THE "CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

The Letter from Mr. Birchall Which it Failed to Publish.

There is published at Denver a weekly paper which has as its name the *Rocky Mountain Christian Advocate*. In its issue of February 4 there appeared the following note:

"The Rev. Benjamin R. Birchall, who as a local preacher supplied the Benfield and Castle Gate circuit for six months of last year, has withdrawn from our church and joined the Mormons. He was baptized Jan. 2, 1893."

One week later, February 11, these items appeared in the same paper:

"Rev. John G. Clark reports progress at both Benfield and Castle Gate. He will build a church at each place. His predecessor has joined the Mormon church. We hope Brother Clark's experience there will not result similarly."

"Rev. Dr. H. G. McNiece who has been the popular pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Salt Lake for about sixteen years comes toward now declaring that he believes annihilation of the wicked to be scriptural.

"According to Christian Science, I wonder if Mormonism is a disease—affecting certainly constructed brains. Indeed it appears to run through families and communities, without regard to one's opportunities, education, or anything else. Here, by some random Solomon, and let us know what the nature of the disease is. Dr. Maley says he thinks the Lord has turned them over to believe a lie and be damned. Ephraim joined to his idols. Well, if Dr. McNiece of the First Presbyterian church is correct (he is reported to be a believer in the annihilation of the wicked), and if others are right who say that intelligence is the germ that survives death, then let the Mormon grade of intelligence be annihilated, says Yggdrasyl.

J. D. GILLILAN."

Mr. Birchall, at whom these covert thrusts, as well as direct references, had been made, wrote a letter to the editor of the *Advocate*, but the latter failed to give the gentleman an opportunity to be heard in his own behalf, and his communication never appeared in the Denver publication. It was as follows:

NEPHI CITY, Juab county, Utah, Feb. 15, 1893.

Rev. Claudius B. Spencer, A. M., Editor *R. M. C. Advocate*:

Dear Sir—In your column of Feb. 11th there appears an article in the column of Utah notes which I would like to give answer to.

First, let me say I do not know whether I am acquainted with your writer, "Yggdrasyl," or not, but the article I speak of is fathered by an old friend or mine, Rev. J. D. Gilliland, though I suppose that, owing to my recent action in withdrawing from the M. E. Church and connecting myself with the Latter-day Saints he has no further use for me.

His article opens by wondering as to whether Mormonism is a disease. If you will allow me I will, at the writer's request, call myself "The Modern Solomon," and let you know whether or not Mormonism is a disease. I will also try and give you the nature of its delusion. Now to the point: Is Mormonism a disease? My answer is yes, for when the patient once gets thoroughly afflicted, he seeks not for medicinal remedies, only by a richer outpouring of the Holy Spirit and living a life consistent to the will and commandments of God. Truly this disease affects constructed brains, but God in His infinite wisdom has constructed them from the standpoint of humility and tells us if we do His will we shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or man.

His will, which He requires His children to fulfil, lies in His written word, which we believe to be the greatest truth ever yet proclaimed; and we further believe, with Emerson, that the greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it, thus, according with the Apostle James, "Faith without works is dead, being alone." These works are viewed by the sectarian world as impossible to man to accomplish. Herein lies the trouble. They refuse to let God help them and thus reject the everlasting Gospel and also the everlasting Savior.

Before I ask your writer to apply his remedy for our disease perhaps I had better tell him a little of its nature, so that if he afterwards applies the wrong remedy he will have himself to blame and not me.

Our religion is a revealed one, fulfilling the Scripture. It has room for patriotism, morality, piety, logic, the Bible, and for God. You can learn in it more about morality, more positive statements as to the certainty of our knowledge, also more insight into the future than in any other place in the world. We also hold the keys to the interpretation of the Scripture, whereas all the other denominations can only guess at its meaning; hence the argument comes, we know of a certainty, whilst all other "isms" in religion only believe.

It is doubtless true, as has been hitherto said, that controversy with the Mormon people may not turn upon scholarship, but I am told to assert that on scriptural doctrine the most ignorant man in the Mormon faith can silence the most learned professing Christian outside of our own Church.

