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WISHARD'S WANDERINGS.

In one of his efforts to misrepresent the "Mormon" faith, Dr. Wishard, addressing the Presbyterian teachers, said:

"They claim that it has four chief points, namely, repentance, faith, baptism and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost."

"Our Mormon friends teach that Christ died to save us from original sin, whatever that may mean, and that we must atone for personal transgression by repentance, faith, baptism and reception of the Holy Ghost, the paying of tithes and obeying the Priesthood."

Everybody at all acquainted with the Latter-day Saints doctrine, knows that this is a gross perversion of that which is set forth in the oral and published teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Here is the declaration contained in the "Articles of Faith":

"We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel."

"We believe that these ordinances are: First, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost."

There is not anything in the revelations of God to this Church, nor in the authorized teachings of its Apostles and Elders, which justifies our reverend defamer in stating that we regard obedience to these Gospel requirements as an "atonement for personal transgressions." A teacher of teachers ought to be careful of his premises before he proceeds to make an argument and jump at conclusions. Dr. Wishard's pretended statement of our belief is utterly false and deceptive. That, however, is nothing new in the utterances of that Presbyterian clergyman.

As to "original sin," we must confess surprise at the real or pretended ignorance of the learned preacher as to the meaning of that term. For a definition of it we refer him to article nine of the thirty-nine Articles of Religion to which all ministers of the Church of England have to subscribe. It is a term with which every student of theology is familiar. It is not by any means original with the Latter-day Saints. It is explained in the article to which we refer, as "the fault and corruption of the nature of every man that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam." It is referred to in the Presbyterian Class Book on the Confession of Faith as "the origin of sin in this world," and the Westminster Confession says:

"By this sin they [our first parents] fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body."

"They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed, and the same death in sin and corrupted nature conveyed to all their posterity, descending from them by ordinary generation."

"From this original corruption where-by we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions."

For "whatever that may mean" when the term "original sin" is used, we refer Dr. Wishard to his own published creed, which a great many Presbyterians want to revise, but which stands as authority today unchanged in any particular. Would it not be just as well, if the Utah Presbytery were to give the assembled teachers some instructions in their own creed, instead of misrepresenting the beliefs of other churches? If Dr. Wishard does not know the meaning of "original sin," he should study the Westminster Confession of Faith and the works of recognized theological authorities.

The Latter-day Saints believe that Christ died to atone for Adam's transgression; that is, for "original sin," and that this atonement was without any conditions. Our first parents were alone guilty of that sin. We had nothing to do with it. We are not responsible for it. Whatever effects may have come upon their posterity in consequence of that transgression, mankind in general cannot be justly accused of the original act which introduced sin into the world. Therefore the Savior made a complete and perfect atonement for it, and all the descendants of Adam and Eve will be redeemed from death, which is the consequence of that original transgression. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Death comes upon all and all will be resurrected from the dead.

"Actual sin" is a term used to denote the personal sins of individuals who have come to the years of accountability. They are responsible for their own doings. They will be judged "according to their works." Christ atoned for those sins, conditioned on obedience to His commandments. Acceptance of His atonement is essential to salvation from those sins. The conditions required, as set forth in the Latter-day Saints' Articles of Faith, are: "We have already stated, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism for the remission of sins, and the reception of the Holy Ghost by the laying

on of hands. Baptism and confirmation to be administered by a person or persons called of God and ordained to this authority. Dr. Wishard has no right either to disarrange this sequence or to add what he pleases to those essential, either by way of sarcasm or serious attempt at deception.

It will be observed that throughout his address on the subject, he kept up the pretence that repentance is placed as the first condition, in what he was pleased to present as the "Mormon" idea of "atonement for personal transgression," whereas it is distinctly stated in all "Mormon" enunciations and explanations of their creed, that faith is the first principle of revealed religion, and that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the first requirement of the Gospel. This is important, because we regard faith as the very root and fountain of true religion, and we object to any misrepresentation concerning it, whether it comes from the ignorance of the uninformed or the wilful distortion of a professed Christian minister.

