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(Special Correspondence.)

Salt Lake City, Utan. Jan. 1, 1900. To the Canadian people it no doubt seems very strange that the Mormon church has such a strong hold upon its members, especially the women. Therein lies its great-est power. There are fewer temale than male apostates, and not many of either. The secret of the power of the church over women is found in the "Book of Mormon," which teaches that a woman's chances for eternal glory depend upon the number of wives her husband has. If her husband has only two or three wives he does not stand so well as he who has seven or eight. In taking these vives the husband is, according to these baneful teachings, obeying the Divine command, and, through him, his wives receive salvation. An unmarried person, especially a woman, is held to be of little consequence in this world, and the creed teaches, by mplication, that an unmarried woman cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven. That people should believe such odious doctrine in this age of civilization is indeed strange. And those who do believe it are as fanatical as were the persecuting fanatics of the dark ages who murdered those who differed from them. In addition, the wives of a numerously married man becomes queens and rulers in the next world, while those of a man not so numerously married become only servants. Of course all women want to be queens and rulers. It is necessary to make this plain in order that "gentile" readers may understand why women can sink all feelings of jestlousy, love and humanity and consent that another woman, women, should share her husband's affections.

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(President of the Church of Latter Day

but urge him to do so. There are exceptions, but they are few. power the husband holds over his wives is equally strong. According to the false teachings of the Mormon hurch, a wife cannot enter the kingdom of heaven except through husband's mediation. In the marriage ceremony a veil is placed over her face, and also upon her death. And on the morning of the resurregtion he raises that veil, This not only compels but inspires fear, and, huspand so wills it, she med to eternal death and damnation. Such teachings as the foregoing would be amusing, were they not so sacrilegious. Can it be any wonder that people so stifled with ignerance as to believe such teachings are so defiant and fanatical People here who understand the Mor mon people also understand that the trouble with these people and Ameri can institutions has just commenced In the first place, the Mormon church teaches that the "saints" are the "chosen people of the Lord," that the church is destined to rule over the United States, and, eventually, over the entire world, that this is the "true" church, and that, in order to carry out its destined work, the church should rule the state. is why the Mormon church interferes in politics. Of course, the leaders deny this, but their teachings prove the contrary. In short, they claim that the church is vested with both temporal and spiritual power, with the church-head as the supreme ruler. It is well to understand this subtle teaching, for behind it lie the frequent "agitations" and -political troubles of which outsiders do not get a very clear idea. This is why Utah made so many efforts to get statehood, and why a polygamist is wanted in congress. Perhaps Utah furnishes a solitary instance where statehood was promised in consideration that the people would cease violating a moral law.

About three-fourths of the population of the state are Mormons, and while many of the Mormons do not live in polygamy, and have not, they believe in it, nevertheless. If they did not they would not be Mormons, fer that is the main tenet of their Since the recent agitation began those who were lukewarm in the faith have rallied to the support of the church. It has solidified the church, and those who think that Mormonism is dead, or eyen dying, are greatly mistaken. It is believ-ed, and on good grounds, that polygamy is as much practiced now as ever. There is no way to prove the marriages which are celebrated in secret in the temple, but common report and circumstantial evidence support this supposition. It should also be recollected that the Mormon church officials never promised the United States government to permanently renounce polygamy. Had they done so they would have renounced their church. Furthermore, the offi-

cials claim that they have not the power to do so, as it is a "Divine command." Consequently they only "suspended" its practice. As no de-

finite time was stated, the "manifes-

A TITANIC STRUGGLE to suspending it can be repealed whenever the "prophet" has a "vision" to that effect. Of course, the gentile world will not know of this; such orders are issued secretly.

During the past year about 60,000 converts were added to the Mormon church as a greater increase than

church — a greater increase than during any previous year. The total number in the United States, according to official church reckoning, is 300,000.

In addition to controlling Utah, the Mormons now hold the balance of political power in Idaho and Ariz-In an interview a leading church official stated to me that the church was pushing its "colonies" into every state and territory and that fewer immigrants are being brought to Utah than heretofore. The reason, he stated, is that Utah is "pretty well filled up and other



OLD MOLMON PRINT-BRINGING LOME NEW WIFE.

fields must be prepared." In other words, the Mormons have political control of Utah and are colonizing other states and territories with the view of controlling them.

Considering these facts, it is not likely that the Mormons will give up the positical fight, no matter what congressional legislation may had. Believing that their "divine mission" is to rule spiritually and temporally, they may continue even to the point of resisting the govern-ment, as they have done before. Just before the civil war, when they numbered only 60,000 in Utah, they assassinated United States officials, drove others from the country, defied the courts and with an army of 5, 000 met the United States army, which had been sent out to quell the celebrated "Mormon rebellion." The same defiant spirit prevails now. They do not believe that any human government has a right to interfere with them - that theirs is a 'divine government."

The Mormons have no politics, as a principle - their first duty is to the church, and they vote for the "church candidate," irrespective of politics. In this union lies their strength. This unit system always has prevailed, and no doubt will so continue. It was thought by many that Mormonism would soon "die out under the influences of civilization. But it is not affected by surrounding civilization. On the contrary, Mor-monism grows in spite of it. They claim that no "commission, no law or earthly power, can destroy plural marriages. It has been tried and failed. In spite of the anti-poly-failed. In spite of the anti-polygamy laws of congress, polygamy still exists. It was thought that statehood was the remedy, but that has also failed. An amendment to the constitution is proposed. But in order to disfranchise a polygamist the crime must be first proven. Under the Edmunds law many polygamists swore that they were not living in polygamy, and, consequent ly, voted. It will be as difficult now to prove a secret plural marriage as it was then. Furthermore, there is a sufficient number of Mormons not living in polygamy to control all mon and gentile they are a unit. and this, with their communistic principles, gives them a power possesse other sect of equal numbers Very few "gentile" women vote, but the Mormon women never miss chance, and it is invariably a vote

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DR. MARTINEAU. of Comte. He was born in 1805, and studied in college at a time when degrees were denied to non-conformists. Dr. Martineau was associated with the Unitarian He was the implacable enemy of atheism, materialism, skepticism, and other negative tendencies of science and philosophy, but his critical conclusions are so radical as to qualify the high admiration his works upon philosophical lines war-His life was chiefly spent as

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