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THE SLANDERER'S COURSE.

A common practice of some slanderers when they repeat their scandalous fabrications, is to assert that they must be true because "they never have been denied." The logic of this pretended reasoning is of the most transparent character. A child might see through it. No truly rational writer would use it and no reasoning mind would agree with it. A falsehood remains untrue whether notice is taken of it or not. The truth abides in its

integrity, whether believed or not. There are some slanders that are either too silly or too vile and contemp. tible to pay any attention to. They are like the ravings of a rabid canine, which it is wise, perhaps, to avoid, if possible, but which require neither protest nor reply. It would be giving them a dignity of which they are totally unworthy. The silence of the object or objects of such attacks cannot be fairly construed as admissions or as lack of power to reply. It is merely the effect of disgust too deep for words or of pity

too profound to be expressed. The notion that because some terrible accusation or accusations are made against a person or persons in print, the assailed are required either by law,or by usage, or by any rule of reason to answer such charges, is as fallacious as the idea that such things must be true because they appeared in a newspaper. The tongue of the scandalmonger will

if such it may be called, of the memher who was disfellowshipped. It all shows the unwisdom of writing

for publication something that the editor knew little or nothing about. But in taking the Herald to task, tumbles into as great an error as those of the paper it criticises. After explaining the order of the Church in reference to such cases and the nature of the proeedings of the High Council, it says:

"But until that trial he is still a member of the Church and in full feilowship, except as to the ward in which he resides. Neither his Bishop, nor even the President of the Church has the power to excommunicate him. Speaking of the action of the Bishop's court, the Journal says:

"It simply withdrew from him the religious fellowship of the Latter-day Saints in that single ward."

The power of excommunication is vested in the Bishop's court of the ward to which a member belongs, on proper evidence and a fair trial and that excommunication would stand as excision from the entire Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This would apply also to one holding the Lesser Priesthood, over whom the Bishop presides, but it does not extend to a man holding the Higher or Melchisedek Priesthood. The Bishop's court could withdraw fellowship from him as to the whole Church, but not excommunicate him, that power being vested in the High Council of the

Stake to which that ward belongs. The idea that the decision of the Bishop's court simply disfellowshipped the accused from that ward, and that he remains in fellowship in the Church outside of that ward, is simply absurd. His membership in the Church is vested in that ward. When he is disfellowshipped he has no standing in the ward, and therefore none in the Church. He has no right to partake of the Sacrament or to enjoy any of the privileges of membership in any part of the Church. He is suspended from all such favors and blessings. He re-

mains in that suspended condition until the High Council acts upon his case either one way or the other. The Bishop's decision disfellowshipped him not merely from the ward but from "the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints."

It is not surprising that persons who do not belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints become somewhat mixed in their notions concerning its order, particularly when they have not made it a close study. But when writers who are or have been members of the Church endeavor to point out the mistakes of others, they should be sure they are right before they attempt to go ahead. The rules of procedure in the Church are simple enough when they are properly explained, and there is no need for misunderstanding concerning them. As the Logan Journal remarks concerning the

READ IT!

We direct attention to an article, copied from the Western Standard, a noted periodical edited and published by the late President George Q. Canlight we are told, traveled with them non, when he was a missionary in Callall the way in the direction of the little ornia in the middle "fifties." A number of the choicest articles from his pen at that time were collected and published in one fine volume, which has been preserved in many libraries and gives evidence of the literary ability and fervent faith of the writer. The article which we have reproduced from that work was furnished to us by a friend, who suggested that it touched on a timely topic and was worthy of publication at the present time. We print it with great pleasure, not only as a reminiscence of the early labors of the departed Apostle of the last dispensation, but as worthy of attention just now by both saint and sinner. It breathes the true spirit of the Gospel, and shows up the course of the apostate who wilfully turns away from the truth of God and yields to the influence of the Evil One. Beginning with enmity against the servants of God, and going on to attack and abuse them. he proceeds to ridicule and oppose that which was once to him dearer than life, and finally he thirsts for the blood of the Lord's anointed and so seals his everlasting doom. The warning is strong, the caution is wise, the conclusions reached are logical and the article is sound from beginning to end.

