

President Woodruff, declares to be false.

For answer, the Commission restates the fact, and adds, that three additional cases were reported a few days after the report was formulated, which should have been included in it.

During the past year, notwithstanding the "manifesto," reports have been received by the Commission of eighteen male persons who, with an equal number of females, are believed to have entered into polygamous marriages during the year. These reports have been and are at the service of the U. S. District Attorney, but for the obvious reason that persecution might result, the names of the officers reporting such cases, are not given to the public. One report says: "They marry in secret places, and on leaving, the girl goes to her friends, and he to the home of his lawful wife."

Another reports: "One man said he could not take the oath (meaning the registration oath) for he said to go through the Temple and take that oath, are two different things."

Another says that the town of his residence "appears to be a central locality for Number Two of other counties to come and leave their little ones, while Number Two of that place goes elsewhere to give birth to help make up an army to Zion."

Several report such marriages and the removal of the parties to Mexico and other places.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD.

The number of cases that have come under the cognizance of the courts since September 1, 1890, involving the offenses defined in the acts concerning polygamy and kindred crimes is as follows:

	Provo	First District Court, Ogden	First District Court, Beaver	Second District Court, Salt Lake City	Third District Court, Third Lake City	Total
Indictments found—						
Polygamy and Bigamy	18	11	3	1	1	34
Adultery	45	78	4	12	132	272
Unlawful Cohabitation	8	2	1	6	12	29
Fornication	64	80	9	26	188	359
Total	135	171	17	55	242	620
Convictions—						
Polygamy and Bigamy	13	9	2	1	3	28
Adultery	27	29	16	72	134	288
Unlawful Cohabitation	2	5	2	7	16	32
Fornication	42	42	8	22	109	223
Total	84	85	27	102	254	552
Re-submitted to Grand Jury—						
Polygamy and Bigamy	1	1	1	1	4	5
Adultery	3	1	1	1	6	11
Unlawful Cohabitation	1	1	1	1	4	6
Fornication	1	1	1	1	4	6
Total	6	4	4	4	20	38
Acquittals and Dismissals—						
Polygamy and Bigamy	4	19	12	12	47	94
Adultery	41	10	12	12	75	150
Unlawful Cohabitation	3	1	1	1	6	12
Fornication	46	30	24	24	124	244
Total	94	60	50	50	246	400
Outstanding Action—						
Polygamy and Bigamy	23	1	1	1	26	30
Adultery	15	1	1	1	18	38
Unlawful Cohabitation	2	1	1	1	5	10
Fornication	2	1	1	1	5	10
Total	42	4	4	4	54	108

Number of cases reported from the

United States Commissioners for the same period of time is as follows:

	Unlawful Cohabitation	Polygamy and Bigamy	Adultery	Fornication	Incest	Total
Complaints—						
A. C. Bishop, Ogden	2	1	1	1	1	6
R. W. Cross, Ogden	1	1	1	1	1	5
Jos. M. Cohen, Park City	20	1	1	1	1	24
J. W. Greenman, S. L. City	33	1	1	1	1	37
C. C. Goodwin, Logan	65	1	1	1	1	69
Jno. E. Hills, Provo	41	1	1	1	1	45
Jacob Johnson, Spring City	32	1	1	1	1	36
E. P. Johnson, Corinne	2	1	1	1	1	6
Walter Jones, Monroe	2	1	1	1	1	6
John Kirgan, Nepht.	1	1	1	1	1	5
J. T. Leonard, Salina	18	1	1	1	1	22
Jas. N. Louder, Silver Reef	41	1	1	1	1	45
A. G. Norrell, S. L. City	6	1	1	1	1	10
C. E. Norris, Beaver	20	1	1	1	1	24
J. L. Shaffer, Box Elder	6	1	1	1	1	10
Geo. C. Viole, Fillmore	8	1	1	1	1	12
W. Zabriskie, Mt. Pleasant	14	1	1	1	1	18
Totals	421	21	21	21	21	505
Held to bail—						
A. C. Bishop, Ogden	1	1	1	1	1	5
R. W. Cross, Ogden	10	1	1	1	1	14
Jos. M. Cohen, Park City	19	1	1	1	1	23
J. W. Greenman, S. L. City	33	1	1	1	1	37
C. C. Goodwin, Logan	41	1	1	1	1	45
J. E. Hills, Provo	34	1	1	1	1	38
J. Johnson, Spring City	32	1	1	1	1	36
E. P. Johnson, Corinne	1	1	1	1	1	5
Walter Jones, Monroe	1	1	1	1	1	5
John Kirgan, Nepht.	1	1	1	1	1	5
J. T. Leonard, Salina	16	1	1	1	1	20
J. N. Louder, Silver Reef	9	1	1	1	1	13
A. G. Norrell, S. L. City	5	1	1	1	1	9
C. E. Norris, Beaver	20	1	1	1	1	24
J. L. Shaffer, Box Elder	5	1	1	1	1	9
Geo. C. Viole, Fillmore	8	1	1	1	1	12
W. Zabriskie, Mt. Pleasant	8	1	1	1	1	12
Totals	217	21	21	21	21	301
Discharged—						
A. C. Bishop, Ogden	1	1	1	1	1	5
R. W. Cross, Ogden	1	1	1	1	1	5
J. M. Cohen, Park City	1	1	1	1	1	5
J. W. Greenman, S. L. City	5	1	1	1	1	9
C. C. Goodwin, Logan	25	1	1	1	1	29
J. E. Hills, Provo	7	1	1	1	1	11
J. Johnson, Spring City	19	1	1	1	1	23
Walter Jones, Monroe	1	1	1	1	1	5
John Kirgan, Nepht.	1	1	1	1	1	5
J. T. Leonard, Salina	2	1	1	1	1	6
J. N. Louder, Silver Reef	2	1	1	1	1	6
A. G. Norrell, S. L. City	1	1	1	1	1	5
C. E. Norris, Beaver	1	1	1	1	1	5
J. L. Shaffer, Box Elder	1	1	1	1	1	5
Geo. C. Viole, Fillmore	1	1	1	1	1	5
W. Zabriskie, Mt. Pleasant	6	1	1	1	1	10
Total	74	22	22	22	22	142

