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THE FOLLY OF PERSECUTION.

The folly as well as wrong of trying to suppress supposed error by physical force, and to oppose innovations in religion, science or philosophy by bloodshed or any kind of personal violence, has been demonstrated in the history of the world both ancient and modern. This is fastening itself on the minds of the best thinkers of the age and should be impressed upon all rational people. There is yet, however, much of the savage in the make-up of so-called civilized individuals, and rage often takes the place of reason, and common accepted theories and practices are brought in question or disturbed by something different, whether it be apparently new or an old cult or custom revived. The outbursts thus occasioned are not only wrong per se but they usually defeat their own purpose.

We are somewhat surprised to see in the Troy Press of June 27, an editorial that conveys this lesson. That paper is such an unfair and venomous anti-"Mormon" publication that it is rather remarkable it gives place to the expressions to which we refer. We copy the entire article as follows:

"Sixty years ago today Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, and his brother Hyrum were murdered by a mob at Carthage, Ill. They were in jail, and to characterize the incident as a damnable outrage would be to keep well within the truth. Joseph was less than forty years old at the time, and in his last hours, during his ignominious incarceration, he probably little dreamed that his church would become prosperous and powerful, and give him a large measure of fame—or ill fame. More than sixteen hundred years ago Tertullian came to the same conclusion that the 'blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church,' and there has been an abundant verification of his discernment since his time, as there was before it. Those who seek to destroy any religious, political or social movement by killing its devotees are short-sighted as well as iniquitous, for nothing is surer to intensify the zeal and self-sacrifice of its surviving followers. It is as futile and foolish as the effort to prevent murders by capital punishment, ignorant of the principle that the crime never rights another. By murdering Smith, the insane enemies of Mormonism gave that immoral institution a more dangerous and devilish leader than any Smith that ever lived, and one with great executive ability—something notoriously wanting in the Smiths. No other event was equal in solidifying and strengthening the Mormons to the dastardly double murder of sixty years ago."

The lesson conveyed in the foregoing is valuable, although the language used exhibits the animus and lack of knowledge on the "Mormon" question common to that paper. If the public utterances and published predictions of the Prophet Joseph Smith were taken into account by the Press editor, he would probably have refrained from stating that the Prophet "little dreamed that his Church would become prosperous and powerful and give him a large measure of fame—or ill fame." Joseph Smith announced at the very opening of his mission, that the divine messenger who revealed the ancient record of this continent told him that "his name should be known for good or evil among all nations."

This has been a familiar saying among the Latter-day Saints for more than seventy years. The magnitude of the work accomplished by "Mormonism," its "power and prosperity" were foretold by the Prophet, and it has not yet reached anything near the acme of its influence on the world's affairs that he predicted. He prophesied of the coming of the Saints to the Rocky Mountains where they depicted become a mighty people. He depicted the growth and spread of the Church until it should gather to it people of every nation under heaven, and fulfill all that the prophets of old declared concerning the might and glory of the Latter-day Kingdom, to which the King of kings should come.

As to the great man who succeeded him, the Troy Press is equally in the dark. Brigham Young was a public benefactor, a wise leader, a spiritual and profound teacher, and a devoted follower of the Prophet whose policy and "executive" principles and example he was ever eager to carry out. The Press editor says these were "notoriously wanting in the Smiths," which shows that he either does not know what he is talking about, or is so densely prejudiced that he must say something evil, even while endeavoring to show up an important truth.

The martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith did have the effect of "solidifying and strengthening the 'Mormons,'" though the cruel and unjustifiable deed was intended to scatter and destroy them. It will be so with every scheme devised for their injury and the overthrow of that which is called "Mormonism." Its success depends upon no man. Its destruction cannot be effected by human force or human cunning. And the history of the ages will be repeated in the present century, for every outrage and injustice perpetrated against the Latter-day Saints will but accelerate the divine work in which they are engaged, and rebound in confusion and failure upon

their enemies. And the Press may take to itself the prediction, that the same results will follow the attacks made upon good men and a grand cause, from whatever source or with whatever weapons, for "Truth is mighty and it shall prevail!"

