

**THE "TWIN RELICS," SLAVERY AND
POLYGAMY—CONFOUNDING OF POLYGAMY WITH
BIGAMY, "CHRISTIAN" STATESMANSHIP—JOSEPH
SMITH'S PROPOSITION FOR THE ABOLITION OF
SLAVERY—THE GREAT REBELLION, CHURCH
DIVISION—THE BIBLE AND POLYGAMY, ORIGIN OF
MONOGAMY—THE WORK OF GOD IN THE LATTER DAYS,
THE MISSION OF EPHRAIM—THE TEN TRIBES AND
SCATTERED ISRAEL, THE BOOK OF MORMON—PRESENT
PERSECUTION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE SAINTS.**

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I believe it was in 1856, that the Republican party was organized; at their first convention held in Philadelphia, they incorporated in their platform the noted plank, "the twin relics of barbarism—slavery and polygamy," and pledged themselves to rid the country of these two evils. For sixteen years they have labored incessantly to this end; but they know not the thoughts of the Lord, nor understand his counsels. Nevertheless, they are his servants to execute his purposes, and they doubtless have a desire to accomplish all that he designs with regard to them. Have they succeeded in strangling the twins? So far as slavery is concerned they have succeeded in abolishing it in the obnoxious forms in which it prevailed in the Southern States; but still it exists and is likely to continue to exist, in a modified form, while

wickedness exists upon the earth. Africans and white men are in bondage, not in the same form as that in which the southern slaves were held before the war, for the extreme excesses perpetrated under that system, in many particulars, were very great wrongs to mankind, and very grievous in the sight of heaven and of right-thinking people. And changes were determined in the mind of Jehovah, and have been effected. The authors of this republican plank have taken polygamy as taught by the Latter-day Saints as being synonymous with the polygamy of oriental nations, and the bigamy of the Christian nations; this is clearly shown in the law of 1862, passed by the Congress of the United States, designed for its suppression, the term bigamy being used instead of polygamy. The offense was made to consist in