

with for the prosecution of this object, "drawn the long bow" to a marked extent.

The magnitude of the work grows apace and more money is doubtless required to meet the new phase which confronts the holy men whose souls are athirst for the well-being of their fellow creatures. They came here to convert the Saints, and as a means of attaining this object they were strong advocates for a great influx of "Gentiles" into Utah, that they might prove a righteous leaven wherewith to leaven the whole "Mormon" lump.

That this means of regeneration might prove potential in attaining the desired object these meek men entered into politics with vim, and met in secret conclave with the brilliant Orlando W. Powers, that, by fraud and dishonesty—the end sought to be attained soothing the tender consciences of the semi-religio-political preachers—the "Mormons" might be displaced from power and their opponents usurp it.

All this was accomplished. But with the change has come the necessity for a proportionate change in the labors of the sectarian ministers. Now they are compelled to lay aside all efforts to reform the Saints and direct the whole pith of their evangelical endeavors toward the yet which was to leaven and regenerate the "Mormons." It is the "Gentiles" now that are the objects of the solicitation of these correctors of social and religious wrong.

We suggest that they take a trip east and pass around the plate for this laudable purpose. It ought to be an easy matter to rake in the dimes on that line. In order to get money to redeem the "Mormons" it is necessary to lie about and defame them. Not so with regard to the class now receiving the attention of the local sectarian clergy. The truth about them is all that is necessary.

In looking at the present situation and the dilemma of the modern Pharisees and Scribes we can understand how the indignation of the Son of God was so awakened that He exclaimed, in relation to the same class in His day—"Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites"—and the rest.

LONDON, April 28.—It is reported that the Queen will confer a title on Stanley by making him Lord Stanley of Congo.

A FALSE REPORT STILL TRAVELING

THERE is nothing more surprising in American journalism than the misinformation that abounds in relation to the "Mormon" question. The editors of the United States, with but few exceptions, seem to have an aversion to facts and a positive relish for fiction concerning this perennial subject.

The latest error that has been going the rounds is a report that President Wilford Woodruff announced, at the late General Conference in this city, that there would be no more revelations to the Church. We have already corrected this report. But it is still being repeated with various comments and therefore we allude to it again. The Philadelphia Star says:

"The astonishing declarations of President Woodruff of the Mormon Church when calmly considered, are only what might have been expected from that source under existing circumstances."

It then goes on to make a number of misstatements as to facts in the history of the "Mormon" people, and concludes:

"With all these facts staring him in the face, it is not surprising that President Woodruff has announced that there will be no more divine revelations to him and that the days of revelation have ended."

The Elmira New York Advertiser says:

"It is easy to believe the reports that the followers of the prophet in Utah are greatly excited over the declaration that the day of divine revelation has passed and that hereafter the Church must proceed without any additional orders from heaven."

The Worcester, Mass., Spy says:

"The present head of the Mormon Church announces that neither he nor another leader of the Church will hereafter speak by special inspiration, and that his people, besides the revealed truth in their possession, will have only human wisdom for their guide. He must have been informed by special revelation of this closing of the book of prophecy though he does not say so."

These are specimens of the stuff that is being distributed throughout the United States as news from the seat of "Mormonism." After the many exposures of the utter falsehood of most of the press dispatches sent from this city, it would seem that editors would be careful about accepting and commenting upon such notoriously unreliable communications. But they seldom, if ever, correct the errors when they are demonstrated, and thus the reading public are continually deceived in relation to the "Mormon" question.

We here insert the remarks made by President Woodruff at the Con-

ference hearing directly on the subject of present revelation, with faint hope, however, that any of the public journals that have given place to the untruthful dispatch will have the grace to copy these paragraphs, which contain, verbatim, the short speech on this question delivered by President Woodruff:

"Before the close of the meeting I have a request I want to make, of these Apostles, these High Priests, Seventies and Elders, and the Lesser Priesthood and all the Latter-day Saints who have any communion with God or with the Holy Ghost. Brother Merrill has been talking of revelation. If there was ever a time since God made the world that the inhabitants of the earth needed revelation, it is today. Now, the Lord has given us the stick of Judah—the law of God to the Jews—which reaches down to our day and generation, and which shows us their history and has told us what would come to pass with them and what will come to pass in the future. So has the Lord given us the stick of Ephraim—the stick of Joseph in the hands of Ephraim—giving the history of the inhabitants of this continent and what shall take place in the last days. I hold in my hands a code of revelation (the Book of Doctrine and Covenants) given to Joseph Smith, the Prophet. There are some of the most sublime revelations in that book God ever gave to any generation, or to any prophet or people under heaven. This book of revelations, like other records, will go down to the end of time and into eternity. These revelations give you the whole history of the celestial kingdom, of the terrestrial kingdom and of the telestial kingdom of our God. But we want revelation every day. Well, you say, the President of the Church should give revelation. Yes it is true, the President holds the keys of giving revelation to the Latter-day Saints. But is he alone to give revelation? No, verily, no! There is not an Apostle in this Church, there is not an Elder in this Church that stands up in this congregation to teach this people, but should be full of revelation. There is where your revelation should come—from those who teach you day by day.

"How many revelations did Brigham Young give that were written to the people? Very few. How many has John Taylor given that were written to the people? Very few. How many has Wilford Woodruff given? Very few. We have had some, though not revealed to the people, perhaps, or published.

"But we want revelation every day. And I want these Apostles and these Saints to go before the Lord in your secret places and ask Him to pour out revelations upon this people, that we may give you the word of the Lord while we are with you, and that these Apostles, when they speak, may speak by the power of God, by the Holy Ghost. Then that will be the word of the Lord, it will be scripture, it will be the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believes. God bless you. Amen."

The doctrine of present revelation is fundamental to the "Mormon" system. It is the light and life of "Mormonism." All its doctrines, ordinances and commandments were revealed from on high. Without divine revelation it would be little different, in a short time,