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"THE STICK OF EPHRAIM."

We have been requested to explain
why the Book of Mormon is called "The
stick of Ephraim" when Lehi, who
was at the head of the colony that came
upon this continent six hundred years
before Christ, was a descendant of Ma-
nasseh. This question arises from that
which is written in Ezekiel xxxviii, 16-
20, and also Dan. and Gen. 27, verse 5.The prophet Ezekiel, according to his
writings, was commanded of the Lord
to take a stick and write upon it "For
Judah and for the children of Israel
his companions;" and then take an-
other stick and write upon it "For
Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for
all the house of Israel his companions."
He was to join them one to another and
tell that they should become one in his
hand. When the people to whom he
was to present these sticks should ask
what was the meaning of them, he was
to say:"This saith the Lord God, Behold I
will take the stick of Joseph which is
in the hand of Ephraim and the tribes
of Israel his fellows, and will put them
with him even with the stick of Judah
and make them one stick and they
shall be one in mine hand. And the
sticks wherewith thou wast told shall be
in thine hand before their eyes."The succeeding verses in that chap-
ter show that not only were the two
sticks, or records, to be made one,
but that the seed of Judah and the
seed of Joseph, with all the other tribes
of Israel, were to be brought together
and made one nation to serve the Lord
in the latter days. It is well known
that writings were made in the time
of Ezekiel upon parchment which were
rolled upon a stick; so that the "stick
of Judah" evidently meant the record of
Judah, which is understood among the
Latter-day Saints to be the Bible, con-
taining the history and prophetic writ-
ings of the prophets of the house of
Judah. The other "stick" therefore is
understood to signify the record of the
house of Joseph, with the writings of
the prophets of that branch of the house
of Israel, spoken of in the Doctrine and
Covenants, as well as in the Book of
Ezekiel as "The stick of Ephraim."But supposing that this view of the
subject is correct, that the Bible is the
"stick of Judah" and the Book of Mor-
mon is "the stick of Joseph in the hand
of Ephraim," why is it thus designated
and called particularly "the stick of
Ephraim," when it is clear from the
Book of Mormon that Lehi was a de-
scendant of Manasseh and that conse-
quently Nephi and other writers who
were descendants of Lehi were of course
also of the house of Manasseh? (Alma
10: 3).The explanation of this will be found
in the prophecy of Jacob, the father
of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, in
bestowing a patriarchal blessing upon
Joseph's sons, as recorded in Genesis
xviii, wherein Ephraim, the younger
son, was set before Manasseh, the elder,
and placed at the head of the house of
Joseph. To fully understand this mat-
ter it is necessary to read carefully
the blessing upon Joseph in Genesis
xviii, and also the special blessings upon
his two sons in Genesis xlviii.The occupancy by the seed of Joseph
of a land greater in extent and value
than the land of Palestine "unto the
utmost bounds of the everlasting hills,"
is clearly portrayed and the future of
the two half tribes of the house of
Joseph is also vividly set forth by
Jacob, with the result that "he set
Ephraim before Manasseh." It will
be found in the writings of the He-
brew prophets concerning the tribe of
Joseph that Ephraim is always men-
tioned as the head of the house. For
example, read the book of Jeremiah
and the book of Hosea. Manasseh is
rarely mentioned in any prophetic
reference to the house of Joseph. It is
Ephraim about whom the Lord says
"I have written to him the great things
of my law, but they were counted as a
strange thing." Hos. viii 12.In a similar way Judah is invariably
spoken of in the Bible to the ignoring
of Benjamin, although the two were
separate tribes. But they were blend-
ed almost as one and "the scepter" was
with Judah. So the record of those
parts of the house of Israel that were
with Judah was called "the stick of
Judah," and that of those that were
with Joseph was called "the stick of
Ephraim," or "the stick of Joseph in
the hand of Ephraim."It was stated by the Prophet Joseph
Smith that Lehi and his family
who accompanied Lehi and his family
in coming to this continent and help-
ing to people this land, was a pure
Ephraimite, and the account of his gene-
alogy was contained on those larger
plates of Nephii, 116 pages of the trans-
lation of which were entrusted to Mar-
tin Harris. Mention of their loss can
be found in Doctrine and Covenants,
section 3 and section 13. It is also
understood that Zoram, the servant ofLaban, was also of the house of Eph-
raim. When the colony that came
over with Mulek, who was a Jew, was
added to the population, there were per-
sons of other tribes with him, and
therefore the saying of Ezekiel con-
cerning Ephraim and "the tribes of Is-
rael his fellows," is made clear.There is another thing to be con-
sidered in connection with this sub-
ject. The people into whose hands
the "stick of Joseph" is committed in
the latter days are chiefly of the house
of Ephraim, as is revealed in their
Patriarchal blessings. They are "the
first-born of the Lord" in his marvelous
work, as declared in Jeremiah xxxii, 9.
They are to carry it forth to every na-
tion and tribe and tongue, and to
"push the people together from the
ends of the earth." Ephraim stands
at the head of the house of Joseph,
as predicted by Jacob and also by Mo-
ses. (Deut. xxxiii, 13-17.) It is to
Ephraim that the God of Israel has
committed the keys of the last dis-
pensation, in which all things in Him
are to be gathered in one.We need not pursue this subject fur-
ther. It is for the benefit of the stud-
ious among the Latter-day Saints that
we touch upon it. Other people may
take no interest in it, but the coming
forth of the stick of Joseph, that is,
the Book of Mormon, and its perfect
agreement and harmony with the stick
of Judah, that is, the Bible, and their
blending together to establish the truth
of each other, and to proclaim to all
nations that Jesus of Nazareth is in-
deed the Christ, the Son of the Eternal
God, who was with the Father in the
beginning as the Maker of heaven
and earth, form a part of the great
latter-day work, and are among the
signs of the times heralding the ap-
proach of the coming and kingdom of
the Redeemer, who shall gather all
tribes and nations and make them one
people with God for their everlasting
King.

