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NOTICE TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We beg to direct the attention of our readers to the recent ruling of the post-office department at Washington, D. C., in reference to renewal of subscriptions as explained in the following letter. We trust all our subscribers will show their appreciation of past leniency on our part in regard to payment of subscriptions, which are always payable in advance, by prompt settlement of accounts with this office, or with our local agents, in harmony with this rule, that we may not be compelled to discontinue sending any one's paper. It will be readily understood that we cannot pay four times as much postage as we are paying, which is the difference between postage on paid-up subscriptions and those which are delinquent long enough to come under the transient second-class postage rate.

This is the letter, which is self-explanatory: "United States Postoffice, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 16, 1908.

To the Deseret News—By direction of the Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C., your attention is called to the third paragraph of Section 436, Postal Laws and Regulations, as follows:

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NETTING'S AWFUL STORY.

We have received a clipping from a religious publication of recent date, called "Living Water," in which Rev. John D. Nutting relates what he calls "Experience Awhel and Afoot in Mormonism."

The article is an appeal for funds for the "sheep-wagon" mission in Utah. The writer suggests that \$1 is acceptable, but that \$5, \$25, or even \$50 will be welcome, since the "sheep-wagon" missionaries do not expect any salary but are "willing to endure some hardship for Christ's sake."

It is a peculiar fact that some of the fellows who expect to make a living on eastern exultancy as regards Utah, and it necessary to draw on that credulity by telling the grossest falsehoods. They seem to believe that the more Munchausianism they can distribute in the east, the faster the nickels and dimes and dollars will come rolling their way. Mr. Nutting furnishes an illustration of this, in the article referred to. He says, for instance, of "Mormon" missionaries:

"They do not go because of love for Christ or for souls; such conceit and are almost foreign to Mormon thought, and the writer has seldom found even an approach to it in an 'elder.' They go because it is a part of every man's life-program, to which he has been trained to look forward very much as a German does to his term in the army; because when called by the priesthood they cannot ordinarily refuse without losing the respect of their fellow-men, including, perhaps, a best 'girl,' because often they have a real desire to help build up the kingdom of Mormonism by bringing in new converts, with their added resources of ability, means, tithing, children and votes."

Then he goes on to say that some are sent on a mission because they are drinking and must "be straightened out." He tells a story to prove that the "Mormons" neglect reading the Bible. Here is the story:

"The writer has asked hundreds of Mormons if they had any regular time or place for reading the Bible, and the almost invariable answer is in the negative, often with reasons, 'I haven't got time.' One of our workers recently wrote: 'I asked a Mormon lady, 'Have you a Bible in the house?' 'Yes, somewhere in the house, but it hasn't been opened in a year that I know of.' In response to urging to take at least a few minutes every day to get a message from God in His Word, another woman said: 'If I was to read the Bible every day I'd go clean crazy. A lot of it is too foolish to be true, anyway. It's not in it with the Book of Mormon.'"

The writer admits that this is "an extreme case." Is it? Is there any truth in it at all? If it is an "extreme case," why quote it as characteristic of the members of the Church? Would it be fair to quote an "extreme case" of ignorance, or criminality, as characteristic of the members of any other church? Mr. Nutting may tell the truth, or he may not, in the anecdote he publishes as his experience in Mormonism, but if he makes it appear that such "extreme cases" are "Mormonism," then he becomes guilty of a heinous crime, one who is guilty of bearing false witness against his neighbors, and therefore a transgressor of the law of God.

