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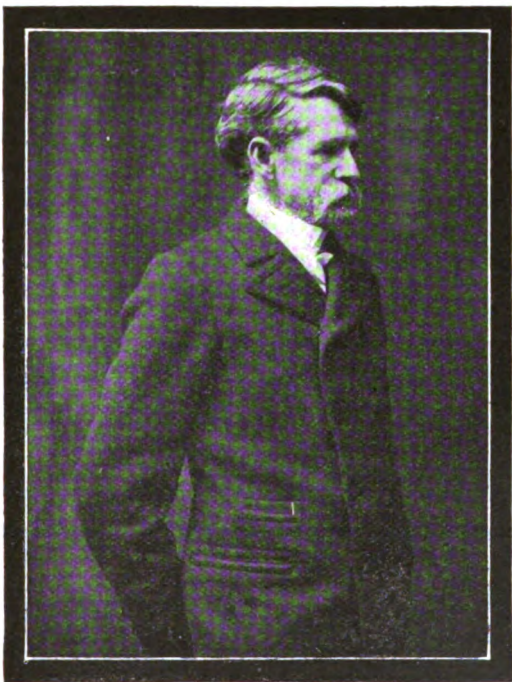
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HOME MISSIONS

TOPIC FOR THE MONTH: THE MORMONS.



GEORGE FLETCHER McAFEE, D.D.

His first service for his country was under the stars and stripes throughout the Civil War, as he went from college to the army. A bullet wound and the severity of army life left with him constant reminders of that time. No less a patriot as teacher, as pastor, and as synodical missionary of Minnesota, he filled the years to 1892. Then he became Superintendent of the Good Will Industrial School under the care of the Woman's Board.

The succeeding year he was appointed Superintendent of its mission school work, which then included about one hundred and eighty-seven stations and three hundred workers. After years of untiring devotion, in 1905 his overtaxed strength compelled his resignation. The field then comprised nearly two hundred stations with more than five hundred workers and over eleven thousand pupils. He gave his *life* to the work and went to his reward on August fourth, 1907.

It is required of a steward only that he be found faithful. George Fletcher McAfee filled the measure of his stewardship so full as to leave all his comrades in the service sorrowful at his home-going.

GEORGE FLETCHER McAFEE, D.D.

In Memoriam

A man—Nathaniel-like—sincere,
 With conscience tender, pure and true,
 Whose thoughts like homing-pigeons flew
 To find elsewhere their native sphere.

A friend—who knew not how to swerve
 From him he once had called his friend;
 Unchanging—firm—he sought no end
 Beyond the chance to love and serve.

A saint—content in lowly ways
 To find the steps the Master trod,
 To walk like Enoch with his God;
 His duty done—all needed praise.

Man, friend, and saint! Our only requiem bell
 This lingering note—we loved and love thee well.

CHARLES L. THOMPSON

Action of Utah Presbytery

Forwarded to the Board of Home Missions.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1907, twelve ministers belonging to the Presbytery of Utah met together for prayer and conference over the general situation in this state. They spent several hours together, and agreed to send the following statement and appeal to the Home Mission Board:

It is the general opinion of the Christian men and women of this region, and also of all loyal and true Americans, that the action of the Senate in seating Senator Smoot will be very harmful here in Utah, and will greatly retard Christian work. They think it will be harmful because they believe it to be a most unrighteous decision, based on party considera-

tions rather than upon the evidence in the case.

It will be very disheartening to the liberal-minded young men in the Mormon ranks who are anxious to be rid of the curse of polygamy and priesthood rule. The decision of the Senate practically says to them that the only way to secure civil promotion in this state is to keep in harmony with the men who teach and practice polygamy, and exercise priestly domination in civil affairs. The evidence shows that Senator Smoot has not only been in close harmony with polygamous law-breakers for many years, but, since his election to the Senate, has voted again and