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reared, and in opposition to positive counsels and exhortations. These perhaps have been so often repeated as to have become monotonous and thus to lose their force upon the juvenile we are sorry to say, the Logan Journal, mind. This movement, however, appears to reach them in a direct and powerful manner and give them something to do as well as to think about. Our young folks should make up their minds not only to enter into the spirit of the present agitation on this subject, but to form fixed and permanent resolutions which shall affect their conduct for all time to come. In religion it is not he who becomes devotional for a season who reaps its reward, but he that endures to the end in the service of God and submission to the divine will. So in this work of abstinence from the use of a perniclous weed, it is not a sudden and temporary excitement that will be of benefit but a persistent course without deviation or cessation that will bring the victory and the grand results of that triumph.

We hope this good work will go on throughout the land, until it becomes entirely out of style and of custom for boys and young men to poison the air with the noxious fumes that come from elgarette smoking. We cannot reasonably expect a vigorous, athletic and reliable race to succeed this generation, while the nasty, stupifying and mind-and-body-debilitating habit continues to prevail. Down with cigarette smoking both by the young and the old!

STRANGE LIGHTS IN WALES.

Curious stories come from Wales in connection with the revival meetings going on there. It is said that strange lights appear in the neighborhood of chapels where services are held; or, accompany the preachers, when they are walking from place to place, in the evening. Especially is this asserted to be the case with a lady preacher, Mrs. Mary Jones. The rumors about these manifestations have attracted reporters from metropolitan dailies, and they rather confirm the stories, even though they do not attempt to explain the nature of the light. "Is it supernatural?" they ask. | "Is it a sign from heaven? Is it a march-gas of will-o'the-wisp? Is it due to radium? Is it an astral body trying to materialize? Is it a trick?" One of the correspondents who has witnessed the phenomenon says that it was "a soft, shimmering radiance which flooded the road at our feet, and spread around us, every stick and stone within twenty yards being visible, as though they were under the illumination of the softest limelight."

One story gives what is said to be the experience of a clergyman. "So far from being in sympathy with the revival preacher," he says, "I exhorted my congregation to stay away, and not to be led astray by any of the foolish stories that were afloat." Mrs. Jones came to ask hospitality at his house, and at 7 o'clock on a dark night, he and his wife, the revival preacher and a neighboring minister all set out to take her to the service, when they saw the same strange phenomenon. The

Health, maintains that, "experience has shown that about 95 per cent of all cases of appendicitis can be cured by proper treatment without surgical in. tervention." Surgery, he says, is required in a certain proportion of cases, and a good surgeon should, therefore, always be consulted, so that the necessity for an operation may be recognized at once. The doctor reminds his readers that the gravity of the disease was very forcibly brought to the attention of the world when the King of Great Britain was compelled to undergo an operation for appendicitis two days before the date appointed for the coronation formalities, and that these had to be postponed, although the most prodigious preparations had been made, involving the gathering of scores of warships of all nations, princes, rulers, and governmental representatives from all parts of the world, and most elaborate preparations, on a scale of magnificence such as was, perhaps, never equaled in the history of the world. He continues:

"The surgeons who operated upon King Edward did not remove the ap-pendix, but only made an opening to drain the abcess which had formed as the result of the disease. They informed the King that it would be informed the King that it would be necessary to perform another opera-tion upon him for removal of the dis-cased member when he had suffici-ently recovered to make it prudent for such an operation to be performed. The King, however, decided that he had had enough of operations, and after a diligent study of the disease and its causes, he made a decided change in his habits of life. As a re-sult, he has steadily improved in health, and has not found it necessary to submit to another operation, not having once suffered from an attack of appendicitis during the past two years. He does not expect to have another attack, and has dismissed all idea of a surgical operation."

Another point made by Dr. Kellog is this, that the appendix by no means is the useless member of the human body it was but recently supposed to be. He quotes authority to prove that it has a very important function to perform. It is, he says, a glandular structure, forming and pouring out into the colon a mucus which serves to protect the membrane against injurious substances. "To pronounce it," he says, "a useless organ, a vestige or a relic of some by-gone age, is simply a confession of ignorance.'

