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## BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

This is the 75th anniversary of the birthday of President John Taylor. The occasion was honored this afternoon by a social gathering of the family and a number of the personal friends of the esteemed and beloved veteran, at the Cedar House.

But few men in the history of the world have exhibited so much devotion to the general interests of humanity as has been manifested in the life of this respected champion of truth, justice and the rights of man. In common with the hosts of his friends, who hold him in the highest estimation, we congratulate him on his natal day, on the fact of his having reached so ripe an age, and is yet so well preserved. We wish him numerous returns of the day, that he may live many years to be useful to his fellowmen and an example to all, as he has ever been, of stability and fidelity to the cause of right. May the blessings of the Most High continue to be copiously showered upon his venerable head.

## ANTI-MORMON METHODISTS AT CINCINNATI.

We print in another part of this paper the ebullitions of an anti-Mormon committee, specially appointed at the Cincinnati Methodist Conference to compose something on a subject that the writers evidently knew nothing about, the Conference having under consideration obligations not to adjourn without "pitching into the Mormons." The manifesto starts out with a falsehood, and its whole substance is based upon and imbued with the spirit of that fundamental error. It declares that "Mormonism is not a religion." What is it, then? These Methodist defamers say: "It is a crime, and therefore cannot be entitled to protection and tolerance as a matter of conscience." But what is this "Mormonism" that causes so much noise and hostility in the "Christian world"? Not one of the signers of the Methodist manifesto is able to answer the question, and they make no attempt to define the system which they assail with such venom and vituperation.

"Mormonism" is a religion because it is a system of faith and practice founded upon the basis of belief in God and in His Son Jesus Christ, and the necessity of doing the will of God and keeping His commandments. It prescribes a mode for divine worship, provides for ordinances and ceremonies in the Divine service, and inculcates devotion, humility and complete obedience to the Divine will. Supposing that it is not the true religion, it is nevertheless a religion, in the same way that Methodism is a religion, while being very far from a likeness to the religion taught in the New Testament.

We suppose that the strong and un-Christian language used by the Committee is directed against that part of "Mormonism" which regulates the marriage relation. It springs from violent prejudice, not from sound judgment or true knowledge. There is nothing in "Mormonism" marriage that ministers to "the lowest depravities of human nature." On the contrary, it is more strongly opposed to indulgence in animal appetites than any other system called religion that has an existence on earth. "Promiscuous intercourse of the sexes," so unwarrantably introduced in connection with this subject by the Methodist Committee, is not proposed or sanctioned or permitted by "Mormonism," either "under the guise of marriage or in any other way. The foul minds of the men who framed the report which the Methodists adopted at Cincinnati, conceived the dirty idea, and out of the abundance of their hearts their words flowed.

But plural marriage is only one part of the system of faith and practices which constitutes the religion called "Mormonism." And those who are in the practice of that feature of the faith form but a minority of the members of the Church. How then can the whole system be denounced as a crime? Indeed, correctly speaking, how can any system be properly denounced as a "crime"? Crime consists of some act which is an infraction of law. An individual may commit crime, a system never. Belief in a system, however erroneous it may be, or may be considered, is not a crime. It is only the doing of something unlawful by an individual or individuals that can be called crime. "Mormonism" therefore is not a crime, the belief in it is not a crime and it is a religion for the reasons that we have already advanced.

We do not propose here to enter into the question of whether or not it is the true religion, or to prove that Methodism is not the true religion, taking the Bible, or common sense, or both as the standard. We maintain that "Mormonism" is a religion, and that it is as much entitled to the protection and tolerance of the professors of other religions and of the laws of the United States as any other religious system, "as a matter of conscience."

And those who, under the specious pretense that it is not a religion, endeavor to stir up the angry passions of the ignorant, to invoke the power of the civil government and to countenance "a resort to arms" in order to "exterminate from the land, root and branch," a religion which they confess their inability to overcome by argument and their own powerless creed, are enemies to Christian tolerance, foes to good order and good society and opponents of the Spirit of Him, who has given free agency to man, and to whom

alone men are accountable for their religious beliefs.

One of the indications of the lack of the Committee's knowledge of their subject is their attempt to explain the position and feeling of plural wives when crowned with the blessing of matrimony. "Mormon" ladies in that condition have no anxiety on the score of respectability for themselves or their offspring. They are thoroughly satisfied that their marital relations are divinely sanctioned and that their children are a heritage from the Lord, heirs to the blessings of the everlasting covenant and fully and completely legitimate in the sight of heaven. They do not trouble themselves about making a "plurality of wives legal" in the sense mentioned by the Methodist committee. Nothing that man or the laws of man could do would, in their view, make their marriage relations more sacred and binding, or their children more truly and eternally respectable.

