

The Latter-Day Saints.

The death of Brigham Young, "seer, translator, prophet, apostle, and elder" of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," rouses public interest in Mormonism.

The Mormon system is a theocracy. It embraces a complete hierarchy, at the head of which is the first president.

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All church trials are conducted before the Standing High Council, which consists of eighteen high priests, who are chosen by ballot.

A general conference, to manage general affairs, fill vacancies, to hear reports, etc., meets annually, in April.

This outline of the Mormon polity makes it plain that no more despotic system was ever devised.

In propagandism the Mormons have been very active. Their missionaries have penetrated to nearly every quarter of the globe.

As to what the Mormons' belief is there is some uncertainty. One of their principles, at least, has undergone a radical change.

power, and life are rarely or never presented at the present day. The very best men amongst us, if they should endeavor to improve these venerable standards, would find it as hard a task as any they ever undertook.

The Mormon Prophet.

The death of Brigham Young has called attention to the life and character of the leader in the most remarkable imposture which our age has seen.

It is not a mere imposture, an interesting fiction, a cruel man, capable of bloody crimes to secure his own advancement, is known to all who have read anything of the history of Mormonism.

What effect his death will have upon Mormonism remains to be seen. We believe that this repulsive imposture is decaying, and that the death of its leader will tend to its disintegration.

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