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COMMON SENSE AND DISEASE.

The Medical Inspector of Salt Lake City in his annual report recently filed with the Superintendent of schools, has given proofs of the truth, several times declared by the Deseret News, that diphtheria is a much more fatal disease than smallpox. Out of the 62 deaths that occurred during the year among children between five years and fifteen years old, 23 were from diphtheria, while there were none from smallpox.

The public are well aware that a terrible hue-and-cry was kept up, for a long time, over the mild form of varioloid that prevailed during the cold season, and the rumour that was created whenever a case appeared, while the really terrible disease diphtheria occurred but little alarm comparatively. If any person was supposed to have been exposed to smallpox, even at a stage when it was not infectious, he was to be hurried off to the pesthouse, and excommunicated if he unwittingly mingled with the public. At the same time, persons who had been in houses where diphtheria existed in its most dangerous forms, were not considered such a menace to the general health, and even the patients were not required to be carried off to an isolation hospital.

We do not mention these facts to cause relaxation in preservative measures against any contagious disease. Every means known to science and experience should be adopted, and enforced if necessary, to protect the public against the inroads of disease. Sanitary regulations ought to be carried out to the letter. The isolation of patients is an absolutely necessary precaution. Persons known to be liable to carry infection in their persons or their clothing ought to be quarantined, until it is safe for them to mix with their fellows. All the demands that are reasonable should be complied with to prevent the spread of contagion.

But, after all, the alarms that have been made and fostered against one form of eruption, that has proven less dangerous than other complaints, have been to a large extent needless and were gross exaggerations, while really fatal diseases caused but little outcry. Diphtheria is a most repulsive and dangerous disorder, and ought to be guarded against and treated in that light. Its ravages have been fatal in many places and many cases. It is worse in almost every symptom and effect than the mild form of smallpox, which has been held up in terrorism and made the subject of so many newspaper scares and stupidities.

Guard against disease by cleanliness; by moderation and suitability in diet; by destruction of waste and decaying matter, animal or vegetable; by temperance and cheerfulness; by ventilation and sunlight in the home; by observance of all sanitary rules embodied in law; by the resistance that is afforded by faith; by attacking bodily ills at their first appearance; by care not to expose others to infection, and by keeping all premises and surroundings sweet and wholesome, so that the air may not be impregnated with the influences that tend to destruction and death. But alarms and panics are not helpful. Calmness and care are needed when trouble comes, and a little common sense is worth vastly more than a whole army of scarecrows or a mighty chorus of lamentations.

A PRESBYTERIAN TIRADE.

"The Presbyterian," a weekly that needs no further description than its title, in its issue of July 23, has an article headed "Mormonism and Polygamy," by Rev. J. A. Livingston Smith. The subject seems to have a fascination for a great many professedly religious people. Claiming to desire information as to our faith, no matter what principles of "Mormonism" may be presented for their consideration, they at once drift off to the matter uppermost in their minds, and they want to know all about wives, and concubines, and harems and a lot of stuff that torments their brains and bosoms and prevents consideration of real and important things.

The writer of the article in "The Presbyterian" is much concerned about the common subject of inquiry. However, he starts out with the statement of fact that is about the only sensible part of his contribution, it is this:

"There is no greater popular fallacy than the prevalent misconception of the relation of the principle and practice of polygamy to the system of Mormonism."

"They are neither synonymous, nor co-extensive; nor are they so vitally correlated or interwoven, that either might not exist, were the other abandoned or prohibited. We must not suffer ourselves to be deluded with the vain hope that the legal or statutory suppression, or the voluntary relinquishment of polygamy would solve the 'Mormon problem.'"

After making those assertions as the beginning of his dissertation, the very consistent (?) writer goes on to attack polygamy as though it were vital to "Mormonism," and that the latter must

stand or fall on that issue. In doing so the Reverend preacher falls into its of rage and antics of denunciation, that comport more with the old-fashioned hell-fire deliverances of infant damnation discourses than the printed pages of a religious journal. Here are a few of his choice expressions: "Shameless concubinage;" "lust and crime;" "infidelity and perjury;" "iniquitous doctrine and practice;" "satanic origin;" "fraud, despotism and lust;" "infamous revelation;" "degradation and infamy," etc., all of which is of course highly edifying and convincing. We have quoted the opening paragraphs of the Reverend gentleman's effusion; by way of contrast we here give his closing sentences:

"Such a caricature of God and of divinely inspired revelation deserves the execration of every moral man until the end of time, and ought to suffice to convince every considerate reader of the menace to morality and to Christian civilization that is involved in a system of religious faith and practice whose fostering mother is thus clearly shown to be the brazen emanation of a nameless and shameless outrage of the Christian religion and the Christian home."

