

land by Apostle Orson Hyde for the gathering of the Hebrew nation, that country has rapidly risen into prominence into the world. It is impossible to look upon its history in recent years without seeing in it an answer to the fervent prayers of the servants of the Lord on the Mount of Olives. The work of colonists, both Christian and Hebrew, is visible in every direction. So far, however, the practical interest in the future of the country has, with some notable exceptions, been confined to a class of Hebrews actuated by pious motives but destitute of ability to do much for its redemption. The other class has generally remained neutral, chiefly because no definite, feasible plan has been suggested, no tangible object pointed out. Dr. Mendes happily removes this objection by proving that Palestine restored is the proper initiatory step to the abolition of one of the great curses of mankind and the commencement of an era of peace and prosperity on earth. If his reasoning be admitted, it cannot fail to be an inspiration to the influential classes of his people, and with the immense power they are wielding in the councils of the nation, practical results may be looked for in the near future. What lends strength to his suggestions is the fact that he is in full harmony with the general declarations of prophecy, even if he fails to comprehend some of the particulars he quotes.

One thing may be considered absolutely certain. A nation entrusted with the power of arbitrating between other nations must itself be incorruptible and capable of giving just decisions with impartiality. But this is impossible without the restoration of the communication with heaven which made the Hebrews anciently celebrated above all nations. They must have inspired lawyers and judges, and rulers and teachers who listen to and obey the voice of Jehovah, as Moses, Ezra, Isaiah, Daniel and others of old. That is to say, the decision of arbitrators must ultimately rest on the word of the Almighty. To Him, and not to man, the nations will bow in obedience during that reign of peace predicted, and to Ephraim as well as to Judah the power will be delegated to execute the divine word. Not only in Jerusalem but also in Zion will His throne be established; for the prediction is: "And many nations shall come and say, come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah, 4, 2, 3)

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

In a paper read before a philanthropic society in Chicago the other day, the subject of what to do with the children of the criminal classes was discussed. It was pointed out that every year thousands of criminals in embryo are born in the large cities. The tenements teem with them, and

while their instincts are developing, they alternate between the street and the jail, in both places being thrown in companionship with the most depraved element, and thus it goes on from generation to generation.

The author of the paper, a Miss Van Allen, suggests that the remedy must be found in laws for the prevention of the reproduction of the criminal class. She argues that it is a curse that the majority of the human race is vested with the power of fatherhood and motherhood.

That creature, she says, mentally and physically diseased, should have the power of reproduction is lamentable, but when that power is uncontrolled, either by reason or law, the result is appalling. The law forbids a property owner to maintain upon his premises an animal that is an offense to his neighbors. He cannot erect a building that is a public nuisance. But there is no law that says to the unconvicted criminal, the vagrant, the committer of unnatural crimes: "Thou shalt not multiply thy species; thou shalt not launch upon the community souls for which heredity and environment have done their worst; thou shalt not bring children into existence whose life is a curse to themselves and a menace to the world; children who must be maintained at public expense and who are a burden to the state from the cradle to the scaffold." She continues: In a small matter the majority prevails; have they no voice when it concerns the most vital question in the universe? When the sins of humanity are enumerated they make a frightful total; but the greatest of them all is

the sin against a little child, the bringing forth of a soul whose only heritage is dishonor and shame.

How any law could be framed and made effectual, so as to prevent the introduction in this world of beings with criminal instincts and reserve it only for those with propensities to what is good, is impossible to understand, particularly if it is true that from the same parents may spring an Abel and a Cain, a Jacob and an Esau—types entirely different. It is to be feared that the world can never be redeemed in this way.

The fact is that there is not a soul born on this earth who cannot be rescued from the power of temptation and sin, including his or her own criminal instincts, provided the remedies are applied which the Eternal Father has prescribed for His fallen children. With means of both moral and physical salvation at hand, it is as unnecessary as it is cruel to advocate the extermination of the race in order to overcome crime.

It may not be apparent to those who come in closer contact with the lower strata of society, but it is nevertheless a fact, inspiring hope and confidence that the indications are that a time is speedily approaching when truth and righteousness and tender mercies shall predominate on this earth. To bring this about is the work of Him who formed the world out of chaos and commanded light to shine out of darkness. Every dispensation has been a step forward toward this happy consummation and that it is drawing near no one doubts who is able to read the signs of the present time.

POPULATION OF UTAH, 247,295.

Final reports from the census enumerators of the different counties of the Territory have been received and compiled by Chief Statistician Boone. The returns show a very substantial and satisfactory increase over the population of 1890. That year the Territory's inhabitants numbered 207,905. The returns for 1895 are 247,295, making a net increase of 39,390. The compilation in detail is as follows:

COUNTIES.	Total Population, 1890.	Total Population, 1895.	Males.	Females.	Native.	Foreign Born.	White.	Colored.	Chinese.
Beaver.....	3,300	3,791	2,110	1,681	3,077	719	3,781	2	8
Box Elder.....	7,642	8,331	4,329	4,002	6,571	1,760	8,266	125	1
Cache.....	15,500	18,348	9,146	9,202	13,833	4,515	18,222	22	3
Carbon.....	3,693	3,813	2,113	1,700	2,114	1,579	3,649	22	44
Davis.....	6,761	7,480	3,778	3,702	6,397	1,173	7,480	2	2
Emery.....	6,676	4,390	2,306	2,084	3,770	620	4,390	31	2
Garfield.....	2,467	2,448	1,412	1,036	2,704	184	2,888	2	2
Grand.....	541	691	605	86	789	102	89	32	32
Iron.....	2,683	3,123	1,660	1,463	2,676	447	3,104	19	19
Juab.....	5,552	6,464	3,535	2,929	4,985	1,479	6,465	1	10
Kane.....	1,685	1,938	970	968	1,791	117	1,908	1	10
Millard.....	4,433	5,375	2,833	2,542	4,588	817	5,375	1	1
Morgan.....	1,780	2,281	1,700	1,581	1,833	448	2,281	1	1
Mutual.....	2,462	1,727	918	809	1,711	206	1,727	1	1
Rich.....	1,527	1,781	931	850	1,498	283	1,781	1	1
Salt Lake.....	55,457	63,183	33,856	31,327	51,007	17,176	67,224	29	263
San Juan.....	565	600	284	316	488	82	599	1	1
Sanpete.....	13,146	15,412	7,894	7,518	11,848	3,564	15,438	47	1
Sevier.....	6,999	7,893	4,442	3,451	6,950	1,443	7,893	1	1
Summit.....	7,733	9,537	5,200	4,337	6,994	2,543	9,435	15	94
Tioga.....	3,704	4,128	2,481	1,647	3,415	1,013	4,349	116	12
Utah.....	2,762	3,901	2,200	1,701	3,714	247	3,965	1	5
Wasatch.....	23,400	29,329	14,780	14,549	23,824	5,505	29,224	3	3
Wasatch.....	8,695	4,408	2,204	2,204	3,637	771	4,408	1	1
Washington.....	4,049	4,199	2,262	1,937	4,212	607	4,619	1	1
Wayne.....	1,520	82	82	0	1,437	88	1,520	1	1
Weber.....	22,725	25,015	12,719	12,296	19,897	5,118	24,748	118	101
Total.....	207,905	247,295	126,783	120,512	194,682	52,613	247,295	645	745