

In the family, the fostering restraint of authority is necessary till certain age, and then the young bird, full fledged, flies off in joyous freedom, to assume its natural responsibility. So of Colonies—and one, in the Rocky Mountains, now asks the privileges of manhood from the parent States—that granted, and the vagaries of its youth in science of government will be discarded in the schooling of experience.

THE BIBLE.

But the proselyting from other Christian sects will be sadly interfered with, and checked, when the Bible shall be published as altered. Joseph the Seer. To be sure, each sect that gives an interpretation of the scriptures different from the apostolic sense, has a new Bible; they all keep the same words, and individual judgment is the standard that causes diversity, which is ever changing; and thus there is left the opportunity for a catholic, that is, universal opinion. But the Bible printed with the emendations which we before referred to, will not be the Christian's book of the present churches, than the Alcoran of Mohammed, or the Zendvesta. Then there will be something tangible showing the tendency of the doctrines, and a direct blow be aimed at the "once delivered to the Saint;" it will no longer be, in the minds of a transition and progression from one view to another, but necessitate an apostasy from one religion to a different creed, and to the worship of a different God.

These adult additions for bettering temporal condition, do not at the strength of the theocratic principle of their government. It will merely give power to the selfish element, to what they already complain is so common, and numerously represented by the "Mormonish," while, to carry out the proposed plan, there is required the complete disinterestedness; all that sinking of self in the prospering order, so conspicuous in the devoted, holy brotherhood, of the Jesuits. Whole families emigrate from abroad on account of the desire of a daughter, or one parent, who are converts—the *faith* of one or perhaps, making the *occasion*, not the *motive*, for the other man joining the society.

A fourth disturbing cause lies in the system of tithes. By this immense sums are accumulated, and put at the disposal of the Presidency, and its corrupting influences of irresponsible expenditure will soon or later be developed. It cannot be long before those restless, ambitious and talented persons, who are denied the great privileges which the treasures secure, will become dissatisfied at the sight of ease and luxury in the managers of what they may consider a *religious speculation*; some may envy the harems of the shepherds of the flock, supported indirectly by the labors of the hirelings. The toiling laborer in the dusty field may raise the question of unequal burdens, as the passenger rolls past with the music-band in the train, which even makes melody in the visiting processions and pleasure-rides on the mountains. The means for amusing the mind of the multitude, distracting attention from its own increasing power, are daily becoming less; while on the other hand, the burdens grow more and more exacting and are less voluntarily borne. The pressure for tithes from all quarters again vehemently made, and reminds of the times of Joseph, who was gaged on the Nubian temple.

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