

LEFT HER HUSBAND FOR THE MESSIAH.

Mrs. Mills of San Francisco Joins the Converts of Cyrus R. Teed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 6.—[Special.]—Cyrus R. Teed, the self-styled Messiah, has found another adherent in the person of Mrs. James Mills, who has left her beautiful home at No. 2106 Van Ness avenue and deserted a hitherto happy family. Mrs. Mills is a woman of about 55 and has been married thirty years. Her husband is a geologist of national reputation, a student under Agassiz, and an intimate associate of that great scientist's son. "It is a fever that must run its course," said he, "and will all come right in the end. It is apparent to me that Teed is working the old confidence game of Harris, who so successfully duped the Oliphants out of thousands of dollars, and after thirty years of proselyting, has become a millionaire."

Mrs. Mills was seen at the Koreshan Home at No. 118 Noe street. She is highly educated and shows grace and refinement in every movement. "I did not take this step," said she, "upon any impulse of a moment or of religious fervor, but after careful consideration. I have been here only a few days, but I have been a believer in the religion for a year or more. My separation from my family was not wholly of my own choice, but absolutely necessary if I wished to have a religious belief of my own. I did not take this step in the belief that I would add to my present happiness. This state of celibacy is but a preparation for our future life, when the Christ-man will dwell upon the earth. It is not a penance, but a duty we owe to ourselves. We must live in absolute purity to be prepared for the time which is at hand. The Bible tells us that the second coming of Christ shall be announced by a man whose name shall be Elias, and we believe Dr. Teed to be that Elias. We believe that in two years he will be dematerialized, soon to reappear in the form of a man-woman, having the attributes of both sexes. He will live on the earth and spiritually produce the sons of God, who will inherit the earth."

Mrs. Mills' sincerity cannot be questioned nor the force of her convictions shaken.