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## THE SHAMEFUL WORK GOES ON.

THE second contribution of the cowardly and libellous scribe who has adopted the scheme of writing as if he were a "Mormon," in order to attack the Church in a plausible manner, appears in the eastern illustrated magazine which contained his first effusion. This time it is without illustrations, excepting a villainous caricature of the pleasant countenance of President Woodruff.

Under cover of a pretended tribute to the honesty, quietness and general good qualities of the "Mormon" people, this scoundrel darts his jets of malice and falsehood for the purpose of maligning those whom he pretends to eulogize. As in the first article, old scraps of history and well-worn comments of other writers are here copied, verbatim, as though they were original, and a few facts are interwoven with much fiction in such a way as to deceive the reader at a distance, who, ignorant of affairs in Utah, cannot readily pick out the truth from the falsehood.

No "Mormon" could fall into the errors with which the pretended history abounds, and it is evident that the mean and scurvy scribe who performs this dirty work does not understand the order and organization of the Church, but misrepresents it even when intending to describe it correctly.

For instance, he says:

"Among Mormons there are no discussions on religion or politics, no opinions, no variety of views, but only iron-clad obedience."

"The result is, that every member of the Territorial Legislature is a high dignitary of the Church; all local and municipal government is under the same control; and thus it comes to pass that, in America, a Church absolutely governs a Territory."

"In every block of buildings is the 'Teacher.' It is his duty to keep himself thoroughly informed as to the religious faithfulness, domestic life, business affairs, political attitude, and personal plans of every one residing in that block. He may enter every house, question and cross-question every inmate thereof, demand the most explicit statements, and insist upon truthful answers to all his inquiries."

"In every ward is the 'Ward Bishop.' He has the same supervision of the ward as the teachers have of the blocks of buildings, and to him the teachers report."

"Over the whole town is the 'Presiding Bishop,' to him the ward bishops report."

He speaks of "The United Order of Orderville" as though it were a present and active organization instead of a thing of the past, and quotes a notice, issued by the late Bishop Hunter in this city about forty years ago, as being now "posted in all the settlements." And after giving the "Mormons" credit for being "conspicuously honest, industrious and sober," he says:

"And nevertheless they are disgraced in the eyes of the world by a doctrine for the defence of which they would to-morrow leave their ploughs and take up arms."

"But polygamy will not die out. In every endowment house in Utah plural marriages are being secretly celebrated today. The courts are powerless to prevent them. The bills enacted against them are dead letters."

These are samples of the mingled ignorance and malice of the sneaking slanderer who has not the manhood to attack openly the people whom he desires to destroy. Every "Mormon," and every person who has been a "Mormon" can detect in these paragraphs we have quoted the hand of one who does not understand the Church, the present situation, or the commonest affairs of the "Mormon," people, or even of the Territory as a political organization. Every one of those sentences is either willfully false or stupidly erroneous.

The purpose of these articles is plain. It is to aid in the new attempt that is to be made to effect complete "Mormon" disfranchisement in Utah. It is part of the plot in which the most despicable and unprincipled of the anti-"Mormon" adventurers in Utah are engaged. It is worthy of their diabolical methods and their infamous and detestable cause. It is the lower depth of their degradation, too low for any creatures but their kind. An honest anti-"Mormon" may be respected, even in his strongest hostility; the miserable wretch who has sought this subterfuge is too vile and contemptible for controversy.

If the editor of the magazine which prints this stuff in order to increase its circulation is not in league with the impostor that writes it, his utterances in reference to the libellous matter belie his attitude. He speaks of "a policy of deception by President Woodruff and his Apostles," and without qualification

or expression of opinion declares flatly:

"So far from being persecuted they defy the courts. They celebrate plural marriages covertly where once they celebrated them openly. That is the only concession they make to the legislative acts of Congress."

Of course all this is mere assertion and contrary to well known facts. But it shows the animus of the editor, and so does the final sentence of his remarks, which is as follows:

"If the leaders of the Mormon Church could be driven out of the country or imprisoned for life, polygamy would die in a week."

The folly as well as vindictiveness of these words is manifest in the article of which this editor writes approvingly. According to that, the "Mormon" people as a whole are "a unit in sustaining polygamy." It declares: "'We would rather die,' say they, 'than give up this article of our creed,' and 'in defense of which they would tomorrow leave their ploughs and take up arms.'"

There is no reason why the leaders of the "Mormon" Church should be driven out of Utah; they have done nothing to excuse their "imprisonment for life;" and if they were not present today, the people are so united and determined and ready to fight, if the pretended "Mormon" scribe is to be believed, that the whole community is but waiting for a chance to shoulder arms and do battle for their faith, leaders or no leaders.

We are promised something more personal in this line shortly. When that is forthcoming, we think it will be proper to take some legal steps to expose the scoundrel who has prepared the falsehoods which are being published to deceive the public and defame the "Mormons," and prosecute the paper which utters and endorses the libels.

## THE FOOTPADS' PARADISE.

THE frequency of burglaries and the audacity of footpads in Salt Lake City are becoming such marked features that Chicago must look to her laurels. If matters are left to proceed much longer in their present course, the crown of anarchy must be transferred from the city of the World's Fair to the city of the Utah Commission, the Home Missionary Society, and the New West Education Association. The foot pad may cast a few ballots at the polls, but it would be much better for Salt Lake to sleep in peace, to walk the streets in safety, and not to risk their lives by carrying a watch chain.