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as has been said, the men behind
the guns that count in modern warfare,
no less than in the ancient battles when
men fought one another with bow and
arrow, sword and be onet.

ARE THERE ANY MORE?

We hope we will not be accused of the
awful crime of teaching or defending
polygamy, by publishing the following
letter from a reliable member of the
Church, seeing that it offers no argu-
ment on the right or wrong of the sub-
ject, but merely adds one more bit of
evidence in refutation of the bald de-
nials of certain "Reorganizers." If there
are any more living witnesses of the
occurrence related in this letter, we
hope they will promptly report what
they heard on the occasion mentioned
by our correspondent:

Riverton, Utah, March 12, 1904.
Editor Deseret News, Salt Lake City.

Dear Sir: I saw in last Monday's pa-
per of a "Josephite" protest, denying
that Joseph Smith, Jr., received revela-
tion on polygamy.

I, N. T. Silcock, was at a meeting in
Nauvoo, in July, 1849—the congregation
numbered three or four hundred—where
the Prophet delivered a discourse on
polygamy.

This was the only systematical polyg-
amous sermon I have ever heard.

I also know positively that he had
more wives than one; I was personally
acquainted with two besides Emma.

Please find out through your columns
how many of this con.regation are liv-
ing.

Yours truly,
N. T. SILCOCK.

DEN,
March 15, 1904, page 4

THE SAME OLD SENTIMENT

The Boston Herald is, of course, a re-
fined newspaper. No doubt, it is also
a "Christian" one. It gives editorial
space to "The Book of Books," and
"Advice to Missionaries." It at the
same time, folds its hands, strikes an
attitude, and gives expression to the

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STAKE CONFERENCES.

APPOINTMENTS FROM APRIL 1, 1904, TO OCT. 1, 1904.

Utah and Beaver	Apr. 16 and 17, (Saturday and Sunday)	July 19 and 20
Emery	April 17 and 18, (Sunday and Monday)	July 21 and 22
Blackfoot	April 20 and 21, (Saturday and Sunday)	July 23 and 24
Weber and San John	April 21 and 22, (Sunday and Monday)	July 24 and 25
Liberty	April 24, (Sunday)	July 24
Utah, Alpine and Fremont	April 26, May 1, (Saturday and Sunday)	July 26 and 27
CACHE	May 1 and 2, (Sunday and Monday)	July 27, Aug. 1
Pioneer	May 1, (Sunday)	July 27
Wasatch, Canby, San Juan, South San- pete, and Stingham	May 7 and 8, (Saturday and Sunday)	Aug. 6 and 7
Jordan, Woodruff and Summit	May 14 and 15, (Saturday and Sunday)	Aug. 13 and 14
Wayne, Ono and Benson	May 15 and 16, (Sunday and Monday)	Aug. 14 and 15
Snowflake, Star Valley and Nebo	May 21 and 22, (Saturday and Sunday)	Aug. 20 and 21
Teton and Taylor	May 22 and 23, (Sunday and Monday)	Aug. 21 and 22
St. John and Grants	May 28 and 29, (Saturday and Sunday)	Aug. 27 and 28
Box Elder, Uintah, Millard, Alberta	May 29 and 30, (Sunday and Monday)	Aug. 28 and 29
Utah, Bear Lake, Panguitch, Tooele	June 4 and 5, (Saturday and Sunday)	Sept. 3 and 4
Maricopa	June 5 and 6, (Sunday and Monday)	Sept. 4 and 5
Kanab, North Sanpete, Big Horn St. Joseph and Sevier	June 11 and 12, (Saturday and Sunday)	Sept. 10 and 11
Pocatello	June 11 and 12, (Sunday and Monday)	Sept. 11 and 12
St. George, Hancock and Juarez	June 18 and 19, (Saturday and Sunday)	Sept. 17 and 18
Felt Lake	June 19, (Sunday)	Sept. 18
Morgan	June 19 and 20, (Sunday and Monday)	Sept. 18 and 19
Eastern	June 23, (Sunday)	Sept. 22
Malad, Davis, Carowan and Hyrum	June 25 and 27, (Sunday and Monday)	Sept. 23 and 25

JOSEPH F. SMITH.
ANTHON H. LUND

the Prophet Joseph Smith did not authorize or practice polygamy. I do know that he did teach plural marriage and that he did give to me a plural wife who is still living with me, and that I saw one of my sisters married to him and know that with her he occupied my house on May 16 and 17, 1842, which he had occupied with Eliza Partridge, another plural wife, on the 2nd of the previous month.

"And I do know that at his Mansion home was living Maria and Sarah Lawrence and one of Cornelius P. Lett's daughters as his plural wives with the full knowledge of his wife, Emma, of their married relation to him.

"At that time I was his legal business agent and his business partner at Macedonia or Ramus, and was familiar with his family or domestic affairs; and, occupying as I did, the family mansion after his death, I had much to do in a business way with Emma, the Prophet's first wife, who at no time did ever in my hearing deny the plural character of her husband's family.

"Loyal to the truth, I am always your brother,

"B. F. JOHNSON."

"Afton, Uinta Co., Wyo.,

"April 1st, 1904.

"I having been born in 1826 and lived in Nauvoo from 1841 to 1846 and having been acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith, do know that polygamy was taught by him, to the Saints there at that time.

"And do also know that Brother William Clayton married as a third living wife Alice Hardman, who is my aunt. I also do know that Susanna Liptrout was a plural wife of Willard Richards.

"I have also heard much said by my father and mother as well as others, of the meeting referred to in the Desert News.

"Yours truly,

"MRS. ALICE E. STEPHENS."

AN ORIENTAL IDEA.

A superficial observer of conditions in Oriental lands naturally concludes that the people there are far behind the western nations in civilization. But the Orientals often consider them-

they are Mohammedans they practice many ancient Jewish rites. The American missionaries, it is said, who have schools and churches among them, are continually running up against customs and traditions which remind them of the Moslem teachings. They have considerable literature, poetry, history, biography, philosophy, and ecclesiastical works, and some of their priests have large libraries of native books, which, the missionaries say, are full of suggestions of the Old Testament.

Mr. Curtis describes these pilots of the desert as fierce-looking, and travel-stained. They have come a long way over roads that are very dusty, and

that phrase was born long after the fall of Granada.

Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army is to speak in the Theater on Sunday night. This will prove a great attraction for the local army organization. The gentleman is a fine and vigorous speaker and proved one of the most brilliant orators at the Irrigation Congress in Ogden. He has a practical mind, an easy, but forcible delivery and a magnetic manner, and varies his remarks with telling anecdotes. He will no doubt draw a full house on Sunday evening.

THE ATTACK ON ALFONSO.