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THE WANING OF RELIGION.

A short time ago a New York Baptist minister took occasion to point out that there is a general decline of religious interest among the masses. He called attention to the evident lack of church attendance, lack of deep interest, lack of support, lack of regard for the Sabbath, lack of students for the ministry, and the spirit of indifference and lukewarmness. He was especially concerned about the Protestants. He

"Protestantism has made little headway among the French, Austrians, Spaniards, Poles, Hungarlans, Russi-ans, and Greeks. It is from these countries that most of our immigrants come The prospect is enough to give any Protestant church heart failure. A Protestant church in New York has to work harder to keep alive than church-es do in other parts of the country to make great progress. Then add to the above the consideration which brings most people to America. In the early days men came here to find a religious and political asylum. Liberty was their nature and watchword. Today the nature and watchword, Today the vast majority are moved from consid-erations of material gain."

In a recent number of The Outlook two articles appear in which the writers endeavor to show the cause of this decline and to suggest a remedy. The burden of their argument is that the course of study given in theological seminaries is too antiquated and scholestic to suit modern times. It is argued that a fairly educated man, "with facility of speech, a knowledge of the English Bible, and a real interest in the welfare of mankind," may be better fitted to preach than students who have put in three years at Greek and Hebrew, and have spent a lot of time over people who "have been a long time dead." What the seminaries should do, it is suggested, is to throw overboard a lot of the deadwood in their traditional curriculum, and put their main strength into "...ociology, econom ics, pedagogy, and ethics." The chief aim should be to teach "the social character of religion, and, specifically, the social application of Christianity." In one word, religion, these critics maintain should be "socialized."

It is gathered from the articles in question that the writers are of the opinion that ministers ought to be capable of discussing, if not solving, the is fortunate enough to secure a holdchart have been given to the Masons Among the concrete instances cited by of Washington, the Catholic University. Mr. Hartford is that of the Wenatchee George Washington University, and valley, State of Washington, land sold many bishops of various denominations. in 1900 at \$2.50 per acre, and was not Besides these, Mrs. Wilcox sent a numin demand even at that low figure. ber of charts to New England, where There were but 450 people in the entire the Masons are said to have started a valley. One city alone now has a popumovement to re-erect the Temple of "the father of all Masons," as Solomon lation of about 10,000 and land is firmly held at from \$700 to \$1,000 per acre, s called. according to the age of the orchards, location .etc. The land is worth the

amounts stated because it returns a A contemporary commenting upon good rate of interest on the investment the liberation of the Russian Lieuten and few care to dispose of their holdings.

according to the direction in which his

judgment leads him. If he fails to dis-

cern not the power that lies in his ac-

ant General Stoessel from prison, to At the national apple show, held in which he was sentenced for the sur-Spokane in December, 1908, a single car render of Port Arthur to the Japanese load sold for \$3,200. From the locality takes the view that had Stoessel pro in which the fruit was grown some tracted his resistance, it is possible acts relative to the value of several that the Treaty of Portsmouth would different crops were gathered. One-half never have been written, that Japar acre, on which were sixty apple trees, yould not have fastened her grip on seven years old, produced 600 boxes of Korea, and that Russia would have apples, which sold for \$1,200. One-half won Manchuria for its own.

The truth seems to be that the suracre on which were fifty-four pear trees produced \$83 boxes, which sold for ender of Port Arthur, important \$2.650. One-fifth of an acre, with twenthough that position was, has less to ty cherry trees, produced \$650 worth of do with the final outcome than has been supposed sometimes. It is true fruit. One and one-fourth acres set to grapes brought the owner \$950. Two that the besieging force was liberated by that surrender and could be used and one-half acres of onions sold for \$1,040. Sixty acres of hay sold for \$6,420. against the Russians who were operat-One-half acre of peach trees brought ing further north but Japan had at \$\$40. Three acres of potatoes yielded that time reached the end of her finan-\$1,195. An orchard sold last year for cial resources and was incanable of \$3,150 per acre, the owner reserving the continuing the war. Russia did not season's crop. know this at the time of the conclusion An estimate is made as to the chance of the Portsmouth treaty, but it is of the average man to become indepen. known today. Russia had a millior dent. "The plain, ordinary citizen, who oldiers in the field then and had money by the exercise of conservatism and the enough to continue her military operapossession of good habits, has saved tions. Japan, with or without Por ome money, at length as the years go Arthur, had exhausted her treasure and by reaches a point where he may her credit, and was glad to secure peace make an investment. This is an era even with the loss of the war indenin his life history to which he will look nity upon which her statesmen had back with either satisfaction or regret, counted.

