

over that it signifies skunk. Whatever may be the real origin of the word, there is not the least doubt but that some of the Chicago divines present a compound of demeriac wrath and animal ferocity. The name of this singular production of "Christian" civilization is F. A. Noble. He uses the prefix Rev. to his name. Last Sunday he preached what is, by courtesy, called

A SERMON ON "MORMONISM." He based his discourse on the text: "Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in." The discourse had about as much relation to the text as one of the chapters in Mark Twain's "Gilded Age" has to the bit of Choctaw or Chinese at the top. In fact, it was as a burlesque on such ranters as this man Noble that Mark conceived the idea of heading his chapters with extracts from the most incomprehensible tongues.

Mr. Noble says of the Mormons: "They despised the flag of the country in which they lived. They had no respect for the majesty of law; no regard for the representatives of the government." Mr. Stubbins of Ohio is foolish enough, but Mr. Noble, of Chicago, is a complete fool. In the course of his rambling, incoherent monologue, he states that an exodus to Mexico is contemplated; that strenuous efforts would be made to displace the brave officials of Utah; that the objective point was to have Utah admitted as a State; that the Mormons were drawn from the various nations of the earth and were an unscrupulous, vile people; that to reform Utah many prayers and a "great deal of money" would be required. But what is most amusing about his utterances is his estimate of the men who pleaded guilty in the courts of Utah to polygamy in the common acceptance of the word. These persons he denominated craven creatures, chicken-hearted but featherless bipeds whose whole lives were living lies and whose posterity ought to be execrated as the foul exhalations of some pestilence-spreading monsters. Men he said whose honesty and sincerity could not stand a test of a few weeks in prison were not the material to make martyrs. This shows how much Mr. Noble knows of Utah, and it shows what a logical mind he has. There was never a movement that a few poltroons could not be found in it, and even among the twelve chosen by Christ himself was a Judas, but nobody ever thinks of denouncing Christianity because there existed among its professors a Judas Iscariot.

It also shows those RECREANT WRETCHES who bow to the bigoted persecution what an estimate the orthodox "moral" Christian preacher entertains of them. A man may make a little worldly ease and profit by perjury, but his memory is execrated, his presence contemptible, and his children and friends feel that a mark of shame is on them. The brightest spot in Roman history is that where a judge condemns his own son for iniquity and transgression. And if these truckless in Utah who justly excite the loathing of Mr. Noble, have any brothers or sons these relatives should forever disown them.

Mr. Noble speaks of NEW REVELATION as if "Mormonism" were a kind of ex-crescent Christianity like his own sect subject to revision of creed and change of doctrine at the hands of every jack-asses who pleases to prefix the word Rev. to his name. He talks of an exodus to Mexico, as if "Mormons" had done something to forfeit the right to live on their native soil. The worst that can be said about them is that "cohabitation in the marriage relation" prevails among them. Well, if righteousness exists anywhere it is where cohabitation in the marriage relation must prevail. It is cohabitation outside the marriage relation that is playing havoc with the American Republic. The wording of this law alone is sufficient to cover the American judiciary with eternal infamy.

The great Daniel O'Connell once annihilated a precocious prosecuting attorney for using the phrase, "false facts." "Whoever heard of facts being false?" asked the astute Dan. Whoever heard of cohabitation in the marriage relation being declared criminal except in our time, at the close of the nineteenth century. Even in the days of Saxon Friga or of the Cyprian Venus the marriage relation was respected. Latter-day Saints may feel aggrieved at this wording of law, but it is just what establishes their religion as the coming national one; for the marriage relation will ultimately prevail over the prostitutional and free-love relations. A short time ago, in open court in the city of Chicago, in broad noonday, a "lady" acknowledged to having committed adultery for the sake of obtaining a divorce. She had her paramour in court, and got her divorce, when if we had law or religion in our land, she ought to be put in the stocks. In the next generation if matters go on thus, we will be in the condition of ancient Athens before Cecrops, when the word father was unknown among them. The children were all said to be "diphues" or one-parented. One advantage the marriage relation has, everybody, under it happens to know who his father is.

