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Gospel Themes

October 20, 1879–July 20, 1880

[Editor's note: Journal 7 covers October 20, 1879, through April 30, 1880. It is 5 by 7¾ inches with a wine-colored cover, and entries are written in pencil.]

[Inside front cover.]

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[The following is written upside down on inside cover.]

Amos Wright¹
Bennington

¹ Amos R. Wright was bishop of the Bennington Ward in the Bear Lake Valley. He came to the Bear Lake region in 1864 as a young man and spent the rest of his life there. Whenever any difficulty of a serious nature arose between the Indians and settlers, Wright was called to act as mediator. He knew the language of the

[The following are notes found on fly leaf, front and back.]

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recd of T & T Jack J Pugmire
5 head Beef cows each \$100.00
25 " " " \$22.50 562.50
Total 662.50

By driving above per St Charles Ward
V. M. Pugmire 5 Ds at 3⁰⁰ = 15⁰⁰
James M. Pugmire 2 " " 3⁰⁰ 6.00
21.00

J Pugmire By Hay & Meats
for King & ramsel 3⁰⁰

Oats Loaded this morning
4092 lb. beans 2082 # above order

Saddle Strap 30 comb ~~25~~ candy 10

See about Price of Stag from St. Charles

[Back of fly leaf.]

Charles O. Card, Son of
Cyrus Card and Sarah J. [Ann] Tuttl[e]
[Errors here corrected by Pearl Card Sloan.]
born 5th Nov. 1839 at
~~Pase hole Michigan~~
[Entry here crossed out by Pearl Card Sloan.]
Allegany Co - N. York

Indians, and he baptized Chief Washakie and three hundred members of his tribe while on a mission to the Wind River Reservation (see Rich 1963, 58–59, 63; see also Coates 1972; Wright 1981 and 1982).

Died 17 Sept. 1906 Logan
Death Record Logan City office.

[The following is a note by Pearl Card Sloan clarifying birthplace of C. O. Card.]

May 15, 1956

Note—

The above data I have corrected do not know who wrote it but I hold family records. Father was born in Allegany Co N.Y. (Whitney's Crossing near Ossian) in fact all the family were born in New York State but later moved to Michigan where his grandfather died 20 Aug 1846, family later returned to New York, then 3 generations came to Utah with the last Handcart Co. I am told

Pearl Card Sloan
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[End back side of fly leaf. The following entries for October 20 and 21 are duplicates of those listed as "loose pages" in Journal 6. These appear to be minutes of Bear River North Church meetings and do not appear to be in C. O. Card's handwriting.]

[Begin dated entries.]

Bear River North of Mink Creek, Monday, October 20, 1879—Met at the House of Hyrum Smith Singing. Prayer by Counsilar M. W. Merrill Singing, Councilor C. O. Card addressed the Saints upon there duties toward God and one another and there Children, Pres Preston then arose and broached the subject of organizing the Saints into a Branch, asked all who desired a Branch organized to show the right-hand unanimous, Abraham Peter Davis was unanimously sustained as Pres of this Branch. Gave some instructions in regard to the duties of President. Spoke of the great necessity of Schooling our Children in both Sabath and Week day Schools. Dilated at some length upon various Offices of the Church Councilor M. W. Merrill arose and expressed his gratitude in Meeting so good feelings and ready response to Meet to gather, it was a laudable enterprise to settle up these Lands. The design in visiting you is to organize you and do you good and you will find a great benefit there from and

the Lord will be with Bro Davis as President if he will be faithful and energetic then he will take joy in his Labors.

A responsibility rests upon all and you should respond to the call of your President Suggested to the Teachers that when they visit the Saints not to be in a hurry but sit down with and council them in the peaceable things of the Kingdom.

Exhorted them to sustain the Sabath School where ever we are the Lord is there and will be feeling after us, Be Kind one towards each other and act justly towards each other. Elder James Packer arose and said his feelings were good towards the principles of the Gospel had been in the Church since 41. Each one should make an effort for themselves in the principles of the Gospel acknowledge the hand of God in all things.

Bro Abraham Peter Davis was then ordained to the office of Priest and set apart to preside over this Branch under the hands of the Presidency. Pres Preston Mouth.

Pres Preston gave some further instructions in regard to his local duties Benediction by Wm G. Nelson.

Prest Preston & Myself stayed over night with Bro George Davis.²

Tuesday, October 21, 1879—This morning we bade our host adieu and wend our way down Bear River a few miles, thence South to Spring Creek where we met with the Saints of this district at the House of Widow Londengreen [Lundgren]³ 11 AM Singing by the Choir. Prayer by Bp L. H. Hatch Singing Councilor M W. Merrill arose and stated he had been in this part of the County about 20 years and did not think there were so many people here. It was the object of the Prest of this Stake to hunt up the Saints and organize them. There were a couple of missionaries to become hunters and fishers of the Saints and do them good we are here to build up the work. Places of Zion and disceminate the principles of the Gospel. Spoke of the necessity of the Spirit of unity and energy Our physical strength is the capital we have and the only capital we need. What we have we should use to make us good homes and build up the Kingdom economize by taking good care of that which we possess and not grasp after more. It was

² George Davis, the brother of Abraham Davis, had lived in Riverdale since 1877. His brother Abraham had only recently settled there. In 1880 George was appointed postmaster of the Falls area, which was located east of the Bear River (see Ricks and

Cooley 1956, 76).

³ Lundgren was the widow of Martin Lundgren, one of the first settlers of the Preston, Idaho, area, having arrived there in the early 1870s (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 71–72).

right to spread out and get the title of our Land then invite in our Friends and divide it up that you may draw near together in our feelings and our devotions, better unite on a poor plan than divide on a good one. Prest Preston arose and said we had come here to see if the Saints desired to be organized in a Ward capacity private interests should not intrude upon the public interests with roads and ditches Would like to hear the Bretheren express themselves in regard to the Boundry Lines You should be organized thoroughly Bounded as follows commencing at the mouth of Mink Creek thence in a Southerly through the foot Hills to the Lewiston Canal thence Westerly along the bank of the said Canal to Worm Creek thence to Bear River thence up Bear River to the Rail Road Bridge thence North one Thence Easterly along Bear River Bluffs to place of Beginning. All within these Boundrys to be known as the Worm Creek Ward sustained by a unanimous vote of all present Pres Preston said those that are near here are actual Setlers. Asked those that expect to be actual Setlers to show there hands nearly unanimous, said he would suggest Nahum Porters as Bp of this Ward vote unanimous also David Jenson as Sunday School Supt In filling up the Officers of your Ward select young energetic men. You should use due dilligence in getting out the Water advised the Bretheren to divide up your Lands that you may have assistance in your labor You are and should feel helped by being secluded from the wicked exhorted the People to be united with your Bp. Also plant out some fruit and Shade Trees and Flower Gardens You need a Meeting House and should cooperate together in all things. You can Cooperate with Franklin in assisting with there Woolen Factory assist in building our Temple, Pay your Tithes and offerings that we may have our names recorded upon all of these good records. If these Officers that are placed to direct the affairs of the Kingdom will not fill their positions honorably they will have to step aside and let some one else know you are right then go ahead Priests Teachers Deacons Supts and Councilors are helps in Governments If they do not assist, you are better without them Prayed that we might have the aprobation of God in all Councilor C. O. Card then arose and endorsed the remarks of Prest. Preston & Merrill. Referred to the duties of the Officers of a Ward exhorted the Saints to be united in there Political affairs seek for intelligence from every legal source. Elder Neham Porter was then Or-dained a High Priest and set apart as a Bp to preside

over the Worm Creek Ward under the Hands of the Presidency Prest Preston Mouth.

Bp. L. H Hatch and his Councilor S. R. Parkinson and Bp Porter where appointed to visit the North Bear River District. Baptize those desiring Baptism and select and set apart 2 Teachers to act in that district under the supervision of Bro A. P. Davis.

Singing by the Choir Benediction by Elder W. Head. From this Place we drove to the Temple Quarry thence to Richmond where we met Prest M. Thatcher. Met with the Saints of Richmond at 7 P.M. Singing by an excellent Choir. Prayer by Bp Wm L. Skidmore Prest M. Thatcher arose and said there was a question, propounded by Elder F. D. Richards where are we now We have in years gon by passed through many triels and tribulations recently we have been before the notice of Nations When the sufferings of the Saints where brought before the Pres of the United States He said our cause was just but He could do nothing for us. Then the Saints applied to the Lord who led them to the place where now stands Salt Lake city. The Saints Prayed one Prayer which was for a Place of rest Who felt if they could find such a place they would be satisfied They did not think of Praying for riches. The Lord has blessed there efforts in cultivating the soil. Through the circular of Sec F Evarts has drawn the attention of Nations to the effect the Elders where holding out inducements to the People to come to Utah to be come Criminels.

One of the Planks in Pres Buchanons Platform was this he would rid the Nation of that great ulcer meaning Polygamy. Fitted out a grand army which marched on without only there daily stopage until they came to Harris Fork where they marched up one Day and down the next for which they could not explain. Our People whent out to meet them with orders not to return a Shot they where fired at time and again but returned it not. The Army came as far as fort Bridger where they remained over Winter and cooled their zeal. In the mean time through a Kind Friend a peace Commisison was sent to Utah and the Saints where forgiven for Treason that they were never guilty of The Lord was always on the weak, refered to the Southern Rebellion which called the Army away from here to the Southern States where a million was slain that which was sought to come upon us returned upon those that tried to bring it upon us James Buchanan died without the tears and sorrows of the Nation. The

Republican Party had come forth with the Abolition of Slavery and Polygamy The former they have Kept, The Constitution of the United States gives us the privilege of worshiping of God as we chose. They have enacted a Law that prohibits us from keeping or says we shal not but The Lord said we should, where are we between two fires. Referred to Nebuchadnezer who had the power to build 42 miles long and 85 or 86 wide made hanging gardens &c to please his Wife. The Elders had been preaching to this Stake of Zion to build the Logan Temple & perhaps would take one or two years longer. Referred to the Golden Image & the Law that was passed requiring all to bow to this Image which was thought to entrap the 3 Hebrew Boys the music was sounded but the Boys bowed not they were cast into the Furnace & saved by the Power of God the reserved force of the Hebrew Children and the Prophet Daniel. Referred to other similar circumstances The great Army that marched towards the City of Jerusalem When we are willing to put our trust in God as did the Hebrew Children The Lord will show his Power. Referred to the treatment of the Red Men by our Nation take the hope of a People away & they fear not. Referred to the saying of an Indian Editor. Referred to the Prophecy of the Prophet J. Smith on the Southern Rebellion are the Saints living there Religion which they should desired the Saints would Him there faith & Prayers when He was absent on his contemplated mission.⁴

[The following is written across the page at a 90-degree rotation: Read a few lines written by Himself at midnight A Poem The Picture of the World. Choir Sang Arise O Glorious Zion Benediction by C. O. Card.]

[Remaining entries in this volume are in C. O. Card's handwriting.]

Richmond, Wednesday, October 22, 1879—We were joined here by Pres M. Thatcher Last evening who Preached to the Sts We remained over night with Bro. M W. Merrill. At Prayer time this morning when all the family were gathered in

Councilor Merrill had his new house dedicated Elder M. Thatcher mouth.

At 9 A.M. we (Bros Thatcher Preston & self) gave the parting hand to Bro Merrill & family & started for Logan where we arrived at 12 N.

After dinner & having administered to the little sons of my father & John Greaves⁵ (David & John Jr.) at 3 P.M. I Started for the Temple mill Took supper at Wood camp at 6 P.M. Arrived at the mill at 10 P.M. I was accompanied by my wife Sallie & Son (CO Jr) found all well about 12 hands engaged in making a road up the left hand fork of the Kanyon.

Thursday, October 23, 1879—This morning I went over the the road the Brethren were working on & at 9 A.M. we bade them adieu & Started for Logan. Dined at the Wood camp. Arrived in town about 4 P.M. Administered again to Bro J. Greaves child. In the evening I attended a meeting of the Bps their councilors & some brethren that are trying to unite several business firms in one coop. Company. Their success or Labors reported & as they had not accomplished the desired Labor (coucelor Merrill & myself Presiding) desired that they continue agreed to The propriety of taking out a water ditch at the mouth of Logan Kanyon was presented & J. H Martineaux appointed to represent Logan & act with representatives from Smithfield & Hyde Park.⁶ Thus ended another busy day.

Friday, October 24, 1879—I attended to Temple & other business until 3 P.M. when I Started for Bear Lake on horse back. Stayed over night at the Wood camp.

Saturday, October 25, 1879—I Started for St Charles shortly after 7 A.M. & rode as far as where the Logan U O Mfg were Locating a Steam mill on Beaver creek about 5 miles above Maughans mill on the Logan River Dined here upon a Lunch given me by Sister Pike. Thence to St Charles where I arrived about 6 P.M. & Stayed over night with Bp J. Pugmire who treated me very kindly.

⁴Moses Thatcher was very active in territorial politics and was very much interested in national affairs as well (see Lyman 1985, 67–91; K. Godfrey 1998).

⁵John C. Greaves was a saloonkeeper who lived on the corner of First South and Walnut Streets in Logan. When Preston was incorporated, Greaves became a member of the city council (see Somers 1993, 61; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 126).

⁶James H. Martineau was the original county surveyor for the city of Logan and was active in exploring and laying out a number of communities in the valley. He was also a member of the Logan city council and a member of the board of examiners for the public school system (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 57, 60, 68, 96, 103, 323; F. Peterson 1997, 37, 49, 71, 191).

Sunday, October 26, 1879—Met with the St Charles Sunday School at 9:30 & by request of Supt Alred addressed the children upon the great necessity of being attentive & storing our minds with Pure principles. Met with the Sts at 11 A.M. & by request of Bp. Hunt addressed the people upon the duties of the Priesthood &c Dined again with Bro Pugmire & family after which he took me in his carriage to paris where we stayed all night with Brother C. C. Rich.

Monday, October 27, 1879—We remained here during the fore noon dined with Bp Horne⁷ Thence to St Charles where I met our Temple Teams for acts which I assisted in Sacking to night & Stayed again with with Bro J Pugmire.

Tuesday, October 28, 1879—This morning I returned to Paris dined with Bro Stucki⁸ Went fishing with J. C. Rich this after noon down on Bear River Several miles north of here where we camped out over night—fished until 10:30 P.M.

Wednesday, October 29, 1879—We continued to fish until 10 A.M. This morning when we returned to Paris with about 25 lbs of trout Dined with J. C. Rich after Sundown by invitation I accompanied Bros. Osmond to Blooming with whom I Stayed over night.

Thursday, October 30, 1879—Sat page 21 * [Marginal note.] 2 P.M. Prayer by Bp. L. W. Hardy Apostle Orson Pratt read from the Book of Japheth Book of Mormon in regard to the Fruits. Can we do much better than we have done in the past. We are very imperfect & desire to be guided by the right Spirit. Said he thought there was an improvement & it all pointed to the perfect Law. All was right that points forward to the unity.

He was looking for a period of time for the Sts to inhabit a very different country from that which we now inhabit. We do expect there will be a time when there will be a body of a people (our children for instance) that will move in one body & occupy the western Portion of Mo. & Eastern portion of Kansas & if there is a people occupying it they will purchase it.

We will settle it different from what these Lands were & those that go there will be those that will consecrate & all will be held in trust for the church of Jesus Christ of L.D. Sts. Then they will receive their Stewardships for which they will render acts to their Bps. & if they are found wise they will receive an inheritance in eternity. An ever lasting inheritances. He dwelt at length upon this subject He looked for this people to become a very Strong & mighty people.

[No entry for Friday, October 31, 1879.]

Saturday, November 1, 1879—Met with the Sts of this Stake in conference assembled. There were on the stand of the 12 Apostles Pres John Taylor, Orson Pratt, L. Snow, F. D. Richards & Geo Q. Cannon. Bps L.W Hardy & E. F Sheets, Elder C. W. Penrose, Pres. Preston, C. O. Card & Supt of S.S. O G Ormsby. Prayer by Elder F. D. Richards Apostle Lorenzo Snow arose & read from Doc.Co v. Page 217 in regard to the purchasing the Lands of Zion.

Compared our present status by the revealed word. Showing the varied Ideas entertained by various elders in regard to our preparation to prior to our return to Jackson Co. Mo. Referred to the covetiousness of the Sts that were required to purchase the Lands of Jackson Co. & showed the mercy of the Lord to them by giving them rev. upon rev. Referred to the building the Curtland [Kirtland] Temple & the visits of Jesus & holy angels to the Elders there.

Spoke of the implorations of Joseph to the Sts to lay hold of the united Order & consecration & observing the Laws of God read again Book Co v. Page 275.

The Sts should exhibit a willingness that that which they possess belongs to God. God made these Laws & we should not ignore it. It is our duties to act upon the spirit and principles of these Laws if we cannot consecrate to the church.

Do not allow the Spirit of covetiousness to enter our hearts. Felt that the Sts were doing an important work. If were let to run we would be as they are in Eng. Implored the Lord to bless the Sts that they

⁷ Henry Horne was not only bishop of the Paris Ward but also sheriff of Bear Lake County (see Rich 1963, 132).

⁸ John U. Stucki, together with W. L. Rich and Henry Margetts, was in charge of mail matters in Bear Lake County. He

also operated a general store in Paris, served on the high council, and donated the land on which the Fielding Academy was constructed (see Rich 1963, 83, 123, 137, 168).

may be prepared to go back & build up the center Stake of Zion.

Prest Taylor then arose & said he had been interested in the remarks of brother Snow in regard to these principles Said they would yet be carried out to the fullest extent.

We should admire the good & eschew the evil. Our talents should be used for the good of all. We are not in a position to carry out these things to the fullest extent. We carry out the Spirit of Zion when the Elders go forth to preach the Gospel filled with the Spirit of life.

They had taken a great deal of pains to send good men & they exhibit the result. Referred to the indebtedness of the P.E. Fund of \$1000000 wished it was not so great. We should walk up to the line & say Yankee doodle do it. When we learn to do a little, then we are prepared to do more. Referred to the building of Temples & the great good we accomplish in so doing. We should approach as near as possible to perfection. Referred to our rights & supposed rights the increase of water in many places God had done it & what right had we to deprive our poor brother of it. We should entertain liberal feelings towards one another. As we are here only for a short time let us make a good record.

Referred to making new Settlements & Said to Presidents & councilors choose enough good men to regulate matters choose men that God in their hearts. Let us be governed by the Laws of God & we should get more of the Spirit of the great work God bless you in the name of Jesus Amen. (2 P.M. See O Pratt Page 16). [Card was cross-referencing his notes.]

The Stewarts when there is an increase that is not needed for themselves and families will be put into the Lords Store house for public improvements for build up the great city that will be of the most perfect order & all buildings of that great city will not decay. Referred to the Temple to be built in this great city I was to be composed of 24 buildings⁹ in a true circle with a roof above the whole. Departments for the Presidency for High Priests Elders &c. Desired the Lord to be bless the Sts & prayed the Lord to bless the Sts in all their Localities.

Elder C. W. Penrose Said he enjoyed the Preaching of the word & the principles that had been advanced to day were of the utmost

importance to us. Much has been written about the children or people of Enoch the nephites having things in common & living in peace but we there has not been much written about the plans instituted to bring about Such a State of things. We can do much to bring these things about by beginning right at home, root out the Spirit of Selfishness & act in the Spirit of liberality We should deal with the spirit of fairness & in standing at the head of your families act in the spirit of justice & fairness & be the ruling Spirit in kindness. Cultivate the good be just & equitable. Every wife should look to the head & study the Interest of another & the children will follow in their footsteps. Gods blessing will be upon the principle of Celestial marriage if we will follow the councils we have rec'd. The Lord expects all our energies all our desires. Spoke of the various abilities of men who are accountable for all they do. In Zion there will be a place for every man according to his Station & ability. Such a State of Society will be organized in this generation. Let us try to be L.D. Sts & try to attend to all our church duties. He rejoiced in this work & knew it was true. May God help us. Amen.

I met as per previous appointment with the 12 Present at the house of Pres Wm B. Preston at 6 P.M. where they appropriated to the Logan Temple 50 beefes [head of cattle] 1000 Bus Wheat 500 in oats & 30 in corn. Went to the concert after the close of the meeting.

Sunday, November 2, 1879—Conference again at 10 A.M.

Prayer by Apostle G. Q. Cannon. Bp L. W. Hardy then addressed the Sts. Said one of the strongest incentives to unite us was to pay our tithes & offerings & attend the fast meetings.

It was also essential to remember & Respect it & keep it holy. Use it as it was set apart for, to rest & worship.

Apostle Geo. Q. Cannon Then arose & read from Doc.Co v Page 202 Said man of his own wisdom knew not the needs of the L.D. Sts. He knew not whom was cast down or doubting. Desired the faith of the people. God has given his Sts a peculiar testimony. An eagerness to receive the truth. How many are there that have Sinned this testimony away? None but those few who have Sincerely repented.

⁹Taylor is referring here to the New Jerusalem that Latter-day Saints believe will be built in Jackson County, Missouri, in connection with the second advent of the Savior. With respect to

the twenty-four buildings that Taylor speaks about, see Church Educational System 1993, 129; see also Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 564–65.

The Lord desire a degree of holyness of the Sts. Referred to the prophet Joseph & felt greatful that the Lord had raised up such men. Corrupt men & women are not susceptable to the things of God. But those of pure minds could only receive them. Referred to the great principles of Celestial mariage & Those that had rejected it were adulterers. It required those of pure minds should enter into that principle that we might raise up a posterity that would receive all the glorious principles of the Gosl Gods purposes must be caried out in order to people the glorious plannets. Exhorted the Sts to remember that which he had read He that waiteth to be commanded is a slothful servt. Implored Gods blessing upon the people. 2 P.M. Prayer by Elder Orson Pratt. Sacrament was then administered Bp E. F. Sheets Then arose & expressed his greatfulness in having the the privilege of meeting with the Sts & listening to the instructions we have recd. The Lord has been unto us as a kind parent in giving us the blessing of homes & habitations. Spoke of the great necessity of all bearing their part in the organization of the Church that all may work together as a complet Piece of machinery.

The general authorities of the church & of this Stake of Zion were presented & unanimously Sustained.

Apostle F. D. Richards then arose & refered to the Small audience in attendance yesterday also Spoke of the advanced principles elucidated yesterday. The Lord has laid out the work for his people to perform.

The rev. on U.O. were revealed 1830 - 1, 2 & 3 & why is it we have so litle knowledge of them? it is because we have not Studied, reflected on & prayed over them.

Among the most important rev. are those that are given us from time to time by our Brethren.

The rev. on celestial mariage was revealed in 1832 or 3¹⁰ but was left to slumber for some time. Or until we had rec'd a degre of strength sufficient thereto. Bore testimony to the truthfulness of the above principle. Stated that the first Elders that went to Eng.¹¹ Started sick & had to be helped into the wagon. Went with a determination to fill that mission though Earth & hell were opposed. Referred to

¹⁰ Richards is talking about eternal marriage and plural marriage. For insights regarding these two principles in Latter-day Saint history, see Bachman 1978.

¹¹ For the history of early Mormon missionary work in Great Britain, see Allen, Esplin, and Whittaker 1992.

the great trials attendant to & with the embracing of the various principles of the Gospel especial those attending celestial mariage. Compared our circumstances with those that lived in the day of Solomon & David He Spoke at great length upon this great & important subject. We should look forward with great hope & expection when we shall acquire the great favor of God. That we may be one is my pray & grow in grace that we may over come is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pres John Taylore then arose & said we had heard a good deal & nothing that is bad. Quoted Jesus "I have done many good things among you for which one do you persecute me.["] He had not met with any people that work any nearer the mark than we do.

Men talk that some very great thing had transpired in this the 19th century. Polygamy was ordained of God & had exhisted more or less down to the present time. Reproofs had been given many times to those that abused this principle There were upward of 2000000 of polygamists in the European empire What had we to do with placing our Selves here? What had Joseph or brigham to do with it? Nothing we knew nothing about any of these things until they were revealed. Knew nothing of the organization of the church.

Who knew about temples & the ordinances? No body.

The organization of the church was given of God.

Polygamy is the normal condition of man. I wish to extol the name of God & Jessus our Savior for the Eternal principles revealed.

Spoke of the organism of man to a great extent & asked who planted them there. Did we? No. God placed them there. Man can assist nature but cannot make it. Mariage is instuted to regulate the the sexes & polygamy as a sfty valve. We should Strive to treat our wives Kindly. They are given us for all time & eternity.¹²

Men in striving to regulate the the things of God & have defiled them they have assumed to take away the Safety valve. The world are murdering their infants by the thousands in these U.S. many keep mistresses.¹³ These are the offshoots of monogamy

¹² For a history of plural marriage among the early Latter-day Saints, see Van Wagoner 1989.

¹³ One of the arguments many Latter-day Saint leaders used to justify the practice of plural marriage was that it did away with both prostitution and keeping mistresses. Thus, it reduced the

I suppose this will be published to the world all right. I like to tell them about. He greatly abhorred them unite our selves together & God will bless & deliver his people, though all hell is arrayed against us. Amen. He arose & expressed his good feelings & asked God to us & all his people & curs our enemies in the name of Jesus.

A hearty Amen by the audience.

* Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Elder Geo Q. Cannon

* Pres. Preston expressed his gratitude for the presence of Pres Taylor & the Brethren &

Monday, November 3, 1879—I was busily engaged during the day with Temple business.

Met with the mutual Improvement association in the Basement Story of the Tabernacle of Logan at 6:30 P.M. Who were addressed by Elders George C Lambert & C W Penrose felt a great Interest in these associations Spoke of the powers of the Priesthood & exhorted the young men to honor the same & prepare themselves for future usefulness.

Spoke very encouragingly of the benefits of these associations. It was the privilege of the young to gather together to obtain light & truth. All should beware of pride & vanity. The more we Learn the more we can see to learn.

