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MRS. STANFORD.

In the death of Mrs. Stanford, not only California but the entire country regrots the departure of a true philanthropist. A beautiful monument, the university at Palo Alto, testifies to the high aims and purposes of both the late Senator and his now departed wife. She entered with enthusiasm into her husband's plans for the creation and endowment of a great free institution of learning, and devoted almost all of her large fortune to expanding and perfecting the original plan. And when financial difficulties were experienced, she made personal sacrifices, in order that its income might be ample to keep each department in full operation. The perpetuation of the university upon the scale originally contemplated is now as-

It is sad to contemplate that her departure was, perhaps, due to foul play, One might well be tempted to ask why Eternal Justice sometimes permits those who are unselfish, benevolent and full of desire to do good, to fall the victims of malice and hatred, while worthless specimens of humanity, slimy reptiles and poisonous scorpions in human form, apparently flourish, and prosper. It is a question that has puzzled philosophers ever since the day when righteous, Abel was slain at the altar of sacrifice, while the assassin was permitted to enjoy himself in the carnal pleasures of his choice.

It is a question to which there would be no answer, were there no eternity. But everything will be adjusted. Justice is eternal, and has plenty of time to gather all the threads of history and weave them into one beautiful pattern, in which will be reflected the infinite wisdom, power, and love by which the world-notwithstanding the evil that is munifested-is governed and perfected.

THAT INVESTIGATION.

The more extensive reports of the findings of the North Sea commission place that august body in a peculiar light. In fact, it looks almost ridiculous. No wonder that the first reports published were contradictory. The commissioners, it seems, found

that there were no torpedo boats, nor any hostile craft, in the North Sea, and that the firing, consequently, was not justified. They also regret that the admiral ran away, and did not inform the neighboring maritime powers of what had occurred. At the same time they declare that they found nothing "to cast any disrespect upon the military valor nor upon the sentiments of humanity of Admiral Rojestvensky and the personnel of his squadron," On the contrary, "the commissioners are glad to recognize unanimously that Admiral Rejestvensky personally did all he could, from the commencement to the end, to prevent the trawlers from being the object of fire by the Russian squad-

That is to say, the commissioners declare that the Russian admiral blundered in firing on the unoffending trawlers, and killing some of the fishermen; also, in running away without notifying the world of what had happened, so that assistance could have been rendered from the nearest seaports! and yet, notwithstanding these blunders, no "disrespect" was cast upon the "valor" of Rojestvensky. What does it take to east "disrespect" upon the valor of an admirai? And what has the question of valor to do with the incident at all?

The desire of the admirals of the commission to shield a brother admiral from censure for a most idiotic net, is the most prominent feature of the findings. The lesson of it is, that when Investigations are needed, the investigators should be impartial.

THE BEAUTY CHASE.

An eastern contemporary enumerates some of the things ladies do to look beautiful. It is an astonishing list, They shave their eyebrows into perfect arches. Some of them have had their faces skinned, so that they might get a new skin. They have their noses remodelled. They have had their lips shaped into a cupid's bow. Some have nature's fine hairs removed from the skin by electrolysis. They have real dimples cut in their cheeks and chins.

"G. P. Putnam's Sons are the publishers of the volume, which is, upon dimples cut in their cheeks and chins,

removed and artificial straight ones screwed on to the stumps. Some go into complete retirement for six months at a time, are "done over," and emerge perfect beauties,

In short, there is no inconvenience no pain, no expense they will not endure, if thereby they hope to be made more attractive.

It is a pity equal pains should not be taken to obtain that beauty of the soul without which physical beauty is worthless. One of the ancients well cautioned against the adornment of the body to the neglect of "the hidden man of the heart," the beauty of which is "In the sight of God of great price. How truly beautiful the world would be, if as much pains were taken to cultivate all the Christian virtues, as h bestowed upon the numerous efforts to look well. And the result would be much more gratifying. For beauty of soul is always reflected in the physical features.

