

secret combinations." Any observer of the times will admit that the numerous disasters occurring in this country and Europe constitute a source of danger, while the various combinations and divisions developing among the people threaten the peace of communities and nations.

In the Book of Mormon, page 122, the Prophet Nephi speaks of the time when the Lord would stretch forth his hand to gather in the remnants of Israel in the latter times. He predicts great destructions among the wicked—"The Lord God shall cause a great division among the people, and the wicked shall be destroyed." The division is already in operation.

The situation in some of the countries of Europe, especially France, brings to mind a notable prophecy of Moroni (Book of Mormon p. 588). That Prophet warned the Gentiles who should exist at the time the record should come forth and be published to the world. He foresaw the great calamities that would result from the formation and workings of secret anarchical combinations. The present situation verifies his prediction in that regard. After relating the destruction that had fallen upon the ancient peoples of the American continent from that cause, he diverges and says:

"And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed, for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of His Saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto Him from the ground for vengeance upon them, and yet He avenge them not.

"Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain, and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction, if ye shall suffer these things to be.

"Wherefore the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you, that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you, or we he unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who build it up.

"For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up, seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people."

There could scarcely be a clearer delineation of a future condition than is embodied in the foregoing quotation. It is a description of modern anarchism, its nature objects and results. That it is a power of rapid growth is exemplified by late developments in Europe, where it is able to thwart the process of justice by terrorizing a jury.

It may be said by the doubter that he does not believe such a man as Moroni ever lived, and he may assert that the Book of Mormon, which purports to be a history of the ancient peoples of America, originated with Joseph Smith. Anarchistic combinations had practically no existence during the life of the Prophet Joseph, and the position of the skeptic would

simply thus place the authorship of the true prediction on him. The evidences which sustain the Book of Mormon as an authentic record are, however, overwhelming. Among them is the fulfillment of many of its prophetic statements, besides the one quoted above.

We are convinced that the age in which we live is more pregnant with momentous events than any other in the history of the world.

THE RICH AND POOR.

EVER since Hood's pathetic "Song of the Shirt" was written the sewing girl has been taken as the best illustration of human misery caused by the wage competitive system in industry. A few days since a convention of shirtmakers, shirtcutters and laundry-workers was held in New York City. Father Huntington was present and delivered an address. He made arrangements to take a delegation of "sweaters" victims to see the homes of the rich. He said:

"The rich have been slumming a long time among the east side tenements, and now I intend to take these wretched people to 'slum' among the rich and see if it is not possible to interest the wealthy in the deplorable condition of these poor workers. As the rich seem unable to convert themselves we will go and try and see what we can do for them.

If the utterance of Chauncey M. Depew at the laying of the cornerstone of the Grant monument be placed side by side with Father Huntington's remarks, we have a fair estimate of our present industrial and social system. Mr. Depew said:

"The phenomenon of our times, and one of the chief dangers to law and order, is the growth of the school of despair. The concentrated contemplation of accumulated wealth, and the hopelessness of acquiring it, paralyze industrial energies and true ambitions, and plants the seed of socialism and anarchy. But Lincoln, from the poverty of a Kentucky cabin, and Grant, from the narrow gifts of a log house in the Ohio wilderness, became the central figure and representative heroes of our age. They are types of the glory of American citizenship."

Mr. Depew's allusion to the log cabins of Grant and Lincoln are peculiarly appropriate at present, and so are his moralizations on the growth of despair among the people. But in trying to contrast both he takes a too optimistic view of the situation. Considering the social and industrial conditions of this country, between the boyhood of Lincoln and the present, he is wrong in speaking of "our age." In those days the rich did not go slumming among the poor, nor did the poor look with anarchistic eyes at the dwellings of the rich.

There were rich men then as well as poor men, but there was no impassable barrier between them. The brotherhood of man was more or less recognized. Today the rich of the world seek no brotherhood with the poor. They wrap themselves in specially prepared garments, and occasionally visit the districts of a city where poverty and its accompaniments—vice and crime—abound. They make the visit in the same spirit as they would visit a museum, a menagerie or a

zoological garden. The idea of brotherhood is not involved in it.

All this is occasioned by the worship of the golden calf. The wealth-hunters look upon those not among them as almost of another species. From this idea there is but one step to making poverty itself a crime. And as the rich rule, it is little wonder that anarchy and disorder are courted and welcomed by the poor. That mad thirst for wealth did not originate today nor yesterday. It is an old disease and an ancient cause of ruin, and it is the worship of wealth that is pulling down American manhood, and will finally wreck it, as it did Rome, Babylon, Greece, and even Israel.

THE "KNOW-NOTHINGS" WILL OBJECT.

IN Roman Church circles in England great preparations are being made for the inauguration of Cardinal Manning's successor as Archbishop of Westminster on the eighth of May next. Bishop Vaughan, of Salford, has been appointed to the succession and his "enthronement," for that is the official term, takes place on the date mentioned. The London papers say that no such church ceremonial as this will be, has taken place in England since she became Protestant. The new archbishop will be "enthroned," or installed, in the Kensington cathedral in the presence of all the church dignitaries of England and Scotland and from the continent.

Bishop Vaughan is a Tory aristocrat, and comes from a distinguished Herefordshire family. It is not yet known whether he will be appointed Cardinal, but the supposition is, that he will be, at the next Consistory in Rome. Leo is endeavoring to remove from the College of Cardinals the charge that it is an Italian club or society by making it more of an international body. England above all must be represented, and the family of Vaughan next to the Howards are the most aristocratic in the church, therefore it is a foregone conclusion that the new Archbishop will soon be Cardinal.

The New York papers contain voluminous accounts of a somewhat similar ceremony which took place in New York a few days ago, namely the consecration of the Bishop of Brooklyn. In gorgeousness and splendor it was a wonderful affair. The ring used in the service as a symbol of the marriage of the prelate to the church was made by Tiffany, and presented by a wealthy lay communicant. A description of this article alone occupies a whole column in a New York paper. It is a ring which "Jews might kiss and infidels adore." In fact Major Grant of New York did kiss a ring of this kind recently, but not one of such metallic and artistic richness as this.

The old lady of the Vatican seems to be pushing ahead in these latter days, and retrieving much of her ancient pomp, grandeur and ceremony.

For white spots left upon polished furniture by scalding water, tea or coffee, rub hard with kerosene, then polish with dry, soft flannel.