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

The falling off in church attendance is one of the troubles of the various denominations of the world. The subject is often discussed; sometimes the facts are denied and sometimes excused; but the specter will not down. It is as troublesome as the ghost in Hamlet.

In London, recently, someone investigated the church attendance in ten churches, all situated within the most valuable business portion of the city. The church property was worth, we are told, at a conservative estimate, \$2,500,000. The congregations in these ten churches amounted to 213 persons in all, though there were seats for 3,760 attendants. In one church, we are further told, in the heart of London, between Queen Victoria street and Cannon street, where there is a seating capacity of 400, the attendance at the morning service consisted of four persons—three women and one child. In another church, on Broad street, with a seating capacity of 500, there were four men and six women. At St. Helen's Bishopsgate, with a seating capacity of 600, only three men, six women and two children, attended the morning service.

The conditions are somewhat better in the churches in the outlying districts, but the general situation is indicated by the figures given. Contrast this with the rush to races, prize fights, and many low entertainments. What becomes of the boast that ours is a "Christian" civilization, and that our nations are "Christians?"

Many remedies have been tried, but the evil seems to be as incurable as cancer. One of the newest schemes has been proposed by a Provo preacher, who is said to have offered himself \$1.00 an hour for attending his services. Those who desire to take advantage of that offer must present themselves to the preacher, register and submit to an examination to prove they believe in infidel doctrine and set a time when they will be in church. The minister says the purpose of his offer is to induce infidels to study Christian teachings, but it looks more like a desperate scheme whereby to induce people to go to church. For, naturally, those who are not infidels will go just to see how many infidels were caught in the net. This plan is novel here, but it is neither new nor original. For years missionaries in pagan countries have paid people for becoming "converts." It is an old scheme, as morally ineffective as the beating of tom-toms to save the moon from the earth's shadow.

The falling off in church attendance is a chronic condition that has so far resisted all known remedies, outside the authoritative proclamation of the word of God. It should be a warning to the Latter-day Saints to beware, lest they become like the world in this regard.

THE FATAL FOURTH.

The secretary of the board of health in Philadelphia has sent a statement to every town in Pennsylvania, showing the number of casualties that occurred on the Fourth of July last year in this country, as a result of the reckless handling of toy pistols and cannon crackers. This is the table he submits, and the subject is of general interest:

Died of lockjaw, caused by injuries	405
Died of other injuries	60
Totally blinded	10
Number who lost one eye	75
Arms and legs lost	54
Number who lost fingers	174
Number injured who recovered	3,382
Total number of casualties in the United States	4,349

That is a mighty argument against the carelessness that is permitted in the handling of dangerous explosives on that day. It depends mostly on parents to see to it that their children do not play with deadly and destructive toys. They are not permitted to slash one another with razors, or experiment with dynamite sticks; why should they be given other equally dangerous toys, and be left to themselves, to return with or without injuries, as luck may determine? Fire-work is no part of our national institution; but if we must have fire, smoke, and noise, the implements should be handled by experts. Illuminations are very well, when managed by specialists and at places where no damage can result. But under other circumstances they should be prohibited.

THE WAR SITUATION.

The dispatches from the seat of war in Asia give no clear idea of what is going on there. It seems that the two armies are drawing daily nearer one another, that almost uninterrupted fighting is taking place, at one point or another, and that a decisive battle may be expected at any time. It is also evident that the entrance to Port Arthur is no longer obstructed by the ships sunk there by the Japanese; also that the Russian fleet there is considerably larger than generally supposed, after the numerous disasters that have befallen it. According to Admiral Togo's report, there must be at least four battle ships, four cruisers and fourteen torpedo destroyers ready at any time to make a dash into outside waters, and this fact may easily render more difficult the capture of the stronghold by the combined land and sea forces of the Japanese. Further, the Vladivostok squadron must be reckoned with. Should those ships appear outside Port Arthur at what may perhaps be called the "psychological moment," the Russian chances would be much more favorable than they have been supposed to be. The elimination of the Russian naval strength in Chinese waters may have been assumed too early.

SUN WORSHIP IN PARIS.