IN NEW ZEALAND.

John Graham Brooks recently ad-
dressed a large audience in New York
on conditions in New Zealand. He was
very enthusiastic in his praise of those
conditions. He said there were no
sweatshops in that country, and no
more strikes. Instead of these evils of
civilization, they had state ownership
of railroads, telephones and express
companies; state banks; a state life
insurance company; compulsory arbi-
tration, old-age pensions, and indus-
trial co-operation.The "servant-girl problem," too,
which is supposed to cause so much
annoyance in this country, seems to be
solved in New Zealand. The speaker
read a letter from a friend, in which
the following lines occurred:"As I write, the fan and the gloves
of our servant girl on the dresser. She
is in full dress. She is going on the
invitation of a young barrister to a
ball given by the Boating club. She
will dance in the same set with the
daughters of the prime minister."And as an audible smile went around,
the speaker remarked: "The fops of
the eighteenth century would have ridi-
culed any one who invited a banker or
a lawyer to dine in society."Mr. Brooks paid special attention to
the woman suffrage question. He ad-
mitted that the addition of the votes
of the women had not produced any
startling changes in the political or
social life of the country. It has not,
for instance, wiped out the rum traffic,
as it was hoped it would do. But he
maintained that it, nevertheless, had
had its influence for good. No man, he
said, is now put up for office without
taking into consideration his general
character. The women voters are more
particular about this than the men,
and by being so they have raised the
standard of morality in public officials.This can readily be believed, not-
withstanding the fact that, in this
country, some prominent women have
actually suffered themselves to be-
come "unequally yoked" with seducers
of women, in their work against men
who would give their lives in the de-
fense of the honor of woman and the
purity of the home. But this is an
anomalous condition, due to the decep-
tion of the vile individuals in whom
they have misplaced their confidence.
It may be due to "hypnotism," or even
to domineering influence. On it may
be a "spell" such as a little bird is
said to yield to under the fascinating
eyes of a serpent. At all events, it is
abnormal. When they awake from the
trance, they will hardly believe that
they have been induced to do that
which they have done. For, normally,
women are for good morals, without
which good government is impossible.
And this is, undoubtedly, noticed in
the management of the affairs of New
Zealand, as claimed by the speaker.

