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Part I. Our Work During 1919.

Owing to the extremely high prices on printing, it seems wise to curtail the size of this Annual to sixteen pages of the most essential facts, instead of the usual twenty-four. This is the more irksome because of the loss in Part II. which it must entail. There is need of a periodical issue for the facts on the Mormonism, instead of shortening this little Annual; but lack of time as well as means forbids any attempt at such an undertaking. Let us again suggest the importance of preserving all the Annuals as a permanent record of the important facts. Our files are intensely interesting and of great value.

THE REGION COVERED DURING 1919

Nearly all the work was in eastern Idaho. Wagons 1 and 3 worked in and near Idaho Falls all the winter and spring, and thence southward into Utah in late fall, until No. 1 was laid by in Tremonton in November because of lack of men, and No. 3 continued to Ogden region. No. 2 went West from the Falls late in 1918, and worked down west and then south of the Snake river during the winter and summer, then east to Malad and south to Ogden, where it closed the year with Bro. Hodge working from it alone.

SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES DURING THE YEAR

The scarcity of hay early in the year was quite a hindrance; but this was greatly increased by the drought during the summer, entailing a still greater shortage in hay for the following season, besides making pasture often unattainable, even after much time spent seeking for it. The greatly increased acreage devoted to sugar-beet culture instead of to hay is also a very great factor in the surprising change which has come about in a few years. Large regions have now no pasture land whatever, even cows being fed indoors. Both these facts and the immense increase in the use of automobiles have almost done away with livery stables, while garages are innumerable and every blacksmith shop of any size has Ford parts, at least. The writer spent many a day hunting pasture and hay last summer and fall instead of in the missionary work, and then was compelled to

stake teams out in streets in two cases, and finally to sell two teams and one harness for only \$90, rather than pay perhaps \$200 for winter keep of idle teams which might not be alive when needed this summer. These are the facts, largely, also, which led to the decision to equip two of the present wagons with one-ton trucks instead of longer using horses as motive power. While the shortage of hay may not be as great next year, the tendency is in that direction all around, and for these and the reasons given in the slip herewith, the change seems a very wise one. The cost is expected to be about \$775 for each outfit. Another difficulty, and far greater, was in the shortage of men, and the poor quality of some who were accepted, with misgivings, because others were not available. Two such, especially, caused great grief and hindrance by their conduct. We shall make redoubled effort to have enough men and of good quality this year. Unfortunately, similar troubles have not been limited to our work, but have been present occasionally from the beginning, as shown by Cain and Judas.

THE FIELD FORCE DURING 1919

The men remaining with the work in January and since are brothers Childress, Higgins and Hodge; and these are also the men who have been with the work the longest during its history. Bro. Childress has been with us about six years, Bro. Higgins about four and Bro. Hodge about ten in all. The other men this year were in the work from about seven months down to only eight days, respectively. **The greatest need of the work is the right kind of men, and enough of them.** The new folder sent with this Annual to all our supporters and the religious press is earnestly urged on the attention of every friend. If Mormonism can send out 1,000 men a year and we cannot find a dozen to go back with the true gospel, what will be the result, humanly speaking? Lay men of good gifts can be very useful. Will not every reader try and think of some one who should go? Surely there are enough, if the facts could only reach them so the Spirit could lead them to see their duty!

The average number of men, including the Secretary while there, was four and two-thirds. The writer was nineteen weeks in the field.

THE WORK DONE DURING 1919

Our Western work is threefold, as follows: First, the colporter work, in which we aim to visit every home with half an hour or so of personal religious conversation, explaining and awakening interest in the special printed matter which we then give them, and seeking to meet the spiritual needs of all as best we can. Second, the Bible work, in which, during these same calls, we endeavor to supply every home with the Word of God, and to awaken a fixed purpose for its daily, devotional, rational use. We also have gospel song books, and sometimes other books for sale. Third, the evangelistic work, in which we seek to hold one or more meetings in every settlement, at which the great fundamentals of religious truth, life and duty are emphasized and personal decisions for eternity are urged. All our workers are unsalaried, to avoid Mormon prejudice. Every worker fills out a Weekly Report blank every Saturday night, giving details about his work for the week in each of the above departments; and each is desired to write briefly every week,

I. OUR COLPORTER WORK

Despite the smaller force, the number of colporter calls was only about 800 less than in 1918. The average for the 18 years of the work is 12,428. The "flu" hindered this work, as likewise the evangelistic, considerably, early in the year, as did other illnesses in our force.