EMPTYING THE CITIES.

HAD NO MONEY.

cumulated means, he waives the op-The effects of the European war portunity for achieving financial in care and the consequent enormous tax dependence and remains, in a financial burdens are seen in the decrease of the sense, a mediocre among his fellows. population in the larger cities. Especi-If this man is wise, Mr. Hartford conally is this feature marked in Germany. ludes, he will see in irrigated lands The American consul at Nuremberg re-'the opportunity to invest where cerports that the population of Berlin at tainty of results is assured." For such the close of the year 1907 was 2,111,361; a man, he thinks, there now is open at the close of the year 1908 it was the door that leads to present comfort only 2,106,492, a net loss of 4,869. The and ultimate wealth. But not for long vital statistics of the city, he says, will the opportunity remain. Thoushow an excess of births over deaths sands are taking advantage of the of 16.415, but this was more than balchance and are removing to these favanced by a net loss by the emigration ored localities, and Mr. Hartford is conof 20,834. fident that none will regret the step, for In the month of March, 1908, a month he believes that success stands ready to of great industrial activity and good welcome them and to assure prosperity. lemand for labor, no less than 30,208 It may all be as the writer whom we residents of Berlin left that city for have just quoted, so forcefully argues.

new fields. Few German cities, he de-We trust that Westerners are awake to clares, show any marked increase in the situation. It seems to us that every population during the past year. working man who invests any savings It is natural that the laboring men should secure some of the public land. should leave the countries where they The opportunities to acquire land reave taxed to death and seek economic call the words of a great economist: independence, and that is what the Germans are doing. There are no more

A DISTINGUISHED COURTESY.

On Saturday, June 5, the City of San

Francisco is to receive a special em-

That is certainly a unique courtesy.

M. Jusserand should have the time

unes

'Gibraltar, the world's grandest type of impregnable solidity, towers where Europe meets the Mediterranean and patriotic people than the Germans, but when the military burdens become uncasts its gigantic shadows across the bearable, they are seeking relief in straits upon the sands of Africa. other countries. ages the waves have beat harmlessly upon its base, uselessly the elements have expended their rage upon its gran-Military men would like to see our country engage in the race for an te form, but it remains a mute examenormous navy and a large standing ple of indestructibility. And so with an investment in productive real estate And so with army. Do they consider that our comparative freedom from military burdens Stocks and bonds may become worth less in a day; the assets of a corpora-tion may be squandered by a dishonforms one of the great attractions for

of Solomon's Temple. Copies of the ported the teeming populations of the Akkadian, Assyrian, Babylonian and Persian empires from the dawn of history to comparatively recent times. Cotton, rice, maize and dates are cultivated with success, and the application of modern methods in some of the sultan's domains around Bagdad and Bosra has shown that improved agriculture will enormously increase the traditional rate of production.

There is plenty of room for colonists in Mesopotamia. And the opportunity of making a great country is there. Irrigation canals and good government vill transform the desert into a garden From every point of view the settlenent in Mesopotamia would be a good oreliminary to the redemption of Paletine.

Poets are born, not paid.

A friend in need-poor relations What so hot as a day in June?

City Creek is making a great record or bank clearings.

The next tariff revision should be de eided by direct primary.

Building frame houses for sale off en is nothing but a frame-up.

The pugilist who has nothing to say for publication, is no pugilist.

The successful farmer usually drives good team and a hard bargain

Wealth has its blessings as well as its burdens. Poverty just has its burdens.

It isn't so hard to kick against the pricks if you have copper-toed shoes

The man who only has an ounce of brains never uses an ounce of prevenion.

People still make their flying trips to Europe in steamships instead of in airships.

They may not know it, but some of the stand pat senators are rocking the tariff boat.

