

out one frightful abuse which prevails among the working classes in this country. 'It has been computed (says Mr. Johnston) that, among those whose earnings are from 10s. to 15s. weekly, at least one-half is spent by the man upon objects (tobacco, spirits, &c.) in which the other members of the family have no share. Among artisans earning from 20s. to 30s. weekly, it is said that at least one-third of the amount is in many cases thus selfishly devoted.' American society may consent to many inconveniences, if it can save itself from the spread among its skilled labourers of such habits as these.

In the face of this dearth and high estimation of the female sex, behold a strange contrast springing up within the Republican borders. The Mormons, amidst the Christianity of the Far West, are reproducing the polygamism of the East. Nay, worse—far worse; for no man in the world surpasses the Mussulman in the jealousy with which he regards the honour of his women, but little of such a feeling is to be found among the promiscuous hive of the Mormonites. Their 'exhorters,' professing the most pious adhesion to the doctrines of the Gospel, claim liberties which justified Luther in giving to kindred sinners of old their priestly name of 'fathers.' Yet the sect is fast increasing; and it is mortifying to learn that most numerous accessions are daily made to it from this country. From Liverpool *alone* the *known* Mormon emigrants have amounted to about 15,000; and they have, on the whole, been superior to, and better provided than, the other classes of emigrants. 'Under the name of Latter-Day Saints,' says Mr. Johnston, 'the delusions of the system are hidden from the masses by the emissaries who have been dispatched into various countries to recruit their numbers among the ignorant and devoutly-inclined lovers of novelty. Who can tell what two centuries may do in the way of giving an historical position to this rising heresy?'

Their practices excited uncontrollable disgust wherever they first congregated; and even 'universal toleration' could not shield them from its effects. Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, wild as they are, would have nothing to do with them; and after various struggles and combats, their chief, Joe Smith, and some of his profligate 'saints,' were killed 'right off' by the incensed populace of the last-named State. The rest then betook themselves 'right off;' and after traversing the wide prairies, the deserts of the Far West, and the Rocky Mountains, they finally pitched their tents near the Great Salt Lake in Oregon. Here they increase and multiply, in the midst of a vast champaign, running north and south for hundreds of miles, isolated by sandy deserts or the briny lake, separated from the elder States by the Rocky Mountains, from California