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CONQUERING PREJUDICE.

Reports received from Europe, and from different parts of the United States, are to the effect that a spirit of inquiry is active among intelligent people as to the principles and dectrines. of the so-called "Mormon" Church. This is doubtless due in some degree to the wild and mendacious stories sent forth from this city in reference to the leaders of the Church and their alleged teachings. Some of those tales are so monstrous and improbable that they accomplish the very opposite of that which was intended in their fabrication. They are at first received with a shock which occasions detestation, but on reflection arouses incredulity as to their truth. Then comes investigation, causing a revulsion of feeling, and with honest people a desire to accent the glerious truths incorporated in the sys-Numerous baptisms are reported in all the missions, and the Elders in the field are greatly encouraged in seeing the

Persons not of our faith have in a number of instances braved the prejudice of the popular mind and the sneers and ridicule of violent opponents, and have told the truth boldly as they understood it, after having lived for some time in Utah or pald lengthy visits to the people here. In every instance this course has attracted the attention of sincere people, and the result has been the dissipation of an imriense amount of prejudice caused by the falsehoods that have emanated from

The lectures that have been delivered by John P. Meskin in his travels on behalf of fraternal orders with which he is permanently connected, have been the means of clearing away much misunderstanding concerning Utah and the "Mormons," and he has been able to Elders would probably not be likely to meet. His evident sincerity and the simple facts which he has been able to present have doubtless aided greatly in promoting a better feeling among thinking people than existed, while Dame Rumor was putting in her work of echoing the untruths concocted in this city for foreign consumption.

V. S. Peet, also, in conducting work representing railroads and business firms that desire an influx of capital and population In Utah, has found frequent and excellent opportunities "to tell the truth and shame the devil," by standing up for the "Mormon" people. their condition, their falth and their accomplishments. Papers recently received tell of the good work he has done recently in Maryland, and his fearless attitude in challenging the opposition to prove their false assertions have made him many friends and opened the eyes of a great number of people in

Every once and a while we notice remarks made by other non-"Mormons" in public places, indicating a disposition to reject the nonsense and false-Food circulated concerning the Latterday Saints, and to present to the pub-Mr arguments and conclusions which put the subject of "Mormonism" in a proper light before the country. Apropos of this remark, we find in the Boston Transcript of July 10 an interest. ing account of a summer meeting on the Isle of Shoals, which is an annual gathering arranged by the Summer Meetings Association, of which M. Thomas H. Elliett, of Lowell, is the president and the officers of which include a number of prominent names. On July 2 the conference, which was very largely attended, came together to listen to an address on "Mormonism" by Rev. Adelbert L. Hudson, of Newton, Mass. The following report of his temarks we 'clip from the Transcript, with the simple remark that while a few of the statements it contains may be regarded as slightly inaccurate, on the whole it is so frank and fair and likely to do so much good that we give

place to it verbatim, as published in

"Mr. Hudson was surprisingly successful in halding the attention of his hearers, for his lecture was very long. lasting nearly two hours; but no one seemed inclined to leave and the applause which greeted him at the end showed no sign of weariness. He spokfrom the polor of view of one who, while intellectually sympathizing little with doctrines of special revelation and that the Mermons are rapidly working out their own salvation and need no interference from without. He feels that people generally are under serious misapprehension concerning the place of this Institution, nicknamed the Mor-mon Church, and he desired to correct the prejudices, which Unitarians, least of all, should cherish against them. It is a mistake to identify Mormonia with polygamy, as is often done. Polygamy was an after thought that has had its day and is rapidly dying out from inherent causes. Mr. Rudson sketched rapidly but comprehensively the history of the movement that cu minated in the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which claims to be not only Christian Church but the ordy Christian Church, the Church of the true apostolic succession, also empowered t administer the eacraments. sider themselves as God's chosen poor ple, and to them all others even ris Jews, are Gentiles, interpreting all the prophecies of the Old Testament, as referring to themselves. What to us is delusion represents to them the fun damental basis of religion. The lead ers of Mormonism followed at first the direction of Alexander Campbell, but Joseph Smith was never a fol anybody and his intuitive mind led him to the dream of founding a new religion. On the Jesuitical sophistry that perplexes students of his life, Mr. Hudson, did not dwell long, narrating rapidly the means he took to assert the authority of the sacred books of the

Revelation in all ages has been mainly subjective in character. Elach religion has come supernaturally God, and we must respect in these peo-ple what to most enlightened Christians till represents in themselves the heights of spirituality. The character and relative importance of the various sacred books was explained, and the ovenants was emphasized as centribiting to the present development of the It has grown, like the common law, in which decisions given from time to time embody the progressive range of experience, in which need makes custom and custom becomes law. Only in this case the Elders by whom the decisions were given were supposed to be supernaturally inspired. progressive revelation has made it posnew revelation whenever outside events have made this advisable, and this was done when, at the time of the bill which polygamy a national offense, punishable by national law, the Church co-operated with the government and been, a duty religiously imposed. This power of rapid adjustment to new con-ditions admits the people to influences of progress and culture, since the Church can easily change its doctrines to keep up with the spirit of the times.

