

## World of Missions.

### Mormon Missionary Activity.

The Mormon propaganda is now unusually active, and has reached Japan—the first Mormon invasion, we believe, of the Oriental field. The subtlety of these followers of Joseph Smith lies partly in their unhesitating deception. For example, they no longer preach polygamy, and even deny its existence at times, while it is practised as flagrantly as ever. In some of our American cities and villages, instead of setting up a professedly Mormon church or brotherhood, the propagandists freely mingle with existing churches, take part in their prayer meetings, and sing in their choirs, and thus quietly carry on their infernal work.

### Foreign Books in Japan.

A recent number of the Japan Mail gives an interesting illustration of Japan opinion and philosophic thought. Last autumn a leading publishing house requested seventy prominent Japanese scholars to give their opinion as to the greatest foreign books produced during the nineteenth century. The sequel is curious, and not altogether hopeful from a missionary standpoint. Goethe's "Faust" is given first place in poetry, and Darwin's "Origin of the Species" in prose.—The Missionary.

### England's Opium Sin.

An earnest appeal has recently been made to Lord Salisbury by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the leading Christians of England, asking for decisive action with regard to the Indian opium traffic with China. The appeal is as follows:

We are convinced, by manifold and weighty evidence of the correctness of the following positions:

1. That British action in respect of the importation of opium into China has had disastrous results—(a) in injury to other branches of British commerce in China; (b) in generating profound feelings of hostility to British subjects and interests in the mind of the Chinese people.

2. That the use of opium in China (to speak of China only) is a vast national curse, and that assertions to the contrary can be met decisively by the public testimony of disinterested Chinese statesmen of to-day.

3. That accordingly it is unworthy of a great Christian power to be commercially interested, in any degree, in the supply of opium to China.

As a fact, while the cultivation of opium in India is on a larger scale than ever, with the exception of two years in the past, the revenue accruing from its export has sunk to  $\frac{1}{2}$  millions.

This, however, is in our opinion only an incident of the position. Our affirmation is that it is the grave duty of the nation, as before the supreme King and Governor, to purge itself anywise of connection with a great and public wrong.

It would indeed be a heavy score against the British government if even one-half of the vice and crime and misery and death caused by the use of opium in China should be charged to her account by Almighty God.—The Missionary Review of the World.



## Health and Home Hints

A chicken should have a plump breast—a smooth comb and legs; black legged birds are best for roasting, white for boiling.

Milk contained in cans may be kept perfectly cold by wrapping the cans in cloth or flannel, and standing them in a few inches of water.

Fresh vegetables and sound ripe fruit are the best blood purifiers, but they will not act if you eat flesh food, especially in summer.

Four or five clean, common playing marbles dropped in the bottom of the kettle of boiling fruit juice will, by their continual motion, make unnecessary constant stirring in order to prevent scorching.

Try some plain cookies that the children or even despetics can eat with no bad results. One cup of sugar, one half cup of sweet milk, one egg, one teaspoon baking powder, flour, put all together in the mixing bowl and stir until all is a smooth mass, then add enough more flour to roll out easily and bake in a quick oven.

Salad Dressing.—Beat up an egg and put with it a teaspoonful of mustard mixed with water; then stir in four tablespoonfuls of melted butter and add three quarters of a cupful of vinegar, salt and a teaspoonful of sugar. If for cabbage, cook, stirring until it begins to thicken like cream.

Plain Sponge Cake.—Three eggs, one cup of sugar, three tablespoonful of sweet milk, one cup of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder; flavor and bake in loaf, or sheet and spread with jelly and roll. In cool weather the butter should be softened, as it mixes more readily, and the quicker a cake is ready for the oven the better the result, provided, however, the oven is properly heated.

The question of covering jellies is one to be considered. The old way was to use a layer of thin paper dipped in brandy, and then a cover of thicker paper, pasted down. Of course this was troublesome, and we gladly learned the newer method of pouring melted paraffin over the jellies without any paper whatever. But while paraffin prevents the admission of air if it is perfect, it will slip up the side of the glass if that is tipped, and it is quite sure to be in putting it on the closet shelf; then, too, mice are especially fond of paraffin, and one nibble destroys the entire cover. The best plan is to combine the two ways. Cover the jelly or jam with paraffin first, and then paste paper over the top, and you may feel secure that your jelly will not shrink or lose its freshness from first to last.

Transparent Jelly.—Look over the fruit and put it in an earthen jar and immerse it in boiling water. When soft, put it in a bag made of cheesecloth and suspend it from a nail and let drip, but do not squeeze it with the hands. Boil the juice twenty minutes on top of the stove in a porcelain kettle or a bright milk-pan; measure the juice, and for each quart of juice allow two pounds of sugar, which has been heating on an earthen platter in the stove oven. Stir the sugar into the juice and boil three minutes. Turn into a pitcher and strain through a starch-strainer into jelly-glasses, and let them stand open until the next day. If these directions are carefully followed, the result will be firm transparent jelly.

In addition to the soap for bathing, white castile should be kept for washing the hair. Occasionally a little borax or ammonia may be used for this purpose, but care should be taken in their application, as they are rather harsh in their effects.

### If Jesus Came.

BY EDITH VIRGINIA BRADY.

If Jesus came,  
And walked and talked with me, in just  
The old familiar way,  
I should not heed the heat and dust  
Which vex me so to-day.

If He were here,  
To stand beside me as I bent  
Above my homely task,  
I know that I should be content,  
Whatever He might ask.

If He should come,  
To tell me in His gentle way  
What things I ought to do,  
My feet would not so often stray—  
My life would be more true.

And if He came,  
As often in the days of old  
He came to Bethany,  
I know life's gray would turn to gold,  
Beneath His sympathy.

Lo! I am here;  
Look up, dear child of mine, and see  
How all along the way,  
I walk with Thee, and bear with Thee  
The burden of the day.

Ye, I am here;  
And I have come, as oft I came  
To Bethany of old;  
Dost thou not hear Me speak thy name  
With tenderness untold?

Aye, thou art here;  
At last my hand in Thine I lay—  
I lift to thee my heart;  
And close beside me all the way,  
I see Thee as Thou art.

The enormous increase of a Mormon population in the West gives painful anxiety to many patriotic and Christian minds. The statesmen of our day imagine that colonization is the chief question affecting the national welfare; but it is neither so alarming nor so embarrassing as the prospect of millions at home forsaking domestic virtue and destroying the family institution, which is the cornerstone of society. Polygamy is fatal to Christianity, and a return to the patriarchal state. It means death to all our national hopes. Legislation should exterminate it as vigorously as it would treason or the plague.

An eminent Congregational minister of London, Dr. Horton, is trying this novel method of securing timely subjects for pulpit discourses: Once a month he preaches on a subject suggested by his congregation, and on the Monday night following there is a meeting for the discussion of the subject and the views he has presented. The purpose is to put himself and his preaching in touch with the thought and inquiry of his people, meeting the want they feel and helping to lead them to answers to their questions, and solutions for their problems.