A Paris dispatch states that Parisians have returned to sun worship, and that the followers of the resurrected cult consists of the very elite of the great metropolis, and not of the ignorant classes. The story goes that the sun-worshippers gathered recently at mid-

night on the top of the Eiffel tower and held religious services. The reason for holding the sun service after midnight was that at that height there would be continual twilight till sunrise.

Scientists, artists and savants, we are told, assembled. Camille Flammarion presided and delivered a lecture on "The history of sun worship of ancient and modern times." A concert followed. Among the selections given was Wagner's "Hymn to the Stars." Mounet Sully recited Victor Hugo's "At the Window During the Night." The poem Rameau recited his own prayer to the sun. A banquet and firmament observations concluded the peculiar exercises.

Sun worship is recognized as a very ancient form of idolatry. In the earliest ages it flourished in Egypt, and the Arabians are supposed to have worshipped the heavenly luminary without the intervention of an idol. The Jews through pagan influences, became worshippers of the sun as symbolized by the cruel and grotesque Moloch cult, and the general state of the religious services can best be judged from the fact that the horses dedicated to the sun by apostate kings of Judah were kept on the very precincts of the house of the Lord. (2 Kings 23:11.)

As far as history gives evidence on the subject, the devotion to the sun indicates degeneration in religious concepts and apostasy from the Maker of the heavens and the earth and all things therein. Such a fall must necessarily be accompanied by both moral and intellectual degeneration. The sun certainly is a most beautiful object. But its brilliancy is as a shadow compared to the Eternal Source of light and power. Why should man, made in the image of the Eternal, turn from that light and worship the shadow? He cannot do so and retain his worth as man and the child of God.

"SAYINGS" OF JESUS.

Mention has been made in these columns of alleged "Sayings of Jesus," found in one of the ancient cities of Egypt, where excavations have been made. In 1897 one leaf was found, supposed to contain genuine "Sayings" of the Master. Last year other leaves were found in the same place, containing in all 42 lines, more or less complete. The whole has now been published at the Oxford university press, at the expense of the Egypt exploration fund. The introduction is as follows:

"These are the (wonderful?) words which Jesus the living (Lord) spoke to the apostles and Thomas, and he said unto (them). Every one that hears these words shall never taste of death."

The publishers have been under the necessity of suggesting missing words, and leaving blank spaces for others, where no suggestion could be made. The most important of the "Sayings" is this: "Jesus Saith (Ye ask? who are those) that draw us (to the kingdom, if) the kingdom is in heaven? . . . the fowls of the air, and all the beasts that are under the earth or upon the earth, and the fishes of the sea, (these are they which draw) you, and the kingdom of heaven is within you; and whoever shall know himself shall find it. (Strive therefore) to know yourselves, and ye shall be aware that ye are the sons of the (Almighty?) Father; (and?) ye shall know that ye are in (the city of God?), and ye are (the city?)"

We presume the theological world will now in earnest consider the question whether Logia, or "Sayings," can be considered genuine, or not. If genuine, they must be added to the collection of sacred Scriptures, and if so, the contention that the Bible is forever completed, so that nothing can be added to its volume, is seen to be false. It is an interesting question, and one of the greatest importance.

Fast day tomorrow!

The virtue of patience is concealment.

No meeting in the Tabernacle Sunday.

Floods in Dry Canyon and no water in Willow Creek.

General Miles simply dashed the cup of water from his lips.

Whether a word to the wise is sufficient depends on what word it is.

First Sunday in the month; meetings in all the wards in the city at 2 p. m.

Since he reached home Mr. Percicaris is not so wildly enthusiastic over Ralsoul.

When will politicians learn that people like a short platform as well as a short prayer?

Getting blood out of a turnip is easy compared with getting an interview out of Judge Parker.

Uncle Russell Sage doesn't know, and no one dare tell him, that this is the vacation season.

General Bell may deport Judge Steele if the latter is not more guarded in his dissenting opinions.

Kuropatkin having been unable to beat Kuroki, his army is now beating a retreat northward.

Senator Fairbanks never uses whisky for anything but medicinal purposes.

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No advance copies of nominating and seconding speeches to be delivered at St. Louis like there were at Chicago.

