

demnation who permit these things to exist in their midst. And so with fornication. No fornicator, no adulterer nor adulteress, should have a place among us. They should be warned, they should be dealt with, they should be cut off from the Church. And so with every other sin. We have been too lenient, and have permitted things to exist which are wrong in the sight of God. Now that our enemies are waging war against us, there is only one way in which we can expect to withstand assaults made upon us, and that is in being a pure people, in being a people who live according to the laws of our God. This we must be or the favor of God will be withdrawn from us. Therefore, let the Church be cleansed. Let the Teachers visit under the influence of the Spirit of God and the gift of discernment, and where they find those that are living in opposition to or violation of the laws of God, let them, by the Spirit of God which will rest upon them, teach and warn that household, and thus take steps to purify the Church. Let every Priest and every Teacher go forth in that spirit in the midst of the Latter-day Saints and you will see good results; and then let hell boil over, let hell array itself with all its forces, let earth and hell combine against this work of our God and they cannot succeed. I am not afraid of all hell; I am not afraid of all the earth, if the Latter-day Saints will be pure, if they will live their religion. I know that we shall triumph and come off victorious in every contest, which may God grant in the name of Jesus. Amen.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

OUR CORRESPONDENT TELLS SOME STUNNING TRUTHS

UTAH AFFAIRS PRE-EMINENT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

The affairs of Utah are becoming the all-absorbing topic of the hour in this city. Chicago has, at least, become the capital of the anti-Mormon crusaders. There is nothing strange in this. Chicago is destined at no distant day to become the capital of the nation. Some of our observers fear that the flow of money resulting from the anti-Mormon agitation may have a corrupting influence on our press and politics. As to the religious part of our press, it is long since beyond the stage when putrefaction hurts. And as to the secular press, of course we must expect a vehement denunciation of the Mormons from time to time. But coupled with this is also a

SLY HINT AT OUR OWN CONDITION.

One of our daily papers, which has had considerable to say for the last few weeks about Mormonism, has an editorial this morning on our marriage system. After detailing the particulars of the divorce courts and the present glut of business, he says: "If marriage was a more serious matter than it now is with a great many people, it follows that it would be entered into with much greater caution. Those who have no religious scruples and consider matrimony simply as a civil contract naturally have no scruples about dissolving it at will. Under such circumstances we have a species of legalized free-love, which only exacts from its votaries compliance with certain forms of law."

On the whole these secular papers are honest enough, but as they are run for commercial interests more than for public education, of course they cannot come out openly, except in some way like this. Come out with a vigorous anti-Mormon denunciation one day, and the next

GIVE THE PARSON A THRUST

in the small ribs. And this is not a bad plan altogether, because in reading about the Mormon we may be invited to self-criticism, and self-criticism is the first step to self-respect, and self-respect means decency, order, reason, judgment and honesty. In fact if it were not for the agitation arising out of Mormonism, we would have forgotten all about ourselves, and would keep on in blissful ignorance until we had become a nation of grass widows and anagamic bachelors. Perhaps Webster has not the word anagamic, but the last campaign produced it. It means marrying the same woman twice and still a bachelor.

If ever there was a time in the history of Mormonism when the Mormon was required to manifest the qualities which

MAKE A PEOPLE OR A NATION GREAT, that time is the present. Let the humblest Mormon in Utah understand that arrayed against him at present is all the political orthodox Christianity of both Europe and America. Wherever a political parson exists there you find a Mormon-eater. All the professional politicians of the expiring party, from Arthur and Elkins down to Barney Biglin and Black Jack the murderer of Chicago, are against the Mormon. The land-grabber and monopolist of New Mexico and Idaho are against this hapless Mormon. The tramping Christian who lives on his wits, and the penniless scribe who writes dime novels, and the stale insipid lecturer who depends on sensation, are all trying to live off the Mormon.

In this the Mormon ought to find some comfort that at least he has AN OPPOSITION WORTHY OF BATTLE.

