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THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.

This morning's Salt Lake paper, true to a policy which has been more or less characteristic of them for a long time, endeavor to make one James Bowen, a member of the Utah legislature, a politician and a liar.

Notice is given to "young Utah" that the same, prosperity and the position of the state in the Union are at stake, because the performance named has been released by the proper authority from certain ecclesiastical duties. There is not the slightest reason for alarm, and "young Utah" is not likely to let anyone scare it into retrogression about the matter.

The story as presented by Mr. Bowen's apologists is that he was admitted to much more and finally expelled from his position for no other reason than that at the recent election he worked for a certain ticket, but this version of it is denied by others well acquainted with the proceedings. They state that the gentleman at the time appointed several voters and advisers, apparently endeavoring to use his position as a Teacher in the same manner as he would use it in any other position.

Whether these charges were substantiated or not is immaterial for the present, but it is exceedingly clear that if Mr. Bowen's friends and neighbors by his own admission received the impression that he was trying to use his ecclesiastical position for political purposes, and in addition resorted to rather low tactics, the only thing for the Bishop to do was to remove him from his duties as an acting Teacher, until such time as the matter could be cleared up. And that was all the Bishop did.

An acting Teacher is simply an assistant to the Bishop, called or dismissed by him as circumstances seem to require. If he releases a Teacher from performing the duties of that calling, that is not a day's salary, but a full release from the calling, and the full release of the person released, in the case of Mr. Bowen there was no question from a quorum, as stated in the papers. He belongs to the church, and is a member of the church, and retains his membership there as well as in the Church.

An acting Teacher's duty is to visit the members of the church and endeavor to help the members in maintaining harmonious, brotherly relations with one another. But in order to do that the Teacher must enjoy the full confidence of those among whom he is laboring. If for some reason, real or fancied, that confidence is shaken, his usefulness as a Teacher is gone, and this seems, unfortunately, to have been the case in Mr. Bowen's case.

There is, therefore, not the slightest reason for the renewed attacks on the First Presidency of the church, or the fear of the country in its untroubled purity in the air, and the institutions of our great Republic remain intact. Still more the Mormons themselves, in this instance as in every other, have shown that they disapprove of the use of ecclesiastical positions for political purposes. If this is disappointing to those who would find something to bring up against the Church, they will have to bear the disappointment as best they can. The Mormons are not going to break faith or pledges.

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There is something in the help that comes from the Church, and the change of old ones gives place to new, but in their turn they are absolute, but amid the changes and variations of the Word of God remains, the ever unchangeable witness to the eternal truth—a monument of the doings of the Almighty with His children.

In late years learned criticism has been engaged with the first six books of the Bible, endeavoring to show that they are not what they purport to be, nor an authentic record of the most important periods of the history of the world, but something on a par with Greek or Roman mythology. To a close observer the arguments advanced for this purpose are so weak, so flimsy, so easily refuted, that they stand in the same category as the arguments advanced for the destruction of the world by fire.

God, Jesus the supreme importance of the Bible to the world, as far as the human race is concerned. There is a change coming. Modern criticism has about exhausted its ammunition, and the other side is again rallying to the front. Dr. Bartlett, professor of Hebrew at the University of Chicago, has recently published a volume on the subject of the Bible, in which he defends the biblical theory of the first six books of the Bible, and attacks the modern theory. His position, briefly stated, is that the date of the writing of these books must be shown to be the date of the events themselves, because the references to the events, as far as the events of the Bible are concerned, are not in the nature of a prophecy, but of a history. The events of the Bible are not in the nature of a prophecy, but of a history. The events of the Bible are not in the nature of a prophecy, but of a history.

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