We give these various expressions on the subject for what they are worth. The prevalence and the fatality of the disease have rendered the discussion of it of general public interest.

Isn't it about time for Nicholas to cry, "Nuff!"

Oyama is not a handsome man but he "gets there just the same."

To become a common and continuous scold is not preaching patriotism.

No more "sauntering" after today, It is a bad habit and should be abolished.

This is poor weather for Lent. It is so glorious that it suggests gaiety all the while.

'We care not who makes the investigation so long as we keep the books." The Beef Trust.



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Church, it is "one of the most completely organized bodies on earth."

wag and drop venom ho matter how much it may be exposed and condemned. It is better sometimes to let it wag on and exhibit itself in all its vileness, than to draw attention to it in any manner or to offer the slightest rejoinder or explanation.

The public will soon perceive the malice that prompts such outpourings. and recognize the truth of the great Master's aphorism: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.' When ebuilitions of rage and malignity are constantly ejected without just cause, they will in time recoil upon the source from which they emanated, and bring to it the evil intended for the obfeet of the attacks.

It is sometimes difficult to exercise patience and to abstaln from recrimination, particularly when the slanderers are fairly open to rejoinders that would overwhelm them with dishonor when their records are blotted over with proofs of their infamy; when they are known to be guilty of offenses which they charge upon the innocent: when their glass houses could be smashed to pieces by the return of the Very stones they cast at others; when they could be overwhelmed and crushed into their own mud by exposure of their own doings. But one who is justly re garded as the grand Teacher advised "When they revile you, revile no ngain," and One who is Mightier than all mankind has announced: "Vengeance is mine, I will repay."

A CRITICISM CRITICIZED.

The Logan Journal, in a well written editorial, takes the Salt Lake Herald to task for its utterances of recent date in regard to the action taken by the Bishop's court of the Fifth Ward. Ogden City. The Herald article was temperate in tone, and doubtless intended to be fair and accurate, but an erroneous impression would be conveyed from it to persons unacquainted with the discipline of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Speaking of a member of the Church who had been disfellowshipped by that nity. court for unchristianlike conduct and apostasy, the Herald treated that action as though it were an excommunication. It also argued that the course pursued was wrong, because the accused was not required or permitted to prove the false accusations he had made in certain publications.

In both of these instances the Herald was wrong, and the Logan Journal points out the errors into which that paper plunged in talking about a subject which it did not understand. In the first place, the defendant in the case was not excommunicated. The decision made by the Bishop and his counselors shows that very clearly, by sending the case up to the High Councll for further action. That body can reverse the decision of the Bishop's court, or it can excommunicate the ac-

cused from the Church. In the second place, the Herald itself furnished the proof of its own misstatement by pub- as to the pernicious habit which so lishing the proceedings in the Bishop's

A BENEFICIAL MOVEMENT.

The Salt Lake public have become quite familiar with the name of Dr. Willis Brown, and know something of he work he is performing among the boys and youth, here and elsewhere, in hostility to cigarette smoking. The extent and effects of his labors, however, are not generally known and therefore cannot just now be fully appreciated. During his present visit in this city he has stirred up an interest in the movement, which he manages with so much skill and force, that is really remarkable. He arouses the enthusiasm of the boys and induces

them to make resolutions that they will forsake, or not acquire, the habit which has produced so much evil and that has become so common in every commu-Branches of the Anti-cigardtte League have been organized, and its nembers enter into the purposes of the society with a vim and an earnestness

which betoken determination to stamp out the vice as far and fast as they have the power to do so. In his fforts he has received the valuable aid of Mayor Richard P. Morris and Superintendent of City Schools D. H. Thristensen. It is possible that some of the youths who have become zea lous in this good cause will fall away and go back to the vile habit against which they now protest. But if only a small percentage of those now enrolled in the lists of the anti-cigarette ranks continue in the path upon which they have entered, great benefit will accrue to them, to their parents and to society.