"Mr. Hudson explained the theory which it had happened that our Puritan forefathers and the great men of our national history had been baptized into the 'Mormon' Church by proxy, a device by which they had supposing that all their ancestors had falled of Paradise; and he told several amusing stories following from the custom of having certain men detailed he re and re-baptized as proxies for Mormons' but failed of the requisite

The sub-stratum of 'Mormonism' is d of industry, frugality and tempera preventive care of the young is effect result of the religion has been to make derful physical development, partly due perhaps to natural environment, but also to their plain living and the true ideals of their ordinary life.

ism' to which it has given rise. The speaker did not minimize the tragedy, often the heartrending horror, of sible situation; but he showed that women entered into it sucredly with their faces set Godward, making martyrs of themselves for the sake of their religion. It is now, however, a thing of the past, enduring only in the case of elderly men whom we should honor for their unwillingness to abandot the wives whom they married with legal and churchly sanction, and put thus a stigma on their character. It is nonsense to think that polygamy threatens the American home. One might as well talk of the danger of being massecred by Indians in England or of being hanged for a witch in Salem. The custom can never return, for there is set against it the natural institutions of the human heart, the financial impossibility that coung men can afford to take more than one wife, and finally the changed social ideals which have come from Laws on the statute books may not be enforced, but social laws enforce themselves. Natural influences are kitting polygamy fast and in a few years it will be only a night-mare of the past. In the meantime hinders, not helps, this natural pro-cess. Young 'Mormons' resent interference, even when they hate polygamy, because they are bound to defend the honor of their mothers Senstor Smoot, for instance, is an excellent product of Utah's young manhood and high ideals, and the agitation against by well-meaning women is unfounded and ridiculous. It is true that Unitarians distrust all influence of the Church when exerted in politics, but there is no remedy against it in the case of the 'Mormon' Church more than with the Roman Catholic or the Methodist Episcopal church, other than the cultivation of free, in-dependent thought and the establish-ment of sound civic and national

MOSLEM VS. "CHRISTIAN."

Elder A. M. Musser, of the Historin's Office, has received a letter from Hon. Alexander R. Webb, editor of the Moslem World, published in New York City, who was United States Consul at Manila in T887. The subject of his ommunication is a brochure, of which Elder Musser is the author, that exposes the social conditions of the sothat which he believes would provide remedy. Mr. Webb wishes most earnestly "that it could be read carefully and without projudice by every honest truth-seeker in the world. He announces himself a Moslem and differs essentially with Elder Musser in his religious belief, but fully agrees with him on the questions involved in the pamphlet entitled "Race Suicide,"

He makes a very strong contrast between Christian and Moslem communities, highly in favor of the latno prostitutes, no salocos, no drunkeninfidelity." He says he has lived among them and studied their conjugat system at close range, and considers that above earth." He gives many particulars concerning the habits and than" nations not at all to their credit, as they would probably be attributed to this paper instead of to their author, He intends to lend around among his friends the brochure which he admires, and also to advocate the Moslom faith in preference to the religious systems which, as he views them, have brought forth no better results than those which are seen in modern civilized society,

HEBREWS OF THE WORLD.

An exceedingly interesting historical. nvestigation is now being pursued by the Editor of a leading Polish news. paper, M. Sokolof. His alm is to present to the world as complete a higtory as possible of the Jewish race in the various countries where they are found, and compare their present condition outside of Russia to that in the Czar's empire. Particular attention will be paid to the restrictions to which they have been subjected, the methods and steps by which their emancipation was brought about and the consequences upon the members of the race, the public generally and the government, and such other information as may be of value to Russian statesmen, legislators and other officials who will have to deal with the question.

