



Mormonism in the Light of Spiritualism.—The Utah Reform Movement.

BY HERMAN SNOW.

I wish to give some account of the inauguration and growth of a spiritual reform movement which, about twelve years ago, was developed from the higher spirituality of the church, and which seems destined to be the redemption of that people from the priestly rule, its false doctrines and practices, leaving them, as may reasonably be expected, a rationally religious and a loyal people.

LETTER FROM H. L. D. HARRISON.

Dear Sir: It should be understood in the first place, that while the reform movement to which you refer, is in its results still in many ways a manifest force in Utah no organization strictly representative of it exists to-day; nor has there been any such for some years past.

In the first place it should be understood that the movement was purely of spiritual origin, and was a result of a determined effort on the part of the Spirit world to arrest the progress of the terrible mental despotism then existing in these isolated valleys.

It is difficult at this late period to convey any adequate idea of the influence of this spiritual movement, and of the sympathy which it aroused for itself in the minds of the Mormon people.

The last two sessions of the Mormon Territorial legislature have largely illustrated the fact of this changed attitude of the Mormon people to their leaders. This body, as you are doubtless aware, is composed of the very best of the Mormon Kingdom.

Our meetings at this time were filled to overflowing, and the excitement was so great that it seemed at times as though at least half the church would go over to the reform party, as indeed it would have done, had not the most strenuous efforts, by threats and excommunications, been put forth by the Mormon authorities to drive the people back to their allegiance to the old order of things.

The Utah Magazine had been turned into a reform newspaper, and was doing well, but our efforts made to connect a daily newspaper therewith, involving vastly increased expenses, necessitated the bringing in of new co-partners to the concern.

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was simply transferred from an outward aggressive institution, to an internal agitation within the heart of the Mormon community itself, where it has been doing its work with greater or less force from that day to this.

Previous to the date of the spiritual revolution in question, the condition of the Mormon masses was one of slavish, not to say abject, submission to the priesthood. The authorities of the church claimed the right to dictate the personal affairs of every faithful believing member within it quite as much as the financial affairs of the church itself.

One of the very earliest results of the movement was to change this state of things, even with those who still remained in the church. It had scarcely been in existence six months before the bishops began to complain loudly of the insubordination of the people, and their lack of respect for the teachings of the priesthood; and that complaint has been urged, only with increased vehemence, to the present day.

Said Edwin D. Woolley, one of the most prominent and energetic of the Mormon bishops within a few months of the expulsion of the revolutionists from the church: "Things are getting so now, that a bishop is thought no more of than any other man."

At a priesthood meeting, held only six months later for the selection of missionaries to the Eastern States and foreign lands, out of one hundred and fifty called to go, at least half either refused or sought to be excused on various pretenses—a thing before that date totally unheard of in the annals of Utah Mormonism.

Year by year these patent indications that the Mormon people are commencing to think for themselves, have been on the increase. Two or three years before Brigham Young died, a Mormon school trustee, a liberal thinker, but of good standing in the church, made a point of bringing up in my presence, the question of the results to the church of the expulsion of the originators of the movement.

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And so the work of emancipation goes on. The changes already effected would have been deemed chimerical twelve years ago. No one who knows what the spirit of the ruling hierarchy was at that time, will deny for a moment that the absolute Mormonism of Brigham Young is dead and gone.

Negro Preachers and Negro Superstitions.

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preaching of the younger educated men is ill suited to the tropical and impulsive nature of the colored people. Their life is far more a matter of instinct than of thought, and to attempt to teach religion to them by means of appealing to their reason is to disarm religion at once of all its potency.

SURVIVAL.

Savage African beliefs, or superstitions, as to the interference of supernatural powers in the affairs of human life prevail everywhere among the negroes of the South to an extent which Northern people would scarcely imagine without special study of the subject.

Proofs of Fraudulent Materializations.—A Correction.—The Church Congress.

BY WM. ENMETTE COLEMAN.

At a certain notorious materializing establishment, fully ventilated in the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL two or three years ago, the production, in full form, of noted ancient spirits still continues.

Again, a female form presented itself at one of the séances claiming to be the wife of the Pharaoh under whom the children of Israel, led by Moses, escaped from Egypt.

The illiterate swindlers managing the séances being to complete ignorance of the results of Egyptological research, deemed themselves safe in advancing such pseudo-historical statements.

Notice that the biographical sketch of Mrs. Lena Clarke in the JOURNAL of January 7th, is published as if written by me. This is a mistake. The sketch was written by an old friend of Mrs. Clarke, familiar with her history.

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Spiritual view of the Character of Guiteau and His Motives.

An esteemed subscriber, living in Washington, visited the court where Guiteau was on trial, and while sitting in a reporter's seat, received the following communication from a lady medium sitting near him:

THE MEDIUM'S STATEMENT.

"Let me say first, that Guiteau is not such a 'hard nut to crack.' His mental operations are very simple compared with thousands of others. He has never been a student of himself, but in a limited way has given his thought to other things.