Although the advice is good, it is a little too early to tell people not to drink ice water.

American dentists are acknowledged to be the best. This is because they tre born Yanks.

Why don't the nations that are in the mad race for naval supremacy build ocean greyhounds?

It is not an easy matter to make a mountain out of a mole hill, mole hills being rather scarce.

"Junius Unveiled," is the title of a new book. Famous as he is, no statue to Junius has ever been unveiled.

No pure food law can prevent a boy from eating green apples and suffering the consequences of breaking the law.

Why this paucity of news from the African hunting party? The press agents are not doing their duty by the public.

The Senate has placed the duty on quills at 35 per cent ad valorem.

GATHERED ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF THOUGHT

Sweden's Within the near fitters Electric definite plans will be form-Railways, ulated for the electrifica-tion of the more import-ant state railways of Sweden. The Within Sweden's

tion of the more import-ant state railways of Sweden. The first line to be taken in hand will be, in all probability, that between Kiru-na, the center of the great iron ore fields of Lapland, and Riksgransen, on the Norweglan frontier, a distance of about \$1 miles. It is a section of the Lulea-Gellivare-Narvik railway, completed in 1903, ever which large and ever-growing quantities of iron nd ever-growing quantities of iron ore from the rich fields of Gellivare Malmberget, Kirunayara and Luossavaara are transported for export from the terminal ports-Lulea, on the Gulf of Bothnia, and Narvik, on the Atlanic. To meet the present largely in-reased demands upon it and enable the management to run heavier traine at higher speeds, the Kiruna-Riks-gransen section, especially must be either reconstructed with double tracks or electrified, and of these al-ternatives the second seems from ev-ery point of view the wiser and more economical conomical.

The adoption of electric traction on this line, far above the Arctic circle and the most northern railway in the world, will be an event of considerable importance in the history of electric-ity, and cannot fail to stimulate in marked degree the demand for similar action in respect of other Swedish railways. Not will it be without value s a practical illustration of the unbounded potentialities of Sweden's wealth of water falls, not limited to a few specially favored regions, but at bounded hand and only awaiting development to benefit every province.—John George Leigh in Cassier's Magazine or June

musing Aside from news worth Talk of Ad Land. there is a distinct entertainment value in the best of advertising. Think

how much duller your ride to business would be if the car hoardings were blank, instead of being filled with color and print. They are decent and com-panionable myths, these folks of Ad-land; the smiling chef of Cream of Wheat, the frolicky Gold-Dust Twins, the gally youthful, toothful Sozodont girl, the round-eyed chubs who fatten to burging on Completies Source and o bursting on Campbell's Soups, and the hale old friend of Quaker Oats. Whether or not I buy my clothes of Rogers, Peet & Co., I find equal enjoy-ment in their sprightly little newspaper ads, to which I frequently turn with re-lief when the news of the day chances to be dull and stodyr. The men who o be dull and stodgy. The man who onfines himself to the "reading mater" of a modern, high-class magazine s getting only part of what he pays or. The best experts of the day are triving, in a hundred phases of en-leavor, to find something that will at-ract and amuse him, and he flings their work into the scrap-basket without so nuch as looking to see whether it hasn't something to say to him. To cite ne instance, when the 'Old Dr. Goose' dvertisements of sincerity clothing vere running, I used to look for them with avidity, because of the intimate hand-on-your-shoulder, finger-in-your-buttonhole style of talk, although I was no manner interested in the goods fered. Even the illustrations for the dvertisements are not inferior to those advertisements are not inferior to those of the fiction or articles, being, in many cases, the picked work of the same artists. Kipling, on receiving a batch of magazines from a friend who had torn out the back pages, to save post-age, wrote: "Next time you keep the front part and send me the ads. I can write storles myself."—Samuel Hopking Adams in Collier's for May 22.