Still, the ladies are not to blame entirely, if they give more thought to the body than to the soul. Men, who are willing to fight, as at Troy, ten years for famous Helen, while perhaps taking no interest whatever in a plous Monies bear a great share of the responsibility for the insane beauty chase.

SCIENCE AND "MORMONISM

Readers of the "News" will be pleased to learn that Prof. Nels L. Nelson's work, "Scientific Aspects of Mormonsm," is receiving general attention. Some critics review it very favorably, while others find fault with the doctrines advocated, as well as the logical reasoning through which the conclusions are established. But all agree that the volume is written by a forceful thinker, and that it is full of interest Among the numerous reviews that have anneared are the following. The American Journal of Religious Psychology and Education, Vol. 1, No. 2, says:

"Scientific Aspects of Mormonism," by Nels L. Nelson, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1904. The very title of this book will surprise some. It discusses the claim of Mormonism to be the religion of Jesus Christ. Some of the most interesting chapters are those which discuss the Mormon con-ception of God and his personality, the place of religion in the economy of life, Mormonism as a transcendent syslife, Mormonism as a transcendent system of evolution, and man's spiritual life regarded as a process of evolution, how God shapes the destiny of man the individual and how He rules among the nations, the scientific aspect of faith, and the identity of truth, education and repentance, the logical necessity of the latter and of forgiveness as well as of baptism, what intelligent beings will do in the future, the philosophical difficulties in the concept of a personal God, Godhead as incarnated a personal God, Godhead as incarnated and its real meaning, the fullness of Priesthood as Godhood, Mormonism destined to have the last word, its social aspects, proofs of pre-existence,

etc.

"Another volume amplifying the social aspects of Mormonism and promising to discuss plural marriage, 'not, however, with any view to the recrudescence of the practice, but merely with a view to lifting the obloquy which now rests on the entire social system through a misunderstanding of this relatively insignificant feature.' is this relatively insignificant feature, is to follow. It will certainly interest every philosophical mind to see this faith discussed in this large way. We only regret the slight traces of dogmatism and severity which sometimes appear, although neither of these traits is prominent.

Jan. 26, has this to say:

"The Missionary Review of the World "The Missionary Review of the World recently gave an extended review of a volume by Nels L. Nelson, "Scientific Aspects of Mormonism," a copy of which the author has kindly sent to the Canadian Congregationalist. The editor has very pleasant recollections of a Sunday spent in Salt Lake City, a few years are when an unexpected inof a Sunday spent in Salt Lake City, a few years ago, when an unexpected incident afforded an unusual insight into certain aspects of Mormonism. The reading of this book has been of interest in confirming the impressions then gathered. Casual acquaintance with a Mrs. Wells, who told me that she had been the seventh wife of the father of the then Governor of Utah, revealed a kindly-hearted woman of an extremely devotional type. Her simplicity of goodness, and her conversation, entirely devotional type. Her simplicity of goodness, and her conversation, entirely convinced me that, whatever dark side there might be to Mormonism in theory or in practice, to many it constituted a positive religion, held and practised with a sincerity of conviction, which I could not but respect, however far removed I might be in almost every particular from the conceptions on which it resied. hich it rested.

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"In a volume of 350 pages, the author, who is Professor of English in the Brigham Young University, at Provo, Utah, has hardly at all referred to the darker side, which, even now, it is claimed by the foes of Mormonism, is being revealed by the Reed Smoot investigation. Prof. Nelson complains, quite justly, of the narrowness and unfairness with which Mormonism has been attacked, and considering his standpoint, his plea is in good spirit, but he must none the less remember that the conviction of fault in the plaintiff, does not clear the defendant. However, as this is not the theme of the book, neither will it be that of this he book, neither will it be that of this

