

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.
Mormonism.

Like every other system of religion, is to be learned from its books as well as from its people. This system is laid down in the book of Mormon. It is claimed by the followers of Joseph Smith that they differ from the followers of the late Brigham Young in Utah. But they both have the same book of Mormon for their guide. The Mormons in Utah have continued to maintain their primitive customs, including polygamy. The followers of Joseph Smith residing in California and other places have been obliged to abandon polygamy; and they have made their creed more palatable by incorporating portions of other creeds into their own. But it is still essentially superstitious.

Another point in which the followers of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young agree is their claim to miraculous powers. The test of these claims is simple. Let them work miracles, let them heal the sick and raise the dead, and so establish their pretensions. One of these pretenders to apostleship a few days ago in Pereaux publicly declared that he could raise the dead. At the same time a brother-in-law of his, who claimed to be a prophet, had just been buried not far away. How cruel in this apostle not to raise up his brother, or to heal him before he died! They also assert that they have the gift of tongues. This same individual not long previously had the cool audacity to utter a strain of gibberish before a congregation of intelligent English-speaking people, and called it speaking with tongues. What need for this man to speak in strange tongues to the people in Lower Pereaux? How annoying it must have been to them. They were in fact disgusted. The test for this claim is also simple. Let them speak to people of other languages, so that they shall understand. Let them go to the heathen. What admirable missionaries they would be. They would not, like other missionaries, have to study to learn those tongues, to pore over lexicons and grammars, and burn the midnight oil, but raised above the need of any study they could go among the nations and among the heathen and preach to the people in a new tongue every day, with more facility than we plodders at home could do in our own native speech. Another item in which Brigham Young and Joseph Smith and their followers agree is that they have their priests after the orders of Melchizedek and Aaron, their prophets and apostles in the direct line of descent down from the patriarchs till now. Older than the Church of England, older than the Church of Rome, older than the Baptists, who date from John the Baptist, older than the Jews, who date from Abraham, older and greater than Abraham and the patriarchs. Surely the whole history of the world is at fault, and must be re-written to include their genealogy!

Another common claim among them is that they are divinely inspired, and so made infallible in what they teach and write. This is really a serious claim, and must be treated calmly. What is the tendency of this claim? That the prophet Isaiah and the apostle Paul are nowhere among "the latter day saints." The last prophecy and the last apostolic epistle would be the most authoritative in the "reorganized church." In fact the whole Bible must give way to this modern inspiration. Joseph Smith has already begun the work of editing the Bible, declaring it to be unreliable, and cutting out those parts that do not please him. The writer has seen a copy of the Bible thus discredited and mutilated by Smith. I have open before me now a volume circulated in Pereaux, in which a Mormon writer, after laboring to establish their claim to divine inspiration, argues that having received this revelation they could write it down and teach it to their children, "and this record would be sacred because it would contain the word of God, and thus it would be Holy Scripture, and as good as the Bible, no matter whether it was written by the Jews, the ten tribes, the Nephites, or the Gentiles." The writer then continues, "I would just as soon have the gospel written by Nephi, Mormon, Moroni, or Alma, as to have the gospel written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John." &c. Bold for a Christian land!

So this old Bible which for 1800 years has withstood the assaults of infidels and fanatics, has proved itself to be the only guiding star of the nations, the only hope of the living, the only solace of the dying believer, after all is to be taken away from us. These "latter day saints," by perverting the Bible, make it do two things, prove their own superior authority, and thus destroy itself. Christian.

