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Pg 2 - Line 8 April 6, 1865

"I also want an expression from this meeting on the subject of polygamy as some teach that it will yet be a law of this church."

Pg 2 - Line 29

(See page 10) The polygamic question was discussed when it was resolved unanimously that the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve declare to the church that they know of no law teaching or sanctioning the doctrine of sealing relating to marriage for eternity.

Pg 10 - Line 14 May 1, 1865 Special Council

"The question of sealing was reconsidered when it was resolved that the First Presidency of this church and the Quorum of the Twelve declare to the church that the doctrine of Sealing as relating to marriage for eternity is a heresy."

Pg 11 - Line 15 "Wednesday Morning"

"The question arose as to whether Joseph the Martyr taught the doctrine of polygamy. President Marks said Brother -- Hyrum came to his place once and told him he did not believe in it and he was going to see Joseph about it and if he had a revelation on the subject he would believe it. And after that Hyrum read a revelation on it in High

Council and He Marks felt that it was not true but he saw the High Council received it."

Pg 25 - Line 4 April 5, 1866

Lost "On the second item in aforesaid communication (a letter from California^{wk}) the following resolution was offered and lost. Resolved that the son of God recognizes marriage as an institution of heaven and cannot be abrogated only for the crime of adultery, therefor notwithstanding the law of the land grants divorce for other causes yet the saints having covenanted to be governed by the revelations of heaven, cannot consistently be separated without a violation of their covenant and under such circumstances the persons separating themselves are unworthy of the fellowship of the saints.

Carried Resolved that any member of this church having been lawfully married and having put away their companions for any other cause than for the cause of adultery, is [unwerthy] of the fellowship of the saints of God and that the church be careful with all inquiry that they receive none such into the church if they have put away their companions for adultery they themselves being the offenders.

Pg 28 - Line 1 April 7, 1866

Carried "Resolved that Pres't W. Marks, J L Rogers and W. W. Blair be appointed a committee to confer with Sister Emma Bidamon, respecting the relinquishment of the Mss. of the N. T. of Scriptures for the purpose of publishing the same to the church and to the world and the said committee be empowered to enter into and fulfill the contract for the same.

Pg 29 - Line 1 "Thursday morning April 12, 1866."

"Resolved that Alexander H. Smith be appointed to take charge of California Mission, and that he be empowered to chose a fellow laborer.

Resolved that [*et*] He Smith be ordained a High Priest."

Pg 33 - Line 20 Tues (April 9, 1867 ?)

"E. Ells said that Hugh Herringshaw declared that he heard Joseph tell the 12 that they must abandon polygamy and turned to Brigham Young and asked him if he was willing to do so - Young said he had been asleep, then Joseph spoke upon the matter as only he could talk denouncing the doctrine of polygamy - Brigham replied that he and Taylor had determined what course they would pursue."

Pg 34, Line 21 Tues 7 P M (April 9, 1867 ?)

"The following Resolution was put and tabled. Resolved that we do not believe that the revelation, alledged to have come through Joseph Smith, the Martyr, authorizing polygamy or spiritual wifery came from God, nither do we believe that Joseph Smith was in any wise the author or excuser of these doctrine; J. W. Briggs, Z. H. Gurley, E. C. Briggs and John Shippy defended the resolution, W. W. Briggs, Josiah Ells & C Perry opposed it on the grounds that its passage would be more injurious than good because of the almost universal opinion among the saints that Joseph was in some way connected with it. J. W. Briggs, moved it be tabled and hence the resolution was lost. President Smith then told us that the passage of the resolution would do more injury than good.

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