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WHAT GOD COMMANDS IS RIGHT.

WE notice that anti-" Mormon' preachers and writers are repeating the charge that those Latter-day Saints who practice plural marriage are violating the instructions of their own sacred books. They have reference particularly to a passage in the Book of Mormon that is made to do active service for the "Josephites." A sectarian journal noted for its shocking errors of orthography and composition, although edited and published in this city by leading anti-"Mormon" professional educators, prefers this charge as follows:

"It is a remarkable fact that the one "It is a remarkable fact that the one custom of the Mormon people, which make them a hiss and by-word among all civilized people, is most emphati-cally and repeatedly commanded in the Book of Mormon. In the book of Jacob this subject of polygamy is treated in several places and the writer computer sufficiently express his above. cannot sufficiently express his abhorrence of it."

The author of the foregoing paragraph states the exact opposite of his meaning, but that is not strange in the paper which prints it and calls itself the Christian Advocate. His intention was to make it appear that the Book of Mormon condemns polygamy, and that the condemnatory passages are to be found in the Book of Jacob. Reference to that book discloses that the people to whom the prophet was discoursing were practising "whoredom," and exdeath cusing themselves "because of the things written concerning David and Solomon, who had many wives and concubines." He rebuked them for their iniquity, declared that those historical personages did some things which were abominable before the Lord, and gave them this injunction:

"Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken unto the word of the Lord; for there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none." (Jacob 2d chap. 27 v.) ing conundrum :

To understand the bearing of this injunction correctly, it will be necessary to inquire into the reason for it. And Here is one statement this is explained by the context. The people, it states, were "waxing in iniquity" and were "excusing themselves in committing whoredoms;" they were "leading away captive daughters of God's people," ple. It is in a region where the peoand had "come under great condemnation." They were therefore unfit for the sacred relationships of that higher order of marriage into which Abraham

"SILENCE IS GOLDEN." This is a time of extraordinary events. James G. Blaine, the Republican can-didste for the Presidency of the United States, comes out at this late date with an explanation intended to obliterate the scandal which has been retailed to the country in reference to his domestic concerns. Surely the astute statesnan has lost his cunning, for at this time silence would have been golden. We regret that the dead embers of his onjugal relations were ever raked up, for the unsavory item in reference to Mr. and Mrs. Bisine, and the "Plumed Knight" would have been much wiser

proper proof.

frained from offering it.

see? Would the lawless and wicked "Mormons" be permitted to vote and hold even a trivial office within the to have let it go without his explanation, unless he was prepared to produce the official who performed the secret ceremony, and the trusted friend who witnessed its pertormance. And it

hold even a trivial once within the city, county or Territory. Again there are other considerations in this connection that should be put into the historic ledger—Suppose the lawless minority "Mormons" were mere speculative adventurers, as many of the arti "Mormon". would be an inexcusable piece of indiscretion and want of foresight even in of the anti-"Mormons" are: Suppose they paid comparatively no taxes—not even enough to prosecute their own class criminals and to feed and guard their own class convicts, as is precise-ly the case with the anti-"Mormons" of Utah to-day; and suppose that the majority anti-"Mormons" had come here under the same circumstances in which the "Mormons" reached this for-bidding desert land, after having been many times driven from dearly earned homes leaving their pillaged cities and desecrated homes and temples and the graves of their dead, some of whom had been ravished to death, some disembowelled and others shot of the anti-"Mormons" are Suppose oung people to neglect to retain docunentary evidence of so important an event as marriage, that if need be its consequences might be justified by

We do not say that Mr. Blaine makes any incorrect statement regarding the matter, but taking his explanation as correct, unless he has in reserve sufficient evidence to fill in a few apparent discrepancies, it would have been better to let tremain unsaid, and rest the matter with the knowledge of the innocence of the principals in their own bosoms. The most extraordinary claim made

