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ANTI-MORMON EXPOSITIONS.

A writer to the New York Evening
Post who signs himself Cleveland Allen,
is very much stirred up over an attempt
of another correspondent to show that
the "Mormons" do some good in the
world. That appears to be utterly un-
bearable to Mr. Allen, so he responds
with what he calls "a few facts to as-
sist the public to judge of the good ac-
complished," and says "Mormonism" is
based on death."First—That at least every Mormon
male becomes a god, of greater or lesser
degree, according to the posterity he
leaves on earth, thus demanding the
practice of polygamy in order that he
may attain to greater godship.
"Second—That no Mormon woman can
enter heaven except she is called by her
husband. This means that every Mor-
mon woman who dies unmarried is cer-
tainly damned; hence her one chance of
salvation is marriage, thereby compell-
ing her to accept polygamy. We are all
glad to do good, and to assist in do-
ing good among those who are in need,
but it is doubtful if a change from one
form of evil to another, though done in
the name of good, really accomplishes
good."On the basis of these "few facts," as
he calls them, the gentleman builds up
his argument that persons who have
"no more than one wife are not good
Mormons." We do not know where he
obtained his "information," but it was
certainly not from any authorized ex-
position of the faith of the Latter-day
Saints. It was probably derived from
some of those shamefully misleading ut-
terances and writings of alleged Chris-
tian ministers, who make it their prin-
cipal business to bear false witness
against the "Mormons."The doctrine of our Church concern-
ing the condition of a faithful Latter-
day Saint "at death" is, that he will go
into paradise, as a disembodied spirit,
in a spiritual sphere and associated
with beings of his own status. The
spirits of the wicked go to their proper
place and mingle with their own kind.
There is a separation of the two classes
and neither is in a perfect final state.
Not until the resurrection are the
righteous exalted to the glory for which
they are fitted which will be "accord-
ing to their works" and not "accord-
ing to the number of their posterity left
on earth," as so positively and foolishly as-
serted by the writer to the New York
Post. Therefore his conclusion about
"demanding the practice of polygamy" is
untrue, being founded upon a fal-
lacy.If he really desired to know the facts
he could easily learn that there are
many thousands of "good" Mormons
who never had more than one wife,
which he regards as an impossibility.
Well informed people understand that
only a minority of the "Mormons" ever
entered into plural marriage even
when it was sanctioned by the Church
and was not forbidden by the civil law
either of the nation or the Territory
where they lived. His ignorance is not
unique but he should not try to explain
something he does not comprehend.Equally false is his assertion about
"Mormon" women. There is nothing
in the doctrines of the Latter-day
Saints which "means that every Mor-
mon" woman who dies unmarried is
eternally damned." That notion is a
fabrication of anti-"Mormon" preach-
ers, who employ their time in distorting
"Mormonism" to suit their own dis-
ordered fancies and prejudice the pub-
lic. That there are benefits, both in
time and eternity, that result from
honorable marriage is true, for "the
man is not without the woman nor the
woman without the man, in the Lord."
That is scriptural doctrine. Those
benefits are mutual, and are as much
for one sex as for the other. They are
enjoyed in this life as well as in the
next. The difference between the
married state and the single in this
world is apparent. It is significant of
conditions in the world to come."Mormonism" unfolds the principle
of eternal wedlock. It is that which
was solemnized between the parents
of the race before death came into the
world through sin. It may be entered
into now, in the manner revealed from
on high and sealed by the Holy Spirit
of promise, through that authority
which is recognized of God, and "that
which is sealed on earth is sealed in
heaven." It enters into the eternalworlds and opens the way to endless
increase, and everlasting glory, and
power, and dominion, and "a far more
and eternal and exceeding weight of
glory" than can be reached by the
single souls who are saved, for they
become angels who are "ministering
spirits unto the heirs of salvation."The attempts of persons like the
writer to the Post to expound "Mor-
monism," are like the efforts of one who
cannot read to explain philosophy, or
of a Hottentot to descant on the cus-
toms and manners of advanced civil-
ization. He evidently knows nothing
about it, and has taken for truth the
miserable deceptions of its wilful de-
fenders. Until people seek for ex-
positions of that which they call "Mor-
monism," are like the efforts of one who
they will never know what it is.
They might as well try to gather grapes
from thorns or figs from thistles. There
has never appeared in print an explana-
tion of "Mormon" doctrine from its
enemies, clerical or secular, that has
not contained egregious errors if not
direct and absurd misrepresentations.
The "few facts" of Cleveland Allen are
ridiculous falsehoods, but are only sam-
ples of common anti-"Mormon" ful-
minations.

AN UNSEEMLY DISPUTE.

