

THE MORMONS.

UNDER the above heading the Nottingham (England) *Journal* of September 1st, has the following well written and fair account of a lecture delivered by Elder C. W. Stayner, of this city, in Nottingham, August 29th. It is very unusual that a non-"Mormon" reporter gives so accurate and honest a summary of a "Mormon" discourse:

"An intelligent and highly appreciative audience filled the Temperance Hall, St. Ann's Street, Nottingham, last Sunday evening, to hear Mr. Stayner's lecture on 'The Religion of the Latter-day Saints,' the question 'Is it Scriptural?' being the principal theme of the lecturer. Mr. Stayner said the religion of the Latter-day Saints does not shrink from the eye of investigation, but, like scientific truth, is generally misunderstood and unappreciated by the great masses of mankind. The smallness of the attendance at the meetings of Saints in these lands, except on very special occasions, which seemed strange to those who had not visited them in their mountain home, showed that the religious world avoided the rays of light shed by a religion founded on revelation from God in our day. The peculiar and singular nature of the religion of the Latter-day Saints did not consist in their doctrines being different from those taught by the ancient Saints, but in the fact that the religionists from whom they differed, had themselves departed from the primitive faith laid down by the Apostles and recorded in the Scriptures. It was human nature for people to float with the tide of public opinion, and the great mass of mankind rushed heedlessly with the flood, down through the deep cut channels of time into the vast ocean of eternity. But along on the banks of this thoughtless stream were found the thinkers, the observers, the workers, the reformers of the world. These were not willing to leap into the torrent and rush on to an uncertain future, but had said to themselves: 'While this rushing flood passes unthinkingly by, be it our lot to explore the great mountains of religious knowledge, cultivate the rich fields of wisdom, and partake of and enjoy the fruits of industry and learning.' Among this class are the Latter-day Saints. Their faith proves they are thinkers, and their happy homes in the fastnesses of the mountains prove they are workers in society. In speaking of the universal degeneration from the primitive faith of the Christian Church, the speaker said that from the time the 'Christians' became popular they had departed from the faith. Their popularity was a proof of their apostasy, for Christ had declared that it was false prophets who were admired, while the true prophets were persecuted, hated and slain; that since the death of the ancient saints the religious world had, in fulfillment of prophecy, transgressed the laws of the gospel laid down by the Savior, changed the ordinances established in the primitive church, and broken the everlasting covenants made through Christ; that various constructions had been from time to time placed upon the simplest passages of Scripture; instead of taking the whole Bible, creeds had been formed on a few isolated passages, and on the principle that 'too many cooks spoil the broth,' each would be 'reformer,' with the best of motives, but not being in communion with God like the ancient saints, had dabbled with his own little spoon in the saucepan of Secularism, and flavored and tainted its contents with opinions of his own seasoning, 'until now in the 19th century we have a pot pourri, or as the Americans would say, 'a mixed up mess,' a soup kitchen preparation whose uncertain ingredients are dealt out to a multitude hungry for the substantial things of God's kingdom and of God's truth." In the midst of all this confusion in 1820, a young boy, just turned fourteen years of age, feeling desirous of knowing what religion was right in the sight of God, sought this knowledge in prayer to God, and received revelation from the heavens informing him that the sects of the day were teaching the precepts of men, instead of the doctrines of God. The speaker described the vision in which this young man claimed to be shown these things. This boy was Joseph Smith, afterwards the prophet and founder of the religion of the Latter-day Saints. Mr. Stayner then handled the doctrines of faith, repentance, baptism and the laying on of

hands, proving them by liberal quotations from Scripture, to the apparent satisfaction of his audience. His remarks were Scripturally sound, his argument logical and the whole address was delivered in an earnest and interesting manner that held his audience in wrapt attention to the close. The lecture lasted about one hour, and others are to follow, involving other points, of which the public will be duly notified through the press."

Correspondence.

ELYRIA, Lorain Co., Ohio,
Sept. 11, 1880.

