

Brigham Young's Defiance.

A dispatch from Salt Lake City states that Brigham Young preached in the Tabernacle there on Sunday, a sermon justifying the Mountain Meadows Massacre, on the ground "that the Gentiles had killed the original Mormon Prophet, Joe Smith, and had driven the Mormons from Missouri and other States by force of arms. He concluded by defying any power on earth or in hell to overthrow his Church, and assured his hearers that the Mormons would continue their practices and dot the whole of Utah with their temples." In view of this audacious defiance, not only of the United States, but of humanity, it may well be asked how long the Government proposes to tolerate Brigham Young? This sermon appears to be a deliberate avowal of his personal responsibility for the Mountain Meadows Massacre, and a deliberate justification of it. We shall not waste time in pointing out the monstrous nature of the defense set up by the hoary old scoundrel who buckles the prophetic character in Utah, and whose success is one of the most humiliating evidences in existence of the low intellectual condition of thousands of so-called human beings. But when an impostor, who is also a chief of assassins, and whose record is crimson with innocent blood, gets up in the pulpit and thus glories in his infamous crimes, at the time that he defies the authorities of the United States it really seems to us that he is unconsciously pointing a moral—to the effect that the execution of John D. Lee was in no sense an atonement for the Mountain Meadows Massacre, and that bloody deed will never be adequately avenged until the villain who authorized and directed it has met his fate accorded by law to all murderers, and unless the Government fears that Brigham Young should go down to Mormon posterity as a demigod, whose unprecedented powers enabled him to defy all earthly authorities, it is time some vigorous measures were taken to bring him to the gallows he has so abundantly merited. It is a burning disgrace to American civilization that such a wretch lives to-day, but when we consider that he not only lives, but lives as head of the Mormon Church, and lives to defy the Government and the nation, the original indignities which has rendered this possible seems almost inconceivable.

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