Mr. Noble talks of education among women in Utah. Did he read about Miss Flora Emily Downes, the authoress, journalist and lecturer, who broke a window in a St. Louis jewel-

ry house one night last week in order to be taken up by the police so as to get food and shelter. This lady was educated, and what is her fate? Another "educated lady," a few weeks ago, went into a house of ill-fame sooner than work as a domestic servant. These are only solitary instances of thousands of such cases occurring weekly all over the country. The time is come for the people of Utah to pull together.

APOSTATE MORMONS may be used nicely for awhile until they are made to serve a purpose, but like the villain in the drama, when their work is done they will be consigned to everlasting obloquy. Let the people of Utah consider seriously their position. Let them understand that in the eyes of the average preacher the apostate Mormon is a kind of commercial product, while in the eyes of men he is a poltroon, a coward and a hypocrite. Let them remember this and the day will come when they will remember JUNIUS.

ENCOURAGING REPORT FROM THE SOUTH.

GREEN HILL, Lauderdale Co., Ala., June 2, 1885.

Editor Deseret News: The Elders of the Southwest Pennsylvania Conference, and Saints of the Wolf Creek Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ had

A DAY OF REJOICING last Sunday, May 31st, occasioned by a visit from the President of the Southern States Mission. We held three meetings during the day and night, and we enjoyed a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit.

The meetings were well attended by the Saints and friends, and were presided over by Elder G. J. Woodbury, President of the Conference.

The President addressed each meeting, and the Elders added their testimonies to the divinity of the work in which they were engaged.

Sumptuous repasts were provided by the Saints, and the necessary steps were taken to promote the comfort and happiness of all. The weather, too, added materially to our enjoyment.

Prior to our meeting day we had been furnished with manuscript copies of a law recently passed by the Tennessee legislature, and during the President's visit with us he counseled us to adhere, strictly, to its unjust provisions; also gave us instruction in regard to our labors. Since last November only five Elders have labored in this conference (and that principally in new fields,) but on the 22nd of April Elder Andrew Peterson, and on the 13th of May Elder W. D. C. Markham arrived here from Utah. During the President's visit a general distribution of the Elders was made. Elder T. H. Robins was taken from here and transferred to Georgia.

The Elders are all young, ambitious and full of the spirit of their mission. Their health is good and they are anxious to do all the good they can while it is yet day.

During the winter season the spirit of persecution has lain comparatively dormant; but now spring has fully come, and the people begin to eat "poke salad," as the weather grows hotter, so a religious fervor begins to fire up the souls of men, and, instead of charity, a

SPIRIT OF PERSECUTION, constantly fanned by the incendiary speeches of their religious leaders, is beginning to manifest itself in the form of threats.

Quite recently a ripple of excitement passed over our Conference, growing out of the recent enactment of the Tennessee Legislature, which will require caution and wisdom to cope with.

It appears that "special legislation" against the "Mormons" is becoming a mania, and, surely, will not our Utah regenerators, our promoters (?) of purity, loyalty, etc., feel that our enlightened "Fifty Million" are backing them up in their herculean task?

A CONGRATULATORY LETTER from our Utah Executors to His Hon. Governor Bate, of Tennessee, will next be in order.

But, will this kind of proceedings retard the work of the Lord? Verily no. It will only accelerate it. Are not our enemies instruments in the hands of God? Are they not promoting the principles of eternal truth? Are they not "holding out" to an enlightened world the honesty, integrity, virtue and loyalty to all constitutional measures, of the "Mormons"? Are they not "holding out" the greatest inducements for honorable men and women to investigate our doctrines? Let those who fight against Zion study the revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith, recorded in Section 103 of the Doctrine and Covenants, and see if they cannot there find out the reason why all their attempts to destroy "Mormonism" are futile.

Let the "holding out" process be entered into with more zeal. Let it be perpetuated. Let Saint and sinner take it up and "hold out" the glorious and marvelous works of God to a sin-stained world, so that all the world may be filled with a knowledge of Him and His works.

Let the work of purification go on, and let those who would be Saints indeed, fear not what men can do. Let the hypocrites come to the surface and be worked off with the dross.

