

to citizenship, would not that be an interference with the free exercise of the Catholic religion. Or substitute the word Methodist for Catholic or "Mormon," would not that be interfering with the free exercise of the Methodist religion? It can be said, it will be said, and in fact it most certainly is true, that the exclusion of an alien solely on the ground that he is a member of the "Mormon" Church, is an interference with the free exercise of religion, and is therefore lawless, being in flagrant violation of the supreme law of the land.

But, says Judge Zane: "The Church was not condemned by Judge Anderson on account of religious faith, doctrine or worship, but because of its moral, social and political doctrines and the unlawful practices and conduct that it enjoins." Yet Judge Anderson did not and could not cite any unlawful practice enjoined by the Church, nor any political doctrine enunciated by the Church which is contrary to the principles of American republicanism. Further, it has not been shown, and cannot be shown, that any member of the "Mormon" Church is compelled or required, by virtue of his membership, to do any act whatsoever that is in violation of any law or any social, political or moral principle as held, in theory, by the majority of the American people. Judge Anderson did not do this. Judge Zane cannot do it. The judicial fiat is: "No member of the Mormon Church can be admitted to citizenship." That is nothing more nor less than discriminating against a man's religious faith, doctrine and worship, and all denials of this are the thinnest kind of vain pretense.

Judge Zane intimates that a seceder from "Mormonism" may be readily admitted to citizenship. That is a premium on apostasy. If a man has been a member of the "Mormon" Church, the Court will not exclude him. "if he is not at present a member in good standing and in full fellowship." Does Judge Zane know what is implied by this? Men of "good moral character," who refrain from those "Liberal" vices which "Liberal" advocates claimed in the Third District Court were committed by nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand men—"Liberal" men of course—who do not wrong their neighbors, who do not deny their God, who are peaceable, orderly members of society, are usually held

in good standing and fellowship in the "Mormon" Church.

But it seems Judge Zane considers the class that are excommunicated are the proper kind to receive into the fold of American citizenship. They are usually persons found guilty of offenses which render them unfit for membership in any church. This is not always the case, because some few individuals retire at their own request for various reasons. But, as a rule, no person is excommunicated except for violation of morality, honesty, truth, sobriety or other rule of life considered essential to Christian character. If such persons are better to be esteemed as fitted for citizenship than "Mormons" in full faith and fellowship, we do not envy Judge Zane his peculiar choice.

The general good qualities of the "Mormon" people, their freedom from anything that produces social disorder, their compliance with the regulations that are needful to the well being of society, are recognized throughout the civilized world. Therefore to exclude such men from citizenship on the ground that they are "Mormons," when they are monogamists in practice and ready to swear allegiance to this government and fore swear allegiance to all other governments, is an outrage upon religious liberty, is contrary to the spirit and letter of the naturalization laws, and bears the appearance of unjust discrimination, in favor of a political party seeking to obtain power by destroying that freedom which this government was created to establish and maintain.

"HANDWRITING ON THE WALL."

THE so called "Liberal" party is terribly agitated over the exposure of the Witbeck letter, which showed conclusively that the "pure and loyal" leaders of that party were doing the very thing of which they were falsely accusing their opponents. The "Liberal" organ, true to its common tactics and methods, makes a very lame and limp attempt to show that an element of forgery enters into the composition of this fatal letter. It says the word "vote" as it appears in the *fac simile* was "work" in the original, making the letter read: "The bearer of this wants to *work*," instead of "The bearer of this wants to *vote*; look out for a job for him."

This is as false as its first assertion, which was that the whole letter was "a clumsy forgery." To boldly lie its way out, was its first natural

instinct and familiar effort. But this would not do. The signer of the damning document had to admit his signature and the organ its useless error. Then the subterfuge was resorted to that the word "work" had been changed to "vote."

But even here the organ's falsehood is made obvious. For "Liberal" Chairman Powers himself, to whom the letter was addressed, admits that he has seen the original and that the word vote appears therein and has not been changed at all. And this admission is published in the same column with the organ's wretched attempt to insist that the word "work" had been changed.

The People's committee have been aware for some time that "colonizing," as it is called by the "Liberal" organ, has been resorted to by wholesale by "Liberals," and that the cry against the People's Party was simply to throw dust in the eyes of the public and cover up "Liberal" schemes which are native to that combination. The so-called "Labor Bureau" of the "Liberal" organ was but a thin disguise of the same scheme, and the fact that as soon as registration commenced, and therefore "colonization" would be of no further use to the party, the "Labor Bureau" suddenly closed with a snap, is a plain indication as to the nature and purpose of the "blind."

The pure and perfect Powers comes out with a lot of denials on the part of his henchmen. But these, according to the well known logic of the "Liberal" organ, "do not count." In its own language, in reference to evidence offered by "Mormons" in disproof of monstrous and absurd statements against their faith and practice, they are to be viewed "much as would be the disclaimer of a culprit of the crime alleged against him."

After the record of the chairman of the "Liberal" committee, in Michigan, as produced in the Senate Committee when that body was prepared to reject his nomination for a Utah judgeship, and which was so strongly scented that President Cleveland hastily withdrew the nomination, the chairman's lifting up of hands and rolling up of eyes, and pretended holiness of sentiment and act, seem the hollowest kind of cant and thinnest sort of hypocrisy.

The "Liberals" are badly rattled. Affirming that they were "sure of the election by actual count three times," they went to work in the most dastardly and contemptible manner to hinder the naturalization