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The World.

"Man."—A new journalistic venture, comes to us from Ottawa. The paper of which this is the first number, is to be edited by Edward Playter, M.D., and is to be a semi-monthly journal for the family circle, devoted to physical, mental and moral culture and progress. The list of promised contributors contains several well-known names.

The loyal citizens of Salt Lake City were rather startled on the Fourth of July, when, on rising in the morning, they found all the national flags, on buildings controlled by the Mormons, at half mast. For a time a violent disturbance was threatened in consequence, but by the conciliatory action of the Governor, most of the emblems were either taken down or hoisted to their proper position. The incident was significant of the state of feeling amongst the polygamists. The Mormon leaders, by the way, are said to be actively engaged in negotiations with an Indian tribe for a place of retreat in Mexico. Whether the Mexican Government will be more tolerant of a polygamous hierarchy than the American Republic remains to be seen.

The approaching trial of Riel and his fellow-prisoners will be watched with great interest. The diary of the Rebel chief, if we may judge from the specimens being published in the papers, is a remarkable document. It seems hardly possible that it could have been written with a view to publicity. Internal evidence, as well as common probability, is against such a supposition. But it would fairly seem as if the only other alternative is to regard him as a sincere religious crank or monomaniac.

The recent debate in Parliament on the causes of the rebellion serves to make it tolerably clear that affairs there were sadly mismanaged, and the rights of the settlers grossly neglected, by both the present government and its predecessor. It is a remarkable and we fear ominous sign of legislative blindness, or injustice, that one of the first Acts of Government and Parliament, after the rebellion, should have been to add another nominated member to the Northwest Council. The proposal to deprive white settlers of their arms is worse, but will probably not be persisted in. Unless Anglo-Saxon human nature in the Northwest differs widely from that nature elsewhere, the intelligent and energetic settlers who go up there will be a thorn in the flesh of old Canada until they get representative institutions at home and a voice in the Dominion Parliament.

It is not often that an act performed ostensibly in the public interest calls for expressions of opinion so violently contrasted as those which have greeted the horrible revelations of the *Pall Mall Gazette*. The estimates of the editor range all the way from moral hero and martyr to villain of the lowest and vilest grade. We have often had occasion to deprecate the influence of our great dailies in giving publicity to details of police courts, pugilistic rings, etc. But there are occasions when it seems the duty of the press to speak out, and if half of the allegations of the *Gazette*, all of which it declares itself able to prove, be true, there seems no other way of reaching the aristocratic criminals. The police are represented as worse than indifferent, intervening only to prevent interference with the abominable trade. The *Gazette* articles may hasten a political crisis. It is to be devoutly hoped they may bring about a great moral revolution.

The change from a ministry led by a Gladstone and containing a Dilke and a Chamberlain, to one led by a Salisbury and a Churchill, and composed almost entirely of Lords, is indeed a great one. But as yet there seems little indication of any marked or sudden change of policy at home or abroad. The responsibility of office is a heavy balance wheel. The man who in opposition denounced Russia as a swindler, has now as Prime Minister to treat with her as an equal, and he who accused her statesman as "lying as only a Russian can," will, as Secretary for India, find it his duty to treat them with studied courtesy. Lord Salisbury's declaration of foreign policy the other day was