Apostle F. D. Richards then Stood before the assembly & hoped those present would treasure up the good teachings. In the words of Pres Young If we do our duty to day it will be the best evidence that we will do it tomorrow. In our youth we Lay the foundation of our character Therefore these foundations should be well layed in that Sound & proper manner that it cannot be moved. Now is the tim to consider this matter. We should try to purify our hearts & put away all impure thoughts.

Called the attention of the young to the gift of inspiration. Harken to the gifts of the spirit & its suggestion. Referred to his first mission At one time he was inspired to place his hands on a persons face that was Suffering with pain & which he did & it was dispersed immediately. Cultivate these good gifts & we will be filled with revelation.¹⁴

Spoke of the great benefit of celestial marriage. It was not for night. When we set stakes how far they will go in the things of God & no farther our progress will stop right there. We should give heed to the dictations of the Spirit for these are the Testimonies of the Spirit. Seek & pray for the best Gifts. Study the revelations & all good books. Seek unto the Lord for light & intelligence. If you will do these things your light will Shine out of obscurity. On the whole he Spoke very encouragingly to both young & old.

Tuesday, November 4, 1879—To day was passed in the Local business of the Temple &c.

Wednesday, November 5, 1879—During the forenoon I visited the B. Young college & transacted some other Local business & went to the Green Canyon Temple Quarry accompanied by my wife Dined at this place & found about 8 men engaged quarrying rock for the Logan Temple all feeling well. Returned to Logan at 3 P.M. & Passed the Bal. of the day in preparing men to go to the Temple Mill Logan Kanion.

Met at 7 P.M. in the 4 Ward school room to assist in making preparations to take the wetter [water] out upon the upper Bench above Logan which was agreed to by all claimants of Land dividing with Brethren that had none which also was agreed to.

Thursday, November 6, 1879—To day being fast day I attended to this requirement and went to meeting in the Second ward school room.

In the afternoon I with other Elders administered to a sick brother & child & Passed the bal. of the day in Local business.

Friday, November 7, 1879—This morning accompanied by Elder C. W. Nibley¹⁵ we Started for Paris Bear Lake to attend their quarterly conference & attend to some Temple business.

We dined at the wood camp arrived at the mill at 4 P.M. where we were joined by Supt C. Madson & continued our journey to Meadowvill where we arrived about 8 P.M. & put up with Bro J. G.

immorality in the world (see Whittaker 1987b, 293–314).

¹⁴ Franklin D. Richards served four missions to Great Britain alone and was among the Church's most dedicated missionaries (see Sadler 1988).

¹⁵ In April 1877, Brigham Young called Charles W. Nibley on his second mission to Europe. On this mission Nibley was responsible for supervising the European Mission's business affairs

and he also became good friends with Apostle Joseph F. Smith, who was president of the mission. Nibley returned to his Logan home in spring 1879, and Charles O. Card offered him employment in Cache Valley's United Order Lumber Mill. Nibley was also called as the superintendent of the Cache Stake Sunday School (see M. Godfrey 2001).

Kimble [Kimball] & Mother who rec'd & treated us very kindly.

Meadowville, Saturday, November 8, 1878—This morning finds us well in this Small but thrifty farming & Stock raising town of about 25 families about half of whom are the Sons of the late H. C. Kimball.¹⁶ We drove to Bloomington & dined with Bro C. Madson & family Thence to Paris where we met with the Sts in conference assembled. By request of Pres C. C. Rich I made a report of the Temple & addressed the Sts a short time. Remained over night with Pres Rich.

Sunday, November 9, 1879—Met with the Sts again at 10 A.M. who were addressed in an earnest Spirit by Elder C. W. Nibley upon the general principles of the Gospel. Reports &c.

2 P.M. Sacrament. Reports completed. We were favored then by an address by Pres. C. C. Rich who Spoke upon the great necessity of pure thoughts & constant reflections Stayed again over night with Pres Rich but took Supper with Sister Ann Budge.¹⁷

Monday, November 10, 1879—This morning we had our kind host adieu & Started for the Temple Mill.

Dined at Meadowville Thence to the mill where we arrived about 6 P.M.

We held a Short meeting with the hands whor were addressed upon the first principles of the Gospel & my self upon the duties of the Priesthood. We stayed here overnight.

Tuesday, November 11, 1879—This morning at 8 O.C. we started for Logan where we arrived at 12 M. Attended to Temple biz the bal of the day.

[Left marginal note: Rock Laying ceased Nov. 11 for the Season.]

Wednesday, November 12, 1879—To day I was busily engaged with Local Temple biz. Met in concil with Bp Ballard my father Hyrum Hayball as a committee from the Board of the U.O. Mfg & B. Co to

consider the propriety of consolodating the Saw & Plain Mill Lumber yards which we did and employed Hyrum Hayball as yard man at \$70.00 per mo.

Thursday, November 13, 1879—I was busily engaged in the Local Temple Biz preparatory to starting on the 11 P.M. train to attend the Marsh valley conference which I did in co. with Pres Preston. Elder G. L. Farrell Bps Wm Maughan & Geo. O. Pitkin Bp. Merrill joined us at Richmond.

Friday, November 14, 1879—This morning at 3:30 A.M. we arrived at Oneida. We rested here a few hours Pres. Preston Bro M.W. Merrill & myself resting with Bro A. N. Hobson the ballance Stopped with Thos Jenkins.¹⁸

During the fore noon we were driven out to Pres Gruels where we dined to gather. We all remained with Bro. Gruel but Bp. Pitkins & Bro G. L. Farrell.

Saturday, November 15, 1879—This morning finds us all well after a good nights rest. We met with the Sts at 10 A.M. in what is termed the Hawkins School house Pres. Preston Stated we had met for a Two Ds. Conference & to organize a ward with its Bp. & other officers. We were then addressed by Elder G. L. Farrell Bp. Wm H Maughan & C. O. Card upon the first Princiles of the Gospel the gifts Blessings also the organization of the church & duties of its officers & members.

Meeting adjourned until 2 P.M. Benediction by Councilor M. W. Merrill.

[Left marginal note: Prayer by Bp G. O. Pritkin.]

2 P.M. Singing Prayer by Bp. W. H. Maughan. Singing By request Elder John Lea made a report of his & Elder Charles Barret [Barrett] Pulic & fireside mission to the Sts in Southern Idaho. He had taken joy and satisfaction in their Labors Had been kindly rec'd by the Sts & a good kind feeling prevailed.

Elder Barret then Stood up & endorsed the report of Elder Lea. Bore his testimony to the truth of

¹⁶ It is reported that Heber C. Kimball had forty-three wives, fathered at least sixty-five children, and was "a grandfather three hundred times over" (see Kimball 2001, 130).

¹⁷ Ann Budge was one of the telegraph operators in Paris, Idaho. Her sister Julia, who had gone to Logan to learn the art of telegraphy, returned to Paris and "took over the office." Before many weeks had passed, Annie, as she was called, learned to help

her. Julia Budge became a plural wife of Charles W. Nibley, who was traveling with Card at the time this entry appears in his diary (see Rich 1963, 85; Nibley n.d., 15).

¹⁸ Thomas Jenkins was one of the earliest settlers in Marsh Valley. He owned a large, productive farm. He kept a daybook in which he recorded the number and value of animals killed by the Utah and Northern Railroad (see W. Thomas 1942, 1).

the Gospel work and expressed his desire to be faithful. Spoke of the manifestation of God he had witnessed in Seeing the Sick healed by the Laying on of hands by the Elders.

Bp. Geo. O. Pitkin then then arose & Spoke of the impropriety of being astride the fence or in other words make friends with both Sts & Sinners Spoke of the negligence of many in attending their & Spoke of the Spirit the indifference they were apt to get into by the derelect of duty. Compared the Past with the present Could observe a great growth in Gods Kingdom.

Referred to the grasping Spirit that many manifested by some which was decidedly wrong. Spoke of the important duty of a teacher & the great necessity of caring well for our children. Spoke of the great necessity of attending meetings. If the Sts. will keep the councils of Gods servts. they will become Rich in faith as well as the things of this world. Exhorted the Sts to observe the Sabbath day.

Councilor M.W. Merrill then arose & Spoke of the great progress of and the increase of numbers of the Sts from 6 members.¹⁹ Spoke of the peculiarity of the L.D. Sts. from the days of the prophet Joseph Smith and the great opposition the Boy Propht met with which was a great evidence of the divinity of His mission.

Referred to the great testimony he had when but 9 yrs old. His mother gave him the voice of Warning & told him it was a mormon Book He went into her bed room about 4 P.M. & continued to read until nearly 9 P.M. without the light of lamp or candle The light of the Lord Shone upon it * [There is an asterisk inserted here.] which enabled him to read.²⁰

6 P.M. We met with the young people who gave in their names for the purpose of organization of a

mutual improvement association of young men & Ladies.

Elder G. L. Farrell Pres of these associations of this Stake instructed them in regard to their duties. Pres. Preston & Councilor M.W. Merrill did the same in a very kind manner. The whole company returned to Bro. Gruel's to say over night.

Sunday, November 16, 1879—This morning we held a consultation upon the organization of the Marsh Valley ward Then retired to meeting.

10 A.M. We met again as per adjournment. Sing. Prayer By Bro M W Merrill Singing. Bp W. H. Maughan then arose & spoke of the necessity of Practicing the principles of our religion also the benefits derived therefrom. Our aim was to do good to all mankind. Showed the great benefit of unity Spoke of the great privileges of the Sts & the necessity of being accompanied by the spirit of rev. continually We should teach our children properly & should place good Books in their reach such as the *Juvenile Instructor* and other works of the church.

Keep down the principles of infidelity. Exhorted the Sts to be united. Bp. Geo O Pitkin said he had been raised upon the frontiers & been in circumstances not so comfortable as these.

We take to much honor upon ourselves and acknowledge not the hands of God. We have as much need for spiritual food as temporal.

We should build up the good & eschew the evil. God will hold all responsible for their acts Bore a strong testimony the the gifts & blessings were with this people. Exhorted the Sts to not be Selfish & grasping.

He Spoke encouragingly of the principle of Celestial marriage.

Pres. Wm B. Preston arose and Bore testimony to the remarks of the brethren that preceded him. It

¹⁹The term "6 members" refers to when the Church was first organized, April 6, 1830, in Fayette, New York. Six men signed the articles of incorporation, but sixty to seventy people actually attended the meeting.

²⁰Marriner Wood Merrill is referring to the following experience: "When I was a boy of nine years my mother sent me to the hay-field where my father and brothers were at work to call them to dinner. On the way I became unconscious and was clothed with a vision which I distinctly remembered when I gained my usual feelings and thoughts. In this vision I found myself in a log cabin located on the way to the field. In this cabin I was on my knees in the attitude of prayer. In the vision I saw the church and the prophets Joseph and Brigham. I saw the travel of the Saints from Nauvoo and Winter Quarters to Utah. In the vision the

sight of covered buggies and wagons was peculiar to me, for at that time I had never seen such vehicles, nor had I ever seen the mules which I beheld in my vision. I saw two and sometimes six mules to a wagon, and in the company of pioneers I beheld two men who had been boy friends of my youth, and each of them had more than one wife. In my vision at that time the divinity of plural marriage was revealed to me. I comprehended the doctrines and principles as they had been revealed. The progress and development of the Church were shown and the persecution of the Saints were made clear to my understanding, and I heard a voice which told me that all I beheld was true. But I was cautioned to keep it to myself what I had seen until I should have the opportunity of leaving my native country." (quoted in Perrott n.d., 1).

Marriner W. Merrill [speaking of his testimony and the experiences of the prophet Joseph Smith]—He [Merrill] at nine years old was given a word of warning from his mother about the Book of Mormon. He went to his bedroom about 4 p.m. and continued to read until nearly 9 p.m. without the light of lamp or candle. The light of the Lord shone upon it [the Book of Mormon], which enabled him to read.

See entry, November 16, 1879.

was a very great matter of concern who to appoint to fill the various positions in a ward, for so much depends upon them for the future growth of a Settlement. Gave a little of his first experience in Logan.

His first earnest work was to get the the brethren to divide up the Land that was claimed by but few. Spoke of the present strength of the Sts compared with the past. He rehersed these things for the benefit of those that preside & dwell here. Said those that preside Should not preside as kings but as fathers looking after their Interests.

We are to do away our nationality Keep our covenants and agreements. The Lord holds the destinies of all mankind & we should not forget to call upon Him night & morn also His blessings upon our food.

If the Sts will come togather we will present to you the proposed officers of your ward. Exhorted the Sts to be one.

2 P.M. Singing by the Choir. Prayer by Elder Charles Barret. Singing

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Pres. Wm B Preston arose & said we have decided the Boundres of the Marsh Vally ward.²² All that Portion north of the red rock Disct. including 9th Mile Bench. [Almost two lines left blank here for an apparent description to be inserted later.] which was accepted & sustained by unanimous vote of the Sts.

Asked the Sts if they were willing to sustain the Presidency of this Stake of Zion Vote unanimous. He then Presented the name of Bro Melvin L. Gruwell for Bp. Wm West Woodland for first councilor & Wm. Henderson as 2nd Councilor. Each were Sustained by a hearty vote. The following were Sustained. Wm Rees Davis, Clerk. M Wm Capell pres of Teachers. Wm Henry N Wakeley Pres of Elders. Fred K Baker Supt of Sunday School. Edwin Watson 1st ~~com~~ assistant & Joseph Marley 2 asst.²³

David Rees Davis Presiding Teacher over the Members of the High Priest Wm C. Hawkins pres. Y.M.M.I.A. Farley H Gould 1st Counsellor Lewis H Baker 2nd Counsellor W. C. Hawkins Choir Leader.

He then read from the Do c & Co the duties of a Bp. Teacher Priest &c. Melvin L Gruel [Gruwell] was then Set apart a Bp under the hands of Wm B Preston M. W. Merrill & C O Card. W. B. Preston Mouth Wm West Woodland 1st Counsellor to Bp Gruel [Gruce], M W Merrill Mouth Wm Henderson 2nd Councillor to Bp Gruell [Gruwell]. W O Card Mouth. [The writing in the last two paragraphs is not C. O. Card's. Several lines were left blank at this point. This is another area Card has left

²¹ The verse Card is referring to here reads, "Again I say, hear-ken ye elders of my church, whom I have appointed: Ye are not sent forth to be taught, but to teach the children of men the things which I have put into your hands by the power of my spirit" (D&C 43:15).

²² Marsh Valley is located directly north of Cache Valley on Highway 91 about fifty miles into Idaho.

²³ Andrew Jenson, in his book *Church Chronology* under November 16, 1879, writes, "The Saints who had settled in Marsh Valley, Bingham Co., Idaho were organized as the Marsh Valley Ward; Melvin L. Gruwell, Bishop" (1914, 105). Before his call as bishop, Gruwell was the branch president. The Deseret Sunday School Union's book *Jubilee History of Latter-day Saints Sunday Schools* does not have a listing for the Marsh Valley Ward and its Sunday School. The diary Card kept is important in showing that a Sunday School was organized on the same date the ward was created (see Robinson 1987, 153). Williams West Woodland is

listed among the first settlers of Marsh Valley, arriving in 1864. He settled on Birch Creek at the south end of the valley and owned and operated the first sawmill in that area (see *Progressive Men of Bannock* 1904, 523; Robinson 1987, 154). Reese Davis came to Marsh Valley in 1872 and for a time was the ecclesiastical leader of the community as it functioned under the Malad Ward bishop (see Robinson 1987, 154). Henry Wakeley, born in Hancock County, Illinois, March 25, 1843, was the son of John and Polly Woodland Wakeley. He came to Utah in 1868 and purchased a farm six miles west of the Downey, Idaho, post office. He owned 370 acres of land and was considered prosperous. Wakely was a stockholder in the Birch Creek Irrigation and Canal Company, and in 1891 he was called as the bishop of the Marsh Valley Ward (see *Progressive Men of Bannock* 1904, 523). On March 23, 1896, Edwin Watson became the first bishop of the Blackfoot Ward, which was then a part of the Bannock Stake (see A. Jenson 1914, 211).

C. O. Card as Supt of the Logan Tab.²⁶ On motion Bro S. was honorably released by a hearty vote of the Sts. He suggested that the Bps manage the missionary funds so that they may have something for their families.

He then read a list of home missionaries to present to the Sts for the Sts to sustain by their faith & prayers. He then referred to the lack of teachers in the Sabbath schools Young people should not withdraw from the S.S. when they get married He then called upon the Elders Quorums to furnish teachers for the Sabbath Schools. Trusted that the Seventies were filling their mission in persuading the Young to attend the S. Schools.

It was unanimously sustained that all the Elders be called on a mission as teachers in the Sabbath Schools. Called the attention of the parents to the evils patent [apparent] among our youths running the streets &c. Spoke of the evils of parties selling liquor. Would like the hearty cooperation of the Sts to ferrit out these dens of infamy. He Spoke at some length upon this important subject.

He called upon those holding the holy Melchisedeck Priest in the name of Jesus Christ to help ferrit out these infamous dens.

Monday & Tuesday, November 24 & 25, 1879—I remained in Logan and attended To Templ business—Tuesday night I took my children to the Panorama of the 7 wonders or Pyramids of Egypt which was both interesting and instructive.

[Left marginal note: Tuesday I visited the Green Canyon Quarry.]

Wednesday, November 26, 1879—I started for the Temple Mill 24 miles up the Logan Canyon. Dined at the wood camp where a few men are at work procuring lime wood for the Logan Temple arrived at the Mill a little before sundown. Passed the evening in writing letters to Parties in Bear Lake Valley on Temple Biz.

²⁶In 1873, the Church began construction of the Logan Tabernacle. Card was asked to be the building superintendent. When the Logan Temple was begun in 1877, Card was transferred to that project, again as construction superintendent, and Anthon Skanky supervised the completion of the Tabernacle. The work on both projects involved establishing local mills, factories, quarries, and kilns for materials; soliciting donations; accounting; and, most importantly, recruiting and supervising the few paid and the many volunteer laborers. These responsibilities are described clearly throughout Card's diaries (see D. Godfrey

Thursday, November 27, 1879—About 8:30 this morning I started for Logan and arrived about 12:30 P.M. During the after noon I was busily engaged in Local & other Temple Business.

Met in council with Pres. Preston & Elder C. W. Nibley.

Logan, Friday, November 28, 1879—At 9 A.M. Pres Preston Elder F. W. Hurst & myself Started for Smithfield where we arrived at 10:30 where we were joined by Councilor M. W. Merrill found the Sts convened in their new School House²⁷ which is 26 x 61 divide by a hall 6 feet wide. It is 15½ feet from the floor to the ceiling the rooms 25 x 27 each well furnished with good comfortable and substantial home made Seats. One department for the primary & the other for the intermediate. I noticed also good Large patent slated Black boards. The roof is adorned with a good bell & belfry altogether Shows the people of Smithfield mean to educate the young.

[Left marginal note: A no 1 framed building covered on the out side with rustic Siding.]

Choir Sang. Pres Preston stated we were here for the purpose of dedicating this house for educational purpose. After which he offered the dedicatory prayer. Choir Sang. Councilor M W Merrill arose and congratulated the Sts on their success in erecting So good a house. Asked what percent it had cost on the taxable property of the district. Answer 2 percent. We should try to educate our children in the principles of the Gospel for the destroyer was ever on the alert & we should be on our guard & teach them principles that will exalt them hereafter. Parents should not neglect their children.

Cautioned the Sts against allowing their children to meander around in night time. We should not allow ourselves to go to bed without knowing where they are. Teach our children to respect authority, the organization of the church for the Lord has instituted these great organizations.

and Card 1993, xxxvi; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 282–88; Somers 1993, 155–60).

²⁷Card is referring to the Central School in Smithfield, which was a three-room lumber building standing on the northwest corner of the public square. The first classes were taught there on November 28, 1879. There was also a Presbyterian day school that operated in Smithfield. It was 1912 before the thirteen-room Summit School was constructed (see Olson and Olson 1927, 58; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 322).

It will give us great joy to See our children follow in the ways of the Lord the opposite will give us Sorrow. We should be free in paying our taxes to erect houses of the education. We will not be any the poorer for it. If we build temples & Sustain those public enterprises the Lord will open the way before us. He spoke of the great benefit derived from educating our children. We should not Set our hearts on things that glitter but first Seek the Kingdom of God & his righteousness. We should be united & prompt in sustaining our trustees. Bound to gather & the Lord will open up the way Councilor C. O. Card arose & congratulated the people of Smithfield on their success on a school house and exhorted the Sts to be united with the trustees teachers &c that they may derive the benefit of their Labors.

Pres. Preston arose & suggested that great caution Should be taken in prerving everything intact The furniture & walls should not be marked nor mared. Suggested that they frost the Lower Sash in each window. Referred to the feasability of Building themselves a good meeting house and no one would be any poorer for it. Referred to the grasping spirit of the men of the world & cautioned the Sts not to get into that groove but to impart of your means to build houses of education meeting houses & temples feed the poor. Referred also the new apportionment of man & teams to the wards & said we had not asked for a man more than is needed.

Mentioned Pres. Taylor's visit here and the requirement he made of the presidency of this Stake (which was to Set this ward aright) to investigate matters here. Thought the we would come here soon and soon have a chat with the Sts here. Made an appointment to be in Smithfield one week from next Sunday then adjourn it until the following Tuesday. Drew the attention of the Sts to the callings of the officers & members of a ward. We will come here in the capacity of teachers whose office is to see that there is no hardness one with another. He felt an interest with the Sts. of Smithfield private affairs should not Stand between us and our duties. He again urged the great necessity of building a meeting house. You will not loose anything by putting your means in to a house to the name of the Lord. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Sts. Singing. Benediction by Bp. S. Roskelly.

Thence I went to Franklin and stayed overnight with Bro C W Fox and family who recd us very kindly.

Saturday, November 29, 1879—This morning I visited the Temple Quarry where I took Breakfast and returned to Franklin at 10 A.M.

Franklin, 10 A.M. We met with the Sts Singing by the choir. Prayer by Elder A. F. Stuart. Singing.

Elder F. W. Hurst was the first speaker who dwelt at Some length upon the first principles of the gospel. Referred to the ancient organization of the church of Christ & compared it to the present. Showed the necessity of first Seeking the Kingdom of God &c There was 4 things necessary to constitute a Kingdom [:] a King, a code of Laws, Subjects & a teritory to occupy God is our Kingdōm and we Should become acquainted with its Laws and its principles.

Showed the great necessity of faith repentance Baptism and the bestowal of the Holy Ghost upon those yielding obedience to these principles. He referred to the Labors of the ancient Apostles in comparison to those of our day Showing that the Same fruits follow to day by obedience to these principles that followed those ancient Sts. Referred to the abundant testimony we have of the truth of the Gospel both ancient and modern. Showed that we as Sts have every thing to encourage us in keeping the commands of God. Referred to the great blessings bestowed upon him and his co-Laborers while on a mission to the heathen Sandwich Islands where they were compeled to Learn mother [another] language. Referred to a promise he made to an afflicted Lady who had been Sick for a long time that if she would be healed Said that on this ocasion the Spirit darkness came upon him but through his suplications it left him & he baptized upon a litter but in spite of him.²⁸ She walked up out of the water shouting glory hallelujah went home & got them a good meal with her own hands, which she had not been able to do in 4 years. Why Should we not enjoy these blessings more than we do for the Lord is powerfull and is near ready to bless us. Amen.

Elder Charles Allen arose & said he felt to yield obedience to those that were placed to rule over us. It is only by the Spirit of God that we can edify and build up. Bore his testimony to the truth of the work of God. If we will keep our covenants the Lord will bless us and we will rise and triumph. Elder J. E. Carlisle²⁹ Then was called upon to address the Sts Desired the faith & prayers of the Sts was happy of being considered worthy to be a member of the

²⁸ A litter is a stretcher for carrying the sick.

²⁹ Charles Allen in 1877 was called as the president of the

F. W. Hurst [reporting on his mission in Franklin, Utah, conference] referred to a promise made to an afflicted lady who had been sick for a long time—that she should be healed. Said on this occasion the spirit of darkness came upon him, but through supplication it left him and he baptized her upon a stretcher. She walked up out of the water shouting glory hallelujah, went home and got them a good meal with her own hands, which she had not been able to do in four years.

See entry, November 29, 1879.

Kingdom of God. Showed how few of the families of the earth that were willing to embrace the Gospel.

Referred to the rev. on the word of wisdom Said nothing would degrade a man so soon as drinking alcoholic drinks next to that was the use of tobacco. Spoke of the direful effects the use of these things have upon the generations that follow.

Exhorted all to leave off these bad habits. Tea & coffee are also hurtful to the humane system. Referred to the corruptness of men in the midst of surrounding nations. We should shun them. Exhort the young men to prepare themselves for the duties that do or will soon devolve upon them. If we will seek unto God he will qualify us for any calling where unto we are called. We cant spend our time than seeking after useful knowledge. If it were necessary for the prophet to seek after knowledge we would do well to emulat his example.

Present Preston then arose and desired the Sts to be punctual to the time Said we would dedicate this meeting house.³⁰ Choir sang. Benediction by Councilor C. O. Card.

2 P.M. Choir Sang prayer by Elder Israel Blair. Singing by the choir who exhibit most excellent training by their chorister Elder Isaac Nash.