ALLEGED SMOKE CONSUMER

A Japanese, who is the owner of a
sugar refinery in Tokyo, is said to have
invented, and patented, a "perfect
consumable furnace." It is claimed for
this invention, that it saves about half
the amount of fuel generally con-
sumed for the development of any
given degree of heat. But this is not
the only excellence of the furnace. It
is said that the smoke is entirely con-
sumed, by perfect combustion, and la-
bor is saved, because the furnace feeds
itself automatically.From the description, it is cor-
rectly inferred, one must infer that
the new invention fills a long-felt want.
A perfect smoke consumer is one of
the contrivances our advanced civiliza-
tion has not yet been blessed with. Are
we to have one from Japan? And one
that saves both coal and labor? Many
will be glad to hear more of the alleged
invention.

DANGEROUS FOOD.

A warning comes from London against
eating diseased poultry, and it is ac-
companied by the uncomfortable asser-
tion that 30 per cent of the poultry
reared in England and subsequently
served upon the table, has suffered
from some form of tuberculosis. If that
is true of the fowls of that country, to
what extent is it true of the American
poultry?The question has been brought up by
the fact that a royal commission is now
studying tuberculosis, and is about toconsider the subject in connection with
poultry used for food. This has called
public attention to the matter, and an
expert makes the statement that such
diseases as roup, wat roup, swollen head,
dyspnea of the maw, gapes, liver dis-
ease and pip, all of which are the bane
of the poultry farmer, are merely dif-
ferent forms of tuberculosis.An official of the Poultry association is
of the opinion that "there are dis-
tricts in England where it is impos-
sible to carry on poultry farming, owing
to the presence of the germs of tuber-
culosis in the very soil. He says he has
frequently seen in the best poultry
stores and in restaurant windows skil-
lards which to the expert eye obvi-
ously have had tuberculosis. He thinks
there is great danger to the public
health in thousands of yards where
poultry is reared under filthy condi-
tions."This, probably, is the key to the situa-
tion. Animals intended for food, are
forced to live under conditions unnat-
ural to them. Both in the matter of food,
exercise, and cleanliness they are de-
prived of natural conditions. The con-
sequence is diseases of various kinds.
Greed and dishonesty do this, when
diseased germs are, by unscrupulous
persons, sold with the carcasses intended
for food. Severe punishment should
be meted out to the individuals who
deal in diseased food. They are en-
gaged in "race suicide" in their way.
Highway robbery is respectable com-
pared to that kind of crime.

NO REASON FOR ALARM.