Whatever science may say as to the "Whatever science may say as to the author's attempt to harmonize its conclusions with Mormonism, the volume seems to me to be entirely out of touch with what I should be disposed to call the present day science of religious thought and biblical study. It would be impossible, in the scope of this review, to discuss all the intricate problems presented in its many pages. Suffice it to say that to the man who is at all in harmony with what are today regarded as the most essential elements of Christian thought. Mormonism will regarded as the most essential elements of Christian thought. Mormonism will be found wanting at the very outset in its conception of God. The doctrine of the Incarnation involves a certain anthronomorphism in the Christian conception of God. but this has little in common with the materialized and localized conceptions here asserted as the base of Mormonism. If to believe that God is a spirit,—an assertion which as the context shows, Jesus made in direct apposition to the idea of materialism and localization, which the author briggs to its interpretation—is to depart from the God of Abraham. ther brings to its interpretation—is to depart from the God of Abraham. I had and Jacob' to the God of Buddha,' most of us will be none the less ready to make the departure. As a matter of fact, however, it is Jesus and not Buddha who has given this spiritus! conception and if a man be so lacking in the sense of a progressive revelation, that he must bring the patriarchal and New Tostament conceptions into opposition, he will in my opinion, act strangely in choosing the farmer.

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"That there should be practically no reference to polygamy throughout the many puzes of this volume will be surprising to those who have a pre-conceived notion of Mormonism. This is to be explained by the author's claim that it is an insignificant feature in relation to the fundamental conceptions of which it is an outgrowth, and by the fact that a further volume is promised on "Social Aspects of Mormonism," in which this subject will be treated.

the whole, well written, and which displays a scholarly tone and attitude, which we cannot but commend, how-ever little we may agree, either with its premises or its results."

The "News" has given extended reviews on this really meritorious voltime, and again recommends it to the reading public. It is a work that every thoughtful student of theology can read with benefit.

Joseph and his confreres have come back from Egypt.

President Roosevelt must have found yesterday a real day of rest.

It is really astonishing hov much parade goes for patriotism.

murder. Hoch der grand jury!

The longer Kuropatkin remains or the Shakhe the shakler his position be-

Down on the Isthmus they don't call a spade a spade; they call it a steam

Kuropatkin's favorite reading, if one may judge by his actions, is "Looking

Mirth is said to be a sure cure for dyspensia. That should make the dyspeptics laugh.

cular Christianity of course. The Czar still persists in carrying on the war to the bitter end. He is get-

An East Boston paster advocates ath-

letics as an ald to Christianity. Mus-

ting the quinine in large doses, According to Dr. Osler's theory the President should make a clean sweep of the Supreme Court of the United

Chief Justice Fuller has administered the oath of office to President Roose velt. But will he now resign as rumor says he will?

Batt Masterson says that he never notched the handle of his pistol. This is to his credit, no matter how many notches are to his credit,

The New York Sun is strenuously advocating a hundred thousand dollar salary for the President. This is a Sun ray of hope for him.

Peoria, Ill., is going to have a "religious ministrel show," The program will doubtless consist chiefly of psalm singing and harp playing.

Does William Osler, M. D., believe that Theodore Roosevelt's days of usefulness are over? He is six and a half years past the days of usefulness as computed by the new notorious physician. Was that inauguration Saturday for naught?

THE AGE PROBLEM.

New York Mall. There seems to be a disposition to treat Dr. William Osler, the eminent medical authority who has been called from a professorate at Johns Hopkins to one at Oxford, as a great humorist. In an address the other day at the university which he is leaving, he declared, apparently in entire seriousness clared, apparently in entire seriousness, that what men accomplish after the age of forty, in the field of human achievement in science, in art and literature, is of no great consequence to the world, and might be eliminated without perceptible loss. And then, in more sportive mood, he exploited Anthony Trollong, idea, unfolded at great thony Trollope's idea, unfolded at great length and in fascinating fashion in his novel, "The Fixed Period," for the

painless removal from life of persons who have reached the age of sixty. Chicago Record-Herald.