Cove Branch, which was organized as a branch of the Richmond Ward. The community of Cove, Utah, is located only three or four miles north of Richmond, Utah. The first Mormon settlers moved into the region as early as 1862 (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 83). John E. Carlisle was appointed as an instructor of natural philosophy at the Brigham Young College in Logan in 1884. A year later he was appointed editor of the Cache Valley newspaper, the *Utah Journal*. Carlisle became editor because he was believed to be loyal to the Church and less inclined to publish articles that would delight the non-Mormons in the territory of Utah. Carlisle served as editor of the Journal for four years. When

Bp Nahaim Porter of the Worm Creek ward Bor his testimony to the truth of the Gospel as revealed by Joseph Smith the prophet. Was thankful that a name and standing in the Kingdom of God. He was looking after a salvation. He had learned to perform his earthly mission. We were here to prepare ourselves for our future state. Desired to do all in his power for the advancement of Gods Kingdom. That which we possess is the Lords & we should use if for the benefit of his purposes. It is a great a great privilege we have in working out our great Salvation in this dispensation and we all should have a testimony for our selves (& not another.) He invoked the blessings of the Lord upon all.

Elder Joel Ricks Jr next Stood before the Sts Spoke of the propriety of being of a forgiving nature. Read 6 chap 19 verse of St Mathew. He that teacheth these things and doeth them is blessed. He that doeth them not are. We should learn to live our religion daily. We should not speak evil of one another. We should watch our daily acts keep ourselves bright & our lamps burning We should assist each other on overcoming our weaknesses. The love of God should abide in our hearts The Lord has revealed the Signs of the L Ds to his Servts in the various dispensations. The lord never gave a commandment but what He opened the way to cary it out. Referred to the rev. on the word of wisdom.

We should not enter into judgement one aganst another. Exhorted the Sts to read the Doc in Cov. rev. on the priesthood. Spoke of the duties of the teacher. We should not do our duties in too great haste, take time to explain the principles of the Gospel. Prayed God to bless us that we may love our neighbor as ourselves.

[The next two paragraphs recording Card's remarks were likely penciled into the diaries by a clerk. They are not in Card's handwriting and are difficult to read.]

asked by the Logan Temple Association, Carlisle also gave a lecture on natural philosophy that was published (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 289, 296, 399; F. Peterson 1997, 122).

³⁰Preston here is referring to the first public school, which was constructed on the east side of Worm Creek near the home of Joseph Johnson. This new building, which also served as a meetinghouse for the Church, was finished in 1879. It was used until 1884, when a more central location was secured and a new two-roomed school was constructed (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 343–44).

Elder C. O. Card arose and said as follows Bore his Testimony to the truth of what had been said in regard to Our duties as members of the Kingdom of God it is By Obedience to the laws that we will get the Blessings promised We have a great deal to learn in regard to the organizing of Stakes, settlements, and wards. The question is whether we will profit by what we hear and can the influence of these meetings have to our firesides. We want to seek for light knowledge and intelligence the various Offices of the Priesthood are for our good to counsel guide and teach us the first principles of righteousness and it is for us to act for ourselves. We want to do all we can to carry out the purposes of the Almighty speaking of Our Elders abroad there are large feilds of labor right here at Home as Home Missionaries. Teachers in the Sabbath Schools T. Relief Societies.

We are a practicle people we must conform to every law that has been reveald to us we want our interest in every thing for our benefit Temples for instance. There are a great many blessings in the Obedience to the word of wisdom the Kingdom of God will continue to roll on whether we asist or not but it is our duty to be up and doing Laboring in Union and love so are gathered to gether to get rid of our weaknesses. Let us not be hasty in Judgeing our Brethren & Sister. But let us cultivate the spirit of Charity and love and set a good example for that will have a good effect and we should teach Our children the Principles of the gospel. This labor is remained upon Our Mothers to a great extent.

Pres Preston arose and Said we would have a meeting of the mutual Improvement associations a 6:30 P.M. Tomorrow at 10 A.M we shall act as the spirit may dictate in regard to dedicating this house. We expect to complet as far as posible complete the organization of this and Worm Creek ward. Choir sang O my father &c. Conference adjourned until 10 A.M. tomorrow. Benediction by Councilor M. W. Merrill.

At 6:30 P.M. we met with the Mutual Improvement association. Singing Prayer by James Packer Jr. Singing again the excellent choir Roll called & minutes of their last meeting were read and adopted.

The Speakers of the evening were Elders J. E. Carlisle and C O Card who dwelt upon the principles of the concentration of the mind. The callings

and duties of the Priesthood good manners &c.³¹ Altogather we had a very Spirited meeting. The propriety of Subscribing for the *Contributor* was ~~dis-~~ discussed recommended very highly by Elder Card. The young were exhorted to be firm & dilligent. Benediction By S. R. Parkensen.

Sunday 2nd day, November 30, 1879—10 A.M.

Choir Sang. Pres Preston arose and Stated that they had thought it wisdom to not dedicate this house as it is not fully completed it was also desired to be used through the winter for dancing & theatres to obtain means to complete it. Therefore we will not dedicate it at this time for the above reasons. He then offered the opening prayer. Singing by the Choir. Pres Preston then arose & said that he did not know that he could introduce anything of more Interest than the circular sent to the Sts greeting June 7 1879. It was then read by Elder J. E. Carlisle Councilor M. W. Merrill arose & said he was pleased to be associated with you. The text or circular we have had read in our hearing will do us Some time to come. Thought it should be read often in our meetings for it touches every point.

Each officer and member of the church are made responsible and the reading of the circular prompts our minds.

You Should keep proper records in our wards. There should be clks & assts sufficient to keep all our records properly.

The Savior on his visit to the Nephites refered to these records as being of vast importance to us. We should have the visits of Apostles Prests of the Stake &c recorded with their instructions. He refered to the evils of drinking Liquors and other evils Said they should be rooted out. Indulgencies of this kind tend to drive the Spirit of the Lord from our midst. Dancing was not a commandment & was not necessary for us but was Simply a permit

We should be an examplary in all our acts. The Lord has called us to be his people & has given us a teritory and an organization are we going to treat lightly our ordinations The Lord is a going to hold us responsible for all He has given us.

He read from Do c. & cov. the duties of a teacher. Showed how particular the Lord was in mention all of these ~~this~~ things. Also read the Priests duties³² If we would live according to the commends

³¹ John E. Carlisle was active in Cache Valley education and journalism circles. He was appointed as natural history instructor at Brigham Young College (1884) and acted as editor for two

local newspapers (see footnote 29; see also Ricks and Cooley 1956, 289, 396, 399; F. Peterson 1997, 122).

³² The duties of teachers and priests are spelled out in

of God there would no blessing withheld we would have no use for doctors. The first thing we would think of when we were sick would be to send after the Elders as we are commanded. The Lord is more kinder to us than we are to one another. We should strive to make an application of these principles right at home. Referred to the dedication of this house. Said when you cease to use this for nothing but worship you will feel a different influence here God would here and his angles will meet here with you. The house of God should be a house of order. Called attention to the the remarks of Pres. Taylor upon dancing³³ which makes it obligatory upon the Bp or his councilors to preside over them & see that no evil there. We need not to mix with the out side element for it is not proper and it never will be. Choir sang Conference adjourned until 1 P.M. Benediction by Elder G. L. Farrell.

1 P.M. Sts met as per adjournment. Pres Preston arose & said he deired to teach those present a lesson Said when we came to meeting we should always be in order & not call our audience to order as we would a troop of soldiers or a political meeting. Choir Sang. Prayer by Bp. W. H Lewis. Choir Sang. Sacrament was then administered.

Pres. Preston arose and spoke of great obligations we are under in partaking of these emblems of the Body & blood of our Savior. We should be very careful to partake worthily. We should not have hardness of heart against any member of the church or Principle. I call your attention to this most important item. He refered with great precision to the great importance of keeping our records both in families and wards. These will be important items to us when we go to the temple. Many valuable items that fall from the lips of the servts of God. We want to elect a clerk who will gather up the items pertaining to the organization of this ward and record them in a well bound book.

F. W. Hurst [Richmond Conference]—The Lord has never introduced any labor, but what it should be performed.

See entry, November 30, 1879.

The following Elders were Sustained as President and councilors of the Elders Quorum Edmond Buckley President & James Packer 1st & Robt. Lowe 2nd councilor and Wm. C. Parkenson as clk of the ward. Also David Jensen as 1st as first and Elam Hollingsworth Second councilor to Bp Nahum Porter of the worm creek ward.³⁴ The Bp & His councilors of this ward were unanimously sustained by a hearty vote of the people. Pres. Preston exhorted the Sts. most earnestly to Sustain them by their acts Labors &c. If you have not a good active priests Quorum he would like to give Bp Hatch until tomorrow night to organize one. He then read from Do c in Cov. the duties of the Priests and teachers.

There will be nations yet that will pay tribute to Zion. He Spoke at some length upon the duties of Bps. Teachers Priests and deacons. He refered to the great signs of the latter days. The Elders will cary the Gospel to the Jews & the ten tribes will come forth.³⁵ Was thankful to meet with the Sts here in so good house. When your house is fully completed we will come & dedicate it. Keep Liqurs Smoking and evils out of this house We should observe the words of wisdom. We do not expect the B to do every thing Elder C. W. Fox was unanimously sustained as a committee of one to assist the Bp in gathering means & carying out the requirements in behalf of the Temple.

Spoke very encouragingly in regard to our Labors on the temple. We Should be united then the burthen will be light. Referred to the political actions. We do not want to be polititions after the

Doctrine and Covenants 20:46–59.

³³Ludlow played a significant role in the early years of the Church. Presidents Joseph Smith and Brigham Young stressed that temporal and physical welfare were the basis for spiritual welfare. Dance served this objective well. It included men and women of all ages, including boys and girls, and provided physical exercise, easy social entry, and uplifting expression” (Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 273). Still, Church leaders worried that dancing could lead to conduct that was not appropriate for Latter-day Saints.

³⁴Edmund Buckley was supervisor of the woolen mill in Franklin, Utah (1887). James Packer was the head of one of the

founding families of Franklin. William C. Parkinson was later bishop of Preston. David Jensen settled in Preston during the early 1870s. Nahum Porter was the first bishop of the Worm Creek Ward, the settlement later called Preston (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 46, 71–75, 220).

³⁵Latter-day Saints believe that one day the ten tribes of Israel will be restored and will gather at the New Jerusalem, which will be constructed in Jackson County, Missouri. Apostle Orson Pratt sometimes spoke on this subject to the Saints in Cache Valley (see Holmes 1973, 118; see also Articles of Faith 1:10; Joseph Fielding Smith 1954, 165; Joseph Fielding Smith 1956, 131).

manner of the world but Should vote for those that the Priesthood nominate If we are not strong enough to cary the day we will continue to multiply until we are. I do not mean myself & councilors when I Say priesthood, but all those that bear it. Our anxiety is that we may be one. Have faith to heal the sick & faith in the Gospel, that we may entitled to be heirs of all of these blessings.

The councilors of Bp. Porter then came forward & were set apart under the hands of the Presidency of the Stake Councilor Merrill was mouth for David Jenson, Consilor C. O. Card for Elam Hollingsworth. Pres. Preston spoke very spiritedly upon the duties of the High Priesthood.

Choir then Sang. Benediction by Councilor M. W. Merrill.

Thence we returned as far as Richmond and met with the Sts of this place at 6:30 P.M. Meeting opened by Singing by the choir & pray By Eld W K. Bernhum [Burnham]³⁶ councilor to the Bp singing again by the Choir.

Elder F. W. Hurste [Hurst] then arose and requested the faith that he might be able to bear an humble testimony. He was thankful that we had read the Light of the Holy Spirit. Referred to the teachings of St Paul who taught that we Should have pure Bodies. When we gathered from the world we brought many of our traditions with us. We did leave them as we covenanted to do. The Lord has never introduced any labor but what it could be performed.

He referred to the feelings of Abraham when he expect to offer him as a sarifice. This offering of Isaac was typical of the death of Jesus Christ or his atonement. He also referred to the Serpant that masses raised up for the children to look upon & be healed from the bites of those poisonous serpants. There is a penalty to all Law The Lord is full of mercy and long Suffering.

Spoke of the great indifference of the world to the things of God. The principles of the Gospel in all ages are pure The Testimony of the Gospel is hailed with great joy. Referred to those that deny that faith. Showed the necessity of being faithful & true to our covenants. We should fast and pray call our

families around us & teach them faith & obedience to the principles of the Gospel.

The time has come when the Lord is calling upon his people He Exhorted the Sts. to be firm in their faith & not faulting for there is much to encourage us. Spoke of the faith of the Hebrew children that desired not to defile their bodies with the ford [food] of the Egyptians All these were not with out their trials but the Lord delivered them & he can this people. The enemies of the Servts of God have always had those things that they sought to bring upon them revert upon their own heads. Spoke of the ancient Sts & their persecutions also refered to the modern. We should not delay but be on hand. He quoted many supports & examples of faith & Spoke very spiritedly. Referred to his circumstances upon his Late mission he had no one to lean upon but the Lord. Spoke of the purity of the lives of those prophets that the Lord Spoke through. Exhorted the Sts to be pure in body and mind & the Lord would hear our prayers. Pres. Preston arose and added his testimony to that of Elder Hurste x Thought that he could not Say anything better than to talk about building a larger meeting house.

Thought you should commence to Lay plans to build you a good large nice house on your square. We plant Plow & sow but the Lord givesthe the increase & we are not loosers by doing what the Lord desires.

If you would start a tabernacle you would start the means to circulating & you would not be any poorer.

We are one family & are Laboring in one common cause. The Priesthood should come together & decide what kind of a house you want then elect a committee of three & let those chose a committee of one to Supt the construction.

He urged the great necessity of a larger house one that would accomidate. Would not like to See a meeting house for any other purpose than that of worship & no other purpose. Asked the Lord to bless the Sts. Choir sang. Benediction By Councilor C. O. Card.

My self & wife Stayed over night with Bro Thomas Petty & family who treated us very kindly.³⁷

³⁶Wallace Kendall Burnham came to Utah in 1848 and was among the early settlers of Richmond, Utah. On June 9, 1877, Burnham was set apart as second counselor to Bishop Marriner W. Merrill and in 1879 served in that same office as a counselor to Bishop Skidmore (who took Merrill's place when Merrill was called into the stake presidency). Burnham served in the

bishopric until 1900. He died June 17, 1913, at his home in Richmond (see A. Jenson 1914, 63 [supplement]; Merrill 1937, 77).

³⁷Thomas Petty and his family lived on the north side of Richmond, having come to that community with the very first settlers in 1861 (see A. Bair 1976, 5).

Monday, December 1, 1879—This morning we returned to Logan where we arrived about 10 A.M. when I attended a Session of the County Court which lasted until 2 PM & adjourned for 3 weeks after which I attended to a considerable temple Business.

Attended a meeting of the board of the U.O. Mfg & B Co.

Tuesday, December 2, 1879—During this day I was very busily engaged in Temple Biz.

Wednesday, December 3, 1879—Again to day my attention was engaged with Temple Business which usually give me all my Strength can stand.

Thursday, December 4, 1879—This morning I Started for the Temple Mill about 10 A.M. Dined at the wood Camp. Arrived at the mill just dark.

Held a meeting with the brethren who were addressed by Patriarch Works of Manti Temple Sanpete Co on the History of the Church & the Prophet Josep Smith. I followed him with remarks upon the duties of the members of the church & also the first principles of the Gospel. A good Spirit prevailed throughout the meeting and the camp or mill quarters.

Found the work progressing here finely.

[Two parallel lines and a rectangular box with lines was drawn here between entries.]

Friday, December 5, 1879—This morning when I arose found it Snowing very fast, about 9 A.M. I started for home. When I got to the main or Logan

River I went up the river about 2 miles where I found the teams hauling a large boiler (wt 4 tons) for the U.O. Mfg & B Co of which co. I am a director gave them Some instructions as to the manner of proceedure. Thence I returned as far as the wood camp and took dinner. Thence to Logan where I arrived just at night.

Saturday, December 6, 1879—Again I was very busily engaged in Temple business during the day which is always of interest to me to See the work on the house of the Lord progressing.

Sunday, December 7, 1879—This morning I accompanied Pres Preston to Smithfield met with an encouraging looking Sabbath School at 10 A.M. By request I addressed them a few moments upon their duties to themselves & teachers &c.

2 P.M. We were joined by Councillor Merrill in a meeting of the Sts of this place.

In turn we all addressed the Sts upon their duties & exhorted them kindly to Settle all difficulties according to the Laws of the Gospel.³⁸ Pres. Preston again announced he would meet with the Priesthood of this ward next tuesday at 10 A.M.

Monday, December 8, 1879—I attended to temple Biz until 11 A.M. when I met with the Board of trade of this Stake where a committee of 5 Elders were appointed to look into the propriety of establishing a peoples agency in connexion with Weber & Davis Co. Stakes which were represented by Pres W. R. Smith of Davis and W. W. Burton³⁹ of Ogden Weber Co. Said agency was for the purpose of

³⁸In February 1869, Thomas Richardson and William Douglass opened a store in competition with the Co-op. On June 24 they were called on missions to Great Britain. They went, but when they returned in October 1871, they reopened their store. Bishop Roskelley asked James S. Cantwell to write letters to the presidents of the priesthood quorums telling them to prohibit their members from purchasing any merchandise from Richardson and Douglass. Some of the Smithfield Saints expressed their disapproval of Bishop Samuel Roskelley for the action he had taken, but he was following Brigham Young's directions. James Cantwell in his diary writes that the opposition was both "of a private nature, and of a public character." Bishop William B. Preston authorized the gathering of written statements from the various priesthood quorums and Evan M. Greene compiled the charges and sent them to Bishop Preston in Logan. Cantwell says that "it has been productive of a great deal of excitement, and much bad language has been spoken." Bishop Roskelley traveled to Logan on August 30, 1872, and appeared before Brigham Young to answer the charges, and apparently things were worked

out. Now Card informs us there again were troubles between the bishop and his flock. On March 8, 1880, Roskelley received a letter from John Taylor, calling him on a mission to Europe. While he was gone, a new bishop was chosen for the Smithfield Ward (see Holmes 1973, 87, 90; Roskelley n.d., 40a; Simmonds 1976, 14).

³⁹William R. Smith served twenty-two years as the Centerville Ward bishop, beginning in 1855. He was the president of the Centerville Cooperative and was also a delegate to the state canal convention in 1864, helping to organize the Weber Canal Company. In 1877 he became the first president of the Davis Stake (see Leonard 1999, 42, 152, 173, 192). William W. Burton was a prominent member of the Ogden community and was elected to the city council on February 8, 1869. To avoid arrest in 1882 for practicing plural marriage, Burton went into hiding. In 1885 he served a mission in England with Charles W. Penrose. He moved to Star Valley, Wyoming, and was called as first counselor in the stake presidency there in 1892 (see Kotter 1967, 144; A. Jenson 1914, 118, 199; Sadler 1988, 178).

importing wagons, Plows machinery &c Sell them to the Sts as near cost as possible.

Tuesday, December 9, 1879—This morning I accompanied Pres. Preston to Smithfield where we were joined by Councillor Merrill & met with the Priesthood of this Branch and addressed them upon the great necessity of righting all our all our wrongs & doing right one towards another. Adjourned until 1 P.M. when we met with those that had feelings towards the Bp & his councilors. About 6 entered their complaints which lasted until 4 P.M. when it adjourned until 9 A M tomorrow.

We met with the Mutual Improvement association at 6:30 after they went through their exercises of the evening They were addressed by Pres. Preston & Councilor M. W. Merrill in a very interesting manner and encouraged to do their duties and continue their meetings & encourage all their young associates to attend. During the meeting I was called out with other Elders to administer to Bro James Mack's Wilfe [wife] who was taken suddenly ill with a very severe attack of the colic. We anointed her & administered unto her 3 times within 30 minutes after which I returned to meeting at the close of which Pres. Preston & Merrill & Bro More head accompanied me again to Bro Mack's house when we layed hands on her 3 times more with the determination not to let the destroyer have power over her. I accompanied Bro Thos Hilliard home and partook of his hospitalities for the night was treated very kindly by him and his family.⁴⁰

Wednesday, December 10, 1879—This morning on my way to meeting I called upon Sister Mack & found her much better. Met with brethren her at 9 A.M. and listened to to their agrievancies until 12 M & adjourned until 1 P.M. & continued our Labors until 4:30 P.M. Brother Merrill & my Self went to the depot to take the train Bro. M for Richmond myself to Franklin but were to late for the train &

returned and attended Elders meeting and listened to a lecture by Elder L. O. Littlefield⁴¹ upon the celestial glory of man. Bros M & myself made some remarks upon the duties of Elders &c.

I stayed over night with Bro. James Mack.

Thursday, December 11, 1879—We met again this morning at 9 A.M. and continued our investigations until noon met again at 2 P.M. & continued our listening to complaints against the Bp & his councilors and all Seemingly that were present as it appeared that none of their weaknesses were left unearthed.

We met again at 6:30 and continued the same routine until 9 P.M. when Pres Preston arose to adjourned the meeting the meeting until the next morning at 9 A.M. He Starteded to give some little advice as usial. The Spirit of the Lord rested down upon him to that extent he was enabled to Show the brethren their weaknesses to that extent that they arose up and fully forgave one another. Pres. Preston occupied about 30 minutes & the brethren conued asking one anothers pardon until nearly eleven O Clock when we adjourned Inviting all the Sts to attend a meeting at 10 A.M. [Left marginal note: This was on Friday evening. This continues the entry for Thursday, December 12, 1879.] Thursday eve we met & listened until 9 P.M.

Friday, December 12, 1879—During this day we passed in listening to the long stories of the brethren from 9 A M un noon from 1 P M until 4 P M. (See Friday eve written under Thursday's date.)

Saturday, December 13, 1879—We met at 10 A M a per appointment, when the brethren continued to ask the forgiveness of one another for a short time when I arose and made a motion that we all forgive one another which all present covenanted to do by their uplifted hand. Meeting lasted until nearly 1 P.M. during which time Pres. Preston & councilors gave much good instruction in regard to our

⁴⁰ James Mack served in the second bishopric of the Smithfield Ward. He and his wife were active in the affairs of the community. A picture of Mack's wife is found in the book *History of Smithfield* above the caption "Mrs. James Mack" (see Olson and Olson 1927, 38). Thomas Hillyard, among the first settlers of Smithfield, Utah (1877), constructed a sawmill "up the river from Mapleton" in partnership with four other men. Hillyard sometimes visited less-active Latter-day Saints and encouraged them to become more involved. In 1890 he served as a home missionary and spoke in wards all over Cache Valley (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 75; Holmes 1973, 93, 146).

⁴¹ Lyman O. Littlefield was a prominent Latter-day Saint author in the nineteenth century. He wrote such books and pamphlets as *A Correct Account of the Murder of Generals Joseph and Hyrum Smith at Carthage, on the 27th day of June 1844; The Martyrs; and Reminiscences of Latter-day Saints, Giving an Account of Much Individual Suffering Endured for Religious Conscience*. This last book was published in Logan, Utah. He also wrote an article for the *Juvenile Instructor* that was titled "The Prophet Joseph Smith in Zion's Camp" (see Allen, Walker, and Whittaker 2000, 268).

duties towards God & one another. Pres Preston nominated James Mack Wm. Douglas & E. R Miles a committee to build a meeting house were sustained by the unanimous vote of the Sts He also gave them the Bp and his counsilors as their counsilors Told them to build the house on the public Square. We all dined with Bro Preston Morehead after which we Started home where Pres. Preston & myself arrived in Logan about 4 P.M. On reaching my house I found my youngest child Matilda Frances very sick with Lung fever.⁴²

Sunday, December 14, 1879—My child continued sick but having good nurses I attended Meeting at 1 P.M. in the Logan Tab. which was addressed by Elders Joseph E. Cowly, & James Quayle⁴³ & Pres Preston Pres. P. gave the Elders Some good advice which was with effect that he desired them to study the rev. contained in the Book Co v. Mormon & *Bible* & other church works & prepare themselves to preach the gospel when they Stood before the Sts.

My child continued very Sick through the night.

Monday, December 15, 1879 to Friday 19, 1879—I have not been able to do much but look after my child calling in the Elders & administering to and nursing it to the best of our ability.

Saturday, December 20, 1879—Thinking my child better I attended a cession of the City council of Logan City to day & Sat up with my child until 11 P.M. doing all I could according to the light I enjoyed rested until morning leaving my child in the care of its mother & other good nurses.

Sunday, December 21, 1879—I did not discover my darling child was worse until 10 A.M. when I called in Elders C. Nibley [Charles W. Nibley] & Wm H Apperly who administered to it, after which I layed my hands upon it and gave it a fathers last blessing & it Expired at 20 minutes past 11 A.M. filling us with the Sorrow of bereaved parents it being the only child of my wife Sarah J. Painter and the first one that I had ever called to part with. During the illness of my little one the Elders were very kind often coming in to and administering to it and others nursing it. To night my Self & wife retired very Sad but feel to acknowledge the hand of the Lord.

Monday, December 22, 1879—During to day I passed the time in preparing for the funeral of my child with the exception of a few hours I met with the County Court to assist them to from a quorum to do business.

Tuesday, December 23, 1879—This morning brought forth the most boisterous day of the winter thus far.

The funeral services of my child took place in the basement story of the Logan Tabernacl at 11 A.M We were addressed by Elder J. A. Leishman J. B. Thacher [Thatcher] G. L. Farrell Pres. Preston & Bp Ballard who offered very consoling remarks Supported by revelation.⁴⁴ The day was So bitter cold the attendance was not very great & it was thought wisdom by Pres Preston for the Sisters to go to the Cemetery with which they complied To night at 9:30 P.M. finds me sollemnly alone in my room recording the above items with my family all in bed but myself.

⁴² Preston Morehead was one of Thomas Hillyard's partners in constructing the sawmill near Mapleton (see note 40). The other partners were Harrison Thomas and Samuel Roskelley. Morehead also served as the third superintendent of the Smithfield Sunday School (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 75; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 139). Matilda Francis was the first child of C. O. Card and Sarah Jane Painter. She was born April 26, 1878.

