

The confession of faith published by Joseph Smith during his life-time would certainly deceive an uninitiated person ; and it was in consequence of the ambiguity of that very document that so many unsuspecting persons were from the beginning of Mormonism led astray by the teachings of the Missionaries. The convert was told that the Mormon faith proclaimed the existence of one true God, but he was not told that Father Adam was that deity, and that He is "like a well-to-do farmer." He was told that Christ was the Son of God, but he was not taught that the Virgin Mary was "the lawful wife of God the Father," and that "He intended after the resurrection to take her again, as one of His own wives, to raise up immortal spirits in eternity. He was told of faith in a Saviour, he was not told that men were the only saviours of their wives, and that unless a woman pleased her husband and was obedient and was saved *by him*, she could not be saved at all. He was told that the Saints believed in the Holy Ghost, but he was not told that "The Holy Ghost is a man ; he is one of the sons of our Father and our God. . . . You think our Father and our God is not a lively, sociable, and cheerful man ; He is one of the most lively men that ever lived!"

And yet, although such fearful and shocking blasphemy was, of course, hidden from the convert whom it was desirable to impress with the idea that Mormonism was only a development of Christianity, it was openly taught in the sermons in the Tabernacle before thousands of people, and inculcated in the writing of the highest authorities. The passages, which I have just quoted, were preached in public, were taken down in short-hand, were revised under the superintendence of Brigham Young or one of the chief leaders, were then printed, and published in Salt Lake City, and afterwards reprinted in another form.

The verbal repetition of such blasphemy as this would be simply painful and disgusting to any right-minded person. I shall therefore endeavor to give an idea of some of these outrageous doctrines without entering too closely into details. Should the reader, however, wish to search and see for him-