That between the ages of 40 and 60 great, enduring and invaluable work can be done Dr. Osler hardly intended to deny. The history of every science, art, industry and abstract thought art, industry and abstract thought contains innumerable instances of such contributions. Indeed, the line between such work and "constructive" and "vituilizing" work could not be drawn even by a rigorous man of science. We think at once of Aristotle, Plato, Bacon, Newton, Shakespeare, Cervantes, Milton, Kant, Gibbon, Mommsen and of the soldiers, rulers and statesmen whose notable achievements fell within the "third" of the Osler ages, Osler ages

New York World.

Grant was unknown and discouraged at forty, a hero and a president at forty-seven. Lincoln went into the White House at fifty-two, Taylor began to be a strenuous president at sixty-five, Washington fathered his country while in the forties and fifties and became Chief Magistrate at fifty-seven. Benjamin Franklin did his best public service after he was seventy. So examples could be multiplied indefinitely. In the United States senate today, out of the ninety members more than a score will reach seventy years in age before 1907.

St. Paul Globe.

The college professor who made the pessimistic statement is himself, it is said, close on to sixty. Perhaps he is anxious to shirk the part of the world's abxlous to shirk the part of the world's work that has been assigned to him to do. Perhaps he is cautiously feeling his way toward a lazy retirement. It is not probable, however, that he will frighten those young old men of sixty who love work for the work's sake and who intend to keep on working until the final summons comes.

Kansas City Star.

Of men of the present generation, Mr. Cleveland would never have been heard of had his career been cut short of 40 before he had even been mayor of Buffalo. He became president at 48. Most falo. He became president at 48. Most persons consider President Roosevelt fairly useful, but he was 43 when he succeeded McKinley. Ex-Secretary Root began his great service as war minister at 54. Judge Taft went to the Philippines at 41 and Mr. Hay to the court of St. James at 59. Bismarck's name would never have been associated with German unity had his active life. with German unity had his active life with German unity had his active life ended at 40, eleven years before the Austro-Prusslan war. Gladstone had not made his first important speech in parliament at 40. Disraeli first held in parliament at 40. Disraeli first held office at 48, Leo XIII at 40 was an unknown bishop of an obscure Italian see. People generally are inclined to believe that the achievements of these men after they were 40 were quite

GUM CHEWING.

Bellingham Herald,

Apparently the chewing gum habit is in no danger of dying out at pres-ent. The Santa Fe railroad is report-ed to have made \$11,500 out of the penany gum slot machines along the line of its roads. According to these statis-tics II,500 jaws have champed gum dur-ing one year of travel on that road. What an appaling spectacle!

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The March issue of "Success Magazine" contains among other matters the second installment of Mr. Cleveland Moffett's "The Shameful Misuse of Wealth." This time Mr. Moffett deals with "The Real Race Suicide." He emphasizes his subject with a number of facts. He tells us that thousands of dollars are wasted on poodle dogs; that one woman imported from Paris a complete outfit for her dog that cost \$2,000; that there are dealers in boots, coats, and even automobile outfits for dogs, for which hundreds of dollars are spent, and that New York has its fashionable dog doctors who get ten dollars a visit, and who have telephones at their bedsides for night calls like regular practitioners. Aside from this article Mr. Alfred Henry Lewis writes on "Mr. Reosevelt's New Policies." James Huneker has contributed an article on "Grand Chora as the Public Harry Har (I')" Govern The March issue of "Success Magayelt's New Policies." James Huneker has contributed an article on "Grand Opera as the Public Hears It," Governor John A. Johnson, the chief executive of Minnesota is the subject of a life-sketch by W. B. Hennessy. Vance Thompson has an important article in which he lays the blame for the war between Russia and Japan at the door of Lord Curzon. There is a long list of other contributors, among them being Nixon Waterman, Holman Day, David Graham Phillips, Henry Siegel, Mary Stewart Cutting, Josephine Wright Chapman and Edmund Vance Cooke.—Washington Square, New York. Washington Square, New York.

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