II. OUR EVANGELISTIC WORK

The evangelistic meetings numbered nearly twice as many as in 1918, though, mainly from being in smaller places, the attendance was smaller. The Secretary conducted 68 meetings and preached at 60, which had 4,614 present out of the total for the year given on succeeding statistical page. These meetings included the outdoor summer work, but were much hindered by the early cold weather and northern latitude; snowstorms began in October, instead of late November as is commonly the case. Nearly half the meetings for the year were held by brethren Hodge and Childress; in the region of small places west and south of the Snake River.

III. OUR BIBLE AND SONG-BOOK WORK

Our Bible and song-book work shows better results than last year, in both numbers and values, except that the number of song books sold was slightly smaller. The smaller places and country districts usually absorb the larger number of these books, partly because they have no other sources of supply. We think, also, that the Bible is being used and esteemed more than formerly; though still given small enough attention, and often used in a way which confirms the people in their idolatrous beliefs instead of remedying them. This happens when they

do not get beneath the surface of a passage which they have been taught to believe teaches their false ideas instead of the truth which is plainly there when its own voice from God is heard, instead of the error which has been thrust into it. Of course the only remedy for this is more Bible; and we try to teach the correct use of the Word, with context and everything taken into account, in place of the false use to which their teachers are accustomed so far as they use the Bible at all. Every one of our own booklets, which are given and carefully explained at every home, is full of helps along this line; and our sermons and talks bear directly upon it.

THE LITERATURE USED

Has been the same as last year; "About The Holy Spirit, and His Wonderful Works," "John Three Sixteen * * and Other Stories About Eternal Life" and the little gospel slips formerly used, with the addition of new ones on "The True Church," "Truth and Its Authority" and "Fighting Against the Truth"—very condensed statements, fitting the Mormon mind, on these subjects. Their essential truths are extremely needed all over the land.

IV. OUR EASTERN WORK

The Secretary spent more than the usual time in the West, the period from July 12 to November 25 being spent in Denver and west of that place—Mission business calling him there for a day each way on the long journey between Cleveland and the field. While waiting for the party needed, he took the picture of the new Mormon meeting house, and on Sunday attended their service and did some genuine missionary work at the close with their missionaries. Their new building cost some \$25,000, and is another evidence of what the intentions of Mormonism are—to thrust itself permanently into every community possible, with buildings sufficiently expensive both to attract and to seemingly evidence genuineness in the system. Note items about "temples" elsewhere in this Annual. Besides attending to the business management while in the field, and conducting all the meetings, the Secretary made about 400 calls in the regular colporter work. The conduct of the unworthy men already mentioned made this season the hardest upon him that he has thus far experienced, and meant lying awake nights as well as puzzling, prayerful and nerve-wearing hours and days. But so long as the Master had one false professed disciple, all branches of His work to-day may probably ex-

pect experiences of like import. And sadder if possible than their conduct in the West is the fact that such a man, in order to justify himself to his friends at home, will usually spread prejudiced reports about the work and its management, in the East. One man the past season was prevented from coming to us by such slanders—as we learned from him after he had engaged otherwise. We have heard of men who said they did not believe in any devil; but a year's experience in the Secretary's place would probably convince them that "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against * * wicked spirits in high places," (Eph. 6-12, margin) was seldom better illustrated not always outside the wagons.