That was a most unfortunate and
needless squabble that occurred in the
Board of Education on Friday evening.
It appears to us that the disagreeing
members ought to get together in pri-
vate, and without temper adjust the
difficulties. If the statements of re-
marks from one member, who is usually
calm and reasonable and of good judg-
ment are really correct, he has uttered
something exceedingly foolish and
wrong. If he has been misrepresented,
that puts another face on the whole
matter. The idea that the standard of
the public schools is affected by a
change of clerks to the Board of Edu-
cation is simply silly, to say nothing
further. We think this dispute should
be settled amicably, and without fur-
ther publicity than to announce the
settlement. In any event the standard
of our schools need not and must not
be lowered or injured in any way. Let
there be peace!

STILL NEGOTIATING.

Japan and Russia are doing well in
postponing the threatened conflict, and
continuing their negotiations. They
would do better still, were they to
agree on a settlement without war.
For it is perfectly clear that the two
countries will not be permitted to en-
joy the fruits of victory, no matter
which side prevails. The game that
was played with Russia after her war
with Turkey, and with Japan after the
Chinese conflict, will be repeated
when the two combatants are exhaust-
ed and unable to make effective re-
sistance. Europe will certainly de-
mand a voice in the settlement of the
Asian question after the war, and
neither combatant will be considered.
If Russia and Japan know their best
interests, they will come to terms,
without bloodshed and the destruction
of their costly navies. The trouble,
however, is that neither contestant is
convinced of the justice of his claims.
Both are aware that they are fighting
for territory not theirs; for spoil taken
from the rightful owners. In that fact
lies the greatest danger for the preser-
vation of peace. A just tribunal of ar-
bitration could not award Manchuria
to Russia, nor Korea to Japan. The
two must agree on a division between
themselves, or fight for it. They are
very much in the position of highway-
men, both wanting the same booty.
They may come to an understanding
on a division, before committing the
robbery, or they may fight for the
chance, but they cannot appeal to the
court for a decision. That is the vir-
tual situation. But for all that, the
prospective combatants are acting
wisely in not precipitating a war which
might possibly, set the world aflame.

AGAINST HIGHER CRITICISM.

It is an interesting announcement
that an organization for the defense of
the Bible against so-called higher criti-
cism has been formed. Its name is the
Bible League. Its eastern headquarters
is Boston, while Los Angeles has been
selected as its western stronghold.Some years ago students of the Bos-
ton University protested against what
they considered heresy of some profes-
sors, but the regents upheld the pro-
fessors and the students were practi-
cally driven out of the university. But
the "higher criticism" of the Boston
professors aroused the Methodists all
over the country, and now it is thought
the time has come to wage open war
against that form of infidelity. The
Bible League of the Methodist Epis-
copal church is to take the lead in this
fight. The following is the platform
of the organization:"1. We believe that the Bible, in a
unique and supernatural sense, is the
authoritative word of God."2. We believe that the Bible, when
rightly interpreted, is in full harmony
with the established facts in all depart-
ments of knowledge."3. We believe in scholarly investiga-
tion and criticism in all departments of
Biblical learning."4. We believe that the abundant,
clear and direct testimony of our Lord
Jesus Christ and His Apostles is of vi-
tal importance, and is conclusive evi-
dence of the correctness of the evangeli-
cal doctrine concerning the holy
scriptures."5. We believe that no amount of
technical scholarship is competent fully
to interpret and understand the Bible
unless one's mind is filled and guided
by the Holy Spirit."In accordance with this platform, it
is the intention of the members to be
diligent students in archaeology, his-
tory, science, philosophy, biblical the-
ology or other related topics; to de-
fend the scriptures against all the as-
saults of unbelief, and by every means
consistent with Christian charity to ex-
pose error and seek the banishment of
unscriptural doctrines and teachings
from the Methodist Episcopal church;
"to take the Lord Jesus as our pattern
of character and the Holy Spirit as our
guide; and to pray and labor contin-
ually and earnestly for the conversion of
sinners, and the edification and sancti-
fication of believers."If this movement is inaugurated in
a spirit of unselfishness, and not mere-ly for the sake of obtaining revenge
upon certain professors and regents,
and for self-justification, it should be
the means of producing good. It is high
time that "higher criticism" be met on
its own ground. This "criticism" re-
verses with one dictum the belief of
centuries in the genuineness and au-
thority of the Scriptures. It tells us
that the sacred volume is but a more or
less loosely thrown together collection
of literary fragments of the past—badly
edited in later ages. And when we
ask for proofs of such
startling propositions, we are
referred to a philological analysis of
the text, made by modern scholars.
They tear passages from the context
and coolly assign them to authors who
are supposed to have lived centuries
after the generally accepted authors,
and in many cases they deny the his-
torical narrative and place the events
among the world's collection of myths.
And all this without a scintilla of proof
except such as they are capable of in-
geniously extracting from their own
philological deductions. They find a
word or an idiom which they assume
cannot belong to a certain age, or a
certain persons; hence, the text must
be spurious.In the case of modern writings it is
almost impossible to draw conclusions
as to authorship from words and
phrases alone. This is an experiment
anybody might try. Every newspaper
contains the contributions of a number
of authors. Let anyone try to pick out
these authors from no other evidence
than that which is known as internal.
Some years ago a presidential message
to Congress was dissected by critics.
Parts of it were assigned to the presi-
dent and parts to different secretaries,
but what one critic asserted was the
exact style of the president, another
asserted to be the style of such and
such a secretary. The whole discussion
exhibited a beautiful illustration of
the futility of determining authorship
by internal evidence alone. In the case
of a modern composition. What, then,
shall be said of the "criticism" that
denies the evidence of history on the
basis of its own deductions regarding
Hebrew, Chaldee and Greek manu-
scripts, about which modern knowl-
edge is but imperfect after all? The
Hebrew of the Old Testament is a
dead language, and the critics are not
even Orientalists, born and bred in
Oriental thought. The Old Testament
is but part of the Hebrew literature once
existing. Our knowledge of its gram-
mar and lexicon must therefore neces-
sarily be fragmentary. With these
facts before us, we can but wonder at
the extravagant claims of the "critics."

