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THE REMNANTS OF ISRAEL.

Many of our readers have been deeply

interested in the remarkable progress

made by the Elders of the Church in

bringing the natives of some of the

islands of the Pacific to a knowledge

of the Gospel. Of late years the con-

version of the Maories of New Zealand

has been phenomenal. The work

among that race seemed to open up

suddenly and has been spreading

ever since, while, as a rule, the

message has been rejected, with

comparatively few exceptions,

by the white population. (The

intelligence from the Samoan Islands

mission, presided over by Elder

Joseph H. Dean, is of a very encourag-

ing character.

There is scarcely room for doubt as to

the origin of the people who in-

habit these islands of the Pacific.

Their traditions, manners, customs

and peculiarities indicate that the

source from which they sprang, was

identical with that of the aborigines

of this continent, a branch of the

house of Joseph, with a mixture of

that of Judah. The Book of Mormon

tells of companies of emigrants leav-

ing the western shore of the continent

in ships and settling upon other lands,

and the inhabitants of numbers of the

islands of the Pacific Ocean are doubt-

less the remnants left of those who

departed from the chosen country to

which Lehi and his colony were led

by the hand of God.

The reception of the Gospel

message by any of the remnants

of the tribes of Israel is a

significant sign of the times. These

movements are but the precursors of

similar operations on a more extended

scale, for the Lord, it may be con-

fidently anticipated, will, before long,

turn His face towards all the remnants

of His ancient people. This is no false

promise, for the promises of God are

fulfilled. That fulfillment will be

coterminous with their rejection of

the Gospel. The closing of those

times will necessarily be somewhat

gradual. Any person who observes

closely the progress of this work can

see that the Gentiles are by degrees

rejecting the Gospel as revealed anew

in this age, and as they close their ranks

against it, it is but natural, according

to the gradually progressive character

of the work of God in all its phases,

that the opening of the way for Israel

shall be of the same kind of develop-

ment. The closing and opening pro-

cesses are invariable the reverse of

each other.

This is according to the present

aspect of events. These are some of

the conditions that encourage the

faithful and true Latter-day Saints. Al-

though clouds may overhang and

temporarily darken one part of the

religious landscape, the sun shines

with genial brightness on others. The

more cheerful conditions inspire him

with the hope that the whole sky will

in due time be cleared, and the right-

eous rejoice in the liberty of truth,

which makes free.

Those remnants of the ancient tribes

of Israel are wonderfully worked upon

when they hear the Gospel of Christ

preached in its fulness. To them it

sounds like a familiar story which they

had forgotten, but which is revived in

their memories. Those who embrace

it, as a rule, fulfill in part at least, the

predictions concerning them in that

wonderful record of their fathers—the

Book of Mormon. In this connection

we introduce a quotation from the

chapter of the II book of Nephi (page

# DEATH BY ELECTRICITY.

The State of New York is about to

enter upon a novel experiment in re-

lation to the disposition of its capital

criminals. Like every other State and

every organized Government, it has

the present mode of inflicting the death

penalty is by hanging; but the last

Legislature of the Empire State con-

cluded to take a step in advance and

leave this relic of barbarism for a

more humane and scientific plan.

Various devices were suggested, and

after this month the victims of the

law whose lives are to be taken

will not be subjected to strangulation

nor to public display.

The law was not so comprehensive

or exact as it should have been, as the

plans and means by which the electric

fluid was to be applied were left to a

commission, composed of legal and

medical men, and that, as a result,

upon a few days ago. The adoption of

the plan by them makes it the law, and

also convicted murderers, whose crime

are committed on or after January 1

next, will be sentenced to expire

their crimes by death. The

doomed man will be fastened firmly

to a stable chair covered with a non-con-

ducting substance, probably rubber,

the back of his head encased in a

leather sheath; the positive electrode

will be applied to the back of the neck

and the negative to the top of the

head, these being connected with a

dynamo generator of at least 300 volts

power, and the circuit will remain

open until the fatal moment arrives,

when it can be closed by means of a

button or other device, which will

close it over; death is instantaneous

and painless. The electric current

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