Other matters prevented the Secretary's customary amount of travel and work looking for men during the spring of 1919. It is earnestly hoped and believed that this may not be the case this year; he intends to do much more than the usual amount of speaking and looking for men. Pastors and school officials who can open the way for addresses are desired to write as soon as possible; also any other friend who can help. The addresses are given with illustrations when desired and the stereopticon can be furnished; making probably the most informing and impressive showing of the facts which is available. Many of the slides are from originals made by the Mission camera. Each picture is used for its special message in the address, as a verbal illustration would be in a sermon; the lecture is thus not a mere showing of pictures strung together by some words. Its use should be limited only by the possibilities of time and strength on the part of the speaker.

PECULIARITIES OF THE YEAR'S WORK

Among the pleasant peculiarities of the year, one is very important as we look back upon it. The writer began his summer work in central eastern Idaho, and during the season talked with probably 900 men and women of the Mormon belief, besides other. He was impressed in this region with the number of people, especially men, who, when asked if they were of the Mormon belief, would reply with a deprecatory smirk in words like these: "Wall, I guess so; I was brought up in it, but I don't work at it much." This seemed to imply a liberalizing of view which was interesting and hopeful, if not a loss of faith in Mormonism, as is probable. It was often accompanied with indications, however, that the per-

son had little interest in any kind of religion. This is to be expected, often, as an incident of change from false religion to the true. We have always been especially careful to present the positive, constructive view of Christian truth most prominently, alongside of some evidences that the Mormon belief is neither reasonable or Biblical. We believe that the attitude noted is in part a result of the thinking brought about by our work. But it is also probably in part a result of the war and pleasure-seeking spirit, antagonizing all religious spirit, and bringing simple worldliness in the place which genuine religion should occupy.

Another symptom along the same line, which is evident all over Mormondom, is the small attendance at their own afternoon meetings. The Sunday-school is fairly attended by the youth and children; and the young people's meetings, (which are a cross between a literary society and a false sort of a Y. P. S. C. E. and were probably an imitation of the latter) is better attended, because affording an opportunity for social relations. So noticeable is the falling off of attendance at the afternoon service, (which is what we would call the preaching service) that an organized effort is being made this year to get the men out. Our judgment would be that the attendance has shrunk at least half, if not two-thirds, since we began our work nineteen years ago. Only in the more remote districts, according to the writer's experience, has the attendance kept up even approximately. This we believe is also to be accounted for from causes like those already mentioned—our work lessening faith in Mormonism being a prominent one.

We found almost none of the old-time belligerent attitude during the months spent in Idaho. On getting down into Utah there was some trace of it, but still not very much. This is partly due, no doubt, to better acquaintance with us, and partly to the less polemic character of the booklets and subjects which we are now presenting, as well as to a better understanding by us of the people. But we believe that very much of it is due to a better understanding of Christianity as having much truth which they need, and of us as being thus helpers to them in matters of faith. And further work of the same kind is the only known way to increase and strengthen this attitude, till it shall finally dominate. How we would like to have a dozen missionaries at work every day in the year, and of the best character and ability and piety! We could do at least triple our average thus

far. Pray and work that we may have them! (See our new folder "Wanted, a Gideon's Band!")

Allusion has already been made to the purpose of having automobile trucks under at least two wagons the coming year. One of the peculiarities of the latter part of last year's work was the slow, careful reaching conclusion that this was the wise course to pursue. Many inquiries were made of people who use such machines, and of dealers; and during the blizzard trip which stalled us on top of the mountains, autos were passing us by the dozen where our teams found it impossible to go through, after their experiences of the preceding day and night, without proper feed being obtainable at any price. If we had had the truck at the start, we would not have been in the blizzard at all to speak of, but would have been safely over in the Salt Lake valley, and without the accident which followed on the start the morning after being frozen in. This was the breaking of an axle, which necessitated leaving one wagon alone by the roadside for two days until we could get back with the mended axle. The storm meant a loss of about ten days' time for one man and horse expense. We feel sure that the change to trucks will be a help in many ways, though not without difficulties of its own. Will not all our good friends help to get them, if they are able to give extra? The usual running expenses of the work must of course be met, and at the increased costs of today, besides the truck expense. The entire amount should be in hand or definitely pledged by early in May. Perhaps some friend will give the whole cost of a truck. Particulars on application, gladly; see enclosed slip, also.