Of course battle in a moral way is meant. The Mormon against the

world! The 600 against the whole Russian army. Horatius Coclus alone at the bridge. What a theme for a drama, an epic, aye an Iliad. Let the Mormon understand his position. Let him conduct himself with the valor and dignity worthy of his cause, and alive or dead his place in history will prove the brightest page that adorns the records of human events. Macauley dwells with pride on the proud tread of Algernon Sydney to the scaffold. Well, there are some of Algernon Sydney's countrymen in Utah, and of the same blood, and doubtless of the same spirit. Let these men understand that one period from the future Macauley of Utah is worth more than a century of existence among the howling brawlers and strife-breeders that to-day disgrace christianity with sewer dredging newspapers and their slanderous and scurrilous and lying missionaries. Are there any men from Sweden and Switzerland in Utah? If so let them read the histories of their countries. They will find them the brightest in Europe. And in the coming conflict let them remember the race and blood they represent. There are some of the old Puritan stock in Utah; will they flinch? Certainly not, if they are not the degenerate preachers who howl around street corners in Chicago and other cities. Are there any men of the South in Utah? The old chivalry and cavalier stock which is often obstinate was never dishonorable nor afraid of death by sword or scaffold. Let the men of Utah who represent these races, remember that because they have embraced an unpopular religion they have not denationalized themselves. Let them remember that to-day they are making history, and on themselves depend the place they will occupy in that history. Will they let themselves be overawed by the foul-mouthed libeller, the blatant demagogue and the scheming party political hack? Let the Mormon understand that circumstance, or destiny, or better still, Providence, has placed him on a footing where he can make the most brilliant page in the world's history as well as exalt religion and defy humanity. But let him remember the way to conduct himself is not by bluster and braggadocio, but as Chesterfield would have his son conduct himself, *suaviter in modo, fortiter in re*. A willow in manner but a Gibraltar in purpose.

THE AGITATION ABOUT DAKOTA.

has helped to a great extent this movement against Utah. The Republican party are determined to have Dakota a State, and lest by any revolution in the political wheel Utah, Idaho, or even New Mexico should secure admission to the Union, this party has decided to make the Mormon bugaboo as loud as possible. Elkins and Dorsey and this crowd hope with their cowboys to control New Mexico, unless the Mormons get a foothold there. The Mormon is the natural and political enemy of the cowboy and cattleman. The Mormons have proved that the desert can be utilized and added to God's domain as well as the prairie, and this fact is enough to keep the Mormons out of New Mexico. Why should the land-grabbers be interfered with. Give them the backbone of America with a highway 15 miles wide into Chicago, and they will be happy. No, the stockman does not want Mormons. Has it ever occurred to these "statesmen" that if it were not for the established and

SETTLED CONDITION OF SOCIETY

brought about by the Mormons, Utah would be to-day the cover of whole bands of Jesse James, and Italian brigands. What would Colorado be were it not for the Mormons? Joe. Medill says it would be a desert. The Mormons taught the disappointed miner how to raise wheat and corn and potatoes in the desert. The future safety of the American Republic depends on the establishment of settled society depending on agriculture in Utah, New Mexico and Idaho. Give these Territories over to the land grabbers, disappointed miners, and adventurous politicians, and you will soon have an opposition republic started. The statesman who to-day would advocate the admission of Utah would be doing a thing that posterity would bless him for. Admit the tenderfeet and pilgrims of the Coeur d'Alene mountains and keep out the agriculturist and small farmer of Utah. What absurdity to be sure.

If our church societies are as interested really, as they pretend or profess to be, in the education, improvement and exaltation of the human family

WHY NOT COMMENCE AT HOME,

rather than waste their time, energy and capital on the Mormon or the Heathen. A Mr. J. R. Collier, writing from Louisville, Kentucky, to the *St. Louis Evangelist*, under date of October 30th, gives an account of the condition of religion and education in that State which might well challenge or command the attention of interested orthodox. Mr. Collier says \$4,000 will suffice to do a good work in all the 35 mountain counties, the condition of which he sums up in a few terse sentences. He says: "The ignorance in some of these mountain counties is appalling. The ministers in some places are unable to read. Some are found who do not have a bible; and who don't need one. At least their views do not need the aid of a bible as a buttress. There the Hard-shell Baptist appeareth in all the glory

of his boasted ignorance. And that country which is most backward in Sunday Schools is ministered to by sixty such pastors. They denounce the Sabbath school as their greatest enemy. And I presume they are about right." This is not a very bright picture of the great State of Kentucky. Mr. Collier does not speak at random, for he adds that if any are sceptical about his report they can seek further particulars of the Rev. Dr. S. E. Wishard, of Danville, Kentucky.

These hard-shell Baptists must be in truth

"HARD CASES."

There was a time when these Baptists or Anabaptists used to be burned, hanged, quartered and disemboweled. Mr. Collier would not return to these whilom civilizing influences, but requests the modest sum of \$4,000 to set matters aright. Surely when one-quarter of a million can be collected for manufacturing public opinion against a Mormon, the comparative sum of a few dimes ought to be forthcoming for the disruption of that indurated, ossified, petrified, or whatever else it is that composes that awful crust which envelops the hard-shell Baptist. The father of our retiring President used to be of this fossilized mineral, and he ought to mention Kentucky in one of his many windy and verbose messages.