Jacob Johnson, Spring City, also reports that he has pen ing now in his court, twenty-three cases, as follows: Unlawful cohabitation, 18; polygamy, 1; adultery, 4.

Such facts compel the conclusion that polygamy is not yet a "dead issue," and the query may well be made, whether any such manifesto would have been promulgated, and the apparent attitude of the Church upon this subject changed, but for the offending report of the Commission and the prospect of disfranchisement which seemed imminent through and by means of the measures known as the Cullom and Struble bills then pending in Congress.

However this may be, it should be accepted as a progressive step, and time may bring from it fruit which will gladden the heart of the nation.

CHURCH AND STATE.

This Commission has been severely criticised and roundly abused for calling attention to the interference of the Mormon Church in political affairs, and as vigorous denial of that fact has been made as the denial of the practice of polygamy.

Whether the Commission has truly stated facts coming under its observation upon this point may be judged by

the following correspondence, asserted to be genuine and published without contradiction, the final act of the Church tribunal being held January 3, 1890:

PROVO CITY, Utah, January 12, 1887.

Joseph D. Jones, Esq., Provo City, Utah:

Dear Sir—I have learned from sources that are considered reliable that you have identified yourself with an organization known as the "Loyal League of Utah," and as some of their principles are in direct opposition to some of the principles of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," for instance the principle of Celestial marriage and local self government, and as you are an officer in the said Church, I consider it is inconsistent to hold both positions.

Now, I do not question your right to belong to either party, but I do your consistency to belong to both.

I shall be pleased to have you exercise your choice and decide which side you will take, and shall be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

[Signed] J. E. BOOTH.

Bishop Fourth Ward, Provo City.

PROVO CITY, January 15, 1887.

J. E. Booth, Bishop Fourth Ward, Provo City:

Dear Sir—In answer to your note of the 12th instant requesting my resignation as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the reason, as set forth in your note, that I am a member of the "Loyal League of Utah," and giving as your reasons that some of the principles are in direct opposition to some of the principles of the Church, I think you are mistaken as to the principles of the League, some of which, as I understand them, to be opposed to the political control and law-defying practices of this or any other Church, and, further, recognize the laws of Congress, made in pursuance of the Constitution, as the supreme law of the land, and advocate obedience to the same, anything in the laws of any State, Territory or Church to the contrary notwithstanding; believing these to be the true principles of civil government, I feel justified in advocating the same, with malice to none.

If from this explanation you find that I have violated any trust of the above Church, or that it is inconsistent for me to remain a member, you will please erase my name from the Church record. With the best of feelings, I remain, yours truly, (Signed) J. D. JONES.

IN THE HIGH COUNCIL OF THE UTAH STAKE OF ZION.

In the matter of Fellowship of Joseph D. Jones of Provo City, Fourth ward:— Citation.

The High Council of the Utah Stake of Zion send Greeting:

To Joseph D. Jones, Esq.—You are hereby cited to be and appear before said Council at the Council Room in the Stake House, Provo City, Utah Territory, on Friday, the 2nd day of November, A. D. 1888, at 7 o'clock p. m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why the decision of the Bishop's Court of Provo Fourth ward, dated March 17, 1888, withdrawing the hand of fellowship from you, should not be sustained, and that you be excommunicated from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Witness:—Abraham O. Smoot, President of the High Council of the Utah Stake of Zion, this 31st day of October, 1888.

(Signed) JAMES W. BEAN, Clerk.

PROVO CITY, Utah, Jan. 3, 1890.

At a meeting of the High Council of the Utah Stake of Zion, held on the above