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A MORMON DEFENSE.

The revelations in the Smoot investivation have tin's protest against "the growing dislike for the put the Mormon hierarchy on the defensive. Inside higher kinds of poetry," has already been the subthe church there was developed a spirit of revolt ject of many a jest from the paragraph makers, for, on the part of the young men and women that was whatever may be Mr. Austin's own opinions, the alarming to the leaders, says the Call. This re- consensus of the competent has decided that the volt was in the form of opposition to the polyga- gift for producing "the higher kinds of poetry" mous teachings of the church and the polygamous is not his.

William Watson is entitled to be heard with all practice of President Smith and some of the apostles The defense runs, therefore, to an appeal to seriousness, for he is a true poet, who falls not far these uneasy members of the church, which is indi- short of greatness. He accuses all save the elect rectly a defense of polygamy, by declaring that few among English readers of indifference to the the opposition to it in the gentile world is produced great traditions of English literature and of igno rance of its glories. Of Shakespeare they know by immoral practices among Gentiles.

If the church can demonstrate to its faithful something, of Milton they have heard, but beyond this they hardly go. Mr. Austin avers that men and members that polygamy is moral because those women of Wadsworth's and Coleridge's generation who oppose it are guilty of immoral practices, it siezed upon new poems with avidity, cherished them may check the spirit of schism in its own ranks. learned them by heart, quoted them, but that their The fact that the defense is of this character is descendants have totally different tastes. It is perevidence of the strait in which the leaders find haps true that cultivated tastes are no longer so themselves. When President Smith returned from much taken for granted as the accomplishments of Washington and was met by his five wives and money and a certain amount of social influence as thirty-two of his forty-two children, there was a they were two generations ago, but it is also quite public acknowledgement following the admissions likely that we over-estimate the extent of the culin his testimony that he is the head of a harem. tivation of the first half of the ninteenth century.

While the enthusiasm of his fellow rulers of the The truth is that it is the clever people, the cultivat-Mormon world was unabated and they hailed him ed people among our ancestors who chiefly survive as a religious hero, a considerable part of the mem- and come down to us in anecdote and story. The bership did not share in these ascriptions to the "comfortably-fixed" or the poor and uncultivated leader. These look upon polygamy as an unnatural are not the ones whom their descentants remember condition and their association with the growing or talk or write about. Three distinguished great-Gentile population makes them ashamed of it. It great grand parents are a large portion to adorn becomes necessary then to impress them that the anybody's family tree; but for the three of dis curing indigestion, stomach, kidneys Gentile society with which they associate is un- tinction there are always thirteen others of more or or liver trouble. His breathing exerworthy of their respect and that they should not less mediocrity. We should be thankful if we know cise is the only cure for weak lungs. permit their conduct to be influenced by their opin- them as fairly honest, God-fearing folk. It is someions. If this plan succeed they are driven back thing even, if they escaped hanging. into the church and all that it teaches, and to a However it may be in England, in America peofirm support of the leaders and all that they prac- ple still discuss poems and learn them by heart. It classes, giving women an equal footis true Mr. Austin's are not treated in this fashion, tice. The Deseret News, the church organ, has under- but Mr. Watson has not entirely escaped such taken this work and carries it on by what we be marks of affection, nor has Mr. Steven Phillips, lieve to be a thorough misrepresentation of Gentile while Kipling at one period was loaded with them. sentiment. In its discussion the News says: " 'Re- It is always the few who do these things, however. fined society was much more shocked at the num- It always has been, it always will be the few. Mr. ber of President Smith's children than even over Watson admits that there are English readers, the fact that he acknowledged the wives whom he "true lovers of books," who still prefer "a style Frank, dry goods wedded previous to the issuance of the 'manifes- that has breeding and pedigree," and he knows to.' So with the course of other 'Mormons' in the himself to be approved by them. In addition, howsame status. The objectionable thing is that child- ever, he admits that he would like "the direct, vivid ren are born to these plural wives. Punishment for stimulating sensation of fame."

houses. On his return from Washington, after his PDAF general reception, he paid visits of courtesy to each of these five homes of his forty-two children. It the Deseret News thinks that "refined" or any other form of society has no objection to that spectacle it is mistaken. If the young Mormons will choose to think he will learn that that which in the Gentile world is regarded as vice is taught by the church to be heaven inspired virtue. Non-Mormon society is by no means free of offenses and vices. but its conscience stamps them as such. The Mormon conscience, on the other hand, is taught to regard those very offenses as moral and elevating when they are enjoined by "revelation" and practiced by the hierarchy.

DISCOURAGED POETS.

Mr. William Watson, who is a poet, and Mr. Alfred Austin, who is only a poet laureate-quite another profession-are both despondent over the literary outlook in England, says the P.-I. Mr. Aus-

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this increase is the demand of modern moralists | The gentleman asks too much. Caviare will never have the vogue of wienerwursts, and it would be of the school of suppression.""

This is not true. If the mothers of President strange if Bach were preferred to Sousa. Exqui-Smith's children have an equal number of child- site work, like virtue, is its own only reward. To ren it would be but little over eight to each. Fam- be discouraged over literary conditions that are inilies of eight children in the Gentile world are com- herent in the makeup of things is a sheer waste of Bores, Bruises, Cuts, Bolls, Ulcers, mon. They are no curiosity, nor is their presence time, and the time of a true poet should be too in "refined society," or out of it, a cause of crit- precious to be wasted.

The President of the United cism or offense. A Salt Lake baby possessing the usual attraction States has a family of six children, and if this

Mormon defense is true society should be shocked children have for a varied diet swallowed a nail. at it, but it is not. The numerous children of Sen- The family doctor, however, had an attraction of ator Hale of Maine and the large families of other his own in the shape of a magnet, which he let senators and representatives, in some cases number- down the infantile throat on a wire and removed ing more than the children of President Smith's the lunch.

More and more we are led to think that the Port

Mayor Snyder of Los Angeles is another victim

who camped in the blasting shade of the deadly

We would respectfully suggest to Pluvius that

New Jersey is considering the advisability of

Got a cold f Why, certainly. You douldn't be

The Russians would do well to sell their battle-

individual wives, shock no one and cause no other feeling of admiration that such men find their offi-Arthur brand of mine is not a good thing to take cial duties consistent with the proper care of many children. Indeed, among the gentiles, husbands and along with you on a picnic.

wives who have no children are much more the objects of pity than those who have are the objects of aversion.

Examiner upas. The objection to President Smith is not that he has forty-two children, but runs to the number of his wives. The results of such a system of plural marriage are well known in Utah. The nurture and the winter is over and gone, and more rain entirely admonition which a father owes to his children superfluous. can not be given by him to such groups of families During his testimony he was obliged to ask for time to refer to memorandum in answer to either how importing a few mines to try on the mosquito. many children a particular wife had, or the date of their birth. It is certain that these children are without the joint care which those receive who are out of the fashion, would you?

reared in a home daily and continually ruled by the presence of the father and mother.

President Smith's five wives live in five separate ships and buy a cyclone cellar.

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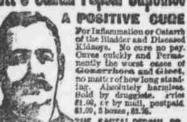
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