like a repulsive octopus pushing its Bri-
arean arms into every department of
State; they have seen corruption and
crime like a deadly simoom permeating
every department of the body politic, and
debauching and corrupting the nation,
and they have shrunk from the disgust-
ing contact; how far they can reconcile
this with their ideas of patriotism it is
for these aggressors to say. It is not
the honorable and upright, the men of
virtue and integrity that we would pro-
claim against; it is the vicious, the un-
truthful, the calumniators, the corrupt
and debauched, the stirrers up of sedi-
tion and strife, and the enemies of law,
order, virtue, righteousness, justice, hu-
man liberty and the rights of man to
whom our remarks would apply.

Again, Presbyterians, Baptists,
Methodists, Catholics, and all classes
have come among us, and who has in-
terfered with them? Has anybody in-
terfered with their worship? No. Has
any violence of any kind been offered
them? No, you cannot find it. We are
at their defiance to show any such thing
here. What have we done? We have
fostered them, as has been referred to;
we have treated them courteously and
kindly and gentlemanly as honorable
people ought to do. What have they
done? Combined together to publish
some of the most abominable falsehoods
that were ever circulated with regard
to any community. Now, this becomes
rather a serious matter. Talk about
love for these people! I would do them
good. If they were hungry I would feed
them; if they were naked I would clothe
them; if they were sick I would admin-
ister to them; but if they lied about me
and about this people I would tell them
they were liars and defamers; I do not
care how pious they are, or how much
religion they have got, I would tell them
the naked truth in relation to these mat-
ters.

They are the avowed advocates of
moral reform, profess to be shocked at
our moral obliquity and complain of us
as being licentious and corrupt. Even
every prominent Christian minister in
this city joined in a protest against cus-
toms inculcated in the Scriptures by the
Almighty, and practiced by Abraham, Ja-
cob, David, and hosts of the most vener-
ated and honorable men that ever lived,
practices which they aver are lascivi-
ous and corrupt; and these same minis-
ters issued a circular calling upon their
fellow ministers and brother Christians
throughout the United States to petition
Congress for legislation which should
stop, as they claim, the "foul system of
polygamy," and hypocritically inserted,
to blind the eyes of those not familiar
with Utah matters, a request for legis-
lation for the suppression of "adultery,
seduction, lewd and lascivious cohabi-
tation and kindred offenses," that they
might "be punishable as in the States
and other Territories of the Union;" and
political demagogues joined with them in
the crusade.

Predicated upon these solicitations
scores of petitions were forwarded to
Congress to this effect. They obtained
their legislation and in their frantic
Christian zeal to stamp out polygamy,
a Bible institution, Congress, under
this priestly influence so far forgot
the inalienable rights of man, consti-
tutional guarantees and forms of ju-
risprudence, as to disfranchise nine-
tenths of this community for the al-
leged crime of the one-tenth, and that
too, without trial; thus making the in-
nocent suffer for the alleged acts of
the guilty. And today an infamous,
expurgatory test oath is introduced,