

ing followers are far better off than ever before: they are sure of comfortable support and a decent burial.

We met several Christian gentlemen of large intelligence, who were inclined to suspect that the growth of Mormonism was partly due to the evils which modern luxury and extravagance have brought upon us, in consequence of which young men cannot support a family, and young women are deprived of their natural exercise of the domestic affections. They say that it is quite certain, that, if the wealth which is earned by the nation were more evenly distributed, more women could get married; and that no young woman who could get a single husband would ever marry a man who had a plurality of wives; and that the Mormon Church is largely increased by those who seek refuge from poverty and degradation, against which the Gentile Church, with all its abounding luxury and riches, does not protect them.

Converts are coming in from the poorer class of the South. Scandinavia, Germany, England, Wales, and even Scotland (not Ireland), are sending recruits in abundance. The Church sends missionaries far and wide to promulgate its gospel, and promises a home forever, free from want, to all who will lead an industrious and frugal life. They do not call