Our Manly Training Our training of girls ap-proaches close to the idi-of Girls. otic. The average girl, from the minute she

leaves her dolls to go to kindergarten, till she matriculates at college, is told about men and men's work-never about women. The kindergarten songs and tales are about Lincoln and Wash-ington-and even the pictures of ani-

the near future plans will be form-for the electrifica-the more import-of Sweden. The and "John's" apples, to the total neg-lect of his sister. Later still she gots to high school and learns history with all its ideals of brave men-and here again the woman's share of quiet courage is completely overshadowed. She learns carpentering, although she can She not cook an egg or sew a seam. And finally, her education finished, she knows all about the higher mathematics and is short-changed by the butcher. She learns political economy, but doesn't know who are the members of her own school board. Miss Eggleston's bright article concludes: "If your boy Eggleston in wanted to be a lawyer, and a neighbor ion for June.

told you to put him to work in a toid you to put him to work in a car-penter's shop by way of pro aration, you would think your neighbor crazy But you do not consider yourself crazy when you train your daughter, who is to be a wife and mother (and nothing can get away from the grim statistics that women do marry, despite economic independence, the higher education and all other arruments in favor of independence, the higher education and all other arguments in favor of co-cducation), precisely as you train your son, who will enter some profession or trade, there to first earn his own living. and then to provide for a flamily yet unborn. The one to bear the family and to rear it, the other to provide shelter and comfort for the mother of that family, and yet both trained pre-cisely in the same way."-Katherine Eggleston in Woman's Home Compan-

NAUVOO LEGION.

On September 14, 1897, in Salt Lake property and liberties of the Latterday Saints and of others who chose to travel or live with them. In early days in Utah several settlements would City, a benevolent association was organized for the benefit of Latter-day have been wiped out by savages, had not the legion saved them. The same Saints. Its object was, and is, to assist such of its members as through sickmen that composed the legion were the ness or other misfortune might be in ones who volunteered to make up Mormon Battalion. Others of the gion composed the band of 1847 need, the funds necessary for such purpose being raised by small monthly oneers. Men joining the legion late-are now mostly prominent in Church and state responsibilities. fees, as outlined in their prospectus. Its meetings are held monthly, in the Presiding Bishop's office at present, on the third Friday of each month at 8 p. m. The members and their friends meet in a social capacity, and all who approve our activities are invited. Beveral Nauvoo veterans usually attend, who frequently entertain us by the story of their experiences before and after the notable exodus. A mortuary

of the survivors of its deceased members payable at their death. Our secondary object was, and is, to

perpetuate and honor the memory and history of the military organization known as the Nauvoo Legion, this present organization, being the custodian of the ancient artillery and other relics of that body, of value only as mementos of the exigences of the times persecution raged, mobocracy when ruled, and defensive measures became a necessity. To the younger generation of Latter-day Saints it may seem an of Latter-day satisfies it may be a an anomaly that a military organization should have been an adjunct, or ap-pendage, to a body of worshippers. But witnesses are still living who remember the murders, robberles and drivings of the Saints from county to county and from state to state. Appeals to state and governmental authority for protecion were unavailing. "Your cause is just, but I can do nothing for you," is a familiar saying, uttered by the late President Martin Van Buren.

It was then necessary for the Saints to adopt some method by which, according to law, a repetition of Mis-souri experiences might be prevented. As soon as possible after settling in Nauvoo a charter was obtained from the legislature of the state of Illinois body of men to be known as the Nau-voo Legion. The picture presented on the prospectus issued by the present as sociation shows Joseph Smith the pro-phet as lieutenant-general of said legion, riding in front as its leader, said picture being as seen by the writer of this article in 1843.

The activities of the legion from the above date to the year of 1870 are a very sacred memory to those now liv-ing who participated therein, as not a drop of white man's blood has ever been spilt under its operations, and yet it has been an ever ready wall of defonse for the protection of the live:

south, Fifth East, Salt Lake City. C. J. Thomas, vice president, 240 east South Temple, Salt Lake City. William M. Brown, secretary, A. N 225 Reed street, Twenty-fourth vard William Sanders, assistant secretary and treasurer, at wholesale drygoods department, Z. C. M. I., Salt Lake City. military



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And now, by the grace of God, that we have peace we propose to perpetuate the memory of the zeal and devotion of those "inhuite men" by an organiza-tion of zealous men and women for initual benefit and assistance. We ask and urge that similar associations as branches of this institution be formed in all the cities and towns where Latter-day Saints dwell and conducted armony with the spirit and aims of this the parent organization. fund is also established for the benefit And finally we appeal to the sur-viving members of the legion to meet with us as often as convenient and give us their patronage and moral support, whether they become members of the association or not: and nothing would be more appropriate than that the sur-vivors living in other places become the chief organizers and directors of simi-

social problems of the day, in order to win the masses.

