auburn although he has also planned to go where he will have the use of his

are becoming. Berlin and Birmingham have both served. The born emperor and the self-made dominant statesman, he has used them both as he used De Beers .- Ewart S. Grogan in World's Work. BREACH OF PROMISE UNAWARES. Last autumn, when a party of Ute

Indians attended a certain carnival, a well-known telegraph manager made small presents to a number of them,

Special Entertainment Next Week at

BARTLING'S NEW YORK GASH STORE,

Commencing Saturday, June 22nd. Program of Prices Below.

Black Round Headed Pins, 3 box for 5c	Ladies' Fancy Hose Supporters, pair, 8c	8 inch Steel Back Combs, 7c	Hump Back Hooks and Eye,s 2 cards. 5C	Leather Purses, Metal Frame, 2c	Ladies' Large Size Leather Pocket Books, 25c	Large Size Hard Wood Back Bristle Hair Brush, 19c	8 inch Heavy Black Dressing Combs, 10c	Colored Bone Casing, per piece, 7c •	Ladies' Heavy Leather and Metal Frame Chattelaine Bags, 59C	Children's Colored Border Handkerchiefs, 4 for 5C	Assorted Cabinet Hair Pins, 2 boxes, 5 C
Hooks and Eyes, 6 cards, 5C	WHITE GOODS. Lace and Satin Stripe White Goods,	WASH 25 pieces best Amoskeag Apron Ginghams, per yard	GOODS. Fine Plain Pink, Light Blue, Red and Royal Sateens,	Napkins. Fringed Checked Doilies, per doz. 25c	LOCE CUTCINS. \$2.25 value Fine Nottingham Net Lace Curtains	Boby Bonnels. Baby's 50c White Bonnets,	HOSIERY Ladies' Fast Black Hose, this sale, pair, 4c	Children's Fine Fast Black Ribbed Seamless Hose or Tans,	LADIES' JERSEY Sleeheless Vests, each 4c	Genis' Collor Sole. Gents 4-ply Heavy Linen Collars, all Latest	10c cube Toilet Pins, 5c
Nickel Safety Pins,	7 ¹ / ₂ c	5c	this sale, $12\frac{1}{2}C$	17x17 Red Border Napkins,	3¼ yards long, this sale, pair, \$1.50	25c	Ladies' Heavy	this sale, 8 1 C	Ladies' Jersey Sleeveless Vests, Tape Finish,	Styles, 15c Grade, this sale, each, 9C	10c Brass Pins, 5c
per doz., 3c	Cord Piques, 12½c	Best Light Calicoes, per yard,	Satin Stripe Lace Effect	Cream Union, per doz. 65c.		Baby's \$1.25 White Fancy Bonnets,	Fast Black Hose, pair, 8 1 3C	Misses' fine	this sale, 10c	6 to customer.	4 Hook
Wood Handle Curling	121c Value Corded White	5c	Crash Skirtings, 15c yd.	20 inch Heavy	Petticoats. Ladies' Fine Fast Black	89c		Double Knee Fine Ribbed Fast Black Seamless	Ladies' Cream Jersey Sleeveless, Vests or Short	SHIRT WAISTS. Gents' fine Wash Madras Shirt	Drill Corset Steels,
Irons,	Dimities, $8\frac{1}{2}c$	25 pieces 15c Twillea Mercerized	Fancy Stripe Crepe Effects,	Bleached German Linen Napkins, \$1.75 value, this sale,	Mercerized Underskirts, \$1.50 values, for	Baby's \$1.50 Light Blue, Pink or White, Fancy	Black Seamless Drop Stitch Hose, this sale,	Hose, 18c value, this sale,	Sleeve, Tape and Lace finish, this sale,	Waists, \$2.00 Value, this sale, each,	5c 10c Twine
Good Pins,	12½c checked White Dimity,	Organdies, this sale 8½C	Soft Wash Linen Color Dress Goods, per yard,	\$1.29	\$1.19	Mull Bonnets, \$1.15	16 <u>+</u> c	12 <u>+</u> c	12½c Ladies' fine	\$1.48	Dress Stays,
6 papers, 5c	8 ¹ / ₂ C		12½c	5-8 Cream or Bleached Linen Napkins, 85c	Ladies' \$2.25 Value Extra Fine Fast Black		Ladies' Extra Fine German Fast Black	Boys' Fast Black Bicycle Hose,	Cream Jersey Sleeveless Vests, Silk Tape and	Gents fine Tan Ribbed Balbriggan	5c Set.
Linen Thread, Spool,	Cord and Stripe White Goods, this sale, 15c	20 pieces 12½c Colored Wool Batistes, this sale, 8¼C	25c Fine French Colored Wash Organdies, this sale, 18c	value, this sale, dozen, 59c	Mercerized Skirts, this sale, \$1.59	Ladies' Nobby White Sailors, 65c up.	Seamless Hose, Plain or Drop Stitch. this sale, pair,	this sale, 15c	Lace Neck and Sleeve finish, this sale, $17\frac{1}{2}$ C	Underwear, $45c$ Value, this sale, each, $32\frac{1}{2}C$	Bone Dress Stays, per doz. 5C
Basting Cotton, 5 Spools,	35c fine 36 inch White Indian Linen, this sale, yard,	30 inch Red Dotted Lawns, 10c value,		22 inch Fine Bleached German Linen Napkins, \$2.65 value, per doz. \$1.98	LINEN SKIRTS. Ladies' Crash Skirts, 35c up.	Ladies' Chambry Sun Bonnets, 19c	25c Ladies' Seamless Tan Hose, 12½c.	Boys' 25c Fast Black Bicycle Hose, this sale, 19c	Boys' fine Jersey Cream Underwear. all sizes, Covered Seams, this sale, 25c.	50 doz. Gents' fine Colored Wash Negligee Shirts, this sale, 50c to \$2.00	Chamois Skins for Face, 5c