Dr. Wishard made a great flourish of trumpets in explaining to the teachers that the meaning of the word Gospel is "good news," as though the "Mormons" did not understand that. Why, it is taught to the little children in our Sunday schools. Any little boy or girl trained in those schools can explain, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ means the "good news" or "glad tidings," that Jesus Christ died for mankind, and that all may be saved through obedience to His commandments. The idea that mere belief that Jesus lived, atoned for sin, died, was buried and rose again from the dead is all-sufficient, and that nothing else is required for salvation, is utterly unscriptural, unreasonable, and immoral. The term obedience to the Gospel is plentifully used in the New Testament. All who "obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He shall come to be glorified in His Saints." II Thess. 1: 8-9.

The Latter-day Saints do not believe that works alone or that faith alone is sufficient. They believe with James that "faith without works is dead." Also that the works of righteousness are the fruit of faith. That mere belief in Christ which does not produce obedience to His Gospel and compliance with every requirement He has made, is not the living faith which leads to salvation. Obedience to God is essential to the obtaining of His favor and the benefits of the redemption wrought out by His Son Jesus Christ, who meant what He said when He declared: "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3: 5). Also, "Except your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven," and further, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matthew 23: 17, 20, 21.)

Dr. Wishard declared he "couldn't see how good works were going to save from sin if sins were washed away by baptism." And he declared that "baptism is only an expression to the world that we have been baptized with the Holy Ghost." It is remarkable how dense some people become when they attempt to pervert Scripture and proclaim for doctrine the notions of men. How can anybody be saved from sin if he keeps on sinning. Jesus Christ saves us from sin if we quit sinning, and not without. He does not save us in our sins but from our sins. Repentance is an essential to salvation, and it means not only sorrow for past sin but a determination to refrain from it in the future. Good works are required in the teachings of Christ and they cannot be dispensed with. The very purpose of the Gospel is to promote personal righteousness and fit mankind to dwell with God, who is the perfection of righteousness.

Baptism is not referred to anywhere in the Scriptures as "an expression that we have been baptized with the Holy Ghost," either to the world or to anybody else. "John did baptize in the wilderness and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." (Mark 1: 4). Jesus was baptized first, and afterward the Holy Ghost descended upon him in the form of a dove." (Matthew 3: 16). Peter preached repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, with the promise that all who obeyed should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. This was on the day of Pentecost when he was clothed upon with the power of God. Acts 2: 38. Philip baptized men and women in Samaria, and then sent for Peter and John, who came from Jerusalem and laid hands upon the baptized believers in Christ, and they received the Holy Ghost. Acts 8: 12-17. That is the proper order. The divine light which comes to the sincere searcher after truth everywhere and at all times, and which is one of the operations of the divine spirit, is not that endowment called "the gift of the Holy Ghost" which follows faith, repentance and baptism in water for the remission of sins.

The teacher of teachers in the Presbyterian convention repudiates the "Mormon" doctrine of faith as a principle of power. What does he think is meant by the eleventh chapter of the epistle of the Hebrews, in which the power of faith upon human actions and events and material things, is illustrated in the lives of ancient worthies? "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness became strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens, etc., etc." Did he never read Christ's words, "All things are possible to him that believeth?" "Go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole?" "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye could say to this mountain, Be removed and cast into the ocean, and it should be done?"

The truth is, these critics of "Mormon" doctrine do not understand the very first principles of religious truth. They do not appear to know much of their own creed. They want to break down and destroy a religious system which they know little or nothing about. They are here, according to their confession, to "fight" it. They have made little or no headway so far, and they will be just as conspicuous a failure in the future. They only expose their own lack of information and of influence to accomplish the end they have in view. We hope they will keep up their attacks. They serve to open the eyes of people who take little interest in religious affairs, and thus enable them to see the simple truths of "Mormonism," and the vagaries and inconsistencies of Presbyterianism. We wish them no harm. We are amused at their smothered anger, and our only wish for them is that they may humble themselves sufficiently to receive the light and truth which God has revealed from heaven for the salvation of all who will accept and obey the everlasting Gospel.

THE POTATO CROP.

Much has been said in the press about the shortage of the corn crop, but it appears probable now that the potato yield of the country also will show a falling off, as compared to previous years, which will send the price on that article of food up to very high figures. That will certainly be a burden on the working men and their families.