in the explanation is the re-assertion Haun's Mill massacre, to prevent furof the defacement of the tombstone of Haun's Mill massacre, to prevent fur-ther mutilation by incarnate fleads. Suppose that all these and a thousand other hardships, trials, persecutions and privations had, for a succession of years, been heaped upon the majority anti-"Mormons" by insatlate mobo-crats. And again, suppose the majori-ty,a ti-"Mormons" had made the roads, built the bridges, dug the untoid miles of canals and water-ways, laid out and built up the beautiful cities and towns, planted the countless trees and shrub-bery, opened the numerous farms, built Mr. Blaine's child by some persons to inture him. This vandalism has been attributed to the Democrats. It will be seen at once that it was to the interest of his political enemies, if they desired to make capital out of the noisome scandal, to preserve the dates of the marriage ceremony of which proof exists-the one which Mr. Blaine bery, opened the numerous farms, built the mills, and had established the calls the second marriage-and that of the birth of his son, that the record numerous industries and the unprece-dented thrift and happiness seen every-where throughout Utah; and by these accomplishments had made it possible to develop the mines and other indusmight show the close proximity of the two incidents-the marriage and the Mr. Blaine has, by his explanation, tries of Utah and adjacent Terri-tories; all of which and much more everyone in Utah knows the "Mormons" have done, would the majority of anti-"Mormons" tamely submit to the pressure and given the scandal-mongers an opportunity to riddle him that they would not have possessed had he wisely re-

tamely submit to the pressure and daily abuse heaped upon them, their sires, their wives and children, by the minority "Mormons," as the majority "Mormons" of to-day submit to the untoid insults and abuse heaped upon them by a class of creatures uttaring IRRECONCILABLE AS USUAL A correspondent submits the follow them by a class of creatures utterly without principles or virtue, as many of the minority anti-"Mormons" of Utab are to-day? "Can you harmonize these two statements? One is from the *Tribune* of August 15, 1884, and the other from the same paper, dated Sept. 18, 1884. They are both editorials." If the anti-"Mormon" maligners were susceptible to the sentiment of shame they would blush and hide their

sname they would blush and hide their heads after a perusal of the statistics which exhibit their immerality as com-pared with the purity of the people who compose the great bulk of the population of Utah, and who are the constant objects of their falsehoods and misrepresentations." "The massacre in Tennessee we are quite as sorry for as the News. With out knowing anything of the causes which led to it, it is a clear case that some murders were committed, and murder never established any princi-HISTSRICUS.

ple are given to violence. Quarrels ending in killing are frequent, and of-BY TELEGRAPH ending in killing are frequent, and of-ten family feuds are settled by the kill-ing of one family or the other. The Ogden Herald justly calls them sav-ages, and says, "reading is a lost art among them:" but the News here is willing to publish to its people that men here directly inspired the mur-ders. This perhaps, is excusable in a paper that has excused as many mur-ders as the News has, but it would be PER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

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FOREIGN.

of Utah were turned the other way about-the "Mormons" in the minority as to numbers, in the majority as to immoral elements, precisely as the anti-"Mormons" stand to-day, would the President and his Cabinet, the Judges of the Supreme Court and the members of Congress and in fact all Christendom be permitted to remain in ignorance of the polluting influence and presence of the minority "Mor-mons?" Would not the nation's chiefs be importuned to isolate them in some criminal colony, far removed from the comparitively immaculate anti-"Mor-mon" majority, whose moral purity was so seriously menaced? Or would more summary measures be adopted for their immediate and total extinc-tion in imitation of the bloody mobo-crats of Missouri, Illinois and Tennes-see? Would the lawless and wicked removed to Pangwitch, and for the last 16 years has resided in Kanosh; in 1876 was Tabernacle years has resided in Kanosh; in 1876 was ordained a High Priest and set apart by President Erastus Snow as First Counselor to Bishop A. A. Eimball, which office he held at his death. Of a kind and forbearing disposition, and unwavering faith in the Gespel, he was suddenly called to labor in a higher sphere in the same great cause of human redemption.—COM.

Scandinavian papers please copy.

WARBURTON-At Grouse Creek, Septem 11th, of inflammation of the bowels, Laur Belle, daughter of Richard E. and Laura Dewitt Warburton, aged three years, three

onths and three days. SMART-At Union, Salt Lake County, Joh

T., infant son of John Z. and Lucilla B. Smart, of cholers infantum ; born Aug. 14th died Sept. 6, 1884.

SQUIRE-At her residence in the 4th Ward, St. George, on Tuesday, September 9th, 1884, of kidney disease and general debility, superinduced by old age, Maria Movrel Squire, wife of William Squire. Deceas ed was born May 14, 1814, at Luckham, Som-ersetshire, England. Baptized July 15, 1852 by her husband at Chelmsford, Essex, England; emigrated to Utah in 1854, residing in the 19th Ward, Salt Lake City, until the summer of 1873; then joined her husband, who had previously been called on a mission south, at St. George. She was a true and faithful Latter-day

Saint, kind and affectionate wife and moth-er, loved and respected by all who knew her for her many deeds of kindness and administering to the sick and afflicted, having disembowelled and others shot down like dogs. Suppose that some of their revered dead had been hastly sepulchred in a dry well, by a few surviving awe-stricken relatives and friends, as at the Haun's Mill messace to prevent fura kind word for all. The funeral service was conducted by Bishop D. H. Cannon, and appropriate remarks made by President J. D.T. McAllister, Henry Eyring and Elder J. G. Bleak on Wednesday, the 10th inst.





