

The Messenger.

THE AWAKENING AS TO MORMON PROSELYTIZING.

In Wake county there are six Mormons busily at work. A week or two ago the North Carolina Presbyterian made an extraordinary statement that must surprise all who shall see it. It was a very great shock to us, although we had been watching anxiously for a year or two the advent of the apostles of lust, and had seen their industrious proselyting journeys among the numerous ignorant people of this state with fears as to evil consequences. They have been steadily making converts to their religion of lust that rivals anything in Mohammedan history. The statement made and reported by The Charlotte Presbyterian is to the effect that there are now more Mormon elders at work in North Carolina than there are Presbyterian ministers, and that at the present rate of increase it will not be long before the Mormons will have more churches and more communicants in this state than the Presbyterians, who constitute the third largest denomination in the state, the Baptists and Methodists outnumbering them in the order named. To those who may regard the future of North Carolina there is some cause for alarm. There is a tremendous amount of illiteracy in this state, it is standing Z in the alphabet as to white illiteracy, according to the census of 1890. It is no better in 1898. The Mormon false staff is well calculated to appeal to ignorance and animal lust. The emissaries talk religion of the old kind, and appear well up in professions of spiritual illumination and Bible truth. Among intelligent educated people this is the kind of strain they indulge. They talk religion right along and of the genuine, Biblical kind. When they get among people of the more ignorant and degraded kind they talk Mormonism—Jo Smithism—Brigham Youngism in essence.

What do the protestant denominations mean to do about this Mormon invasion? It is too late to talk of religious persecutions. The whip, the fire and faggot, cannot be resorted to now, and especially in a commonwealth which of all others has been the most restive and defiant under religious intolerance and ecclesiastical persecutions. Read Bancroft and you will learn something of this.

This invasion of the Mormon proselytizers—the "buzzing emissaries" of Satan—must arouse the genuine protestants from Curruck to Cherokee. They have been indifferent, asleep, torpid, while the agents of the Mormon debauchery have been as active as maggot, and have "gained fresh confidence," to quote William Cowper, "from every half-brained proselyte they make." These spies into the intellectual and educational nakedness of our state have gathered fresh hope daily. They find the receptivity of ignorance and superstition immense, and they have gone on diligently prosecuting their insinuating and deceiving work while the religious denominations were fallen into a condition of lethargy. Already the Mormons count about 100 congregations in this state in the regions of "Egyptian darkness." The regular Christians are stupefied, stunned, amazed. They look on helpless and sorrowful. They are reported as "startled," "dumbfounded." They will now begin to try to do something to counteract all false teaching—will seek a remedy for the new disease, an antidote to the insidious, killing poison. It is late, for the enemy has "entered in." The Charleston News and Courier is amused and says with severity, not without some aspects of justice:

"The funny aspects of the situation are too broad to be missed; but there is a serious side to it, also, which is presented in the very obvious reflection that the 'Protestant' ministers and churches of North Carolina appear to have rendered such an invasion, with such results, so easily practicable. The North Carolina ministers and churches have not employed their opportunities, we fear, when the elders from far Utah can find material for about a hundred congregations all about them. The sudden activity of the shepherds and churches, moreover, appears to be inspired rather by dislike of the Mormon brethren than by hostility to the common enemy and a consuming regard for the salvation of lost souls. It is very much to be feared, in short, that but for the invasion of the elders the thousands of poor and ignorant people would have been left in darkness for many years to come. There is more anxiety, it seems, to save them from Mormonism than there has been to save them from heathenism and their sins."

While Protestant ministers have been urging, persuading, begging their people to give much money to send the Gospel to the heathen in remote countries, here in our own land—in our state—are heathen of the rankest type and in great numerical strength. They are in every county, in every town, in every city. This is said in no opposition to missions, which are right and proper, a real Christian duty and obligation, but it is protest against neglect at our doors.