But the gentleman's forte is in telling the "Mormons" what they believe. They do not know that themselves, but he does. Here is his conception of "Mormonism":

"There are many gods, the most of whom were once polygods, the most of some other earth; they are male and female, with bodies of flesh and bone, immortalized from earth by replacing

the blood by the Mormon 'Holy Spirit' (it is almost blank) to speak this name (thus) which is a fluid like electricity or magnetism, which they breathe instead of air. The 'chief glory' of these 'gods' is to have as many children as possible born to them in the next world; these are spirit children, without bodies, and in order to finally become 'gods' themselves, like their parents, they must come to earth and enter into 'little baby' bodies—which is the way we all came here, this being our 'second estate,' and in the next world become gods and goddesses, and in turn they go to some unoccupied corner of space and take of the exhaustless stores of eternal matter, and make it over into a new world as Adam-god made this world of which he is now the god, coming then to dwell upon it with Eve, one of his polygamous 'wives,' to begin its physical population, in order that the myriads of little spirits yet waiting might be provided with bodies and go on progressing towards divinity."

It has been the fate of truth itself to be burlesqued in a similar manner. The Apostle Peter speaks of certain "persons who pervert the writings of Paul and the rest of the Scriptures, unto their own destruction." So it is not strange if the Gospel in our day is similarly perverted.

It is well known that the first Christians were represented as believing the grossest absurdities. Indeed, when the Apostles preached general salvation through the death of a supposed malefactor, they knew that their doctrine was offensive to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks. But they knew also that they were "wisdom," or philosophy, in the best and highest sense of that term. Those who understand the Gospel as given to the world in this age, are very much in the same position as the first Christians were. Their faith is grossly misrepresented, and yet it contains the truest philosophy ever offered to man. It solves the great mystery of the origin and mission on earth of man. And this truth, misrepresentation cannot obscure.

Mormonism represents God as the Eternal Father of the human family. It holds, with the Apostle John that in the course of eternal progress "we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." The Saints believe in the God of the Scriptures as revealed to Abraham and Moses, and the Prophets, and as manifested in the Son of God. They have no other belief than that which is in harmony with the Scriptures. Mr. Nutting knows this, for he has been told so repeatedly. But he finds it convenient to conceal that fact and to attack his conception of "Mormonism" as "Mormonism." But the two are entirely different.

It should not be necessary to remind a Bible student of the fact that the Gospel can be appreciated and understood only by those whose hearts have been prepared for the great truths it reveals. Only those who have been rendered willing to do the work of the Father can know the truth of the teachings of the Master. We must grow up to a higher level than that occupied by the world before we can understand the things that must be understood spiritually. We can follow truth only to the level of our own development. Beyond that it becomes obscure to us. We cannot appreciate the music that is beyond our own level of musical development. A symphony of Beethoven may be unmeaning noise to our ears, until our souls are trained up to that level. There is no poetry in the beautiful landscape to the soul that knows no higher pursuits than business. It is only to the mathematician that a mathematical problem has any fascination. And so it is. In order to understand truths the faculties of man must be developed to the level of truth. But this development is dependent upon honest seeking after truth. That is the reason why those who study a system only to find a point of attack, generally find what they are looking for, and no more, while those who seek because they hunger and thirst for knowledge, find satisfaction and means of spiritual growth.

THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

The efforts of Governor Cutler and the ladies and gentlemen associated with him, to establish a Utah peace society is attracting attention among peace workers in the east, as is evident from congratulatory letters received. The following, addressed to the Governor, is from Lucia Ames Meade, Boston:

"Dear Governor—I learn through Mrs. Richards that you have taken the initiative in trying to start a peace society in your great state. "As a director of our American Peace Society, the oldest society in the country, I write to inquire whether you would not like to have your organization one of our state branches. We are just beginning to establish societies in the different states which will have local headquarters but have all the privileges of membership in the parent society, which includes subscription to the valuable Advocate of Peace.

"Will you not consider the matter and communicate with Dr. B. F. Trueblood, the secretary of the Boston office? Our plan is to have every local state President ex-officio a vice president of the national society. We are just putting up able and secretary into the field to organize state branches in your state, which is out of the wave of the navy cruise, ought to become one of the strong peace states of the nation and help us in the East fight the silly and dangerous spirit of emulation of European navies.

