

1877; and was succeeded by John Taylor, who was severely wounded by the mob at Carthage when they assassinated Joseph Smith. Brigham Young took an active part in all the public improvements likely to advance the interest of the Territory, and facilitate communication with the East. He counselled his followers against the pursuit of gold by mining, and urged them to engage in agricultural pursuits. He died rich, at the head of the Mormon hierarchy.

Notwithstanding the example of Abraham and the practices of Solomon, it shocks the religious sentiments of every Christian to see one man with several wives and several families of children, and we feel that no decent man can have more than one wife; and the facility with which divorces are granted, and successive wives and successive husbands are taken by many people, bodes no good to the Republic, and gives the Mormons the opportunity, of which they avail themselves, to reproach us.

If it is difficult to deal with the Mormon question, time will only enhance the difficulty. When Utah shall have the requisite population, and with a republican form of constitution applies to be admitted as an independent State, she must be received, unless rejected on some reasonable ground. If she becomes a sove-