

would be glad to address myself on this Sabbath day, when, in the sanctuary practical politics are left to one side and principles are allowed a hearing.

These are sentiments uttered by a professed minister of Christ in a "Christian" pulpit, on the Sabbath day. The scene of which they are so eulogistic was described next morning by the organ of the crowd that made night hideous, under the influence of "the inner force," as this preacher puts it, that prompted the holy men of old and inspired the martyrs who suffered for the sake of religious principles. The "Liberal" organ said concerning the news of the returns:

Then the crowd went wild. But when they learned of the tremendous gains in the Third and Fourth precincts and that the city was Gentile, pandemonium itself broke loose. Speeches were made from the Walker House balcony, reported below, and then the crowd broke for torches, horns, cow bells, drums, cannon, crackers and Roman candles. *The Walker House was opened and healths to the rejuvenated city were drunk in a cataract.* Men hugged one another in their excitement and almost cried for joy. The yelling, cheering and shouting were continuous, and an impromptu procession filed through the streets with lights of all kinds, transparencies and anything that would make a noise. The celebrating was kept up to a late hour."

A correspondent from this city to the Covington (Ky.) *Commonwealth* sent the following description which is published in that paper:

"Perfect pandemonium reigned on the streets here from 9 o'clock last night till 3 o'clock this morning. Business men, professional men, preachers, boys, women, all joined in the jollification. The Mormon police attempted to stop the demonstration, but were powerless. Cowbells, tin horns, bombs, guns, colored lights, in fact, everything that would make a sound or a blaze, was brought into requisition. Such a sight was never before seen in Utah."

These are but mild description of the orgie of that night. Signs were torn down, carriage steps seized, and bonfires made of them regardless of ownership, and profanity mingled with the exulting yells that turned the city into a riotous Bedlam in the middle of the night. The "froth and foam" which the preacher declares came from the spirit that moved upon Abraham and Moses, were in reality "the mighty impulse, the deeper force" that welled up from a "cataract" which flowed from "the Walker House bar."

And a so-called Christian minister

identifies the spirit of strong drink as the spirit of the living God, that moved upon ancient prophets and strengthened them to do the will of heaven! That spirit which is exhibited in light, intelligence, gentleness, meekness, forbearance, kindness, charity and peace, is charged with inciting drink-stimulated, vociferous, swearing, half-crazed rioters to split the ears of night, go "wild" with excitement and create a veritable "pandemonium," as acknowledged by the paper that approved of the tumult.

If this is not verging on "blasphemy against the Holy Ghost," what language could be used that would be nearer to the sin? Were the Huguenots, the Covenanters, the Pilgrim Fathers moved by the "inner force" of intoxicating drinks? Was this the fire that burned in the breasts of men who sacrificed home and country and society for a principle? Was this the "latent divinity" that the pitiful Christ discerned in "men of generous instincts?"

As to the "latent power," what would have been the result if it had been "aroused and had time and opportunity to reveal itself," as the preacher seemed to wish? The history of the Latter-day Saints will give the answer. "This mighty impulse, this deeper force" he admires so much, has been "aroused" at different times and has written its results in letters of blood and fire, and cruelties that would shame the very demons that inspired the mischief.

Here is a sentence from one of the speeches made to the crowd from the balcony above while the "inner force" was being prepared to flow from the bar below:

"Go to work tonight and continue it until February, and then we will use them up worse than Sullivan did Kilrain. Look at your grave, oh ye Saints; we have digged a grave and we don't intend to fall into it."

Consider this, too. If Abraham and Moses, whom the preacher brings into this controversy, were in Salt Lake City today, this "Christian" minister and the crowd that he says were moved by the "inner force" which prompted those Biblical worthies, would exert every nerve and inner and outer force to thrust them into the penitentiary and despoil them of this world's goods. He would deride them as "Mormons." He would strive to crush out, if possible, the "inner force" that sustained them in their sufferings for a principle. If the Huguenots, and Covenanters, and other

martyrs were here, he would shout to them: "Come within the laws;" "all you have to do is to promise you will not do anything the law forbids and you will not be interfered with!"

The fact is, the Latter-day Saints have been from the beginning the living, practical maintainers of civil and religious liberty. They seek to oppress no man. They strive to take away no citizen's rights or franchises. They hinder no sectarian from worshipping how or what he will. They hold principles that to them are sacred, and the priests and politicians have plotted to rob them of the right to hold and live those principles, and as with the bigots and tyrants of former times, some success has attended those efforts to persecute and oppress. It is the "Mormons" who have been led by the spirit of the Huguenots and Covenanters.

If it were not for the deprivation of political rights which many Utah citizens have suffered for principle's sake, the anticipated victory which caused the effusion of the "froth and foam" referred to by the preacher would not be made possible. Never by fair means, but always by foul, have the foes of civil and religious liberty succeeded in their schemes against the Latter-day Saints, and in those intrigues the so-called "Christian" perverters of the truth for pay have ever taken a prominent part.

Now we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not believe for a moment that all the enthusiastic men who joined in the jubilation on that noisy night, and who were scarcely fit for business next morning, desire to injure and oppress the "Mormons." Many, doubtless, shouted over the prospect of success for their party, and that was all. A large proportion of the crowd, too, was made up of yelling urchins ready to swell a tumult without knowing or caring what it was for. But behind them were the plotters for place and profit, who seek to deprive peaceable, law-abiding people of the commonest rights of citizens and who do all their vile work in the name of liberty and "Liberalism." They are the "adventurers" and "carpet-baggers" as some have designated them, and they, with just such preachers as the author of the perversions we have quoted, are the enemies of Utah and of human freedom.

We should not have alluded further to the "Liberal" exhibition of