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Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of July, 1916, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the Court of Probate for said County, the undersigned will make his final settlement as Administrator of the Estate of Henry Clowney, deceased, and that thereupon he will apply to the Judge of said Court, for his final discharge as such Administrator.

D. B. Free, Jr.  
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**NOTICE OF FINAL DISCHARGE.**  
State of South Carolina,  
County of Union.

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of July, 1916, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the Court of Probate for said County, the undersigned will make his final settlement as Guardian of the Estate of Ernest Parks, a minor, and that thereupon he will apply to the Judge of said Court, for his final discharge as such Guardian.

Georgia A. Parks.  
This 21st day of June, 1916.  
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## MORMONISM IN ITS TRUE LIGHT.

### Origin.

By George P. White.

What is known as the Mormon church, or church of the Latter Day Saints, was organized at Fayette, N. Y., April 6, 1830, with six members. Three men—Rev. Sidney Rigdon, Parley P. Pratt and Joseph Smith—were the originators. The Book of Mormon, which sets forth the teachings of Mormonism, was the work of Rev. Sidney Rigdon. He was first licensed as a Baptist preacher. Because of his wild and erratic notions he was soon deposed from the Baptist ministry. He then became a preacher in the Campbellite church and was instructed under Alexander Campbell. He soon fell out with Campbell and went out to organize this new sect of his own. Joseph Smith was an ignorant man but skillful and cunning and soon gained control of the machinery of the new church and held it till the time of his death in 1844. Pratt was shot to death by an enraged husband whose wife had been induced to leave her home and children through the influence of Pratt.

### Mormonism and Government.

Mormonism is opposed to our American system of government. It sets up the Mormon priesthood as the kingdom of God and declares, "all other governments are illegal and unauthorized . . . any people attempting to govern themselves by laws of their own appointment, are in direct rebellion against the kingdom of God." It is thus declared that the control of all affairs should be in the hands of the tyrannical priesthood. In the hands of Mormons all of our institutions sacred to Americans would be destroyed, even to our republican form of government.

### Mormonism and the Bible.

A casual glance at the doctrinal statements of the Mormon church does not reveal so much of error. But an inquiry into the real meaning of the statements which catch so many of the uninformed will show how far they are from the truth. Let us examine some of them and compare them with the teaching of the Bible, the Word of God.

Article one of Mormon doctrine: "We believe in God, the eternal Father, and in his Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

Now let the Mormon teacher tell us what they mean by this statement: Mormonism: "He (Adam) is our Father and our God, and the only God with whom we have to do."

Bible: "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me."—Isa. 45:5.

"Call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven."—Mat. 23:9.

Mormonism: "When our Father Adam came into the garden of Eden, he came into it with a celestial body, and brought Eve, one of his wives, with him."

Bible: "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator."—Rom. 1:25.

Mormonism: "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man (meaning a big Mormon.)"

Bible: "God is a Spirit."—Jno. 4:24.

Mormonism: "Are there more gods than one? Yes, many."

Bible: "The Lord our God is one Lord."—Mark 12:29.

"I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me."—Isaiah 45:5.

Mormonism: "Each god, through his wife or wives, raises up a numerous family of sons and daughters."

Bible: "For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."—Gal. 3:26.

Mormonism: "The purest, most refined and subtle of all these substances (such as electricity, galvanism, magnetism) . . . is that substance called the Holy Spirit."

Bible: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things."—Jno. 14:26.

It will be seen from these statements that the Mormon idea of God is quite different from that of the Bible.

Mormonism, article 2: "We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression."

Bible: "In sin did my mother conceive me."—Psalms 51:5.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death passed upon all men, for all have sinned."—Rom. 5:12.

Mormonism, article 3: "We believe that through the atonement of Jesus Christ all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel."

But listen and let the Mormons tell us who Jesus Christ is:

Mormonism: "The Father has begotten him in his own likeness. He was not begotten of the Holy Ghost. And who is the Father? He is the first of the human family (Adam)."

Bible: "For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."—Mat. 1:20.

"This is my beloved Son."—Mat. 3:17.

Mormonism: "Redemption from personal sins can only be obtained through obedience to the requirements of the gospel (Mormon ceremonies) and a life of good works."

Bible: "In Whom (Jesus Christ) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."—Eph. 1:7.

Mormonism: "Will all the people be damned who are not Latter Day Saints? Yes."

Bible: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."—John 3:36.

Mormonism: "The sectarian doctrine of justification by faith alone has exercised an influence for evil since the early days of Christianity."

Bible: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."—Rom. 5:1.

Mormonism teaches that the Holy Spirit is received only by the laying on of hands of the Mormon priesthood.

Bible: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost."—Acts 2:38.

"How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him."—Luke 11:13.

Mormonism, 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."

Let the teachers tell us the Mormon idea of the Bible:

Mormonism: "Wilford Woodruff is a prophet . . . and he can make Scripture as good as those in the Bible."

"The living oracles (sayings of priests) are worth more to the Latter Day Saints than all the Bibles."

Bible: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God."—2 Tim. 3:16.

"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."—Rev. 22:18.

Mormonism has not only added but holds in higher esteem the sayings of the book of Mormon and of their priests.

Mormonism teaches that a man may espouse ten virgins and not commit adultery. If each of the ten consent for him to have the other he is justified.

Bible: "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife and let every woman have her own husband."—I Cor. 7:2.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."—Ex. 20:14.

### Summary.

Mormonism is opposed to American institutions and laws; it makes Adam God, but also makes Adam a sinner and thus makes God a sinner and a polygamist; it makes Jesus Christ the son of Adam and of polygamous and illegitimate birth; it denies the deity of the Holy Ghost, making him an ethereal substance; it makes salvation depend upon works and denies justification by faith; it claims that the Mormon church is the only true church and that no one can be saved out of the Mormon church, and yet this institution was organized 83 years ago by three immoral men; it destroys the sanctity of the home and sets a premium upon fornication and adultery; it dishonors the Word of God by putting it on a low basis with the book of Mormon. To every one who will investigate these things it will appear that this is an evil, immoral and blasphemous system of teaching and should be rejected by every one who would glorify our Father who is in heaven.

### ELFORD GROVE.

Elford Grove, June 27.—The war news is all the talk now with men and women.

The farmers are busy with their farms, for it has rained so much till the grass is about to get ahead of them. The cry with everybody is grass and war.

Mr. B. F. Gault and Mr. Gary White of Lockhart Junction were visitors in this section last Sunday and attended Sunday school at Elford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Parks were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Orr last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Plexico Sunday.

Mr. Darby Horne lost a fine milch cow a few days ago. It seems that Mr. Horne has bad luck with horses and cows this year.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Orr last Wednesday morning, June 21st.

Last Sunday being so rainy and muddy we did not have a large crowd out at Sunday school, but hope to see more next Sunday. Rev. Mr. J. S. Thrasher preached the third Sunday and there was a large crowd to hear him. We had a large crowd from the Gault Sunday school and we hope to see them again as we are always glad to have anybody visit our Sunday school. Come again, every one of you for you are welcome.

Mr. J. S. Thrasher was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson Sunday.

Mr. Darby Horne is out with his thrasher now, thrashing out the small grain and he is doing good work with it.

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Notice is hereby given, that on the 15th day of July, 1916, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the Court of Probate for said County, the undersigned will make his final settlement as Administrator of the Estate of J. E. Lindsay, deceased, and that thereupon he will apply to the Judge of said Court, for his final discharge as such Administrator.

Herbert Lindsay.  
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