promised His apostles that they should be infallibly inspired as to what and how they should speak; and Paul in writing to the Thessalonians charges them, "Brethren stand fast and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or by our epistle." 2 Thess. ii. 15-2 Tim. iii. 14, &c. This did not mean that they should seek new revelations to do away with what he had written. Nor did he mean that "saints" in America should ever do this. He gave His apostles power to work miracles, and authority to transfer that power to others. But He did not authorize them to give to those others power to transmit miraculous gifts any further than themselves, consequently miracles gradually came to an end with the apostolic fathers. Knapp says truly that "miraculous gifts were by no means promised by Christ to all his followers in all times, but only to the apostles and first teachers of Christianity to be used by them in proclaiming Christian truth and in establishing the Christian church." Mark xvi. 17, 18, compare verses 15, 16, 20; John xiv. 12, compare verses 11, 13, 14. Paul teaches the same in Eph. iv. 13-16. In 1 Cor. xiii. 8 he also says expressly that on earth as well as in heaven the miraculous gifts should give place to the spiritual, and specifies the gifts of knowledge, prophecy, and tongues. "Add to these the consideration that it cannot be proved that the power of conferring these gifts was granted to any besides the apostles, and that after the death of the apostles and their immediate successors in the Christian church these gifts would therefore cease as a matter of course." Knapp, Acts viii. 14-17. The ancient gift of healing seems to have been transferred from the list of miracles, and placed among the objects of prayer, and thus brought under a law which is dear to every believer. "Ask and ye shall receive." Matt. xxi. 22. Surely for a hungry child to ask bread of a parent and receive it for asking is no miracle. As to the Word of God we will cling to that at all hazards. We have already the word of prophecy made sure by Christ. To that alone will we give heed, for it was given by holy men of old, who were moved by the Holy Ghost. This we have and we will not exchange it for the filthy dreams, wild visions, lying wonders, nor the fanatical ravings of the disciples of Nauvoo. We have the word of God in full. None may add to it or take from it at their peril. Rev. xxii. 18, 19. "Should all the forms that men devise, Assault my faith with treacherous art, I'd call them vanity and lies, And bind the gospel to my heart."

I will not now defile my pen with the history of these people, nor ever unless there should be a necessity for it.
D. FREEMAN.
Canning, March 1st, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger.
The Tabernacle to be Finished.

Of course it is, but none are excluded from helping, in fact all who acquiesce are kindly requested to notify us at as early a date as possible. On Tuesday last, the church accepted the plans of Messrs Rhodes & Curry, and authorized the committee to close with their offer, since they, on condition that we permit them to go to work at once, could and would give us exceptional value for our money. Since for a few weeks they could spare the time to devote their energy and hands to complete the work, before their press of work came on and their busy season commenced. Our practical men considering the matter in this light, took it as an answer to our special prayer meeting held Jan. 24th, to ask help and guidance respecting finishing our basement. The work commenced on Tuesday and is expected to be completed in six weeks from date. Judging from the plans submitted and accepted, it will be a basement both pleasant and useful in its appointments. We have committed ourselves to the work, believing in God, and now ask our many friends who wish us well to send help if it be only a small donation; do not delay, but send it along, it will encourage and cheer our hearts for and in the work.

It is evidently pleasing to God, for help has commenced to come in, and we desire most earnestly to open the Tabernacle when completed, without any worrying debt. We have waited long and tried to go softly and safely. And now we are not doing extravagantly, and are content still to keep low in the world, leaving the rearing of the superstructure until we can do so safely and wisely.

Our present outlay will require about \$1,100 to furnish and finish, above what is given and promised. It is not too much to ask every reader to lighten the burden. Contributions can be sent in any form you like; should every reader who can only give a mite, enclose a few postage stamps it would be a help to us. I ask your assistance, thereby you can enable me to obtain \$200 promised by a gentleman when I get the balance.

Our God is greatly blessing us in the work; ten have been baptized since the New Year.

The Ribbon of Blue has already over 600 members at the Tabernacle, and a branch of seventy have donned the Blue, led to do so by one of our young sisters at Sambro.

J. F. AVERY.

In Memoriam.

REV. CHARLES H. SALAMAN, of Boston of Frederic and Rose Salaman, was born at Country Harbor, Guysboro Co., N. S., Dec. 21st, 1846. Converted when quite young he united with the Isaacs Harbor Baptist Church. Feeling himself called to preach the gospel, at 23 years of age he left home to prepare for his life's great work. Matriculating at Waterville, Maine, he took a course in Arts, graduating in 1878. Entering Newton the same year he took a Theological course; shortly after the completion of which he visited home after an absence of 12 years. Having in a few weeks recruited wasted energies he returned to Lebanon, Ohio, where he was engaged to assume the charge of the Baptist Church. Only 5 short months work for Jesus and he was stricken down with pneumonia; from which, after a long and severe illness he recovered sufficiently to resume the pastorate of the church in August last. But taking cold in December another attack of pneumonia resulted in death on February 7th, 1883, in the 37th year of his age. His remains were brought to Lisbon Falls, Maine, and interred on Monday 12th inst. Deceased leaves a wife and infant at Lisbon Falls, and parents, brothers and sisters at the home of his childhood to mourn their loss. With the subject of this sketch the writer was not personally acquainted, but from all he can learn would judge that he was energetic, talented and devoted to the cause of Christ.

L. M. W.
February 26th, 1883.

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CHARLES J. MACDONALD, Post Office Inspector, Post Office Inspector's Office, Halifax, Feb. 16, 1883. Feb. 28.

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