

## NOT A BLOOD RELATION.

The following, which is entirely correct, is self-explanatory:

*Mr. Editor:*

Are you not mistaken in your statement, in your issue of the 10th instant, that Henry Ward Beecher was a third cousin of the Prophet Joseph Smith?

The late President George A. Smith and Amasa Lyman were second cousins through the Lyman family: Brother George A.'s mother was a Lyman, and her father and Amasa Lyman's grandfather were brothers. Henry Ward Beecher's father was Lyman Beecher; the latter's mother was a Lyman. Thus, as you state, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman and Henry Ward Beecher were related through the Lyman blood.

But the Prophet Joseph Smith had none of the Lyman blood in his veins; at least if he had, it is not known. He and George A. Smith were first cousins, because their fathers were brothers, and that was as near as the Prophet came to being related to the Lymans or to Henry Ward Beecher.

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