

an Elder being afflicted with the dread disorder. Many whites, however, have been smitten because they had no regard for virtue or self-respect. It is possible to be infected by intemperance. An open wound of sore-throated by the virus might imbibe the poison, but ordinary mingling with its victims is not dangerous.

So much on this disagreeable subject. The sufferings and wasting away of the native population of the Sandwich Isles are the natural effects of the seeds of vice they have sown in their own bodies. Only a remnant will be saved. And the work of this redemption will be accomplished through the labors of the devoted Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who preach and set an example to the natives of personal chastity and cleanliness, proclaim the Gospel of Christ, teach industry and guide them in its practice, and by permission of the native authorities gather a few of them to Zion, where they can learn the ways of God and assist in the great plan of redemption for the living and the dead of their own fallen race and kindred.

AN IMPORTANT MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

In the town of Lake, near Chicago, there have been a number of deaths recently from puerperal or "child-bed" fever. They attracted general attention. Several of them occurring about the same time were inquired into, and it was found that the same doctor had attended the unfortunate ladies.

It is now claimed that puerperal fever is contagious. This is denied by the physician who lost these cases, but others maintain that the contagion is so exceedingly subtle that it can be carried in the physician's hair, also that there is very little difference between puerperal fever and peritonitis. The Chief of the Board of Health has requested the physician who lost these patients to desist for a while to practice in such cases.

Doctors differ about a great many things, and their views are not always to be relied upon. But whether this often fatal disease is contagious or not, in view of the possibility thereof and the exceedingly sensitive condition of ladies just become mothers and their consequent liability to contagion, would it not be wise for doctors and midwives attending persons afflicted with that disorder, to use the same precautions as to disinfection as in cases under their care which they know to be contagious?

We think this matter worthy the attention of our local physicians, for if there is one kind of mortality more afflicting than another, it is the taking away of a fond mother just rejoicing over her new-born babe.

LITERARY NOTICES.

THE *Magazine of Art* continues to be a first class work in every respect; the engravings it contains are beautifully executed and it is a magazine fit to grace any table or library. By the way, Cassell, Petter, Galpin & Co., the publishers for New York, London and Paris, have organized into a joint stock company under the firm name of Cassell and Company, Limited. They announce the publication of the following works: *Modern Missions*, their Atlas and Triumphant, by Robert Young, with introduction by Rev. James H. Wilson, D. D., Edinburgh, containing over 430 pages, with map and illustrations, in one large 12mo volume Price \$2.00. *My Object in Life*, by Canon Farrar; *My Work for God*, by Bishop Cretwell; *My Aspirations*, by Rev. Geo. Matheson, D. D.; *My Emotional Life*, by Rev. Fred. Chadwick, D. D.; *My Body*, by Prof. W. G. Blake, D. D.; *My Aids to the Divine Life*, by Rev. Dean Boyle. Each volume contains 128 pages, neatly bound in cloth, red edges, price, 40 cents each; the series, called *Heart Chords*, will consist of about 12 vols. in all.

The June number of the *Modern Age* comes to us from New York City. It has succeeded so well that it has changed its headquarters to the commercial capital. The change of locality has made no change in the excellence of the magazine. It is entertaining, choice and bright, and good judgment is displayed in

its selections and arrangement. *Modern Age*, Publishing Company, New York; \$1.00 per annum.

The June number of the *North American Review* opens with an article by Joseph Nimmo, Jr., Chief of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, on "American Manufacturing Interests," in which is given a full and instructive historical sketch of the rise and progress of manufactures in the United States, together with a very effective presentation of their present condition, and of the agency of tariff legislation in promoting diversified industries and encouraging the inventive genius of the people. Should this author's advocacy of protective legislation prove distasteful, the reader finds the needed corrective in an article by the Hon. Wm. M. Springer, on "Incidental Taxation," which is an argument for free trade. "Present Aspects of College Training," "Abuse of Citizenship," "Herbert Spencer's Facts and Inferences" in social and political science; "A Few Words about Public Singing," and a symposium on "The Moral Influence of the Drama" are the other articles of this interesting number. New York: 30 Lafayette Place; Salt Lake City, James Dwyer.

