

themselves "Mormons," but "Latter - Day Saints."

Contrary to our expectations, we found them the most severely orthodox of any sect we have met. They believe in the plenary inspiration of the Old and New Testaments, and receive every word of these sacred books in absolute faith, and according to their literal reading, obscured by no scientific doubts or development theories. They cite profusely from the Bible in support of their every doctrine; and from the practices of Abraham, to the latest of the wise men of old whom we are taught to revere, they defend their views about polygamy: they claim that the practice was enjoined by the God of Abraham, and was followed by all the faithful of Abraham's seed; that it tends to purity and good order, and will prevent debauchery, celibacy, and the poverty and degradation of women. They do not claim that the teachings of the "Book of Mormon," in the smallest measure, contravene the teachings of the Old and New Testaments; but that it is merely an additional revelation, through a prophet of the Lord, coming down so late as four hundred and twenty years after the birth of Christ.

Mr. Cannon presented us with several volumes, which give a history of the Mormon