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"THE MORMONS" BRIEFLY
REVIEWED.

Sunday Afternoon for May contains article No. 2 of "The Mormons" by Thomas L. Rogers. We made brief allusion to his first article in our issue of the 1st of April, commenting upon the egotism of the author and other travelers, who, after spending but three days in our city, imagine themselves competent to enlighten mankind in general and their acquaintances in particular, in regard to the whole "Mormon question and the best means of settling it."

In the May article we are treated to a synopsis of the "Mormon creed," which the author calls a "conglomerate affair." As he presents the description is correct. But his presentation is, in most respects, incorrect. The fundamental and cardinal points of our doctrine are omitted or glossed over, some doctrines are ascribed to us in which we do not believe at all, and those mentioned which we do accept are put forth in such a manner as to convey an incorrect idea of their meaning and connection. This proceeds either from the ignorance or mendacity of the writer. We prefer to attribute his errors to the former, as it is a falling exhibited by almost every magazine or newspaper contributor who attempts to explain or ridicule what is commonly called "Mormonism."

"The Latter-day Saints' Faith," embodying the leading principles of our creed, arranged and published by the Prophet Joseph Smith, has been printed on cards and circulated by many thousands, as well as copied repeatedly into Church works, and newspaper articles in various countries and languages. If the author of the paper in Sunday Afternoon wished to be truthful and fair, he might have availed himself of this authorized exposition of our views. But he makes no allusion to it, nor, fairly, to any of the doctrines it contains. Here are some of his mis-statements.

"The form of church government is that of the Methodist church, although the leaders were originally Congregationalists in the matter of church order, and Baptist by profession."

"New worlds are stocked with spirits unbodied. Saints of this last dispensation rule over these spirits, etc."

"It is woman's highest glory to furnish these tabernacles and her glory is in proportion to the number she furnishes. Man may preach and thus attain to the highest order of sainthood, but only the avenue is available for woman."

"They say the Holy Spirit was unknown from the last apostle in the coming of Joseph Smith."

"There are three heavens, celestial, terrestrial, and telestial, inhabited by the sun, moon and stars. The last two are for those who have neither obeyed nor disobeyed the gospel. All go to one or other of these heavens except the disobedient and apostate. What becomes of them is not revealed to mortals. They believe that there is no hell, however."

"Curiously enough polygamy is denounced in the Book of 'Mormon.'"

"The hardest job that the elders have had is to reconcile this revelation with the direct declaration of the Book of 'Mormon.'"

"Another thing which points to the extinction of polygamy at a distant day is the solemnity within the Mormon Church. Many of the faithful, so-called, deny the doctrine totally."

"After all we can be said that the great trouble with these 'Mormons' is that they are a people of haters and traitors to the United States Government. The Church is everything with them, the State nothing. The leaders are masters to be obeyed and they are avowed and declared enemies of the government. The people moreover foreigners and can never become to any great degree Americanized."

From the foregoing it will be perceived by those who know anything of our doctrines that Mr. Rogers exhibits a marked talent for misconception or misrepresentation. He speaks of these doctrines being "explained in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants," but does not favor his readers with a single quotation from that book nor any other standard work of our Church; we presume from one remark concerning the Doctrine and Covenants that all he has read of it, if any, is the title page; no wonder that he should fall into so many errors in attempting to tell what it teaches. We will briefly refer to the main items quoted above:

Any one who can see any identity or even similarity between the form of government in our Church with that of Methodism must be laboring under an optical illusion, and the information that our Church leaders were "originally Congregationalists" either in belief or manner of government, is certainly an original piece of intelligence, for they never knew of it themselves.

There is nothing in our doctrines showing that new worlds are peopled with "unbodied spirits," that the Saints "rule over them," that the highest glory of woman consists of or depends upon the number of her children, that man can attain to the highest glory through preaching or that there are less "rewards" to the "highest sainthood" for woman than for man. We believe that for the happiness and exaltation of either sex, it is necessary that both be united; that neither man nor woman alone can attain to the highest degree of glory and power in the eternal world, and therefore that marriage for eternity is as essential to the male, as the female, because "the man is not without the woman nor the woman without the man in the Lord." But though honorable and happy matrimony is the crowning glory of woman's life, and the family condition is the foundation of redeemed man's future dominion

on high, we recognize that righteousness is the great exalter, and that to reign with God and Christ in the eternal world, man and woman must become like them in their spirit, nature and actions.