STRUGGLE WITH MOHAMMED.

When it is stated that India has two
and a half million nominal Christians,
the figure appears quite large, but when
it is remembered that the entire popu-
lation is nearly 300,000,000, and that
about 60,000,000 confess Islam, the result
of the efforts of the so-called Christian
missionaries appears rather insignificant.A writer in The Open Court, Chicago,
endeavors to account for the slow
progress of Christianity in India.
Among the reasons he gives is this:
that the life and character of Christ do
not appeal to the Hindus. His earthly
career renders Him if anything too tan-
gible and not sufficiently mysterious to
please the fancy of the Hindu lovers of
the occult. His gentleness and humil-
ity are accounted to Him for weakness.
Why the Son of God should not have
availed himself of all the glories and
powers of the universe is quite incom-
prehensible. It is the majestic—the out-
wardly and visibly majestic—that ap-
peals to the Hindu. Therefore he is
more impressed with the Mohammedan
motives of sovereignty and conquest
than with the Christian ideals of meek-
ness and social helpfulness.Another reason pointed out is this,
that so-called Christian missionaries are
not content with "converting" the
natives to the new faith; they aim at
making Europeans out of the Asiatics,
and this is an impossible task. The
Mohammedans, on the contrary, have
the advantage of kinship. There is
not between them and the Hindus the
intellectual and spiritual barriers that
separate Europeans and Asiatics.Whatever is the cause of the situa-
tion in India, and elsewhere, the fact
remains that there is a mighty con-
flict on between Mohammedanism and
"Christianity" all along the line, and
that the followers of the Arabian
prophet appear to hold their own, and
to advance. This is one of the signs
of the time. Is that not proof positive
that the so-called religion of Christ
is no longer what it was when first
promulgated? Then it had no cathe-
dral with imposing services. It had
no missionary societies with an annual
income of millions of dollars. Its
churches were the fields, or the woods,
or even the graves; its apostles and
teachers were men from the plough
or the fishing-boat, and they supported
themselves, as best they could. But
it had resting upon it the power from
on high, that was irresistible as the
storm and tongues of fire, and so it be-
came a world-power, stronger than
death itself. In this change from life
to death, can be found the real cause
of the defeat of what in our age is
called Christianity. Nor will any ad-
vance be made, until the Divine Power
again animates the dry bones and
causes them to assume a living, active
form. It is generally admitted that
at the world's congress of religions
the advocates of "Christianity" hardly
held their own against the defenders of
other systems. If that is true, the
statement that there is something radi-
cally wrong cannot be contradicted
successfully.

Look before you leap year.

Many are cold but few are frozen.