The published reports show that the Texas crop this year is rated at 53, as compared to 50 in 1900; Arkansas 41, against 99 in 1900; Kentucky 65, against 95 in 1900; Ohio 71, against 92 in 1900; Michigan 73, against 95 in 1900; Indiana 68, against 93 in 1900; Illinois 42, against 95 in 1900; Wisconsin 65, against 95 in 1900; Minnesota 70, against 92 in 1900; Iowa 39, against 95 in 1900; Missouri 24, against 93 in 1900; Kansas 33, against 70 in 1900; Nebraska 50, against 75 in 1900; South Dakota 57, against 81 in 1900; Oregon 81, against 94 in 1900; New York, Pennsylvania, North Dakota, California and Washington are said to have a yield equal to that of 1900, but the deterioration is very great in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys, where the people largely are dependent upon that crop every year.

In all the principal markets the price has climbed to an unusual figure, owing to the small yield of the early crop, and the desire of the northern planters to obtain higher prices still, by postponing the marketing of their tubers.

One peculiar feature of the situation is that old Ireland, which for years has suffered from a shortage in the potato crop, this year seems to have an abundance, and expects to be able to ship the surplus to this country. We hope this is so. The people of the United States will be able to buy and pay well for any products that are needed here and that the Old World may be able to spare.

ZIONISTS IN DENVER.

According to the Denver Post the Hebrews in that city are about to join the so-called Zionist movement, which contemplates the return of the children of Judah to the historic land of their fathers. A mass meeting is announced for the purpose of discussing the question of permanent organization, and Rabbi Farber is said to be the local leader of the movement.

When the Zionist cause first was brought to the attention of the world, it was hailed with much indifference, and even opposition, and its friends were not numerous. It was looked upon as the scheme of an enthusiast. But it has rapidly gained ground. Hebrews all over the world are becoming interested in it.

The aims and work of the Zionists are thus set forth by Rabbi Farber in the Denver Post:

"The plan of colonizing Palestine with Jews assumed its present form some four years ago, and originated with Herzl and Nordau," said Rabbi Farber, who is deeply interested in the work, and who issued the call for Sunday's meeting. "It is called the Zionist plan, and the society which has it in charge is known as the Zionist society. The organization to be formed Sunday will be merely a local branch of the great international body."

"It is a gigantic plan to aid the Jews of all countries who are living in a state of oppression to settle in Palestine. The Jews of America will not go, but neither do they want all the tide of emigration from the old countries turned to America, so they will assist other Jews to re-emigrate to find a home in Palestine."

"Jews are treated better in America than in any other country in the world, and there is little desire on their part to leave. But in Russia, Roumania and some other European countries they are bitterly oppressed. It is from these lands the emigrants are sent to recolonize Palestine. In France, Jews are allowed the greatest privileges; but there are, you might say, no Jews in Spain. For nearly 400 years, beginning in 1492, there was not a Jew within all the confines of Castile. About thirty years ago a few returned, and now I understand there are about thirty families in Alfonso's kingdom. "A bank has been chartered with a capitalization of \$25,000,000, known as the Zionist Colonization bank, and something like \$5,000,000 has already been subscribed. I believe that the Zionists in this country alone number 500,000 or 600,000. In New York city alone there are 300,000. There are about 7,000 Jews in Denver, and a great deal of interest has been shown in forming a local branch of the Zionist society."

"There is a continual increase in the number of Jews in Palestine, and it now has a greater Jewish population than at any time since they abandoned the country. There are 40,000 or 50,000 in Jerusalem alone, and Joppa, Tiberias and other towns are becoming largely Jewish. Also they are settling thickly in the agricultural districts, and are planting vineyards. Much wine is exported already, even to this country."

"Yes, it is a sort of fulfillment of prophecy, though, of course, it was not dreamed merely for that purpose. Its object is to provide a home for the oppressed of our people."

Zionists may, or may not, view their work in the light of the fulfillment of prophecy, but when the Jews shall again have rebuilt the waste places of Palestine, one of the greatest proofs ever given mankind of the truth of the writings of the ancient prophets will be incorporated in human history. For only divine wisdom could foresee the final gathering of that race, and foretell it, even before the dispersion has taken place. Criticism may doubt portions of Isaiah and Daniel, but the gathering of Israel and Judah, as fore-

told by them and others, will be an everlasting seal on their divine mission and inspiration.

Will France be able to make the Sultan walk Turkey?

The horticulturists are the real heroes of the world of graft.

Nether Colombia nor Venezuela has made a declaration of war, but they have the thing if not the name.

