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Mormonism has taken refuge in Switzerland. Recently published statistics apprise us that there are no fewer than 1,100 Mormons scattered about the Swiss republic. These are divided into fourteen communities and missions, with a governing body composed of eleven "seniors." They are pursuing a vigorous propaganda.—Paris Petit Journal.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

The republicans claim of a walk-over in Ohio this fall, has been a hollow pretense from the first and it has grown hollow ever since the democrats nominated Hon. John R. McLean for Governor. It will not be denied that Mr. McKinley knows Ohio politics thoroughly. It is significant, therefore, that the first thing he did, after his return to Washington, was to hold a conference with several Ohio republicans, and that one of the results of that conference was a cablegram to Boss Hanna, telling him to hurry home from Europe, in order to take charge of the campaign of his ticket. Mr. McKinley regards Mr. McLean as a "strong and dangerous candidate and he knows if Ohio goes democratic this year it will give such a boom to the already rapidly brightening democratic prospects that the election of a democratic President will become well nigh a certainty. He is determined to prevent this if he can possibly do so, and in addition to Hanna's methods, which will be worked to the limit, the whole power of the administration will be used to help Hanna's ticket.

Although Mr. McKinley only remained in Washington from Saturday afternoon until to-day, when he went to Philadelphia to attend the G. A. R. encampment, where he hopes to put in some good political ticks, and incidentally to prevent a fight being made upon the present management of the Pension Bureau by the old soldiers, he had time to find some of the capitalists, who, for purely selfish reasons, are trying to get the government to mix itself up in the revolution in Santo Domingo, by declaring a protectorate over the most turbulent and belligerent mob of "niggers" ever known to exist in any portion of the world. With all his anxiety to please these capitalists, it is not believed that Mr. McKinley will dare to do what they wish him to do. He has troubles enough now, without hunting for new ones.

The Sampson clique in the Navy Department, which has been able to keep Sampson in command of the North Atlantic Squadron, when their officers were entitled to that honor, will have him ordered to shore duty, after the Dewey reception, in New York, and it will also endeavor to prevent the arrival of Admiral Howson, who is Sampson's senior officer, in New York, whither he is bound from the South Atlantic, on the cruiser Chicago, in time to participate in the Dewey ceremonies. Not satisfied with having done so much for Sampson, the clique is still working to prevent Schley getting an important command, although he is clearly entitled to the sea duty asked for many months ago. There are three men eligible to succeed Sampson as

commander of the North Atlantic Squadron—Schley, Remy and Farquar—but if the clique are successful, as now seems likely, Schley's name may be considered out of it.

General Fitz Lee gave the War Department a little more than it expected when it asked him and the other Department Commanders in Cuba, to make reports on the condition of affairs under their jurisdiction, by adding the following recommendations to his report: "That a census of the island be taken as soon as possible; that the question be carefully considered and a decision reached regulating the same; that a modern system of jurisprudence be introduced, so that elective officers can be voted for; that a general election be ordered for a President for Chief Magistrate, a Vice President, a Congress or legislature, to consist of two branches, and all other officers of a republic, as well as municipal elections; all of which can be determined regulated, and prescribed by a convention composed of delegates in proper proportions from the different provinces, which shall meet as soon after the census is taken, as possible. In this way the pledged faith of the United States Government to Cuba can be kept." Orders were given in the War Department to suppress this report, but somehow it got out.

In view of his close personal relations with Mr. McKinley, the statement in a report made to the War Department by Gen. Leonard Wood that the Military control of Cuba will have to continue for a long time, is regarded as significant. That sort of opinions from our officers will be made to justify an indefinite military occupation of the island, notwithstanding present talk of municipal elections over there, in the spring, if the people of this country do not compel different action on the part of the administration.

The administration is crowing loudly because the August financial statement shows a surplus of a little more than four million dollars, but it is not calling anybody's attention to the fact that more than three millions of that surplus came from the sale of the old custom-house site in New York city; nor to the comparative smallness of some of the regular governments for that month. There is nothing in the present state of government finances to do any crowing over. There is bound to be another big deficit at the close of this fiscal year, just as there was at the close of the last. A surplus in several months of the year will not effect the general result, and nobody knows that any better than Secretary Gage.

