

influence the nomination and election of a good many members of the legislature, and make themselves a power in the politics of the State. This looks like an added menace to the prosperity of prohibition.

NON-PROGRESSIVE RELIGION.

W. S. BEAN has an article in the *Presbyterian Quarterly* entitled *Biblical Theology*. It strikingly exhibits the weakness of the sectarian Christian churches, by defining the position of Bible theologians in contra-distinction to that of the advocates of scientific development and advanced thought. He admits that biblical theology is necessarily non-progressive, in view of the declaration that the canon of scripture is declared to be full, and no more can be added. There being, from the strictly theological standpoint, no new revelation, there can be no new light upon the doctrines of sin, grace and redemption.

In view of this position the battle ground of the Bible theologian must be the defense of those fundamental doctrines. His function is merely expository and not inventive or constructive. Mr. Bean very properly remarks: "There is little danger that any serious revolution will be effected by this process." He might have added, with as much force of consistency, for the same reason, that there is little prospect of the churches retaining their hold upon the people. They are in danger of being swamped in the sea of doctrinal stagnation.

The churches are forced to take one of the two positions defined by Mr. Bean—that of mere defense of certain cardinal doctrines, or, on the other hand, of joining hands with the advanced thought advocates. They have declared against any more direct light from heaven. Having themselves closed the door of new revelation, they have nothing left but to defend what has already been revealed, or merge into the mass of those who do not accept of revelation at all.

The rejection of new revelation seals the doom of what is called modern Christianity, for it has no rock of safety upon which to stand. Revelation of the present is the only potential factor in the defense of revelation of the past. Its rejection is the repudiation of the only means of bringing mankind into a homogeneous condition. The Latter-day Saints stand alone in their defense and advocacy of present revelation. That is the secret of their ability to

cope with questions which other religionists are unable to meet. There is a progressive religion, being in unison with the development of truth, which consists of things as they have been, as they are and ever will be.

IS THIS KIDNAPPING?

ON October 22d, Mr. Hobson, a deputy United States marshal, operating in the third judicial district of Idaho, the court of which is now in session at Blackfoot, went to Logan. His object in so doing was to secure the attendance of some witnesses who were wanted in the case of T. E. Ricks, whose trial on a charge of unlawful cohabitation was set for Oct. 24. Deputy Hobson brought with him a writ of attachment issued by Judge Berry of the court named, for two lady witnesses, who, however, had had no previous notice nor intimation that they would be wanted, and hence had shown no disposition to evade testifying. At the instance of Commissioner Goodwin, Deputy Whetstone, operating in the first judicial district of this Territory, arrested the two ladies, who were taken before Commissioner Goodwin and bound over to appear before him the following morning. The facts in the case we glean from an account of it given by the *Logan Journal*, which says:

They were arrested on no charge, brought before our own Commissioner on no charge, bound over on no charge, to appear before him on the following day to answer no charge. "It was a question of binding them over or sending those two women to jail, and by—I was not going to send them to jail." So spake our own Commissioner, and he spake as one having authority. The plan is, according to Commissioner Goodwin, when the ladies appear before his court this morning, to commit them to the care of Deputy Whetstone. Mr. Whetstone will persuade them to go to Franklin, which is in Idaho and then Mr. Hobson will coax them with the influence of his writ of attachment to relieve him of a lonely ride by going with him to Blackfoot.

This is how the matter stood last night. Messrs. L. R. Martineau and J. Z. Stewart were the bondsmen for the ladies.

This appears to be an extraordinary course to pursue in order to obtain from one Territory witnesses who are wanted in another.

CHINESE TEMPLE BURNED.

The *Chinese Times*, of San Francisco, contains the following in

reference to the burning of "The Temple of Heaven," in Peking, China:

On September 18th, at 5:15 p. m. Peking was startled by a ruddy glow in the sky toward the south of the city indicating a fire of some magnitude in that direction. Upon inquiring among the natives it was learned that it was the Temple of Heaven. The fire was not quite out at 4 o'clock this morning, and the temple is a heap of smoldering ruins. Previous to the fire Peking was visited by the heaviest downpour of rain that has taken place this year, simply a deluge for about one hour or so, flooding nearly every building and house in the city, and making many of the roads impassable. The great downpour in Kong Koug could not have been worse. This deluge was ushered in by a shower of hailstones of about half an inch in diameter and like pieces of glass, so hard and transparent were they. The wind also chopped round from one quarter to another with remarkable rapidity. This deluge of rain taking place before the fire burst out has created the belief among the Chinese that the fire was the work of heaven, but the foreigners believe that the lightning of Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock (when we had a short, sharp thunderstorm with incessant flashes of lightning) was the cause of it. It would be dangerous for a native to hint that it was the work of a man. One individual says it is the fault of the young Empress, because "she is all fire," and there has been nothing but trouble since the marriage.

BREEDING HORSES.

UTAH is rapidly forging ahead in the matter of raising horses. We had here, from the earliest settlement of this region, a splendid foundation upon which to build races of draft, all-purpose, or trotting horses. The Spanish stock, which formed the bulk of our horses in this country until within recent years, possessed those qualities of courage and endurance so necessary in any breed, and which are, in fact, the main virtues to be sought in a race of horses which it is proposed to breed up. That native Spanish stock is hard to break after the fourth or fifth year, only proves it to be lacking in intelligence; for the more intelligent a horse is the more easily may it be subjected to the will of man. Docility, merely a form of intelligence, is imparted to the horse by crossing with better blood, and by thoroughly breaking and training generation after generation.

From now on, horses are destined to be an important product of this Territory, and to constitute one of