WHY WOMEN ARE BABISTS.

ATTRACTIONS FOR THEM OF THE NEW MOHAMMEDAN SECT.

Its Temperance Principles Bring It Many Converts, Save a Millinery Increased Influence Promised in Woman. The Propaganda in New York. Being Child's Fourth Wife.

A New York woman who has abandoned the faith of her fathers and left the Protestant church to join the Mohammedan sect started in Paris to pay for a cabman who called himself the Bab or Gate gives the following as the reasons for changing creeds:

"In the first place," she said, "the attitude of the Religions of God (such parts of it at Bahaism at the hands which Christ and the other prophets Preached. The supremacy of the Unity of God, the Everlasting Father, the universality of the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God, the Day of Judgment, the Resurrection and Bahai Faith was the conciliator King of God. The Book that Christ's coming was to preach to the world the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is Emancipation of this the greatest event in history. I find nothing against the spiritual teachings of the Bible. The Sacred Books of past were Word and made ready for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Plenty of good Christians and Englishmen saw the Bab in the Christian and all who ever saw his face or heard his voice paid tribute to his magnificent personality. The Bab Bahai, Dr. D. the constant attendant of Beyond Bab, came from and said of the among other things. He was a famous Persian sage. The Bab spoke earnest Baha Ullah, the Chief of that the head of that vast reform party of Persian Moslems who accept the New Dispensation as the word of God and look on the prophet as man, who regard all nations as one and all men as brothers.

What did Baha Ullah teach?

The teachings which are to be found in the Bahai Bible, Kitab Aqdas, can be generalized in these few words: "All religions should become one in faith, and all men be brothers; that the bonds of affection and unity between the sons of men should be strengthened that dissensions should cease; and differences of sect be cancelled; that prejudices of race and religious wars shall pass away, and the Most Great Peace shall come. The purpose of the religion which you call Mohammedan is Peace, that is to spread the religion of God and teaching in place of the teachings bearing the name of this or that prophet. By removing this all races of mankind will merge into one great human family, realizing that they are one people, one kindred, all belonging to religious belief.

"Cannot all this be accomplished in the name of Christianity?

"Certainly not. Christ was a prophet, and His mission was performed when he had foretold the coming of the Bab. That his followers worship him and forget his mission, Mahomet came and his people worshipped him instead of accepting the truth that he came to impart. Yes, he teaching, say what you will, is a direct to accept the prophet. He did not relegate the Christ of the Trinity but declared that there is no Trinity.

We will become in the teachings of the Bab, a more true to the Bible, and as child of God, than we have been. Mahomet and the Bab taught a more advanced religion than Christ that has completed, has Bahaullah and added new articles for when the world was and ready in the time.

The woman who [illegible] defined her religious views is a lady of [illegible] in New York the daughter of Italian parents and a pupil in a school teaching. She is of the Christian and now having private lessons in Persian to do so she is versed with the Koran and Koran. She has made a study of the Bahai teaching, and is convinced of the truth of the teachings of this sect, as well as with its religious tenets.

"Yes," she said, "she was born of their former religion to [illegible] faith, and I believe in Christianity as an essential faith, as are all other religions except Mormonism. The Mormons are religious people and are modelled on Christ. It is little known in America, despite the use of intoxicating liquor and wines, and every true believer is a temperate person. That is the one great attraction of this religion over all others for women both in the West and the East.

"If you ask a Mohammedan you are a temperance follower, and never a Mohammedan can you find anywhere in this world who is a drunkard. Is it not worth while to work for the spread of this religion, drinking in our country, where every and church members are drinkers? Bahaists are Prohibitionists and Catholics also sell and buy strong drink and are considered eligible Christians despite this fact. Women are joining as for this one reason, more certainly. I may say, than for any other, and yet those who really understand, as Baha Ullah taught, accept it because it is the highest truth yet given to humanity.

"Do not women object to the Mohammedan view of woman?"

