

ops are authorized to hold ecclesiastical courts to try offenders against Church discipline, but can only punish the unrepentant by suspending or excommunicating them from Church fellowship. Therefore no member of the "Mormon" Church can be admitted as a citizen of the United States.

Charges of unchristianlike conduct have been presented in certain Bishops' courts against Church members for sharp practice against their brethren in business affairs, and decisions rendered to the effect that the offenders would not be held in Church fellowship unless they showed repentance by dealing justly and honestly. Therefore aliens of the same Church who were not parties to these transactions and had nothing to do with them in any manner whatever, are to be denied the benefits of the naturalization laws.

More than thirty years ago "Mormon" preachers argued that murderers and adulterers who had previously been enlightened of God and had received the Holy Ghost, could not gain forgiveness of their sins like ordinary offenders, and that when the law of God should be executed on the earth they would atone for their crimes by death, as in Biblical times. But that no one could execute such penalty except after trial under the laws of the land and by a civil officer. Therefore, according to Andersonian logic, "the offender shall suffer death for his transgression" and "any member of the Church has the right to shed his blood!" And consequently no member, even if he never heard this doctrine or this gross perversion of it, may be admitted to the privileges of citizenship.

Brigham Young denounced the sending of an army here in 1857, which was officered by men who afterwards took up arms against the United States. Therefore "Mormons" who were not here at that time and had nothing to do with what was said or done, are to be excluded from naturalization.

Daniel H. Wells was welcomed from prison by the "Mormon" populace here ten years ago, because he would rather suffer than disclose matters which he had agreed to keep secret and with which the courts had nothing legally to do, and somebody started the story that at that time the United States flag—whether by accident or not was not determined—was dropped to the ground. Therefore aliens who

have come to this country since that time must not be naturalized if they are "Mormons."

Four years ago, half-a-dozen of the United States flags which were flung to the breeze in this city on Independence Day were placed at half-mast, as an emblem of mourning, because the leading men of the community were in exile through the outrageous and illegal execution of harsh laws. Never before in the history of nations was the half-masting of a flag considered anything else than a sign of mourning. But for anti-"Mormon" purposes, frothy fanatics pretended to construe this token of grief into an insult to the flag, though in a week after they half-masted it themselves. No connection of the "Mormon" Church or its leaders, who were all absent, was ever traced to this act. Therefore no alien member of the "Mormon" Church, whether he endorsed or knew anything of this business or not, is fit to be a citizen of the United States.

Several prominent "Mormon" leaders have been indicted for polygamy. Therefore, monogamous "Mormons," applicants for naturalization, some of whom do not believe in polygamy, and all of whom are ready to take an oath not to violate the anti-polygamy acts, are not to be permitted to swear allegiance to the Government and obey the laws.

The DESERET NEWS has commended men who refused to make a promise which no court had the right to exact, and criticized the conduct of others who have made agreements which appeared to be dishonorable. Therefore alien "Mormons," seeking citizenship must be denied the privilege, whether they ever read the DESERET NEWS or not.

"It has always been and still is the policy of this government to encourage aliens who in good faith come to reside in this country to become citizens." Therefore all such persons, provided they are "Mormons," must be excluded from citizenship.

The "Mormon" Church teaches that the Constitution of the United States is inspired of God and that all laws made in pursuance thereof must be obeyed. Therefore, the members of the "Mormon" Church "are animated by a feeling of hostility to the Government and its laws, and, therefore, an alien who is a member of said Church is not a fit person to be made a citizen of the United States."

These premises and deductions

are of course extremely logical, and must strike readers of Judge Anderson's decision, in the naturalization cases, with wonder and admiration at the acumen, and profound reason, and judicial equity displayed therein. The document should be preserved in the archives of the Church and in private collections of legal curiosities, for the astonishment if not the praise of future generations.

WICKED AND SCANDALOUS.

IT APPEARS that Mrs. Angie Newman is again on the anti-"Mormon" lecture stump, and continues to wickedly defame the Latter-day Saints by making statements she knows to be false, as they have heretofore been completely exploded. Among these infamous fabrications is the story about an incestuous marriage, the facts of which she claimed to have discovered at the Utah penitentiary.

The groundlessness of this infamous slander was fully exposed by the strongest kind of official proof, which was placed before a Congressional committee before which this perverted woman made the abominable and untruthful statements. We can only account for Mrs. Newman's pertinacious course in continuing to reiterate such unjust and foundationless utterances on the ground of her having been thwarted in a scheme, whose object was for her to control the manipulation of an appropriation made by Congress for the establishment in Utah of a benevolent institution. Her course is that of a disappointed woman. She recently delivered a characteristic lecture at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and we find in the *Register*, published in that town, a letter in response written in defense of his people, by a Utah boy, Benjamin Cluff, Jr., of Provo, who is at the University there, pursuing a course of studies. We annex the following abstract from his communication:

"The lady says that the Mormons are allowed by their leaders to use none but church publications. Many publishing houses both east and west can bear a different testimony. Thousands of dollars are spent every year in the purchase of books. Salt Lake City has more, and equally as large, book stores as Ann Arbor. School books are prescribed by law and are those that are generally used throughout the United States. The facts are that the young people in Utah, like