

Just so. That would be quite proper under the laws of Canada. But what evidence has the *Times* that such a person can be found at Lee's Creek or elsewhere in the Dominion? Why, it says, Mr. Stenhouse has declared

"That the practice of polygamy was sanctioned and even required by the Mormon Church, and that the polygamous settlers ought to be permitted to live in accordance with their religious belief."

With all due respect to the New York *Times*, Mr. Stenhouse has done nothing of the kind. He has not declared that the "Mormon" Church "requires" this, nor has he asked that the "polygamous settlers be permitted" to do anything. He is not likely to have done either, because no such requirement is made by the Church and there are no "polygamous settlers" to ask anything for.

The Canadian and American press might just as well find out a few facts before making such a pother. There are no great "crowd of "Mormons" pouring into the Dominion. The colony on Lee's Creek is but a small one and the settlers are not practicing polygamy on Canadian soil. The *Times* and other papers admit that these settlers have "showed unmistakable proof of their industry and thrift" and this is a characteristic of "Mormon colonizers wherever they go. Until some overt act is committed to warrant interference with them, it ill becomes any editor either on this or the other side of the Canadian line to seek to stir up prejudice and animosity against them on account of opinions they may or may not entertain. There is no danger to Canada from the "Mormons."

ILLOGICAL MISREPRESENTATION.

SOME of the expressions of local bitterness against the majority of the population of Utah are so childish and pusillanimous as to be beneath contempt. When there happens to be a large influx of visitors to this city, occasion is taken to draw invidious comparisons between them and the residents, hyperbolically in favor of the former in matters of intellectual seeming.

What good is to be attained by this method of insulting and slurring the resident population and dealing out comparative taffy to strangers is difficult to understand. Indeed, there can be no intelligent or worthy object associated with it. It is simply a splenetic absurdity that ought to sicken strangers whose

vanity it is sought to flatter with the fulsome nonsense. Its effect upon the more prejudiced among them, who might be led to believe the falsehoods perpetrated in this line, would naturally be to deter them from entertaining any thought of coming to this city or Territory to settle, as they would not wish to reside among a people so low in the scale of intelligence as the majority here are represented by scurrilous scribblers to be.

To our certain knowledge, however, large numbers of the brighter and more independent-thinking visitors are filled with disgust at the base misstatements made concerning the intelligence and general status of the majority here. The evidence of their own eyes convinces them that the people upon whom the foundationless reflections are cast are in appearance and deportment not a whit behind other folks. They see on every hand what has been accomplished by them; labors which have produced results that could only be attained by the operations of a high grade of intelligence. They learn from fair-minded non-"Mormons" that the people who settled this region and laid the foundation of a great commonwealth in the Rocky Mountains, and their co-religionists who have appeared on the scene since, are not excelled in point of sterling honesty by any community on the globe, and that they possess other virtues worthy of respect and emulation. The result is that a great many of the better and brighter class of visitors exclaim, on learning the truth as it is, "I am most agreeably surprised to find such an intelligent, capable, industrious and kindly disposed people as are located here."

The very insults and disparagements flung at the people lead the observing and thinking visitors to investigate more closely than they otherwise would, and the result is that they learn to consider in its true light the source from which the slanders spring. Some of those from whom the comparative insults emanate are in many respects among the scrubbiest human specimens to be met with in a day's journey, but, of course they probably cannot help that and are therefore not to blame for their status, which would not even be alluded to except for the fact that they make it a great part of their business to decry a people who are in many respects much in advance of themselves.

The matter treated in the foregoing has been illustrated during the last few days.

THE RAID ON THE GAMBLERS.

THE movement to purify Ogden has made a "sensation," and the reason for and effects of it are discussed with a good deal of unnecessary asperity. One thing, however, is beyond dispute; that is, the opposition to the course of the United States Marshal and his deputies comes solely from members and papers of the "Liberal" party. This has peculiar significance and should be duly considered.

Marshal Parsons, in explaining the matter, has stated emphatically that he is responsible for the proceedings against the iniquities in Ogden; that all the complaints concerning them came from that city and none of them from Salt Lake; that they were so numerous and of such a character that they were a disgrace to civilization, that it was charged that the city authorities were doing nothing to suppress these crying evils; and therefore he instructed his deputies to notify the keepers of gambling houses to close up their places within five days or arrests would follow.

This appears to be a straightforward and plain statement of the facts. We endorsed the action of the Marshal through his deputies, and we think his action should be approved by people of all parties. But a number of "Liberals" have been greatly disgruntled at the course pursued in this matter. Their papers in Ogden have taken up the cudgels against this raid upon the gamblers and prostitutes. They have apologized for the inaction of the "Liberal" City Council and police, they have intimated that these institutions were necessary concomitants to a live and progressive town, and they have charged that the movement was in the interest of Salt Lake City, and that the gamblers were simply forced out of Ogden that they might swell the "Liberal" vote at the next election here. It is stated also that when Deputy Marshal Pratt showed he was in earnest in proceeding against them, certain Ogden "Liberals" protested saying it would "break up the Liberal party."

Of what use is it then for the "Liberal" organ here to sputter and void its venom and call vile names because these indisputable facts are exposed? The inauguration of "Liberal" rule in Ogden was signalled