

nate; that they are generally working people from the old world; and they do not come here to violate the law or under any obligations which would imply or lead to any such violation.

But supposing that there has been any shadow of a reason for the claim that women were being brought here from abroad, who might perhaps become the plural wives of "Mormons," would not the action of the General Conference dissipate that bare suspicion and remove any objection that might have arisen because of it?

It seems as though the press and the public do not want to know the truth in regard to the emigration of Latter-day Saints from all parts of the world to these valleys. The gathering of the Saints is one of the doctrines of the Church and has been from the beginning. That it has no reference to polygamy has been abundantly proven and the facts have been easy of understanding. But the papers will publish any lie while they exclude the truth, and the public seem to delight in accepting falsehood however absurd and in rejecting the truth when it is presented. Government officials, however, ought to be above this common affinity with error and should weigh the evidences and arrive at a just judgment.

"The gathering of the elect from the four winds" will probably go on. Believers in the Gospel as preached by "Mormon" Elders will come to this country, as they have a right to, and persons who confound immigration with polygamy will no doubt continue to draw illogical and ridiculous conclusions in spite of all that may be said and done.

Secretary Noble says the reports sent to him—alluding most likely to the report of the Utah Commission—"declared that forty cases of polygamy had come to the knowledge of the federal officials." If the Secretary will look closer he will see that the report does not make this declaration, but that it was contained in a lying dispatch sent from this city and intended to convey that false impression. He will find that the Utah Commission, as in former years, have simply given official voice to a report received from registration officers and expressing their unsupported opinion. If he will look deep enough he will find a motive for this untruthful and deceptive rumor.

The registration officers report to the Commission the number

of persons who have not registered, and whom they suspect of refraining from doing so because they could not take the test oath. There are many "Gentiles" who have abstained from registering. Why not say they have entered into polygamy and that is why they did not register? A little reflection will show that there is no good reason for making such a charge. And investigation will prove that non-registration and reckless gossip form the sole support of the charge that there are forty new cases of polygamy.

If knowledge, or any evidence however slight, of these forty cases had come to the Federal officials, no one here doubts for a moment that prosecutions would be commenced without delay. It is not true that any such knowledge or any such evidence is possessed by the Federal officials, and the statement that it is, either reflects very shamefully upon the vigilance of those officials or upon the veracity and honor of the persons who have made the charge.

We say, the statement has been officially published in such a manner that no actual assertion of the kind has been made and yet the desired impression has been created. It is a cunning trick resorted to by the writer of the Utah Commissioners' report, and has enabled the disreputable dispatch fiend in this city to spread the lie throughout the country, with intention to deceive and with no contradiction from the Commissioners.

Let Secretary Noble read carefully the report to which he alludes, compare it with the dispatches that refer to it, then inquire into the ground for either statement. And he will find that there is not any basis for the report but rumor, nor for the dispatch concerning it but falsehood.

#### EXPECTING A DELIVERER.

A few days ago Captain Trimbleton, of the Seventh U. S. Cavalry, is reported to have said:

"The Indians have got the impression that the great medicine man is once more about to visit the earth. Thousands of Indians are forsaking their plows and agricultural occupations to sulk in solitude when they are not conducting orgies to welcome the great medicine man."

He also says, speaking of the Sioux in South Dakota, that 5000 of them who have heretofore professed Christianity have renounced it and now indulge in "religious services

which include worship and bathing."

It would appear from the bathing part of the report that the red men were beginning to take on a very important part of godliness in which they have heretofore been noted for being deficient—cleanliness. The Captain gives it as his opinion that the most serious Indian uprising for many years is certain to come soon. But just why he should think so does not appear, unless it be based on the fact that the aborigines are indulging in religious worship and bathing, which do not seem to be very dangerous proceedings.

Dr. A. K. Mills, a ranchman living on Republican Bottoms, near the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, takes a more cheerful view of the situation than Captain Trimbleton. He confirms the statement that the Indians are expecting some great deliverer, concerning whom and what they expect of him they are exceedingly reticent, declining to communicate anything. According to a dispatch to the New York *Tribune*, Dr. Mills says:

"There is no fear among the settlers even in the immediate vicinity of the reservation. The excitement has more of the character of a religious frenzy than of a hostile outbreak, and any serious disturbance would be readily suppressed. According to Mills' account, there is no immediate danger at Pine Ridge of extinction through disease and that fatality which civilization is supposed to possess for the Indian. He says that the Pine Ridge bands are numerous, healthy and rapidly increasing."

#### CAPTAIN CODMAN'S LETTER.

We publish to-day Capt. Codman's communication to the *National Democrat*, headlines and all as they appeared in that paper on Sept. 27th, and portions of which were telegraphed from Washington, D. C. in press dispatches.

The old ocean captain has shown that he has as much moral courage as that physical bravery which was a necessary qualification to success on the sea. In telling the plain truths which stand out in bold relief all through his article, he exposes himself to the hatred of the anti-"Mormon" press and the ridicule of numerous uninformed yet educated people with whom he comes in daily contact.

There are many persons who have become acquainted with the "Mormon" people who understand the situation, and who hold exactly the same views as those expressed by Captain Codman and are not slow to say so in "Mormon" circles.