BEQUESTS TO THE MISSION

We would call special attention of all our friends to the fact that the Utah Gospel Mission is incorporated and competent to receive bequests for its work. Contrary to our thought before the field was so deeply known, there seems every prospect that such work as ours will be imperatively needed (of course with such adaptations in messages and method as changes in the people may require), for very many more years. Depending upon an individually-interested constituency, as the best interests of the field work require that we should do, we are especially in need of permanence in income from such friends. Life is uncertain to all of us, at best. If friends looking ahead, as all should do, would arrange either that a definite sum shall come to the work or that their usual gift shall be continued for a number of years, safeguarded in any way they may desire, the interests of this exceedingly urgent work would be made more sure. Or, the Mission will receive capital sums and pay definite income to the donor during life. We shall be glad to answer inquiries on these matters.

CONDENSED SUMMARIES

Of the Work Done, Literature Used, and Expenses,
For the Year 1919 and from the Beginning of
the Field Work in June 1901.

IN THE WEST.

(Both calling and meetings were hindered by the influenza early in the year.)

Calls made in the regular visitation.....	10,085
Invitation calls, about.....	1,533
(These calls were mostly made in families, containing about 60,000 people.)	
Settlements visited this year.....	118
(Of these about 107 were destitute of Christian work)	
Our special gospel meetings held.....	154
(In 78 of the 106 places visited)	
Total attendance at these meetings.....	8,179
(Average attendance 53, largest 250)	
Pages of gospel literature carefully used, mostly ours..	1,134,298
Bibles, Testaments and portions sold or given.....	3,297
Gospel song books sold.....	492

IN THE EAST.

Addresses by the Secretary, 21; attendance 1,600; literature used or sold from the office, 138,152 pages; miles traveled by rail east and west, about 7,800.

TOTAL SUMMARIES, 1901 to 1919, INCLUSIVE.

IN THE WEST.

Total number of Colporter visits made.....	223,714
Total number of invitation calls made, about.....	80,312
Total of all calls, about.....	304,026
Total number of different settlements visited, about....	692
(Of these we have held meetings in about 603 places About 585 of the 692 were destitute of Christian work.)	
Total number of meetings held.....	3,289
Total attendance at these meetings.....	243,332
(Average attendance 74, largest 1,000.)	
Pages of literature used, mostly of our special kinds....	23,541,272
Total Bibles and portions sold and given.....	22,440
Total song-books sold.....	4,378
Miles traveled by wagons, about 36,000, probably 54,000 more on foot and horseback; total.....	90,000

IN THE EAST.

The totals of the eastern work are as follows: Addresses by the Secretary, 754; circulation of his articles, etc., in the press, about 3,975,000; literature used or sold from the office, about 3,349,000 pages; miles traveled by rail, about 123,400.

Total cost of all the above (both east and west).....	\$55,884.19
Total pages of literature used, east and west, about....	26,890,402
Weight of this literature, 19½ tons, besides the un- known weight of over 22,400 Bibles and portions sold.	

OUR FINANCES DURING 1919

These are in fairly good condition. The balance brought over is the largest in our history. But it includes the amount received from the sale of teams and harness, and other amounts given towards the

auto trucks, both totaling perhaps \$250; and the remainder of the increase is mainly due to the small force latterly engaged in the field. With our usual force and without the special amounts just noted, our financial condition would be less favorable than in some recent years; and if we were to buy new teams instead of trucks it would take mostly all the increase, with extra heavy field and printing and travel costs still to meet. Increased gifts seem absolutely necessary.

RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED BY SOURCES.

