

have been given more to the welfare of mankind than to their own welfare, and follow it; men who not only have such a record but the intellect to give proper and intelligent expression to their convictions. One of such men, according to Brahm, was the late Henry George. One such who was not a theorist nor a writer but an intensely practical, everyday man was the late President Brigham Young.

A FAD AND A FAILURE.

A special cable to The Sun some days ago told of the death of a well known novelist and essayist, Harold Frederic. He was an American by birth but has been residing for some time in England. He was treated by a physician for a blood disorder and paralysis, following rheumatism. Presently the doctor was dismissed and a Christian Scientist was called, who treated the patient according to the methods of that sect. He grew worse and a physician was again called, but too late. Mr. Fredric died, the doctors say, as a result of the neglect of his friends to give him medical aid in time.

Medical journals are paying attention to oases of this kind, and insisting on the necessity of protecting people, by legal enactments, from "fads" that prove dangerous, and even fatal. Of course, against death even medical skill is unavailing, and Christian Scientists do not neglect any opportunity of making this point in their own favor.

The fact is that true Christian faith is not inconsistent with the application of medical remedies in cases of sickness, as is evident from the well known advice of Paul to his friend, Timothy. A "science" that claims to the contrary is unworthy of the name. It may be regarded in the same light as that of the Egyptian masters of magic. Its effect, perhaps even the purpose of it, is to neutralize the effects of the divine manifestations. It is well enough to call attention to its true nature.

ALLHALLOWTIDE.

Just as the "Eastertide" expresses for the whole of the sectarian church services and ancient customs attached to the festival of Easter, from Palm Sunday until Easter Monday, so does Allhallowtide include all the various customs, obsolete and still observed, of Halloween.

From the 31st of October until the morning of the 3rd of November, this period, known as Allhallowtide, is full of traditional and legendary lore.

In these customs we can trace the dual nature and origin thereof, for the pagan and Christian observances do not blend together, but rather stand apart in startling distinctness. The curious, quaint and madcap games of Halloween have nothing in common with so-called Christian observances. Halloween is distinctly pagan and Druidical in its customs, and no better proof is needed than that the English customs of the night are comparatively tame and have none of the weird mysteries attached to them that are to be found in the wild games and amusements of the Welsh, the Irish and the Scotch descendants of the Celts, and among whom Druidism held sway long after Christian rites and services were familiar to the Saxon. These ancient British Celts fiercely resented any change in their religious belief, and when Christianity did at last gain a foothold amongst them, their pagan rites were perpetuated.

The importation to this country of games that are peculiar to Halloween has been most popular, or the games

have. There has been one game, however, that was left across the seas; "the pulling of the stock." Circumstances over which the importers have had no control conspired to leave it behind.

Perhaps because human nature craves what it cannot have, those who have shared in the excitement of the suppressed fun of stock pulling and were proficient at choosing straight "rumts" from crooked ones, in the dark, are captious in declaring that Halloween is no Halloween at all without it. But the small boy of this city will take very emphatic objection to such a statement.

The frolics, however, of Halloween, teach us that "legend has its uses as well as history, and the one rightly regarded is no less valuable than the other." The progress of civilization from the barbarous ages to the ultra-culture and refinement of the present day can only be traced by the study of the social life, customs and daily observances of our ancestors, and so folklore must ever remain the key to the intelligent study of history, if no inspiration is available.

THE CATHOLICS IN CUBA.

At the annual meeting of the archbishops of the Roman Catholic church held a few days ago at Washington, the announcement was made of the appointment of Archbishop Chapelle of New Orleans as papal ablegate to Cuba. The duties of the ablegate will be, it is understood by the Roman Catholic press, to provide for the proper assimilation of the church in the West Indies to the church in the United States. They will probably include, also the settlement of questions relating to the vast church estates and to the future conduct of these communities, which are almost exclusively Catholic. He will probably go to Havana and Santiago and conduct his work in Cuba, where he will be the personal representative of the church, just as Cardinal Satolli and Monsignor Martinelli have represented the pope in the United States. The archbishop has a great advantage in that he speaks both French and Spanish. He was born and educated in France and was intended for service in the West Indies, but came instead to this country. He will probably not give up his diocese in New Orleans, but add this to his other duties.