"Trusting that you will feel inclined to consider the matter I suggest, I remain yours respectfully, "LUCIA AMES MEADE."

The peace movement was never stronger than it is today. People begin to realize that, until the problem of armaments is solved in harmony with the principles of humanity, there can be no further speedy progress in civilization. Needed reforms for the betterment of mankind are being neglected for the demands of militarism, and, as a natural result, we have social unrest and agitation. Instead of peace in the world of industry, where it is so much needed. The work for peace is more far-reaching in its results upon all human conditions than even the peace friends themselves now anticipate. But, it is certain, that when the nations learn to make their swords into plowshares; when they turn their attention to the production of food and spend money on the development of the resources of the earth instead of armaments, there will be no cause for war, nor for contention among citizens, or rivalry and competition. When each head of a family, in the language of the ancient prophet,

can sit under his own fig tree, or vine, there will be room for nothing but contentment and peace.

Oh, for a bungalow in some vast wilderness!

More bonds mean more bondage for the taxpayers.

Vandals at work should be caught and put to work.

Come into the garden, Maud, and help dig up the dandelions.

"Painting the town red" is not the way to drive away the blues.

The Merry Widow hats are not so wide as a barn door, but they'll do.

When the battleship fleet weighed anchor was anything found wanting?

It was a season of destruction that swept over Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia.

Elmer Glyn is on her way back to this country. Is the visit to be a three weeks' stay?

William Archer, the London critic, says that he sees hope for the drama, Anthony Hope?

The signing of the North Sea treaty reminds us that once "in the North Sea lived a whale."

The greatest improvement this city could have would be to get rid of the party now running it.

Probably the President thinks half a loaf better than none, but he intends to fight for the other half.

In the collision between the cruiser Gladiator and the St. Paul, the Gladiator came off second best.

It is well to enter a campaign with confidence but there must be other resources if victory is to be won.

The President has sent a New York boy a hunting knife. Now let the boy go into the woods and cut a big stick.

Admiral Evans has been allowed to stand, the first time in many days. The question naturally arises, Did he stand pat?

Prince Helle de Sagan says that he never wants to see America again. We hasten to assure him that the pleasure is America's.

It is said that Mr. Taft will have to fight for the nomination. If the secretary of war isn't prepared to make a fight, who is?

Not one of the commanders of the battleship fleet wears lambskin whiskers. This is to their credit and adds to their appearance.

It is said that Count Boni will send a challenge to Prince Helle. This can hardly be as one does not challenge to a duel a man whom he has hated.

The tutor of Madam Anna Gould's children, speaking of the lady and the prince, says, "I am sure it is a true love match." There is no doubt of that. It is a true love of money match.

The president of the Slavic Society of Moscow, Count Spiridovich, says that the United States is "broke." And the United States doesn't know it! "Where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise."

The real estate men, by their credit, have taken up the cause of the High School cadets. There is one of them who has a dog that he values at \$5,000. Let his sell it and turn the proceeds over to the battalion and the question of funds is solved.

RETURN OF THE CALLA LILY.

A revival of the calla-lily popularity is among the incidents of the Easter season worth mentioning. There was a time some years ago when this flower grew and blossomed in every florist's shop and in every dwelling-house where the raising of ornamental plants was undertaken. Then it passed from favor. Now it returns to find so many admirers that it is said there will hardly be enough calla lilies to meet the demand. "Plants" have not cultivated the calla into strange shapes. It has just the same serene, stately, pure and unbending presence that always characterized it, and for this alone it receives a renewed admiration.

GIRLS TAUGHT LIFE-SAVING.

Popular Mechanics. A course in life-saving has been instituted among the women students of Columbia University for the purpose of making them as adept as men in rescuing drowning persons. They receive the regular life-saving drill, including the grips and breaks, towing to shore and artificial respiration. A fully dressed girl is thrown into the water at one end of the swimming tank, and other girls are obliged to rescue her from the opposite end and take her back, which is already done in fifty-seven seconds. This new departure in education has become immensely popular.

