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Under heading of Now to Business

1. Miss? Eliza R. Snow, Smith, Young, now signs he herself E R Snow Smith. Why?
2. Emily Dow Partridge was married, or sealed, (before the plural Revelation was received), to Joseph Smith. Was she a wife under that sealing? Did she have children to Joseph Smith? I remember her well. She was a lusty wench and bore children to Brigham Young. (So I am informed) Why not to father? Mother denied knowing of any such marriage. Proof. Who was James Adams?
3. Eliza Maria Partridge. Open to same objection as Emily; except less likely to bear children; though she may have been prolific. Had she any by Joseph Smith?
4. ~~Alvira-Johnson-sealed-in-1841.~~
4. Louisa Beamon sealed April 5, 1841, was she then single, or a married woman? Did she bear any children to Joseph Smith? Was such a sealing a marriage followed by cohabitation? Whose wife is she now? Why?
5. Alvira Johnson, sealed prior to May 16, 1843. Too early to be covered by the revelation? Did mother know of such sealing? Was it followed by cohabitation? Any children to Joseph Smith? Where are they? Whose wife now? Why? Was she at the time of sealing married, or single?

6. Maria Lawrence

7. Sarah Lawrence

8. Zina Huntington Jacobs, wife of Henry Jacobs; who on being interrogated at Florence, Nebraska how he knew that his wife had been sealed or married to Joseph Smith, said, "Brigham Young told me so." Have you any other evidence? How is that \_\_\_\_\_ Dinnie, Wm, etc.

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9. There was a scandal about Mrs. Lyons, while yet in Nauvoo, but on inquiry was either fruitless of results; it was hushed up, whitewashed. But she was then a married woman, her husband a storekeeper, his store known as the "Lion Store" because of a painted lion used as a sign. She may have been sealed, but her testimony to E.C. Briggs gives the case away as to children by Joseph Smith. If my memory serves me right she was childless in Nauvoo; mountainous air and some vigorous proxy may have done for Joseph Smith, what he did not for himself--less the enjoyment of course. -- Bah! Any evidence of other character? Where was she sealed?

10. Who was Mary Angel Smith, when was she sealed, was she maid, wife, or widow when so sealed?

11. Jane Law was the wife of William, not Wilson Law. Married no man again. When was she sealed? by whom? where? Did she have children by Joseph Smith? Her husband took her away from Nauvoo with him. If she had been contaminated by Joseph Smith would he have done that? I remember her also. She was petite, handsome, full of snap, energy and dash.

12. Mrs. Philo Dibble, another man's wife again when? how? by whom? where? In accordance with revelation? Was she a virgin? I remember her. She had a boy shown? after father's death as his. She was a large, vigorous looking woman, and I guess wore the pants in the family government. Married or sealed?

13. Aunt Fanny Murray Young Smith. Which first? Whose aunt? Where was she sealed? was she maid, wife, or widow when so sealed? Had she any children to Joseph Smith?

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14. Ester Russell another man's wife again. Was she single when sealed to Joseph Smith or a wife to Russell? When? by whom? Where was such sealing done? Did Emma consent? Was she a virgin in keeping with the Revelation?

15. \_\_\_\_\_ Bust, who was she? Where is she? What are the proofs?

16. L.O. Littlefield's wife! Eh? Well what a pickle. Where was she sealed to Joseph Smith? Was their maid, wife, or widow? Has she any child by Joseph Smith? How came L.O.L. to get her?

17. Lucy Haven, same inquiries.

18. Melissa Lott. I knew Melissawell, a bright good girl. Am glad that she was only for eternity or adopted into the family. But she was plenty large and old enough to be any man's companion in cohabitation when I knew her; and about the only one of the entire outfit named by you whom I would be inclined to believe if she should tell me herself that father did cohabit with her. I knew Ira Willis well. Any children to Joseph Smith?

19. Was Phoebe Wentworth (?) a wife of the pagan when sealed to J. Smith? When did he so have her? Why? If it was all right what did he leave her for?

20. Her daughter, what name? Where is she? Any children to Joseph Smith? When was she sealed? Where? etc.

[He is telling him that he needs proofs from this fellow not just names!]