The *Overland Monthly* for June is full full of good things, printed on fine paper, in clear readable type. Its current comments and reviews are on a par with the general excellence of the magazine. It is the monthly for readers on the Pacific Coast, and is worthy the patronage of the public all over the continent. Samuel Carson, publisher, San Francisco. For sale at Jas. Dwyer's.

"INTER-OCEAN" CURTIS AND "THE MORMONS."

A SHORT time ago we noticed the arrival in this city of E. M. Curtis, of the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*. The gentleman stayed here a few days, long enough to obtain some little definite information concerning the "Mormons" and their creed if he had been so disposed, and long enough to be crammed full of nonsense and stale rubbish, as is proven by a letter to his paper which appears in the daily of May 18th. If he had not given credence to those old hackneyed and widely published fabrications which are gravely told by wags and chronic liars alike to the unwary tourist, he would not have given them place in such a journal as the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*. We append a few of them as specimens:

"The houses of prostitution in Utah are mostly populated, as the Gentiles assert, by dissolute daughters of the 'Saints.' It is said that the mistress of the principal bagnio of Salt Lake City stated in court, under oath, that she had turned away fifty young women of Mormon parentage who applied for admission to her house of shame, within a single year."

"The Mormons claim that the Gentiles are carpet-baggers who have come to plunder the people; but the best answer to this charge is the fact that, casting but one-sixth of the vote, they pay two-fifths of the taxes, and in the city of Salt Lake they pay one-half the taxes, and cast one-fourth of the vote."

"The church is the most absolute and cruel despotism that exists this side of Constantinople."

"All officials, temporal and spiritual, are selected by the Council of the Twelve Apostles, and whoever they nominate the people elect."

"Woman suffrage prevails here with a vengeance, and every Mormon woman votes as the President of the church from the pulpit of the Tabernacle tells her to. Every ballot is numbered, and the number is set beside the name of her or him who cast it upon the registration books. Woe be to the Mormon who votes anything but the straight ticket."

"The system of surveillance which prevailed during the time of Brigham Young, by which he was enabled to know what was going on in the households of the people, the very words they spoke and the every act they did, is still kept up to a certain extent, although not so strictly, and it pertains to the spiritual condition almost entirely."

The vile falsehood concerning the bagnios which would not exist here at all but for the support given to them by authority over which the

"Mormons" have no control, is the offering of the filthy minds from which Mr. Curtis obtained the "information" included in the above extracts. Not only is the story entirely untrue, as we have previously demonstrated by police reports, but no such statement was ever made in court, either under oath or otherwise, as that alleged; it is not true, in fact, and the so-called court statement is itself a dirty invention.

The "Mormons" do not claim that the "Gentiles" as a class are "carpet baggers who have come to plunder the people." This is only charged of the adventurers who raise the disturbances, manufacture such falsehoods as those repeated by Mr. Curtis, and send them east and west as well as pour them into the ears of gullible travelers and credulous newspaper correspondents. They are office-holders or office-seekers, their hangers-on and supporters, and few if any of the solid business non-"Mormons" countenance either their measures or their methods. Yet everything that is said against their villainies, they endeavor to make applicable to all the "Gentiles" in the Territory, when such strictures are intended only for the scoundrels and scoundrels who are plotting to steal a Territory. And as to the taxes, most of them pay no taxes at all as the lists show, in some instances because they have no stake in the county they aim to rule, and in others because it is desired to some one else as a safe-guard against creditors. That is the class that the "Mormons" denounce as "carpet baggers who have come to plunder the people."

The talk about the despotism of the Church is childish. Liberty is secured by its covenants, discipline and spirit. All things in it are required to be done "by common consent." All officials temporal and spiritual are not selected as described. Political meetings are held as in other parts of the country, and what offices are left by this so-called Republican Government to the people to fill, are occupied by persons nominated in regular convention, by delegates chosen in the political primaries. The absolutism and despotism so often mentioned, exist only in the stories told to travelers and published for facts by the pulpit and the press.

Mr. Curtis has been betrayed into another error which is very easy of demonstration. While it would be impossible for him to cite anything in the way of proof that the President of the Church from the pulpit of the Tabernacle tells "Mormons" men or women how to vote, we are able to quote the law in relation to the ballot, which is so strongly protective of the personal rights and secrecy of the voter that it has been held up in Pennsylvania and other States as a model worthy of imitation and adoption; it is as follows:

"The County Court shall furnish the Judges of Elections, in every precinct, with a sufficient number of plain envelopes for election purposes. Said envelopes shall be uniform in color and size, without any marks, writing, printing or any device upon them, and no other kind shall be used at any given election."

