

# MORMANISM.

By J. I. Elrod.

Continued from last Week.

We have shown that it is impossible for men to be true Apostles now. Nor is there any warrant in the New Testament for such bogus officials as the "First Presidency of the church with its two councillors, or for the "High Council" with its despotic methods. The Mormon Church pronounces damnation upon Christian believers who receive baptism from the hands of Christian ministers. "Any person who shall be so wicked as to receive a holy ordinance of the Gospel from the ministers of these apostate (Christian) churches, will be sent down to hell with them unless he repents of the unholy and impious act" (The Seer, Vols. 1&2, P. 255.)

Well now dear readers, you know that the Elder Edwards has said that John Calvin was ordained by the Romish Clergy which we will answer later on, but now to be fair and square about it, don't it seem that The Mormon Church seems to have an inheritance of Romish doctrine in the way that they pronounce damnation upon non-members of their church that belong to some of our Christian denominations?

Our Saviour said to His disciples, and to all who should become His disciples to the end of time, in Matt. 28:19: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

"ARTICLE 7. WE BELIEVE IN THE GIFT OF TONGUES, PROPHECY, VISIONS, HEALING, INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES."

"ARTICLE 8. WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO BE THE WORD OF GOD SO FAR AS IT IS CORRECTLY TRANSLATED; WE ALSO BELIEVE THE BOOK OF MORMON TO BE THE WORD OF GOD."

1. The priesthood can make additional scriptures; Wilford Woodruff is a prophet..... and he can make scriptures as good as those in the Bible." (Apostle J. W. Taylor Conference, Salt Lake, April 5th '97.) "The living oracles (pretended priestly revelations) are worth more to the Latter-Day Saints than all the Bibles." (Apostle N. W. Merrill, Conference, Salt Lake, Oct. '97.)

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# Presbyterianism

Vs.

The Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint.

## HISTORY OF THE RISE OF THE CHURCH.

Continued from last week.

Dear readers let us now hear the testimony of this despised Gentleman.

I was born 1805 Dec. 23, in the town of Sharon Windsor Co. State of Vt. My father Joseph Smith Senior left the State of Vermont and moved to Palmyra New York when I was in my tenth year. In about four years after my Father's arrival at Palmyra, he moved with his family into Manchester, in the same county of Ontario his family consisted of eleven souls. My Father Joseph Smith my Mother Lucy Smith her maiden name being Mack daughter of Solomon Mack. Sometime in the second year after our removal to Manchester there was in the place where we lived an unusual excitement on the subject of Religion. It commenced with the Methodist, but soon became general among all the sects in that region of country. Indeed the whole district of country seemed affected by it, and great multitudes united themselves to the different "Lutherans" some were contending for the M. E. Faith, some for the Presbyterian and some for the Baptist. My mother or my brothers Hyrum, Samuel Harrison and my sister Sophronia united with the Presbyterian church. During the time of this great excitement my mind was called to serious reflection and great uneasiness; but then my feelings were deep and often pungent still I kept my self aloof from all those parties though I attended these several meetings as often as occasion would permit. But in process of time my mind became somewhat partial to the Methodist sect and I felt some desire to unite with them but so great was the confusion and strife among the different denominations that it was impossible for a person young as I was and so unacquainted with men and things, to come to any certain conclusion who was right and who was wrong.

Geo. Edwards

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# FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

Following is the Program of the Fifth Sunday meeting of County Line Baptist Association to be held with Franklin Grove Church, Graybeal Mo. Beginning on Friday at 2 p. m. before the fifth Sunday in March.

Introductory Sermon by Elder Morgan Stanifer. Alternate Elder S. D. Roberts.

Questions to be Discussed:

First How and in what way does the devil hinder the cause of Christ through the ministry. Brothers George Rimer and Hawking.

Second What is the cause of indifferent church members and what can be done to get them to attend church? Elder J. E. Nevels, Elder John Smallwood, Elder Z. Whittaker.

Third Who is the man that hid his talent? Elders R. J. Rimer and Floyd Cantrell.

Fourth What are the characteristics of a Bible church? Elders S. D. Roberts, Morgan Stanifer.

Fifth How may we know we are forgiven and accepted of God against whom we have sinned? Brothers J. W. Wright and Wheeler Seals, Elders T. B. Minson, Watts Smith N. Nangle.

Sixth Does the Missionary Baptist church have any Bible right to demand rebaptism from converts from other churches or denominations? Deacons of the Graybeal church.

Saturday Night Quarry Box Committee. T. H. Beason, J. W. Wright, M. Stanifer, J. E. Nevels.

By Order of Committee

J. W. SEALS, Chas.

T. H. BEASON, Clerk.

## Home Circle Column.

The pleasures we enjoy are somewhere. The world your lost by coveting more.

May your "peek of troubles" for 1913 be of very scanty measure.

A stubborn, obstinate man is the easiest one to handle. Just push him in the opposite direction you want him to go.

It is said that to spoil a cow, yell at her and pound her with the milking stool; and the way to spoil a wife is to frown and scowl at her and never give her a cent of money.

Did you ever try helping out your enemy when he is in a tight place? Do a kind favor some propitious time to your nearest neighbor. Such things have made very amiable people out of crabbed ones.

The power to be a true helper of others a binder up broken hearts, a comforter of sorrow is the most divine of all endowments.

Don't work too hard. God meant us to work every day until we are weary, but not until we are so weary that a night's rest cannot revive and restore us to strength and vigor again. When you rise morning after morning with weary limbs and heavy heart, you may know that you are breaking the laws of health and that your punishment is and will be heavy. You must let go

friends and family have no right to demand from you more than you can do and if you are a wise woman you will not give all the strength and warmth and beauty of your life, to labor and have only the dregs left for love. Keep enough strength take enough rest to preserve a cheerful heart and a bright face when the family gather about the fireside after the day's work is done. Do one thing at a time. Don't hurry don't worry. Face the issue of life fairly and squarely; do your share of the work, that is, what you can do without injuring yourself and put the rest resolutely behind you. Take some relaxation. Every human being needs recreation and amusement of some sort. Get it from books or people with news and helpful thoughts that will keep ideas bright and your heart cheerful.

The best society for the oppression of pernicious literature is the family. The best legislation that can be passed for the prevention of the sale of vile literature can be passed by the father and mother. Daily teaching to love and study good and useful things will bring the boys and girls to detest the opposite.

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