That the God of heaven may bless and sustain all who are striving to uphold those principles of eternal truth that He has revealed to us, is the earnest desire of your humble Brother in the Church of Christ.

A. J. MCCUISTION.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROSELYTING IN ENGLAND.

Riotous Disturbance at Meetings—Baptisms.

LEICESTER, May 14th, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

Knowing the interest you and many of the readers of the DESERET NEWS have respecting the progress of the Latter-day Gospel in Old England, I here report the proceedings of

A DISTRICT MEETING

held in the Temperance Hall, Leicester (the same place where Elder Geo. Goddard was lecturing last November, when the Jarman committee interrupted and tried very hard to break up the meeting.)

The town of Leicester was well placarded, announcing that three services would be held in the above-mentioned hall, and that President D. H. Wells and other Utah Elders would deliver addresses on the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in this our day.

At 10.30 a.m., after the usual opening exercises, Elder Walsh was the first speaker. He was disturbed several times by one of the anti-"Mormon" leaders. Elder Wright was the next speaker; when he got through, one of

THE JARMAN COMMITTEE

got up and commenced his abuse. He was told by President M. L. Pratt, who presided, that if he did not take his seat or leave the hall, he would be taken out. Others of his stripe then commenced shouting, and it was apparent that they had come bent on breaking up the meeting. At this point the chief of the committee was ordered to be put out, and it was accordingly done. His aides came to his rescue, but both Saints and strangers of respectability met them, and ordered them to keep quiet, with the assurance that if they failed to do so, they would be taken out also. Order was again established, and our meeting went on.

At 2.30 quite a large congregation had convened, and Jarman's force had increased in number by all appearance. Elder Osmond, of the Liverpool office, was the first speaker, and was followed by others. The heathen "Christians" then commenced their delirious whooping, like fiends from the lower region, evidently determined to break up the meeting.

The speaker told them, as an Englishman, he would have his rights, and unless they stopped their diabolical noises they would be handed over to the officers of the law. While giving them a severe rebuking, two men came in, wearing blue coats and shining buttons, after which the rebels became quieted, and

SATAN WAS BOUND

during the rest of the meeting.

At 6.30 the hall was well filled. Outside the entrance the anti-"Mormons" were handing bills to those who came into the meeting, setting forth the most abominable lies respecting President Wells and the Utah Elders. President D. H. Wells and others addressed the assembly with much freedom and power, setting forth the doctrines we preach and practice, and proving the same from the Bible. The very best of order prevailed during this meeting, and at its close another meeting was announced for the next evening, after which two very intelligent gentlemen came forward and demanded baptism. Their request was complied with and the next evening another baptism took place. Others have also handed in their names, so you see that persecution only helps to roll and propel the work along.

On April 19th, 1885

A CONFERENCE

was held at Nottingham, at which Prest. D. H. Wells and nine others of the Utah Elders were present; we had a splendid time. Both local and traveling Elders reported the work progressing, and that many of the Saints were preparing to emigrate. After the evening meeting one gentleman came to the stand and said he had been a Bible reader for over thirty years, and had never understood the scriptures until this evening; and declared, "as for me and my house we will join the true religion." He and his family, eight in all, and two others, were afterwards baptized by Prest. M. L. Pratt. Thirteen Saints start to-morrow for Utah, from Leicester branch. I remain your fellow laborer in the gospel, LANGLEY.

THE SITUATION AS VIEWED FROM MISSOURI.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., June 7th, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

Summer has burst upon us in all its splendor, and prosperity seems to crown the efforts of all in the various pursuits of life.

Independence, Kansas City, and the surrounding settlements are enjoying a great boon at the present time; immigration and wealth are continually pouring in. Vast improvements are

spreading on every hand. Large real estate transfers are of daily occurrence, and the prospects are that in the near future Independence and Kansas City will meet each other in the forming of

A GREAT METROPOLIS.

Crops are in a flourishing condition generally; wheat, though not as plentiful as last year, is all in head and looking fine. The hay crop is splendid, and cutting has commenced. Corn, garden and vegetables are in good condition, and the prospects are exceedingly flattering for a season of prosperity such as this part of the country never knew.