The Boston Globe, noting the inten-
tion of the Church to raise a monu-
ment on the farm where the Prophet
Joseph was born, makes these sensible
remarks:"It is a striking commentary on the
spirit of enterprise that has character-
ized the Mormon church that all prepa-
rations should have been completed
for the erection of a monument to
commemorate the 100th anniversary of
the birth of the 'Prophet,' Joseph
Smith, on the place where he was born
in Vermont."The land has been purchased at
Sharon, Windsor county, Vt., and be-
fore the end of the year will be marked
by an imposing and enduring monu-
ment. The property which the Mor-
mon Church of Utah has bought con-
tains 18 acres. The plan is to clear out
the dead timber, make a roadway and
some paths, and convert the whole into
a beautiful summer resort.Sharon village is on the banks of the
White river, in the region of the
maple sugar industry, and the vicinity
is frequented by the native Vermont
deer. The ancient farm, which is now
the property of the church, is a nat-
ural park, and the intention is to make
the site and its surroundings an es-
pecially attractive beauty spot.Vermont was the birthplace not
only of Joseph Smith, but also of
Brigham Young, both of whom, how-
ever, moved at an early age to New
York, where they took up the doctrine
of Mormonism. Aside from their pec-
uliar views, both were strong charac-
ters and natural leaders of men, and
in this aspect of their lives at least
Vermont has no reason to feel
ashamed of them."As yet no leak has been discovered
in the Panama canal.It isn't so important to stop a leak
as to find out who starts it.Peace hath her plenipotentiaries no
less renowned than warriors.The automobile has not come to stay
when it runs over a pedestrian.Don't confound the Wizard of the
North into the Wizard of Death Val-
ley.At the school of experience the in-
mates of the State prison are learning
that it pays to behave.Russia's chief peace plenipotentiary
should be an ideal man for the place,
having both Witte and learning.The art of telling fish stories is
not in telling the biggest one, but in
making people believe it.Russia does not propose to make
peace at any price. Most assuredly
not; only at Japan's price.When the peace plenipotentiaries ar-
rive, New Hampshire will be more
perturbed than she was by the earthquake
shock.Once again the Five Civilized Tribes
are talking of moving to Mexico. They
stand on the order of going but do
not go.Ex-Chief Engineer Wallace is receiv-
ing so many raps for resigning that he
will now have to tell it all—if there
really is anything to tell.The summer girl continues to make
ice cream investigations on her own be-
half, paying no attention whatever to
the city chemist's report.A Berlin scientist claims to have
found a cure for red nose. The old
recipe in Proverbs is about as good
a cure as any: "Look not upon the
wine when it is red."Some one has been trying to black-
mail prominent members of New York
society and the attempt to indignantly
rescued. Society should be grate-
ful for it is given a diversionment
choke full of new sensations.County expenditures for the first six
months of the fiscal year exceed the
revenues by many thousands, with the
prospect of an enlarged expenditure,
with no revenue to meet it. This is a
form of expansion which all good citi-
zens, irrespective of party, will con-
demn. Cut down expenditures.Prof. Clinton F. Hodge, biologist at
Clark university, urges the extermina-
tion of all cats by municipalities, de-
claring they are the worst existing en-
emies of bird life. He says it has be-
come a matter of national consequence,
and adds: "We need the German meth-
od of rat traps, like those that in one
year killed 30,000 cats in Ham-
burg." That year Hamburg steak was
unusually cheap.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

A volume containing the official pro-
ceedings of the twelfth National Irriga-
tion Congress, held at El Paso last
November, is now being distributed.The book contains no less than 442 pa-
ges and is a little encyclopedia on irri-
gation. It opens with a stenographic
report of the proceedings of the con-
gress. The addresses are classed un-
der the following headings: General
Addresses; Engineering and Mechan-
ics; Forestry; Production by Irriga-
tion; Irrigation in the Humid Region;
Rural Settlement; and Climatology. The
book, with souvenir badge of the
Twelfth National Congress, if
desired, mailed to any address
by enclosing \$1.00 to cover cost and
postage, to A. W. Gifford, Secretary
Twelfth National Irrigation Congress,
El Paso, Texas.

The Churchman.

There must be as much of poetry as
of arithmetic in an expression of re-
ligious faith. In fact, extreme literar-
iness, with the consequent emphasis on
externals, has been prolific of heavy-
ness. The desire to emphasize the divi-
nity of Jesus has led at more than one
period to the ignoring of His humanity,
and a narrow literalness in the very
conception of His nature. The doctrine
of the Immaculate Conception of the
Virgin has become a supposed corollary
of the Virgin birth of Christ Himself.
The Virgin and saints take the place
of Christ in meditation. In the effort
to express and emphasize the divinity
of Jesus, the humanity has been lost
sight of. The necessary result is a re-
action, and an emphasis on the hu-
manity which forgets the divinity. But
if the one is heresy, the other is false
doctrine.The following is the contents of Lee's
Magazine for July: "One Afternoon,"
poem, W. L. Scott; "Some of the Re-
sults that Will Come When the Trin-
ity River is Improved," Duncan; "An
Unexpected Result," G. Atkins; "Good
Night," Ida Gregory; "Department of
Literature," E. H. Watson; "Echoes
From the Stage," Helen Avery Hardy;
"Book Reviews," and "Miscellaneous,"
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