or have built in Utah, is in accordance with a standing commandment of
God to the Church, as neither you, nor any other person claiming a belief in
the divinity of the work and mission of Joseph the Seer, can consistently
refuse to accept. What I have written is respectfully submitted to your
kind and honest consideration.

Believe me to be, most respectfully, your well wisher,

L. O. LITTLEFIELD.

PLURAL MARRIAGE.

At a recent conference of the Davis Stake of Zion, held at Centerville, Davis
Co., Utah, some interesting remarks were made upon the subject of plural
marriage, of which we append the following account from the 
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Deseret News*:

"In the afternoon Elder Arthur Storer read an affidavit made by Elder Thomas
Grover. The substance of the document was that the affiant was a member of the High
Council of the Church, that in 1842 Hyrum Smith, the Patriarch, appeared at a meeting
of that body and presented the Revelation on Celestial Marriage, at the same time
declaring it to be from God.

"After the reading of this paper Elder Grover made a statement to the effect that
Hyrum there and then asserted that those brethren who received the revelation should be
blessed and preserved, while those who rejected it would go down to destruction. Nine members
of the Council accepted and three took a stand against it. Those three subsequently apostatized,
were excommunicated from the Church and are now dead.

"Elder Joseph B. Noble next addressed the conference. He stated that the Prophet
Joseph told him in the doctrine of celestial marriage was revealed to him while he was
engaged on the work of translation of the Scriptures, but when the communication was
first made the Lord stated that the time for the practice of that principle had not arrived.
Subsequently, he stated, the angel of the Lord appeared to him and informed him that
the time had fully come. Elder Noble sealed his wife's sister to Joseph, that being the
first plural marriage consummated. The Prophet gave the form of the ceremony, Elder
Noble repeating the words after him. Elder Noble bore testimony to the purity of
character of his sister-in-law, who was a woman of irreproachable morality, who entered
into the plural marriage relation on a deep-seated conviction that the doctrine was from
God.

"President Taylor spoke briefly, stating that he was present at a meeting of the leading
authorities of the Church in Nauvoo at which the subject of the Revelation on
Celestial Marriage was laid before them and unanimously received as from God, Joseph
declaring that unless it was received the Church could progress no further. Soon after he
met the Prophet Joseph, who, addressing the speaker, said the time had come when he
must embrace the doctrine of plural marriage.

"Elder Charles W. Penrose spoke a short time. He advised the young people
especially who were present to store the facts that had been elucidated in their minds,
that they might be able to refute the baseless stories afloat, the object of which was to
show that the Prophet did not receive the revelation, and did not practice plural marri-
one published on Celestial Marriage, and if the doctrine of plural marriage was repudiated
so must be the glorious principle of marriage for eternity, the two being indissolubly
intertwined with each other. He also showed that the most severe tribulations of the Church
had been before the introduction of that doctrine, comparatively no success having
attended the efforts of opposition since, its practice having been accompanied by 'blessing
and not cursing.'

A CONTINENTAL TOUR.—President John Henry Smith left Liverpool
on Saturday for a trip on the Continent, expecting to be absent from a month
to six weeks. He will visit throughout the Scandinavian and Swiss and
German Missions, and perhaps also go to Italy and France before his return.
Our readers will, we hope, be posted in regard to his progress and observa-
tions by occasional communications from him. He is accompanied by Elder
James Wrathall.

A GOOD BOOK.—We have received another volume—the tenth book—of the
"Faith-Promoting Series," issued from the Juvenile Instructor Office,
Salt Lake. Like its predecessors, it is full of interest to old and young alike.
Its distinctive title is 
*Scrapes of Biography.* The first two chapters are
entitled "Sketch of an Elder's Life," and relate the experience of Elder John
Tanner, which bristles with interesting scenes, such as cases of miraculous
healing, etc. Then we have five chapters entitled "Incidents of Experience,"
by Daniel Tyler, in which a great many facts of thrilling interest are related
and morally portrayed. The latter and principal part of the volume is composed of
"Newel Knight Journal," which is divided into twelve chapters, and con-
tains many items of interest, some of them never before published, connected
with the early history of the Church. It will be remembered that Newel
Knight figured rather prominently in the Church in early days. He was the
man from whom Joseph Smith cast the devil at Colesville, Broome Co.,
N.Y., which is mentioned in the Church History as the first miracle performed in
this dispensation.

The book is written in a simple, unaffected, but vital and rather attractive
style throughout, contains much that is well worth perusing and remem-
bering, and is a very creditable addition to the literature of the Latter-day
Saints.

You will not be sorry for hearing before judging, for thinking before speaking,
for holding an angry tongue, for stopping the ear of a tale-bearer, for disbelieving
most of the ill-reports, for being kind to the distressed, for being patient towards everybody,
for doing good to all men, for asking pardon for all wrongs, for speaking evil
of no one, for being courteous to all.
Sleep, baby, on thy mother's breast,
Wrested in such beautiful repose,
AS in the twilight may invest
The folded blossoms of the rose;
No shade of sorrow on thy brow,
No line of angry passions sweep;
So fair and innocent are thou,
Why shouldst thou ever wake to weep?

But when those laughing eyes unclose,
To cheer us with their shineless mirth,
Or fill with tears for infant woes,
We feel thou art a child of earth;
And dearer for thy fits and starts.
Of childish grief, and childish glee,
And nearer to our mortal hearts;
Than Poet's dream could ever be.

Then slumber on thy mother's breast,
And linger there when waking to.
For none on earth where thou shalt rest
Will be so gentle and so true.
Oh! none on earth, but O'er above,
The lamb within his bosom bears,
And may'st thou, through His heavenly love,
Partake his dearest, tenderest cares.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace: that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth?"—Isaiah LII, 1.

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L. O. LITTLEFIELD'S SECOND LETTER.

IRREFUTABLE PROOFS THAT JOSEPH THE SEER INTRODUCED PLURAL MARRIAGE—A STRONG ARGUMENT IN ANSWER TO JOSEPH SMITH.

To Joseph Smith, President of the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Lamoni, Iowa:

[CONCLUDED FROM PAGE 437.]

YOU say: "Another revelation through the same source [that through which the Book of Mormon came] reveals the will of God to be that 'one man should have one wife,' and one only, unless death intervenes, when he is at liberty to marry again; and this 'that the earth might answer the end of its creation, and be filled with the measure of man.'" The revelation here quoted by you was given to certain brethren when they were sent to a sect who did not believe in marriage, as shown by the first verse:

"Hearken unto my word, my servants Sidney, Parley and Lemon, for behold, verily I say unto you, that I give unto you a commandment that ye shall go and preach my Gospel which ye have received, even as ye have received it, unto the Shakers."

The portion of this revelation, quoted by you, in its completeness, is as follows:

"And again, I say unto you, that whose forbiddeth to marry is not ordained of God, for marriage is ordained of God unto man; wherefore it is lawful that he should have one wife, and they twain shall be one flesh, and all this that the earth might answer the end of its creation, and that it might be filled with the measure of man according to his creation before the world was made."

The "one only" is an interpolation of yours. What a pity it is that the Lord did not take the same view of the matter that you do, and reveal that a man should have but one wife, or one wife only.