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The Men and Women of Utah
A HISTORY OF MORMON LIFE
THE OFF-REPUTED STORY OF THE
ABJECT HUMANITY OF THE NO-
MADS AND THE LOST LANDERS; HOW
THE POLYGAMISTS EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN.

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The most favorable conditions for
raising farms, producing cotton, necessarily
be the first consideration with the
settler. He must, therefore, desire
to know of the manufacturing and
industrial interests, as on them de-
pend the best markets for his pro-
ducts. The cotton-growing system is
superior to all other interests.What are the social circumstan-
ces under which he should be led
to live? The Mormon system is
superior to all other systems.

It is, of course, to leave

out of consideration the "original".

It is sufficient for our pur-
pose to say that the Mormon sys-
tem is superior to all other sys-
tems.

In everything we believe in its

divinity as most of us

do in ours. While our system

leaves the individual almost free

between him and his Maker;

the Mormon system is associated

with that of the Catholic.

They believe that God reveals

his will through chosen serv-
ants, and they accept the teach-
ings of these servants be-
lieving in their divine origin.

Thus, though I did not find any of

that sadness and melancholy in my

intercourse with Mormon families

which some writers imagine they

must experience. In fact, there is

no question but that the

happiness those who are happy, for

is often rather the result of what

they believe to be a perfect sub-
mission to the Divine Will.

They feel that God has sent them

to this, as it is the general rule.

In one case which came under my

observation, when our hospital

trustees held a meeting, they were

all together in cordial way.

The leading argument, in almost

all cases, with the ladies, was that

it was the will of God that they

should be thus, but that they

should prefer to be the wife only

of her husband. I am satisfied, from

experience, that the more she can

be satisfied it was ordained of God

it would bring a greater joy to

many a woman's heart. Still the

report we often hear about the ab-
use of women, of Mormon women,

more or less slanderous. The

elders conduct themselves with di-
gnity, courtesy, and judgment.The ladies are really and gen-
tly intelligent as the average of

similar classes in far Western towns,

and far superior to many of them.

The Mormon men, in regard to

polygamy, do not care so regard

as its divine origin, as to its superi-
ority as a social system.

They refer to the natural love of children

which all men have for their

human beings, and that polygamy

certainly places a man proudly at

the head of a large family; that it is

a tremendous motive power in

leading men to hold sway over

—in the "fire-side". The

man may have the ability to sustain

several wives, and in the next

place that he may properly sup-
port his wife, and his children, then he is almost sure to clinch the

argument by showing how in our

civilization those who have no one

to love them here get at least a

part of a subsistence, while others

are prevented from falling into lives

of public sin and shame, which is

the disgrace of our monogamous condition of society.

There is no social evil in

monogamy, and that polygamy

is as well as some bad ones.

The arguments given above

are brought into conflict with the

worst points in our; but, just as

to our friends we give them as

we made. There is no doubt,

however, that the industry

everywhere is good, and the

condition of mobile goods in re-

gard to the particular social evil are

entitled to particular praise.

The Mormons paid great atten-

tion to the education and moral

training of their young. It is gene-

rally left to the people of each dis-

trict to establish a public school and

tax assessments, if they can afford it.

If they fail to do this the bishop or

the district sees to the establish-

ment of one.

The children are sent to the chil-

dren's school, they are sent to the

supervision of the Church au-

thorities, and any serious deviation

from the paths of duty is pretty

sure to bring the ears of someone

who will complain and advise with

the offender. At a general meeting

party, tendend to fit by George

Cannon, Smith, Wells, Jennings,

many other gentlemen of distinc-

tion, and the Mormon Church, with

their wives and families, one of

the most pleasing of the evening

engagements was the sudden ap-

pearance in the hall of several hundred

children from the various schools,

who sang in excellent humor,

many of their songs and hymns

under the direction of their sun-

school teachers. Most of these

hymns are very peculiar, and ge-

nearly have some bearing on their

religion or usage.

The proceedings on festival occa-

sions were opened by prayer,

and on this occasion offered by

Bishop Hunter. I believe

and the sentiments were of so

broad and truly devotional a char-

acter that there was no one of our

party but felt he could cordially

unite with it.

I have thus endeavored to give

in a very brief sketch an account of

my life, as the opportunities

afforded me to give it. I believe

that the world will be glad to see

the evil of the Mormon system

and the sentiments of those who

have been converted from it.

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