Editor Deseret News:

After writing you under date of July 27, I, in company with Elder Jackson, held two more meetings in Sylvester, Mecosta Co., Michigan, where several are deeply interested. By invitation, we then went to Sherman, Isabella County. Had a hard and footsore tramp of 25 miles, through the broiling sun, to be disappointed. The trustees would not open the house so I spoke to the people in the street. Then with valises on our backs we bent our weary steps to Westville, Montcalm Co., where the Saints welcomed us. Held one meeting. Here I received money from Saints in Elyria, O., to pay my fare to that place.

Left Elder Jackson to labor in that part, I proceeded to Ottawa Co., where Elders Spilsbury and Butler were laboring. Held three meetings, after which several told me they believed our testimony, still they have not the courage to obey.

Sent Elder Butler to labor with Elder Jackson, and on the following morning, Aug. 20th, we started for Ohio, arriving at this city at 9.45 p. m., a distance of 310 miles from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Since our arrival we have baptized two persons and held eight meetings, most of which have been pretty well attended. Will hold meeting at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. to-morrow. A few are investigating our principles. There are in all, six Saints in this part.

On the 6th inst. we went to visit Kirtland and Temple, about 50 miles east of this city, where we arrived at dusk. Had to put up at a hotel. The next morning we got the keys of Widow Stratton, an old time Mormon, new a Josephite, and visited the Temple, which we found in a dilapidated condition. It is a much larger building than we expected to see. It is located on an elevation. The first floor has an entry with two side rooms and main hall in each end of which are four stands, one rising above the other for the different grades of priesthood; the west end for the Melchisedek and the east for the Aaronic. Also in each corner are four stands.

The second floor is partitioned off the same as that below, having four stands in each end, but none in the corners. It was used as a lecture room and school of the prophets, is not so well finished as the first. Here is where the series of lectures contained in the Doctrine & Covenants was given.

The third floor, besides the entry, is divided into four apartments, which were used for more primary branches of education. Parts of the blackboards, painted on the walls, are still remaining. In the steeple are two small rooms, one above the other. From here we ascended to the balcony of the steeple, where we had a fine view of Kirtland and the beautiful country surrounding it.

The building has the appearance of being forsaken by both God and man. The seats, windows and floor being more or less broken, plastering off in many places, and the pulpits are marred, chipped, rickety, cushions torn, etc., by visitors taking relics. Some of the small doors are off the hinges, pillars with parts of casing torn off, disclosing the pulleys once used for raising the vail. In fact everything is neglected and in a dilapidated condition.

This once holy Temple is now used by the Josephites to admit all kinds of people who will pay twenty-five cents per couple to go through it, (however, they did not charge us anything), thus making merchandise of this once sacred house. The words of Jesus were brought forcibly to our minds, Mark xi, 17, "And he taught saying unto them, is it not written, my house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

In the first entry hangs young Joseph Smith's likeness, together with their articles of faith. In the lecture room, on one of the pillars, is

posted the following notice, copied and underlined verbatim:

"THE SALT LAKE MORMONS.

When Joseph Smith was killed, June 27th, 1844, Brigham Young assumed the leadership of the Church; telling the people, in the winter of 1846, that all the God they wanted was him; and all the Bible they needed was in his heart. He led, or drove, about 20,000 people to Utah, in 1847, starting for Upper California, but landing at Salt Lake, where in 1852, B. Young presented to the people the polygamic revelation (?). The true church remained disorganized until 1860, when Joseph Smith took the leadership or presidency of the church, at Amboy, Ills.

We (30,000) have no affiliation with the Mormons whatever. They are to us an apostate people, working all manner of abomination before God and man. We are no part or parcel of them in any sense whatever. Let this be distinctly understood. We are not Mormons. Truth is truth, wherever it is found."

Positively knowing this to be false, we cannot help but quote the following words of Jesus, John viii. 44: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar, and the father of it."

Registering our names in the book kept for that purpose in the Temple, we observed many hundreds had visited that place.

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