WHAT IS ORTHODOXY

doing for society. It is a well known fact that Ingersoll audiences increase yearly, while church congregations dwindle. The last annual report of one of these Home Missionary boards gives some appalling particulars. The work of 1,500 missionaries for last year amounted to the awful result of 2,000 baptisms, 605 of these missionaries say nothing whatever for themselves. They drew their salaries and that was doing good work. If an orthodox missionary cannot rescue more than one man and a boy from the devil, then this missionary ought to go raising chickens. If we turn to the Chicago *Interior* of Oct. 23d, we can find the cause of this alarming decay in orthodox evangelism. Here it makes no bones about saying that it is attributable to wooden-headed preachers. In the west the churches are not self-supporting. In most cases they are helped by missionary societies. The writer in the *Interior* says: "I am sure I do not exaggerate when I say that nine out of ten of the ministers in the small towns are uneducated men, and wholly unfit to build up the people whom they are expected to teach. The natural result is that educated and thoughtful persons fall away from the church, and the regular church-goers are dwindled down to the most ignorant and uneducated people in the community."

The ancient poets used to say that whoever the gods wished to destroy they first made mad. Surely these preachers must be mad or idiotic, else they would attempt some practical method of staying infidelity. The educated going out of the church! No wonder they would. When parsons can't read, and hard-shell Baptists won't go to school. This *Interior* is the paper that reprimanded women who nurse lap-dogs and kill their babies, and the pious editor fervently prayed to heaven to save him from such women.

If the meeting at Farwell Hall, which is to take place next week, would discuss this problem rather than Utah, it would be much more beneficial to themselves and to society. They might vary the proceedings with an investigation of the files of one of our divorce courts and contrast licensed free-love with the mythical polygamy of Utah.

JUNIUS.

FRUITS OF "MORMONISM."

THE "MORMONS" PROPERLY EXPOSED.

Editor Deseret News:

I will open another exposition of the "twin relic" by first introducing two excerpts, one from Dr. Miller and the other from the *Tribune*, a local daily print.

"There is more polygamy practised in the two cities of Chicago and Philadelphia than in all the territory of Utah with the only difference that in the cities named it is done under the semblance of law. The New York *Herald* some days ago published a list of the parties to 764 divorce cases now pending in the Chicago courts, and immediately after followed it up with a list of 718 cases before the Philadelphia courts. Fourteen hundred divorce suits in two American cities now on the docket: it is terrible. All this is done quietly, too. 'Cheapness, secrecy and dispatch' is the device of the divorce lawyers. Secrecy was adopted, as alleged, 'to save the feelings of prominent people,' but really to accelerate the business. Now if the various churches will concern themselves about the towering evil at home before they assault the 'twin relic' elsewhere, they will confer an everlasting blessing upon the country."—*Omaha Herald*, Dec. 19, 1884.

"There are 35 Mormons and 44 Gentiles confined in the Utah Penitentiary. This doesn't look exactly as though 80 per cent. of the criminals in Utah were Gentiles, and yet the Mormon statisticians would have us believe that such is the case."—*Salt Lake Tribune*, May 4th, 1884.

As an economizer of the truth, the paper last quoted is colossal.

The facts are, there are at this writing, in the Utah Penitentiary 95 prisoners, classified as follows:

"Mormons,"	16
Non-"Mormons,"	79
Or, in the ratio of one "Mormon" to five non-"Mormons."	
Born of "Mormon" parents,	19
"non-"Mormon" "	76
Or, "Mormons" one, non-"Mormons" five.	

AGGREGATE YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT.	
16 "Mormons" -	50
79 Non-"Mormons" -	254½

IMPRISONED FOR LIFE.	
"Mormons" -	1
Non-"Mormons" -	3

UNDEB SENTENCE OF DEATH.	
"Mormons" -	0
Non-"Mormons" -	1

THE CHIMES CLASSIFIED.	
Mormons.	Non-Mormons

Murder and manslaughter	1	17
Assault to kill	-	2
Rape	1	3
Abduction	-	1
Forgery	1	4
Polygamy and bigamy	3	
Grand Larceny	9	16
Robbery, housebreaking, burglary and embezzlement	1	31
Obstructing railroad	-	2
Misdemeanor	-	3

The following further details show the proportion of professors of several local sectarian religious bodies as compared with the "Mormons."

