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SAINTLY FALSITY

On Questions Affecting Their Fanatical Tenets and Practices

Should Oaths of Mormons be Accepted in the Courts?

Some Strong Facts Showing that They Should Not Be.

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ighbours, faithfully, L. ST. CLAIR, Captain Royal Navy.

EDS. TRIBUNE: It is a sad and serious charge to make against any person, or body of persons, who claim to be religious, that to shield their doctrines, members and name, from fair and honest trial before the world, they will, in open court, under the most solemn oaths, swear falsely, prevaricate, and not only keep back the truth of the facts, but swear absolutely the opposite to them. We charge the Mormon Church the Mormon priesthood, and faithful believers of the Mormon creed, generally,

WITH FALSE SWEARING

To hide their acts from the law, and we maintain that their oaths, when Mormon practices and doctrines and certain individuals are concerned, should not be accepted or credited by the world.

It seems a distinctive feature, in true Mormonism, to tell lies and prevaricate for their "religion's" sake, and the protection of some of their priesthood from the consequences of breaking the law, even though the breaches of the law are said to be obedience to God's higher law and revelations. They have been charged with such cunning, duplicity and dishonest swearing, since the year 1830; and their course has proved the charges to be positively correct. The teachings privately and sometimes publicly, have been pronounced on this very subject as a duty to lie, if it will save the church or its principal men. Of course the Mormon Church will deny these charges, now, for "He that does one fault at first will lie to hide and make it two." Let us produce proof of their vicious, willful and debased system of lying to hide misconduct.

It is now openly declared by the Church and published by its authorities that polygamy is

AN IMPORTANT DOCTRINE

and revelation of the Church; that that revelation was given on the 12th of July 1843; and from affidavits furnished by Jos. F. Smith, Counsellor to John Taylor, from several Mormon women, it is shown that it was practiced at Nauvoo. Of that fact there is now no doubt; and it was extensively practiced, but secretly, for fear of the consequences of breaking the law of Illinois against bigamy and polygamy. As boldly and defiantly as it is now acknowledged and advocated, it was as strenuously and persistently denied by all that Church until the year 1852.

In 1842, Dr. John C. Bennett, the whilom bosom friend, counsellor and associate of Joseph Smith, the prophet, published a work entitled "Mormonism Exposed," exposing the wicked practices and purposes of the Mormon Church. Among others, of a degrading nature, he exposed their polygamic doings or "Secret wife doctrine." This charge of "secret wife system," and obedience to it, was strongly and indignantly denied by Joseph Smith, Hiram Smith, John Taylor and others in the *Times and Seasons*, of which Jos. Smith was then editor, succeeded by John Taylor, instantler. In order to meet and refute J. C. Bennett's charge, on that point, and to show that he "perpetrated a foul and infamous slander upon an innocent people" and to have him "hated and despised" for such slander, Joseph Smith printed and published in the *Times and Seasons*, Vol. III, No. 23, page 939, the article on Marriage (monogamic marriage).