undertaken for the benefit of the Russian statesmen who may be called upon to deal with the Hebrew problem of that country, so that they may do so intelligently, and profit by the experiences of other nations. The gentleman, though not acting in an official enpacity, has the endorsement of the Russian government, and is accredited to the Russian representatives in the various capitals, which means that these will lend nim material ald in the

pursuit of his investigations. Mr. William Curtis, in a communication to the Chicago Record-Herald. gives some interesting data concerning the subject of inquiry by M. Sok-There are, at present, nearly 11,000,060 Jews in the world. In Europe they are distributed as follows:

The Balkan States Other countries 109,090

In addition to these there are about ,500,000 in the United States and perhaps 100,000 in other parts of America. Mr. Sokolof, we are told, is collecting the most accurate and complete statistical data that can be found on that subject, as well as the facts concerning the experiences of other countries than Russia in dealing with the Jewish race and the consequences of its emancipa-

With regard to the political status of the dispersed race in different parts of the world, it is ascertained that Russia and Roumania are really the only countries in which Jews are still under the ban, and Mr. Sokolof's report shows that in Roumania, for example, a Jew cannot live in a village, or upon a farm, or anywhere in the rural districts, or in any small town. He is only permitted to live in the ghettos of the cities. He is not allowed to practice the professions or engage in certain kinds of business, or to own real estate. In some respects Roumania is worse than Russia.

The following data from history, as collected by Ane Polish editor, give a faint idea of the struggle of the Jews

"The ghetto has existed in all countries since the ninth or tenth centuries. Jews have always been compelled to live apart and generally were locked up in enclosures at sunset and re-leased at daylight by the police. In were not permitted to have family names, as in the Bible: Moses, Aaron, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob son bore the same name as his father, as among the Scandinavians, he was distinguished from him by being called Jacobson, or Aaronson. Then came a time when the government decided that all Jews must have names and the officials assigned them according to their own fancies, waich accounts for the peculiar nomenclature among chosen because they came easy. The ancestor of the famous Rothschilds family were so called because there was a red shield hanging over the door of his shop. The names of animals, trees, flowers and plants were used, as Rosenbaum, "rose tree," and metals, minerals and jewels of various kinds, such as Goldstein. Silverstein and Bleistein. The same was done in Poland during the German occupation of that country a century ago, and in applying the names the government officials were as con-temptuous and offensive as possible."

We believe the presentation to the world of the historical facts concerning the Hebrews in their dispersion, will be of tremendous importance. It will, if we are not mistaken, give a strong impetus to the Zionist movement, for, when the history of Israel is read, and understood, it teaches that the plans and purposes of the Almighty as to the world in general, and that part of the human family in particular must be accomplished. And these plans are very plainly set forth, in broad outlines, in the writings of the Seers of old. If the history of the Jews is read in the light of those writings, its plain teaching is that the day of captivity will be ended, and that the captives will be reinstated in the land that is theirs. That is the only conceivable reason why they have been preserved a separate race, and why they have perous, in spite of oppression, as did the cap ves in Egypt, until the day of

Boll your ice water before drinking.

It's a hot time in the old town these

Thaw has enough lawyers to drive

Disgrace sometimes leads to suicide and suicide almost always to disgrace.

Everybody knows "Who's Who in America." but who's Hope in Pitts-

There is not so much preparation for Mr. Rockefeller's reception as for Mr.

A civil war in Russia might have a tendency to civilize some of her bar-

The Russians are looking for a coup d'etut. It looks as though they would not have to look very far,

A postal savings bank system for the Philippines shows that the island administration is right up to date. Danny Maher has just won the

Eclipse stakes in England. There is to doubt about it. Money makes the A Pennsylvania farmer is reported to

have driven sixteen miles in order to

return a nickel that he was overpaid. The report lacks confirmation. Margaret Deland's new novel is en-"The Awakening of Helena Richie." Helena no doubt was chosen

to be queen of the May.

When the divorce case is over, Mrs. Hartfe will have every qualification for the stage, except, perhaps, histrionic talent, a matter of no great importance.

-It appears important that the country be informed daily of Evelyn Neshit than that it be informed of Mr. Roosevelt's doings.

The bishop of Zululand condemns the killing of Zulus by British soldiers, but the British commander justifies it. Under correction, the civilized world will side with the bishop,

The natives of Sonora, Mexico, seem to be imbued with the idea, "Mexico for the Mexicans." Such cries are catching in every land, and while they are called patriotic they are in reality very

Mrs. Tingley, the theosophist leader, admits that she is three thousand one hundred years old. She is mistaken. A woman is just as old as she looks, and Mrs. Tingley doesn't look anywhere near that old.

