

THE remarks made by Brother Francis A. Brown, of Ogden, in the First District Court, published in the News of yesterday, have created a profound sensation. His position, and his reasons for the hope that is within him are clearly defined. His attitude receives the hearty endorsement of every true Latter-day Saint. The approving sentiment being expressed on every side, and copies of the communication are eagerly sought, and sent to friends at a distance.

If any one supposes that Brother Brown is isolated in the stand he takes, such a person is egregiously in error. He but represents a determination that is general if not universal among the Saints. The chief difference between him and others is that perhaps his attitude has found vent in a more than ordinary copious explanation. His is a true type of a genuine "Mormon" Elder.

People read and admire the imaginary heroes of romance, and the highly colored portrayals of religious devotion exhibited by historic characters. Perhaps these ideal types are within the minds of those who aspire to reach a high standard of excellence, grasping after the attainment of that which is great and good. We venture the suggestion, however, that there can be no foundation for the pale of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, except in point of heroic adherence to honest conviction of any of the most revered characters of the past. The requirements through which the Church is now passing are of a nature tending to the surface those whose very souls are embedded in a love for principle, and the end is not yet. It also tends to exhibit the highest qualities of the "lower" planes of morality and intelligence. This community is making history with greater rapidity than any other people, and is ground upon which men elude to stand will determine the light in which they will be viewed by posterity. Generations who will point to the existing epics of the most peculiar chapters in the record of human affairs.

The very nature of the organization comprising the Latter-day Saints is a body, developing the highest form of devotion and heroism. The sons of the Church are nurtured in the midst of circumstances that require self-sacrifice, undimmed bravery, and will exerting those characteristics of manly courage, hardiness and feeling, that are the truest and best, while continued on every side by determined and insubordinate opposition, they gain an experience that places them in the front rank of practical civilization.

Men of such an independent stamp, with deep-seated convictions, cannot be conquered by coercion. Such a process of subjugation is an impossibility. And when men show the strength of their faith and religion, and freedom as does Brother Brown, respect for them is not confined to their co-religionists. Deep down in the hearts of the most determined anti-"Mormon" is a feeling of regard which the position of manly defiance, even in the journals in this city which occupies the position of organ for the cause against the Saints, is found, in the issue of yesterday morning, the following comment:

"Bro. A. Brown, the Mormon Saint convicted in Ogden on Tuesday last, by his own testimony, has the courage of his convictions. His boldness and manly courage, his willingness to stand up for his principles, his determination to be true, and his courage to show the world the truth."

This sentiment would probably have been uttered some months since, by a most laudatory laudation of a man who took precisely an opposite course to that pursued by Brother Brown. But we still give the writer of the article the credit of pointing his views regarding the former case merely for an ulterior purpose, which we perfectly understand. They were not, neither could they, express his genuine sentiment, because in the heart of every human being, no matter how lost to the call of conscience, is an intuitive respect for honesty of purpose and courage in maintaining conviction. If there be a justice, where this feeling does not find a lodgment, then the individual thus deficient of so universal and natural a recognition of ability, must will align beyond the pale of redemption. The later education may be taken as the real sentiment which inspired the writer. The most fatal proof will not be altogether blind the man entrusted by it so that he will not be able to discover the difference between good and wrong, even though he refuse to acknowledge the discrepancy between the spurious and genuine.

The heroic spirit of the martyr in the trying hour is by no means confined to the men of the Church. If there is any difference of self-abnegation, the balance falls in favor of the women. The man who deserts a true woman in the hour of adversity intermingles with his cowardice the most exquisite and reprehensible cruelty.

We have expressed the situation heretofore, and it will bear repetition—the position of a true Latter-day Saint in the present conflict does not involve a debatable question, so far as he is concerned.

AN EXPLANATION AND FACTS.

ADMISSION.

To-day we give space to a communication from Mr. Joseph Smith. In it he claims to have been reported incorrectly by the Chicago Tribune. The last paragraph of his anti-"Mormon" speech, delivered in that city. The second hand story substituted for the statement of the Chicago paper is a thin one. It sounds like an attenuated tale told by an imbecile, and while it does small credit to the originator of the alleged 30-year-old story, it is a reflection on a sorry commentary on Mr. Smith's good taste and judgment. If he really believed what that weakly individual told him he must be very susceptible to imposition. Perhaps it would not be amiss for Mr. Smith to trust a little more to facts obtained by personal observation than to the mouthings of a silly fellow whose enforced bachelorhood must have been the result of other causes than that to which he attributed it.

Seeing that Mr. Smith repudiates only the last paragraph of his speech, and says nothing about the bulk of it, he tacitly admits that "he" was otherwise correctly represented. We accordingly wish, Mr. Smith, to make, even

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