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QUESTIONS NO 25.

We have answered those questions that we have had standing in the CRESSET so long, which no other preacher tried to answer. AND NOW we shall put some more in their place.

1st. Tell us who those 4 beasts are, spoken of as being in heaven glorifying God? (Rev. 4-6)

2nd, Tell us who the "beast that was and is not and yet is?" (Rev 17-8)

3rd. Tell me what the 3 unclean spirits like frogs are? (Rev 15-13)

4th. Please tell me the New Son that is spoken of in (Rev. 14-3)

Now preachers do not say you can't but come on with your answer.

QUESTION NO. 32.

When a man is converted is he born of God? please some minister answer.

G, W, Sharpton.

QUESTION NO 37.

Please tell me who a Bible mourner is?

H. P, Pool.

QUESTION NO. 40.

Bro. L. S. Garrett will you please allow me to ask space in your valuable paper to ask the following questions for you to answer if is not impossing on you we wish you to answer which we think you will thru the CRESSET.

1 question Rev, 19-11, 2.—12. how can a righteous man make war? Who is this, he that had a name written that no man knoweth but he himself

yours for truth.

H. L. P. pool.

QUESTION NO 39.

Bro. Garrett please explain Mark 8. 23. 24. 25. the Preachers today said the first touch was stepentance and the second touch sanctification. And I would like for you to explain if not to much trouble as I always like your explinations as they explain.

Emma Welch.

MORMANISM.

By James I Errod,

Continued from last week.

All that the facts warrant is, there is a Spaulding Manuscript in Oberlin and the possession of that manuscript will afford no help to the defenders of Morman ism agains: the plagiarism of the book until they do one thing which they are unable to do namely, establish a general negative, and show that this manuscrip in Oberlin College Library is the only manuscript which Solomon Spaulding over wrote. This can not be done for there is conclusive evidence that he wrote three or four manuscripts and one of them was the "Manuscript Found", which he read to his neighbors, and which formed the basis of the Book of Mormons, So when the champions of Mormonism say:" the Book of Mormon could not have grown out of the Spaulding manuscrip, for that manuscript is in Oberlin and there is no connection between it and the Book of Mormon" They take a dishonest position by falsely assuming that this is the only manuscript that Spaulding ever wrote where as there is positive evidence that he wrote a number of manuscripts, The fact therefore, is established by abundant evindant, that the Book of Mormon is a plagiarism from Spauldings story, or religious romance.

Just when Rigdon, Pratt and Smith met and concoted this dishonest scheme is not altogether clear, but probably about 1827. A strenous attempt has been made to show that Rigdon and Pratt had no knowledge of the Book of Mormon until its publication, and they go through the wrethed force of pretending to be converted to Mormonism after the Book of Mormon had been published, which they say they knew nothing about before although evidence shows that they had both been in the scheme to publish it since 1827.

What a set of deceivers they were to make such base claims!

The one important fact is the plagiarism of the Book of Mormon from the Spaulding manuscript, entitled" Manuscript Found". Did this just happen that they should have the same title? No I think not, as things like that dont usually happen unless there is some one at the back of it to cause the happening. It is not especialy important to know who edited the Spaulding story, but all the evidence points to Sidney Rigdon as developing it into its present shape, Book of Mormon. The evidence shows the following things; that a copy of the Spaulding manuscript was in the printing office of Patterson and Lambdin, in Pitsburg, for a good while after 1814 That Rigdon and Limbdin were on intimate terms from 1818 to the death of Lambdin to August 1825; That more than two years before the publication of the Book of Mormon, that Rigdon spoke to several of his friends about the coming publication of a book from golden plates, which would produce a great religious revolution. During these two years Rigdon was preaching wild and startling doctrines, afterwards found in the Book of Mormon.

Any one familiar with the peculiar Cambellite doctrine of that time can not read far into the Book of Mormon, without discovering that the writer had been a Campbellite. His "speech betrayeth" him in the employment of phraseology to which he had become accustomed while associated with the brethren of that denomination. Furthermore, the book if full of Rigdon's own peculiar views. He deserves credit, however, for making the Book of Mormon to condemn polygamy, and for condemning it himself, which brought him in short conflict with Joseph Smith and his successor Brigham Young.

3rd. Mormonism imposes upon the people a counterfeit priesthood, which it calls the "Melchisedek and Aronic priesthood", although there never was any Melchisedek order of priesthood. There was one man by that name both a king and a priest, without predecessor or successer, and so chosen as a type of the priesthood of the Son of God. The Aronic priesthood decended from father to son in a marvelous way, for forty-five generations, until all priesthood was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Since the one perfect sacrifice of Himself made by our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, any one who pretends to be a priest and claims the right to stand between us and God, is what our Saviour calls "a thief and robber." What a bogus pretext this pretended Mormon priesthood is: It has no more right to administer the christain ordinance of baptism and the Lord's supper, than any other bunch of unprincipled men who repudiate Jesus Christ as the Divine head of the Church and go through the blasphemous force of electing themselves members of "the holy priesthood And yet Mormons tremble at the dictates of this bogus priesthood, and fear to exercise the freedom of opinion, which is their right The 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th chapters of Hebrews give us Divine instruction as to the fact that all priesthood was forever fulfilled, and came to an end in Jesus Christ

4 Mormonism imposes upon the people a counterfeit group of apostles. Well if we are to defend the right against the wrong, we must know in this case what a true apostle is. It requires four things of any one to make them a true apostle of Jesus Christ.

First--He must have been acquainted with Jesus Christ before His cracifixion Second-He must have seen Christ after His resurrection.

Third He must have received his commission as an apostle directly from Christ, as Divine head of the Church.

Fourth-He must be able to work miracles to show that God sent him.

Does this sound like that the Mormon apostles are true apostles? I say no, and furthermore, any group of men that say that they are apostles of today who say they are true apostles are wilful deceivers, and the truth is not in them. They are what our Saviour calls thievs and robbers, The 6th, chapter is not intended to teach us that all people can receive a revelation from God, Paul, in that chapter is informing the Galations that his revelation is from Jesus Christ, and not the revelations someone else claims to have got 1800 years later, and christian people everywhere must live up to the written revolation of those apostles, and no others for if they pretent to live to that of others then they make the word of God which is given us by His true apostles, null and void, and without effect in the regeneration of themselves.

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