Balance in Cleveland Trust Co., Jan. 3, 1919:	
In Emergency Fund (not for ordinary expenses).....	\$ 500.00
In Current Expense Fund	731.31
From United Presbyterian Home Mission Board.....	700.00
One contribution of \$250.....	250.00
Three contributions of \$200.....	600.00
Am. Bible Society, Bibles sold.....	1,543.52
Three contributions of \$100.....	300.00
Four contributions of \$50.....	200.00
Four contributions of \$25 each.....	100.00
One contribution of \$15	15.00
Nine contributions of \$10.....	90.00
Interest on funds, saving account.....	41.28
Refund (expenses repaid, or counted twice).....	4.32
From collections, addresses, etc.....	97.90
Main literature receipts, \$54.06; song books, \$54.88....	108.94
Cash gifts in field.....	24.32
Smaller gifts and unclassified sums.....	310.18
Equals total receipts	\$ 5,616.77
Deducting Emergency Fund, \$500 leaves receipts and balance for Expense Fund	5,116.77
Deducting from this the refund, interest and Bible, song-book and literature sales, leaves the actual contributions for the work during 1919.....	3,472.77
(Besides the above there were many gifts of eatables, feed for teams, etc., in the West, possibly \$150 in all.)	

EXPENDITURES, CLASSIFIED BY OBJECTS.

For railroad and field expenses of missionaries.....	\$ 1,604.64
For printing, for both eastern and western work, 24,000 booklets for field use, stationery, Annual, etc.....	728.30
For Bibles, song-books and other books, total.....	1,017.74
For office and traveling expenses of Secretary in eastern work, telephone, postage, etc. (about 3,800 miles of travel)	228.92
Unclassified amount	147.69
Equals total expense, 1919	\$ 3,727.29
Subtract book-cost above, leaves cost of missionary work..	\$ 2,709.55
Add Emergency Fund.....	500.00
And balances in Expense Funds, Jan. 3, 1920 (Treasurer's, \$1,373.46, and Secretary's of \$16.02).....	1,389.48
Equals total receipts	\$ 5,616.77
About \$250 of this is towards purchase of new trucks.	

BUDGET FOR 1920

The following estimate of necessary expenses for the coming year is of course only an estimate, but is the best possible at this time. It is larger than usual, partly because of the truck costs; we fear the estimate for field costs is too small.

Expenses of present force till July 1.....	\$ 375.00
Full force of nine men, July to January, and R. R.....	1,250.00
Printing for field use, (12,000 sets) and freight.....	600.00
"Rent Account," (outside figure), 'phone, etc.....	224.00
Office expenses, Secretary's travel, postage, etc.....	275.00
Eastern printing, (Annual, etc.).....	200.00
Two trucks and adaptation of bodies.....	1,550.00
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Total estimated expense for 1917.....	\$ 4,474.00

Mormon "elders" say there is no polygamy, but the President who died in Nov. 1918 had had six families, and his successor, H. J. Grant, has four. When the stir was being made as to the facts last Fall, we were told of three new cases in one town in Utah. As long as polygamous "gods" are worshipped polygamy must remain the ideal for humanity too.

NEW COMMENDATIONS.

The Synod of Utah, representing work at 34 points, with 21 churches and 19 resident ministers, our work having been done repeatedly at nearly or quite every point occupied, passed the following at its meeting Aug. 28, 1919:

"Resolved, That the Synod of Utah bears testimony to the missionary spirit of the Rev. John D. Nutting and to the missionary value of the work of the Utah Gospel Mission, especially in fields not occupied or visited by other agencies of the Christian Church."

The pastor of the leading church in a large town where we worked two weeks last summer, who knew something of our financial and other difficulties, wrote as follows:

" * * * I should think that in face of the fact that yours is practically the only work that is being done in that field there ought to be no hesitation whatever in people contributing liberally to its support. The house to house method is their (the Mormons) own method, and their growth is largely due to the efficiency of that system. You are combating them with their own tools, which disconcerts them more than any other. It also strikes at the very heart of their system, and does more than anything else to cripple them. * * * It is the verdict of Gentile people here that is is the effective method of missionary work among them. * * * I think that your men are doing splendid, sacrificial work. We remember you all in our prayers."—A. F. Colver.

