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Nor is the harmony and union of the Presidency so strong that it could not be broken. What could happen to the first three, with the prophet at the head, can easily occur again. It requires no great shrewdness to perceive the growing affection manifested for different persons in that board of directors, and parties will carry the object of admiration with them. No open organizations are yet made in favor of the second in rank, who is reported to be the best business man in the valley, but it would require but little tyranny and novelty of doctrine, preached by the Seer, to cause the cry of apostasy and ambition. Like Leifer and Rigdon, he would be declared, by a numerous host, to have forfeited the high estate, and a vote of the chiefs of stakes, or expressed will of the majority of the people, would depose him. At present he is wary of giving revelations, rather hinting that something is soon to appear of wonderful importance. He assures that Joseph the Seer has but more work carved out, than five years of faithful diligence will accomplish—and when they have fulfilled all the duties entailed, then they may ask for more light from the angels.

All these seeds of distrust, ambition, and discontent, are sown in a fruitful soil; and if they are left quietly to germinate by the powers at a distance, cannot fail to destroy that unity which renders the Mormon community so formidable to any that might seek to control it. That people may well be compared to the Puritans of New England, in its early settlement—they are as exclusive, as energetic, as enduring, have sustained persecutions more fiery—have toiled for rocks and snowy lands—contended with the red men, and subdued a desert for a residence. May no General Gage be directed to drag them into rebellion. On one area the theo-democratic government has yielded peaceful fruits, and been forgotten—on the other, like results, we hope, are to follow.

There appears to be a crisis in the relations of the Mormons to the government of the Union, and sober counsels are demanded, to prepare the way for a peaceable, honorable future. No reference to State pride, no thought of religious aberrations, can be safely consulted in the case: nothing counselled but generosity on the side of power, towards those who have achieved so much in fertilizing a barren region, and made "two spires of grass to grow where only one grew before" nothing but indulgent charity should be exhibited to men who declare themselves ready to enter upon an honest warfare of reason, enlightened by revelation, to maintain, if found good, or abandon, if demonstrated erroneous, long cherished opinions—and forbearance may honorably be exercised, while they continue to carry out practically the principles of republican liberty and human freedom, in accordance with American ~~principles~~, though the method be theoretically absurd; having good assurance that there are improving elements within, that will "leaven the whole lump." Such conservative views will produce harmonious action, and the STATE or CHURCH become a sound connecting link in the great empire chain, whose termini are riveted in the everlasting foundations of the turbulent Atlantic and calm Pacific; those station points, at which the ascending sun salutes, and, descending, bids a short farewell each day, lightly kissing the snow-capt brow of the lofty mountain peak, that looks so serenely down upon the vales, filled with the happy homes of peaceful industry.

CONCLUSION.

Let us not then be the advocates of Mormonism, and opposers of our own form of Christianity, by counselling persecution and foreign control