

university presidency, securing for him the degree of doctor of divinity from an Ohio institution and doing all within my power to help him, vindicate his election and glorify the university. Being so intimately identified with him, it must be apparent to those interested that this break only resulted from a great strain on my confidence in him as a man. At first I resisted every suspicion and battled against all doubt, but as the constant dropping of the water wears the rock away, my faith gradually decreased and finally hope deferred made the heart sick. Last fall I began to fear that he would fail in his work. I saw he was raising plenty of money night after night, and also knew that none of it was reaching the university. Up to date he has sent in about \$600. Had he been strictly honest and economical thousands might have been received. But he lives high. Yet with all the money he receives he is very loose about settling his bills. While recently in Philadelphia, I found that he had owed the Continental hotel a board bill of \$227 for over three months, notwithstanding he had repeatedly been called to an account. He owes bills all over the land. Two attorneys in Ogden now hold long standing accounts against him and are at a loss to know how to collect. He has 'done me' for several hundred dollars, some of which I have just had to pound out of him. At the Ogden State Bank he has a note for \$1000, endorsed by S. M. Preshaw due since September last. He has protested it twice. He has made just such a record all over the country. By the way he is now paying for a ten thousand dollar house on Diamond Street, Philadelphia, where his family live in royal style. The people of Ogden all remember the letter he wrote to the *Commercial* last fall, promising to return here by the first of January with \$5000, but up to this time neither the shadow of Small nor the money have been seen, and while recently in Philadelphia I stated some of these things to a few interested parties, and that is the secret of all his present blustering. On my way home, while passing through Cheyenne, I received the following message: 'Better return immediately, or retract by quick telegram slanderous statements. If not will secure criminal indictment and send officer with requisition for your return and prosecution. Delay will aggravate matters.'

"That afforded some amusement and broke the monotony of railroad travel. Shortly after reaching home I received another of the same kind: 'Cheyenne reports you received message. If not answered satisfactorily tomorrow will act as I stated. I mean business. You shall not escape the penalty of your infamous slanders.' Fearing that this southern gentleman might be stricken with a lit of hydrophobia I at this point, solely through sympathy for him, sent a telegram for him, expressing regret that I had made any statements with reference to him. Encouraged in his bulldozing methods by this, he began sending me blackmailing letters and continued to annoy me by telegrams such as, 'Telegraph me specific retraction of all charges made immediately.' Then after waiting a day he wired me again. 'If telegram Tuesday not answered satisfactorily before two o'clock, will accompany Fernly, Neely and Shaw before grand jury. This your last chance.' To the above I wired as follows: 'Nothing to retract. Better settle all your accounts with board and others and save prosecution,' and then if Small did not lie to me, and I believe he did, I was indicted in Philadelphia last Thursday, in which case I shall be happy to go back and prove all that I said and a great deal more. I also received a telegram from him last evening threatening to publish me in the Philadelphia papers if I did not retract

press dispatches that have gone out about him. I replied as follows: 'Know nothing of press telegrams. Am not responsible and have no retraction. Fire away and I'll follow in the Associated Press.' He has also threatened Mr. Franklin, because he sent Small a telegram last week, calling him to 'immediate settlement.' All this noise on the part of Small will not help him out of the dilemma. I charge him with dishonesty and I am ready at any moment to substantiate the claim. The very money that he uses in this telegraph service should have been sent to Treasurer Hank, of the university board, and if from the start he had put more money into brick and mortar and less into his tin foil, telegraphic bugle-blowing, spread-eagle campaign, the university would now be something more than a hole in the ground."

The language used by these Rev. representatives of Methodist piety, reveals the stamp of their minds and the kind of "Christianity" that animates their souls. It is a very pretty quarrel, after the manner of the world, and is likely to demonstrate the character of all the parties to it. And while it goes on and the funds that are being raised on the strength—and odor—of anti-"Mormon" slanders are going the way of all flesh, it appears that the Methodist University consists, like the Salt Lake City and County public building, of nothing but a hole in the ground.

We should think that respectable members of the Methodist Church would be ashamed and scandalized at the exhibition which these disreputable persons are making of themselves, and that the projectors of the University enterprise would institute a thorough investigation into these charges, and purge their society of the low and vituperative, if tonguey and cash-collecting, preachers who do so much to bring reproach upon the Christian cause.

### INSULTING UTAH JUDGES.

THE advocate of "Mormon" disfranchisement for alleged belief keeps up his daily howl, although it can have no practical effect, except to annoy some inexperienced young "Mormon" who may happen to hear it, and to disgust the sensible "Gentiles" who are nauseated with the noise.

This morning he occupies nearly a column and a half of editorial space in the *Tribune* to show why no "Mormon" alien should be naturalized and no "Mormon" citizen should vote. There is not a new suggestion in the whole tirade, nor a valid argument, even if the alleged facts were true. The continual reference to a judicial decision that was as plainly contrary to the evidence as any blunder or outrage ever committed on the bench, has no weight with Gentile, "Mormon" or Jew who knows any-

thing of the case or the trial. And the *Tribune* slobberings and soft soap adulation of the official who sneezes when the *Tribune* or certain attorneys take snuff, is no credit to that person and adds no force to that paper.

Another thing, on its own reasoning, it is continually insulting the Federal Judges in this Territory, who admit to citizenship "Mormon" aliens that conform to the laws and make satisfactory showing that they are well disposed to the Constitution and Government of the United States. The *Tribune* says "they are not fit to have citizenship papers;" that "it is an infamous thing to give men so enthralled as that citizenship papers;" that they "are unfit to cast a ballot in the United States;" and "to permit this outrage \* is an infamous shame."

If the writer of this stuff cannot see that he is far more insulting to three Judges than he accuses a contemporary of being to one Judge, his brain, such as it is, must be terribly befogged.

Now what is the ground of the objection to the exercise of the ballot by law-abiding "Mormon" citizens? Here it is; he says:

"They nominate no one. The nomination is made from the head of the Church." "They know nothing and care nothing about the nominee. All they want to know is that he is the person selected by the head of the Church."

What proof of this is offered? None whatever. He says so, that is all. The only answer that seems appropriate to this libel is his own elegant language applied to a morning contemporary:

"Every time it publishes it it knows it lies; every time it publishes it it knows that nine-tenths of its readers know that it lies; but it continues its falsehoods because it knows that it cannot help it."

We omit the vulgarity that follows this refined effort. The President of the "Mormon" Church nominates no civil officer or candidate for office under the laws. The people proceed, as is customary with all political organizations, in caucus and convention to discuss candidates and make up tickets, except that they have much greater freedom than is exercised by ordinary bodies, which are commonly controlled by party bosses and what is known as "the machine."

And if all that is said on this head were true, it would afford no reason or argument against naturalizing "Mormon" aliens who conform to all the requirements of the naturalization laws and the extra obligations imposed by the Utah Courts.

What object the fanatic, who keeps up this senseless and baseless tirade, can have, except to void the venom with which he is surcharged, is not apparent to the ordinary mind. We