Instructions have been liberally imparted to the youth among our people he most normal article.' many indulge in. It is contrary to

hillside chapel. Arriving there, it hovered over the tiny building, sending out extraordinary brilliance. "We stared," says the clergyman, "spellbound, while the light scintillated as though set with a thousand diamonds.' We record the reports as they appear in the press without expressing any opinion as to the authenticity of the storles told. One thing is noteworthy, though; the assertion of modern newspaper writers, that they have seen mysterious manifestations of light in connection with revival meetings, is, as one writer expresses it. "a new phase of psychology which is extremely interest-

Our age has long boasted of being one of inquiry, rather than faith. It has been inclined to reject everything supernatural as superstition, or fraud. There seems to be reaction from that freezingly cold "scientific" position But in times of reaction, it is necessary to exercise caution, lest we are carried from one absurd extreme to another .-Read Rev. xill; 13, 14.

APPENDICITIS.

At a meeting a short time ago of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, London, appendicitis was the subject of a lively discussion. One of the speakers, Sir Frederick Treves, is said to have removed more than 1,000 appendixes without a single fatality. At a London hospital the deaths had, during the last four years, been only four per cent of the cases that had been operated upon there. And similar favorable statistics were quoted from other hospi-

taïs. The Chicago Record-Herald, commenting on these reports, remarks that some confessions of a distinguished St. Louis physician, Dr. A. C. Bernays, have "escaped" from a medical journal, and according to these "confessions," considerably more operations are performed than strictly necessary. The doctor is quoted as having said that the insignificant organ so often is found to be 'shamefully normal," when cut out. "He admits," says the Record-Herald. "that the patient gets psychical relief from the operation, but he confesses that, hardened knight of the scalpel though he is, he has never yet got over a slight feeling of embarrassment when he pulls up the normal article, especially in the presence of students or distinguished visitors. In one well-known hospital, he tells us, eight normal appendixes were recently extracted in a single day. Also Dr. Bernays betrays another professional secret. The normal appendix, he says, is solemnly given to the histologist for examination. The histologist sciemnly reports that he has discovered an infiltration of 'small round cells' in the mucosa and submucosa. The patient is thankful he is rid of them. But neither histologist nor the surgeon ever remark that such inflitraton is always present even in

While on this subject, it may be of interest to quote another authority, Dr.

The evidence in the Cody divorce shows that there is at least incompatibillty of temper.

The University-Agricultural College campaign of education has been decidedly strenuous.

There comes a time when he who fights and runs away does not live to fight another day.

Policy King Al Adams has sold his real estate holdings at a big advance. That is good policy.

Oyama says: "Veni, Vidi, Vici." Kuropatkin telegraphs: "Last night our armies commenced to retreat."

The good people of the Agricultural College are ready to bury the hatchet and Cache the college for all time.

The message to the Czar, announcing the Russian reverse at Mukden appears to have been "delayed in transmission."

The marriage rate is on the decline in England. But let no anglophobe think that England is on the decline.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. -Isaiah 32, 17.

In St. Petersburg it is believed that Oyama has succeeded in putting an iron ring around Kuropatkin and his armies. If he has, it is a ring around "Wells-Fargo loss of \$15,000 is blamed

on crowded condition of the general offices," says the San Francisco Chronicle. Why not have Crowded Condition arrested?

a posy.

There is no cant like the cant about 'joyous work." There may be "joyous" play work but there is no "joyous" real work. It is a necessity, a wise one perhaps, but not a joy.

Officials of the Russian embassy in Paris says that Kuropatkin's retreat is part of a well settled plan. The plan has been carried out to perfection and Kuropatkin's fall practically settled.

From the Boston Transcript. Revivalism seems to be in the air. The great movement which has swept over Wales and is now under full head-way in London is waking response here. Already sporadic minor move-ments have blazed up in Denver, in Schenectady, in Louisville, and there are premonitions of an awakening in Beaton such as we have not known for are premonitions of an awakening in Boston such as we have not known for half a century. So far there has been nothing in the character of the reviv-als to differentiate them from former movements of the kind. They share the characteristics which have marked every revival from Pentecost till to-day. What lends special interest to the scattered movements now in prog-

the scattered movements now in prog ress, however, is the possibility that they may presage a great international court and the full text of the defense, the faith in which they have been Kellog, who, in an article in Good revival which shall sweep this country

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.