The weather is unusually fine, and although this is the month of cyclones as well as roses, ye have as yet had no serious storms. But how long this condition of affairs, this prosperity and these flattering prospects, will continue is impossible for me to say. The tables may turn, and in a short time unexpected changes may reverse the situation. Such is the world in its course, which Utah and her people are very familiar with from their earliest history.

Everything in the political world seems to be

UNUSUALLY QUIET

just now. The nations seem to have arrived at peace again, and everything seems calm and serene, although great dark clouds are visible in various directions. The secret societies and the organizations of the laboring classes are among the most conspicuous of the many formidable clouds on the political horizon at the present time. How soon the storm will burst upon this as well as other nations and the extent of the damage it will cause are matters of conjecture. But as a calm precedes a storm so are we realizing a lull in the threatening elements that sooner or later will overwhelm and destroy. To me it seems so, though your readers may think otherwise, on account of the persecutions inflicted upon them under the name of law and the sanction of public opinion and popular clamor.

I have been watching with deep interest the proceedings of the

CRUEL WARFARE

waged against the people of Utah and the surrounding Territories—against the religion of a people who are as sincere as any people on the earth, and also as firm in defending those principles they believe to be divine. Nothing but the great power of God can ever convince them that their religion is wrong. Men cannot do it with all their legislation, all their persecutions and imprisonments; this has been tried time and again and always failed. They may destroy life, but religious convictions will still live and flourish.

To me there appears a heavy, dark cloud overshadowing Utah and the "Mormons." Should it burst over the mountains and hills and down the beautiful valleys of that lovely Territory, it is hard to tell the result, the extent of the disaster or the consequences thereof, and while Utah is threatened with a great storm, greater and darker are the clouds that hang over this vast Republic. The distant thunders are already sounding the alarm; the consequences are not apparent, but may be imagined. Who will be prepared to escape? Where will be a place of refuge? Echo answers "where."

The immorality and lack of intelligence (that is so far as the knowledge of salvation is concerned) of the whole world is truly lamentable. As it was in the days of Noah so it is now. The people do not want to know how to be saved; they do not want to hear those principles of life that come in opposition to their natures, which Gospel was manifested in the nature and life of the Son of God. They will not submit to anything for any consideration, however great, if it is not pleasing to the carnal mind, and while they preach virtue they indulge in the greatest immorality. How long this condition of society will be permitted to go unpunished I can't tell. The people in the days of Noah certainly were no worse.

The spirit of sectarianism is becoming more conspicuous in

THE JOSEPHITE CHURCH.

They love the adorning of the churches more than they love the poor and needy. Among them pride and riches and the popularity of the world are their ambition. Fine clothes, the fashions and foolishness of the world constitute their platform. Faith is the principle upon which they expect salvation, works being unnecessary: in fact, every principle, every act, and every sermon are in strict conformity with the other sectarian churches; but to me they manifest a greater degree of hypocrisy. They profess to believe in the inspired translation of the Bible, but nearly always use the old translation, and call it the sacred record; that is, if there are any non-members there. I view them as the beast spoken of by John the Revelator, in the 11th chapter, which arose out of the earth, having seven heads and ten horns.

ITS ORIGIN.

The Josephite Church was first organized about 1852, agreeably with a revelation claimed to have been received by H. H. Deam, which commanded him to appoint seven men to be apostles (instead of twelve,) and, after the seven men were appointed, to be the head of the Church. A revelation was also given, saying, to the seven apostles, "I give unto you the

care of my flock; take the oversight of them," etc.

I think the time has almost come when the revelations of John shall be unfolded to all the people.

Well, I must close for the present, by saying, I hope that the persecutions and afflictions through which the Latter-day Saints are passing with turn to their good, and be overruled for their benefit both spiritually and temporally; and I also hope there will be but few if any who will unite with the beast having seven heads and ten horns whose leader and his co-workers are to invade Utah this summer.

I am yours respectfully,

E. PETERSON.

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