⁴³ Joseph E. Cowley served as the first assistant superintendent in the Logan Third Ward Sunday School from December 5, 1886, to October 14, 1894 (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 129). James Quayle, a carpenter and builder, lived between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Beginning in 1884 Quayle operated a yard goods and clothing store in a building he constructed. The site of Quayle's store is where the Bluebird Restaurant stands today on Logan's Main Street. For one year, 1889–90, Quayle

served as Logan's mayor (see Somers 1993, 68, 98, 124).

⁴⁴ James A. Leishman was Card's secretary while Card was superintendent of construction for the Temple. He would later become an instructor of history at the college. John B. Thatcher was on the city council with Card. George L. Farrell was one of the first settlers in Cache Valley and, at this entry, he worked with Card as secretary of the Cache Valley United Order enterprises. William B. Preston was the presiding bishop of the Cache Valley, stake president with Card as his counselor, mayor of the city with Card as a councilman, and vice president of both the Hyde Park Canal Company and the United Order. Henry Ballard was Card's bishop in the Logan Second Ward (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 41, 103, 197, 209, 279–80, 284, 289; see also Somers 1993, 117; Simmonds 1976, 27–29). This is one of the few entries in Card's journals that reflects his personal feelings (see also his entry for Christmas Day, 1879).

[Left marginal note—and extending across the top of page: Bp Ballard was mouth in dedicating the ground where I buried my child.]⁴⁵

Wednesday, December 24, 1879—Being Cold & Stormy to day I Stayed about home Suffering from the effects of a bad cold contracted while watch with my child during her Illness.

Thursday, December 25, 1879—To day being christmas I passed most of my time with my family except part of the afternoon I passed at my Sister Alethes & her husband with my wives father & his partaking of a Christmas dinner Though I feel more to Sorrow than to Joy.

Friday, December 26, 1879—This morning I Started for the mill where I arrived about 5 PM found but 6 men there & 3 at the wood Camp most of the brethren having went home to attend to the holiday festivities found things generally in a fair and prosperous condition. Remained over night at the mill.

Saturday, December 27, 1879—This morning at 9 A.M. I Started for home where I arrived at 1 P.M. Passed most of the remaining afternoon in Temple business and temple corispondance.

Sunday, December 28, 1879—This morning at 10 A.M. I attended the Sabbath School of the first & fourth ward of Logan and witnessed their exercises which were of an interesting character. Many of the children & teachers answering questions from the history of Joseph Smith and repeating verses from the ancient Scriptures.⁴⁶

At 1 P.M. I attended meeting in the basement of the Tab. who were addressed by two young home missionaries from Hyrum Elders T. Morgan⁴⁷ & Thomason & Prest Preston. Pres. Preston gave good advice on many topics of interest. One in particular to the Bp which was to the effect that it was very necessary to have an effective Priests quorum in each ward perfectly organized. I did not attend meeting in the evening in consequence of my heavy cold on my lungs.

Monday, December 29, 1879—To day I was very busy until 4 P.M. with Temple business after which I partook of a Birthday Supper gotten up in house of my cousins O. D. & Diana Beach. Passed the evening with my family.

Tuesday, December 30, 1879—Attended To Temple business in the forepart of the day & County in the afternoon. Went to an exhibition of the Mutual improvement associations in the evening.

Wednesday, December 31, 1879—I attended to completing the purchase of a city lot for Cache Co. from T. B. Cardon ½ Block north Z.C.M.I. & Sold to Bro. Cardon a lot Situate 3½ Blocks South Z.C.M.I in Part payment. That is sold the Co. lot for \$450.00 & purchased Bro Cardon's for \$2500.00 passed deeds Back & forth on this date. Did Some Temple bus also to day. Thus ends another very busy year, & I trust I have not passed it in any way to the injury to my fellow man, Either in my ministry as an Elder or business transactions.
Farewell 1879.

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Thursday Jan 1, 1880
This first day of the new year
comenced by fasting and attending
a fast meeting in the 2nd
ward school room.

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At 3 P.M. my Bp. Henry Ballard & wives my parents & the parents of my first wife gathered at this hour with other friends of ours about 40 in number & we dedicated my new house Situated on my corner lot to the Lord Bp Ballard being Mouth on the occasion; after which we partook of a supper prepared by my wife & cousin Sarah Ann Beach. We passed the time or evening in Songs & Social chat until 8 P.M. when we gave our company the parting

⁴⁵ Dedicating the ground where he buried his child refers to graveside services following a funeral, where in prayer the Lord is asked to protect the grave from disturbance and consecrate it as a holy resting place (see Ludlow 1992, 366–67).

⁴⁶ The history of Joseph Smith had been published, in parts, in the *Times and Seasons*, *Millennial Star*, *Deseret News*, and the

Juvenile Instructor (see Searle 1979; Jessee 1971).

⁴⁷ Thomas Morgan (a Republican), together with other prominent citizens of Cache Valley, founded a newspaper in 1890 that they titled the *Logan Nation* (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 400).

hand to our guests feeling we had had a very pleasant time.⁴⁸

Friday, January 2, 1880—To day I was engaged in business for the temple.

Attended to Some correspondence Met with Pres Preston and Councilor M. W. Merrill at the house of Bro. Preston and held a consultation of matters pertaining to the welfare of this Stake Zion.

Saturday, January 3, 1880—Commenced my days work by going to the Temple Office at 8 A.M. and gathering Items of business to attend to. I remained here until nearly 11 A.M when I went to the Priesthood meeting in the Basement of the Logan Tab. where instructions were given by the Presidency of the Stake on the following subjects upon the organization of the Agriculture & Manufacturing association with M. D. Hammond, Samuel Holt, Wm E Partington, John Jacobs & E. D. Carpenter for the Central Board who are to travel through the settlements and organize a Board which will be called the farmers & gardeners Club which will act in concert with the Central or Logan Board. Their callings are to Study & Lecture upon the best methods of operating all home industries &.⁴⁹

Council was given to organize a good effective Priests Quorum in each ward. Dancing to be curtailed after Holidays. Tithing Settlements Should be made promptly. Temple Labors in the wards Should be controlled by one man in each ward and not all parties that work in the Temple be allowed to gather means promiscuously.

In all our united order or Cooperative and other organizations we should divide the responsibilities among the Elders of the Church as far as practical. Also much other good advice was given by Pres. Preston.

I held a meeting at my house with the Logan School trustees of Logan in the evening which Lasted until 9 P.M. Thus ended another week.

⁴⁸Somers, in his picture history of Logan, Utah, has a photograph of the Card home, which was located at 302 West Center Street. It is a fine two-story house made of lumber (see Somers 1993, 2: 149).

⁴⁹William E. Partington and his family were among the earliest settlers in Logan, coming there in winter 1859. He was an experienced teamster who brought lumber from the mill down the canyon for the temple (see F. Olson n.d., 208; Somers 1993, 34). From December 5, 1886, to October 14, 1894, he served as superintendent of the Logan Third Ward Sunday School. At the time Card mentions his name, he was serving as second assistant

Sunday, January 4, 1880—This morning Pres Preston Elders T. E. Rok C. W. Nibley & myself Started for Wellsville where we arrived a little before 10 A M. We went to the Sabbath School where we were joined by Elders F. W. Hurste & Charles Barrett.⁵⁰

Elders Hurste & Nibley addressed the School briefly upon their duties as Schollars & children of the L.D. Sts. The School numbered about 200 which was well supplied with teachers. Excellent Order was observed.

1 P.M. We met with the Sts of Wellsville. By request of Pres. Preston I addressed the Sts. upon the principles of confidence and their callings as members and officers. Pres Preston arose & Showed it was the duty of the Bprie to provide for the Sts in their wards. The head should always be able to See a little farther than the body Instructed the Sts here to construct a large canal to water the South & East benches that they may be able to provide homes for ther sons, daughters, and those that may gather from the nations.

We should be kind & willing to divide the elements that the Lord had blessed us with. The above when adhered to would produce unity in families and neighborhoods. Choir Sang. Benediction by Elder Ricks after which we repaired to the new rock school house for the purpose of dedicating it. Choir sang & I offered the dedicatory prayer & Instructed the Sts to keep the house Solely for the purpose for which it was dedicated. Elder T. E. Ricks & Pres. Preston made encouraging remarks. Benediction by Elder Nibley after which we returned home.

I attend a union of the Sabbath Schools of Logan in the Basement of the Tabernacle & witnessed their exercises. Instructed parents to visit the school & lend them all the aid possible. The Bps. & Stake Supts also addressed them.

superintendent (see Somers 1993, 34; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 129). Ezra D. Carpenter served as superintendent of the Smithfield Cooperative (see Somers 1993, 58). Milton D. Hammond was a second counselor in the stake presidency under Brigham Young Jr. (1877). He was also a member of the board of trustees for Brigham Young College (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 280, 350).

⁵⁰Somers lists two Charles Barretts who resided in Logan, Utah. One was a farmer and the other, Charles T. Barrett, taught school. They both lived on Main Street between Eighth and Ninth Streets (see Somers 1993, 56).

Monday, January 5, 1880—Nothing of importance transpired to day. My attention was required in Local Temple business during the day.

In the evening I attended a meeting of the Board of the U.O. Mfg & B Co. which lasted until nearly midnight.

Tuesday, January 6, 1880 - I attended to Temple Affairs until 11 A.M. When I attend an organization of Company to operate the Logan Canyon road & at 3 P.M. attended a similar meeting of Coop Pasture Co. Thus passed another busy day.

Wednesday, January 7, 1880—This morning I started for the Temple Mill, dined at the Wood camp arrived at mill about 4:30 found all well only about 6 or 7 men present on this occasion remained over night here.

Thursday, January 8, 1880—After giving such instruction as I thought would be for their good and that of the Temple at 9 A.M. I started for Logan I encountered a Severe wind & snow storm nearly all the way home. Some of the time plowing through the drifts of snow arrived about 12:30 P.M. I attend to Local business during the ballance of the day. Attended a meeting of the Bps of Logan in the N.W. room of the Tabernacle where we discussed the manner to proceed with holding meetings with a foreign tongue. Pres Preston thought it wisdom for the Bps. to see what their necessities were & always act in a ward capacity the Bps presiding at those meetings.

Friday, January 9, 1880—I was engaged a part of the day in Local Temple business, the ballance in counciling with Pres. Preston preparatory to his departure to the Legislature on the morrow. Attend a dance of the Employees of the U O. Mfg & B Co. in the 2nd ward School house until 9 P.M. when I retired.

Saturday, January 10, 1880—During fore part of the day I attend to Temple & other Biz.

At 8 P.M. I started for Franklin with Elder G. L. Farrell To attend the funeral of Elder C. W. Fox who died very suddenly on the 8th Inst. Stayed over night with Sister hatch wife of the former & mother of the present Bp. who treated us very kindly.⁵¹

Sunday, January 11, 1880—A few minutes before 10 A.M. Bros Farrell & myself walked as far as the house of Bro C. W. Fox (Deceased) joined the procession & marched to the meeting house where services commenced shortly after 10 A.M. Consoling remarks were made by Elders Wm Woodward [Woodward] G. L. Farrell A. F. Stuart [Stewart] S. R. Parkensen & myself.⁵² Between 12 & 1 P.M. we followed the remains of Elder Fox to the Cemetery after Lowering the body into the grave the choir sang & Elder Farrell offered the dedicatory prayer. After the graves were filled we drove again to the house of Sister Hatch & took dinner.

Met with the Sts of Franklin Shortly after 2 P.M. After the usual opening & Sacrament we were addressed by Elders Thomas Hilliard [Hillyard] & Robt Mickel⁵³ of Smithfield and my self upon the duties of the Sts towards God and one another. After meeting we drove to Smithfield where we dropped into their meeting at 7 P.M. Elder Farrell address the Sts upon the first Principle of the Gospel and related Some of his experience while on his mission in England.

I addressed them next and upon their duties in administering in their callings of the Priesthood that it should always be in righteousness. Read from do c. cov. Prayer & prophecy of the prophet Joseph Smith.

Stayed all night with Bro Seth Lancton [Langton].⁵⁴

Monday, January 12, 1880—This morning at 8 A.M. we left Smithfield & arrived in Logan at

⁵¹Sister Hatch was the wife of Lorenzo Hatch, the second bishop of the Franklin Ward (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 54).

⁵²William Woodward, one of the original settlers of Franklin, Idaho, came there from Hyde Park, Utah, where he had settled in April 1860. He once "tramped" forty-eight bushels of wheat and then took it to Farmington, Utah, to be ground. On November 18, 1887, Woodward was sentenced in the Blackfoot, Idaho, District Court, to six months' imprisonment in the Boise Penitentiary for unlawful cohabitation. Alfred Francis Stewart was one of the founding fathers of Richmond, Utah (see A. Jensen 1914, 155; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 154, 46, 42).

⁵³Robert Mickel became the bishop of the Leigh Ward in Fremont County, Idaho, and was released from this calling on November 22, 1903. On May 22, 1904, he was called to be the bishop of the "Lower" Leigh Ward in the Teton Basin (see A. Jensen 1914, 17, 20 [supplement]).

⁵⁴Card might well have been reading from Doctrine and Covenants 130:14–17, in which Joseph Smith says that he "was once praying very earnestly to know the time of the coming of the Son of Man," then heard a voice telling him that if he lived to be eighty-five years old he would "see the face of the Son of Man" and he was not to trouble the Lord any more regarding this

9 A.M. Temple Business occupied my attention until 11 A.M. when I went to the City council & took part in that as a member until about 4 P.M. Thus with my temple & other official duties I was busy until evening.

Tuesday, January 13, 1880—I attended to little beside Temple business to day preparing to go to the mill on the morrow.

Wednesday, January 14, 1880—This morning I started for the mill dined at Wood Camp.

Thence to mill where I arrived about 5 P.M. Found but few men there. Bp. H Ballard of Logan & some other brethren who were hauling Lumber for the Temple fell in with us & we held a meeting. We were addressed By Bp. Ballard Elders T. G. Winn [Thomas G. Winn]⁵⁵ & W E. Partington & My self upon the history of the church & made many encouraging remarks.

Thursday, January 15, 1880—This morning I left for home about 8 A.M. & arrived in Logan about noon. Attended to Temple business during the remainder part of the day. As usual at night I was tired very weary.

Friday, January 16, 1880—Nearly the whole of this day was passed in Temple business.

Saturday, January 17, 1880—Saturday I passed in preparing a communication to the Committee of the Apostles for Logan Temple and other Local business Such as procuring teams to haul Lumber for the Logan Temple.

Sunday, January 18, 1880—I passed the morning hours writing. Attended meeting in the Logan Tab. at 1 P.M. We were addressed By Elder J. B.

Thatcher upon the principles of faith & the necessity of doing the works to obtain a salvation. Pres Preston who had just come from the Legislative assembly to Spend the Sabbath with us arose and gave a brief act of the Labors of our Legislators & Spoke upon the duties of the Sts said we Should not think more of the Lords gifts than the Giver. After which I arose & spoke upon the necessity of Supporting our Bps & c in our Temple Labors. Then gave a general invitation for teams to haul Lumber for the Temple & proffer meals to those that would enlist in the good works.

Monday, January 19, 1880—I Started with a sawyer & one other hand for the Temple Mill. Dined at the Wood Camp. Thence to the Mill where I arrived at the mill & found the yard full of teams which Showed the brethren had responded to the timely call. Stayed all night with the brethren here.

Tuesday, January 20, 1880—I assisted the brethren until about 9:30 in Loading & c & when I had made ready to start home at 10 A.M. the 28th team started with a Loads of Lumber & on my way and at the Wood Camp I met about 40 more. I returned to the mouth of Logan Kanyon about 2 P.M. & up to that time about 10 teams had made this point Got home at 3 P.M. Tired enough.

Wednesday, January 21, 1880—To day I passed in Local Temple business.

At 6:30 P.M. I met with the Scandinavian Sts.⁵⁶ of the 4th Ward although many were present from the different wards of Logan. I addressed them upon the necessity of being citizens of the Kingdom of God and doing away with all national feelings. By a former request of Pres. Preston announced that there would be classes of Scandinavian & Germans taught by Elders that understand the English and

matter. Seth Langton, together with Robert and John Thornley, settled Smithfield, Utah, in the fall of 1859. Their first homes were about one-half mile west of the present town, on the south side of Summit Creek. Langton served as the superintendent of the Smithfield Ward Sunday School and was the first assistant superintendent of that unit's Sunday School. He died in Logan, Utah, on May 21, 1892 (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 41–42; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 139; A. Jenson 1914, 198).

⁵⁵Thomas G. Winn was among the early settlers of Smithfield, Utah. On July 23, 1860, he, together with George Barber, Sylvanus Collett, and others, went to the foothills east of town where a small band of Shoshone Indians were camped. They arrested the Shoshone leader, Pagunap, and “accused him of stealing a pony from the Richmond area. Pagunap, taken into

town, protested and then later tried to escape, but he was shot and killed. The Indians returned fire, and Samuel Cousins fell, wounded. While escaping, the Shoshone came across three men camped on Summit Creek. They killed John Reed of Franklin and wounded James Cowan. Continuing up the canyon, they came across Ira and Solyman Merrill, and Ira Merrill was killed in an exchange of gunfire.” This event almost caused a war in Cache Valley. In 1864 Thomas G. Winn was appointed as Cache County Superintendent of Roads. His duties included outlining routes that needed to be built, improved, or maintained and traveling to the communities involved and appealing for the poll-tax labor (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 92; F. Peterson 1997, 42, 85).

⁵⁶For information regarding the Scandinavians in Utah, see Mulder 1957.

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foreign languages. The object of such classes were to teach those the English language that do not understand it by those that were capable of explaining in their native tongues.

Thursday, January 22, 1880—This morning the first ground was broken for the Logan & Smithfield canal & jobs let all under the Supervision of Bro Thos E Ricks.⁵⁷

My time was consumed in temple business through the day & met with the directors of the Logan Kanyon road Company in my own house.

Friday, January 23, 1880—My time again was occupied by with the Local business of the Logan Temple principally. Though some stake & School business intervened. Passed the evening with my family which I seldom have the privilege on act. [account] of Public Biz.

Saturday, January 24, 1880—I attended to Local Temple business again to day.

In the evening I prepared myself & took train at 11 P.M. for Swan Lake.

Sunday, January 25, 1880—I arrived at Swan Lake at 2 A.M. Remained with Bro. A. Quigley and family until 9 A.M. when he sent his team to convey me to Oxford a distance of about 4 miles. When I arrived I stoped at the School house where I found a small Sunday School of about 25 Schollars & teachers⁵⁸ after listening to their exercises I addressed them upon the necessity of remembering what they learn and attentiveness to their lessons. Dined with the Bps. first Counselor Wm _____. [Left blank by Card.] Met with the Sts of Oxford at 1 P.M. The weather being cold & stormy there were but few present. I addressed them upon the necessity of being steadfast & practical in all the principles of the Gospel each and all trying to act well their part as members & officers of the Oxford Branch⁵⁹ of the church & be united in Spiritual temporal and

political affairs. I returned to Swan Lake in the evening & stayed again with Bro Quigly until 2 A.M.

Monday, January 26, 1880—When I went to the Station but on account of the snow drifting the train was delayed until after 5 A.M. when I took train for Logan where I arrived at 7 O.C. A.M.

I attended to the Temple business during the day My wife Sarah J. Painter gave birth to a son at 9 P.M.⁶⁰

Tuesday, January 27, 1880—I was kept busily engaged in temple business having many teams hauling material for the Logan Temple.



George Cyrus Card, born January 26, 1880
Courtesy: Jo Ann Sloan Rogers

⁵⁷The Logan and Smithfield Canal paralleled the Logan and Richmond Canal, and the water from this canal was used to irrigate land at Hyde Park as well as Smithfield. The Logan Hyde Park and Smithfield Canal Company was incorporated March 16, 1889, with a capital stock of \$50,000 and shares that sold for ten dollars. Officials were Thomas E. Ricks, Ralph Smith, Charles W. Nibley, and Francis Sharp (see Fortier 1897; Parson 2000, 42; Felix 1956).

⁵⁸At the time Card made his visit to the Oxford Sunday School, William H. Homer was the superintendent, and Charles

Croshaw and David Boice were his assistants with William Rhodehouse as the secretary. When the Sunday School was first organized, it had nineteen officers and 198 pupils (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 242-43).

⁵⁹William Fisher was called from the Richmond Ward to go to Oxford and serve as bishop of the ward. He also helped build the Utah and Northern Railroad, which ran through that city (see F. Peterson 1997, 71; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 62).

⁶⁰This is George Cyrus Card, born January 26, 1880.

Wednesday, January 28, 1880—After attending to Some business this morning I Started for the Temple mill dined at the wood camp arrived at the mill about 5 P.M. Where I found but few men engaged although the work was moving along quite prosperously. Stayed here over night.

Thursday, January 29, 1880—After giving such instructions as I deemed proper for the benefit of the work I Started for Logan where I arrived about 12:30. Attended to Temple business during the after noon.

Met with the Bps of Logan in the evening in the North West corner room of the Tabernacle.

Friday, January 30, 1880—Attended to the Local business of the Temple until 3 P.M. when I went to the depot & met the Brethren that came to attend conference The company comprised Elder F D Richards, Pres. Preston, Counselor M W. Merrill, D M Stuart & Bp E. F. Sheets.

Spent the evening with Pres. Richards & Preston at the house of the Latter conversing upon the business of the Temple.

Saturday, January 31, 1880—Met with the Sts of this Stake in conference in the Logan Tab. at 10 A.M. Listened to the reports of many of the Bp which showed an increased interest of the Sts in the work of God.

1 P.M. Reports of Temple were read by myself after which I made a few brief remarks in regard to the temple Labors &c. Pres Preston & Councilor Merrill made encouraging remarks at the close Pres Richards spoke a short time. High Priests & home missionaries met in the evening.

Sunday, February 1, 1880—Conference convened again to day at 10 A.M. We were addressed by Elders D. M. Stuart & Thomas Wallace of Weber Stake of Zion. Also Elder F. S. Richards.⁶¹

⁶¹ On May 30, 1863, David M. Stuart left England with a company of 754 Latter-day Saints who looked to him as their leader. They sailed on the ship *Cynosure* from Liverpool. Stuart became bishop of an Ogden ward and helped take care of Elder Thomas B. Marsh when the Apostle came to Utah after rejoining the Church. On November 23, 1885, Stuart was arrested in Ogden for unlawful cohabitation and appeared before Commissioner Black and was placed under bonds. On January 4, 1886, he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and fined three hundred dollars. On July 8, 1886, he was discharged from the penitentiary but was immediately rearrested on a new charge for

1 P.M. After Sacrament Apostle Richards gave us excellent instructions in regard to tithes & offerings also instructed the Elders to not go rampant on any one Subject of the Gospel as it required all the principles to perfect the work On the whole we had a good conference & had many practical discourses. I met again in the evening with the Mutual Improvement associations and Sunday School.

Monday, February 2, 1880—This morning at 5 O.C. I went to the Depot & gave the brethren the Parting hand Bp Sheets having Stayed over night with me.

Temple business occupied my attention during the most of the forenoon. Went to the City Council at 11 A.M. which lasted until 4 P.M. Thence to a Board meeting of the U O Mfg & B Co. at 5 P.M. which lasted until nearly 7 P.M. When I attended a meeting of the Stock holders of the Same Co. in the 2nd Ward School room when I was again elected a director of that Institution. Thus passed another very busy day of my life.

Tuesday, February 3, 1880—I attended to Local Temple business.

Wednesday, February 4, 1880—This morning I started for Franklin Temple Quarry. Dined at Richmond with Bro. Thos Petty & family. Thence to the Quarry where I arrived about 5 P.M. Made the quarrymen a short call. Found the work moving pretty favorably & gave them a few words of encouragement & returned to Franklin where I had left my wife & put up with widow of my much esteemed friend C. W. Fox who died a few weeks ago. Attend an Elders quorum meeting in the eve.

Thursday, February 5, 1880—At 9 A.M. I started for Logan where I arrived at 12 M. Took dinner at home & at 2 P.M. I started for the Temple Mill where I arrived at 7 P.M. Found the hands enjoying

unlawful cohabitation and placed under a fifteen-hundred-dollar bond. Thomas Wallace was a prominent figure in Weber County who, in 1883, was appointed as a selectman when Lester J. Herrick and Pleasant Green Taylor had to resign this office because they practiced polygamy. Wallace later became a bishop (see A. Jenson 1914, 69, 126, 127, 134; Roberts and Sadler 1997, 136; Kotter 1967, 78). Franklin S. Richards practiced law and was one of those who filed the "Pleas for Religious Liberty and Rights of Conscience" arguments presented before the Supreme Court in defense of polygamy in 1886 (see Ludlow 1992, 824).



Temple sawmill activity during construction, Temple Fork, 1880
Courtesy: Milton R. Merrill Library, Special Collections and Archives, Utah State University

a little dance.⁶² Consequently they were full of meryment & felt well. Found the work progressing favorably.

Friday, February 6, 1880—This morning I remained at the mill until 10:30 A.M. when I started home. Dined at the wood camp arrived in Logan at 2 P.M. Found myself busy with Temple & other business until after dark.

Saturday, February 7, 1880—I attended to Temple business until 11 A.M. when I went to the Priesthood meeting which passed off quietly. Nothing transpiring of any note except the completion of the Settlement of the Coop Woolen factory Acts. Adjourned about 1:30 P.M. Attended to Temple & other business until night & at 7 P.M. I attended a

meeting of the board of the U.O. Mfg & B. Co. Thus passed another week of busy life, for such it is to those that do their duty among the Sts.