"Every voter shall designate on a single ballot, written or printed, the name of the person or persons voted for, with a pertinent designation of the office to be filled. * * * which ballot shall be neatly folded and placed in one of the envelopes hereinbefore provided for, and delivered to the presiding Judge of Election, who shall, in the presence of the voter, * * * deposit it in the ballot box, without any mark whatever being placed on such envelope; otherwise the ballot shall be rejected."

Now, will Mr. Curtis please inform us how, there can be any "woe" to the "Mormon" who does not vote what he pleases to call "the straight ticket"? No earthly power can tell how the individual votes, for his whole statement, upon which his imaginary "woe" is predicated, is baseless. And will he have the grace or honesty to correct this misstatement and acknowledge that he was misled and deceived by the plausible humbugs who stuffed him with anti-"Mormon" Munchausenisms?

Then there is the story about surveillance, which he says is "still kept up to a certain extent." Is it possible that an astute journalist, who has traveled, could believe such a yarn as that about Brigham Young learning "every act and the very

words spoken in every household of the people?" It is akin to the old fable gravely told by preachers and editors at one time, that every letter sent from Utah was opened and read by Brigham Young. It is a libel on the intelligence of an *Inter-Ocean* writer to think that he believed such stuff, and yet it is more discreditable to him if, disbelieving the absurd falsehood he penned it for publication.

The gentleman informs the public that "the Danites exist no longer," because there is "no further use for them," thus tacitly endorsing the blood-and-thunder romances which have been palmed upon the public upon the statements of vagabonds of the Hickman stripe, whose stories Mr. Curtis admits even "the Gentiles have little faith in." It appears to us that when endeavoring to throw light upon a subject that he says has been more thoroughly discussed than any other, the gentleman could have refrained from following in the wake of the reporters of long ago, who wrote up "Mormonism" to suit the cravings of anti-"Mormon" readers. Yet he mentions some truths, and although careful to state that being brought up in the neighborhood of Kirtland, with an "abiding hatred" of "Mormonism," and "associated from youth with a paper which has led the skirmish line" against it, he is "willing to admit after a visit here, that everything about Mormonism is not vile and filthy, and that everything opposed to it is not worthy of credence and respect. There is good and bad on both sides." And in regard to polygamy he says:

"Strange as it may appear, the female portion of the Mormon Church is more loyal to its doctrines than the members of the other sex. Everybody in Salt Lake will tell you that—Jew, Gentile, or Mormon. The most effective propagandists are women, and there is less apostasy among them than among the men. These are strange statements, but they are true."

"The Mormons discussed the question more freely than I supposed, and defend the practice as ardently as a Baptist will defend the doctrine of immersion."

When Mr. Curtis speaks from observation and reliable data, he avoids the error into which he falls when reiterating the idle tales of persons interested in defamation and rejoicing in deception. The *Inter-Ocean* has published many things unfavorable to the "Mormon" people, but has had the fairness to insert some things on our side of the controversy. For this reason we may hope that some notice may be made of the inaccuracies in Mr. Curtis' letter which we have pointed out, and that some day that paper will not be more ready to copy slanders against the Latter-day Saints than to publish the truth concerning them when brought to its notice. At present, perhaps, the tide of popular sentiment is too strong for such a journal to do anything but float with the stream.

WHAT SAYS THE MARSHAL?

We learn that Belle Harris, now incarcerated in the penitentiary for refusing to answer the impertinent questions of a prying attorney before the Grand Jury at Beaver, is placed in a very improper situation for a woman, having scarcely any privacy, but subject to intrusion at any moment. We call the attention of Marshal Ireland to this. We find no fault with the Warden, who, we learn, is doing his best under the circumstances, and has no proper quarters for such a prisoner. The order of commitment—about which we may have something further to say—requires the prisoner to be confined in "any prison in the Territory." Would it not answer the purposes of the law and the order of the Court to place the woman in the County Jail, where some regard might be shown to her sex and the fact that she is not a convicted criminal? At any rate it must be admitted that the penitentiary, in its present condition, is no place for such a prisoner.

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