

Ensign had announced it would not be responsible. However that will no doubt be determined by the courts.

But "this man Dailey's" brother, who seems to be the puller of the wires and who figures as a "Rev." appears to be a very irreverend individual, judging from his own libellous communications to the press. A letter over his signature to the *Albany Express* is full of anti-"Mormon" misrepresentations and partisan bitterness and exhibits his entire disqualification for a ministerial position. And this man was selected by the Utah Commission as Judge of Election in Nephi. He, according to the *Ensign*, not only acted solely in the interest of the "Liberal" party and contrary to justice and fairness, but refused to recognize the rulings of the Utah Commission as to the rights of voters, saying he "did not care what the Commission ruled."

Is it not about time that the Utah Commission used a little more care in the selection of registration and election officers? We think every fair man of every party will endorse our opinion that to pick out inveterate "Mormon" haters, rank partisans, who exhibit their desire to work the "Liberal" party into power, and put them into places where they violate justice and defy the Commission with impunity, is not only in very bad taste but is absolutely wrong and contrary to the spirit of justice and republicanism.

If this policy is not changed, it will bring disgrace upon all who are implicated in it, even though it is directed against the "Mormons" who are temporarily under the ban.

As to the libel suit, it looks to us very much of a farce so far as the *Ensign* is concerned, but may be much more serious for the complainant if the statement concerning his non-residence proves to be correct.

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATIONS.

It is a common custom with quacks, itinerant lecturers and proprietors of small business concerns, to take advantage of large assemblies in the distribution of leaflets, pamphlets and dodgers to advertise their wares. As the people emerge from the buildings where the meetings are held, they have these prints thrust into their hands and the sidewalks are often covered with the castaway handbills.

Sunday, Aug. 10 an individual who desires to attract public attention to himself and his theories, had dis-

tributed among the people coming out of the Tabernacle some small pamphlets containing notions he entertains on what he terms "astronomical, prophetic and historical signs." We should have taken no notice of this but for the attempt of the vilest sheet under the sun to fasten the vagaries of the author of the leaflet upon the "Mormon Church," and to draw therefrom a number of inferences in the usual dishonest style of that utterly dishonorable paper.

The writings of the person who issued this pamphlet have been repudiated in these columns, and they are not only unauthorized by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but are in many respects opposed to its teachings. Yet the *Salt Lake Tribune* represents the stuff set forth in this brochure as coming from the "Mormon" Church, and states that it was "distributed among the audience in the Tabernacle." The two statements are entirely false. The "Mormon" Church did not "put out this pamphlet," neither was it distributed "at the Tabernacle among the audience." It came from a person entirely unauthorized by the Church, and was handed out as we have described, on the outside, like a quack medical circular or other cheap method of reaching the public.

Therefore all the slurs and inferences and conclusions which follow the falsehoods are untenable, and mark the anxiety of those who "love and make a lie" to fasten something upon "Mormonism" as an excuse for attacking its leaders and adherents.

We take this occasion to repeat the warning heretofore given, that the Church does not endorse, or approve or sanction the views of the writer of these "astronomical, prophetic," heads-and-horns variations and hypotheses, and what he says and does is entirely upon his own personal responsibility.

Every man has the right to his opinions, no matter how foolish they may appear to others, and also the liberty of speech and of the press. But no one has the right to make the "Mormon" Church responsible for his private opinions or utterances, or to infer that the Church "puts out" ideas and writings which it has publicly repudiated.

Of course the sheet that devoted more than a column of editorial space in twisting the notions con-

tained in the leaflet to fit on to the "Mormon" Church, will not have the honesty to set the matter right before the public whom it has sought once more to deceive. That would be too much to expect. But we wish it to be distinctly understood that the Church is not responsible for the individual opinions of persons unauthorized to speak in its name, whether they be delivered orally or published in any form.

There has been a great deal of matter issued from the press, purporting to be "Mormon" in its spirit and tendencies, but for which the Church is no more responsible than it is for the utterances of its enemies. The public should understand this and beware of receiving anything as authorized which is not officially sanctioned and endorsed.

PATRIOTIC EXPRESSIONS MIS-CONSTRUED.

THE chief anti-"Mormon" journal of this city has come across an old copy of the *DESERET NEWS* which contains an account of the celebration of the Fourth of July, 1856, at which Brigham Young was orator of the day. Our unreasonable cotemporary quotes from the oration, and then, according to its unvarying custom, comments upon the utterances contained in the speech in order to make it appear that the great Pioneer and organizer meant something that could not be conveyed in his words. As the quotations from the oration of Governor Young make good reading, we reproduce them here, apart from the sinister and disingenuous comments of his unkind and sophistical detractors:

"What cause has awakened to life and civilized improvement these desert plains—these barren wastes? We exist and are sustained by the protecting power of Almighty God, amid the constant and fierce opposition of those who seem unwilling to recognize His right to rule upon this planet of His own creation."

Then follows a graphic, ably drawn and truthful picture of the times, which in some respects have been by no means improved:

"Where shall we look in this our day for those great and ennobling deeds of deathless fame which in times past have adorned the pathway of our illustrious sires? Not in the West, where the Spaniard, the Chilian, the Chinaman and the Indian may be shot down like the prowling wolves, and where murder at high noon comes an unbidden though not an unwelcome guest. Not in Kansas, where should-be-brethren are hastening to cut each other's throats. Nor yet in Missouri, where cloven-footed and hydra-headed mobo-