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IN a religious age like the present, when almost every one makes a profession of some sort it is not at all surprising that such a system as Mormonism, sold by a people calling themselves,—"Latter-day Saints," should have gained for its followers among the illiterate and uninformed portion of the community, and those who have never known the awfulness of sin, the majesty of God's law, and the inflexibility of divine justice—but that it should have been received, advocated, and upheld by men of education and intelligence is only to be accounted for from the fact that the Lord in his sovereignty, suffers some unstable minds to be led captive by the devil at his will. If ever mimicry was carried to its height in the outworks of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ by any people, it is by the Mormons.

Not an ordinance nor an order that was observed in the days of the apostles, but what these people have: hence the subtlety of the delusion. But while both the orders and the ordinances are outwardly attended to, if the efficient power is wanting, what are they (according to one of their own ministers,) but "mere child's play?" What is the use of baptising for the remission of sins, if sins still remain unforgiven? What advantage is it to have hands laid on for the reception of the Holy Ghost, if the Holy Ghost is not felt and experienced in his fruits and effects? To what purpose is the anointing with oil if the sick are not restored? Certainly, none whatever. And yet this is really the case. I have conversed with several of them, and the amount of their testimony is, that they experienced nothing particular either when they were baptised, or when hands were laid on them for the reception of the Holy Ghost. One man said, the evidence he had of forgiveness was, that he had behaved more like a husband to his wife since he had been through the ordinance—and the effect of the imposition of hands was the removal of a sinking at the stomach which he was previously troubled with! Another said, that he merely felt comfortable. Another that he prophesied to his brothers and sisters; but what the nature of the prophecy was he could not tell me; intimating that it was too mysterious for me to understand, unless I was one amongst them, and taught by the same spirit. And another was perfectly satisfied that he had received the Holy Ghost, because several persons had recovered from sickness some time after he had laid hands on them, and anointed them with oil; forgetting

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