"Experts say he is 'playing a part' in court. Guiteau don't consider it so. He believes the government lawyers are making much ado about nothing. He becomes impatient at their methods, and seeing others don't correct them, he picks his opportunity and 'bursts' out what he thinks.

"Guiteau will falsify if he deems it necessary, though it hardly seems false to him at the time, for two reasons: First, because he thinks these points upon which he falsifies things of the past, of no account, and should not come into the case.

"His 'Divinity' or 'Divine Inspiration' business covers broad grounds, and dates back to his earliest religious discipline. His belief as to the intervention of the Deity in his case is the natural outgrowth of these teachings.

"He thought little of the consequences to the President. He didn't dream of his living, or suffering any length of time. He gave two shots to make it sure.

"As to consequences incident to himself, he thought he could be held 'legally insane' by the courts, placed in an asylum, where he would remain quietly till humanity had calmed down, and could see things as he saw them.

"In general, Guiteau was rather a low type of a criminal, but there were many worse types. He was not blood-thirsty. He would not commit any violent outrage for money.

"There is no doubt, Mr. Scoville is convinced that Guiteau is insane, as he understands insanity. He is working for pure justice, endeavoring to keep emotion and feelings out of the case.

"The Milwaukee Daily Republican publishes the communication with the personal explanations in full, remarking that it will be read with interest, but will not be apt to change the opinion of the country that the scoundrel ought to hang, and hang very soon.

Our representative lately learned the following from Mr. Carl Siegmund, Con. Congress and Washington State. My daughter suffered from Rheumatism to such an extent that it crippled her, rendering her unable to walk at all.

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Superstition.

A Hilo letter to the San Francisco Chronicle, gives a graphic account of throwing animals into a crater in order to prevent eruptions. It appears that the boat of the missionaries and their friends as to the work accomplished by them in Christianizing the Kanakas received a rude rebuff about the end of October last.



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A lady from Oregon writes—Dr. Benson: I think you should be presented with a charter of pure gold for your Celery and Chamomile Pills having proved such a blessing to thousands of sufferers with sick and nervous headache, neuralgia, nervousness and dyspepsia.

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Yes, Abe was a dwarf, a most distorted dwarf, with his head drawn down and forward so that he resembled those people the ancient voyagers said they saw, away beyond the rim of the known world, with heads projecting out of their breasts. Thin and pinched was his face, covered with freckles, and his hair unkempt and too red to be Auburn. Not handsome, yet you would scarcely notice his features or distortion, when you saw his eyes. They were large and appealing, as though they had guided the feet of Abe through many sorrows. He was scarcely twelve, yet he appeared aged. Where was he born? No one knew or cared. Even maternal instinct had nothing for his infancy more kind than the curb stone, where a black washer woman found him one morning, carried him home and cared for him with her own numerous brood. She soon weaned of him, and gave him to another, and thus he had belonged to nearly every colored family in the vicinity each taking a short lived fancy to him, as they would to a stray dog, and each discarding him.

one of the sailors sprang into the water and caught him he would have sunk. When placed on the pier, he could scarcely move, and we feared he would never recover consciousness. Elgie was none the worse for her bath, except from fright. She was able to walk back to the wharf, and bystanders volunteered to carry poor Abe. Then taking a carriage we drove rapidly home, for I could not allow the self-sacrificing dwarf to be taken anywhere else. Then placed in a comfortable bed he was attended by the physician. The latter, after careful examination, said it was strange so slight a cause should have produced so much injury. Probably the injury received in his early life had made the present possible, and placed him beyond mortal skill.

Lecturers and Mediums. Mrs. B. C. Simpson is spending the week in Milwaukee with friends who know and appreciate the value of her mediumship. Dr. J. K. Bailey has been lecturing at Lake View, Mich. He was preceded by Dr. Spinney. The articles on Spiritual Laws contributed by that excellent lady and highly developed medium, Mrs. Maria M. King, will attract wide attention and possibly some comment. Lyman C. Howe spoke at Binghamton N. Y., the 22nd inst. He will also speak there the 29th of this month. He is engaged for March at Brooklyn, N. Y., and is ready to make engagements for February. Giles B. Stebbins having recruited his health by a two months' rest, takes the lecture field again this week. As he is working toward Chicago, his many friends here may have a chance to hear him again after awhile.

West Side Society of Spiritualists. Last Sunday morning the society meeting at the hall, 517 W. Madison street, was addressed by Mr. S. B. Perry and Mrs. Sarah DeWolf, the well-known medium. Mr. Perry spoke upon the necessity of greater attention on the part of Spiritualists to the fact that though there is no literal orthodox hell, yet to the persistent wrong-doer there is a mental condition of darkness and torture of conscience which language is inadequate to describe and from which the sufferer can only emerge by slow degrees as he becomes purified and inspired with a desire for a higher life. In illustration of his remarks he read several communications from a spirit, which in thrilling language told of the agony endured as the consequence of evil deeds committed in the flesh and showed how he was slowly and painfully emerging from darkness. Mr. Perry was listened to with deep interest throughout. Mrs. DeWolf was entranced and a spirit supplemented Mr. Perry's discourse with some most pertinent remarks.

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