We recognize the influence of the Holy Spirit upon all people in every age and in every nation, as the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world, the "inspiration of the Almighty" which "giveth understanding" to the spirit that is in man; therefore we do not say that the Holy Spirit was "unknown from the last Apostle," etc. The gift of the Holy Ghost, however, as enjoyed by the prophets and Saints of old had been withdrawn from the earth for a long time, until the restoration of the gospel and its ordinances and gifts in the present dispensation.

In regard to our belief that "there is no hell," we will give one or two quotations from the Book of Doctrine and Covenants which Mr. Rogers says "explains their doctrines."

"And behold there is a place prepared for them from the beginning, which place is hell."

"And the devil shall gather together his armies which are the hosts of hell."

"These are they who are cast down to hell and suffer the wrath of Almighty God." (Doc. and Cov. n. p. 165, 166, 167.)

By reference to these same pages it will be found that these disobedient persons, after paying the full penalty imposed by eternal justice, will be brought forth into the "eternal kingdom," which shows that Mr. Rogers does not understand what he is trying to explain to others.

Now for the "hardest job the elders have had." In the first place the Book of Mormon does not "denounce polygamy." It denounces the wicked acts of some men who practiced polygamy, for there were sinful polygamists as well as sinful monogamists in ancient days, as there are also in modern times, and it forbids the people at a certain time to marry more wives than one. But at the same time a proviso was given in view of the sanction of future plural marriages. These are the words:

"For if I will, saith the Lord, raise up seed unto me, I will command my people, otherwise they shall be barren unto these things." (B. of M. p. 118.)

Talk "hardest job" dwindle down, on examination, to no job at all, for the Book makes it as plain as day, and the commandment concerning monogamy under one set of circumstances, and that enjoining polygamy under different circumstances, are thus "reconciled" without any effort on the part of the elders."

"The schism in the Mormon Church," from which Mr. Rogers appears to draw much comfort has no existence except in his vain imagination. No one can deny the doctrine of celestial marriage totally and truly be among "the faithful." It is an integral part of our creed, and though many of the Saints from a variety of reasons are not practical pluralists, it is altogether a mistake to suppose that they deny its truth. Perhaps he alludes to the fact commonly called "separatists," but their views and doings no more constitute a schism in the "Mormon" Church, than the doctrines and practices of the Baptists make a schism in the Methodist Church. They form a separate and distinct organization, and are widely different in spirit and in principle.

We now come to the nonsense about the "Mormons" being "avowed enemies to the government," etc. Every body of intelligence who has studied the "Mormon" question knows that this is nothing but trash concocted by our enemies without reason or foundation in truth. It is contradicted by the revelations to our people, second, the events of our history and the acts of our leaders. Neither is it true that they are "Masters." The voice of the people is recognized in all our Church affairs, and it is one of its fundamental principles that "all things shall be done with common consent." The census does not bear out the statement that the majority of our people are foreigners, and those who do come from abroad are "Americanized" more rapidly than any other class that arrive upon the shores of the United States.

We have not space to further review Mr. Rogers' singular series of blunders, and only make these references to his article because it appears in a respectable and popular magazine. We confess our surprise that its editors accepted so crude a composition. We recommended that the editors of "Mormonism" before he attempts again to write about it, and to learn what it is before he presumes any more to invoke the force of the Government for the destruction of a system about which he is so profoundly ignorant. He may find out to his great cost that in calling for vengeance against the "Mormons," and ridiculing and misrepresenting "Mormonism," he is not only trying to injure an innocent people, but is actually fighting against God.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS, EXTRA SESSION.

WASHINGTON, 23.—The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was received from the House and referred to the committee on appropriations.

The House joint resolution to repeal certain clauses in the sundry civil appropriation act of March 3d, 1875, passed. It makes appropriations for the extension of military telegraph lines in Montana and Texas, and repeals the authority heretofore given the Secretary of War to lease the water power at Moline to the Moline water power company.

The bill giving seats on the floor of the Senate and House to the members of the departments was taken up and President made a speech in its advocacy.

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NEW YORK, 23.—Washington specialists are speculating concerning the President's action on the army appropriation bill seem to have settled down to the expectation that on all bills relating to the military, and there seems also to be a nearly universal impression that he will veto upon one or more of two grounds, namely, that the bill trenches upon his constitutional power to execute all existing laws by military force, if necessary, and that it constitutes a precedent for the execution of civil processes of the federal courts by their own officers in cases where the civil power might be interfered with.

