

the committee. This looks very much like the opposite of the Doctor's statement.

Again, among the one hundred signers to the petition which the Republican Committee endorsed, are the names of a number of prominent Republicans of Ogden, and no one will dispute that Ogden is part of Weber County. So it is a fact that many Weber County Republicans did oppose the action of the deputy-Marshall in his enforcement of the laws, and the Republican Committee, by its Chairman, subsequently attacked the Marshal in an abusive letter, because he assumed the responsibility of the whole movement for the suppression of vice in Ogden.

Thus the Republican Party of Weber County cannot shake itself loose from the odium which attaches to it in the dispute with the United States Marshal and his assistants. We do not dispute the fact, alleged by Dr. Condon, "that the respectable portion of the Republican Party is with the Marshal, and it pledges itself to prove this at the ballot box whenever called upon." That is to say, there are a number of respectable Republicans in Weber County who desire the suppression of vice in Ogden, and are willing that the Federal authority shall be exercised for the purpose, when the city officials refuse or neglect to enforce the ordinances.

We believe that, and congratulate those respectable Republicans upon the position they occupy and the champion who openly vindicates their cause. How many they number, does not appear at present. We hope their sentiments will materialize in the manner he promises, for "actions speak louder than words," and true virtue is something more than "moral ideas."

And this brings us to another point in the Dr's. letter, which he amplifies to a great extent. He says the Republican party—speaking of it as a whole—has been regarded for thirty years as "the party of great moral ideas." We suppose that by this he means, the party has been so regarded by him and other admiring supporters. Well, we have no objection to their indulgence in this opinion. But we remind him that there are millions of people who take an opposite view of this proposition, and many great writers who support their antagonism by pertinent arguments and very stubborn facts. However we

will not attempt to decide that question.

But we suggest that "great moral ideas," though very good so far as they go, are not by any means sufficient for moral government. We consider that the great sin of this intellectual age is the perception of morality and the lack of its common practice. People who proclaim "great moral ideas" and who fail to carry them into moral actions, are worse than those who make no boast of their theories of virtue.

Perhaps there is little to brag of in either party, on this score, and while there are respectable people in both, no great praise is due to one more than the other. Yet, if there is to be any excess of blame, it should fall upon that party which vaunts itself as the possessor of superior moral ideas and is no better than others in their practical application and enforcement.

In the present issue, we are gratified at the evidence afforded that the respectable Republicans of Weber County are opposed to the shameless immorality which has flaunted itself in the face and eyes of decent people in Ogden, since the "Liberal" party there has obtained civic control. And we shall be glad to hear from them in the manner indicated by Dr. Condon, whenever the matter comes forward in the shape of a practical public question.

AN OLD SUBJECT REVIVED.

WE have repeatedly called attention to the neglect of people who come here from the Old World, to write to their friends whom they have left behind. We recur to the subject because of the receipt of the following letter which brings it up again very prominently:

SHEFFIELD, Eng., Sept. 2.
Editor Deseret News:

We are requested to make inquiry through your valuable paper as to the welfare and whereabouts of one Andrew Gregory, also John Rayner, who left in the May company of Saints, promising to write as soon as they arrived in Utah. And as they have not yet heard from them, as a natural consequence they are quite anxious about them. Any one knowing of them would be conferring a great favor by writing a few lines to the DESERET NEWS. Or if this should meet the eyes of the parties themselves, they will please redeem their promise by writing to their friends and thereby greatly oblige their brethren in the Gospel,

J. J. GOLIGHTLY,
J. T. KAY.

Our friends who come from abroad are aware that all kinds of false and

absurd rumors are spread by designing persons concerning Utah and the "Mormons." Also that the public are very credulous, and ready to receive anything of a sensational character in relation to that subject. They should, therefore, be ready to do all that lies in their power to prevent the manufacture of such stories, in their case at least, and to aid in disabusing the public mind of the nonsensical ideas that prevail in regard to the situation here.

Even at this late day there are many persons of ordinary intelligence who believe that the "Mormon" authorities open all the letters posted in Utah, so that those unfavorable to "Mormonism" may be suppressed. And that people are held here in bondage against their will and prevented from communicating with their friends abroad. These notions are very ridiculous, but they are entertained, all the same. And when men and women who have promised to write and give the facts as soon as they arrive here fail to keep their pledged word, color is given to the stories that have been told, and the way of the Elders is often hedged up as a consequence, and their difficulties and trials are unnecessarily increased.

We hope the request of Elders Golightly and Kay will be complied with. If the gentlemen whose names are given do not respond, some information should be sent by others who know of their whereabouts. Promises should be held sacred by whomsoever and to whomsoever they may have been made. And by writing to people in the towns and villages from which they came, our brethren and sisters from the Old World will not only redeem their verbal pledges, but aid in disseminating the truth by stating facts and correcting the mis-statements which have been scattered broadcast throughout the world.

BATCH OF "LIBERAL" FALSEHOODS.

UNDER the head of "The Mormon Outrage on Labor" the "Liberal" organ in this city publishes another characteristic tissue of falsehoods. The purport of them is that the "Mormon" Church and the city authorities have committed an outrage on resident laboring men, by discharging them and giving "not only the new work, but a large portion of the old, to men brought in contrary to fairness and decency that they may vote the Church ticket next February." Also