at Salt Lake City, in America, to pro-cure the admission of Utah as a State into the Federal Union. In the begin-ming of the month just past an enor-mous meeting is reported to have been held in the Great Tabernaele for the purpose of adopting a memorial to be presented to Congress at the opening of the session in December. The mem-orial which was adopted urged that peti-tions to the same effect were sent to Congress in 1856 and again in 1862, though no proper vote was ever taken upon them. It points out that all the eonditions according to which a terri-tory of the United States may claim to be received into the Union have long since been fulfilled, that Utah now con-tains a population of 150,000, and that it is a violation of the Constitution to refuse them political existence. The It will not be necessary for us to say in words that we have no wish to deprecate any indignation against the sect as it at present exists, which has really originated in abhorrance of polygamy. originated in abhorrance of polygamy. But Mormon politics are becoming very important in America, and are likely to occupy more and more attention as time goes on. It is surely worth while, therefore, to comprehend them aright, and to keep in mind the fact that hos-tility to the Mormons in the United States is of much older date than poly-gamy and, therefore cannot be repregamy, and, therefore, cannot be repre-sented, except to persons who have for-gotten the progress of events, as spring-ing from a pure impulse of offended morality. If it had not been for the conflict of political sentiment between the Mormon community and the inhabitants of the Union generally, it is pretty certain that Utah would have been a State long ago. In power, pros-perity, and Importance it is fivefold greater than it need be in order to be-come qualified for admission into the Union. Except for the one abominable institution which it has adopted it has every claim to the admiration and res-

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refuse them political existence. The claim of the Mormons can hardly be ignored any longer, though it is not very probable that it will receive a fav-ourable hearing. The followers of JOSEPH SMITH have no friends in the, Union sither North or South Dislike litely to be description to the discrete structure of the discrete structure structure of the discrete structure of the disc Union either North or South. Dislike likely to be deaf to the signs of the of the Salt Lake community is common times if he should find his subjects outground on which all parties in America growing their simple-minded intellec-unite. Perhaps it may be considered tual prostration of former days. Polythe only emotion on which there is per-fect unanimity of opinion from the Gulf merely an excressence on, Mormonism, of Mexico to the Canadian border. But though this sentiment of antagonism to a community in which the most cherished law of civilized humanity is cherished law of civilised humanity is set at defiance is one which will readily enough find an eche in Great Britain, there is nothing more than an outward semblance of agreement in reference to the Mormons between the public opin-ion of England and that of the United States. American dislike to the Mor- millions, but before we are hurried by mon State arises from the fact that it is righteous indignation to assert that brute in the Union without being of it. No force ought to be employed to eradicate one who studies the phenomena of so great a scandal as polygamy from a Transatiantic life, considered apart country like America, let it be clearly Parian Goods. from Transatlantic politics, can be blind understood that the employment of to the fact that Americans are tolerant brute force in this case means the devof any social eccentricities so long as astation of a thousand homes, the of any social eccentricities so long as they do not offend national sentiment. However much any community may choose to repudiate the ordinary laws of morality, its members are generally allowed full liberty to do this, provided they do not at the same time wayer in their political enthusiasm for the star-sprangled banner. The principles of Republicanism are carried out to the ut-most in all affairs relating to religion. The outrage committed by the Mor-mons on civilised views, concerning mons on civilised views concerning siasm and military discipline convert mons on civilised views concerning matrimony would not alone have brought them into hatred and contempt if they had refrained from boasting of their intention to create an *imperium in imperio.* The 'prophet' JOSEPH SMITH, it will be remembered, raved about the future supremacy of the Mormon people, and foretoil the downfall of the United States. Mormonism, in his eyes, and consequently in the eyes of his disciples, was destined to overspread the whole continent, and the national sentiment of the Americans was thus brought from of the Americans was thus brought from the first into fierce antagonism with the new dispensation. It was a political fully as much as a religious revolution which the Saints of Nauvoo were pre-paring. Their premature boasts of fu-ture indexendering that the mornious cacious than the largest army which influences of kindness and political jus-tice. The claim of Utah to be admitted ture independence, coupled with the into the Union may, at least be courtemarvelously rapid growth of their ma-terial prosperity, which excited the envy and hostniny of their border neigh-bore, first roused that animosity which then, at all events, the evil will be apbors, first roused that animosity which only long afterwards seized upon their matrimonial immortality as an excuse which could be given to the world. The early persecution of the sect in Illinois, the cruei destruction of Nauvoo, and the expulsion of the Mormons keyond the limits which civilization had reached at that time, all took place before the 'revelations' in favor of polygamy had ever been promulgated. then, at all events, the evil will be ap-proached in the proper way. If the prospect of admission into the Union be held up to the people of Utah as the price of polygamy—should they consent to give that up, and if their stubborn pride is soothed by the abandonment of all hostile threats and menaces to "wipe them out," a new light will be thrown on the subject, from which it would be reasonable to hope for the best possible results." results."



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