Sunday, February 8, 1880—This morning accompanied by Elders C. W. Nibley J. B. Thatcher & F. J. Cannon Started for Newton where we arrived about 10 A.M. Met with the Sunday School which was addressed by Elders Thatcher & Nibley. Met with the Sts of this place at one P.M. who turned out enmasse to listen to us. We were all addressed them upon the duties and requirements of the Gospel. Encouraged the Sts. to suport cooperation & patronize the publications of the Sts. After meeting we drove to Clarkston where we were again kindly recd by the Bp. & others. Took supper with the Bp. and went to

⁶² Even though most of the workers at the sawmill were male, dances were a very popular form of recreation. “Bows of pink ribbon were tied on the arms of half the men, indicating that they were acting as ladies. Participation in the dances and devotions was compulsory. Anyone who failed to enter into the fun was seized unceremoniously by the big foreman, Joe Morris, and pulled onto the floor with a merry whirl that would set the company laughing, and the unlucky victim would yield in sheer self

defense to a happier mood.” On October 2, 1879, Card sent a letter to the foreman, in which he said that he had learned that “men indulge very freely in the dance. While I do not wish to curtail them in their enjoyment, I do not think it wise to have them quite so often. I think one a week should suffice” (Olsen 1978, 68). Card was determined that those who worked on any aspect of constructing the temple remember that they were first and foremost Latter-day Saints.



Temple sawmill acreage, 2003

Courtesy: Darrin Smith

meeting at 6:30 where the best of order prevailed. Precisely at 6:30 the house was comfortably filled & during the 2 hours service there was no going in and out. I can not help but record the punctuality of the Sts of this place. We all addressed them under the influence of the Spirit of the Lord that prevailed in the house We Stayed all night with the Bp. & family who treated us very kindly.

Monday, February 9, 1880—We Bade our host adieu at 8:45 & started for Logan where we arrived about 11 A.M. when we retired immediately to the Board of trade meeting. We agreed in that meeting to close all the Coop Stores of the settlements comebine in an order for farming implements which was the principle business of the meeting except to give the Franklin Coop the privilege of Supplying the northern Mkt with butter & Eggs.

Attended to Temple business during the bal of the day.

Tuesday, February 10, 1880—To day I visited the Green Canyon Quarry and attended to the Temple Biz.

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Wednesday, February 11, 1880—This morning after attending to business until about 10:30 A.M. I started for the Temple Mill, dined at the Wood Camp arrived at the mill about 5 P.M. Found the business of this dept. prosperous remained over-night here.

Thursday, February 12, 1880—After attending to the necessary biz. I started at 9 A M for home where I arrived about 1 P.M. Found myself busy with Temple & other business during the ballance of the day.

Friday, February 13, 1880—I passed (as usial) the most of this day in Temple business as very little other business intervened. Attend a prmery Political meeting in 2nd ward.

Saturday, February 14, 1880—During the forenoon I was engaged in Temple matters. In the afternoon accompanied by Elder J. B. Thatcher I went to Hyrum to attend a Local conference of this ward. Met with the Sts of this place at 2 P.M. who were addressed by Elder Thatcher on the first principles of

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the Gospel. I followed upon the every day duties of life.

Met with the combined associations of the Young Men and Ladies Mutuals. After listening to their exercises I addressed them for a short time exhorting them have God in all they do and to do with.

Hyrum, Sunday, February 15 1880—I met again with the Sts at 10 A.M. Elder Thatcher returned home last night but Elders C. W. Nibley, Henry Flamm,⁶³ B. Roustejn & T. [F.] J. Cannon joined us during the fore & after noon meetings as well as myself Some reports intervened. A good energetic Spirit prevailed throughout our assemblies.

About 4:30 we bade the Sts the Sts adieu & returned home. I met with the Sts of the first and fourth Wards in the Tab. & addressed upon their duties God, their parents & themselves in order to be useful in the great Latter day dispensation.

Monday, February 16, 1880—Temple & other business engaged my attention through the day. I attended a Primary Political meeting in the first ward. Some little difficulties were experienced in electing their deligates as Some of the Brethren Seemed technical. At the close of the meeting I kindly reprimanded them for their unwise course.⁶⁴

Tuesday, February 17, 1880—During the day the most of my time was occupied in temple business. Attended the general Political convention.

Wednesday, February 18, 1880 - At 10 A.M. I started for the Temple Mill accompanied by my first Wife [Sarah Jane Birdneau]. Dined at the wood camp. arrived at mill just before Sundown found the men feeling very well although they had encountered a Severe drifting Storm that blockaded the roads which they had just finished Shoveling out so they were passable. Allowed them to dance an hour or two & joined in with them and all felt jolly.

⁶³In 1876 Henry Flamm served as the president of the Church's Swiss and German Mission. He later moved to Rexburg, Idaho, and at his death, on August 19, 1913, he was said to be "one of the best known and much beloved elders in Idaho" (A. Jenson 1914, 213, 64 [supplement]).

⁶⁴The People's Party was the organ of political expression for the Church, and hence it was appropriate at that time for Card, a member of the stake presidency, to be involved in the nominating process. Under party practice, a ticket or slate of offices, the

Thursday, February 19, 1880—I returned home today & attended to considerable temple & other business.

Friday, February 20, 1880—This morning accompanied by my father and my wife I went to Smithfield on business for the Temple (drew from the stores of Bros. Richardson and Douglas \$150.00 in tithing goods for the temple.⁶⁵ My wife and father returned & I went to franklin by train took Supper with Br S. R. [Samuel R.] Parkinsen attended meeting there which was addressed by Elder J. L. [H.] Brown⁶⁶ upon the first principles of the Gospel I addressed them a short time & then went to the Quarry and stayed all night.

Saturday, February 21, 1880—This morning I took breakfast with the Temple Quarry men & returned to Franklin & at 9 A.M. accompanied by Sister Fox widow of C W Fox deceased I took train for Logan where we arrived at 11 A.M. Busy the ballance of the day in temple business.

Sunday, February 22, 1880—This morning I visited the Second ward Sabbath School addressed it upon the duties of children to parents.

1 P.M. I Met with the Sts of Logan in the tabernacle who were addressed by Elder J. H. Brown of Salt Lake City upon the faith repentence, Baptism, Cooperation & Celestial marriage.

At 6:30 P.M. I met with the Sts of the 5 ward of Logan who were addressed by Joel Ricks Jr. & myself upon faith, confidence and the practical things of life.

Monday, February 23, 1880—I passed the most of the forenoon with Pres. Preston counseling upon the things of the Stake. Passed the afternoon in looking after the Logan Temple matters having no time for idle moments.

Tuesday, February 24, 1880—I worked at Temple business until 10 A.M. Thence to the City council

unanimous choice of the People's Party, was presented to the voters with the full expectation that the slate would be elected (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 110).

⁶⁵It appears that things had been worked out and it was once again permissible to trade with Thomas Richardson and William Douglass, who were still in business (see Simmonds 1976, 14).

⁶⁶There was a Joseph H. Brown who, in 1885, served as one of the presidents of the Eighty-fourth Quorum of the Seventy in the Bannock Stake (see W. Jenson 1927, 120).

where I remained until 2 P.M. After which I passed an hour with Apostle M. Thatcher⁶⁷ which passed very pleasantly. Transacted Some other business. Passed the evening at home reading which I seldom have the opportunity of doing in consequence of numerous meetings.

Wednesday, February 25, 1880—Though it was Snowing this morning & Blowing very hard I started for the Temple Mill Arrived at the Wood Camp at 12 M. Took dinner after which accompanied by 5 men I started to the mill Shoveling the Snow out of the dug ways. We proceeded about one mile when Snow Slides were discovered coming down the mtn sides & knowing we were in danger of being caught we returned to the Wood Camp and put up for the night.

Thursday, February 26, 1880—I remained in quarters with my men until 10 A.M. When we went out and opened the road a short distance down the Kanyon.



William King, snowslide victim
Courtesy: Darrin Smith from
LaVona Gilgen Dickenson family

After dinner I Sent a few men up the Kanyon & Bro N. Hawes [Nathaniel Haws]⁶⁸ & myself went to the lime kiln & procured more shovels & continued the Labor up the Kanyon until dark when we returned to the Wood Camp & Stayed all night having cut through 2 Snow slides and many drifts & still Storming a little.

Friday, February 27, 1880—This morning being fair our men started work again opening the road & B. H. & I Stopped a short time to prepare a pair of snow shoes after which we started up the Kanyon with my team & at 12 M we had opened the road to cottonwood at cut through two more Slides we Stopped about 30 minutes & ate our dinner after which we resumed our labors and 3:40 P.M. we had got within ½ a mile of the train Bridges when I recd a verbal message per Orson I. Beach and James Stratton from foreman Joseph Moris to the effect that 2 of the Brethren Wm King & Nephi Osterholdt were buried in a snow Slide about 3½



Nephi Osterholdt, snowslide victim
Courtesy: Darrin Smith from
Rex Pugmire Christensen family

⁶⁷ Moses Thatcher had just returned from Mexico City, where he presided over the Church's first mission in that land. He arrived in Mexico on November 15, 1879, but returned home early in 1880 to take care of some serious business concerns with John Taylor and other members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles (see K. Godfrey 1999, 139–41).

⁶⁸ Nathaniel is listed in the *Abstract Record Book 11* as filing

for a homestead in Amalga. Haws was with Card on February 26, 1880 (Card records the date as the 27th), when two of seven men who worked at the wood camp were seriously injured by an avalanche. Haws helped Card make needed repairs to the equipment at the wood camp (see F. Olson n.d., 76; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 70).

miles distant from where we were Laboring I instantly started to their relief with 6 men and dispatched a messenger to Logan for assistance. I arrived about 6:30 P.M. at the Scene of action where we found the men doing all they could to extricate their comrades. Our Labors continued until 9:30 when we were obliged to withdraw, all being fatigued none more so than my self being stricken with lameness on the account of my exertions wading through the deep snow we were compelled to walk 3¼ miles to the Mill the teams having all been buried in the Slide 3 in number. We arrived a few minutes before 12 Midnight where we remained until morning.

Saturday, February 28, 1880—This morning we again resumed our search & were reinforced from Logan. The night & morning be cold that the creek froze with anchor ice dammed the water against the slide & saturated it from four to eight feet deep & made our search in vain having Spent a great portion of the day in draining off the water.

We worked all day & found only 2 teams about 2 P.M. The force from below opened the roads through for teams & we cut a trail to the ground on the opposite side of the Hill from the Slide and drew a sleigh around with 4 horses which assisted the weak & lame & exhausted with a ride to the mill.

Sunday, February 29, 1880—This morning we commenced our search & the weather being warm the water had cut its way under the slide and drained it that we were better enabled to search more thoroughly. About 10 A.M. or a few moments before we found the body of Wm King in the bottom of the stream. After which he was conveyed to a sleigh & sent to Logan and at 11 A.M. the other body or Bro Nephi Osterholdt was found & before 12 M [noon] they were on their way for Logan.⁶⁹

I returned with fore man Jas Moris [Joseph Morris] and a few men to the mill in the midst of a terrific windstorm where we arrived at 2 P.M. Gave

the men that were to return to bear Lake Such instructions as I deemed proper & at 5 minutes before 3 P.M. I started for the Wood Camp with J. Moris & 5 others and Such a gale I never experienced before in my life it nearly obliterated the road in 2 hours we had made 4 miles or Logan river & we were until 9:30 P.M. getting to the wood camp & would not reach it to night if 6 men from the Wood camp had not been kind enough to come part way and assist us as we had to shovel the road but by the blessings of the Lord we made the trip to the camp very tired indeed We stayed here over night.

Monday, March 1, 1880—This morning between 8 & 9 O C we left for Logan where we arrived about 12 M.

During the afternoon I assisted to make things ready for the funeral of Bros King and Osterholdt. After such a tedious trip of nearly 6 days I find myself nearly worn out.

Tuesday, March 2, 1880—This morning I was busy preparing for the funeral which took place in the Logan Tab at 11 A.M. About 1500 people met to pay their last respects to the departed who were addressed by Pres Wm B Preston, Elders J. A. Leishman C. J. Larson [Larsen]⁷⁰ & Br Wm. Hyde. 43 vehicles followed our brethren to their last resting place in the Logan Cemetery at 1 P.M.

Wednesday, March 3, 1880—To day I passed in looking after the Interests of the Logan Temple.

Thursday, March 4, 1880—To day being fast day I attended meeting with the Sts of the 2nd ward in which I reside.

Attended to Temple business during the latter part of the day. Met again in the evening with the Sts in the 2nd Ward Listened to their Temple, tithing, Sabath School & female Relief Society reports. Which showed very favorably.

⁶⁹ William L. King was twenty-five years old when he was killed. He had a wife and a child and was one of the chief teamsters who hauled logs out of the canyon. The men said he could sing and tap-dance, and it was not uncommon for him to entertain the men by dancing on the tables at the mill camp. Nephi Osterholdt was a quiet man who was also about twenty-five years old, whose home was in St. Charles, Idaho. A messenger was sent to Logan, and men were called out to look for the bodies. On Sunday, February 29, King was found prone in a bed of the river, and about an hour later Osterholdt was found, his body crushed

against the bank of the river, with upraised arms holding a shovel in both hands and with one knee raised as if he were trying to climb the bank. While taking the bodies back to Logan, the rescuers were caught in a terrible blizzard, the worst storm some had ever experienced, but they were able to arrive safely (see F. Olson n.d., 76–78).

⁷⁰ C. J. Larsen practiced plural marriage; his first wife died close to Decoration Day 1900. Former bishop Henry Ballard was the principal speaker at her funeral (see Somers 1993, 64; Crookston 1994, 203).

I addressed them upon the great importance of all participating in the good Labors in building up the Kingdom of God.

Friday, March 5, 1880—This morning I repaired to the temple office & attended to the necessary business after which I went to the Brigham Young College to attend the exercises of the last day of the quarter. Pres. Preston & wife Elder Henry G. Boyle & E. D. Carpenter were there also. The exercises exhibited great improvement. Attended to Temple & other business during the latter part of the day.⁷¹

Saturday, March 6, 1880—After seeing to temple matters until 11 AM. I went to the Bps or Priesthood meeting of the stake where many items of interest were taught I advised the Bps & others to settle up & make ready for a great effort on the Logan Temple. Looked after items of general Biz during the balance of the day.

Sunday, March 7, 1880—During the forenoon I remained home and read until meeting time. At 1 P.M. I met with the Sts in the Logan Tab where we were addressed by Apostle M. Thatcher Pres Wm B Preston & Elder H. G. Boyle.

At 7 P.M. met at the same place with the Sunday School union of Logan who passed the evening in rehearsals of Scripture & other religious songs & recitations. Pres. Thatcher & Elders H. G. Boyle & Junius F Wells addressed the assembly.⁷²

Monday, March 8, 1880—I attended to Temple business up to the time of going to the Board of Trade at 11 A.M. when I attended it in the basement of the Logan Tab. We were addressed by Apostle M. Thatcher who made his retiring speech as agent for the Board where he had labored more or less from its organization being its founder. We had a session of 4 hours. I attended to a little other business during the balance of the day. Conferred with Bro M. Thatcher upon Temple & other matters.

⁷¹ Henry G. Boyle marched with the Mormon Battalion and served as a captain over twenty-five men. As early as the 1850s, Boyle was back in California, where he met the Thatcher family and William B. Preston. He, together with George Q. Cannon, stayed at the Thatcher Hotel located near Sacramento. In 1857, Boyle served a mission with fifteen-year-old Moses Thatcher, and from that time on he and the Thatchers were good friends. At the time Card mentions his name, he lived in Payson, Utah. On October 19, 1887, he was arrested and charged with unlawful cohabitation. On March 24, 1888, he was sentenced by Judge Henderson to a six-month prison term and a fine of one hundred

[Right marginal note, 90-degree rotation: Met with the Board of the U O Mfg & B Co in the evening.]

Tuesday, March 9, 1880—To day I visited the Green Canyon Quarry and other Temple Biz.

Wednesday, March 10, 1880—Went to the Temple office this morning & resumed my business until 11 A.M. When I went accompanied by my wife and called upon the wife of Wm King who was recently killed by a snow slide in Manghans fork of Logan Canyon. Thence home & took dinner after which I took train for Franklin where I arrived about 6 P.M. Stayed over night with Widow C. W. Fox.

Thursday, March 11, 1880—This morning I was conveyed to The Temple Quarry by Bro Woodard of this place. Found 8 men engaged in Quarrying rock for the Logan Temple & the work moving along in a fair way. Took supper with the Bp. Met with a few in their school house who had met for the purpose of consummating plans to build a social hall. Addressed them upon the necessity of being united in their labors. I also exhorted them to use their influence against the sale & use of ardent spirits. Stayed all night with Joel Ricks Jr. at the depot.

Friday, March 12, 1880—I expected to take train at 4 A.M. but the train being snow bound in the north did not come. Consequently I was detained until about 2 P.M. when an engine came along & took me to Logan where I arrived about 3 P.M. After which I visited the temple office and done what I could the balance of the day.

Saturday, March 13, 1880—This morning I accompanied Pres. Preston Coun. M. W. Merrill & my father to Benson to view some roads & settle some difficulties between Bp. A. [Alma] Harris and & his first counselor Robt. Kewley.⁷³ Though their differences were mere trifles of jealousies we labored about 4 or 5 hours and failed to reconciling them.

dollars (see A. Jenson 1914, 35, 153, 160; K. Godfrey n.d.c., 29).

⁷² Junius F. Wells was among the first authorized by Brigham Young to organize the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 298; see also Ludlow 1992, 1560–61).

⁷³ Alma Harris, son of Emer Harris, was bishop of the Benson Ward. Robert Kewley settled in Benson in 1871 in the north part of town along the Bear River. He and the bishop must have worked things out because Kewley served as first counselor in the bishopric from June 14, 1877, to March 9, 1891 (see Cardon 1982, 4).

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Pres. Preston invited them to get to gather in the evening and try & settle their own difficulties. We returned to Logan about Sundown.

Sunday, March 14, 1880—I accompanied the brethren to Benson again to day but Bp. Ballard went instead of my father. Met with the Sts of Benson at 11 A.M. where we were joined by Elders J. B. Thatcher & O. C. Ormsby⁷⁴ Stake Supt. of Sabbath Schools who came to regulate S.S. matters in this ward as the Supt. R. Kewley of this place had been called on a mission to Europe. The following officers wer Supt. Bro ___ Williams first asst. Seth Beddis [Bedds] 2nd Assist Bro ___ Rees⁷⁵ after which the matters of Bp Haris & Robt. Kewley were taken up by Pres. Preston and they came forward and asked the forgiveness of one another and the Sts. which was granted freely. Much good instructions were given by Pres Preston & his councilors and Bp. ballard. We had a meeting of about 3½ hours after which we dined with the Brethren & returned to Logan.

Monday, March 15, 1880—I went to the temple office and done what was necessary & then returned to the County court at 10 A.M. where we held a session of about 4 hours after which I attended to my usial business.

Tuesday, March 16, 1880—After I attended to Temple Biz until 11 A.M. I met with the High Council who were trying a case between Bp Wm H Maughan & John Stodard the Latter being plaintiff. Both of Wellsville The Session continued through the after noon & until 11 O.C. in evening with an intermission of 1½ hours.

Wednesday, March 17, 1880—I passed the forenoon in Temple Biz. Met in the after noon with Pres. Preston & Elder C. W. Nibley Clk of the council to council of the decision to print to the high Council at 7 P.M. which was done and accepted by Bros Maughan & Stodard who asked

forgiveness of one another & the council which was granted. They agreed to try to make all things right with one another.

Thursday, March 18, 1880—To day I passed in the Temple business with a few chores for my self.

Friday, March 19, 1880—To day I passed in my usial business.

Saturday, March 20, 1880—I attended to a few Temple matters until 10 A.M. When I met with the Sts of Logan in the Base of the Tabernacle & listened to the reports of the Bps. Pres of quorums.

2 P.M. Met with them again reports of Quorums Mutuals & continued with some good instructions from Pres M Thatcher Preston & others.

Sunday, March 21, 1880—This morning I met with the Sts. The traveling Elders & one or two others reported progress which was encouraging.

Pres M. Thatcher Spoke upon the great necessity of making acurate reports.

I Spoke upon the necessity of obtaining & retaining confidance and those that bore responsible positions in the priest trying to fill them to the letter.

2 P.M. We were addressed By Prests M Thatcher and Wm B Preston who gave us much valuable instructions. We were also addressed by other Elders upon Subjects of importance. Having caught cold on Sat. I was nearly sick when I returned home & did not attend the ward meetings having to retire early. In all we had a very prfotable 2 days meeting.

Monday, March 22, 1880—During the fore noon I attended to the Temple business and in the afternoon I visited the 2nd & 3rd Ward day-Schools.

Tuesday, March 23, 1880—During the forenoon I visited the first & fourth ward schools. Passed the middle of the day at the Temple Office & visited the

⁷⁴O. C. Ormsby in 1868 was called to serve as the second assistant to Superintendent Moses Thatcher; then, in 1879, he became the superintendent, a position he held until November 1881. He also served a second term from 1885 to December 31, 1899 (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 121).

⁷⁵W. D. Williams, among the first settlers in Benson, Utah, taught school in the community as early as 1874. Seth Bedds, too, was among the earliest of Benson pioneers. He and his wife Alice had six children. John Rees came to Benson in 1871 and lived in

the north part of town on the Bear River. He had a son named John who was twenty-nine years old in 1871. On November 29, 1886, John Stoddard was tried in the First District Court at Ogden and sentenced by Judge Henderson to six months' imprisonment and fined three hundred dollars for unlawful cohabitation. He was released from prison on May 31, 1887. Arrested again in 1893, he was released because of insufficient evidence (see Cardon 1982, 672; A. Jensen 1914, 141, 149, 201).

5th ward school in the after noon & in the evening I attended a meeting of the City Council.

Wednesday, March 24, 1880—I passed most of the forenoon with Prests M Thacher & Wm B. Preston & attended to Temple business during the bal the time.

Thursday, March 25, 1880—To day I attended to Temple & other business.

Friday, March 26, 1880—To day I attended to my usial routine of business looking after Temple Stock &c.

Saturday, March 27, 1880—I was busy In my usial routine of Temple & other Labors preparatory to recommencing our Labors for the Season.

Sunday, March 28, 1880—This morning accompanied by Bp. B. M. Lewis went to providence & Visited their S.S. at 10 A.M. Addressed them upon the necessity of being punctual and attentive to their schools and Lessons at 2 P.M. We met with the Sts and addressed them upon the propriety of observing the Laws & ordinances of the Gospel; also upon the requirements of the Priest & callings they were called to fill & exhorted them to act in all dilligence.

Monday, March 29, 1880—To day I attended to my usial business & met with Board of trade.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 30, 31, April 1, 2, and 3, 1880—I was busily engaged in getting my business arranged to start for Conference.

Sunday, April 5 [4], 1880—At 11 A.M. I attended the funeral of Elder John A. Cowley⁷⁶ a faithful man who had been killed by lightning the preceding Friday evening about 4 P.M. while triming and preparing some nursery trees in his barn. The audience were addressed by Elder O. C. Ormsby Pres. Wm B. Preston & my self, who viewed the past life of Elder

Cowley as one of good example. Made other consoling and encouraging remarks.

Monday, April 5, 1880—This morning at 5 A.M. I started for Salt Lake by train arrived in Ogden about 9 A.M. where I passed the day with my friends dining with Bro. F. A. Brown.

Proceeded to the City on the evening train wher I arrived about 8:30 P.M. Stayed over night at the Occidental hotel.

Salt Lake, Tuesday, April 6, 1880—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints is just 50 yrs. old to day & this year was Styled one of jubilee for the Sts. I went to meeting at 10 A.M. & 2 P.M. and attended a meeting of Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association at 7:30.

Elder Wilford Woodruff was elected President & Elders Joseph F. Smith & Moses Thatcher his councilors all of the quorum of the 12 Apostles. A vast amt of good instructions were given through all three of these meetings which will be a day long to be remembered.

Wednesday, April 7, 1880—I put up last night with Widow Basheba Smith⁷⁷ wife of the much honored Geo A. Smith first counselor to Pres. B. Young At 10 A.M. the Sts convened again in the Large tabernacle also at 2 P.M. Meetings were well attended & the inspiration of heaven rested upon the Apostle and elder that addressed the Sts. The general authorities of the church were unanimously Sustained by vote. It was decided by the conference to \$802000 of the P E fund & \$75000 dollars Back tithing in favor of the worthy Poor & present them with 1000 cows and 5000 Sheep the church or Trustee & Trust to furnish 300 of the cows & 2000 of the sheep the Ballance to be raised from among the Sts among the Several Stakes. The Female Relief Societies lending their grain 34762 Bush. this Season to the Poor farmers for seed & with out Interest.⁷⁸ The days Services concluded in a meeting of the Sunday School

⁷⁶ John A. Cowley served as superintendent of the Logan Third Ward Sunday School from 1868 until his death on April 4, 1880. The Sunday School, however, was not reorganized until April 18, 1880, when Joseph Morrell was selected to replace Cowley (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 129).

⁷⁷ Bathsheba Wilson Bigler Smith was born May 3, 1822, in Shinnston, West Virginia. She married George A. Smith in 1841 while they resided in Nauvoo, Illinois. She was the youngest woman present at the first meeting of the Female Relief Society

and, in 1901, became president of that organization. She served as the general president until 1910. A faithful temple worker, she coordinated the work for women in the Salt Lake Temple for a time. She died in Salt Lake City on September 20, 1910 (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 1108).

⁷⁸ In honor of the April 1880 general conference being the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Church, Church leaders declared it a Jubilee Conference. B. H. Roberts writes that \$704,000 in principal and \$900,000 in accumulated interest,

union in the new assembly hall. All of these meetings were very instructive.

Thursday, April 8, 1880—This morning we assembled again at 10 A.M. and lasted until 1:30 P.M. The time was occupied by a Strong testimony of 11 of the Apostles⁷⁹ & Counselor D. H. Wells of truth of the work of God & the calamities that will shortly come upon the nations.