The Cincinnati Methodists do not seem to be aware that the Edmunds law legitimated all the offspring of "Mormon" plural marriage up to the first day of January of the present year. But that is the fact, so there cannot be any trouble about the issue of plural marriages up to that date. And it would astonish the Methodist Committee if they could understand how little the "Mormon" mothers care about that matter; that they do not recognize the slightest difference in that respect between the children born during this year and those who came into the world in previous years. For "Mormon" plural marriage is a religious institution, entered into from religious motives, sanctioned by religious ordinances, and governed by religious covenants and regulations; and the sanction and approval and recognition of Almighty God in these matters is thought much more of by "Mormon" men and women than the opinions and prejudices and objections of men or nations.

We do not intend to take up seriatim, the blunders, vindictive paragraphs, ungrammatical sentences and silly resolutions which compose the Methodist manifesto, but suggest that in the event of the holding of similar conferences by ministers of the Methodist society, they select persons to frame resolutions on the subject of "Mormonism" who at least understand good English, and can do something better than enlarge upon two or three stereotyped phrases formulated by previous committees and having within them no element of truth, cogency or Christianity. Methodism and "Mormonism" are widely at variance on many important questions, but the former will not overcome the latter by abuse nor make anything for itself by invoking civil or military force, in a controversy that should only be conducted with the weapons of argument and scripture, and that the spirit of Him who commanded that evil should be overcome with good.

## A METHODIST MANIFESTO.

THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE ON "MORMONISM."

THE following display of ignorance and spleen was the work of a special committee at the Methodist Conference held a short time ago in Cincinnati. There was no standing committee on this question, but as an after-thought the committee whose names appear below, was ex-post-facto and their lengthy piece of bitterness, bad grammar and strong bigotry was adopted by the Conference.

"Mormonism is not a religion. It is a crime, because it is entitled to protection and tolerance under the laws and Constitution of the United States as a matter of conscience. It is not a religious superstition, but a system of masked sensuality, and hence subversive of every principle of morality, and abhorrent to every feeling of virtue. It is not even a spiritual delusion, and therefore cannot be condoned on the ground that it is a hallucination or innocent mistake in prophecy. It is a premeditated, infernal scheme, partly mercenary, partly political, and chiefly licentious. It was originated in the deepest depravity, and is fed by three motives—money, power and lust. It aims to diffuse itself by pandering to the lowest depravities of human nature. When this cannot be done directly or avowedly, it resorts to the most insidious and natural revolts of instinctive virtue to the monstrous proposition of the promiscuous intercourse of the sexes under the guise of marriage, a resort is had to deception and falsehood. They take advantage of the ignorance, poverty, degradation and fanaticism of some persons, and of the unsuspecting credulity of unwary youth. They first duped them down their victims. It is romance and heaven in representation until liberty, virtue and respectability are lost; then it is slavery and debauch.

When the so-called multitudes wives become mothers, the finest property in human nature is made the strongest support of this abominable property of maternal affection. Being themselves beguiled, degraded, and having entailed that degradation upon their offspring, they see no hope of respectability for their children but by making polygamy respectable, and that can be done by making a plurality of wives legal, and illegitimate children legitimate. As this cannot be done under the Constitution and laws of the United States, a necessity is created for independent sovereignty. This generates the spirit of rebellion and prompts Mormons to oppress their numbers and stamp the lawlessness, illegitimate birth, and by the corruption and bribery of politicians. The work of rotten increase, we are informed, is going on with alarming rapidity. The wretched plague spot is spreading into all our Territories and some of the States. By concealment and perjury they evade the laws and defeat the Commission provided for by Congress and appointed by the President, to arrest the evil. And such are the meshes, the severity, and the new affections and interests involved in the progress of the system, that few devotees from Mormonism occur, and still fewer converts to Christianity are made from their number. It is already so rooted in the soil, politics, the family life, and the religious fanaticism of that part of the country, that nothing but prompt and extreme measures can eradicate the evil. And unless the Government shall immediately take decisive steps to exterminate the abomination, it will soon acquire such dimensions and potency as to render it impossible to remove the evil by legislation or any civil measures. Indeed, it is the

belief of some well informed men now, that this dreadful ulcer can only be removed by a resort to arms. We may at least conclude that delay in the application of civil remedies will soon call into requisition the sacrifice of life and the price of blood, or we must submit to have our virgin soil permanently stained with the foulest system of corruption and depravity that ever saw the light in a civilized and Christian country. Now, with such a huge evil confronting us, what is being done to avert the nuisance? Almost nothing. Ever since the appointment of the Congressional Commission there has been a seeming full in our feelings of repugnance to the great sin, and a statement of interest in the subject; shall we not say a guilty suspension of effort for its abolition? We have gone to sleep on the brink of a volcano. We seem to have settled down and cooled ourselves to breathe in the malarial air of Mormonism for indefinite years. While Mormon agents are exploring the worst places of the Old World, and the dark places of our own land, and recruiting their deluded forces by hundreds every month, we relax energy and dim the light of truth. While Mormonism is breathing the errors of their system into the heart of society, we come to the discussion of the subject with lassitude and feeble conviction. Mormon polygamy was dropped out of the list of standing committees this year, and when a committee was appointed on an after-thought, we fear it was with no deep and stirring solicitude in relation to an evil which has been a standing menace to the purity of society for fifty years.