The Prohibitionists are not so far from being right when they declare that the saloon evil is the curse of the nation.

Summer is a good time to make it hot for those St. Louis hoodlums. And Attorney Folk proposes to take advantage of it.

The dissenting opinion of Judge Steele in the Moyer case contains ten thousand words. People dissent when asked to read so much.

The cutting of Santos-Dumont's airship and the cutting of the great bellows of the great organ in Festival Hall shows that the exposition has its Jack the Ripper.

"That Salt Lake preacher who offers a dollar an hour to infidels to sit under his preaching is in a fair way to go broke," says the St. Paul Globe. It's a Provo preacher who does that. Salt Lake preachers know better.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

The Living Church.
As we view it, the primal questions between the destructive and the conservative schools resolve themselves, in the final analysis, into very few. Some of them are these: Have we a revelation from God beyond the revelation of Himself in nature, in history, and in the conscience? Is that revelation so distinct and authoritative that the postulates, e. g., of the apostles and Nicene creeds have the certain guarantee of Almighty God? Was that revelation reposed in an organism unique upon earth, in which the living Presence of Almighty God will constitute a vivifying force to the end of time? Does the spiritual life of the individual depend for its fulfiling (as it does upon mysteries) granted to the church for its administration? Issues may, of course, easily be multiplied, but, practically, the vital issue is contained in these questions. To each of them, catholic churchmen must answer yes. The answers of the destructive school will range all the way from a modified and halting assent to some, to a categorical denial of each. The issue must be fought on these lines.

New York Christian Advocate.
There are so many positive things to demand the attention of the preacher in the pulpit, so vast a field of things known and known, helpful, practical, and fitted to the daily needs of the human soul that have been committed to his care and culture, into which the preacher may go; so inexhaustible and valuable a mine of riches in the daily experiences of men and women that he may successfully operate—that it is a thing inexcusable for him to lend his people into the realm of negations; to disintegrate the foundation of their faith with his own uncertain misgivings; to persuade them to abandon the solid rock of Christian assurance for the quagmire of dismal doubt; to take them out of the bracing sunshine of satisfying Christian life, and thrust them into the dark and dreary caves of religious despondency and disappointment. But that is what some preachers are doing; and they not only fail to appreciate the enormity of their turpitude, but they seem to glory in it.

The Standard.
During the past twenty-five years there has been an alarming decrease in the sentiment which ties a family to a specific place. This is due, in part, at least, to the multiplication of apartment houses. This class of buildings has come to stay. They are more profitable to the owners than single houses, and the tenants enjoy certain advantages which they cannot find elsewhere. But however profitable for landlords and convenient for tenants these buildings may be, they undoubtedly tend to generate the nomadic spirit, and so affect injuriously the constituency of our churches. Some families remain in the same apartments year after year; but the majority of flat dwellers seem to live with their feet glued and sandals upon their feet, ready to fly at any moment. And there are many reasons for moving. When the landlord refuses to make desired improvements, or a new apartment building with its more modern facilities makes its appeal, the temptation to change is strong, and compelling for many a family. The result is that a large proportion of the population is losing all attachment for particular localities or dwellings, and the word home has come to mean, for such, little more than a shelter to be used until something is found that suits them better.

Northwestern Christian Advocate.
Rev. T. C. Selby, whose volumes of sermons are deservedly popular, quotes in the beginning of his sermon on "The two-fold classification," from a writer in the Nineteenth Century, the following: "I can understand what is to become of the sheep and I can understand what is to become of the goats; but how are the alpacas to be dealt with?" The alpaca, as nearly everybody knows, belongs to the upper ranges of the Andes in Chile and Peru. It looks like a sheep and it seems to possess many of the characteristics of the goat. It is, however, a species of camel. The question of the Nineteenth Century writer means simply this: The sheep belong to the right hand and the goats to the left, but what is to become of those who have the characteristics of neither sheep nor goats—that is, the people who are neither good nor bad. The answer is, in brief, that there are no such people. The good are not perfect and the bad are not so bad as they might be; but everybody is either good or bad; the tendency of the life is in one direction or another. There are no alpacas among men and women.



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"Can I go with you, my pretty maid?"
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