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## The Mob and the Mormons

The letter of our correspondent,
4 Mr. Kohn, which was printed yes terday, tells the whole story of in Fairgetd and Kershaw counties and tells it so fairly and plainly as to put the situation clearly be fore the public.
it is enough to say that it is
shown beyond question that the
 elders and their followers, and is
wholly anjustlfiable. The men
who are engawed in the raids and
whippings, ete, have not been
molested in amy way by the ob-
jects of their lawless attentions.
and have no excuse for their vio not approve of the "religion" of the missionaries, and do not pro-
pose to have other people "deluded" by them. That they are not themselves overly religious They are condemned by theirown conduct, and appear at very great disadvantage when compared with
\& their deluded neighbors. The reported declaration of some of the
Mormon converts is evidence enough on this point. They said "they do not violate any laws of man or (iod; they know they
could play at the same game that their persecutors are playing at, but hed been taught as a part of
their religion not to break any of whipped and beaten and the laws of God or man, and they at its discretion the objects of its would do everything possible displeasure-who have usually elders," "Their been persons who were charged eders that if they were whipped begun to whip, and threatens to
the because of their religion to take kill, other persons whose sole of it and say nothing about it. They fence, as charged, is the preach said that they had never inter- ing of religious doctrines" - that rered wathangone; that their reli-
gion was not interfering with any.
The time heen preached before: onc, and they could not see why people should meddle with them." "They were convinced that were right, and no amount of persecu
tion could make them lose faith in their Church." On the whole, hat the raiders
selves members
Church. They would be greatly it in good faith ath
the simple creed as here set forth White Caper in the two co
ties should join it forthwith
tead of persecuting its member At any rate, lise state should In any view of the case they are far better citizens than their per secutors, and are entitled to pro tection as against them at least. One of the raiders boldly said to our correspondent for publication that "the whole thing is that we do not intend to have them (the elders) here." Another said "that
the State could not keep these Mormon elders in that vicinity, ernment sent a regiment of troops the people were determined to shoot the last one of the missionbia, A despatch from Colum the assistant Attorney General announced the same day that "the state is firmly determined to protect these people in their right to have any religion they please." The issue, therefore, appears to be plainly made. It reprevail.
In summing up the situation as the result of his investigation. Mr. Kohn says very emphatically hat "the root of the whole trou ble on both sides is tuorance-
ignorance of what is right as well as what is wrong," and that the sooner the State makes these people understand that there are duct "the better it will be for South Carolina generally." This
is to the point. Their ignorance readiness with which the haif the doctrines of the elders. Like
ignorance largely explains the in tolerance of the men who perse
cute them, the readmess with which they resort to moh law b ng explained,
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$\qquad$ temptously proclaimo detiance t the State," on behalf of himself confessed, has ample grounds for his assurance that they have little or nothing to fear from its consti ed authorities
The question that is presentel a very grave one, and the im cannot ber hing it settled righ nob be easily exaggerated. The state for many years, ind the

somewhere short of the point
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thorities should draw it straight
and deep at all costs. If they
fail again to vinclicate the law the
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the mob. The ignorance and vi
fault of the State. The ignorance them so easy a prey to the misfault of the churches about them The "educational" enervies of the several churches certainly could not be better employed than in the badly neglected missionary
fields at their doors.-News and




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