

REPORTED BY JOHN IRVINE.

Then, why this tremendous roar among the sects of the day with respect to the Mormonism and its religion? The answer is, the world does not know anything about our religion, they do not know what we believe in, and if anybody forms an idea of our religion, it is about what they hear anything, but the truth I have been amused sometimes to find out in reading the speeches of the day, even by the learned men at Utah—that who profess to have lived in Utah and to understand the people. One gentleman who professed to have lived in Utah, and to have heard a speech in Rochester, before a missionary society, in which he stated that "there were in Utah 328,486 young men, and 140,000 women, and a priest, and it was the youthful element that missionaries were working on." Well, now, how does this gentleman make up 328,486 young men, and 140,000 women, and a priest, by what process of mathematics,

Well, what kind of a church are we? The apostle Paul is writing to the Corinthians, goes on to represent the Church of Christ to be the body of a man. He shows that every part of the body must be joined together. He has the ears at the mouth, the feet must all work together in order that the body may be perfect and that there may be no schism. We are the Church, Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Church. We have had independence of mind enough to believe this doctrine. This is "Mormonism." It is faith in Christ, dependence on Him, thanksgiving for the remission of our sins, and the reception of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands. These are the principles which we have taught. We do not believe that God ever had a church on the earth without Apostles and Prophets in it, without inspiration in it. To do away with any of the principles of the Gospel is to destroy the church in the Church of Christ. When you cut the head of a man

But, why this torture against the poor, innocent people? Do you not know, Oh, yes, we do. You are polygamists. That is the matter." Well, indeed! Now, let me ask you a question. What was the reason we were driven from Jackson and Clay Counties? Why, the worst persecution we have ever had, was before Polygamy was revealed and others to drive us in the beginning? "Oh, you believe in revelation, you believe in prophets: then, why did you not believe in them when they all done away with. These things were only given in the dark ages of the world, but to-day, living as we are in the light of the sun, we do not need them; but if you will believe as we do and scatter yourselves abroad among the Methodists, and Baptists, and so on, we will let them alone. Now, gentlemen, it is not polygamy. What do you care about polygamy? What does our nation care about polygamy? What do the people care about polygamy? Bless your souls, nothing. But nine per cent. of these Mormons may be polygamists. Dreadful! Why, have you no evils in New York? Have you no evils in London? Have you no evils anywhere? Are you all perfect? If so, you are pretty well off; you are certainly prepared for salvation. But no, my friends, you are not perfect. You are not prepared to give up polygamy to-day. If we were to say to our government, "Oh, yes, we will give up polygamy"—why the next thing they would say would be, "You are not perfect. You are not prepared to give up something more this day." They would tell us, as the Missourians did, that we must quit. Believe

His blessing may be over us; that the hearts of the people of our nation and other nations may be turned to the light of the gospel, that they may not pursue the course the Jews did, for we know what it is as cost them. It will cost this nation or any other nation the same to turn to the light as the servants of God. Whatever govern a nation pursues in this respect, it will have to foot the bill. The constitution of our country is one of the best that has ever given rise to any government. Our forefathers were inspired of God to write that instrument. I have a respect for our government, flag and constitution as been raised up by the power of God for a certain purpose, and that to establish his kingdom upon it, and inasmuch as we do our duty, the God of our fathers will bless that government to establish the kingdom of God on the earth will be blessed, and those that fight against the government of God will be held responsible for their actions.

I feel to bear my testimony to the truth of this work. I know Joseph Smith was a prophet of God, and I know the doctrine that he has laid forth is true, and that he may be faithful to the end of his mission, and that we may inherit eternal life, for Jesus Christ came to men.

It is predicted that the region of the Hot Springs, Ark., has in store the possibility of being swallowed up by an earthquake. The prediction is based upon the history of some of the mineral spring localities of the Hot Springs, which disappeared after a thorough shaking.

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to live in South Carolina. That edition was in print long years before it was fulfilled. And when it seemed as though the rebellion would triumph, "O Lord, the Lord of Hosts never had any doubt to where the war would come. They knew the word of God had been spoken, and that it would be fulfilled." And the Lord, generally, as also many other predictions that have been uttered, that do these things, come to man's aid that man will receive them as they are uttered. He is worldly pride. They invoke the same opposition that Paul had when he was at Ephesus, when the silver-smiths said, "We have no business as Ephesians." And they twisted and cried so much in favor of Diana at his voice was drowned. So it is to-day. These things come in the face of the Lord's testimony that established craftsman's craft is in danger, and hence the outcry. There is a great outcry, and it comes from the people of this Church. It is dangerous. It may even be so, and it may not. But we will not say that we will be so while man continues under the same influence that now operates upon him.

There is a danger of this Church not meet man's minds, it is contrary to their feelings, it comes in contrast with their traditions and their prejudices. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" they say. "Can any good thing come from Joseph Smith, an uneducated man? Can any good thing come from a man who has been in the whole world seemingly in vain?" Every one capable of falsehood is told about this people. Well, this will continue to be the case, I have no doubt. It is a

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Every man the right to worship according to the dictates of his conscience, knowing that he will be responsible for his actions, and that it is his duty to resist to prevent the truth as we understand it before him, and we accept it all right, if he rejects it cannot endure the consequence. For our country is not to be seized by the throat, because *that* we are in error. And to do this we have fled a number of men, leaving everything, and fleeing to our country, not thinking we could have peace while which we have had. But people might as well take wings and fly from the world, without the reach of the world. A prominent man who called upon here, said to me upon one occasion: "When I see this beautiful country and see the people who wish you were out of the United States." "Why," said I, "because," said he, "I can foresee a terrible trouble, and when you will not be allowed to remain in peace; you will have to leave, people will not be content to have you stay." "Where will you go?" I asked. "We will go to the desert of Sahara, the most forlorn place on the face of the earth, and it would only be a little while our industry, our science, our civilization, our socialities, which characterize us, will draw the world to us. We need not be hid. If we were to go to the remotest part of the earth, to the remotest part of the world, yet, we will not be hid. We are like a city set upon a hill that cannot be hid. Those qualities that characterize this peo-

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