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FORCE OF INFLUENCE.

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Men, young and old, but especially the young, cannot help imitating those with whom they associate.

Just as our bodies take nourishment suitable from the meat on which we are fed, so do our souls take evil or good according to the example or conversation of those around us. Men are by nature imitators, and it is impossible for us to resist the powerful influence our associates have over us by their speech, their manner and by their example.

Is influence nothing? I tell you it is the school of mankind and they will be taught at no other.

Emerson tells us that even old persons who have lived together for years grow gradually so like each other that if they were to live long enough we could scarcely tell them apart. The force of influence is so strong that each gradually observes the manners and actions into their own natures and lives. Now if this be true of the old, how much more true is it of the young, whose natures are so plastic and soft that it is easy to impress upon them the speech, manner and conversation of those around them. Do you realize the powerful influence your parents, brothers and sisters have over your lives? Do you not know that from the time you were a helpless babe in your mother's arms to the time you left that parental roof, that you were absorbing into your nature and life the very actions, speech, and almost the very expression of the face of that mother, and not only that, but the influence of that mother is so strong in your life that long after she is dead and forgotten by others, the influence of her life still shows in your life.

So parents should understand as it is the nature of children to imitate the example set before them, how important it is then that they set such an example before them as will have such power and influence over them that they may grow up into men and women of noble character and powerful influence over those with whom they associate. As it is our nature to imitate those around us, then how careful we should be in the selection of the company that we keep.

It is a common saying that a man is known by the company he keeps. The sober do not wish to associate with the drunkard or the refined with the coarse; the educated with the ignorant. If we associate with those above us it has a tendency to elevate us to a higher plane of life. If, on the other hand, we keep company with the low and the degraded the power is just as strong to pull us down to their level as the other is to elevate us. Communication and association with the good produces good. A good character is diffusive in its influence, great in the power of goodness to charm and command. The

man possessing it is a true man, drawing men after him. The very sight of a great and good man is often an inspiration to the young, who cannot help loving, and admiring the brave and the truthful. Even a portrait of a good and noble man hung up in a room is an inspiration to those who are acquainted with the character, and gives us a closer personal interest in him. Looking at the features we feel that we knew him better and were more closely related to him. It seems to be a link connecting us with a higher and nobler character than our own. Although we may never reach the standard of our hero, it will help to inspire us to a higher and nobler life.

A gentle nature has a powerful influence over the characters of others for good. Wardsworth, in speaking of the gentle nature of his sister and of the influence she had over his life, gives it in these lines: "She gave me last and humble cares, and delicate fears; a heart, the fountain of sweet tears, and love, and thought and joy." Thus we see the gentler natures are enabled by the power of affection and intelligence to mould the characters of men who are destined to influence and elevate their race.

If you will tell me what you most admire, I will tell you what you are, says one writer, and this is very easy to do, for if you love a mean, low and unmanly nature it shows that your own nature is low and mean. If you have a gentle, brave and kind nature, you are gentle, brave and kind, and whatever your nature may be you will show it by your associations.

Girls, do you realize the influence you have over those with whom you associate? Are you staining your character and influencing others to follow your example by keeping company with young men of questionable characters? If you are, you show by your actions that you sanction their course in life and you influence them and others by your example to go deeper and deeper into sin and vice. So, young ladies, look well to the conduct and example of your lives. What you may term as pretty and harmless actions in your conduct, may by their influence ruin some noble young life.

Young men, be honest, be brave, honest and true. Live a life of such good and noble example that your influence may live and grow long after you yourself are dead and forgotten. Such is the force of influence.

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This is the story, and how just and sensible are the comments of the Durham Sun on that story. It says:

"It comes to our mind that there is retributive justice awaiting these cases. Methinks in the great hereafter she will wear robes of spotless white, for He who forgave Mary Magdalene, will forgive her—is she repent of her sins and plead her cause at the throne of grace—while her betrayer will roast in hell and the unforgiving will be judged according as they judged her."

We wish that every newspaper, every pulpit and every advocate of morality and justice would lash the betrayer or of woman into disgrace and put him to the open shame he so richly deserves. —Monroe Enquirer.

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