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Faith

PEOPLE who believe in Christian Science have a profound regard and reverence for Mrs. Eddy. They look upon her as one who found the faith which the Master taught and which the world had lost. Without discussing her work it still is in order to point out that faith is about the most vital force which attaches to men. Men never accomplish anything unless they have faith that the reward is sure if they but work long enough and hard enough.

The old story told of Bishop Berkely is illustrative of this. He was preparing to leave England to carry out the plan he had evolved of planting the gospel among American savages. The members of the Scriblers club, being met at dinner at Lord Bothurst's house, agreed to rally Berkely, who was likewise a guest, on his scheme which they held to be but a visionary and intangible undertaking. Berkely listened to all they had to say, most of which was in ridicule of his scheme, begged, when they had finished to be heard in his turn, and then unfolded his plan with such force and enthusiasm that his listeners were astounded. They were, the story says, struck dumb, and after a pause rose up all together with earnestness, explaining: "Let us set out with him immediately."

That is Berkely's unflinching faith had absorbed his life, and had become so much his inspiration that it was from a higher plane that he talked to those dinner guests, and took their spirits captive. The whole world's history is filled with incidents showing how faith alone is sufficient to cause men to brave any hardship or danger and to meet death itself with a smile. It does not belong to religious matters alone; rather it enters into every man's daily life and often absolutely controls men. We see an inventor spend years working upon a machine. People say he is impelled by hope or backed by a mathematical principle which he believes is sound. But the secret is that behind the science and the hope there is an abiding faith which he cannot explain but which whispers every day to his subconscious mind that he will surely win.

In religion it is the attribute that makes people naturally timid to face any fate that comes to them; in business it is that attribute which steadies judgment and holds men up to their work when to outsiders the work has already proved a failure, when business judgment falters and hope itself begins to grow cold. The Master said it was sufficient in itself to move mountains and we suspect if the truth was known that those were the impelling words which caused Mrs. Eddy to believe that if indeed we are all divine, or that there is a divinity within us, then for the ill of this body that divinity should be able to call to itself the help needed to cure the sick.

And looking about us we can all discern and pick out the men who have nursed within their souls the faith that for honest toil and a blameless life there surely must be a reward in this life or in the life to come, and hence have never faltered nor complained.

Growing As Never Before

THE progress being made in building up Salt Lake is almost startling. Where will be the people to fill all these homes? is asked by the timid, but a city of a hundred thousand inhabitants has quite ten per cent of its people wanting offices and then as the city is growing it will soon pass the hundred

thousand mark. No one seems to doubt that the new hotels will be occupied to the limit when completed. A vast number of business men want better accommodation than they now have and a large number cannot at present obtain any place at all that will do. So far the demand has outrun the supply of business plans and the people are multiplying faster than the houses. The residence sections are stretching out in all directions, the demand for homes is insatiable. Surely Salt Lake City is on an up grade such as no other city between the seas can parallel.

Time To Take Account of Stock

AS the year draws near its close, it is a custom of merchants to take account of their stock that they may adjust the year's business, mark its gains and losses, and, from the stock on hand, decide the direction of their next purchases. It is accepted as the only safe rule. In the same way it is well for different creeds to take account of their stock, to mark the year's gains and losses and to try to discover what in their stock is, so to speak, unsalable. It is something which the chiefs of the dominant creed in Utah should initiate. They are their predecessors have been cultivating that creed here for more than three-score years. For thirty-five years of that time they had undisturbed rule. They were a law unto themselves. In the midst of this free republic, they sought to lay strong and deep the foundations of an alien government of their own. Then came organized opposition to them, which they sought to fight off; in the effort they caused vast sufferings among their followers, but at last they were overcome. Their property was threatened with confiscation and disfranchisement hung over them, and they were forced to sue for pardon and to promise to henceforth place their system in full accord with the government which the fathers founded. That gave them a respite, it gave their people peace and kindled in their souls a sweeter hope than they had ever nursed before.

They have broken the covenants they then made; they have called up their old tyranny and exercised it upon their faithful followers; so far as possible they have enacted the old bogus claim that they have a divine right to rule this people; they have done it, too, in the face of the contribution and the ones which they themselves helped to ratify at the polls.

But can they look over their stock as this old year is going out and say they are holding their own? They had better retreat while they can, had better retreat or take their children out of school and keep the daily newspapers out of their homes, or, so sure as the world, there will be a revolt against them. For while China and Persia and Turkey are throwing off the old tyrannies, it is idle to expect that free-born American children can always be held under a bogus control.

We are aware that a bigoted Mormon reading the foregoing will instantly declare that the writer is an enemy of the Mormon church. To such an one we would say: Your prophet declared that the constitution of the United States was an inspired instrument. When one considers what has followed its adoption, he must admit that judging by what has followed its adop-

tion, the ^{Temple} seems very strong that it was inspired, for ^{Temple} in its conception or in the results of its adoption can be compared to it. Well, if it was inspired, then it should be obeyed. And if the founder of a religion was willing to admit that it was inspired, then he hardly went to work to found something that would neutralize its most important provisions. The purpose of it, above all others, was to emancipate the souls of men in their work of free government, from the rule of kings and priests. This was to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people, not a government by a prophet for a bunch of priests and for graft and power. You will notice that by the terms of that instrument, your boy was to have an equal opportunity to gain a fortune and honors with the son of Reed Smoot or Joseph F. Smith. Has your boy that equal chance now? You may be satisfied that he has more sense than any one of either of those named, but has he an even chance with the others so long as you and the others of your faith are willing to have those men name the candidates and then order you how to vote?

We have no reference to your church government. That is a mother of conscience among men. Our criticism begins only when your priestly authorities go out of their sphere, and on the strength of their priestly offices order you to disobey the constitution and laws of this republic and this state. Hence you, the Mormon people, should likewise, as the old year draws near its close, take account of your stock. Have you done the right thing by your wife and children during the year. If you took the advice of Nephi Morris how to vote because you understood that he spoke for your creed, then you violated the constitution and laws of your state and country, then you degraded yourself and by indiscretion degraded those whose lives are intertwined with yours.

If you are a real man, then you should determine that your high priests should get out of politics and that in Utah as in other states there shall be a complete separation of church and state, and that no church shall evermore usurp any of the functions of the civil government, that the laws shall be obeyed and that you and your children shall be politically free.

Wendell Phillips

HAD Wendell Phillips lived until today he would have been ninety-eight years old.

He won a great name in his lifetime, but it seems like a long time since he died. It is twenty-five years since he passed away; but he then had won his great name. And yet it lacks two years of a hundred since he was born. That proves that an ordinary life is long enough in which to accomplish something if a mortal works and has genius. Phillips surely had genius. He was one of that great circle of New Englanders which gave a special radiance to their section between the first and last quarter of the last century. Among them all he was acknowledged the foremost orator. On the platform he could sway men as the tempest sways the forest. He was a born fanatic. He grew up in Boston, graduated from Harvard and studied law. But he would not practice his profession. The constitution made property in slaves as sacred as any other form of property, hence he would never take an oath to support that constitution. Boston had large and intimate relations