Shamrock II has been taken out of the Erie basin. Later on it will be necessary to take her out of the soup.

There are 997,735 names on the pension rolls. This is said to be the high water mark. If the mark gets much higher there will be danger of the country being swamped.

Things very often go by contraries in this world. Thus, an Allendale, Mo., man dug a well for water and found a big chunk of copper. He was so elated that he immediately began to dig for copper and found water.

When the husband of the Texas woman who was murdered by the negro Wildner said, as he applied the match to wood piled around the murderer: "Gentlemen, I have not slept since this brute murdered my wife, but I believe I can sleep peacefully tonight," he showed himself to be no less of a brute than the man whose death pile he lighted.

General Von Waldersee says that war between France and Germany is impossible. It is to be hoped that he is right, for the one constant war cloud on the European horizon has been the threatening attitude of these two countries towards each other. The hatred on the side of France has been far keener than on the side of Germany, for the former was defeated and the latter was victorious. That wreath on the statue of Strassbourg in the Pince de la Concorde is a reminder to all France of her humiliation and a constant appeal for revenge. Were that removed we could have more faith in General von Waldersee's declaration.

The invasion of England by America continues. Its latest form is that of school and college text books, and British educators are becoming alarmed. There is no reason to be. If British teachers and school boards adopt American text books there is a very good reason for it—it is simply because they are better than those produced at home. In adopting a school book the quality of cheapness is usually a secondary consideration, the first being excellence of matter and method. At the recent international exposition in Paris American school text books took the highest prizes for excellence in all directions. Our British cousins have realized this and are acting on it. That is all.

A somewhat strange story comes from California. It is that considerable complaint is being made throughout the Livermore and San Joaquin valleys by the men who for years have worked in the hay fields, that union men out on the strike of the machinists and ironworkers at San Francisco are accepting employment in the fields for less than the usual wage schedule. For years men working on hay presses have received \$2 and \$2.50 a day, but they say that machinists and others from San Francisco are working as low as \$1.50 a day, and of course the regular hands lose their jobs. Had the farm hands from these valleys gone to San Francisco to take the places of the union strikers, what walls if not worse would have gone up from the very men who are now seeking to displace the men of the Livermore and San Joaquin valleys. They are but exercising a natural right and the exercise of it may teach them to have a better regard for the rights of others in the future. Men must live and they will sell their services at the price they will command, and this is precisely what these union strikers are doing. What a difference it makes whose ox is gored!

THE OUTBREAK ON THE ISTHUS

Sacramento Record-Union.

American interests in Colombia are mainly at Colon (Aspinwall) and Panama. Our concern is to have these protected and prevent the present war developing into such changes in government as will be destructive of the integrity of any of the republics and the substitution of monarchical forms. The United States has no desire to acquire any territory in that direction, but as a matter of course will carry the Monroe doctrine in its hands, and warn all other powers that they must not attempt to gain new footing upon the soil of Central America or the South American continent. Our warships, under orders to sail for the scene of the troubles, will have no other mission than to protect American interests, to see that no foreign power improves the present opportunity, and to warn the belligerents that they must respect the rights and property of all Americans, and not interrupt our commercial and other transportation lines.

San Francisco Chronicle.

It is not in good taste for English editors to talk about American practices while British garrisons hold Egypt. Nor is there much political acumen displayed in talking about the formation of a European coalition to keep the United States from enforcing the Monroe doctrine in any manner it may deem expedient. There is no doubt in the minds of intelligent followers of the course of European politics that it would be much easier to promote a continental coalition for the purpose of driving England out of Egypt than it would be to carry out the chimerical idea of forming a European coalition to prevent the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine.

Boston Herald.

Certain sensational journals have got themselves into a worry, real or feigned, lest Venezuela may attack Colombia, and provoke such a war between the two countries as will afford an opportunity for the interference of a European nation, when the United States would be required to make a powerful demonstration in this senseless or worse. The Monroe doctrine is not now involved in the matter, nor is it likely to be at any time.

Philadelphia Ledger.

As things look now, the Machias will not arrive at Colon or the Iowa at Panama a moment too soon to exert whatever influence they can for the pacification of the war fever and the protection of American interests. They should have been there long ago, on the principle that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Worcester Gazette.

The United States owns territory in the West Indies and has naval stations

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