The files of The Messenger will show frequent references to the vile work of Mormon propagandists all through two or three years. The Charleston paper is not certain as to the creed of the Mormons being wrong, but it marvels at Protestant faithfulness. It says the "elders" of the Brigham Young false

religion—our words, for we despise the thing—have shown themselves to be "admirable exemplars of faithfulness and zeal in the Master's service, as they understand it. The church people in North Carolina are indebted to them for a very forceful and badly needed lesson." So far from thinking their "zeal" is really for the Lord Jesus Christ, we believe that it is "zeal" inspired by the "father of lies" and the great deceiver.

In North Carolina the Baptists have some 200,000 white adherents, and the Episcopal Methodists some 150,000, and the Presbyterians are strong and growing, and the other Methodist bodies number some 25,000, we suppose. These large bodies ought to be able to root out the Mormon tares and rid the state of a growing nuisance.

HELP FOR CUBA

The Cuban relief committee earnestly urges the people of the United States to give quickly to the cause of suffering humanity in Cuba. There is no mistake as to the awful condition of tens of thousands of people. They are skeletons and dying for the want of food. General Lee, other American consuls, American citizens and all tell the same—very sad and heart-moving story of extreme suffering. The suffering is so wide spread that the committee will load a steamer at once with 2,000 tons of corn meal and 200 tons of bacon. It is a question of life or death. The relief committee says:

"Send us money if you can. Accept food wherever offered; cornmeal, pork, lard, potatoes, rice, condensed milk and other staples in unlimited quantities. Southern and Pennsylvania railroads will haul free to New York. Our two steamships will make circuit of Cuba, landing supplies at all ports. The Spanish ministry has agreed to abate the treasury port charges for steamers and permit the landing of supplies without duties. Not one day should be wasted. President McKinley, through the state department, urges us to the greatest efforts."

Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, appeals to the people of that state to give to famished and perishing Cubans. He tells his people that they they have "Never known famine or want and should show their gratitude by liberal donations to the dying Cubans."

"What is North Carolina doing in this noble cause that appeals to the merciful and benevolent and sympathetic trumpet-tongued? Senator Gallinger who visited Cuba recently says the suffering cannot be exaggerated."

The correspondent of the Atlanta Journal publishes a letter from the Journal dated 19th inst., in which he says:

"Think of a district, with population the size of Atlanta, literally starving to death. Little children and old men and women lying in the streets and along the roads dying by inches for want of food. Every city in this country should imitate the example set by The Journal and add its quota to the relief fund."

Help the suffering, the starving, the dying.

BREVITIES

If the Spanish ambassador to Vienna is not misinformed, there will be war before any payment of indemnity. Put a pin there and wait.

Dynamite in a mine in Spain killed 80 men and many were wounded. But 258 American seamen were killed by Spanish dynamite at Havana.

Mrs. William Belden Noble, of Washington, D. C., has given \$20,000 to Harvard University to endow a lectureship in memory of her husband, a clergyman in the Protestant Episcopal Church and a graduate of the Harvard class of 1885.

Mr. Charles B. Rouss, of New York, has given \$35,000 to the University of Virginia. He is southern born.

In the death of ex-United States Senator Blanche K. Bruce the negro race in America loses its best man yet in public life. He had ability and character. President Booker T. Washington is the other foremost negro in this country now. He is wise and candid, and with discernment and integrity. Russia and France are steadily preparing to partition China and ask no permission of the people to be injured or of England.

Spain gives an intimation that it means war for the United State to intervene in the Cuban war. But already Spain has lost 70,000 of her troops in the fruitless, vain attempt to subdue the patriots in Cuba.

The illustrious Gladstone, in his 89th year, is returning home to die. With him goes the world's greatest man now living.

The fool talk of the Spaniards that they could induce the south "to revolt" is pitifully stupid. They do not know a letter in the book about the south. If the southern whites could have had their way they would have thrashed Spain long ago and have liberated Cuba and stopped the damning butcheries.

There is a fierce war being waged at this time between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and great excitement prevails. Hell on earth appears to be the opinion of northern visitors to Cuba as to the real condition.

