

### WHAT PRESIDENT WOODRUFF DID SAY.

A SINGULAR and untruthful statement is going the rounds of the papers regarding the proceedings of the late General Conference. It is to the effect that, President Woodruff said, in one of his discourses, that no more revelation would be given to the Church, enough having already been revealed for its guidance.

The Idaho Delegate to Congress (Mr. Dubois) reiterated the assertion that has appeared in the newspapers on that subject before the House committee on Territories, when the anti-"Mormon" disfranchisement bill was under consideration. He promised to produce the records of the Conference proceedings embodying the alleged statement by the President of the Church, but failed to perform that feat, because it is an impossible one.

President Woodruff spoke on three occasions at the Conference, the first being at its commencement, when he made a few introductory remarks, which could not be twisted, by any process, into the remotest relation to such a statement as has been attributed to him. Neither could his closing remarks, delivered immediately before the adjournment, be so construed.

In the discourse delivered by the President at the morning session on Sunday, April 6th, he dwelt to some extent upon the subject of revelation, and it was, doubtless, from it that a basis for the erroneous and widely published inference was drawn. To set the matter at rest we here reproduce, in *verbatim* shape, the portion of the discourse which treats upon present revelation:

"Now, with regard to present revelation. President Young led us a great many years. He led us to these valleys. He was a man of God, filled with revelation. His teachings were attended by the inspirations of Almighty God. He laid the foundation of the building of this whole Territory. He governed and controlled this Tabernacle we are in, the Temple we are building, and other Temples that we have built in this Territory; and in all his counsels the word of the Lord was with him. He had but few revelations that were written and published to the world. But we had the word of the Lord through him day by day. The same with President Taylor. We have already got, as I said before, this code of revelation, which we can read every day, and which is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction, to guide us in the way of life from day to day and from year to year while we dwell in the flesh. When the Apostles and Elders of Israel are called to teach you, when they are called to go abroad and to teach the inhabitants of the earth, they are com-

manded of the Lord to speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Ghost; and when a man speaks as he is moved upon by the Holy Ghost, it is the word of the Lord, it is the mind of the Lord, it is the will of the Lord, it is Scripture, it is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believes. If we do not have the Holy Ghost we have no business to teach. But when the Elders of Israel do teach you by the Holy Ghost, you have the revelations of God to you. We have these revelations lying before us for our guidance day by day, as well as the living oracles."

It will be observed that what Brother Woodruff did say is directly the reverse of that which he has been credited with expressing.

Our readers are aware, of course, that Mr. Dubois does not point to the allegation that the Church is to have no more revelation because he mourns over such a presumed condition. It is not to be supposed that he is that kind of a man. When he was U. S. Marshal for Idaho and pursuing the "Mormons" with all the splenetic vigor for which he is noted, he is credited with exclaiming, with a self-congratulatory chuckle, "I've got a jury now that would convict Jesus Christ if he were put on trial." He was simply trying to make the point with the committee that, the President having stated that no more revelations would be given to the Church, there was no room to hope that one would be received directing the abolition of plural marriage.

The position of the Presidency of the Church and the Church as a body is that the earth will yet be flooded with revelation, and among its objects is the ultimate proclamation upon the housetops of the infamous plots of wicked men who conspire against the peace and liberties of a God-fearing people.

### VILE SLANDERS REFUTED.

THE Salt Lake *Tribune* of Friday, April 18th contains an abusive and libelous editorial which requires some notice from the undersigned. The gross personalities which are the chief stock-in-trade of that paper place it on too low a level for frequent attention. Occasionally we deem it necessary to reply, but always feel after doing so that we have performed a disagreeable duty and handled words with a blackguard.

The article to which we now refer is in relation to the confirmation, by the United States Senate, of E. H. Parsons as Marshal for Utah. The clique which has been trying to secure this position for a person more likely to become its tool, is

fairly wild with rage over the defeat of its vile and contemptible work. Affidavits which were either utterly false or wide exaggerations were secretly obtained and sent to Washington, to blacken the character of Mr. Parsons and aid in the scheme to oust him. But investigation, ordered from the capital, disclosed the nature of the attack made upon him, and showed that it was prompted by personal animosity as well as a desire to accomplish the purpose we have indicated.

The consequence is that one of the chief plotters has lost his own official head, and the object of his assault has gained a signal victory. Hence the vile tirade which is indulged in on Friday morning by the organ and abettor of the defeated clique.

It is charged that there is "an arrangement between Mr. Parsons and certain men high in authority in the Mormon Church, by which the men of prominence, at least, in that Church are to be exempted from arrest." A little calm reflection will show to any intelligent person that this is as childish as it is malicious. If there are men "high in authority" or without any authority, in or out of the "Mormon" Church who are guilty of violating the law, it is not the business of the Marshal to arrest them until a charge has been preferred and a warrant issued and placed in his hands. The Marshal is not the public prosecutor, nor the grand jury, nor a court.

The *Tribune* admits that this presumption of official malfeasance "cannot be established by absolute proof," but justifies its meanness by stating that "the guilty ones in the Mormon Church are not being punished." If it is true that any "guilty ones" are "not being punished," cannot the fabricator of these charges see that the blame lies at some other door than the Marshal's? And is not this insinuation a covert *Tribune* thrust at some other official or officials? If not, its folly is only exceeded by its petty malice.

The *Tribune* says, "Marshal Parsons' confirmation was opposed by affidavits charging him with gross immorality," but "he proceeded to get counter affidavits to show that the first were not true." That, of course, is simply awful! The proper thing for the Marshal to do, undoubtedly, was to let the lying affidavits perform their intended work and permit the clique that was sneaking after his official foot-gear to put its tool in his place. To