

West since the Mormon Pioneers made their way across the trackless prairies as the harbingers of a mightier and brighter civilization than the world has ever seen. The work is but just commencing to make itself felt and observed. The fact that in less than half a century there has been a progress that excites the curiosity and absorbs the attention of men high in the professions and sciences augurs that close upon the heels of these congresses will come the establishment of technical and scientific institutions of the highest order, when the youth of the Occident will no longer have to pay tribute to eastern educational institutions for the information to qualify them in the higher branches of learning.

Already there are established in the West colleges and universities whose work is far in the lead of the people and whose facilities are not yet understood and appreciated. But the constituency is steadily and surely being brought up to a comprehension of the situation, and the aims and efforts to this end will be stimulated and aided by the holding of congresses of eminent professional men in any line of scientific training.

GRATITUDE IN ADVERSITY.

Among our readers are doubtless many who think they know far better how to run a newspaper than those now at the helm of this or any other journal—at least the criticisms and suggestions which we, in common with brother-editors, receive from time to time leads to this suspicion. Of these there are perhaps some who have aspirations in journalistic lines, and are waiting and working for the day when they shall be expert and masterful controllers of the press that molds public thought. There are others who have tried this press business to their heart's and pocket's content—lost the bright hope of the former and the contents of the latter. To all these classes, and to all others, indeed, in whom the experiences of mankind awaken interest, and in whom the milk of human kindness is not entirely dried up, we submit, with solemn yet responsive soul, the following touching requiem from the late editor of the *Butte Root* (Montana) *Times*:

For fourteen months past we have been making an effort at endeavoring to attempt to try a bluff on running a newspaper. A special collapse some six months ago prevented an exposure of mental disability later on.

We have been taught three great and important truths, the very quintessence of wisdom, viz: First—It takes something other than indigestion and an overweening ambition to successfully operate a Washington hand-press. Second—It is convenient to have a head on each end of your hobby-horse—if you must ride one. Third—That the author of that trite aphorism, "Man proposes, God disposes," had his eye-teeth cut.

We desist with no ill-will towards the paper or its patrons, neither a great amount of collectable notes. We could have eked out an existence with some pleasure had health permitted, but that is neither here nor there. Now, since we 'uns and you 'uns must part, 'tis sad that you 'uns have stole we 'uns' heart, but it will be sadder if you 'uns don't bring in your bill before we 'uns depart.

And to our debtors; Expect the vengeance of a just Bohemian's wrath to overtake you for every penny escaped.

We trusted in God and we have not been forsaken—for we found as great a chump as ourselves to continue this desperate struggle. With tears and prayers we bid him Godspeed.

APPRECIATIVE.

An Indiana gentleman, educated and refined, who paid a visit to Salt Lake City about a year ago, has written a letter to the editor of the *News*, not for publication but full of such kindly expressions that we are tempted to make extracts from it, with a view to showing the change in sentiment that has so wonderfully swept through the land within the past few years, and the readiness with which intelligent people can be made to see the desirable features in Utah and among even the Mormons if they will only look at the situation through unprejudiced eyes. Our correspondent says:

I was much interested in what I saw and learned while in your city and came away with very different impressions in regard to the Mormon people than I had before visiting them. I discovered that they neither had hoofs nor horns, but large and generous hearts, intelligent minds, industrious hands and devout spirits. My visit to Salt Lake City was one of the most delightful experiences of my eventful trip across the continent; and I have said many times since, both in public and private, that I regard Salt Lake City the most beautiful city between Chicago and San Francisco and without the most desirable both as a residence and as a place of business. Ever since my visit there I have had a most urgent longing to return and spend more time in studying the country, the people and the various social and religious institutions of the place.

The Temple was not yet completed when I was there. I was struck with the massiveness, solidity and symmetry of that wonderful structure. There is nothing like it in the east, nothing that is comparable with it. It is *sui generis*. How I would like to stand in its shadow now and look upon its stately towers! What a grand monumental pile it is! What a pity that he whose genius conceived and projected it could not have lived to see it dedicated to the service for which it was built! "He builded better than he knew," and this will be his monument for all coming time. As long as its massive walls shall stand and its towers point heavenward, so long will the name of Brigham Young be perpetuated and held in grateful remembrance.

I was not more pleased than surprised at the simplicity of your faith and worship, and I may add, so far as the fundamental principles of the Gospel are concerned, at its evident scriptural soundness. I heard nothing but what accorded perfectly with my conceptions of what the scriptures teach touching faith, repentance, baptism and weekly communion. When I come again, as I hope to do ere long, I shall make a more extended investigation into the question of your Church government and other doctrinal questions, as well as into your limitless and splendid resources; and I expect to write up the city, the Saints, and the country generally for eastern papers.

THE ONLY reputable exchange thus far to hand that seems to approve of the tirade of Congressman Morse of Massa-

chusetts against the Mormons, is the *Boston Traveler*. At least it does not editorially condemn his folly, while it gives a lengthy special of his remarks without a word of the speeches of those who so completely demolished him. Mr. Morse has seemed a little lonesome in his attitude, but he is evidently not altogether friendless.

THE NEW YORK *World* has been taking a poll of the House of Representatives to ascertain how the members stood with reference to the proposed income tax. A majority has registered itself as in favor, and some who may be favorably inclined to it refuse at present to be committed. The answer of Delegate Rawlins, of Utah, to the *World's* question was: "I prefer not to discuss the question."

THE SEARCH for jurors to try Prendergast, the murderer of Mayor Harrison of Chicago, resulted in the discovery of one who declared that he didn't know whether Mayor Harrison was really dead or not, as he didn't take much stock in newspaper stories. This would seem to have made him an ideal jurymen, yet he was rejected.

ONE OF the most legitimate and most profitable expenditures made by the American people is the two hundred millions of dollars in advertising during each year. The man who doesn't contribute some portion of that sum oughtn't to be in business.

THE ASSURANCE that the international prize fight will be permitted to come off in Florida on the 25th of January suggests the query as to whether it is Mr. Corbett or Mr. Mitchell that is going south for his health.

PRENDERGAST, the slayer of Mayor Harrison of Chicago, insists that the court officials and attorneys shall call him "Mr." Prendergast. Why not? "Mr." is as good an abbreviation for Murderer as it is for Mister.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS show an immense falling off, as compared with last year. It is some consolation to poor and humble people to know that they are not the only ones to be affected by hard times.

A STATISTICIAN has figured out that fifteen million bushels of onions annually are employed in scenting the American breath. A much smaller quantity would do the business quite as effectually.

THE MOST popular statesman and diplomatist this week is Santa Claus. He is everybody's candidate, and will be elected triumphantly, though perhaps by a reduced majority.

THE ATROCIOUS charge against Governor Boies of Iowa, that he eats pie with a knife, is chiefly significant by reason of the main fact that he has pie to eat at all.

IT is hardly probable that Utah will find statehood in her stocking this Christmas.

LOOK CAREFULLY at your change good people! Hundred-dollar counter, felt bills are in circulation.

THE CONSOLATION that "the good die young" has especial application to spring chickens.

SMALL STOCKINGS will be fashionable this Christmas.