The article is chiefly composed of arguments (?) against polygamy, drawn from stories that have no basis in truth; garbled quotations from the Book of Mormon; extracts from the revelation on celestial marriage, twisted and perverted after the usual anti-Mormon fashion; and an arraignment of the "Mormon" Church as composed of "three prominent hostile sects," having "three antagonistic theories of the origin of polygamy." The author of this false and absurd notion, names the three as: "The Brighamites," the "Josephites," and the "Disciples." Much space is occupied by his explanations of the futility of the alleged "main branches of the Mormon Church," forming what he calls a "paralyzing paradox."

The trouble is that his whole theory is a myth. There are no three "main" or other "branches" of the Mormon Church, or as he subsequently and correctly calls it, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In its very nature, constitution and doctrines, there is and can be but one body or church. The sects that he names have nothing to do with this Church. They are comparatively new and entirely independent organizations, as much so as any separate and individual firms or corporations or associations or can be. They have no connection whatever. One has not sprung or grown out of the other. Their different ideas or theories do not count for or against what is held by each or both of the others.

Does the preacher hold that the Presbyterian church, and the Episcopal church, and the Methodist church are three main branches of the Roman Catholic church? If so, the great religious organization having its center in Rome would utterly repudiate such a notion. We do not believe that either of the three would entertain it for a moment. But there is just as much reason for the claim that the chief Protestant sects are "main branches" of the Catholic church, as that the Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist churches are "hostile sects of the Mormon Church."

It is a patent fact that all the Reverends of Christendom who undertake to inform the public about "Mormonism," exhibit gross ignorance of their subject and, in most instances, a virulence and wrath, coupled with direct misrepresentations, that reflect discredit upon the authors and create wonder why men of their cloth can reconcile their consciences with such untruthful and vindictive utterances. "The Presbyterian" has not added to its reputation, either for veracity or respectability, by the publication of the rambling article by Rev. J. A. Livingston Smith.

CONFERENCE ON HEBREWS.

A statement was made recently by Mr. Arnold White, a well known London journalist, that the Russian government is considering a plan which, if it materializes, may result in benefit to the Jews. He says that Russia is desirous of a conference between representatives of this country, Great Britain, and Russia, on the Hebrew problem. The conference is preferably to be secret, so that a plan may be devised without undue interference. At this meeting Russia will endeavor to convince the representatives of the two other governments that they have troubles of their own not greatly dissimilar, and that in throwing stones at Russia they are inviting damage to their own windows. Then it will point out that however difficult and complex the problem, its postponement is dangerous to the peace of the world and that it can only be settled right by the co-operation of the three countries most nearly concerned.

We hope this conference may materialize. It is the only way by which that problem can be solved satisfactorily. The trouble with the Hebrews is, that they are in many respects superior to the Gentiles among whom they live both intellectually and morally, and this makes it impossible for them to assimilate with such surroundings, even if religious observances on the one hand and prejudices on the other, did not present insuperable obstacles. They remain a distinct race, strangers in the country of their birth, and without a national home on the face of the earth. That is, in broad outlines, the problem. There is no other solution to it than the establishment of the people—that is as many of them as need an asylum and are willing to accept one—in the home of their fathers. Representatives of the three nations mentioned could agree on how to accomplish this, and submit a plan to the other powers. Anything of a practical nature would be accepted for the world is getting tired of the oppression of races within the limits of civilization.

The Russian plan is, by a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer said to be to form Jewish colonies in Russia. Tracts of land should, according to this view, be provided for them to settle upon. But the land would have to be bought and Africa is too poor to provide the purchase money itself. As the keeping of the Russian Jews at home would relieve Great Britain and the United

States of the burden of providing for them as refugees, it is proposed that those countries should, in one way or another, contribute funds for the purpose. The British parliament might pass an act permitting the millions of the Hirsch fund to be diverted to this object. Or, the wealthy Jews throughout the civilized world could give material aid.