Unless we awake and bestir ourselves it is our conviction that the children who are now born will pay the price of our apathy with their blood and life. We know that preparations are now being made to educate Mormon children, and thus to alienate them from the dissimulations of the system. In this we rejoice. We would educate Mormons, Mohammedans and heathens, under Christian influences if we could. Now, what is the duty of the Church and State, the Christian and the citizen? It is to agitate and diffuse intelligence, to quicken the national conscience, to rouse the church to combat all civil and religious wrongs, and never relax our efforts until its extinction from the land, root and branch, shall be secured.

Coinciding with Daniel Webster in the statement, that the first step toward the removal of any evil is to expose it, we offer the following proposition for adoption:

Resolved, That Mormonism threatens the morality, peace, virtue, and integrity of the State.

Resolved, That Mormonism is violative of every instinct of virtue, and incompatible with every principle of the Christian religion.

Resolved, That a solemn and imperative obligation rests upon all churches and citizens to labor vigorously and incessantly to remove this cancer from the body politic and social.

Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed, composed of ministers and laymen, with headquarters in Cincinnati, whose duty it shall be to correspond with officers of the government and other parties to collect facts and intelligence, and disseminate the same; to draft, circulate and forward to Congress petitions against Mormon polygamy, and in favor of such measures towards its abolition as the changing exigencies of the case from time to time may require; and if expenses shall be incurred to have contributions solicited from individuals and churches to meet the same.

A. LOWMY, Sec'y and Sec'y.

S. BENNETT, R. F. DIMICK, J. H. RICE, J. F. FOXNEY, A. U. REALL, H. D. RICE, Committee.

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## LATEST BY LIGHTNING.

Military Department of the Missouri.

CHICAGO, ILL.—The following has just been from the headquarters of the Division of the Missouri, Chicago, Nov. 1.—General Order, No. 17.—I hereby relinquish command of the Division of the Missouri, in general orders, No. 1 dated Headquarters of the Army, Oct. 31, 1883. In parting with the officers and soldiers whom I have had the honor to command for the past 14 years, I desire to express my thanks for the confidence and support given me by them, and to my administration of this division. When I assumed the command of it, hostile Indians covered the country west of the Missouri River, from the boundary line of our possessions on the north, to the Concho River in Texas. But few settlements had been made, and the construction of railroads in that country had only just begun. Since then the Indians have been so far subdued, that in territory formerly occupied by these alien, cities, towns and cattle interests have grown up, and railroads have been built. In the great changes the troops of the division have been active and important agents. During these many years it has been my especial gratification that I have had a disagreement with my subordinate and that from the department commander to the private soldier, faithful service has been rendered to the government. With the assurance I shall always remember the hardships suffered, battles fought, results achieved and gallant courages who have lost their lives in the savage warfare. I regard a command that has been to me a pleasure as well as a duty.

(Signed) P. H. SHERIDAN, Lieut. General.

General Order No. 18. In compliance with general order No. 17, I hereby assume command of the Division of the Missouri, Capt. Wm. M. Wherry, Sixth Infantry, and First Lieutenant, Schoolfield, Second Cavalry are announced as aides-de-camp.

(Signed) J. M. SCHOFIELD, Major Gen'l.

Transfer of the Command of the Army.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The formal transfer of the command of the army from Gen. Sherman to Lieut. Gen. Sheridan took place at noon today at the headquarters of the army in the War Department building. Gen. Sheridan, agent of the forenoon in making himself acquainted with the business of the office. Gen. Sherman and members of his staff rendered him every assistance. Shortly before two o'clock two of the highest officers of the army called on the Secretary of War, Gen. Sherman, to take his official leave, and Gen. Sheridan to report for duty. The transfer was accomplished quickly and without any ceremony whatever beyond the least of the following general order notifying the army of the change:

Commander's Headquarters of the Army, Washington, November 1st.

General Order No. 77.

By and with the consent of the President, as contained in general order No. 71, of Oct. 18th, 1883, the undersigned relinquishes the command of the army of the United States. In this severing relations which have hitherto existed be-

tween us, he thanks all the officers and men for their fidelity to the high trust imposed upon them during his official life, and will in his retirement watch with parental solicitude their progress upward in the noble profession to which they have devoted their lives.

(Signed) W. T. SHERMAN, General.

Official: R. C. DRUM, Adjt. General.

Market Matters.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Regular wheat active strong higher 82 1/2 Nov. 81 1/2 Dec. 81; corn strong 47 1/2 Nov. 47 Dec. 46 1/2; oats steady 27 1/2 Nov. 27 Dec. 27. Year whisky lower.

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FOR

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The International Fisheries Exhibition, at London, has been one of the events of the year. A cablegram from Messrs. Karll & Cox, the United States Delegation, announces that the Fish Commission from this country received sixteen gold medals, one of which has been awarded to William Hume, the pioneer salmon canner on the Columbia River. This is the only canner receiving a medal at the Exhibition at London.

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