It is to be feared, however, that the trouble is more serious than this criticism seems to suppose. The successful ministers of past ages have been those who have been firmly convinced of their divine call; who have been consclous of having a divine message to deliver to mankind, and who have been determined to deliver that message even if death was offered them as a There can be no success in reward. the ministry without a divine mission and a divine message.

Then, the only successful discourses are those whose central theme is the Crucified Savior. There is no other name in which salvation is offered. Paul at Athens, disputed in the synagogue and in the market place, and gathered around him philosophers of various schools, but they considered him a "babbler," and many mocked him. From Athens he went to Corinth, famous for its Venus temple, its wealth and luxury. He remained there a year and a half, preaching to both plan or drawing of the temple was in Jews and Gentiles. But according to existence. Mr. Faulkner read Scriphis own statement (1 Cor. 2: 2), when he came to Corinth he "determined not to know anything . . . save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." That was the secret of his success.

The minister of the gospel finds himself in a world in which selfishness is dominant and threatening to exterminate all spirituality; let him proclaim the message of infinite love. He finds a world in rebellion; let him proclaim the message of reconcillation. He finds a world of sorrow and struggle; let him proclaim the message of joy and peace and comfort. If he is a messenger with a message from God. let him be true. Let him keep himself free from the contagion of the world, in order that he may be able to commune with the Invisible and appear in that power. So shall his ministry be a success, no matter what his preliminary education may have been. There is no other way to success.

"OUT OF THE GOLDEN WEST"

George F. Hartford, writing in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, declares that "out of the golden West comes the call of opportunity."

In this writer's view the West is the middle West "in tones loud, insistent and convincing" "to come and share in the harvest of wealth which is ripe for the reaper's sickle" the harvest being plentiful and the reapers few.

The basis of this economic rhapsody is to be found in the fact that "irrigation has accomplished the once unbelievable task of making the desert blossom as the rose and the adjacent lands of the fertile plains, hitherto unproductive and barren of vegetation through lack of sufficient rainfall, to become

est official; other investments that may be made may fade away like mist be-fore the rising sun, but in a tract of homes? rich and productive land there is a permanency which nothing but a universal cataclysm can destroy.

TO REBUILD A TEMPLE.

bassador from France, M. Jean Jules According to the Washington Post, Jusserand, who comes from the French of M.y 30, somebody is contemplating Republic to present to the city a beauthe restoration of the Temple of Solotiful medal in commemoration of the mon. This structure was erected about disaster of 1906, and of the admiration 1,000 years before our era. It was deof the French people of the manliness stroyed by Nebuchadnezzar and rebuilt and resolution with which the people by the Jews who returned from the endured and faced disaster, and the Babylonian exile, though on a less marvelous energy with which they set magnificent scale. Herod endeavored to bout retrieving their shattered forrestore its ancient glory, but the building was utterly destroyed by Titus in the year 70 A. D.

It may be said to be distinctively The article in the Washington Post French, too, for only a nation with states that Mr. R. F. Faulkner, of refinement of taste for which the Washington, early in life, became in-French are noted would have thought erested in the history of the wonderof paying such a compliment to an alier ful Temple, where the ark of the cov community. enant, the brazen altar, and priceless jewels and ornaments were kept. No of his life in San Francisco, and the ity should return the compliment to France in some distinctively American ture and archaeological works, picking expression of appreciation and good up details. He also visited the Holy feelings,

Land. After years and years of study he had ZIONISTS FOR MESOPOTAMIA. accumulated enough facts from passages in Scripture and old books and Leading Zionists, it is said, are conmanuscripts to frame an idea as to the sidering the proposition of establishgeneral appearance of its outer and ining a Hebrew colony in Mesopotamia ner walls, as well as the location of the They believe that the present Turkish arches, pillars, altars, and rooms of the various personages.