Such schemes may do for a starting point for discussion at an international conference, just as general disarmament formed a beginning to the arbitration court convention at The Hague. But any more than that, it will not be. The discussion will inevitably lead to the Zionist idea. Russia that crushed Poland and assassinated Finland, cannot be appointed guardian of independent Hebrew colonies. Let the matter be thoroughly discussed. We hope, if the conference is brought about, that our country will send some one with a thorough conviction of the future of Zionism, to represent it; also, that the American ideas will prevail at St. Petersburg, as they did at The Hague. For it is but right and proper that from this country, the land of Joseph, should come the relief of the entire race.

CHINESE REFORMERS.

The announcement in the House of Commons, that the British minister at Peking has received orders not to surrender the editors of a Chinese reform organ to the tender mercies of the Chinese government, is satisfactory. If necessary, other powers should lend moral support to Great Britain in this matter, and protect the reformers whenever they appeal to the foreign legations, or commanders of squadrons, for safety.

The reform movement now going on in China is said to be one of the most remarkable of modern times, and if it succeeds, it means the regeneration of China. It is a conspiracy against the government, but it is such a conspiracy as that of the founders of the American Republic against the British rulers. The reformers propose to abandon the ancient policy of exclusion. They will open the doors of the country to all the world. They want to establish schools and colleges, organize armies and navies and teach the people the arts and sciences of the western world. They want, in this way, to save the empire from being swallowed up by Russia, Germany, France and England.

The leader of this reformation is Hong Yu Wal, a political refugee from China. He organized it in Peking, calling it the Chinese Empire Reform Association. The emperor dowager had her secret agents investigate the matter. They brought the information to her of the wonderful spread of the doctrine of the new school. She was alarmed and issued a decree condemning to death Hong Yu Wal and six of his disciples—Thoms, Lem, Mork, Loo, Lu and Chui. The news of the death decree was brought swiftly to Hong Yu Wal, who fled to India. The other condemned men tried to escape, but were captured and executed. But this, so far from retarding the progress of the reform, gave it a new impetus, and today the doctrines of the reformers are openly proclaimed in many places in China. It is claimed that they have 3,000,000 followers, and several schools conducted according to western methods.

The Chinese in this country seem to have very generally identified themselves with this remarkable effort to regenerate a nation. It is claimed that the association has 50,000 members in the United States. In all the large cities of America branch organizations have been formed. In Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and other places the movement has a large following. But in New York the most remarkable progress has been made. The president of the branch organization there is Joseph M. Singleton, a Chinaman who has adopted an American name. He is one of the most prominent Chinese merchants of New York. The secretary is J. C. Thoms, M. D., a graduate of the Long Island medical college, who has lived in the country for 25 years.

This is as it should be. The Chinese in this country, though not admitted to citizenship, are nevertheless being influenced by the American spirit to such an extent, that they will become capable of directing a movement of this kind. The reformers look specially to the United States and Japan for support, and they should not be disappointed in this. The awakening of China means much to the entire world.

A fool and his money are soon parted by a fake prize-fight.

Of the making of theories of the Ryan murder there is no end.

It is a great mistake to confound pure foods with health foods.

It was a much better circus than most nominating conventions.

Mrs. Hodie should be able to make an "honest living" as a story teller.

Wall Street continues to have its ups and downs, with the downs in the lead.

Plus X is an early riser. In this as in other cases the early bird gets the worm.

General Heat rather than the regular sun seems to be in control of the weather.

The men who corner the wheat market are the greatest breadwinners in the country.

Punillets should take a few lessons from bull dogs and learn to keep their mouths shut.

Bourke Cockran is thankful that he is still an American. It is something to be thankful for.

Russian Jews are rushing to America. They should have started earlier so as to avoid the rush.

Alexander Dowie has become an American citizen. Is Great Britain's loss the United States' gain?

Sir Thomas Lipton talks of taking an American wife. If he does he will have an American cup of bliss.

Another revolution has been started

in Macedonia. Macedonia is getting to be the Central America of Europe.

Pope Pius calls America "the blooming youth of Catholicism." This might be called a blooming ambiguous compliment.

The men involved in the glove contest with Uncle Sam say it is better to have gloves and feet than never to have gloved at all.

