

with his seven hundred wives, found it all "vanity and vexation of spirit," he has had no rival; most men finding the management of *one* wife quite equal to their strength.

The advance of Christian civilization, and the influence of public opinion, already demand that the same power which put down slavery shall end polygamy. But laws have nothing to do with faith in Joseph Smith, or belief in the inspiration of the "Book of Mormon." This book nowhere enjoins polygamy: the idea of plurality of wives came of an independent revelation, pretended to have been communicated through Joseph Smith.

In the preface to this "Book of Mormon" is the following:—

THE TESTIMONY OF EIGHT WITNESSES.

Be it known unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people unto whom this work shall come, that Joseph Smith, jun., the translator of this work, has shewn unto us the plates of which hath been spoken, which have the appearance of gold; and as many of the leaves as the said Smith has translated, we did handle with our hands; and we also saw the engravings thereon, all of which has the appearance of ancient work, and of curious workmanship. And this we bear record with words of soberness, that the said Smith has shewn unto us, for we have seen and hefted, and know of a surety that the said Smith has got the plates of which we have spoken.