Though the meeting was lengthy it seemed short in consequence of the abundant flow of the Spirit through The Lords anointed. Pres. Taylor called the attention of the Sts to the sustaining of our cooperative institutions and united orders. Said God blessed those that tried to live in the united Order. We should sustain our Boards of trade. We should not oppress or use the Priesthood we bare for our own agrandizement. Those that will not settle their own difficulties at home but go to the courts of the wicked shall not have the privileges of the House of the Lord. Encourage the Sunday School Mutual & Female Relief Societies Encouraged the Sts to be dilligent in building our temples.

We will preach the Gospel to the Government of the U.S. & do them all the good we can in sustaining it & when there is no one else to sustain it the Elders of the church will step forth and do it. A vast amt of good instructions was given. We had a priest hood meeting in the evening in the Assembly Hall. Apostle Erastus Snow delivered a very elaborate address upon Priest hood Pres Taylor gave good instruction.

Friday, April 9, 1880—At 8 A.M. we met with the Central Board of Trade as well as yesterday at 3 P.M. The meetings were each about 4 hours long. Many good points of interest were discussed. At 2 P.M. a meeting of the Apostles & Prests of Stakes and their counselors were held in the Council house where we recd much more good counsel. Where Bps. were absent from wards on missions cases that should come before their courts would be wise to take them to the High Councils. When counselors were absent Bps

could call to ther assistance an elder according to rev. in cov.

Sisters could not lay on hands by authority of the holy priesthood but in the name of Jesus Christ & by the prayer of faith heal the sick.⁸⁰

When parties were sent to the house of the Lord both male & female should have recommends. Parties who have been maried by Hirling Priests and justices of the Peace will not be admitted to into the House of the Lord without proper explanation. Mariages should not be solemnized by Priests Bps or Elder where it is possible to get to the Salt Lake Endowment house.

On these occassions Prests of Stakes can confer with Pres. Taylor. On the whole our conference was replete with the richest of instructions & will long be remembered by the Sts.

In the evening I met with the directors of the B.Y. College at the house of Brigham Young.

Saturday, April 10, 1880—This morning at 7 A.M I took train for Logan where I arrived at 8 P.M. Found family & friends well as usial.

Sunday, April 11, 1880—To day I went to Mendon to attend a local ward conference where I met with the Sts at 10 A.M & 2 P.M. Addressed them upon their duties as members & in the fold of Christ & quorums of Priesthood.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 12, 13, 14, and 15, 1880—I have ben engaged in my regular routine of business. Attended a School Meeting Monday night where we levied a tax of one per cent for school purposes.

Tuesday night a business meeting & Wednesday night a meeting of the City council of Logan City. Thursday evening I pass at home.

Friday, April 16, 1880—To day being Stormy as it has been since tuesday noon I have not been able to attend to much business for the Temple but to look after the temple Stock & see that they do not Suffer.

totaling \$1,604,000, was what the community owed to the Perpetual Emigration Fund. Of this amount, one-half was stricken from the account and forgiven to the poor who had been struggling with the difficulties of life and who had not been able to meet their obligations to the fund. The proceedings of this conference and the two days of preliminary meetings of April 4 and 5 were published in the Jubilee Conference pamphlet (see B. H. Roberts 1930, 5: 591–94).

⁷⁹ George Q. Cannon was in Washington, D.C., serving as

delegate to the U.S. Congress, so only eleven Apostles were present at the meetings. On the third day each Apostle bore “solemn testimony to the divinity of God’s great Latter-day work” (see B. H. Roberts 1930, 5: 590).

⁸⁰ To understand how Church courts, now called disciplinary councils, operated, see Firmage and Mangrum 1988, 25–47). For a history of Mormon women, priesthood authority, and spiritual gifts, see Newell 1985 and 1987.

Saturday, April 17, 1880—Snow this morning was about 12 inches deep but warm and thawing So that stock does not Suffer except for feed where they are unprovided for. I passed the forenoon caring for the Temple Stock & the afternoon in County & other business.

I looked up the record of the tithing I have paid since my name was placed upon the records of the tithing office which was in 1862 but have paid tithing in conjunction with my father which record dates back to the time we came to Salt Lake Valley & settled in Farmington in Sept 1856. In 1862 I paid \$30.00, in 1863, \$65.21—1864, 72.53—1865, 58.27—1866, 67.93—1867, 66.47—1868, 38.35—1869, 108.83—1870, 150.40—1871, 74.59—1872, 190.66—1873, 197.63—1874, 156.07—1875, 310.27—1876, 285.10—1877, 145.65—1878, 239.67—1879, 222.21 = \$2480.90 Total or an average per year for the 18 years of \$137.82 $\frac{7}{9}$ —or the tithing report \$24809.00.⁸¹

Sunday, April 18, 1880—I attended the 2nd ward S.S. where I found a good attendance & a school well conducted. I addressed them upon the observance of their duties while in School.

Met With the Sts of Logan at 2 P.M. We were addressed first by Pres. Wm B. Preston upon the testimonies of the Apostles at our late conference & the excellent Spirit that prevailed throughout all the meetings.

Elder M. Thatcher next Stood before the Sts. Read from G. Abbots *History U.S. & Mexico*.⁸² Referred to 7 chap. Daniel & 16 chap of rev. Showing the illegitimate authority of the Catholic Church. Proved it was referred to by Prophets of old of as the whore of the earth & that it would effect all nations.⁸³

In the evening I attend the combined meeting of the first and fourth wards listened to a discourse

from Elder Pierce⁸⁴ who had lately returned from a mission from New Zealand. I gave a few words of encouragements to the young.

Monday, April 19, 1880—During the fore part of the day I attended to the Local business of the Temple & Some School biz. and other Items of interest.

Tuesday, April 20, 1880—I was partly engaged in Temple & partly on my bench farm Starting teams to break the land & men grubbing the Sage brush.

Wednesday, April 21, 1880—My time was engaged in temple, Stake & Bench Farm business.

Thursday, April 22, 1880—During the fore noon it was so Stormy I could do but little business. In the afternoon I got ready & took train for For Franklin for the purpose of visiting the quarry where I arrived about 7 P.M.

Remained over night with Widow Fox.

Friday, April 23, 1880—I arose at 5 A M went to the Bps & saddled a horse and rode to the quarry where I dined & transacted the necessary biz. & returned to the depot at 9 A M & took train for logan where I arrived at 11 A.M. During the Ballance of the day I attended to temple & other business.

Saturday, April 24, 1880—This morning at 5:30 O.C. I took train for Brigham City where I arrived at 8 A.M. & took Breakfast at father Wights. After which I repaired to conference Meeting of this Stake which was held in the court house.

We were addressed by several Bps, Elders and myself upon duties of the Officers & members of the church. 2 P.M. We were addressed upon the Indian Missions of Mexico⁸⁵ by Elders Wilford Woodroof & Moses Thatcher at 4 P.M. I met with the Bps, Presidency of this Stake and Apostle L. Snow upon Temple business after considerable consultation

⁸¹ C. O. Card would have paid tithing "in conjunction with" his father because they were in business together through the Card & Son Sawmill, Lath and Shingle Mill.

⁸² Thatcher, as mentioned in footnote 67, had lived in Mexico City for a few months and we know from the letters he wrote to his mother and to William B. Preston that he was appalled by the poverty there. He believed the Catholic Church to be partly to blame. The specific rhetoric relative to Catholicism has softened over the years. For a history of the Mormons in Mexico, see Tullis 1987.

⁸³ The rhetoric of pioneering Church leaders was often harsh during the early years. This is perhaps understandable in the

context of persecution by mobs, the government, and others opposing the Church leaders. Church members responded to the persecution by fleeing, migrating, or fighting back with words of their own and sometimes with vengeance (see Ludlow 1992, 257–58).

⁸⁴ An Elijah F. Pierce, a basket manufacturer, lived on South Main Street in Logan (see Somers 1993, 81).

⁸⁵ Tullis provides details regarding the Latter-day Saints' attempt to bring American Indians into the Church in Arizona and Mexico and to establish settlements in the Southwest and Mexico (see Tullis 1987, 33–34; 49–50; 65–68).

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upon the matter they agreed to furnish their quota of hands for the Temple or the means to hire them.

I then accompanied I. Warner to Willard & stayed all night with Himself & family.

Sunday, April 25, 1880—I returned to Brigham again this morning. House so full that could not gain admittance to the Meeting. Visited the Telegraph office & Sent word home that I would be there to night. 2 P.M. I attended Meeting and listened to an excellent discourse by Elder M Thatcher the youngest of the 12 Apostles. He lectured upon Mexico & the future & Past of that people Also upon the subject of prayer which it could be from the Heart & not a mere form.⁸⁶

[Inside back cover of journal is the following entry, crossed out: This may be the intinerary for the visits to various wards.]

~~West Side of Bear River & Benson Elders O Pratt & C W Penrose will Preach at Benson Tuesday 4 at 10 A M Newton 2 P.M. Clarkston at 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Weston at 11 A.M. Oxford 6:30. Thurs. Clifton 10 A M. Franklin 6:30. Friday, Lewiston 10 A M. Richmond 6:30 P.M. Sat Smithfield 10 A M. H.P. 63 Logan Sunday 2 P.M. & 63 P.M.~~

I left for home at 8 P.M. & arrived about 11 P.M. Found my fœr wife improving the rest well.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1880—I have been busy starting the work on the temple & putting in our crops & attending to Sundry other duties preparatory to our quarterly conference which convenes to morrow at 10 A.M. I go to meet the Brethren at the depot to night.

J. Jones took stock farther. Bring stock home.

Board trade next Monday the first Sat. in each Month

[End Journal 7.]

[Editor's note: Journal 8 covers May 1, 1880, through July 20, 1880. It is 4¼ by 6¾ inches with a tan cover.]

[Inside front cover.]

⁸⁶ In 1875 Brigham Young first sent Daniel W. Jones into Mexico to seek possible settlement sites. Settlements began after the passage of the 1882 Edmunds Act, which made polygamy illegal and caused increased persecution.

Book, Co v. P-77

Decisions of Priesthood in righteousness, meekness, Long Suffering.

[End inside front cover. The following are notes made on fly leaf.]

~~See about the vacancy of Bps being filled.~~

~~Stock for the Temple Who deed to~~

~~What Shall I do about pay for masons~~

~~Call Bps at close of meeting and make reports as per requirements of the circular~~

~~All funds to be rec'd by Temple clerk. Anything that will Sustain man or Beast will be thankfully rec'd~~

~~Examine records in Wards~~

~~50 cts monthly~~

~~S.S. Fund~~

~~Give agents & speculators lots of sea room & deal for cash~~

~~Apostles circular~~

[End entries made on fly leaf.]

[Begin dated entries.]

Saturday, May 1, 1880—This morning after the usual exercises at home I went to meeting. The beginning of our Quarterly conference at 10 A.M. Prayer by Councilor M. W. Merrill. Minutes last Priesthood meeting read & adopted roll of Wards called 24 represented. Statistical read which showed a total of the Cache Valley Stake 14213—Children under 8 44,47 After which Elder Wilford Woodruff arose & Stated he was pleased again to meet with the Sts here.

Felt an Interest in the young people Specially never was there a people that had So important on a mission since the world was made as this. We should realize our position & try to do our duty. Referred to the building of Temples & Tabernacles. Should not set our hearts upon riches. Prayed that we might have the Spirit of God for our guidance.

Elder H. S. Eldrige then Stood before the people and was pleased to meet with the Sts under so favorable circumStances.⁸⁷ Referred to the great

⁸⁷ Horace Sunderling Eldredge, born February 6, 1816, married Betsy Ann Chase and moved to Far West, Missouri, in 1838, where he purchased a home and 230 acres of land. After coming to Utah, he became a businessman and worked under the

Horace S. Eldredge [Cache Stake Conference]
—Create innocent amusements for the young.

See entry, May 1, 1880.

advantages of the young & the knowledge they have compared to those of former times. Make homes pleasant Create innocent amusements for the young. Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

Elder C. C. Rich then arose & stated lived so far he did not visit us often. It takes us a long time to learn our duties pertaining to the Gospel. It Should enter into our every day life. What we know we have learned it & that which we do not know which will have to learn. Should lean on the Lord, for it is important. It is important that we Should go to meeting to learn our duties, therefore we should not stay away. We are required to meet together.

We cannot & Should not excuse ourselves from our duties Seek not the things of this world but those of Eternal Life. We Should Labor to become one. If we do our duties faithfully the celestial crown will be our & if we do not gain it the fault will be ours.

We have need to reflect upon these important matters. Prayed that the Lord would bless all the Sts.

2 P.M. Met again in the Logan Tab. Prayer by Elder G. L. Farrell. Report of means expended on the Logan Temple were read after which Elder F. D. Richards arose & expressed his gratitude for the privileges we enjoy in through the blessings the Gospel bestowed upon us. Referred to the humility of the prophet Joseph Smith Jr. Likened his Mission to the eleven hid in the measure of meal.⁸⁸ New revelation Struck the people with awe & many opposed it, but Soon after the Spiritualism arose & now they communicate Isolated items which is rec'd as revelation.

direction of Brigham Young to negotiate many financial transactions for the Church. He was called to the First Council of the Seventy on October, 17, 1854, and served in that position until his death on September 6, 1888. Eldredge, among many other Church assignments, served fourteen months as president of the European Mission (see Flake 1974, 410–11).

⁸⁸ Richards here may be referring to a talk Joseph Smith gave in which he said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened. It may be understood that the Church of the Latter-day Saints has taken its rise from a little leaven that was put into three witnesses. Behold, how much this is like the parable! It

Referred to the licentiousness of our Statesman & the liberties they take in enacting proscriptive Laws that deprive us of our rights. We should go forth with the pos. The doctrine of Freeloivism have gon forth Sapping the foundation of Society.⁸⁹ Showed that the world had gone estray Morrally & religiously & the governments of the world are tottering let us open our ears and be willing to do right. Spoke very encouragingly in regard to to the completion of the Logan Temple. Asked the Lord to help us all.

Elder M Thatcher next took the stand compared our peacable position to the past persecution was the Sweet as to the bitter.

We Should as elders be prepared to meet the world Historically & Scientifically all ancient writings Substanciates the divine authenticity of the book of Mormon. Referred to the Asteck writings of Mexico. Spoke at Some length upon the ancient and modern history of the Mexican Indians.⁹⁰ His faith was that the day of redemption was near & that the time was near when a nation will be born in a day and the battle are of the Lord was nigh. Bore his testimony that the Lord was moving upon the people & the Servts of God. If we have no rev. we are not the church, but we are.

Elder O. C. Ormsby supt of S.S. arose & reported 28 S.S. No. 4400 av. attendance of about 3500. Report the Schools were in good condition. Gave Some instructive remarks. Benediction By Bp L. W. Hardy.

Sunday, May 2, 1880—Met again in conference at 10 A M. The General authorities of the church Temple committee Stake Officers & Temple Officers which were unanimously sustained. Elder Erastus Snow arose & read Do c. cov. Sec. 20. Referred to the great gathering on the occasion of the Curtland [Kirkland] Temple all told was about 400 Souls now Logan could turn out as many or more.⁹¹

is fast leavening the lump, and will soon leaven the whole" (Joseph Smith 1951, 100).

⁸⁹ For a discussion of "Freeloivism," see Foster 1984.

⁹⁰ While serving his mission in Mexico, Moses Thatcher spent a significant amount of time reading about the early history of that country. He read Prescott's *Conquest of Mexico*, as well as the writings of Lord Kingsbury, about which Thatcher wrote, "This is the most exhaustive publication extant on the writings of the ancient inhabitants of Central America and Mexico" (M. Thatcher 1880).

⁹¹ For a discussion of events associated with the Kirtland Temple, refer to Backman 1983, 284–309.

He read & Spoke upon the articles & cov enants of the church exhorted all to read & learn their duties Both Melchisedek & Aaronic Priesthood. He Showed that the Lord had revealed & caused to be organized the various Branches of the Priesthood according to the growth of the Church. Quorums are not tribunals, but to look after their own members & teach them their duties. Every member Should promote righteousness and become active workers of righteousness. Seeke the Laws of the Lord We should never act under personal prejudices or private Pack asked the Lord to help us.

Met again with the conference in the Logan Tab. at 2 P.M. Prayer by J. A. Leishman Sacrament. Elder Wilford Woodruff first addressed the Sts. Bore testimony that the Prophets and Apostles and people need the Spirit of the Lord to guide them. He had Spent 15 months in the South Laboring in the St. Geo. temple, visiting the Southern Settlements & among the Lamanites. Spoke of the Success of the united Order in Arazona [Arizona].⁹² He judged a tree by its fruits. Heard no oaths, Saw no Tobacco used, no quarrelling, no coffee or tea used. No one quarreled over crops, water or flocks or herds. They all belonged to all. Thanked God he was in a city that did not License a grog Shop [saloon], for they are great evils Held many meetings among the natives of this country and become extensively acquainted with the chief men of those nations & we have done more to establish peace than has been done since our forefathers Landed upon plymouth rock.⁹³

He bore testimony that the judgements of God are coming upon the nations. We need & should have revelation, yea all that hold the Melchisedak Priesthood have the Spirit of inspiration & rev. Exhorted all to be faithful. God Bless you all amen. Conference adjourned until July 31, 10 A.M. Benediction by Elder L. Snow

Elder Erastus Snow Stated in the High priests meeting that a Bps. Court cannot be made nugatory [invalid] in consequence of the Temporary absence of one of His Counsilors He can call on another High Priest to act in his stead.

I attended a meeting of the Mutual improvement associations & sunday schools this evening where we rec'd much good instruction from Elders Woodruff & M Thatcher.

Monday, May 3, 1880—This morning at 5 A M I conveyed Pres. C. C. Rich and Bp L. W. Hardy to the depot where they joined the other brethren & took train for Ogden I passed the Ballance of the day in Temple Business and Board of trade.

Tuesday, May 4, 1880—After attending to Local Biz. until 10 A.M. I Started for the Temple mill. Went as far as the wood camp with my cariage thence on horse Back to the Mill where we arrived shortly after dark on our way we took the harness off a pair of mules that were buried in a snow Slide on the 27 of Last Feb.⁹⁴ They having just thawed out. 3 men having accompanied me that were going to Bear Lake I hired them to clear the channel of the creek and sow dirt on the Large drifts & Slides that were in the road that they might be cleared Sooner. I returned home about 5 P.M.

Wednesday, May 5, 1880—To day I attended to Local business of the Temple &c &c.

Thursday, May 6, 1880—During the fore noon I attended fast meeting and had my youngest son (Geo. Cyrus) blessed Bp H. Ballard being mouth. In the after noon accompanied by Jos Crowther & B. Ramsel [Benjamin Ramsel] we dove up Logan Kanyon about 9 miles & remained over night with Mrs. Sister Harison preparatory for an early start to explore Cards Kanyon about 1 mile farther up the Kanyon.

Friday, May 7, 1880—This morning by 4 O.C. we were on our road took our cariage to a point opposite the Kanyon & then mounted our horses took our snow shoes in hand rode about 1½ miles to the 2nd right hand fork of Cards Kanyon tied our horses took our Snow shoes & started & explored all the South West ravines of Said Kanyon & returned to our horses about 2 P.M. having traveled 12 or 15

⁹² For a history of the United Order in the Arizona settlements along the Little Colorado River, see Arrington, Fox, and May 1992, 295–310).

⁹³ Grog is an alcoholic drink of rum and water sometimes served hot with lemon or other spices. A grog shop is a saloon or a barroom. It is a derogatory reference to the cheaper

establishments.

⁹⁴ Card is referring here to the snow slide that killed William King and Nephi Osterholdt, which he mentioned earlier. The other team was found on February 29, 1880, after the weather had turned warmer (see F. Olson n.d., 76–78).

miles. We rode our horses back to our carriage thence home where we arrived about 5 P.M. tired enough.

Saturday, May 8, 1880—To day I busied myself in the Local temple Business.

Sunday, May 9, 1880—This morning I accompanied Pres Wm B. Preston to Hyrum attended the Sabbath School Addressed them upon the subject of order & also the history of the church.

At 1 P.M. we met with the Sts here & By request I addressed the Sts upon their every day duties. The necessity of unity in all things. Referred to the Building of temples. The payment of the fifty cent monthly ac [account].

Pres. Preston had the clk read the Late circular of the Apostles relative to the remittance of Part of the P.E. fund indebtedness & the distribution of Cows & sheep among the worthy Poor thereby make them a year of jubilee he made many other practical remarks.⁹⁵ We returned to Logan about 6 P.M. I attend the meeting in the 2nd Ward of Logan & addressed them upon the great necessity & of Studying and properly digisting & reflecting upon the principles of the Gospel, trying all the time to Shape our lives to the requirements of the Gospel.

Monday, May 10, 1880—I attended to the Local business of the Temple.

Tuesday, May 11, 1880—To day I attend to business upon the temple Block & elsware at 1 P.M. I took train for Franklin to visit the quarry which I did Stayed & took Supper viewed the works & returned to the depot at 9 P.M. & took train for Logan where I arrived about 11 O.C. P.M. tired enough.

Wednesday, May 12, 1880—During the fore noon I went to the block & attended to numerous Items of business for the Temple. During the afternoon I was busily engaged in Temple & my farming business.

Thursday, May 13, 1880—This morning I started for the Temple Mill about 9 A.M. Dined at the 2nd

Toll gate Thence we drove (B Ramsel & self) to the rocky dugway about 18 miles from Logan where we left our Buggy & Took our Saddles the rest of the way.⁹⁶ We took from this Point a Sets of Whipple trees to the mouth of Manghans fork where Bros King & Osterholld were killed in the Snow Slide and drew a horse & mule out of the creek that were killed at the same time, after which we went to the mill & remained over night. On our way we took a Brush dam out of the creek that was turning the water into the road.

Friday, May 14, 1880—About 9 A.M. we started for home, took more of structions out of the creek that was turning the water into the road. To day was the third day I had men at work clearing the Snow Slides out of the road on the rocky dugway & near the twin Bridges Dined again at the 2nd toll gate with Bro. O. M. Peterson. I arrived home about 4 P.M. To day is noted to me as the day that memorizes the 61st Birthday of my kind mother. Long may She live.

Saturday, May 15, 1880—I attended to the Local Temple business.

Sunday, May 16, 1880—This morning I accompanied Pres Preston & Elder T. E. Ricks to Smithfield where we were Joined by Apostle M. Thatcher & Elders P. Cardon E Bell & Geo L. Farrell in the Sunday School which was addressed by Elders Bell & Ricks.⁹⁷

[This entry followed by ten blank lines where Card apparently meant to come back and record further detail.]

1 P.M. We met with the Sts of Smithfield. Present Apostle Moses Thatcher Pres Wm B. Preston C. O. Card G. L. Farrell T. E. Ricks & others.

Pres Preston arose & Said we had met here to transact Some business of Importance that is the completion of the Organization & nominated Elder George L. Farrell of Logan as Bp. for this Place Then

⁹⁵This circular of the Twelve Apostles was published in the *Logan Leader* on April 13, 1880. A copy appears in James R. Clark 1965, 2:329–30.

⁹⁶Benjamin Ramsell was a well-known teamster who lived in Logan on the corner of Tenth Street and Monroe (see Somers 1993, 68).

⁹⁷Eli Bell, a carpenter, lived on the corner of Franklin and

Fifth Streets in Logan. Bell is also noted for being one of three men who signed an affidavit stating that Charles A. Benson, unharmed, was taken from the officers of the law by a mob and was hung to the sign in front of the county courthouse until dead. This was in 1873. Bell died in Logan on July 31, 1895 (see Somers 1993, 57; F. Peterson 1997, 98; A. Jenson 1914, 209).

left it with the Sts present to hear what they had to say about it.⁹⁸

Pres M Thatcher arose and Said. Corrected the Idea that Some had that a Bp. presides over a ward. Which he is not a Bp. as Bp presides over the Aaronic Priesthood But they preside over the Sts by virtue of the Melchisedek Priesthood made Some excellent remarks to in regard to the 2 Priesthoods. Spoke in regard to the creation of earth & man also his agency. Adams faith in his answer to the angel that asked him why he Sacrificed. Spoke of the responsibility of voting for the officers of the church read from a Sermon of Apostle Orson Pratt delivered in 1877. Read Doc. Cov. Page 447.⁹⁹

The people have the privilege of rejecting or approving according to revelation. Bro. Farrell's name has been before the council of the 12 & approved. If you vote to sustain Bro F_____ you Should not try to tare him down. But Sustain him.¹⁰⁰ Spoke in regard to the duty of a Bp. & his privilege to choose his own counselors as per rev. Bps. of this Stake are accountable to the Presidency and High council of this Stake the Prests of Stake to the Apostles, page 251 Doc.Cov. Verse 28-29-30-31 32 & 33 The innocent and guilty have gone along side by side long enough here & the Bp. that presides here will have something to do.¹⁰¹

He Prophesied in the name of Lord that there are many here who will have to repent to keep their standing in the church. Handle those have who have profaned the name of god & been guilty of misdemeanors. Asked god to bless the Sts. Spoke with great emphasis about those who sold Liquors who would be damned and go to hell.

⁹⁸ On Sunday, April 11, 1880, William B. Preston told the people in Smithfield that "if any of the Saints had any difficulty with the neighbors they could not settle, that it should be brought before a bishop's court, now is a good time to do so as your Bishop [Samuel Roskelley] is going on a mission for a while and you will have no bishop till he returns to make any appeal to. From this remark I felt quite confident that I should not be removed or rather supplanted by someone else" (Roskelley 1880, 40b). Just a little more than a month later, while Roskelley was in Great Britain, he was released and George L. Farrell was put in his place. On February 19, 1890, Farrell was arrested for unlawful cohabitation. Farrell chose James Mack as one of his counselors (see A. Jenson 1914, 182; Olson and Olson 1927, 38).