THE KAISER IN PALESTINE.

The hoisting of the German flag on Mount Zion in friendly proximity to the Turkish crescent may properly be noted as one of the historical events of the year.

The occasion was virtually the cession of Turkish territory to Germany and must be interpreted as a notification of the existence of intimate relations between the sultan and the kaiser, and in order to make the performance truly spectacular, the piece of ground presented to the German emperor was immediately left in charge of the German Catholics, and a notice of this sent to the pope in Rome. Standing on Mount Zion, on a spot by tradition made sacred as the temporary abode of the Virgin Mary, the head of German Protestantism clasps, as it were, the ruler of Mohammedans by one hand and the wearer of the papal tiara by the other. Protestantism, Catholicism and Mohammedanism apparently united, for one brief moment, at least, on sacred ground in Judea! Was there a more strange spectacle presented to the world in modern times?

It is more than probable that the German emperor has conceived it as his

special mission to bring western civilization to the Mohammedan world and that he needs the support, or good will, of Catholics in this undertaking. For years preparations have been going on. The hand of providence must be acknowledged in the strange movement that started over forty years ago, and that resulted in the establishment of prosperous German colonies at Haifa, Jaffa and Jerusalem. Through these Germans and Germany have become known to the natives, many of whom have learnt to respect the flag, and to speak the language of these colonists. What can be done by them in the way of extending Teutonic influence to the furthestmost ends of Asiatic Turkey, should they receive government aid in their undertaking, is simply beyond calculation. There is room enough in Syria and throughout Asia Minor for some millions of German settlers and vast opportunities for founding prosperous homes. It is generally expected that the ruined cities of Judea and Israel will again rise out of the ashes, like the fabulous Phoenix; that again the merry voice of the harvester will be heard on the plains and in the valley of Jordan; and then that civilization will extend to the north and the east until the highland of Armenia is redeemed and on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrate cities rise rivaling in population, wealth and splendor the ancient Nineveh and Babylon. Are the Germans to be the standard bearers of this advancing march of western civilization? Did this panorama pass the vision of the kaiser as he stood on Mount Zion? Was it with this end in view that scattered Germany was united and France humiliated? Was it for such a purpose that men like Kaiser Wilhelm, Prince Bismarck and General Moltke lived? Who can read and properly connect the various links of history?

It is certain that the Turkish empire needs and seems to be ripe for modern civilization. Especially is this the case with the Arabs, not to mention the Armenians who are daily supplicating Heaven for deliverance. Mohammedanism has fulfilled its mission as a civilizing force and can do no more. For centuries it has held sway in one of the most beautiful and favored portions of the globe, but with disastrous result. Poverty, ignorance, superstition are its companions. The Mohammedans themselves are expecting a Messiah to deliver them; otherwise the exploits of the Mahdi in Sudan and the Babi movement in Persia would have been impossible. The Spirit of God is moving upon the disturbed waters. The time, then, seems opportune for earnest efforts to spread light and truth in the Turkish empire. In view of recent history, the question seems pertinent whether Great Britain has lost the chance evidently hers by reason of her great wealth and power. Can it be that Providence is about to give to another the mission of a light-bearer to the people of western Asia?

So Emperor William is coming home to regulate the European crisis. But the crucial time of the present complications will be past before William reaches the nearest telephone station—a good thing for Germany's war lord.

Reform organizations now generally admit that municipal affairs must be divorced from state and national politics. The problem is to get the right men in the right place and keep them there.

The Tribune still argues that the Mormon Church is responsible for the eventual outcome of the coming election in Utah. Can a falsehood become a truth by means of frequent repetition?