"The sect known as Bahaism teach this, referring that a man shall have one wife. He may have two, but not more, and he must be he has one or has two he is a faithful husband, as he is commanded by his religious faith to be. There is no immorality among Bahaists. There is not one illegal or abandoned wife, and such a thing as a divorce scandal is not known among them.

"Look at the families of Mohammedans in Africa, where in all the length and breadth of that continent they represent temperance and morality, and are the most virtuous people in that part of the earth. Find women every where respected, and that religion because it commands personal purity in men as in women, and forbids the drinking of any intoxicating stuff. The religion that does that will come to outnumber all others."

And you think that American women are ready to be converted?"

"They are quick to see that the teachings of Baha Ullah, whom we know to be God, manifested in flesh, are a long way in advance of any other religious teaching, and they find in it a morality not approached in any other religion. Protestants and Catholics alike profess Christianity, and yet they are represented by the nations that are most intemperate.

"Look at the English people, the German people, the American people, all of them have to be drink lands, and is there any curse that afflicts mankind equal to it? Is it not the parent of all the other evils we suffer?

"You are surprised that a woman like Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst should pour out her wealth in the service of this faith, when it represents the only salvation that can come to the race? Wherever women are dissatisfied with the present conditions, and every intelligent and thoughtful woman is, there we spoke contents, and enroll believers.

"Why do Babists not hold public meetings and let the press discuss our teachings?

"We are not a great organization yet, and it takes time to implant a truth so stupendous as the one we are offering. Our converts are young yet, and we must lay the foundation of this faith deep in the hearts of all believers. For this reason we hold small gatherings, talk and explain directly to each inquirer, and, in some cases, it takes considerable time. Narrow-minded and prejudiced people are not antagonized if they are sought out and told of our movement in a quiet way. Let it be known, when the know that millions upon millions of people are believers of this faith, they want to know what it is, and in what it agrees and disagrees with Christianity, and, so far as my personal experience goes, I have never yet talked with a woman of cultivated mind who and not interested in the teachings and ask for all the books relating to it.

"How many meetings are held each week in New York?"

"From three to five, and on Sunday two always, and sometimes meetings are held in two or three places. One meeting a week is held in Brooklyn, and very often invitations are sent to teachers to hold special meetings. In New York proper the estimate is that 2,000 persons now accept the teaching and are enrolled among the believers. In Jersey City and other cities in New Jersey there are between three and four hundred, and in Brooklyn between one hundred and five and two hundred persons. So far no public meetings have been held in Brooklyn, but in the early spring it is proposed to call together all the believers and have a semi-public meeting at least.

"Is it the custom of the Babists to have public meetings?

"In Kitab Aqdas we are commanded to build houses of worship, and to worship God in houses, to organize assemblies and houses of [illegible].

"It is forbidden to pay money for anything in this religion and especially for the support of the teachers.

"In Kitab Aqdas we are commanded to pay money in many ways for the help of the cause, and especially for the teachers, who are to be considered among our heirs after our death.

"What are some of the teachings of your scripture?"

"One of the most appropriate for me to quote you is this: 'Make your meetings better than your meetings, and your to-morrows better than your yesterdays.'

"And you ask us to believe—just what?"

"That God Himself was manifested as we declare, and that after this Greatest Appearance there is no need of any one beside God and His attributes, for He has perfected for our race all His promises. He said, in the Most Holy Tablet: 'The Father is come and that which was promised is fulfilled and again, He said: 'The Tabernacle of God is come and gave me tidings that the Perfect Man came and perfected all things for me.' Here is another beautiful saying: 'He shall encourage us to be consecrated into the Kingdom to be consecrated a good, true and enlightened heart.' He said: 'Your heart is my dwelling, consecrate it that I may descend into it.' He said: 'Be ye as one soul and one heart, that the Holy Spirit may descend upon you.' Is not this the Christian spirit? Have we declared the Christ spirit? Have we not [illegible] Christian spirit? Have we not [illegible] Christian spirit?

"In these teachings of the Holy Bahai Bible, the Kitab Aqdas, I find nothing against the teachings of the Bible. The Bible is the Word of God, and the Bible is the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God, and the Bible is the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God, and the Bible is the Word of God