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## "MORMONISM" WILL NOT DOWN.

Such is the verdict of those who have used their utmost endeavors to throttle it for more than half a century past. It has been denounced as being everything that is vile, corrupt, degrading—the very demon of humanity, and has been pursued with unrelenting determination to blot it out of existence; but it won't go down.

Late exhibitions of its vitality and constant growth are evidence of its enduring nature, living energy that is not derived from earth or humanity. This system causes renewed but vain protestations to appear in the editorial columns of a morning city paper that indicate more than ordinary suffering—hopeless agony.

Possessed with a heart that was always susceptible of pity for the distressed, has caused me to notice this case as worthy of consideration. The cause of this turbulent condition of the opposers of "Mormonism" must be understood before remedied prescriptions can be made available. Should the cause appear to be only imaginary, a fearful apprehension of something that never can be realized, a little soothing syrup to allay those fears might be more suitable as a remedy than a more heroic treatment.

Similar cases have heretofore existed and from them we may learn a profitable lesson. As, for instance, a certain King Herod became very fearful that there was a power to arise, by reason of the claims of one Jesus who had been looked for to be king of the Jews, that might interfere with his reign of power over his subjects. This fearful apprehension of something not in the least probable, led him to adopt extreme measures, even resorting to the putting to death of many innocent children of his own subjects, to be sure of destroying the one whose life, without cause, he feared. The failure to accomplish this only rendered more conspicuous his folly, as many gathered around Jesus to learn by what power He dispensed life and possessed virtues unknown to His adversaries.

This piece of history is repeating itself in our day. As then, when the message from heaven by an angel was first heard, proclaiming peace on earth and good will to man, and Joseph the Prophet, to whom the message came, repeated it as a declaration that the kingdom of heaven was at hand for all the world, that proclamation was re-

jected, and he became the victim of cruel hate, of unrelenting persecution, and his life was sought with like results to those which attended the Prince of Peace. Death alone would satisfy a world of hate and strife, who look upon that message of peace as the enemy of mankind, and he must die. All humanity was summoned to the conflict, and it has been waged, as then, to the suffering and death of many who were innocent.

So with this power in the earth called "Mormonism;" the name alone terrorizes and fills with fear its misguided opponents.

It is a noticable fact that the weapons with which the respective combatants wage the warfare in which they are engaged, are so unlike as to suggest the nature of the claims they make. The weapons of one are not carnal but spiritual, truthful, persuasive, kindness and love for man, being opposed by every species of wickedness, immorality and vice. The weapons of the other side are carnal, they kill the body and are prompted by fear, avarice, love of worldly power and gain.

Those who fill the ranks and constitute the physical forces of these opposing powers, furnish as great a contrast as do the weapons that are used. On the one hand are those who recognize God and the obligations they are under to Him and to their fellow-men; to maintain in their lives righteousness and every virtue that can aid them in securing eternal salvation. Among the other we find those who profane God's name; the drunkard, the liar, the profligate and those who work all manner of abominations.

They are prolific with threats of "civil war" if they cannot without it accomplish what their evil imaginations devise.

They have been begotten, born and bred in the element of strife and hate. Their religion has been the discord of sects, and their spirits are imbued with those sectional animosities which are anti-christ. Their political proclivities and lives are fed and fostered by partizan hate that leads them to resort to any measures that will enable them to gain supremacy over others. Fraud, deceit and intimidation are resorted to. Under these conditions are exhibited the vilest traits of human character.

The great enemy of all this world's conflict is Union. Fellowship and brotherhood would destroy it all. The

true spirit of Christianity, as inculcated by its founder, would utterly extinguish the world's reserve forces, and harmony and peace would have universal sway. This feature is found among the "Mormons" above all other people and its appearance, like that of its Great Advocate, fill the hearts of men with a fearful apprehension that their days of power may find an end—that there is a power growing in the land with which they may not be able to successfully cope. This fear that has seized hold of them prompts to declarations and deeds that entirely ignore the divine rights to interfere with the affairs of men. They assert that man's duty to his God must be a secondary consideration. Should union, peace and righteousness prevail, it would "take away our place in the nation; would revolutionize our present form of human government, and leave us politicians in hopeless despair.

Could these apprehensions be calmed by the soothing assurance that love works no ill to any human being, we might hope for better things, might cherish the hope of universal peace and good will among men, to produce which is the mission of "Mormonism." If truth must prevail, then what we call "Mormonism" will "not down;" its advocates will be honored in its final triumph. A world of strife will, under its influence, become one of peace. The cruel wrongs that now prevail will give place to the right and just. The world of hate and oppression will be one of love and sympathy, and bring redemption from human tyranny, by inaugurating the reign of the love of God.

Why not welcome the change? Why not hail with gladness the rays of the sun of righteousness that shall bring perpetual peace to man, and glory to God in the highest? S. W. R.

## THE MEDICAL BILL.

An Act to Regulate the Practice of Medicine.

Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah:

Section 1. That, upon the passage of this act, the Governor of this Territory shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoint biennially a board of seven medical examiners from the various recognized schools of medicine, who shall hold office for two