

soon drove his recruiting officers from the Society Islands. In China the Tai-Ping rebellion engrossed the entire attention of the Celestials. From Hindostan went home most lamentable accounts of the measureless and unutterable stupidity and depravity of the natives. No "honest in heart" could be found. Even the Turks could not be wooed and won by the principle of "celestial marriage." And so it was everywhere. As for the 200,000,000 of Africa, and the representatives of the same race in the United States, Mormonism has no mission to them. The negro may be baptized if he seeks such salvation, but may not under any considerations be admitted to the priesthood, or receive the "endowment." For it appears that all black bodies are inhabited by spirits who, in that great war in heaven, took sides neither for nor against Jehovah but were neutral in the strife. So the curse is on them, and the church is bound to see that it is not removed.

Attempts to make converts in Catholic countries have been uniformly and everywhere as discouraging. In Ireland the preachers have never had more than their labor for their pains. A Latter-day son of St. Patrick is as rare as a white blackbird or a dodo.

Once upon a time a little company just from Salt Lake, and with an apostle at their head, climbed a high mountain in Italy, named it Mount Brigham, formed a branch and consecrated the land to the gospel, but nothing came of it. In France, a paper, "*Etoile du Deseret*," was started, the Book of Mormon was translated, and a great public discussion was held at Boulogne-Sur-Mer, and that was all. The elders were expelled from Austria, etc., etc., etc.

After years of assiduous angling it has been settled definitively that Utah has no bait with which Papists can be caught, and the theocracy accepts the situation and wisely transfers the fishers to other waters. It is only in Protestant lands that trophies can be won, where conscience is free and the Bible is held in honor. And there only from among certain classes. The ignorant are won, the credulous, those ravenous for marvels, and such as by some hocus-poens would be saved. "The Lord's queer people" likewise, and his "silly people." Religious cranks of all kinds, the uneasy and the unstable. And worse, the self-seeking and crafty, who, to serve their own lusts and eager for the spoils, scruple not to deceive and then to fleece the multitude.

The final phenomenon, and as striking as any other, relates to the infinite ease with which the Mormon faith may be put off, or to the frequent and wholesale apostasies with which the career of the church has been attended. A large majority of those who have received the message and been baptized, after a season of great fervor and zeal, have sooner or later lost their enthusiasm and gone back to their former state, or too often to something far worse. An experienced