

## THE ANTI-"MORMON" SHOW.

The following is from the *Eccles Advertiser* of July 27, 1889:

There are occasions, we suppose, in the life of every man, which bring the blush of shame to his cheek because of the hideous groveling depravity of a certain section of beings whom he can only identify as belonging to his own species by the circumstance that they stand erect on two legs. Last Sunday morning at Eccles Co-operative Hall was just such an occasion. A nondescript sort of male creature who calls himself Bolitho, and who makes much capital out of the profession that he is an apostate from Mormonism, had announced to hold a secret meeting "for men only." Our opinion by the time we left the room with half an intention of borrowing a good pliant horsewhip, was that the advertisement had been mistaken by those who sat out the entire meeting as "for pimps only." At the door not less than a penny was charged; you could give more if you would; and there was on the platform quite a library for sale of compilations from all the literary sewage that ever found an outlet in the midst of a decent community. The audience was large, conspicuously devoid of every suspicion of self-respect, and included a large percentage of gaping saucer-eyed lads, who sat for an hour drinking in crapulous beastliness and odoriferous anecdotes, the reeling off of which for the modest sake of the popular pence is evidently the real business of that latest development of platform enterprise, the "anti-Mormon" impostor. Nearly the whole of what we heard—and we understand this was tameness to what followed—was not only unfit for publication, but teemed with sickening "padding," disgusting anecdotes and expressive gutterisms, absolutely irrelevant to the subject which was made their stalking horse. The "lecturer"—a cadaverous, yellow-faced gentleman who spoke with the fluency of a parrot, a Yankee twang of a perfection that betokened careful study, and a lisp which immediately betrayed his Semitic origin—from the first moment of his initial salute to the "dear me" before him, proceeded to serve up with all the deliquescence of a Satyr the most unsavory mess of obviously doctored nastiness that was ever offered in rivalry of the record of the Roman Saturnalia.

Amongst the "facts" to which his highly intelligent audience was very scantily treated, we gathered that when he went (?) by his own inclinations to Utah, he was introduced by Brigham Young to eighty-four of his wives, and that the said prophet and founder of Salt Lake City had a spouse in every square mile of Utah Territory. Brigham advised Bolitho (this on Bolitho's own word) to take at least a dozen women, bring them to the Endowment House, and marry them on the following morning. \* \* \* We do not hesitate to say that in a country like this, where the opera-

tion of the law and the light of intelligence render completely innocuous any possible wiles of designing Mormon missionaries, there could be no possible subject in which the Social Purity Society could more usefully interfere for good than this and kindred pretexts for gathering in the shekels by the purveyance to our young fellows of prurient obscenity in its most attractive form. We would treat reptiles of the Bolitho stamp as we would treat a snake in the grass. If it had been anywhere else than Eccles, that performing creature would have dined last Sunday in a brand new suit of coal tar and long feathers.

In regard to the foregoing, the following letter appeared in the *Eccles Advertiser* of Aug. 3, 1889:

## THE ANTI-MORMON SHOW.

To the Editor of the *Eccles Advertiser*.

DEAR SIR:—Someone has sent to this office a copy of the *Eccles Advertiser* of July 27th, in which there appears a scathing report of Bolitho's disgusting harangue in connection with his catch-penny anti-Mormon show. I earnestly wish that your contemporaries in other places evinced as much regard for public morality as you do, in condemning the obscene character of the Jarman-Bolitho "lectures to men only." (Doubtless the companion "lectures to ladies only" is equally deserving the most severe denunciation.) I call it the "Jarman-Bolitho" lecture because it was a portion of the stock-in-trade of the escaped lunatic Jarman; now, it appears, Bolitho palms it off on the public as a truthful narration of his own experience.

Permit me to inform you that the individual whom your reporter so well describes as a "nondescript sort of creature," and "who makes much capital out of the profession, that he is an apostate from Mormonism," is a shameless liar. He never was a member, far less a priest, of the religious body whose adherents he vilifies in the horribly disgusting manner attributed to him by the reporter. He never has been in Utah, and I doubt if, until he came to your neighborhood, he has ever been very far away from Swansea, the town in which he joined crazy Jarman in the anti-Mormon show business; yet he has the effrontery to relate what he purports to be an account of his observations in Utah. The fact is that Bolitho, and others of the same ilk, take advantage of the general ignorance and prevalent erroneous notions about Utah and the "Mormons," and, in regular blood-and-thunder melodramatic style, are prodigiously gulling the people of Eccles, as they have in other places, whose sole purpose is to make money out of the credulous; and you are witnesses that the youth of both sexes are in danger of being polluted by the beastly manner in which the alleged practices of the "Mormons" are described by Bolitho and Co.

It is rather strange that newspapers and officers of the law are, generally, disposed to take no cog-

nizance of the outrageous and vicious methods adopted by anti-Mormons, in their frantic endeavors to incite persecution and mob violence upon that greatly misunderstood people, the Latter-day Saints. I presume that the apathy thus manifest arises mainly from the fact that the "Mormons" are almost universally despised; therefore, as a rule, editors and public officials do not care to take any notice of the character of the attacks made upon that unpopular people, no matter how vile the language, or unlawful the conduct, of the men who pose as sanctimonious denouncers of supposed wrongdoers and false doctrines. This lassitude on the part of those who should be conservators of public morality and peace is highly reprehensible; and I congratulate you on having initiated a public protest against the beastliness of Bolitho's talk, and called attention to the probable evil effects thereof. I trust that other respectable newspapers will join with you in exposing the filthiness of those "lectures," and warning decent people against attending such corrupting exhibitions, especially advising the young not to attend, that they may not be contaminated.

You can now readily comprehend why none of the "Mormons" will accept Bolitho's challenge to discussion. It would be degrading them to contend with such a foul-mouthed, conscienceless liar; besides, experience has taught them that fair-play is as much of a stranger as the truth is to professional anti-Mormons. I can answer for the "Mormon" Elders that they are ever ready and willing to defend their religion and people before honorable opponents; but they will not demean themselves by accepting Bolitho's blatant challenges, which are tantamount to being asked to become an attraction in his penny "gaff."

Enclosed is a copy of a document showing the result of an investigation ordered by the United States Congress, which should be regarded as conclusive evidence against the Munchausenisms of the mountebanks Bolitho, Jarman, et al.

Yours, etc.,

D. M. McALLISTER,  
42, Islington, Liverpool.

## ATMOSPHERIC NATURE.

A proper understanding of wave currents and cloud formation enables one to tell the various changes as they come along and prior to their occurrence. Each formation gives forth its own peculiar weather, intensified or modified according to the degree or various degrees of formation. The more dense and humid the atmosphere the greater is the perfection of formation obtained. No storm of any character has ever visited any country or climate without warning, especially in its own immediate vicinity, no matter how sudden might have been its approach. I think it was said that no warning of the great Samaan storm was given or detected by any one until