From another pastor who has experienced our work in several successive parishes where he was pastor:

"I have been familiar with the work of the Rev. J. D. Nutting for many years, and have met his workers, and think that they have done good work in this State. And I would recommend young Christian workers to take a year's training under him as a preparation for regular church work."—S. Allison.

Part II. News of Mormon Activity, Etc.

Lack of room compels painful abbreviation of this section. We give only the most important items, briefly.

Josephite Mormonism

We are frequently in receipt of facts showing that this eastern, non-polygamous kind is more active than usual. The most notable instance which has reached us is in a Michigan city, where Josephites have two organizations and Utah Mormonism one. The Josephites held a sort of revival meeting last winter for a number of weeks, and by intensive methods and ability in presenting the false claims of the sect they secured somewhere near 60 converts, numbers of them out of genuine Christian churches. We attended one service there and talked for nearly two hours with a sizeable group of them afterwards, stopping only when compelled to go to our evening appointment. Except on subjects like polygamy, which Josephites really repudiate, their arguments were such that we could easily have imagined ourselves in Utah—the same beliefs, the same twisting of Scripture, and even the same thrusting of his finger into one's face by the leader to make a point very strong! A pastor asked us to go with him and visit a convert from his church next day. After showing her the utter falsity of the teaching and history as it had been given her by the "elder," including Jos. Smith's "Inspired and Corrected" Bible, (which Josephites use and Brighamites reject), the "Caractors" of Smith, etc., we asked her if she ought not to have gone to her pastor with these new ideas before accepting them and joining the Mormons. She replied, "I was going to, but the elder said it was all right, I didn't need to." She soon saw how she had been deceived, burst into tears and gave it up—forever, we trust.

A pastor in a Pennsylvania town writes that one of his deacons had joined the Josephites and was trying to get other members of his (Baptist) church away. The pastor ordered literature, and should be able to shed enough daylight to make things clear to all.

A pastor in a M. E. church in Connecticut, who heard the writer speak in Boston years ago, thus knew where to send for information when "Elders" came to his place and began getting some people to

follow them. He is wide awake, and is posting himself to let in the light indeed.

The work of Bishop Evans, of Toronto, Can., who was noted in our last Annual as having left the Josephite body and doctrine with most of his congregation, seems to have prospered. They purchased a large church opposite to the theater where meetings had been held, and have had good congregations and success. We wish that many more may see the light likewise. Our issues 4, 6, 18 and 19 are suitable to help Josephite Mormons; especially the last two on list, inside covers of this Annual. Send them by mail to any Josephite you know.

Some years ago a Josephite elder named LaRue was in charge of the branch in Philadelphia, and then in Brooklyn. From reading literature showing the false basis of Mormonism, he left it, studied in the Christian ministry at Rochester Seminary, and has now published a book showing the fraudulent character of the system, entitled "The Foundation of Mormonism," which contains much valuable matter. It is issued by F. H. Revell, New York and Chicago, \$1.25.

The Josephites, as well as the Brighamites, are using the press largely. A recent issue of their paper says: " * * * will afford a wonderful opportunity to get into the local papers with some of our church history. This is the centennial of the angel's first visit to Joseph Smith and the initial step in the Restoration. We feel that these two subjects afford material that is interesting for any newspaper, and so have written up two articles that we are prepared to furnish you in the form of electros if you will make arrangements with your local editor to use one * * * We suggest that the interest and value will be greatly increased if the editor will append cuts of the "Caractors" and first page of the "revelation from God," stating the Joseph Smith was the "Author and Proprietor" instead of God—see our tracts for the truth. We wish we had means and time to counteract Mormon use of the general press by the TRUTH. There is a big job waiting for some one, financially and otherwise!

