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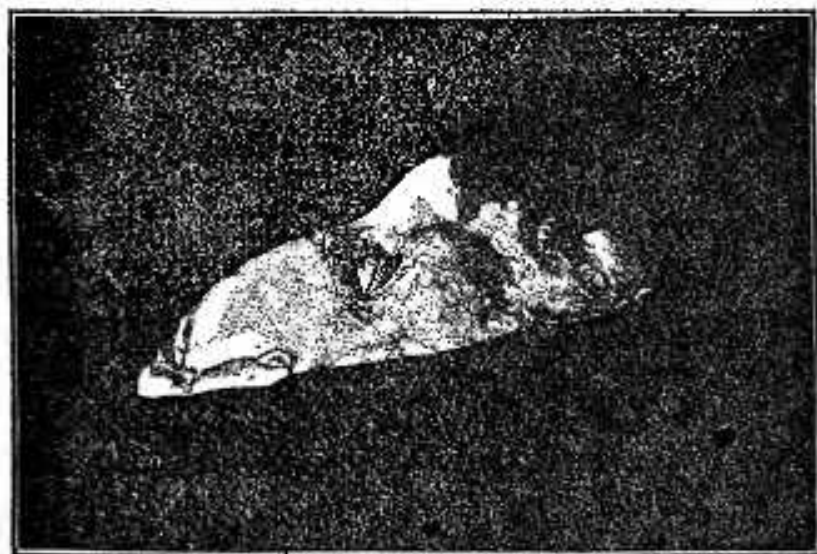
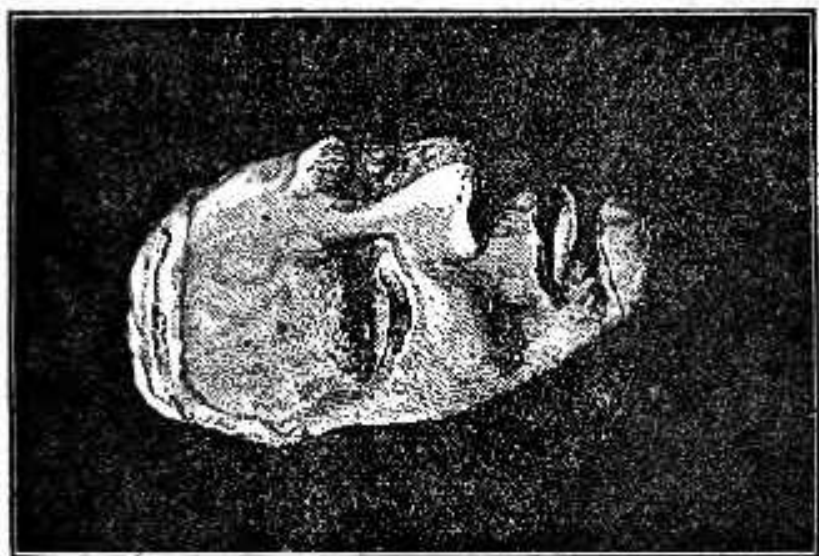
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JOSEPH SMITH :

"Nobody knows what the other world will be."

"I have got the damned fools fixed and will carry out the fun."

"The world owes me a good living and if I cannot get it without, I'll steal it—and catch me at it if you can."

"We will all go to hell together and convert it into a heaven by casting the Devil out; hell is by no means the place this world of fools supposes it to be, but on the contrary, it is quite an agreeable place."

BRIGHAM YOUNG :

"There is not a bishop in this whole Territory who is not a damned thief."

"We have the meanest devils on the earth in our midst and we intend to keep them, for we have use for them."

"I have many a time dared the world to produce as mean devils as we can; we can beat them at anything. We have the greatest and smoothest liars in the world, the cunningest and most adroit thieves and any other shade of character that you can mention. We can pick out elders in Israel right here who can beat the world at gambling; who can handle the cards; who can cut and shuffle them with the smartest rogue on the face of God's foot-stool. I can produce elders here who can shave their smartest shavers and take their money from them. We can beat the world at any game. We can beat them because we have men here that live in the light of the Lord; that have the holy priesthood and hold the keys of the Kingdom of God."

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NOTICE.

Volume Second of MORMON PORTRAITS, which I have entitled *Brigham Young and His People*, will appear in a few months.

I respectfully solicit information, either in personal interviews or by post, from all trustworthy sources and shall be much obliged for the same; as well as for the pointing out of any errors of statement, however slight, that may by accident have crept into this volume. My address is

DR. W. WYL,  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

JULY 17, 1886.



The family is the unit of the modern State. Woman is the heart and crown of the modern family. In Mormonism womanhood has been outraged and crucified from Emma Smith to the last polygamous victim and martyr.

Looking around me and afar, and seeing no brighter or braver spirit opposing this monstrous evil, I take the liberty to inscribe this little volume on Mormonism to one who seems to be equally at home on either side of the Atlantic,

MISS KATE FIELD.

## TESTIMONIALS.

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TERRITORY OF UTAH, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
SALT LAKE CITY, May 2, 1885. }

*To whom this may come :*

Dr. W. Wyl, a representative of the *Berliner Tageblatt*, and who is commended to me from a high personal and official source as a "highly cultivated and thoroughly reliable gentleman," has for four months assiduously labored in the investigation of the questions involved in Mormonism. I am satisfied that he has given the subject careful study, and is therefore qualified to write advisedly of the situation, past and present.

Respectfully,

ELI H. MURRAY,  
Governor.

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We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we know that Dr. W. Wyl, a German author and correspondent, has worked very earnestly for months to collect facts from a number of witnesses living in Salt Lake City, relating to the history of Mormonism. We believe that Dr. Wyl has done his work in a thoroughly honest and truth-loving spirit, and that his Book will be a valuable addition to the material collected by other reliable writers.

W. S. GODBE,  
H. W. LAWRENCE,  
E. L. T. HARRISON.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH TER., April 28, 1886.

THE DAILY TRIBUNE, (EDITORIAL ROOMS,) }  
SALT LAKE CITY, May 12, 1885. }

*Dr. W. Wyl:*

MY DEAR DOCTOR:—I have been doing myself the honor to keep a pretty close watch of you in this city for several months. I believe I never saw a more earnest, conscientious or persistent searcher after facts. I believe you know as much about Mormonism as any man who never spent more than twice the time you have in investigating it.

I believe you will be of good service to man and to free government by presenting the array of facts which you have accumulated either in book or lecture form. I believe the conclusions you have drawn from the facts are sound, and now, Dear Sir, "Hail and Farewell."

Most sincerely yours,

C. C. GOODWIN.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, May 7, 1885.

*To Dr. W. Wyl:*

DEAR SIR:—I think, from the manner in which your inquiries have been conducted, that you have obtained a more thorough knowledge of the past history and present aspect of Mormonism than any one who has ever visited our Territory with this object in view. You have gathered materials for a book which ought to be of absorbing interest, and your ability as a writer (if you will allow me to be the judge) insures the presentation of the facts in hand in such a manner that the reader who once opens your book will not be able to lay it aside until it is finished.

With the hope that your book may have the success that it is sure to deserve, I remain very sincerely yours,

CORNELIA PADDOCK.

*To whom this may come:*

I have been thoroughly acquainted with the Mormon Church for over fifty years. I attended grammar school