⁹⁹ Thatcher perhaps was referring to the sermon Orson Pratt delivered in the Tabernacle on October 5, 1877, in which he talked about succession in the presidency of the Church, the power of the apostleship, the First Presidency, and the office of bishop. Thatcher is reading from section 136 of the Doctrine and

The Sts wer then asked by Pres. Preston if they had any objectons they have the privilege to make it manifest.

Pres. Preston then put the following motion. Moved & seconded that Geo L. Farrell be Bp & Presiding officer of this this Smithfield by virtue of the High Priesthood caried without a dissenting voice.

Pres Preston Stated that Bro Farrell had always been willing and on hand. Spoke of the impropriety of of trying to Separate church & state. Spoke of the great necessity of being humble, faithful. Bro Farrell will need to choose 2 counselors & Some teachers &c.¹⁰² Prayed that the Sts here might be one. One in building a meeting house &c. The Lord Should be first in all things.

Councilor C. O. Card Bore testimony To the truth of the remarks that had been made & was one with his brethren in their nomination in voting &c & exhorted the Sts to be dilligence.

Pres. Preston M Thatch again arose. Referred to the Lord calling Moses. The office of a Bp was an neglectful office & the Lord never made a more ungreatful people than the L.D. Sts. At this Point Elder Geo L. Farrell was then Set apart as Bp & presiding Officer of the Smithfield Ward under the hands of Prests M. Thatcher Wm B. Preston T. E. Ricks & C. O. Card. Elder N. [M] T. being mouth. Pres. Preston arose & desired the Sts here to be kind to Bp Roskelly his counselors & the Bps family while he is on his mission. Said it will be necessary for Bro. Farrell to organize The Teachers quorum and Priests quorum to assist him.

Thence we visited Bp. Roskellies family. After which we drove to Hyde Park & took Supper with the Bp.¹⁰³ & at 7:30 P M we met with the Sts after

Covenants, which admonishes Church members, "Cease to contend one with another. Cease drunkenness, and let your words tend to edifying one another" (Young 1884, 113-21).

¹⁰⁰ All bishops in the Church before they are sustained must be approved by the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 104-5).

¹⁰¹ When the Latter-day Saints settled in Smithfield, Bishop Roskelley was given the responsibility of assigning pieces of land to the various families. His decisions did not always meet with approval and at times, as Card's diary suggests, were appealed to higher authority (telephone conversation with Lawrence Cantwell, Smithfield historian, February 5, 2002).

¹⁰² On May 15, 1880, Farrell chose P. T. Morehead and James Mack to serve as his counselors (see Olson and Olson 1927, 38).

¹⁰³ Robert Daines was the bishop of the Hyde Park Branch from March 27, 1874, to October 17, 1882, when that community was organized into a ward. Daines also served as ward bishop

Singing prayer & Singing Pres Preston arose and addressed the Sts upon the necessity of being faithful in discharge of their duties. The Sts here have great cause to be thankful for the blessings of God bestowed upon us. We should manifest our fath by reducing the Lawes and ordinances of the Gospel to practice Spoke in support of the Late Circular of the Apostles in regard to the Gifts of Sheep & Cows to the Poor.

Tried to impress the importance of going and coming to & from our wards to take certificates of Membership.¹⁰⁴ Spoke at Some length upon the numerous duties of the Sts. Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

We should Labor in that manner that we will be heirs to all the Blessings of the Gospel. Asked God to Bless the Sts. And exhorted the Sts to ornament and beautify our homes & the best house should be that of the Lord's By request of Pres Preston I spoke about 20 minutes upon the practical application of the principles of the Gospel. Exhorted the Sts to faithfulness all acting well our part.

Elder Thos E. Ricks next Stood before the Sts. Said we should continue to do well. It is a joy and Satisfaction to See the Sts do their duty Prayed the Lord to Bless the Sts.

Elder M. Thatcher next Stood up & expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Sts here. He refered to the good feelings towards the Bp & his councilors here.¹⁰⁵ Spoke of the necessity of Seeking the Holy Spirit. The more we Seek the Lord knowledge light and understanding the Less we seem to know. Spoke of the great necessity of Keeping well our records. Spoke of the necessity of appreciations of the Labors of our brethren who hold the various positions in the Church.

We are an ungreatful people if we will reflect upon the positions of our brethren we would be more sympathetic with one another.

Spoke of the Stifneckedness of the children of Israel We are a wiser and better people than the Israelites.

Exhorted the elders to study the scriptures the *Bible*, Book of Mormon & Doc. & cov. Showed that we mistake precedent for principle.

Showed the doctrine of common consent. We should not chastise only under the influence of the Holy ghost.

We should only use our Priesthood by powers of persuasion. Asked God to bless the Sts & exhorted the Sts to be faithful.

After meeting we Started for Logan where we arrived shortly before eleven O.C. P.M.

Monday, May 17, 1880—I attended to the Local Business of the Temple as well as a little of my farming interests.

Tuesday, May 18, 1880—During the forenoon I was busy with the Local Temple & other business & at 1 P.M. met with the High council of this stake of Zion in the case of Peter Christiansen who was cut off the church for apostacy.¹⁰⁶ An expression was taken of the council in regard to the people (Sts) remaning on their originane lines to avoid difficulties caried unanimously.

Wednesday, May 19, 1880—During the fore noon I visited my Bench farm & met again in the afternoon with the High Council in the case of J. P. Nowland of Mendon in regard to land difficulties. Council dicided that he should return to Mendon & make his wrongs right with his brethren to which he agreed to do.

Thursday, May 20, 1880—This morning I Started to the Temple Mill accompanied by the cooks for that place dined at Wood Camp. Arrived at Mill at 4:30 P.M. Found 7 hands engaged repairing roads &c.

I remained here over night.

Friday, May 21, 1880—This morning after giving the necessary instructions I started for Logan where I arrived at 12:30 P.M. During the after noon I attended to the Local business of the Temple also visited my Bench farm again.

from October 17, 1882, to November 29, 1892 (see Kirby 1997, 314).

¹⁰⁴Members were required to take their membership records with them if they moved from one Church unit to another. This record was evidence that they were members in good standing (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 985–86).

¹⁰⁵Robert Daines's counselors were Simpson Molen and Suel Lamb (see Kirby, 1997, 53).

¹⁰⁶Peter C. Christensen was excommunicated from the Church in a disagreement over land titles. He must have been rebaptized because on January 31, 1893, the charge against him for unlawful cohabitation was dropped in the Fourth District Court at Ogden because of insufficient evidence. Card's case, too, was dismissed for the same reason on the same day (see Simmonds 1976, 32; A. Jensen 1914, 201).

Saturday, May 22, 1880—I was busy to day starting my oxen & men to the mill & attending to other Local business of the Temple.

Sunday, May 23, 1880—At 8 A.M. accompanied by my wife father & Elder James A Leishman Started for Benson. Put up at James Clark's a cousin of mine. Thence to Sunday school at 10 A.M. where we joined Pres. Wm B. Preston The School would number about 60 in attendance. Being taught from *Bible*, [New] Testament, Book of Mormon & Do c. in covenants by some very efficient teachers I noticed one very efficient teacher by the name of Jim Rees [Reese] who seemed to understand his business very well.

Elder James A Leishman addressed the school for a Short time. After which Pres. Preston arose & referred to the time when the children were given the morning hours for School. Thought it a blessing to the children. Spoke of the great future of the children that attend the Sunday schools. We should respect the Sabbath day. We can do nothing of more importance than to go to Sabbath school. We Should [sow] good seed in the minds of the children that they may bring forth fruit to the honor and Glory of God. Felt a great deal of pleasure in meeting with the children. Exhorted them to invite in the young men to assist in teaching. Asked the Lord to bless all.

Dined at my cousins James I. Clark.

Met with the Sts of Benson at 2 P.M. Singing. Prayer by C. O. Card. Singing.

By request of Pres. Preston Elder Jos A Leishman arose & desired the faith of the people that he might have the guidance of the holy spirit in his remarks. Referred to our first covenants with the Lord & that we rec'd the Gospel with good and honest hearts. Spoke of the great necessity of having an understanding of the principles of the Gospel & a testimony of the Same. Referred to the former testimony of Some of the Sts & their benighted State at present. We should possess good feelings one towards another. Testified we would enjoy the blessings of the Gospel, if we live for it. We Should have a testimony for ourselves that we may have a living faith. ~~for~~ Referred to the testimony of Peter in his answer to the savior. Showed the fallacy of the doctrine of the Sectorian world. We should place ourselves in

a proper condition that the Spirit of the Lord may permeate our Systems. Spoke of the necessity of being dictated by the head in all things whether temporal or spiritual. Bore his testimony that this is the Kingdom of God & there is no Salvation outside of it.

C. O. Card next addressed the saints, and bore his testimony to the truth of the works of God and remarked that we had much to do. But it was written that whatever we do we should do with all our might mind & strength the present good condition of the saints was the prints of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph and our Saviour, that sometimes we were not one in spirit. Made reference to the Sunday school, and its objects, as also the Y.M.M.I.A. and set forth its objects, also the Female Relief Societies &c. Setting forth in general terms the province of each and touched upon the various quorums and spoke of the peculiar order of the same, portrayed the principle of progression in the lesser priesthood being placed upon us, and afterwards. If faithful the higher priesthood will be placed upon us. Showed how the power of the priesthood should be used that the presentation of the gospel should be by persusaim in all meekness, rather than by harshness, spoke of the general duties of the saints, and read from the 18th chapter of Mathew touching the method of reconciling one with another. And commenting therein. And showed the bearing of such a course. Showed the fallacy of one saint with another going to Law, one with another. And alluded to the sects taking & incorporating some particular tenet of the gospel that suited their limited ideas. Spoke of the necessity for all having a testimony for themselves, and portrayed the beauty and efficacy of the methods the Lord had instituted in his Church.

Pres. Preston arose and referred to his morning visit to the Benson Sabbath school & exhorted them to Send their children. Said there was a good people here, but not as good as they ought to be. Referred to a vote taken here about 2 yrs. ago that you voted here to remain to the old lines & not move to the new.

Spoke of the fallacy of moving lines to suit every bodies whims. He could not see any reason why John should want his neighbors land because James moved onto him or desired to.¹⁰⁷ It had been circulated that the priesthood had changed their minds,

¹⁰⁷ "When Cache Valley was settled the first crucial problem was that connected with dividing up the land. The federal government owned the land, but Congress failed to pass any

legislation providing for private ownership of the land in Utah-Idaho until the coming of the transcontinental railroad in 1868-69. Therefore, it was necessary for the people to develop

but we have come here to tell you we have not, but those that try to ride over that or do ride over it Should be tried for their fellowship. If Bp. Haris will not do it we will send some one that will do it. We will keep the road where it is. The County court Should locate roads where they will accomodate the most of the traveling public could See no benefit to be divided by it.

Those that agitate these movements are not even good citizens. You should invite in good settlers & divide up your lands.

We have made the improvements here & roads & ~~officers~~ and we will use them.

We will try to be good Sts & citizens. If there are those here that will not keep the Bps. councils he will cite them before his court and disfellowship. Spoke of the advantages of a good road.

He advised the people to get some one to come here ~~and de~~ to make out their deeds & deed back and forth until you get your lands. Gave much good advice in behalf of the general public, as well well as individuals. You Should gather means together and gather the Sts & plant them arround you.

Singing. Benediction by Bp A. Haris.

After which I dined with my cousin I. J. Clark Jr Thence to Logan where we arrived about Sundown.

Monday, May 24, 1880—I was engaged to day in the Local Temple business &c.

Tuesday, May 25, 1880—My time was again occupied with the Local Temple & other business.

Wednesday, May 26, 1880—This morning accompanied by Bro J. Moris¹⁰⁸ Started for the Temple

their own institutions with respect to property ownership. In general, the provisions were that property distribution was under the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical authorities. Each man was to be allowed as much land as he could conveniently farm; no man was allowed to hold more land than he could farm. Speculative withholding of land and land monopolization were forbidden; water resources and grazing lands were owned by the people in common and regulated under church organizational procedures. Farming lands were surveyed by a Church surveyor into lots of twenty acres or less and apportioned to the settlers by means of special drawings. Each head of family was entitled to a plot ranging from ten to twenty acres. Newcomers were given lots not taken in the original drawings or were given shares of lots not in use by those who originally drew them" (Ricks and Cooley 1956, 142-43).

¹⁰⁸ "Joseph Morris had a reputation with oxen and was the Temple Fork sawmill, chief bull-whacker. On one occasion he

mill. Dined at the 3rd toll gate 13 miles up Logan Canyon. Thence we went to the mill where we arrived about 4 P.M. We viewed the roads about a 1 mile up the left-hand fork above the mill & remained over night with the Hands engaged here getting out Lumber for the Temple.

Thursday, May 27, 1880—We remained here during the fore noon. Bro M. Shoing oxen while I was arranging the wages & Labors of the men. A[t] 1 P.M. we Started for Logan & arrived about 6 P.M. tired & weary.

Friday, May 28, 1880—This morning I ~~visited my Bench farm~~ & engaged in Some temple business until 11 A.M. when I started for franklin Quarry went as far as Smithfield with my team then took the 12:30 M. train & arrived in Franklin about 2 P.M Thence I walked to the quarry a distance of about 4 miles gave Such instructions as I deemed necessary. Took supper with the hands after which Bro L. Andrus took me to the depot where I took train for and arrived in Logan at 11 P.M.¹⁰⁹

Saturday, May 29, 1880—I took my wives to the farm & one to visit the Grave yard where we had deposited the body of one of our darlings a few month previous.¹¹⁰

Transacted a considerable Temple business also through the day.

Sunday, May 30, 1880—This morning at 8 O.C. Pres Wm B Preston Elder John Parry my daughter Sarah J. & myself left for Paradise where we arrived at 10 A.M & were rec'd very kindly by Bp O. Smith & family.¹¹¹

was sent to the mill to correct the trouble the men were having with lazy animals. When he arrived they gave him one of the famous eight-oxen teams, seven of them wild and the other hump-backed and slow. It was a team the men said would 'try the patience of Job.' But Morris soon had this team under control, manipulating them around the hills with uncanny skill" (see F. Olson n.d., 71).

¹⁰⁹ Laron Andrus owned the 160 acres of land on which the Franklin Temple Rock Quarry sat. He leased the ground to the temple committee so that they could quarry the rock found thereon. The quarry was located in an area known as "Jack Ass Gulch" (see F. Olson n.d., 88).

¹¹⁰ Card still had two wives at this writing. It was Sarah Jane Painter who lost her daughter, Matilda Francis Card, on December 21, 1879.

¹¹¹ John Parry was the master mason for the temple and had many remarkable experiences in connection with building that

We attended Sabbath School in the new rock meeting house after the usual class exercises they were addressed by Pres. Preston Elder Parry & myself upon the Subjects of order, reflection Temple building with other useful instruction. We dined with Bp Smith & family.

At 2 P.M. we met with the Sts of Paradise in their new meeting house. Singing. Prayer by Elder John P. Wright.¹¹² Singing & Sacrament. After which Pres Priston introduced Elder John Parry to the Sts as a former comrad in their missionary Labors & as Master Mason on the Logan Temple.

Elder Parry arose & refered to the parable of the 11th hour We are the men and we are the ones that are called to Labor in the vineyard which is the foundation of Eternal life.

We should do our Labors faithfully & right always working to the Lords plan. We are living in the dispensation of the fulness of times, every man must one must work out their own salvation. We should be willing and obt. our time is the Lords & if we use it in compliance to the Lord and ordinances of the Gospel God will reward us. The written rev. is valuable to us & we should appreciate them by Searching them those that do not Show that they dont appreciate the message of the Lord was willing to do his best & we can only do good by the assistance of the Lord. Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Had been in the church 32 years. When we reject the words of Gods Serv'ts we reject the Lord. He was willing to be used for the building up of the Kingdom of God. We should be willing and obt. C. O. Card addressed the sts upon their duties towards one another and exhorted those that hold the positions of Supts of S.S. & mutual improvement. Ass. & female relief Societies as well as all the Prests of Quorums to act well their part & quallify themselves for those positions by Study reflection, and faithfulness.

Bp. Smith read Instructions from *Des. News* in regard to the registration of Polygamous relations of families.¹¹³

structure (see F. Olson n.d., 33, 37, 44, 45, 74, 75, 200, 210). Bishop Orson Smith's wife named the community of Avon in Cache Valley in honor of the Avon where Shakespeare was born (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 83).

¹¹² John Pannell Wright served as the second counselor and clerk of the Cache Valley high priests quorum when it was organized in November 1859 (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 276).

¹¹³ In the spring of 1880, John Taylor, during a session of general conference, sought continued Church support for defying the Supreme Court ruling that plural marriage was illegal. He asked the Latter-day Saints, "Has God given us a law? Yes! Have

Pres. Preston arose and refered to that which Bp. S. had just read. Gave instruction in accordance therewith. Refered to their new meetinghouse. Should do a little towards making it more comfortable Should plant a few Shade & fruit trees every years. We Should make yourselves good comfortable homes. Spoke in regard to the propriety of staying at home & not look abroad for our sustinance. Improve your farms &c Every ward should have Some kind of a cooperative manufacturing association that we may have exports to ballance against your imports. Showed the extravagance of many people in purchasing machinery & other unnecessary articles. Exhorted the Sts to take good care of your machinery wagons, & harness by properly taking care of them.

We should never sighn one of those Iron clad notes and get ourselves in Bondage. Should pay your tithes and offerings. Should cultivate the Spirit of obedience. We frequently stumble over our fast-day offerings a small thing, but I think many names would be a blank on those Books Should we refer to them. We came her[e] not to preach something new but to refresh your memories in regard to your duties.

Exhorted the Sts to keep their geneologies on the ward records & when they're move take recominds with them testifying of your standing that you may be recognized as members of the church.

Desired the Sts to pay their 50 cts monthly of offerings. Asked the Lord to bless the Sts.

Benediction by Elder J. W. Thatcher.

Directly after meeting we drove home

Monday, May 31, 1880—I was busily engaged in arranging my temple business preparatory to my accompanying Pres Preston on a tour through the north western part of this stake at 3 P.M. We started for Newton where we arrived at 5:30 met with the Sts of this place at 7:30 P.M Singing prayer by Elder

they made a law to punish us for obeying His law? Yes. All right we will get along and do the best we can, but we won't forsake our God[;] and all those who are willing to abide by the law of God signify it by raising the right hand" (*Deseret News Weekly*, May 12, 1880; quoted in Van Wagoner 1989, 115). Reportedly the vote for Taylor's proposal was unanimous. However, in connection with the census, the *Deseret News* published instructions that Church members were to answer questions truthfully and include all plural wives and families so that figures reported to the government would accurately reflect the growth of Utah (see *Deseret News*, May 31, 1880, 2).

J. M. [N] Beck¹¹⁴ Singing. Bp Wm. H. Rigby read [read] from *deseret News* an article entitled Plural Marriage Census after which Pres Preston arose & stated his great pleasure in meeting with the Sts of Newton.

Made appropriate remarks in regard to the circular just read from the *News*. We have great reason to be thankful for the blessing we enjoy. Referred to the testimony of the returning missionaries of the great poverty misery & distress. We should acknowledge in all things. Should not be lifted up in the pride of our own hearts. Referred to the losses of Stock during the past winter and the trials we pass through, which gives us an experience that will greatly benefit us. They are the providences of God who takes cognizance of all things. Perhaps these occurrences are for a wise purpose. We should try to have the interest of our Brother or sister at heart. We should be kind to the sick and afflicted. Enquire after the circumstances of the poor.

You should furnish those that have been so unfortunate as to lose the last cow ox or Sheep to one in their stead. We are living in the last days that was spoken of by the prophets of old when famine pestilence will stalk abroad.

Spoke of the utility of having good fences that our crops destroyed. Spoke of the impropriety of Speaking under the influence of prejudice Referred to an accident that had occurred here by a pair of horses being killed by getting on a Barbed wire fence had instructed the Bp of this place to get up a subscription list and circulate it among the Sts here that the Brothers team may be made up to him.

We should not be given to grumbling or complaining and back biting, but should get the warm & congenial Spirit of God. We should act well our part, for we do not know when our lot will be cast in another sphere We should try to sustain those that are placed to guide us in the priesthood. The Kingdom of God is not beholding to any of us we should be faithful. His blessings were with the Sts of

Newton. Forgive one another your trespasses one against another and your debts as far as possible & have a year of jubilee.

C. O. Card arose and exhorted the Sts to pay their tithes and offerings to assist in building of the Logan Temple.

Spoke of the great necessity of settling our difficulties as the scriptures direct first between Him and the or her alone. In building temples we are extending favors to the dead in opening the way for them to receive the gospel. We all should try to be helps in government and do our duties faithfully

Benediction By Bp Rigby.

We remained over night with Bp Rigby and family.

Tuesday, June 1, 1880—We left Newton this morning about 8 A.M. for Clarkston where we arrived shortly after 9 A.M. Met with the Sts of this place at 10 A M Singing by the Choir prayer by Elder Martin Harris Singing Bp Jardine read from the *Deseret News* an article entitled Plural Marriage & the Census. After which I Stood before the Sts & drew the attention of the Sts to the acknowledgement of the debts at Washington in acknowledging the polygamous wives as wives & enumerating them as such.¹¹⁵

Spoke of the practice of the Law of celestial marriage which Should receive more attention from us & by us. Showed the necessity of Settling our difficulties as we are required by revelations doing them as privately as possible showed the necessity of the Teachers and Priests being active and being active in their callings. Exhorted faithfulness in all our duties towards one another.

Pres. Preston arose & made appropriate remarks in regard to the census. Spoke of the year of jubilee & the requirements of the circular of the 12 Apostles Bearing on these points. Referred to the appropriateness of the Lords prayer.

¹¹⁴ Jonas N. Beck served as Newton's Sunday School superintendent from 1870 to January 5, 1879, and again from January 12, 1881, to January 23, 1887 (see *Deseret Sunday School Union* 1900, 135).

¹¹⁵ This is Martin Harris Jr., the son of Martin Harris, who was one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon. After residing a number of years in Smithfield, Utah, Martin Harris Jr. moved to Clarkston and lived in a two-room house owned by his father-in-law, Russell King Homer. Martin Harris Sr. died in 1875 in Clarkston, Utah. His son later moved to Lewisville, Idaho. Julius Sorensen, who lived in Hyrum, Utah, recalled

working with Martin Harris Jr. and other men as they constructed a railroad near Preston, Idaho. One day an old man walked by where they were working and Martin Harris Jr. said, "Fellers, there goes my father, Martin Harris, Sr." Julius said, "We all took off our hats and stood at attention as he passed by" (Allen, Brown, and Eliason 1969, 187; see also Shelton 1986, 47). Bishop Jardine had more than one wife, and on June 2, 1888, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and fined three hundred dollars for unlawful cohabitation. He was discharged from the penitentiary on December 3, 1888 (see A. Jensen 1914, 162, 168).

Exhorted the Sts not to get in debt but, forgive our neighbors their debts that were unable to pay without distressing them selves. Spoke of the great necessity of settling of your little difficulties even before the sun goes down. And in settling our difficulties try to not take them into our families. There are but 2 roads to travel, one to Lives Eternal & the other to death and destruction. The Lawes of god are not for special classes, but for all mankind. Each and every one should act faithful in our callings.

William B. Preston—Settle your little difficulties even before the sun goes down ... and try not to take them into your families.

See entry, June 1, 1880.

We should pay our tithes offerings & and administered to the poor, Build our temples.

Out of our own mouths we will be judged. You are Blessed here in being Secluded from the Evil influences of the world.

Teach your children in your S.S. & Mutual improvement associations. It will only be by faith & the power of God that we will be preserved the pestilence & misery of the last days. Do not follow after the manner of the gentiles. Keep out of debt & you will become a mighty people. May God bless you. Amen.

Singing Benediction By Henry Yates.¹¹⁶

We dined with Bp J. Jardine who accompanied with us to Weston where we were rec'd kindly by Bro. John Clark.

Met with the Sts at 7:30 P.M. Singing by the Choir. Prayer by Elder John Clark¹¹⁷ of this place. Singing. Bp John Jardine first addressed the Sts upon the spirit of discernment that addressed the spirits sts. by the gift of the Holy ghost. Spoke of the many blessings the gospel conferred upon us by keeping the Laws and ordinances of the same. Spoke of the great efficacy of prayer. We should ask the blessings upon our families [and] the seed you have deposited in the earth. Should not Back bite nor Speak

evil of those that preside over us. We should not allow iniquity to abound without proper correction. Exhorted the Sts. to reflect upon these things. Bore his testimony that God lives. Thought it will be best for us to pray & fast for rain to bring forth our crops that we might have wherewith to sustain ourselves & Build the temple. Prayed the Blessings of the Lord upon the Sts here.

I Stood before the sts & Bore testimony to the truth of the remarks of Bp. Jardine. Spoke of the great necessity of acting in a way to beget confidence with one another. Exhorted the Sts to become aids in the governments be faithful in our duties pay our tithes and offerings.

Be given to reflection and & practice of the Laws & ordinances of the Gospel. Assist in Temple Building that we may be welcomed in the House of the Lord. Blessed the Sts.

William B. Preston—Out of our own mouths we will be judged.

See entry, June 1, 1880.

Pres Preston arose and bore his testimony in connexion with the brethren. Gave instruction in regard to the census. Wished to stir up the minds in regard to the Last circular of the Apostles that we may be able to make our report. Exhorted the Sts to ask for rain & should fast & pray for them. The blessings of the Lord are upon you. Should be thankful for your secluded condition from the evils of the world.

Exhorted the Sts to Humility & great faithfulness. Aske the Blessings upon them thers & their Substance. Singing.

Benediction by Elder Jas Peter Mickleson. Prayer by Elder father Sant.¹¹⁸

[Wednesday, June 2, 1880]—Elder Jas Peter Mickleson Left Weston at 8 A.M. Arrived in Clifton about 10 A.M. where we met with the Sts.

