sanction it say Amen—[the vast congrega-
gation responded with a loud "Amen."]—
and those that don’t may say what they
please. [Laughter.] If God has intro-
duced something for our glory and ex-
altation, we are not going to have that
kicked over by any improper influence,
either inside or outside of the Church
of the living God. We will stand by the
principles of eternal truth; living we will
proclaim them, and dying we will be true
to them, and after death will live again
in their enjoyment in the eternal worlds.
That is my feeling; so I don’t feel very
trembly in the knees, and I do not think
you do, generally. I see sometimes a dis-
position to try to ignore some of the laws
which God has introduced, and this is
one of them. People want to slip round a
corner, or creep out in some way. There
is something very creepy about it. There
was a man in former times we are told,
came to Jesus by night. His name was
Nicodemus. He was one of those persons
who did not like the daylight. I have
known some people who would want to
be baptized in the evening, or get into
some corner that they might not be seen.
Well, there is not much to such folks.
Jesus was very unpopular, quite as un-
popular as we are, in His day. Nicode-
mus was a prominent man among the
Jews, and he thought it might injure his
reputation if he was seen visiting that
Nazarene, to get instruction from Him,
so he crawled in at night. Jesus talked
quite plainly to him, as you can read
for yourselves; but we find some folks
of a similar kind now creeping around.
They have not the manhood to stand
true to their colors and to their God.
Some folks think that we polygamists
are very much indebted to our brethren
who are monogamists to help to
steady the ark (God save the mark!)—
(Laughter.)—to help to save us, and that
we need such men in the Legislature,
etc., and to fill our various offices. Well,
I won’t tell you all I think about some of
these things, but I do think we are all
of us dependent upon God our Heavenly
Father, and if He don’t take care of us we
shall not be taken care of; if His arm is
not extended in our behalf we shall have
a poor showing; but if God is with us, we
ask no odds of the world, for He governs
the destinies of the human family. He
puts down one man and exalts another.
He dethrones one king or president as
the case may be, and sets up another,
and He rules as He pleases among the
nations of the earth and all the children
of men, although they don’t know it. We
live in Him, we move in Him, we have
our being from Him. We are not depen-
dent very much upon the monogamists
about any of these things. You need
not plume yourselves very much in these
matters; and I will tell you, if you want
to get along smoothly, you had better find
among your various neighbors, when you
have some matter of difficulty to settle,
some of these polygamists and ask a lit-
tle counsel at their hands. They will be
able to advise you about many things,
especially if they are men of God, hum-
ble men, living their religion and keep-
ing the commandments of God.

There are some few things I have
been reflecting about, and have noted
them down, and I think I shall read them
now.

The distinction being made between
Polygamy and Prostitution:

1st. Congress made a law which
would affect both; and cohabitation
with more than one woman was