Dreyfus has been completely vindlcated, but how can France repay him for the unspeakable tortures he endured on the lonely island? It behooves human administrators of law to go slow, in view of the fact that they are powerless to correct their gravest

A Puyallup, Wash., fool who rocked the boat and caused the death of a young man, has been arrested and charged with mansiaughter. This is something new but eminently proper. The young man should be made an example of that he may be a warning to the class of fools who insist on rocking the boat.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Millennial Star.

Let us repeat it over and over: men are that they might have joy." Then, the purpose of man's existence here on this earth is that he might have joy! What! did God form the world and clothe it with all its wealth of animal and vegetable life for this dales, the blue sea and the bluer sky, the winds, the rains, the storms, the the heat, with this object in Did He send us here, amid it upon these environments and to be acted upon—to live our lives. to fight our foes, to suffer, and at last to die—all that in the end we might have joy? Is that true? Yes: that is God's answer to our vexed problem.

Northwestern Christian Advocate. Many complain that duty is not easy; that it is a taskmaster; something from which they would be free, The cure for that condition is not the giving up of duty, however hard it seems, but if anything a more determined purpose to do whatever is set to do with constant prayer for patience and the power of continuance, ant element in making a Christian-Christ will reveal himself as the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother, and the faithful servant will pass into the devoted friend, and he will hear the Lord say: "You are my friend, for you have learned to do my will," and then duty will have a new name though it will not be wholly lost in

St. Chrysostom.

Wives in true practical wisdom have he advantage over their husbands: because, for the most part, they sit quietly at home. The husband who busies himself in the markets or in the courts of justice is tossed hither and thither by the unrest of the world. The wife remains at home as in of wisdom, collects her thoughts, and can occupy herself with prayer and reading the Scripture. Like those persons who have withdrawn themselves into solitude, she is disturbed by no one; she can entoy perpetual quiet. And when her husband comes home, burdened with a multiplicity of cares, she can calm his temper, restore harmony to his soul; prune off strange and distracting thoughts; and thus enable him to leave the house purified. enable him to leave the house, purified from the evil he brought from the market, and accompanied by the good that he has learned at home. For nothing is more influential than a plous and intelligent wife to form her husband and to influence him as she will could tell of many a hard and inflex-ible nature which has been thus soft-

Harper's Bazar. Behold the one clear gauge of the boy's endeavor-what father does. Mothers' clubs may make motions divine in wisdom and in goodness; mothers' congresses may form all elements of virtue into laws; mothers individually in the home may talk. work, struggle, to make their sons models by which to shape a new heavworld is in the man who is his father the boy believes that, whatever may be right on Sundays or at praye the things that are really good that really count in life, are what father does. Moreover it is what father does which defines the means with which the boy shall work, the sphere wherein his efforts shall be shaped. In a word, what father does is the beginning as it is the end of the boy's achievements. This is not a menace, either, to the mother's higher aims or to the boy's best endeavor. It is simply one of the rather neglected facts of human experience.

JUST FOR FUN.

Of Course,

"A woman may not leve her female enemies," began the man who emits

Say on, commanded the other half of the sketch. "But she can always be trusted to usively kiss them."—Louisville effusively Courier-Journal.

Unnecessary,

The suburban husband had shut the fox terrier inside the gate with care and started down the street with a last wave of his brand new panama for little wifey standing in the doorway, when he just happened to "By the way, dear," he called, "if

by any misfortune I can't get home to dinner I'll send out a note by the messenger and--'

"It's quite unnecessary, dearest," wifey answered sweetly. "I've already found that note in your coat pocket."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Thoughtful.

"Are you sure the sick man wanted me?" asked the physician, reaching for his hat, "Hhe didn't mention your name, but he's screamin' for someone that il put him out of his misery and I thought of you right away."—Houston Post.

Onite Likely.

It is true that Edgar Allen Poe failed to get admission to the Hall of Fame, but then he doesn't need it so much as some others who have gained the honor. Somerville Journal.

Jones-Ever been here before, Smith'-No: that accounts for my being here now.—Puck.

Visitor-Why do you make some of your pics round and some of them square?" CENTRAL COAL & COKE CO. Wife-Because my husband has been complaining of the sameness of his diet lately.—Cleveland Leader,



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"Got the job o' business cards done fur Doc Piller?" asked the country editor. "Ya'as," replied his foreman. "It's done, but HI made a leetle mistake a-settin' it up. Mebbe Doc'll kick, but I reckon it ain't so fur wrong." "Wat is it" "Hi made it 'Prescriptions Carefully Confounded." -Philadelphia Press,

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