government would favor the move. And an effort is therefore being made With this knowledge he began to preto divert emigration from Russia and pare a chart, and after years of labor Roumania into that region. he placed it in the hands of an en-And why not? When the Hebrew graver. A short time later, however, nation shall be fully rehabilitated, it Mr. Faulkner died, leaving his life's wil need not only the narrow strip of work to his heirs.

country known as Palestine, but ter-Hearing that Mrs. Wilcox was one of ritory to the north and the east. It the foremost archaeologists in America, will in all probability need all the coun and had given considerable time to the study of early religious history, one try in which the Semitic race has preof Mr. Faulkner's heirs sent her the dominated. original drawing made by him. Every-Mesopotamia is the country between where the chart was seen it attracted the two rivers, Euphrates and Tigris

genuine widespread and unabatable in- At one time the trade of the world was conducted along the two great highterest.

Mrs. Wilcox, we are further told, has ways that led through Mesopotamia. received a letter from a teacher in Jeru-Both started from Aleppo in Svria and salem, asking that interest in the repassed, one to Edessa and the other to building of Solomon's Temple be stimu-Carchemish, on the Euphrates, whence lated, and that funds be raised to bethe latter continued through Harran to gin the work. The teacher declared the Tigris. Along this road, it is supspeaking to the East, the South, and that one of the brass candlesticks posed. Abraham traveled on his jourwhich stood in the temple had been ney from the City of Ur to Canaan dredged from the Jordan River, and There are many sacred memories as that slabs of marble from the structure sociated with the country between the had also been found. But nothing is rivers. The Jews who were led capsaid of the important question whether tive to Babylonia multiplied and prosthe Turkish government can be inpered there. There some of their great prophets delivered the divine duced to consent to the reconstruction,

which may be doubted, since the Temmessage, and there a great school of ple ground is one of the most sacred rabbis was located. places in the Mohammedan world. How can any successor of Mohammed give up the guardianship of even a foot of that sacred ground?

Mesopotamia, which has a total area of perhaps 180,000 square miles, is described as a country of immense fertility, capable of producing grain for

garden spots rich in reward to him who ished distributing 400 charts, or plans, remains unexhausted after having sup-

nen of other countries who are needed this is for the protection of the Am here to develop our resources and build erican eagle.

> The congressman who has to stay in Washington at this season of the year for the purpose of enacting laws, earns his salary if not the gratitude of his constituents.

While in vain is the snare spread in the sight of any bird it is not in vain that "tips" on races are spread in the sight of intended victims.

Comparatively few people are imposed on individually, chiefly because they are not worth imposing upon in the eyes of the imposters.

"Plenty of people can stand adver sity, but only a few can stand prosperity," says the Atchison Globe philosopher. And very few people have a chance to stand prosperity.

"It's a great comfort to a woman to believe that her husband is lonesome when she is away," says an exchange. The great comfort to some women is in being away from the husband.

"You are going to be accorded the same kind of treatment that I have eccived from you," said Senator Aldrich to Senator La Follette. Which s official notice that the Mosaic lawan eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooths to be substituted for senatorial courtesy.

JUST FOR FUN

The Church Raffle. The very idea of denouncing a church raffle as gambling! Gambling is an institution in which each parti-ipant takes a chance. A man doesn't do this when he goes to a church fair; he simply surrenders all his chances.

No Cause for Alarm.

A Passenger-""'Ere! Whoa! There's an old bloke fell off the 'bus!" The Conductor-"Orl right, sonny, 'E's paid 'is fare."-The Sketch.

Looking Out for Grandma.

are considerate youngsters in Nottingham, as most people know says London Tit Bits. A little boy whose grandmother had just died wrote the following letter, which he due rested: duly posted: "Dear Angels: We have sent you grandma. Please give her a harp to play, as she is shortwinded and can't blow a trumpet."

Trying to be Accurate.

"Where's this trunk going?" asked the baggageman. "Well," answered the mild-mannered passenger, "from the way you're handling it, I'm inclined to change my first impression on the subject and conclude that it is going to the scrap pile."--Washington Star."

Her Remedy.

The Mistress-Jane, the dishes you have been putting on the table of late were positively dirty. What have you to say about it? The Servant-I think, ma'am, that





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