The President has been storm-bound at Singapore Hill. Had he only been confronted by lightning he, Ajax like, would have defied it.

The high wind of cyclonic velocity that swept over St. Louis yesterday should carry away some of the bad odor into which the city has fallen.

A Waterloo, Ind., man had his jaw badly injured but insisted on talking and talked himself to death. His attendants say he met his Waterloo.

President Harper says that the University of Chicago each year runs behind two hundred thousand dollars. The admission is a confession that he has been derelict in his favorite pursuit of leg pulling.

Those St. Louis delegates are beginning to think it would have been to their advantage had they confined their efforts to writing the songs of the people rather than making their laws.

A woman who has brought suit in the local courts against her husband for divorce, charges that he threw a lighted lamp at her. He may have meant simply to show her the light of love.

On the retirement of General Miles General Young will become general of the army in which position he will remain until the general staff takes charge, which will be in a few days. Old men for counsel, Young men for war.

District Attorney Jerome of New York says that "graft" has penetrated every department of America. A bold statement having some foundation, no doubt, but given too universal an application.

A Berlin physician states that out of 1,000 girls who played the piano before the age of 12 years he found 600 cases of nervous diseases, whereas out of the same number of children who did not play this instrument he found but 100 cases. The author of these experiments states that the piano should never be played by a child before the age of 16 years and only two hours a day at the maximum. Statistics covering cases of nervous prostration among the neighbors of infant piano phenomena are next in order.

KING EDWARD IN IRELAND.

San Francisco Call.

Edward has had in Ireland all of those common feelings on his side to help him in his efforts to win the affections of the Irish people, but it would be unwise to attribute all the enthusiasm of his welcome to those feelings alone. He has made his tour at a most propitious time. The Irish land bill has been passed on the third reading in the commons by a vote of 317 to 20, and it seems a foregone conclusion that the Lords will make no attempt to defeat it or to seriously alter it. The bill is regarded with favor by nearly all classes of the Irish people and hence they are in a great good humor with the government and the outlook. Of course the king has profited by that feeling and it is an evidence of his political sagacity that he was prompt to visit Ireland while the bill is before the country and every one is pleased.

Chicago Post.

Nothing that King Edward could have done would have made his present visit to Ireland more noticeable than his visit to the tenement districts of Dublin. The Irish are an impulsive and a generous people. By nature kindly themselves, they are quick to acknowledge the same characteristics even in an enemy. King Edward touched their hearts when he grasped the hands of the poor and the aged among them. When his officers sought to prevent the approach of an aged woman the king said, "Leave her alone, God bless her." And the woman's response was the king's hand in his own, a democratic greeting was, "God bless your majesty." It is too touching to hope that in this simple, touching and wholly human incident dwells the germ of Ireland's future peace and prosperity?

Springfield Republican.

King Edward is so exceedingly amiable that even Cork finds difficulty in making faces at him. The Irish tour is running along as lively as you please. More royal tours during the past 50 years would not have prevented Irish emigration or have healed the great sore known as the Irish question, but they might have done something to mitigate that historic bitterness which, for the present, happily seems on the decline.

Syracuse Post-Standard.

King Edward goes about Ireland visiting the common people as though he were himself one of them, and is having a right good time. Incidentally he is learning a whole lot of things and is becoming more efficient and helpful as English king.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING INVESTIGATION.

Springfield Republican.

The hint that the government printing office may be investigated, much as the postoffice department has been, should be received with applause. In the hope that possibly something may come of it. There is not a printer or an editor in the United States who does not know that the big plant at Washington is the most extravagantly conducted printing establishment in the world. A real investigation would furnish a "bull's eye" for value by time. The president would allow the results to be circulated in the press from day to day.

Kansas City Star.

The proposed investigation of the government printing office at Washington ought to result in some radical reforms in that department of the service. It is freely charged that because of the hand-setting still employed in the establishment, which is retained because of the pressure brought to bear by trades unions, makes the annual bills more than twice as large as they should be. This difference was clearly shown by bills submitted to Mr. Merriam, when he was director of the Census bureau and before he knew that government printing had to be done by the government office. The bills were more than twice what the private bids had been. In addition to the extravagance of this system, which is outrageous, there is the general looseness of the department which permits the printing of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of pamphlets and books that are practically useless, and would serve their purpose if merely filed in the forms of original documents.

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