Dr. Maley of Salt Lake City, thinks the Lord has turned Mormons over to believe a lie and be damned. I will ask Dr. Maley to point out to me and for the benefit of our people at large, where, in any degree, our faith and doctrine tend to the relation of falsity.

If the reverend gentleman will follow me in the following, he will find that instead of it being the community of Mormons who are believing a lie, it is his own body of Methodists. In the discipline of the M. E. church, page 3, it reads: "There is but one Living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, etc." Now then we read in Genesis: "God created man in his own image." And I will leave it for the doctor to answer as to whether he as a representative of mankind, has body or parts. Further—On the following page of the very same discipline it reads as follows: "Christ did truly rise from the dead and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature," etc. How then can he take again his body if he never has any?

Dr. McNiece is also reported to be a believer in the "annihilation of the wicked." May God in His mercy extend the same towards him, and others whose business it is to make merchandise of the Gospel, and more especially when it is constituted of the precepts of men. Some say "intelligence is the germ that survives death; then let the Mormon grade of intelligence be annihilated." Ah, what a prayer, especially for a Christian minister to make! But would not the ministry of this Territory crush down the Mormons, if it were possible?

But what a glorious thought that Christ has rushed again the everlasting Gospel not to be human removed. Praise His name, the time will come when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess."

I pray for the hastening of the same and if my successor on the Benfield and Castle Gate charges will follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, he will then be walking and adhering to the plan of salvation as laid down by our Savior Himself.

Now, dear editor, I ask for justice in the printing of this in your *Advocate* and perhaps my late brethren will reply. Believe me now to be yours sincerely,

B. R. BIRCHALL.

Probate Transactions.

The following business was done in the Probate court yesterday afternoon:

Estate of Edwin C. Gray, deceased. Hearing on petition for probate of a foreign will. Proof of publication approved. W. T. Bridewell sworn and examined. Order made admitting the will to probate and appointing W. T. Bridewell executor on filing a bond in the sum of $1000 and taking the usual oath.

Estate of Henry M. May, deceased. Petition for probate of will. Emma Van Patten, W. C. Hall, H. R. Manchester and George L. Wilkworth and testimony of witnesses ordered to be reduced to writing. Order made admitting will to probate and appointing Emma Van Patten executrix without bonds under terms of the will on taking necessary oath.

Estate of Cornelius Sullivan, deceased. Petition for letters of administration. Samantha Sullivan sworn and examined. Order made appointing Samantha Sullivan administratrix on filing a bond in the sum of $100 and taking the prescribed oath.

Estate of John W. Chamberlain, deceased. Petition for accounting of partnership, as per continuance of March 10th. J. H. and J. W. Chamberlain and Elizabeth Chamberlain sworn and examined. Petition granted.

Estate of Nels Pohlson, deceased. Order of publication of notice to creditors made.

Kanab Stake Conference.

The Kanab Stake quarterly conference was held in Kanab, March 5th and 6th, 1893. There were present on the occasion the Kanab Stake Presidency, the High Councilors, Bishops of the various wards and Bishop Wm. Gardner of Pine valley. The speakers, during conference, touched upon the following subjects: Faith, necessity of keeping the Sabbath day holy, gathering of the Saints, necessity of getting genealogies, working for the dead, charity, word of wisdom, tithing, building up homes, missionary labors, necessity of overcoming evil habits and appetites, industry and progression. The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained.

On Saturday afternoon the Relief Society conference was held, in which Sister Artimesia Seegmiller was sustained as president of relief societies in the Kanab Stake of Zion, in place of Harriet Bunting, deceased. Sisters Hannah E. Hoyt and Elizabeth Pugh were sustained as her counselors.

The Y. M. M. I. A. conference was held Saturday evening, the Y. L. M. I. A. conference Sunday afternoon, and Sunday school conference in the evening. The good spirit prevailed throughout our entire conference only saddened by the thoughts of the sad accident of which you are informed by this mail.

F. L. POTTER, Stake Clerk.

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G. W. Haight has served his time, one year in the penitentiary, for forgery, and has been released. He received his sentence in the Third district court in April 24th last.

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