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QUIET WAYS ARE BEST.

What's the use of worrying,
Of hurrying
And scurrying,
Everybody hurrying
And breaking up their rest,
When everything is teaching us,
Preaching and beseeching us
To settle down and end the fuss,
For quiet ways are best.

The rain that trickles down in showers
A blessing brings to thirsty flowers,
And gentle zephyrs gather up
Sweet fragrance from each brimming cup
There's ruin in the tempest's path,
There's ruin in the voice of wrath.
And they alone are blest
Who early learn to dominate
Themselves, their violence to abate,
And prove by their serene estate
That quiet ways are best.

Nothing's gained by worrying,
By hurrying,
And scurrying;
With fretting and with hurrying
The temper's often lost;
And in pursuit of some small prize
We rush ahead and are not wise,
And find the unwonted exercise.

A fearful price has cost;
'Tis better far to join the throng
That do their duty right along,
Reluctant they to make a fuss
Or make themselves ridiculous.
Calm and serene in heart and nerve,
Their strength is always in reserve,
And nobly stands each test;
And every day and all about,
By scenes within and scenes without,
We can discern, with ne'er a doubt,
That quiet ways are best.

—Josephine Pollard in *New York Ledger*

FAIR PLAY FOR THE MORMONS.

[From the *National Democrat*, Washington, D. C., Aug. 30.]

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It is sixty years since the organization of "the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," commonly called the Mormon Church. During the whole of that time the public mind has been more or less interested and perturbed in regard to this strange people, who have been more talked about, and written about, in books, pamphlets, magazines, brochures and newspapers than any other religious sect that has arisen in this century.

Many, perhaps most, of the books of Gentile or anti-Mormon authors, are utterly unreliable. Some are characterized by the acrimony of apostate rancor, and some by the odium *theologicum* of rival sectarianism; while others are filled with sensational stories more or less apocryphal or fabulous, and illustrated with monstrous pictures. A few deplorable facts in Mormon history are eked out with imaginary padding invented by the author, or copied from some preceding and equally unreliable writer; the object being merely to make a book that will sell, by pandering to the popular taste for the marvelous.

Thus it has come to pass that there are many prevalent popular errors in regard to the Mormons and their real character; and I propose in this paper to point out and correct some of these errors. Concerning my opportunities for a knowledge of the subject, it will not be improper for me to state that for nearly seven years I was a member of the Utah Commission, appointed by President Arthur in 1882, under the anti-polygamy act of Congress of that year; and that I was the chairman of the Commission during the latter half of that period.

The task I undertake is a difficult and ungracious one, because there are many persons who would rather believe a lie in regard to a hated religious sect than to be enlightened with the truth; and it is easy, as well as agreeable, for some people to indulge in hyperbole and fiction against those whom it is the fashion to despise.

But it is my deliberate judgment that the Mormon people have been more misrepresented and misunderstood than any other community in modern times. I therefore deem it to be a duty, as well as a pleasure as I understand it.

Error No. 1. It is a common belief, propagated by sensational writers, and designing and interested persons, that the Mormons are a gang of incorrigible rogues and criminals; when, in fact, according to the testimony of every unprejudiced man who is acquainted with them, that, for honesty, industry, sobriety, neighborly kindness and peace and good order the Mormons are at least equal, if not superior, to any other community on this conti-

nent. Over 95 per cent of the saloon keepers and gamblers of Utah are anti-Mormons, and while the Mormons are over 75 per cent of the population, yet six or seven-eighths of the heinous and felonious offenses, as murder, manslaughter, burglary, robbery, rape and the like, are committed by the Gentile or non Mormon minority.

Error No. 2. That the Mormons are a sort of pagans, and do not even profess to believe in the Christian religion.

On the contrary, they believe in the Old and New Testament—in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—in all the cardinal doctrines of the Christian religion, as baptism, repentance, the resurrection, etc. They believe in the Bible absolutely and literally with an undoubting faith. Whatever they find recorded in the New Testament concerning the creed and practice of the first Saints in the days of Jesus and His apostles and the early disciples they adopt as the creed and practice of the "Latter-day Saints;" for example, the gifts of the Holy Ghost, such as healing by the laying on of hands, speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues, prophesying, etc. They say that these gifts, in different degrees, inhere to [all] them that believe in all ages and countries; and they will not allow that a plain passage of Scripture should be done away with, as typical, figurative, or as having gone by lapse of time, into "innocuous desuetude."

That the Mormons, as a rule, are intensely devotional, and honest and sincere in their religious profession has been confirmed by the unanimous opinion of the five members of the commission in their official reports.

Error No. 3. That the Mormons are disloyal to the government.

This is a charge that, in process of time, has been made against more than one religious denomination, and has a certain degree of plausibility from the oft-repeated declaration of ecclesiastics and religious enthusiasts, that the law of God is superior to the laws of the land; and that the laws of God are to be obeyed rather than the laws of men. Add to this the idea of the "Kingdom of God on earth," which all good Christians pray for, and that