Dr. Gatling's new gun just finished at Cleveland, Ohio, is described as the largest single gun in the world. It is rifled and mounted at the Washington navy yard. The ingenious inventor is a native North Carolinian. Representative Tillman recently said of Mr. Bryan, that he "is the only man I ever saw who was born great,

achieved greatness, and had greatness thrust upon him." His fine saying is taken from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," boldly without thanks.

In 1837 England consumed 30,000,000 pounds of tea. In 1897 she drank 230,000,000 pounds, or 54 pounds for each inhabitant. She might be considered a tea drinking country. She guzzles an immense amount of ale and beer in addition.

General Fitzhugh Lee will be pressed by his good friends in Virginia for United States senator in place of Senator Martin, a silver advocate. The gold men hope Lee's Cuba fame will make him so popular he can be elected in spite of his goldbug advocacy.

Recently at Belleville, N. J., a brutal assault by a negro was made upon a young white woman of character. The inhabitants hunted that darkey all through one night and would "have tortured and lynched him," they say, if they could have found the villain.

ELECTION OF SENATORS BY THE PEOPLE

The election of the United States senators by a direct vote of the people is certainly an important and growing question. It has been more and more engaging each year for a decade. The recent events in Ohio, and the disgraceful election of the giant corruptionist, Mark Hanna, have attracted more attention to the question of how to elect senators, and the sentiment deepens that it must be by the people. Maryland is another object lesson. The trouble in Ohio and Maryland is that owing to the character of republican candidates there were some members of that party who kicked out and would not support them. That would be a poor reason in itself for changing the method, and if there was nothing better to urge, most sensible people would favor the continuance of the round about way of electing by legislatures.

But the real reason for a change, and a most excellent reason it is that the legislatures have become corrupt and purchasable. A man like Quay or Hanna can get to the senate by purchase. In this way for thirty years money bags have got to the senate and without any qualifications for the high and noble place of senator for a great state. Bad men can buy places, and the literally angers and disgusts all honest, decent people. Political treason may be a catch-phrase, a coinage for the hour. A man who refuses to vote for a corrupt rascal who may be nominated in any state by a legislature is no evidence of disloyalty to principles, but an evidence, clear and ringing, of conscience. The republican who would positively refuse to support such fellows as Hanna and Quay because of their known bad characters, should be honored rather than censured. Parties must cease to nominate corruptionists and scoundrels for office if they do not desire to cause a split or defeat. There is more of independence and conscience now than formerly among many of the most intelligent and reputable people in the states.

If constituents instruct their legislator to vote for a given man he ought to obey or resign. But when he is not instructed but is left free to vote according to the light before him, if he be an honorable, high toned gentleman he will not vote for a caucus nominee known to be stained with corruption and of low party views as well as principles.

There is a joint resolution now before the congress looking to a change in the way the way of electing senators. It provides for a change in the constitution to elect senators by a direct vote of the people. The Philadelphia Record is of the opinion that if the congress should adopt the resolution that the states would vote for its ratification. It says:

"There would be an end then of the scandals which have so frequently attended the election of United States senators, and also of the more or less successful attempts of corruption to thwart the popular will. Under existing conditions if a state convention of either party should designate its choice for United States senator, and if a majority of the members of a legislature should be elected under instructions and pledges to vote for such candidate, there is no assurance that the will of the people would not be completely balked. It would still be in the power of a clique, sometimes of two or three corrupt members, to nullify the choice."

A bill was introduced in the Virginia legislature looking to some expression as to the election of senators. We do not know what was its fate. The bill provided that the people express their choice for senators in voting for members of the legislature who were to elect. South Carolina has already taken action and has provided for the election of senators by the people instead of the old legislative way. If we are rightly informed that the candidate chosen, Mr. McLaurin, who succeeded himself, was chosen by popular vote. The movement will steadily gain public favor and in many states we may expect a change of method.