Both kinds of Mormonism seem to be making unusual efforts just now to spread themselves. Josephitism seems to have been growing far the fastest for a few years, largely because of its untrue denial that it is Mormonism at all. Utah Mormonism has been

sending out many more emissaries of late, fifty new arrivals being noted in one recent paper, at only three of the seven "missions" in the U. S. Some 200 are said to be working in the "Eastern States Mission," which comprises, roughly, all the states east of the Ohio line, and is managed from the Brooklyn building shown last year. Eleven were shown in a recent cut as working in Maine alone. The activity of evil must be met by increased activity by the good, or the evil will triumph, at least temporarily. So let us be busy—this is the age of autos, airplanes and wireless, and no time to be laggards in the cause of Christ or souls! "Awake, thou that sleepest!"

The Utah Mormons have completed their "Temple" in the Hawaiian Islands, at Laie. We showed the architect's design in this Annual two years ago; the completed structure is shown here. The dedicatory



services were reported at length in the Mormon papers; the Salt Lake dignitaries were there, with much effort at effect, a total of 1239 people attending and 81 speakers, as the report reads—the dedication occurring on our Thanksgiving Day! The reports tell how the dignitaries were honored by the authorities and people. Clearly they did not know much about Mormonism.

The Canadian "temple" is not done yet. Another like building is planning to be built at or near Mesa, Arizona, in which State there are more Mormons than in any other, save Utah and Idaho, and where nothing has been done for them except our Brother Hodge spending one winter there in a tent under our direction. An unknown brother writes from there this week asking for information and tracts, speaking as follows, in part: "I travel a great deal among the Latter Day Saints or Mormons here in Arizona. It is lamentable to see what awful ignor-

ance the masses of them are steeped in regarding the TRUTH. Would it be possible for you to favor me with some of your literature for distribution? I am a poor man, having lost all my "substance" fighting asthma for over thirty years, but out here am almost entirely free from it." We sent this brother samples, an outline of our methods, and assurances of aid if possible; we hope to hear of good results in future. As far as we can calculate from the map, the regions of Arizona occupied chiefly by the Mormons aggregate about the area of Connecticut and Rhode Island, or about 6,600 square miles; with thirty-odd settlements where they have organizations. This region should be covered by our kind of work every other year, instead of being almost entirely neglected as now. One good man and wagon or auto could be kept very busy doing the work. Will some one make this possible?

Utah Mormonism still keeps up the newspaper propaganda noted in our last Annuals. It expected to put at least \$100,000 into this the first year, 1918, and has probably fully equalled that sum in 1919. We have the whole series. A recent one argued with a bold headline across two columns, for the "Eternity of Sex," which is one of the prominent Mormon doctrines; and all are calculated covertly or openly to spread the evil doctrine and practice of this vile system. We have often wished that an equal amount of money might be wisely used annually to get brief, attractive, catchy articles about the great Christian realities in truth and life placed before all who would read. Why should evil have such a monopoly? We see the statement that the Mormon articles in non-Mormon papers have a circulation of two and one-half million copies every week!

The possibilities of results favorable to Mormonism are perhaps equaled by the cupidity of papers which will knowingly admit such poison to their columns. We have long felt that one of the greatest results of Mormonism was one not generally counted at all, the defilement of the religious thought of multitudes who unconsciously accept even a little of the false teachings of emissaries or printed matter so industriously thrust upon them. And the current vagueness of religious thought—or lack of thought—is one of the greatest aids in such process; a definite, almost fanatical false faith can easily penetrate a fog-bank, even of truth, in many minds. One remedy for this condition, and the most fundamental one, is to fill people's minds with the definite, positive truths of

the Bible and their proofs; the other is to give them also the knowledge of the falsities of Mormonism and other cults. Every pastor should aim to do both of these, and every editor who is qualified along such lines. Our Publication List, (cover pages 2 to 4 of this Annual), contains tracts for both of these uses which are difficult to surpass. Our "Mormonism in a Nutshell" gives the gist of the facts about Mormonism and our work, with the List; sent for 10c per 100 for distribution, or sample for stamp. Use them.

