

## THE EDITOR'S COMMENTS.

### EVIL TO EVIL.

That some people still entertain queer ideas, though the age is an enlightened one, is evident from a recent occurrence at Indianapolis. A certain lady, Mrs. Caroline Logan, thought her sixteen-year-old daughter was possessed of a demon and concluded to beat the evil spirit out of the child. She did this so effectively that the girl had to be brought to a hospital a sufferer from the unmerciful castigation. The child got well under the tender care of the sisters, however, and is now desirous of taking the white veil and becoming a nun.

The mother greatly rejoices over this conversion and triumphantly asserts that the devil was driven out of the girl by means of the whip.

That the poor child, after her treatment, has only a broken heart left, from which affection has been driven out—as is too often the case with tender children treated with brutal harshness—and that she is trying to seek in seclusion from the world some compensation for that which she has lost, the mother does not suspect. She retains the ancient idea that Beelzebub furnishes the power by which to cast out evil spirits.

### THE MONUMENT.

The ceremonies attending the laying of the foundation stone of the Pioneer monument yesterday afternoon were pleasing and impressive to all beholders. The music as rendered by human voices and by instruments of reed and brass was appropriate and inspiring. The vast audience was too much moved by the solemnity of the occasion to give itself over to noisy demonstrations, though deeply interested in the proceedings. The part assigned to the venerable President Woodruff—himself one of the original Pioneers, and undoubtedly the most conspicuous and the best-beloved of the survivors, was performed amid a hush and stillness altogether impressive; while Director General Young, the son and namesake of the great leader of the Pioneer band, in laying the foundation stone and addressing the multitude, fittingly brought the interesting event to a close. We have not yet mentioned the prayers and the speeches; but the former breathed gratitude and blessing, while the latter brimmed with patriotism, charity and eloquence. Elder Richards was, as always, exalted in thought and graceful in diction; Governor Wells was in fine voice and delivered his frequent sentences with great fervor; while Mayor Glendinning's brief speech, deserving almost to be described as classic, was thoroughly delightful and genuinely enjoyed.

This allusion to the event of yesterday may be well supplemented by a reminder to the good people of the State that funds are still needed for the completion of the work and the payment of obligations already assumed by the monument association.

Heretofore there has been perhaps a dearth of information and an uncertainty as to what was contemplated with reference to the monument. Now those who run may read, while those who walk or ride may see—the whole thing is before the public. It is sincerely to be hoped that a new impetus will be forthwith given to the work of replenishing the fund, to the end that there may be no interruption whatever in completing the structure and no delay in liquidating all pecuniary obligations that are still unsettled.

### SUBMARINE NAVIGATION.

A preliminary test of the Holland submarine boat was given last Saturday in the presence of officers of the United States navy and other notable persons assembled at Elizabethport. The trial trip was entirely extempore and was necessarily confined to surface movements, but so far as it went, it pronounced a success. The boat resembles a porpoise with a pipe sticking out of its back in the place of a colossal fin. As soon as the lines that hold the steel fish were dropped, it commenced moving ahead with great speed. It turned with graceful swing in the water and proved that the engines worked all right. Those immediately concerned were well pleased with the test and expect great things from the craft when completed.

The intention of the inventor and a few companions is in a few days to enclose himself in the vessel and try to navigate under the water. Electricity and gasoline are to furnish the motive power. There will be a supply of compressed air to breathe, and by means of water tanks the boat will sink under the surface. It is this trial that is looked forward to with great interest, for if it proves successful, it is believed the new boat will mark another epoch in the system of naval warfare. The inventor is confident; he says there is nothing problematical in his arrangements, that every point has been demonstrated.

### EAGER TO PERSECUTE.

The very "Christian" love which seems to actuate certain professedly religious bodies above others is well illustrated in the narrative of events given in a dispatch from New York, published in several large dailies of June 30th. The objects of antipathy are, of course, the Mormons, and those who take such "kindly" interest in them are Presbyterians. The dispatch calls attention to the fact that the Presbyterian board of home missions' publications have been devoting much attention to the Mormons recently—which attention has been most misrepresentative in its character—and continues:

Many women of the Presbyterian church are stirred up over the invitation which a committee of Mormons extended to President McKinley to attend the fiftieth anniversary of the celebration of

the foundation of Mormonism by Brigham Young in Utah on July 24th. Efforts have been made by the Presbyterian women to show President McKinley that they would regard it as a national misfortune should he decide to be present or give his stamp of approval to the celebration.

It is really too bad that there should be such "weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth" over Utah's semi-centennial and the invitation for the President to attend. But it is not the fault of Utah or the President; and assuredly it would be less of a "national misfortune" for the President to attend a representative western celebration in this State than to heed the unpatriotic advice of those misguided females whose natural functions ought to qualify them for better business than scandalizing their neighbors. They may fancy this to be religious duty, but people of superior enlightenment will recognize it as the rankest kind of meddlesome bigotry.

The dispatch further tells how worried the Presbyterian church is over sixty Mormons coming to the United States from Europe, as if this great Republic were in danger of being shattered by three-score people whom the government immigration commission declared to be "the best class of immigrants" that come to the United States. The people of the country are also gravely informed that Rev. Dr. McMillan, who has lived most of the last twenty-two years in Utah, will write against the Mormons—not an unusual thing for even those members of the clergy whose divine worship is in their lips but whose hearts are filled with hate and envy. An alleged item of information is that "polygamy is being practiced to an increased extent since the introduction of Utah in the Union of states;" and the following excerpt from a Presbyterian official paper, the Church at Home and Abroad, is quoted:

From every part of Utah comes overwhelming evidence that statehood has repaired the power of the Mormon Priesthood, just as Brigham Young, in 1877, said it would.

As to polygamy being practiced to an increased extent in Utah since admission, the NEWS cannot say what may have been done in that line by Presbyterians, if anything, but it does know something about the Mormons. The Church manifesto on that subject was issued in September, 1890, nearly seven years ago; and for more than seven years there has not been a Mormon polygamous marriage—the rule of the manifesto has been absolute.

Regarding the alleged repairing of "the power of the Mormon Priesthood," there is also a little mistake about that: it needed no repairing, hence none was done. That Priesthood is used to heal the sick, bless the afflicted, comfort the widow and orphan, feed the poor and needy, administer in the ordinances of the Gospel of Christ, and work righteousness among men, all its operations being in Church capacity, and it never has waned, or faltered, and never will while the Mormon people are true to the mission of peace and good will they have been called to.

A further statement in the dispatch says the Mormons are proselyting in Europe and America—as they have