

other; and while we do live in the flesh let us do our duty.

Our reward is on the other side of the veil. No matter whether a man is rich or poor here. Riches are dangerous. It is better to be poor than rich. If a man gets riches enough to damn him, it is the worst calamity that can come upon him. As one said anciently, "Give me neither poverty nor riches." Many of us have traveled a great many years in the vineyard of the Lord, trying to save the souls of men and to lay up treasures in heaven. Thousands have been redeemed in these temples. You have one here in Logan. We have been called as Saviors upon Mount Zion, while the kingdom has been the Lord's. These are glorious principles. To be saved ourselves, and to save our fellow-men, what a glorious thing! What is gold and silver; what are the riches of this world? They all perish with the using. We pass away and leave them. But if we have eternal life, if we keep the faith and overcome, we shall rejoice when we go upon the other side of the veil. I rejoice in all these things. There is hardly any principle the Lord has revealed that I have rejoiced more in than in the redemption of our dead; that we will have our fathers, our mothers, our wives and our children with us in the family organization, in the morning of the first resurrection and in the Celestial Kingdom. These are grand principles. They are worth every sacrifice. When we get home with God and with the Prophets and Apostles we will rejoice exceedingly. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Brethren and sisters, am I glad to meet with you, and to have the privilege of bearing my testimony. This is the Church of God. The Lord has a good people here—the sons and daughters of Abraham, whose lives have been hid with Christ in God, and you have known it not. The Priesthood has been handed down from Father Abraham, through the lineage of our forefathers, unto us in this last dispensation and fulness of times. Then let us be true and faithful; let us honor God; let us try to keep His commandments; let us remember our prayers and do our duty, and especially be united—united to the Lord, united to the Holy Ghost, united to one another, that we may carry out the principles in our day and time; which may God grant, for Christ's sake. Amen.

#### ANTI-"MORMON" LITERATURE DENOUNCED.

THE following correspondence from the pen of Dr. S. H. Allen, resident physician of the Maternite Hospital, Baltimore, Md., is self-explanatory. It was tendered to the editor of the *Baltimore Sun*, who, actuated doubtless by a desire to float in the popular anti-"Mormon" current, published only a

small portion of it. Dr. Allen is from Mount Pleasant, Sanpete County. He graduated with high honors from the leading medical university of Baltimore and was tendered the important position he now fills. We take pleasure in giving place to his communication, in which he makes an intelligent defense of his people—the Latter-day Saints:

*To the Editor of the Sun:*

In your issue of today is a short article under the heading of "New Publications," which contains several erroneous and unjust statements. It insults and slanders a large body of American citizens who have chosen to adopt the faith of the Latter-day Saints. Thomas Gregg has written a book about the Mormons or Latter-day Saints, and called it "The Prophet of Elmyra." You say Mr. Gregg "lived near Nauvoo during the Mormon settlement. He dislikes Mormonism, yet strives to be just. He has, therefore, those qualities of experience and fairness which contribute to give us the best history of the Church of the Latter-day Saints, its leaders and its policy that we have." John Doe lived near a community of Catholics or Presbyterians; he hates their religion, strives to be just, and is therefore fitted to give us the best history of Catholicism or Presbyterianism, their leaders and policy. Every intelligent reader of the *Sun* will indignantly denounce such thin, silly and worse than childish argument. It is hardly possible after reading the *Sun* for two years for me to believe that such a great and deservedly popular paper as it is would endorse any history whose chief claim to merit and accuracy is that it was written by a hater of the subject or people written about.

Informed people today, as you well know, are in possession of too many instances where histories have been dashed off from bitter, shallow pens, guided by bigotry and ignorance and too often mercenary motives.

Such histories bury the truth beneath heaps of stupid and often unreadable trash, inflame the passions and misinform the minds of indiscriminating readers; kindle unnecessarily the fires of hatred and set in motion the cyclone of religious strife and contention.

The spirit of the nineteenth century demands reliable and strictly accurate histories whether they treat of the Latter-day Saints, Methodists, or treat of America, England or Germany, the North or South, or whether they treat of Joseph Smith, Martin Luther, John Wesley or Robert G. Ingersoll.

Peter the hermit is long since dead, the holy wars or Crusades which he did much to inaugurate by his fanatical and earnest preaching come down to us as some of the saddest monuments to man's ignorance during the dark ages.

There are crusades today and have been during the past hundred years, which, if not on such a large scale, are as aimless and unreasonable as

were those which cost the loss of millions of men in trying to drive the worshipers of Allah from the tomb of Christ. The present crusade against the Latter-day Saints will, in the not far distant future, be seen in its true light and will be looked at much as we look at the Crusades of the year 1000 and 1050 A. D. Last March over at Washington I was talking with a judge who had spent several years in Utah as a member of the Utah Commission, created by the Edmunds law of 1882-3. With his commission from Congress in his pocket, he went to that Territory, and found that much of his information about that strange people up to that time was sadly out of joint with the facts, as it had been gleaned from books written by bitter enemies and transient visitors to the "Mormons." This judge adopted a novel but wise method of putting himself in possession of the facts about these much misunderstood and maligned people. He made several journeys into different parts of the Territory, going by team, where there were no railroads from one settlement or village to another, and taking care to stop not at hotels, where such existed, but he ate and slept each night in the homes of prominent Mormons, who would gladly give him conveyance to the next town or place of interest. He said he found the kindest treatment and hospitality in all his travels and that the people were temperate, virtuous and strictly Christian in their ways, and paying much attention to the education of their children.

He, like quite a number of observing travelers with whom I have conversed, testified to the utter unreliability of most of the existing literature on this subject.

The "History of the Mormons" by E. N. Tullidge, a scholar who has lived in Utah ever since 1850 and that found in Bancroft's late classical history of the Pacific States and Territories, are the only two histories by non-Mormons that I know of as being reliable. Scores of books on this subject have appeared before "The Prophet of Elmyra," such as "Mormonism Exposed," "Eight years Among the Mormons," "Female Life Among the Mormons," "Tell it All," "Hell on Earth," etc. Most of them teem with lies so loud that only the stupidest people believe all their contents, some of them proclaim the depraved and mercenary spirit of their authors and nearly all contain some of the meanest and basest calumnies that were ever heaped on an unpopular people since the rabble shouted at Christ, "Away with him, away with him—a friend of publicans and sinners, a gluttonous man—a stirrer up of sedition and not fit to live."

It is time to stop and ask if there is any good or any amusement even in continually misrepresenting the Mormon because he is unpopular.

Mr. Editor, you say "Cagliostro never found dupes as ignorant as Joe Smith with his golden plates." That is an easy and flippant way of disposing of a subject to which thousands of men of brains, zeal and