The report of twenty high-school girls in a solidly Mormon town who became unmarried mothers in one year would be unbelievable were its source not practically beyond question both morally and as to knowledge of the facts. Public dancing and Mormon emphasis of sex probably both helped, with other facts. But what an awful situation where such a thing is even possible!

The Conference reports in Salt Lake City last May gave these important figures; during 1918 there were 14,761 baptisms (converts and children at 8), and 5,752 deaths; considerable increase in tithing, amount not reported; outgoes, including new temples, etc., \$2,645,310. Baptisms for the dead, 175,526, and endowments 78,001—both "temple" work.

A woman in Massachusetts writes a pitiful letter asking for light, because the Utah emissaries working there had almost persuaded her to go to them. Some strong facts went to her by letter and in print; but at last accounts she seemed not to grasp the points well, and to be still allowing herself to remain under the emissaries' influence rather than deciding to keep away from such known temptation. Why will not people keep away? Sometimes it really seems as if the "elder" had hypnotic influence; if not, Satan certainly has power and the two work together to get souls.

This very morning a letter comes from far-away Belgium asking for help and facts with which to rebuff the efforts formerly made, with results enduring through the war, by Mormonism in that country, where he says they have still two "churches." He adds: "I do not suppose you have any literature in French or Dutch, but if you have I would be pleased to have some. The Mormons have a large establishment in Paris and are circulating quantities of literature in French speaking countries." (We had not heard of this; possibly a mistake.) We sent on a gift of some 400 pages, giving all the facts, with

permission to translate or use in anyway he thought best for the cause. This brother is connected with the "Ecole Biblique de Belgique," (Bible Institute of Belgium) in Brussels, Belgium. May the truth be effective there!

THE REAL MORMON ISSUE.

The fundamental need of the Mormon people—that alone which will solve the problem so it will STAY solved—is the TRUE RELIGION in place of their false and really pagan system. That is the whole issue in a nutshell. The every-day Mormon is such because he believes his system to be the ONLY TRUE RELIGION. All the other evils of the system depend on this. Make him see that his doctrine contradicts every fundamental teaching of the Bible and reason, and he will begin to open his eyes, and if honest with the truth, to change his belief and character. That is the only way to solve the Mormon problem. We are just as surely in a great battle of religions as ever were Elijah and Ahab; and the issue is the same, "If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." (I Kings, 18:17-40.) The Mormon leaders are the Ahabs; the rest of us must be the Elijahs if the battle is to be won! Legal measures also have their place.

HELP spread the facts; HELP find the men; HELP find the means needed for the work both East and West!

Few opportunities for effective Christian service equal that offered by the Utah Gospel Mission. We at all times wish to learn of men fitted for the work, somewhat as follows: *Physically*, a man should have at least fair health and vigor; *mentally*, at least fair ability, and the more education the better; in *disposition* he should be persevering to the end, but also adaptable in non-essentials and able to get along easily with others in close relations; *morally*, above reproach; *religiously*, thoroughly converted and consecrated, willing to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," full of love for God and souls, well-grounded in Bible truth. He should be able to present these fundamental truths well, either in public address or private conversation; to sing gospel hymns, and if possible to play the organ also. Men who can meet this characterization fairly well and can give at least one year with only expenses provided, are invited to write the Secretary at once.

ITEMS FOR SPECIAL GIFTS—About \$275 will pay the entire individual expense of a worker for a year, and \$125 more provides the cost of the literature used, feed for team, etc., \$600 buys a wagon, outfit and team complete; \$1,000 covers the entire expense of a year's work of a wagon and its three men. Some friends have pledged the cost of one man's work; one the cost of this for three years; others half the cost, etc. It is greatly desired that churches and individuals thus assume such definite part of the work as they may be able, whether it be either of the above sums or otherwise. Life memberships in the Mission are \$25; sustaining memberships, \$5 per year; annual memberships, \$1 per year. Correspondence invited; the need is very urgent.

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