The Prophet of the Nineteenth Century:

OR THE

RISE, PROGRESS, AND PRESENT STATE

OF THE MORMONS,

OR LATTER-DAY SAINTS;

TO WHICH IS ATTENDED,

AN ANALYSIS OF THE BOOK OF MORMON.

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now appeared in possession of an elegant carriage and horses, and with his pockets filled with gold. The "Nauvoo Wasp," a paper, edited by the prophet's brother William, in conveying intelligence of the supposed assassination, gloried in the act; and, while defending Joseph from any participation in the crime, dared to use these expressions: "It remains to be seen who did the noble deed."

But this was by no means the worst part of that career of stupendous villainy, upon which the prophet had now entered. He had already taught the doctrine, that "the blessings of Jacob were granted to him;" in consequence of which he asserted that he might indulge, like David and Solomon, in unrestricted polygamy. In conformity with these instructions of their infallible head, many English and American women, whose husbands or fathers had been sent by the prophet on distant missions, were induced to become his "spiritual wives," "believing it to be the will of God." In these iniquitous proceedings he was assisted by several of his "apostles," who had attained eminence as successful preachers of Mormonism in England. His audacity however, at length, carried him too far, and plunged him into difficulties which all good Christians must hope will prove inextricable. Having attempted to add the daughter of Sidney Rigdon to the number of his "wives,"
the father, who had accompanied him without hesitation in his long course of imposture, proved that he was not dead to natural affection, by resenting an insult which he ought to have foreseen, and by dissolving his association with the abandoned prophet. Bennett, the mayor, had advised Smith to desist from his intemperate course: in consequence of which advice the prophet accused him of being his enemy, and a quarrel ensued, which terminated in the apostasy of the mayor of Nauvoo. Bennett immediately attacked Joseph in the public prints, and exposed his nefarious proceedings in terms of unmeasured severity. He spoke of him as "a polluted mass of corruption, iniquity, and fraud; a beast, and false prophet, who must be washed in the laver of the law until his polluted carcass and corrupt soul shall be purified by fire." On the other hand, Smith applied to a person who is said to have witnessed a former murder committed by him, and told him that "Bennett could be easily put aside, or drowned, and no person would be the wiser for it; and that it ought to be attended to for the benefit of the 'church,' and the sooner the better." Bennett declared that twelve Danites, disguised in female apparel, came subsequently to his residence by night in order to kidnap him; but


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