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and other holy patriarchs were permitted to enter. The people to whom Jacob was talking had corrupted themselves by whoredoms, and . this commandment was to them and to them alone. The Book of Mormon contains the history of that people and the teachings of inspired men for their special obedience and benefit. This law was adapted to their low condition: They were unfit for higher responsibilities. They were too corrupt for that celestial order that is ordained of God for the highest exaltation of His servants and handmaidens in the law revealed for His Holy Priesthood.

But not only was this commandment clearly given for the special observance of that people to whom it was revealed, butthe Lord reserved the right

What is the plain significance of this verse? Is it not that unless the Lord that it is a verification of the old, old commanded otherwise that people saying to the effect that people who were not to deviate from the one wife have no use for the truth ought to rule, and that the Lord would command otherwise if He wished to "raise will please excuse our inability to up seed" unto Him? God, foreseeing solve the problem he has presented. that the people of that age would not

be fit for the sacred obligations of the higher law, required their ancestors when they came on this land to observe this rule unless He commanded ted abominations. This also was the given to them by the Lord. Solomon

David's case clearly exhibits the in his marital relations was an abomhe committed with Bathsheba:

"Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Urlah the Hittite," (I Kings xv. 5.)

Jacob's reference to David and Solomon together must be viewed in that way. ... The individual acts of the two men, regarded separately, as related in the Books of Samuel and Kings. show that the abominations they committed were in doing that which the Lord had not authorized. In those relations which they entered into under the sanction of the Almighty they were blessed, but when they took women

republic, as it deserves to be. In the meantime, we once more ask why the government of the United States does not enforce its laws or acknowledge its impotency to do so?" Here is the other: In the notice served upon the Mormons in Tennessee to remove from that State, there is one sentence which reads as follows : "An indignant and outraged people have said it, and go you shall." Now we hold that a community in which for more than twenty years there has been no violence, a more peaceable and unsophisticated people than can be found anywhere in the

to reverse the law if He saw proper, or if the people became more righteous. Here is the proviso: "For if I will, saith the Lord of Hosts, raise up seed unto me, I will command my people; otherwise they shall hearken unto these things." \$110,000.

We would if we could, but if we can't how can we? We can only state

lers as the News has, but it would be

despised in any other region of this

have good memories. The enquirer "Give us an easier one" next time.

The North American Review for October is notable as well for the importance

otherwise; and these people had violat- of the topics treated, as for the emied the law and had otherwise commit- nence of its writers. The leading article, "Moral Character in Politics." abomination of David and Solomon. is by President J. H. Seelye, whose ex-They took wives and concubines not position of the ethical principies involved in the popular election of canwent widely astray in this matter. He didates to high station in the Governtook women of those nations against which the Lord had cautioned Israel, and thus broke the law of God. (1 Kings xi. 1, 2.) David sinned in the case of Urish and his wife. Nathan declared Uriah and his wife. Nathan declared of the Tariff System," is a symposium that God gave David the wives that he consisting of three articles, written had received, but that the King had sinned grievously in taking another man's wife. This was against God's law, and therefore both David and Solomon did that which was "abom-inable before the Lord." David's case clearly exhibits the

taken to 2 o'clock this alternoon. The impression hast night was that no fur-ther attempt will be made at this time toward a settlement of the question of Colorado and Utah traffic beyond, possibly, an attempt to maintain rates similar to the 90 days agreement enter-ed into yesterday with respect to the Nebraska business. Freight agents of all theOmaha lines have teen in session to-day in an endeavor to arrange a tion to these most timely discussions principle involved. While he was of high political issues, the Review has righteous and obedient God gave him an article by the Rev. Dr. Augustus wives into his bosom (II Sam xil, 8.) When he sinned he took them away as America;" "The Philosophy of Cona curse. (v. li). Nothing that David did | version," by O. B. Frothingham: "The Origin of Yellow Fever," by Dr. C. ination before the Lord except the sin Creighton; "Shall the Jury System be Abolished?" by Judge Robert Y. Hayne; "The Genesis of Tennyson's

Maud," by Richard Herne Shepherd; and "The Development of Machine Guns," by Lieut. C. Sleeman.

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