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A majority of the committee favor recommending all the nominations for confirmation. The request was probably made as above stated, for the sub-committee of the judiciary, Senators Garfield, Edmunds and Carpenter, are preparing their report in connection with their report on the bill.

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CHINA AND JAPAN NEWS.

SAN FRANCISCO, 23.—Shanghai, April 2.—Kwo, late minister of the Interior, has returned home and is now in Shanghai.

A peasant rebellion, on the Island of Hainan, has been suppressed. The more formidable rising in Tonquin continues unabated.

The United States steamer Ranger sailed for Formosa, carrying mail and passengers, to investigate the alleged burning of the American merchant vessel, Forest Bull, by the Chinese, one year ago.

A commercial treaty is negotiating at Saigon, between the Spanish and French officials, for the extension of trade between Annam and Cambodia.

Yokohama, April 4.—The 100 Choo Islands, are officially proclaimed a portion of Japan, under the title of Oki Islands.

Reed, a British member of Parliament, whose exaggerated reception of the Japanese, provoked general ridicule, returns to England by this mail, via America.

In consequence of new measures of retrenchment, English employees at the naval training school and French military instructors were summarily dismissed.

The Japanese corvette Scipio has returned from a long European and Asiatic cruise.

Yoshikawa, director of the Japanese telegraphs, is appointed a delegate to the telegraphic convention at London.

Business depression continues at all foreign ports.

The young German prince is expected to arrive daily. Pleasure tours, extensive preparations, are being made for his reception.

The second general industrial exposition in Tokyo is announced for 1882.

A marine insurance corporation is to be started immediately by a body of wealthy nobles, combined with the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Company.

The latest census gives to Tokyo a population of 1,042,000.

The Emperor has appointed a mission consisting of three ex-Diamonds to receive and entertain Grant on his behalf.

In addition to this number of subordinates of this mission of states have been named as members of the commission, and a series of magnificent entertainments has been projected for the gratification of the distinguished guests.

The summer palace of the Mikado is now in readiness for the reception of the General, and most ample and munificent preparations have been complete for his entertainment there. He will receive a right royal welcome.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE BELIGERENT KHEDIVE.

LONDON, 23.—The Journal of Debates, states that France and England sent a dispatch to Constantinople to request the Sultan to offer to depose the Khedive, taking due note of the offer and asking the Sultan to allow them to reserve the acceptance.

On the other hand, the London Observer says: The British government declined the Sultan's offer.

Le Temps says: The Anglo-French note to the Khedive not bind him to dismiss the European ministers without the consent of France and England.

The Times' dispatch says: English and French agents in Egypt have been instructed to represent that their governments regard the present administration of Egypt as indispensable to their interests, and they therefore invite the Khedive to comply as promptly as possible with their demand and hand over the portfolios of finance and public works to the English and French ministers. The communication does not forbid the Khedive obtaining the administrative functions without consent of the two governments.

The Times' correspondent adds: It is thought the Khedive will yield.

THE POPE GETTING FRIGHTENED.

The Standard's Rome special says: It has been heard from the Vatican that the Pope has asked foreign governments whether he could rely on their protection in the event of an attack upon the Vatican by the republicans. Some powers have replied affirmatively.

Germany and the United States.

THE POST'S BERLIN SPECIAL SAYS:

The announcement that Germany has designated Captain Zensach, a distinguished naval officer, as Commander of the German fleet, is much commented upon. The government, without intending to annex the island, is finally resolved to prevent the Americans establishing their way there to the detriment of other nations. A dispute between Germany and the United States is not impossible.

THE ALGHAS DILEMMA.

The Times' correspondent telegraphs from Simla: "Yakob Khan is plotting against the British. The best judges here are fairly confident he will agree to receive Major Cavagnari, and that a peaceful settlement, rendering an advance on Cabul unnecessary, will be the result. The Khyber column is now believed to be capable of advancing on Cabul if necessary."

Telegrams from India speak of the complete break down of the quartermaster and commissary departments. The Khyber column, now at Jelalabad and Gandmahar, owing to a lack of transportation will, it is said, be incapacitated for offensive operations. The garrison at Jelalabad is in a very precarious position. In consequence of these failures the control of the transport has been transferred from the commissary to the commander of the column, the chief commissary merely advising and assisting. This effects a radical change in Indian military system.

A Peshawar dispatch says: Every body from the General down is tired of the war, which brings endless discomforts and no glory.

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JOHN SHOLDBRAND.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

A MEETING of the qualified voters of the Seventh School District of Salt Lake City, for the election of three School Trustees for the said district.

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