

NEW RITUAL SERVICE.

The Manner in Which Jack-Mormons are to be Received in the Church.

Timely Suggestions for the May Conference to Consider.

The following ritual service has been prepared for the reception of Jack-Mormons into full fellowship in the church, and should be adopted by the next Conference, for general use in receiving that class of persons.

The candidate being brought forward in presence of the whole congregation, is placed before the members of the holy priesthood present, and is required to prostrate himself and kiss the feet of each one three times, in token of his unqualified submission to them.

He is then required to deliver to them everything of value about his person, even to a button or a pocket knife, in token of what he may expect for time to come.

Being placed upon his feet again, he is required to stand with his head bowed down and if possible, to tremble as though overwhelmed with a sense of the greatness of the awful presence in which he stands, while he is thus addressed:

"Despicable cur! The Mormon Church has been established for the purpose of elevating to complete supremacy over the souls and bodies of men, the holy priesthood; of blotting out the civilization of the nineteenth century, and of preventing the so-called social evil by making the home a brothel in the name of religion, and under the sanction of universal custom. Its privileges are entire freedom from all the restrictions of God's moral law, these restrictions being intended only for sinners, and having no authority with Saints. Its most important duties are the avenging of the blood of Joseph Smith, and eternal hostility to Republican Government and free institutions. Your well known lack of brains and of manly principles have excluded you from any desirable society or avocation in the States, but present no bar to fraternal relations with us which are about to be established. Finding that you were gaining only the contempt of Gentiles and the partial favor of Mormons by your half antagonistic and half bespittle course, we have thought that it would be more profitable for you to fully commit yourself to our care, be baptized and receive the Holy Ghost. We have marked well your meanness and duplicity, and judge that you are made of the right material for our kingdom. Before you are received, however, we expect you to declare your faith and avow your purposes by answering the following questions?

"Do you believe in going to Heaven by the way of Nauvoo? Do you believe in 'sending Gentiles to hell 'cross lots?' Do you believe that we have made the desert blossom as the rose?" To all of which the candidate answers, "I do."

"Do you further believe in the Holy Trinity, viz' George A., Daniel H. and Brigham? Do you believe in the Order of Enoch, in Patriarchal blessings at two dollars each, in propagating half brothers and half sisters, and in the Deseret alphabet? And do you believe that Brigham will yet be President of the United States, in the efficacy of goose oil in sickness, and in the location of Kolob?"

Answer—"All this I steadfastly believe."

"Do you solemnly promise to hold everything you do now or ever shall possess, together with your soul, your body, your conscience, subject to the commands of Brigham and other members of the Priesthood? And do you promise to regularly pay your tithing, whatever may become of your family, to patronize exclusively the Co-op., to oppose all Gentile business interests, all city and Territorial improvements, and whatever else would please or add to the comfort of Gentiles? And do you promise to take your whisky straight, and to oppose all fancy drinks, and whatever else is contrary to the Word of Wisdom, and to spend one hour every night before sleeping, (excepting only such occasions as when you are drunk) in cursing Gentiles, President Grant and the American Congress—binding yourself under no less a penalty than that of excommunication, and exclusion from all religious visiting, revelling and prayer meeting dances?"

"I do."

The candidate is then spit upon in the face and a brass collar with chain attached, is fastened securely around his neck, by which he is led away to be baptized, once for himself and fifty times for the dead.

In Provo, Bishop Smut is expected to propound the questions—Bishop Scoop to fasten the collar—Bishop Avoirdupois to do the spitting in the face, and Greatheart, District-Attorney Mildew, and his honor the non-commissioned Gooseberry, the baptizing.

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