"MORMONS."	
Total number in the penitentiary	16
Aggregate number of years of imprisonment	50
Imprisoned for life	1
Awaiting trial	1
Born of "Mormon" parents	19

CATHOLICS.	
Total number in the penitentiary	28
Aggregate time of imprisonment	108 1-6
Imprisoned for life	2
Under sentence of death	1
Awaiting trial	6
Born of Catholic parents	39

PRESBYTERIANS.	
Total number in the Penitentiary,	4
Aggregate years of imprisonment,	15
Born of Presbyterian parents,	3

METHODISTS.	
Total number in the Penitentiary,	4
Aggregate years of imprisonment,	8
Awaiting trial,	2
Born of Methodist parents,	5

BAPTISTS.	
Total number in the Penitentiary,	3
Aggregate years of imprisonment,	4½
Born of Baptist parents,	5

LUTHERANS.	
Total number in the Penitentiary,	2
Aggregate years of imprisonment,	2
Born of Lutheran parents,	2

UNIVERSALISTS.	
Number in Penitentiary,	1
Years of imprisonment,	1
Born of Universalist parents,	1

CAMPBELLITES.	
Number in Penitentiary,	1
Years of imprisonment,	15
Born of Campbellite parentage,	1

JEW.	
In Penitentiary,	1
Awaiting trial,	1
Of Jewish parentage,	1

OF NO RELIGIOUS FAITH.	
Total number in the Penitentiary,	28
Aggregate years of imprisonment,	101
In for life,	1
Awaiting trial,	4
Born of unbelieving parents	3

CHINAMEN.	
Number in Penitentiary,	5
Awaiting trial,	5

INDIANS.	
In Penitentiary,	1
For life,	1

Four of the convicts were born of Episcopalian, and one of Freethinking parents. The penitentiary criminals were all tried and sent up by United States officials; and the glaring animus, intense hatred, the unjust and vicious discrimination and unlawful and unwarrantable bias were all criminally exhibited against the Mormons by these same officials, as proven beyond controversy by the fact that the 19 "Mormon" prisoners are sentenced for 50 years, while the 79 non-"Mormons" are sent up for only 254½ years. Could there be anything more unfair, unjust and unpardonable? Talk about justice to "Mormons" at the hands of judicial missionaries.

If the crimes of the two classes were of the same enormity, of a similar import and character, the respective seasons of imprisonment would be about fair, but when we take into account the startling difference in the gravity of the deeds of darkness committed, and as the enormity of any crime is justly measured by its consequences upon society, either immediate or remote—the force and cogency of the foregoing conclusion cannot be dislodged. Let me reproduce a portion of the list of the criminalities charged while we keep in mind the class popu-

lation of the Territory, June, 1880, which was over 83 per cent. "Mormon" and under 17 per cent non-"Mormon."

MURDER AND MANSLAUGHTER.

83 Mormons,	-	-	1
17 Non-Mormons,	-	-	17

RAPE.

83 Mormons	-	-	0
17 Non-Mormons,	-	-	3

ABDUCTION.

83 Mormons,	-	-	0
17 Non-Mormons,	-	-	1

FORGERY.

83 Mormons,	-	-	1
17 Non-Mormons,	-	-	4

GRAND LARCENY.

83 Mormons,	-	-	9
17 Non-Mormons,	-	-	16

BURGLARY, ETC.

83 Mormons,	-	-	1
17 Non-Mormons,	-	-	31

Obstructing railroads, attempts to throw trains off the track, thus endangering life and property:

83 Mormons	-	-	0
17 Non-Mormons,	-	-	2

IMPRISONED FOR LIFE.

83 Mormons	-	-	1
17 Non-Mormons	-	-	3

SENTENCED TO RECEIVE THE DEATH PENALTY.

83 Mormons	-	-	0
17 Non-Mormons	-	-	1

In this connection there is another telling consideration to be taken into account. The anti-"Mormons," here and elsewhere, never ceased boasting of their superior civilization over that of the "Mormons," consequently it will be good logic to conclude that most of the 79 non-"Mormon" convicts were bred, born and reared by Christian parents in Christian communities, brought up in the midst of acknowledged culture, refinement and a high order of civilization. Those thus favored should indeed be law-abiding and good; far superior in lawful and moral elements to the "Mormons," who are, according to the never ending assertions of the same boastful anti-"Mormons," the veriest scum of the earth.

How is it that the minority non-Mormons, reared under such superior conditions and influences, as alleged, should commit the most numerous and the very gravest crimes known to degenerate man, while the overwhelming majority (Mormons) who were raised under alleged inferior auspices are, guilty of incomparably fewer crimes and in comparison mere peccadilloes?

Does not this reverse the general and accepted current of results? Is it not anomalous, to say the least? And yet these are the stubborn facts in regard to the unlawful elements of the two classes brought in review.

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