There is no fairness or justice in the present method. You will find a state small like Nevada, with actually less population than it had forty years ago, sending two senators, and with but a beggarly 45,761 people in the so-called state, while New York with over 6,000,000 people has but two senators. The principle is wrong. A little state like Rhode Island—the size of one of the big plantations on Roanoke river, in this state, prior to the war—has two senators and yet North Carolina with 1,700,000 and 500 miles across was but

two. We agree with the Indianapolis Journal a republican paper, that "the senate should not be ended, but it should be mended. It might be mended by changing the constitution so as to make senatorial representation depend upon population, though with a much larger ratio of representation than that of the house. Why should not a state have a senator for each half million of population, and all states with less population than that be restricted to representation in the lower house, or at least to one senator?"

STATE PRESS.

The man who talks of fusion or co-operation of populists and democrats is simply wasting breath.—Pittsburgh Citizen.

The populists claiming Daniel Russell, Whoopee, boys! Ain't it funny? The pops and rads should not tussle because they call one another honey. Hancock and Dan, and the rest of the clan, on a platform of sound money; and the pops sticking up to a man because they call one another honey. There's Grant, of Wayne, in a letter again. On fusion he says there is money. Butler and Dan in a caucus again because they call one another honey.—Rockingham Rocket.

Chairman Manly does well on the threshold of the campaign in which the shibboleth will be "The White Man and the White Metal" to show that the democratic party has no unkind feelings to the colored man, but is in fact the party to which he owes most for schools and the care of the unfortunate of his race. The demand for white rule is not made to injure the negro. It is necessary to protect the state against corrupt and ignorant government.—Raleigh News and Observer.

roads in their present condition it costs at least 25 cents a mile to move a ton and that a ton cannot be moved ten miles for less than \$2.00. This is 10 cents a bag for peanuts of \$2.50 for a bale of cotton. Have you thought of this? With modern roads this could be reduced to 5 cents per mile for a ton or 50 cents for ten miles. We ask our congresses to look into this matter which is interesting the entire country outside of Bertie county. We ask our farmers to figure out the question for themselves and if they find our present system of road making is defective and can be improved upon to urge some other method. For one-third of the year the roads within anything but a light buggy, and hard even for that. Give us better roads—ten miles of Windsor are impassable for Windsor Ledger.

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It was in Seville that the game of checkers originated.

It was in the courts of the caliphs that the laws of chivalry were formed and spread to the rest of Europe and England.

From Grenada came the dulcimer; from Cejova the guitar, and from the people the sugar and the orange.

Spain produced the Old, Christopher Columbus and notable travelers, and during medieval times in art, science and learning it had first rank. Before the Visigoths overran the country was its time of glory—after its decline set in.

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Just for the Fun of It

(From the Detroit Press.)
Garey is a cultured gentleman of Irish descent, and Granton is a neighbor of Scotch ancestry who has equal intellectual attainments. Garey has the nimble wit, and it is the delight of his soul to make game of Granton who generally goes home out of sorts and thinks of a dozen things that he might have said if he had only come to him in the right time.

"Have you read Ian MacLaren's works?" asked Granton the other evening. "There's a writer for you."

"I have not," was the prompt response, "but I am having them translated into English, and have no doubt I shall enjoy them."

Granton declined to prolong his call, and when he closed the front door the roof on the summer kitchen trembled.

"It was Piper Findlater that saved the day there in India," said Garey in an ingratiating tone, a few evenings later.

"How's that?" asked Granton, as his face beamed with pride.

"It was the noise of the bagpipes that the natives were running from."

Now Granton is racking his brain, and will not rest until he can give the Irish a most terrific swipe for the benefit of Garey.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Pills, the famous little pills. R. R. Bellamy.

Weldon Notes
(Correspondence of The Messenger.)
Dr. J. E. Green, chairman of the Second district judicial executive committee, has called a meeting of the committee at Rocky Mount next Friday, the 25th at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting a time and place for the judicial convocation. Dr. Green hopes to meet every member of the committee there that day.

Mr. J. W. Moore and Miss Maggie Williams, a runaway couple from Prince George county, Virginia, were married here this morning at 3 o'clock.

Murdered in the Woods
Sylacauga, Ala., March 21.—W. O. Thompson, a white farmer, was found murdered in the woods three miles from his home today. He had given testimony against the illicit distillers of his section and it is generally believed that they murdered him, as he had been summoned as a witness in other cases against them.

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