

gusting the few sensible citizens who have supported them, and in addition to place the Governor in a ludicrous position before people of all classes, parties and creeds. His friends had better advise him not to become the tool of a small and disreputable clique of petty conspirators at Beaver.

ANTI-"MORMON" MOVEMENT IN WALES.

The Liverpool Post, in an article on "The Mormons," informs the world that "the principal emigrants to Utah are Welsh." This is news indeed. Other papers have given the information that they are mostly Scotch, and others again that they are chiefly Scandinavians. Neither of them is right. But it doesn't matter a groat where the emigrants hail from, so long as the gospel is preached and the gathering goes on in fulfillment of the sayings of the prophets and the promises of God.

The Post says that "As it is among the Welsh people that the Mormon emigration is most successful, a number of influential people are about to undertake an anti-Mormon movement in the Principality." This is good news. It means a revival of the work in Wales. Wherever an anti-Mormon movement is inaugurated, interest is awakened, the truth is made plain, and converts to our faith are the inevitable consequence. Go ahead with the anti-Mormon movement in Wales and the result will be what the Post, erroneously states is now the fact, "the principal emigrants to Utah," for awhile, will be from Wales. We have quite a number of good citizens here from the Principality, and have room for many more of the same kind.

AN UNFORTUNATE TEXT.

At the Pan-Presbyterian Council, opened September 23d, in Philadelphia, Dr. William Paxton, of New York, preached the opening sermon, and took for his text Matthew viii. c., 11 v. "And I say unto you that many shall come from the east and west and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."

This was rather a peculiar text for a sermon to a body of ministers who have promulgated such anathemas against all who practice the patriarchal system of plural marriage. Do these preachers and pastors who compose the Pan-Presbyterian Council expect to sit down in the same place with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? And do they believe in the Scripture which says: "The man is not without the woman, nor the woman without the man in the Lord?" If so they will have to meet Sarah, Hagar, Keturah and Abraham's concubines with their husband and lord, and Jacob's four wives with him in the heavenly mansions. And what can they say then to those holy patriarchs in defence of their diabolical attempts to punish by fines and prisons, by banishment and bayonets, people who believe in Jesus, and whose sole offence in the eyes of their denouncers, is the marrying of more wives than one under ordinances and regulations they believe to be divine?

The Pan-Presbyterian Church should either repudiate that passage of scripture which Dr. Paxton chose for his text, or take back their bloodthirsty assault on Mormon—that is, Abraham—marriage, or declare their intention of not taking a seat in the kingdom of heaven with such notorious polygamists as Abraham and his grandson; in which case room will be found for them in a more suitable place.

"MORMON REBELLION."

The New York Times speaks of the failure of the Government to accomplish anything in its struggle with the "Mormon" problem, and says it has attempted its solution "with varying degrees of earnestness, ever since the first appearance of the "Mormon rebellion," and effected almost nothing.

This failure will be repeated at every attempt, because the situation is misunderstood, and those who do the "struggling" chiefly fight with phantoms of their own imagining,

or which have been conjured up by our unscrupulous enemies. We hear a great deal every once-in-a-while about "Mormon rebellion." But who can tell when there was such a thing? The "Mormons" have never rebelled against the Government, although it is popular to assume that they are in a chronic state of rebellion. Perhaps, the attitude of the people of Utah towards Buchanan's army will be pointed at as evidence of "Mormon rebellion." Talmage tells of "Mormons" breaking up Judge Drummond's court with revolvers and bowie knives, and piling up rocks in Echo Canyon to hurl on United States troops. But the jumping jack of the pulpit knows that he is deceiving the people who listen to him—that is the few who believe anything he says, for most of his hearers attend for the fun of the thing.

Judge Drummond's stories, on which the dispatch of troops to Salt Lake was based, were subsequently proven false, to the satisfaction of the national authorities. The blackguard Federal Judge who brought a harlot here and had her sit with him on the bench, lied when he told the story that Talmage repeats with so much unction, and his falsehood and villainy were demonstrated beyond doubt, for the law library which he swore was burned up by the "Mormons," was, on investigation, found intact, and the whole of his fabrication fell to the ground.

But the Government, on that occasion, took the same course as is pursued by most private individuals in relation to sensational stories about the "Mormons." Drummond's stories were believed on hearsay, and without waiting to hear from the other side, troops were dispatched to put down a "rebellion" that had no existence except in Drummond's false and fertile brain.

