

legislation against belief. People usually join churches because they believe in the doctrines taught therein. At any rate it is taken for granted that this is their object. If therefore any citizen is deprived of political rights or privileges because only of his membership in a Church, it is legislation against belief, and any pretense to the contrary is hypocritical and false.

To this length we do not believe Congress is prepared to go, and therefore we think the recommendation of the Utah Commission, and the hopes and plans of the "Liberals" here who prompted that body, will fall to the ground and provoke only disfavor and disgust in the breasts of fair-minded Americans, whether they be Democrats or Republicans.

"CHRISTIAN" INDUSTRIAL HOME FALSEHOODS.

The so-called "Industrial Christian Home Association," of this city, has issued its annual report. There would be no need to give it special notice, but for its untruthful attacks on the church and people from which it expects to draw persons on whom to bestow its doubtful charity.

The report commences with a brief account of the inception and progress of the association, with the false statement that it was approved by "the Mormon authorities," and quotes the law of Congress appropriating funds for its support. Then follows an account of the cost of the buildings. The main part, completed last May, cost \$26,406. The two wings are contracted for, and will cost \$22,000. This will be, in total, within the sum of \$50,000 appropriated by Congress for the purpose. Of the \$4,000 appropriated for furnishing the building, \$2,000 has been expended, leaving a balance of \$2,000 to furnish the wings. But this is not considered enough. An appeal is made for a further Congressional appropriation of \$4,000 for regular current expenses and also of \$3,000 for deficiencies; that is a total of \$7,000 for expense account. Quite a snug little sum when footed up with the amounts already sucked out of the national treasury.

Now what is to show for this expenditure of public funds? A building which will probably come into use for some public purpose at a future date. Perhaps the State of Utah may be able to purchase it from the Government for some kind

of an asylum. Or the United States may turn it into a government building when the State comes into the Union. It is not at all likely that it will ever be of extensive service for the purpose put forth when the money was obtained for its erection.

The grand object said to be in view was that of "extinguishing polygamy." This was to be effected by offering an asylum to "dependent women who renounce polygamy, and the children of such women of tender age." This was enlarged so as to cover the ground of:

"First or legal wives. Women and girls with polygamous surroundings in danger of being coerced into polygamy. Girls of polygamous parents anxious to escape from polygamous surroundings. Women and girls who have been proselyted elsewhere and remove into the Territory in ignorance of the existence there of polygamy."

The "extinguishment of polygamy" was not likely to be very much promoted by such means. It is not likely that those who schemed for this Congressional appropriation of public funds had any idea that it would. But let us see how many of all the classes named above put together have been enticed into the "Industrial Home."

The largest number reported in any month is sixteen, of whom twelve were males and four were females. Is not this a tremendous effort and a wonderful success in the direction sought? It is supposable that these males are "children of tender age," because the object of the Home is not to make a place of refuge for male polygamists, whatever their desires may be. Or does the number include the males who happened to be working on the premises?

It appears that no pains have been spared to drum up recruits and induce women and girls to come into the Industrial Home. The report says this has been done "by continuous appeals by advertisements through the public press and by frequent earnest appeals and endorsement in the editorial columns." And, further, in April, 1889, a printed appeal was issued to "women who feel themselves wronged and oppressed by polygamy," setting forth all the inducements that could be offered to prevail upon them to come into the Home, and offering them free transportation.

But the "women who feel themselves wronged" and desire the pat-

ronizing pity and advertized charity of the females who run the establishment, do not seem to be conspicuously numerous. The "Mormon" flies do not flock into the parlors of the "Christian" Industrial Home. What is the matter? Why, the pious people who have made a failure of the concern attempt to cover their utter and complete defeat by "Christian" defamation and bearing false witness against their neighbors. They say:

"The leaders of Mormonism forbid their people entrance to the home."

"The complete and effective organization of Mormonism and the terrorism entailed upon indifference to its edicts stands ever foremost to intimidate the helpless."

There is more in the same spirit and tenor, and political questions are lugged in with the usual "Liberal" malevolence, all tinged with the falsehood that permeates the assertions we have quoted.

Now it cannot be shown, and is not attempted to be shown, that in any instance the leaders of "Mormonism" have made an utterance on the subject. The truth is they have paid no attention to it. There has been no instance of terrorism of any kind to prevent any individual from entering the Home. It is stated that somebody who is not named, offered some individual in the Home also unnamed, to find provisions for her and her children "in some of the Wards" if she would leave the Home. That is the only instance offered of any "Mormon" effort whatever that can be construed as inimical to the establishment.

The DESERET NEWS has taken occasion to criticize the methods of the people who have deceived Congress and the country on this matter, and has exposed their wilful and abominable falsehoods. It will do us and the people of Utah no harm to build a hundred such Homes, if Congress can be cajoled into appropriating the money to erect them. True, it would be a fraud upon the Government because there is not and never has been any necessity for such places, and we pointed out just what would be the result of this scheme at the beginning.

It was founded in misrepresentation of the "Mormon" people, their doctrines and their practices. The money secured was obtained on false pretences. The "Christian" woman who went before committees of either House went there with lies in her mouth. They were proven to be lies by unimpeachable affidavits from