Prince Cupid was not altogether in-
debted with love.If Russia goes to war with Japan
naturally it will bear stocks.Absent but not forgotten—the major-
ity of the New Year's resolutions.In case of war in the orient Uncle
Sam will assume a neutral attitude.But he will have his side arms buckled
on.In the language of the street ur-
chin Colombia is surely "breeding
scabs."Uncle Russell Sage has practically re-
tired from Wall street. This is both a
wise and a Sage decision.Senator Dietrich came out victor in
his tussle with the government. To the
victor belong the spoils.Many are blamed for the Iroquois
fire, but it is hard, perhaps impossible
to say who is responsible."And art thou gone old year, art
dead?" Asks an eastern poetess. It
am gone and it art dead.Russia and Japan are still engaged
in war talk. As their neighbor John
Chinaman says: Too muchee talktee.It is not likely that either Russia or
Japan cares for Uncle Sam's good of-
fices. But either would heartily welcome
his alliance.So far as the evidence shows, none of
the shipbuilding aggregation appears to
have laid up treasures where moths and
rust come not.The number of dead from the Iro-
quois theater horror is not so great
by over a score as the police estimate.
This is the only good news that has
come from that scene of sorrow.A New Jersey professor claims that
mosquitoes are really necessary doc-
tors and are a blessing rather than a
curse to the human race. The claim
will be taken with a grain of salt for
it must be remembered that breeding
mosquitoes is New Jersey's chief in-
dustry.Ex-Senator John M. Thurston of Ne-
braska is credited with being the au-
thor of the saying, "Mr. Roosevelt is a
man whom everybody is for, but no-
body wants." It is a mot not unlike
General Bragg's about Mr. Cleveland:
"We love him for the enemies he has
made.""Elihu Root is the ablest man I have
known in our governmental service. I
will go further. He is the greatest man
that has appeared in the public life of
any country, in any position, on either
side of the ocean, in my time." Is Presi-
dent Roosevelt's tribute to his secre-
tary of war, according to Walter Wel-
lan in the Review of Reviews.The Chicago theater disaster has
started a thorough investigation con-
cerning the safety of theaters all over
the world. One sensible demand has
been made, that all the exits of a the-
ater be opened after all performances,
and that ushers be instructed to con-
duct the public to such exits as are not
generally known.Rev. Dr. Hillis, writing of Henry
Ward Beecher's relations to Plymouth
church in the Congregationalist, says
that his favorite sentence was that
"the poorest government of a church,
that is self-government, is better than
the best government, that I as pastor
impose upon them." A good sentence
that, all American through and
through.The beatification of Joan of Arc on
the 6th of this month was a late, but
well-considered tribute to the memory
of a great woman, inspired by patriot-
ism and unselfish service of mankind.
She it was who secured the liberty of
France. She was deserted by the king
upon whose head she had fastened the
crown. The final pronouncement of
the head of the church is a condemna-
tion of the shameful trial and verdict
that sent the heroine to the flames.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

The enthronement of a Roman
Catholic archbishop at Westminster is
an event of more than passing signifi-
cance. For the ceremony did not take
place humbly, but in a new cathedral
which in certain respects rivals St.
Paul's—the only church of the first
architectural importance built by Pro-
testants. Critics will differ as to the
merits of Bentley's great basilica at
Westminster. Many will regret its
close adherence to Byzantine modes,
but no person of taste will deny the
impressiveness of the interior and the
beauty of the fenestration, which is
surpassed only in old Westminster
itself. Pious Catholics will see in it a
symbol of the Church triumphant.
They will recall that, since Mary's time,
the Church, dispossessed of the great
places of worship it had built, has
lived huddled and cornered in England.
The erection of a metropolitan church
quite as ambitious as any of the lost
cathedrals, seems to mark the pass-
ing of the mission stage of Roman
Catholicism in England.

Kansas City World.

Should Christ, the Nazarene, visit this
country of ours - - - He would
find here as in Palestine the hard mas-
ter and the unprofitable servant; those
who daily offend His little ones, the
whited sepulchres, Scribes and Pharisees,
the prodigal son and the envious
elder brother; the bloodthirsty mob;
the leper and the Magdalen; Caesar
still kills his countryman, the Jew,
Pilate washes his hands. And the
populace cries, "Crucify him," and re-
leases Barabbas, the robber. And He
would find—strangest of all—ministers
of his teaching forgetful of their gos-
pel message tiddling the ears of world-
lings with their rhetoric cautiously
silent in the face of wrongs for salary's
sake, condoning evils which they fear
to fight, prostituting His religion to the
claims of social creeds or the dic-
tates of the powers that be. Of all
things this would offend Him most.

New York Mail and Express.

Despite a lay musical critic, who
says that "plain song is an abomina-
tion which neither gods nor men can
tolerate," the pope must be said to
have done well in calling for a return
to the Gregorian chant or plain song.
In his letter as patriarch, the pope
pointed out that the music used now
was not proper for the church; the
alteration of the text of the liturgy to
suit the taste of the composer, the
singing of a certain portion as an aria
terminated, even in the Catholic
church, and especially in Italy, to
which particularly the pope's letter
refers, and some strong hand is need-
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