The first tidings the "Mormons" had of the coming of troops was the report of an armed body of men crossing the plains, singing and swearing about their designs to hang the "Mormon" leaders, appropriate their wives and deal out death and destruction to the people here. The Governor of this Territory received no notice from the Government of his removal, or the appointment of a successor, or of the dispatch of soldiers for this Territory. An armed mob was approaching, ribald, blasphemous and threatening, and preparations were made to receive them as such, if they determined to force their way into our midst.

Not until the boasting, bloodthirsty horde found itself camped for the winter in the snows on Ham's Fork, without supplies, did the Government see the immense blunder it had made. Official inquiries were then instituted, and it was shown conclusively that the whole story on which the expensive and ridiculous campaign was planned with such unseemly haste, was absolutely without foundation. Then the Government generously "pardoned" the "Mormons" for a pretended offense they had never committed, so as to cover up its absurdity and stupidity. And now preachers and editors talk of the "Mormon rebellion" as though it were an undisputed fact of history, thus exposing their ignorance or displaying their mendacity.

We are and have been in no rebellion against the Government. The practice of our peculiar domestic system may be contrary to a statute on the law books of the United States. But does that constitute "rebellion?" All that the Government has to do is to proceed by legal methods to enforce the law. This is a matter for the courts and the attorneys, not for armies nor extraordinary measures. It is to be reached just in the same way as violations of other laws are reached, and punished after legal proof in a legal way. But there is neither "rebellion" nor "treason" in it or connected with it, and all the cries of that kind are unmitigated nonsense.

The Government has a problem of its own making, and that is all. Its struggles are folly, and its spasms of assumed shocked virtue are vain. It magnifies the whole subject and distorts it out of its actual shape, and while statesmen and officers, preachers and editors, continue to fight shadows, they will continue to beat the air and wonder why they make no progress and achieve no success.

A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY.

We are in receipt of some circulars and other papers, explaining a plan for the establishment of a Christian

College at San Francisco. It is not designed to make it a sectarian school, but by a union of the various denominations to found an educational enterprise from which religion shall not be excluded, as unfortunately it is from the State academies and universities. The projector of the plan, Dr. R. H. McDonald, offers one hundred thousand dollars in gold coin if one hundred thousand dollars more is subscribed for the purpose. It is not designed to antagonize the educational establishments of the State, but recognizes the fact that the spiritual and moral as well as the mere intellectual faculties require cultivation and direction.

The principle involved in this project is good, and the object in view is commendable. It is admitted by a great number of thinking men and women that the tendency of the common educational system of the country is to skepticism. God is thrust out of the schools, and the influence prevailing therein is rather antagonistic than favorable to the Christian faith. In schools from which the Bible is excluded, the study of mythology and the religions of ancient and modern paganism is admitted. The youthful mind is, most of the time, under an influence that ignores spiritual culture, and in not a few instances despises everything not demonstrable by mathematical methods. The consequences are seen in the growth of crime, recklessness and infidelity; and the believing portion of the country will one day wake up to the fact that the school system which is the boast of the whole nation is faulty in a fundamental and essential part, and that it is training up a godless race in whom faith is dormant, and morality is but a matter of policy.

The liberality of Dr. McDonald is remarkable and his conception of a public need is sagacious and admirable.

CHARITABLE "CHRISTIANS."

The following dispatch came over the wires from New York this afternoon:

The House of Deputies of the Episcopal convention received a resolution from the committee on the state of the church, and placed it on the calendar, which recites that the cause of Christ is impeded in Utah by polygamy which is recognized as a religious institution; that polygamy is contrary to the law of God and to the law of the United States declared constitutional by the Supreme Court; and declaring that with the concurrence of the Bishops it was the duty of every Christian and citizen in this republic to use influence with the Government to bring about as speedily as possible the enforcement of this law, despite the many and peculiar difficulties in the way thereof.

These pious Presbyterians seem to forget altogether the text from which the opening sermon was preached at their convention by Dr. Paxton, and that if they ever sit down in the kingdom of heaven it will be in the company of such worthies as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, with their wives and polygamous families. If polygamy is "contrary to the law of God," the Presbyterians should quote the law not merely assert its existence, which every one may safely deny, seeing that there is no such law forbidding a man to marry more than one wife in the old or New Testaments, and that the Presbyterians profess to recognize no other standard.

How truly "Christian" it is for a body of ministers to urge the forces and penalties of secular law against a body of believers in Christ, because those pious preachers cannot convert the latter to their way of thinking! If by the "cause of Christ" is meant the spread of Presbyterianism, what on earth has polygamy to do with that? If the Presbyterians do not make more headway in Utah, it is because they have nothing to offer to the Latter-day Saints better than they have already, and because decent non-"Mormon" people have been disgusted with the wilful and deliberate falsehoods of Presbyterian preachers concerning this Territory and its citizens.

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