

exists there ought to be some means of righting it. This is the way common sense people will look at the matter, and we are inclined to view it in the same light.

It appears from the decision in this case, which most likely will similarly affect others, that there is no judicial remedy for the manifest injustice now being suffered by several wrongly imprisoned gentlemen. Their detention depends upon a technicality. What is the way out? It seems to be in the exercise of executive clemency. The President can pardon the men illegally incarcerated. Will he do so? The question cannot be answered until an appeal to him has been made. This, we think, should be done immediately.

It would be a just and graceful act for the Prosecuting Officer to join with counsel for the prisoners in an application for the presidential pardon. If the Judges would add their signatures to the application, it would show that their decision was not based on any desire to inflict punishment unjustified by law, nor wish to proceed harshly against one class of offenders, but that it proceeded from legal causes and respect for judicial rules which could not in their judgment be set aside.

One thing is clear? Peter Barton and some others in a similar position are unjustly imprisoned, and therefore they ought to be set at liberty. A defendant cannot, in law, take advantage of his own wrong, neither should the prosecution be able to do the same thing. If *habeas corpus* is not the proper remedy, and there is no other within the power of the judiciary, then the arm of the Executive ought to be stretched out to do justice, that right may be vindicated and respect for authority may be maintained.

### CONTINUE THE WORK.

ALTHOUGH the registration is supposed to be complete the work of naturalization is not over. This rush for papers which occurs periodically is not necessary nor advisable. Aliens who intend to become permanent residents in the United States should take measures to become citizens at the earliest legal time. Declarations of intention ought to be made as soon as the intention is formed, and, after five years' residence, every intelligent adult ought to be familiar with the principles of republican government

and the constitution and institutions of this great country, sufficiently at least to assume the duties and receive the privileges of citizenship.

Therefore the work of naturalization should go on and our friends who have interested themselves in it should continue their labors. As fast as men arrive at the point where the law permits them to become naturalized, they should be advised to apply and render such aid as may be necessary. They should be prepared to answer the questions which may be rightfully propounded to them, and to render true allegiance to this government, the best under the sun.

Whatever may be said to the contrary, the Latter-day Saints are and must be loyal to the institutions of this nation, and time will show that every one admitted to citizenship, if he remains true to his creed, will be a strength and support to the republic and a foe to everything that would seek to subvert the principles embodied in its Constitution. Let the good work go on.

### A CORRECTION.

ON the first of June, J. Dennis, of this city, brought to this office a writing which he claimed to be the substance of a letter written by a resident of Provo, to a gentleman residing in this city. It stated in substance that a young man of Provo, while in a saloon, mockingly pronounced the ordinance of blessing and consecration upon a glass of beer, and at the conclusion of the sacrilegious proceeding was stricken down, carried home and soon afterwards expired. Under the head of "Terrible If True," the NEWS published a brief statement of the contents of the writing. A similar rumor had reached this office from other quarters previously, and it had already been widely spread throughout the Territory.

We understand that several young men have been credited with being the victims in this matter. We now unreservedly state that we have received reliable assurances that the statement which was brought to us is without the shadow of a foundation, being a fabrication manufactured out of whole cloth, and that no such incident ever occurred. The wickedness of setting such reports afloat is apparent and needs no comment, and we regret exceedingly—notwithstanding the fact that no names were mentioned—that the NEWS

should have made use of the written statement brought to this office by Mr. Dennis, and thus aided in circulating something for which there appears to be no foundation in fact. Hence this unqualified correction. If there be any who still hold that the alleged incident is a fact, let them produce the proof or forever hold their peace.

### A CLOSING RESPONSE.

WHAT is the use of arguing with a creature, who, when unable to support a falsehood that has been exposed, and unwilling to acknowledge an error, quotes something entirely irrelevant to the matter in dispute, boasts that it is "paralyzing" to his opponent, and backs the brag with personal abuse and blackguardism of the vilest and foulest type?

In a column and a quarter of ravings, utterly inapplicable to the point at issue, the daily slanderer rails at the NEWS and its editors, and tries to make the public think it is establishing one thing by quotations in relation to another. To prove that "The creed of the Saints is" that there are two different kingdoms of God, one celestial and the other "a purely temporal affair, relating to the daily business and politics of their people, that is the only legal government on earth," it quotes without stating from what or whom: "We believe that the kingdom of God is a temporal kingdom as well as a spiritual and eternal kingdom." That is to say, to prove we believe there are two totally different kingdoms, it cites something which shows there is but one. To prove that we believe in a kingdom that is "purely temporal," it quotes something that shows we believe it to be both spiritual and temporal. Most convincing logic, and fit to accompany the vituperation and disgraceful scurrility with which it is introduced!

The writer of the unmanly and malodorous effusion is either too densely ignorant to be enlightened, or too dishonorable to recognize the truth, and certainly too low and coarse a person with whom to exchange words on any subject. To cross polemical swords with a gentleman is not objectionable, to bandy with a blackguard soon becomes degrading. If his employers choose to permit a continuance of such a stream of foulness and stupidity, to the disgust of decent readers, we will simply let him wallow in his own filth.