AN ALARMING MILITARY PROPOSITION.

Washington Herald. When the Adjutant General of the army, in his annual report, touched gently on the subject of conscription as a means of maintaining the enlisted force of the army, it was realized that Gen. Ainsworth was using the suggestion as an aid to the greatly needed increase of service pay. No one took the proposition more seriously than did the able author. There will, therefore, be some amazement that a member of Gen. Ainsworth's corps, Maj. George H. Morgan, of the cavalry arm, detailed for duty with the Adjutant General's department, and now stationed in the Philippines, should be found putting forth in the form of an article in the Journal of the United States Cavalry association, published at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., the idea that conscription is not only necessary, but desirable. He says we are bound to come to this violent method of obtaining enlisted men largely because it is "impossible to obtain volunteers." He pronounces the present system of recruitment as "unscientific, barbarous, and expensive;" terms which ought to make agreeable reading for the gentlemen who are responsible for the existing means of obtaining recruits.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Widespread Habit. Mr. Thurgess, the suburbanite, was counting his blooded chickens. "Thirty white Wyandottes," he said,

"32 black Spanish, 45 Plymouth Rocks and 31 Dorkings that makes 135, and every one of them is worth \$1. Some of 'em are worth more than that, but that's what they'll average. Enlarging my chicken house will cost me \$50, I'll have to spend \$20 of that for new roosters, and then I'll be ready for the next season, with \$55 to the good, which will pay my life insurance premium and leave a little nest egg amounting to a good back on your nest there, you old squawker!" he burst out, making a dive for one of the Plymouth Rocks. "Do you want to spoil those eggs?" "For Mr. Thurgess, it must be confessed with great reluctance, was counting his chickens before they were hatched.—Home Magazine.

Counter Stroke.

A stylishly dressed woman entered a Chinese laundry and paid for a laundered shirt. "Why do you wear those 'rats,' I think you call them, in your hair?" inquired the Chinaman, who had an inquisitive turn of mind.

"Tush, Mr. John," replied his customer, "I always thought it was Chinese etiquette not to talk about the things they do in their own country. The oriental blinked his eyes as the lady passed out.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mixed but Emphatic.

"Since you got married you are late every morning," complained his employer. "Well," explained the breathless clerk, "I have to button up the ashes and shake down a shirt-waist and carry out the furnace every morning."—Kansas City Journal.

Hunting in Texas.

Trust-hunting continues all the year round in Texas, where there are no game laws to interfere with the open season.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Difference.

The man who saves when he has little is called stingy; the man who saves when he has much is said to be judicious.

Of a Business Turn.

Guide (showing places of historic interest in England)—It was in this room that Wellington received his first commission. Yes, sir, it is a fact. American Drummer—What percentage of commission did he get?—Chicago Journal.

An Easy Remedy.

I am afraid I will have to get a tonic for my general health," said Miss Fessie, who has a bad cold. "I find my hair is beginning to fall out." "With brutal candor her best friend summarized the situation. "Pin it on tighter," she advised.—Baltimore American.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Strand Magazine for May contains the first installment of the "Reminiscences and Reflections of Sir John Hare," the celebrated English actor, who was recently knighted for his long service in the dramatic profession. Owing to his appearance in America as Benjamin Goldfinch, in "A Pair of Spectacles," and as Lord Quex, in "The Gay Lord Quex," Sir John Hare's personality and genius are as well known in the United States as in England, where, in a short time, he is to make his farewell to the stage. The Hon. Winston S. Churchill, M. P., contributes in the May Strand the second installment of his intensely interesting narrative called "My African Journey," a pretty love story with a striking denouement, written in charming style; and "The Mystery of the Manahiki," by J. Vincent, is an enthralling narrative of the South Sea Islands. "Cousin," by W. B. Maxwell, will be found a delightful love affair which began in youth, ends happily in middle age.—83-85 Duane Street, New York.

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