Elder C. O. Card and Spoke of the great necessity of making proper impression upon the minds of

¹¹⁶ Henry Yates served as the second superintendent of the Clarkston Ward Sunday School (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 123).

¹¹⁷ On October 23, 1885, John H. Clark was chosen as one of the seven presidents of the Eighty-eighth Quorum of the Seventy and also served for a number of years as bishop of the Weston War. He died May 25, 1904, in Weston (see A. Jensen 1914,

125, 20 [supplement]).

¹¹⁸ John Sant was one of the original pioneers of the west side of Cache Valley and is credited with suggesting the name Clifton because of a high cliff of rocks west of the settlement. He served as superintendent of the Clifton Sunday School from 1870 to 1872 (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 64; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 237).

our children while in their youth. Spoke at some length upon this subject. Exhorted the Sts to be practical & exemplary & try to enjoy the faith & confidence of one another.

We all should be faithful in our callings. Assist in Temple building & teach our children the Same. Exhorted them to pay their tithes & offerings & invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts.

Bp John Jardine arose and & Exhorted the Sts to be brethren to be brethren indeed towards one another. We should not quarrel over our water rights & streams of water or they will dry up. Exhorted the Sts to assist in erecting the Logan Temple. Spoke of the great assistance he had rec'd from the Sisters in his ward.

Spoke of the great necessity of teaching our children to pray. Spoke of the great propriety of renewing our covenants that have not. Exhorted the Sts. to keep the commandments of God.

Clk [Clerk] then read an article entitled Polygamy & the Census. Pres Preston then arose and made appropriate remarks upon the foregoing and gave good counsel in accordance therewith. Spoke of the great necessity of having good reliable statistical records. We can do a great deal of good in writing to our friends & relatives abroad. We should read more than we do. I think we trust too much to those that reside over us for general information.

We find that your organization is not complete in consequence of Bro Joseph E Wilson removing to Logan.¹¹⁹ It was moved and carried that we release Bro J. E. Wilson from acting as 2nd counselor to Bp. H. Dixon.

He referred to the late circular of the Apostles in regard to the relief of the Worthy Poor of their debts to P.E. Fund. Back tithing & give cows & sheep. and as far as possible forgive our private obligations. You should report soon as possible.

Read extracts from said circular. & gave good instructions in accordance therewith. He would have no objection to the Sts. moving on their farms. If you would only come to meeting. Counseled the Sts to plant fruit & shade trees. Build good houses, Barns & fences that we may provide well for our families. Use the intelligence that God has given us. It is not the great abundance we have that makes us wealthy but it is in taking care of what we have.

He gave the Sts much good practical instructions to the Sts. Exhorted the Sts to pray always

whether they feel like it or not. Bless the ground we cultivate. We plant & sow but God gives the increase. We should Systematize our Labors. ~~try~~ Arise Early Sunday mornings that you may be able to attend your S.S. & meetings. Should pay your tithes and offerings. You cannot afford to neglect it for it is a command of God. The Lord will reward us for all the good we do. Spoke of the responsible offices of the Teachers. He desired to see the Sts prosper Temporal and Spiritual. Asked the blessings and peace of God to be upon you. Bore His testimony to the truth of the Gospel of the Son of God. Choir Sang.

Benediction by Bp. H. Dixon.

We dined with Bp Dixon & family with whom we parted about 2 P.M. & started for Oxford where we arrived about 4:30 P.M. & put up with Bp Wm. H Fisher.

Met with the Sts of Oxford at 7:30 P M Singing prayer by Elder John Boyce.

Bp. John Jardine first stood before the Sts. of this place by request of Pres Preston. Those that stand before the Sts to teach them should be very sure that they are living as they should. Referred to the prophet of old that had had a vision of this day and generation. Spoke of our labors in our native Lands. Do we ever reflect upon our journey of life. We must train our selves to gain eternal lives. Exhorted the Sts to live according to the Laws & ordinances of the of the Gospel. Be kind to all & firm in the faith of the Gospel. Forget not your prayers night & morn.

Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts.

C. O. Card arose and Bore Testimony to the truth of the Gospel Exhorted the Sts to live the Lawes & ordinances of the Gospel.

Made some encouraging remarks to the young & showed the great necessity making proper impressions upon the minds of our children. Exhorted the people to be faithful in keeping of their covenants. Be kind to the poor. And do not Back bite our neighbors Invoked the blessings of God upon them

Pres. Preston arose & said he had not given much notice but had ~~been~~ given all he had. He referred to the census. Said we desired to be well & fairly represented. Polygamy was to large to Hide and we did not care to do so. Referred to the census instructions recently published in the last *deseret Newes*. He then referred to the late circular of the Apostles making a year of jubilee to the worthy poor.

¹¹⁹ Joseph E. Wilson, after moving to Logan, became an accountant and owned a home on Pine and First Streets

(see Somers 1993, 71).

Desired an immediate report from the Bps of this ward.

Spoke of the spirit of gathering that impressed us to gather from the nations. Commanded the hearty vote of the sisters last conference to lend the brethren seed grain without interest.¹²⁰ Spoke of the kind feeling the action of the year of jubilee should and is expected to produce. He referred to the great labors that Enoch of old must of had to perfect his people. We should be forgiving in our natures. We should not only be professors of the Word but doers of the word. It is our business to strengthen the weak. Referred to the evils of the latter days that is brought about by transgression. Exhorted the Sts to be kind to the poor & pay our offerings that they may be comforted. If we desired rain & harvest we should ask for them in faith believing. We should walk in the light of truth all of our lives.

C. O. Card desired the Sts here to sustain their Bp in carrying out the requirements of the Logan Temple. Singing

Benediction by Bp John Jardine.

We remained over night with the family of Bp Fisher he being absent.

[Thursday, June 3, 1880]—About 8:30 we left Oxford for Marsh vally & arrived at Bp M. L. Gruwell at 1 P.M.

Met with the Sts at 2:30. Singing prayer By Bro Fred Baker Singing again by the choir.

Elder C. O. Card arose & said we have nothing to discourage us but everything to encourage. Referred to our first embracing the gospel & the faith we exhibited in obeying the first Laws & ordinances of the Gospel & as far as we keep these Laws thus far we are on the road to perfection. Exhorted the Sts to upon them the responsibilities of the Gospel & exhibit the much stamina in standing up in defense of truth. Teach our children the principles of the Gospel. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Sts.

Pres. Preston arose & said He wished to call the attention of the Sts in regard to having their names recorded on the Ward records. Read a portion of the last circular of Pres Young in regard to recording.¹²¹

¹²⁰ For a number of years, the Church's Female Relief Society had been storing up grain against a time of scarcity. In the general conference to which Preston refers, the women of the Church had voted to release the 34,761 bushels of grain they had in storage and loan it to the brethren needing it for seed. The bishops in the respective districts were responsible for its being returned to the Relief Society at the next harvest. It was, as Preston suggests, loaned without interest (see B. H. Roberts 1930, 5:593).

Gave much instruction in regard to the foregoing points. Spoke of Polygamy & census. Desired a full & truthful report that the Government may have a good clear record. We have done nothing we are ashamed of Polygamy is to large to hide there are too many large sons & daughters. It is a credit to any nation to honor the marriage law & be given thereto. Called the attention of the Sts to the items contained in the late circular of the Apostles pertaining to the relief of the worthy poor.

He made many good remarks pertaining to the contents of the circular. We should be kind one towards another Administer to the sick & Poor. We are commanded to build temples & desired the Sts. here to aid in building the one we are to work at in Logan. We should keep our acts and records properly and promptly of all your offerings donations to missionaries and tithing Spoke of the important duties of a Bishops. Referred to the importance of keeping the laws of tithing. Referred to the distress brought about by the oppressive corporations of the world. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts that they may become one.

Bp. Jardine arose and expressed his Surprise of seeing so many people here. Spoke of the necessity of having the guidance of a good shepherd. There is nothing to hinder you to becoming a great & prosperous.

Spoke of the importance of good records. Also the Blessings obtained by paying promptly our tithings.

Spoke of the great propriety of establishing a cooperative store. Cooperation is a steppingstone to the United Order. You Should help to build the Temple. Exhorted the Sts to be punctual in your meetings. God bless you L.D. Sts.

Pres. Preston arose & referred the Sts to the rev. on the Word of Wisdom & made some excellent remarks in accordance therewith We then Blessed two infants. Pres. Preston was mouth for one & myself for the other.

Choir sang Benediction by Bp. John Jardine.

¹²¹ On July 11, 1877, the First Presidency of the Church sent a circular to the presidencies of the various stakes, the bishops of the different wards, and other Church officers. This document has been called "one of the most historical documents in Mormon history. It marked a turning point in the organizational pattern of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" (see James R. Clark 1965, 283–95). It is this document that Preston read to the Marsh Valley congregation.

We remained over night with Bp Gruwel & family who treated us very kindly.

Friday, June 4, 1880—This morning we were accompanied by Bp Gruwell & family & a few of the brethren on our way home as far as Nine Mile a Small settlement on the East side of the Valy.

At 11 A.M. we met with the Sts at this place. Singing by the congregation, prayer by Elder _____. [Card left space for the first name.] Capel. Singing.

Bp. John Jardine was the first speaker. Said We need a great deal of instructions Referred to the iron rod spoken of in the book of Mormon. Said we have need to cling to the Iron rod that leads to the tree of life. Warned the Sts. against Sabbath breaking & the deceitfulness of riches We should not allow our sons to profane the name of the diety. Exhorted the Sts to keep the word of wisdom. Was pleased to witness the growth of the Sts.

Elder C. O. Card Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Was pleased with the prospects of efor a place or settlement.

We should try to do our duties where ever we are. Be kind to one another. Do not Backbite one another try to settle your difficulties with your neighbor between him & thee alone as the scriptures direct All should strive to be helps in the Kingdom of God. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts.

Pres Preston arose and said He was pleased with the prospects here for a place. It was a good place to make L.D. Sts. You should meet often one with another for God hath commanded. It requires our attention to live our religion. You should invite in more settlers & divide up the land and watter with them. You should meet often together & take your children to Sunday School. You have all the authority necessary regulate & establish the Kingdom of God. You should all be helps in government in this ward The Bp. should Send out some Seventies & Elders out & hunt up the Latter day Sts get them to

gather & talk to them. The Lord expects all to do their duty as Elders and Seventies.

Correct the errors of the age & try to have an influence for good where ever we are.

You should have your testimony meeting. Bore His testimony of truth and divinity of the mission of the prophet Joseph Smith. We Should put your faith in God and not in doctors.¹²² Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts.

Bp. Gruwell arose and expressed His gratitude for the visit of the brethren. Spoke of the importance of a cooperative store. Desired the sts. to have them record their names and geneologies in their ward record. Felt an Interest in the welfare of the Sts. Pres. Preston gave His experience & first visit home after he had embraced the Gospel. He was always proud to acknowledge he was a mormon.¹²³ Spoke in regard to to the Census. Gave some instruction he had elswere. Spoke of the necessity of being recorded in your ward records. H[e] gave much good instruction.

It was voted that Bro _____ [Space left for name.] Byington be admitted & recorded in this ward.¹²⁴ Singing. Benediction By Elder C. O. Card.

We dined with the family of Charles Hancock Jr. & at 2 P.M. Started for Swan Lake where we arrived about 4 P.M.¹²⁵ Put up with A. Quigly. At 6 O.C. Pres. Preston left us for Logan by train to meet with the Priesthood on Sat. At 8 P.M. prayer by Elder P. Sorrenson we met with the Sts of Swan Lake disct or a few that convened together in the house of Bro Quigley.

Bro Jardine & myself addressed the Sts upon the subjects of being prompt in attending our meetings Sabbath Schools, paying our tithes, offerings.¹²⁶ Keeping the sabbath day Holy. Attending our prayers night and morning. To cease profaning the name of God be kind to one another & keep the Laws & ordinances of the Gospel. Bp Jardine dwelt at some length upon the subject of intemperance which was needed in this occasion.

¹²² For insights into the attitude of Latter-day Saints regarding doctors and medicine, see Bush 1993.

¹²³ In 1865 William B. Preston was called to serve a Church mission in England. Before crossing the Atlantic Ocean, he visited his home and the grave of his brother Alfred, who had been killed in the Civil War. It was probably on this occasion that he told his family about Mormonism and his membership in the Church.

¹²⁴ Joseph Byington was one of the original settlers of Marsh Valley, Idaho. Hyrum E. Byington served as the superintendent

of the Grant Sunday School, which was first called the Red Rock Branch of the Oxford Sunday School. Byington was engaged in Sunday School work for more than twenty-five years (see Burrus 1957, 18; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 265).

¹²⁵ The Hancocks were among the original settlers of the Downey, Idaho, area (see W. Thomas, 1942, 13).

¹²⁶ Swan Lake at this time had a Sunday School of fifteen officers and teachers and more than eighty students. The superintendent was James Magavin (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 245).

Gospel Themes

I spoke to them in regard to their records, the keeping the councils set forth in the Late circular of the Apostles. We should not become covetious in our feelings.

Told the Sts I did not think it wise to fence up the roads & send the travel over the mts.

Benediction by Elder C. O. Card.

Saturday, June 5, 1880—Bp. Jardine & myself left Swan Lake this morning at 8:30 A.M. & arrived in Franklin at 2 P.M. Finding no feed here for our team we drove to the Temple Quarry & stayed with the quarry men over night

Sunday, June 6, 1880—This morning we drove to Franklin and met with the S.S. at 10 A.M. We found a fair attendance of Both teachers and schollars with a goodly number of Parents.¹²⁷

Bp. Jardine arose & said he knew we were engaged in a good cause. The great Secret of our success is to do as we are told. Referred to the rules of the S.S. We are all travelers to Eternity & I invite all to travel with us.

Elder C. O. Card gave them Some good practical instruction & was pleased to witness the improvement the young by their adopting the rules of order. Invoked the Blessings of God upon all assembled.

Met with the Sts in their new meeting house at 2 P.M. Song by and excellent Choir. Prayer by Elder Ralph Smith.¹²⁸ Singing and Sacrament.

Elder Fred Turner first addressed the Sts. Said it was the first time he had the privilege of meeting with the Sts in this place.¹²⁹ We are assembled here to worship the Lord & should draw in the wanderings of our minds Referred to the visions of John the revelator while on the Isle of Patmas. We should remember the Lord is the giver of good & precious gifts. Referred to the Building of the tower of Babel. The confusion of tongues &c. Spoke very encouragingly to the young. Encouraged them to become familiar with the principles of the Gospel.

Bp John Jardine arose & said he felt the need of the Holy Spirit of God. He knew not the needs of the Sts but the Holy Ghost does. We should enquire of ourselves & see if our faith & love for the Gospel is as great as it used to be. Gave his experience in gathering to Zion. Depreciated the idea of the use of Liquors & showed its evil effect upon those that imbibed the fatal cup. Exhorted the Sts to be faithful. Spoke of the great sin ~~that~~ of taking the name of God in vain. Forget not your prayers Teach you children how to pray.

[Different penmanship records next speeches of Card and Preston.] Elder Chas. O Card.

Was pleased to meet with the Saints desired to be mutually blest. A Question in my mind have we come to be blest or for a form.

We are here upon the Earth for forming the great mission of our Father in heaven. We have the privilege of being Saviors to our friends of the world.

Thought it would be wise to read a little from the last Circular of Prest Young. Read that portion which treated upon our duties to our children. Our Public worship also the training of the young men & women.

Said Wives should work in concert with their Husbands. Husbands with their Bishops. Saints should remember their familys prayers. By so doing will command the Blessings of the Lord & the respect of all mankind.

Should not feel negligent in our duties be diligent & helps to the Bishops.

I have found right here in Franklin that the Bishop has to be Bishop, Councillor, teacher, deacon &c. This should not be the case various quorums are Organized & they should be alive to their duties. If not they had better resign their positions Seventies, Elders, & all others. Work liberally upon the Temple the Lord will bless you. Be careful not judge each other to harshly. Improve your homes. Set out shade trees & beautify your settlement.

Prest W. B. Preston

¹²⁷ The Franklin Sunday School had twenty-nine officers and teachers and eighty students. Isaac B. Nash served as the superintendent, William Whitehead was his first assistant and Thomas Durrant was the secretary (see *Deseret Sunday School Union* 1900, 239–40).

¹²⁸ Ralph Smith was a farmer who lived on First South in Logan. He supervised quarrying the white sandstone used in buildings and homes in the Franklin area. On March 14, 1887, he was arrested for unlawful cohabitation and placed under a twenty-five-

hundred-dollar bond. Then, on November 21, Smith was sentenced by Judge Boreman to six months' imprisonment and fined one hundred dollars in the First District Court at Ogden. He was released on April 21, 1888 (see Somers 1993, 69, 156; A. Jenson 1914, 145, 155, 161).

¹²⁹ Fred Turner was one of the stockholders of the *Utah Journal*, an early newspaper. Frederick Jackson Turner was a pioneer of the valley who enjoyed the outdoors (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 274, 396, 404).

Did not feel very well in health but good in spirit.

Should have the Records properly arranged. Each member of a Ward should have their names properly recorded in order to be identified.

Read from Prest Young's Circular "If presiding Officers allow sin & iniquity to exist in their Wards without taking proper action the responsibility thereof will rest upon such officers. They will be removed & others placed in their places."

Teachers should see that no evil exist amongst the people. See that themselves have the proper spirit with them that the same may be imparted to the people. Exhorted the Saints upon going home to try & retain the good spirit which had attended both the speakers & the heavens. Remember your family prayers.

Seek to be one the blessings of the Almighty will be upon you.

Benediction by Bro Jardine.

[Card's penmanship resumes and he has noted: over. On the next page is note: See 2 or three pages ahead *.]

Elder C. O. Card arose and addressed the Sts upon the Subject of prayer. Our duties as members of the church & Quorums & organizations of the all should try to act well our part in every position in the Kingdom of God that we may act in the spirit & unity. Bless the Sts.

Pres. Preston said we should not use the name of the deity to often in their prayers. God has given us patterns & orders to guide us. Our troubles are caused by our traditions & false educations. Spoke of the properly settling our difficulties one with another as the scriptures direct. Asked God to bless the Sts.

Monday, June 7, 1880—To day I met with the Co. Court of Cache Co. which with the Temple business occupied my attention the whole day. Attended Trustee election this eve.

Tuesday, June 8, 1880—To day I attended to the Local Temple business. Met with the U.O. Mfg B Co Board in the eve.

Wednesday, June 9, 1880—This morning accompanied my wife Sallie Started for the Temple mill where we arrived about 2 P.M. Passed the bal of the day viewing the roads to the timber &c.

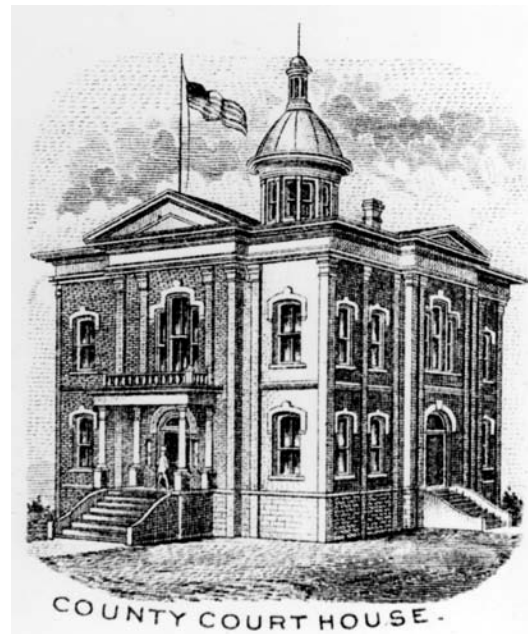
Thursday, June 10, 1880—I returned to Logan looked after the Lime Kiln and other Local departments of the Temple.

Friday, June 11, 1880—This morning having learned the the temple lime kiln that was on fire was short of wood I gathered teams & started for the wood camp for wood & made arrangements for the wood necessary & returned to Logan.

Saturday, June 12, 1880—During the fore noon I visited the Lower Green Kanyon Temple Quarry. In the after noon attended a Session of the High Counsel of this Stake in the case of Samuel Eckersly of Richmond against the Authorities of this place I presided in the absence of Pres. Preston & counselor M.W Merrill. In all I have passed a very busy week.

Sunday, June 13, 1880—This morning I went to Wellsville accompanied by Bp Henry Ballard where we joined Pres. Wm B. Preston.

Met with the Sts at 10 A.M. Singing By the choir prayer by Bp. Wm. F. Rigby Singing. Bp Rigby first stood before the sts. Desired their faith while he addressed them. We have been gathered here under the provisions of the Gospel. Speaking many tongues, to assist in bringing about the great



Cache County Courthouse, illustration from 1880s
Courtesy: Milton R. Merrill Library, Special Collections
and Archives, Utah State University

purposes of God. He contrasted the teachings of the Servts of God with the teachings of the hirling priests. Referred to the people of Enoch & the children of Israel in comparison of the Sts of Our day. We are establishing a people that God has allowed. Admired the correction of evil by the Servts of God. Admonished the Sts to not partake of the vanities of the world.

Bp. H. Ballard said the remarks of the former speaker caused him to think of his first experience of in the Gospel, the first sermon he had heard when a boy that at that time he felt to listen to it and had done so from that time to this. Our object in obeying the principles of the Gospel was Eternal life. Gave his experience & opposition he met with from his relatives when he embraced the Gospel. Referred to being baptized for his brother & dreaming he met him & was embraced by him with expressions of gratitude for the work he had done for him.

Exhorted the Sts to be faithful & strive to see how much we can do. Those that do not pay their tithing & offerings do not offer up many prayers & enjoy much of the Spirit of the Gospel.

* [Card has cross-referenced this with his entry for June 6, 1880.]

Singing Benediction by Elder _____ [Left blank by Card.] F. Gruwel.

Met again with the Sts of Wellsville Ward at 2 P.M. Singing. Prayer by Bp. H. Ballard Prayer Singing. Statistical report read by the clk.

Pres. Preston drew their attention to the fact that there was no children Baptized. Your Baptisms should be attended to every fast day.

Bp. W. H. Maughan presented the authorities of this Stake & ward, who were unanimously Sustained by the up lifted hand.

Pres. Preston arose & made some excellent remarks upon the great necessity of placing those men that go to runn mills in charge of some responsible man to act as presiding Priest. He then read from Doc in Cov. Page 350-1-2 & c duties of the Priesthood & members. He reprimanded them for not having their records and reports in proper condition. Read a portion of the last circular of Pres. B. Young bearing on the above & other important items Spoke of the great responsibilities that rest

upon all members and officers of the church. We should not allow evils & sins to exist in our midst if we do we partake of the sins of others & we cannot afford that for we have enough of our own to cary. Should do our duty & be free.

Proper reports should be made at proper times & places. Said Wellsville was once the Largest Settlement in Cache valley but is not now. You should divide up your large tracts of land. You have a large tract of land S.E. of here & there is plenty of water if brought out in a good substantial ditch & utilize it as it should be done. Would be pleased to see the citizens of Wellsville go at it & make the canal that you may be able to use it next season. You need a building company here to build you houses.

You Should not try to cultivate too large tracts of land but that which we use we should be cultivated well. You need a larger meeting house & should build one. Suggested that this conference take a recess for 30 or 60 Dz [days].

Counselor C O Card reminded the Sts of their obligations towards the Temple & solicited their aid.

Bp. Wm H. Maugham said we will adjourn this conference until the 2nd Sat. & Sunday in Jan. 1881. Felt to take the counsel & reprimands that had been given.

Pres. Preston felt to command the progress of the S.S. could observe the improvement every time he came though the parents need to make more room.¹³⁰ Said we should not be on the opposite side from the Sts in our political affairs. Read again from Doc in Cov in regard to those that Labor to build up Zion are those that are of Zion The opposite tear down. May God Bless you in all your substance A men.

Choir sang

Benediction by Elder C. O. Card. [Card's signature appears here marking the importance he saw in the record.]

We returned to Logan about 7 P.M.

Monday, June 14, 1880—This morning I started for the Temple Mill to meet a delegation of the brethren from Bear Lake who were coming for the purpose of Locating a road for the main thoroughfare across the mts. between the two valleys I arrived at the Mill about 2:30 P.M. The brethren came

¹³⁰ At the time Preston complimented the Sunday School, Robert Leatham served as the superintendent with Lewis Howell as his first assistant and Alexander Spence as his second assistant.

There were thirty-eight officers and teachers and 402 students (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 140).

arrived from Bear Lake about sundown we stayed here over night. & held meeting with the brethren & Sisters Laboring here.

Tuesday, June 15, 1880—This morning we examined the road up the left hand forks of this Kanyon to the top of the mtn. Thence we went up Logan Kanyon as far as Maughans Mill & took dinner with those Laboring there Thence we went up Beaver Kanyon about 4 or 5 miles from this place. Thence South East through a low pass to the summit of the mtns a distance of about 5 miles finding a very fair grade this far. At this point I parted with the brethren & returned to the Maughan Mill & remained over night.

Wednesday, June 16, 1880—About 1:30 I started for Logan dined at the Temple Lime Kiln Thence to Logan where I attended to Local business for the Temple.

Thursday, June 17, 1880—This morning accomained by my wife (S. J. Painter) and my mother drove to the Green Kanyon quarry left my company & went as far up the Kanyon as the mouth of Water Kanyon to view the watter source to See what the prospects were for procuring water for my bench farm returned and took dinner at the quarry Thence home to Logan where I passed the Bal of the day in Temple business. I met Pres C. C. Rich at the train at 10:35 P.M. Conveyed him to my house where he stayed all night.

Friday, June 18, 1880—This morning I started for paris Bear Lake to convey Pres. Rich home We proceded as far as the mill & remained over night found all well in these quarters & the Labors prospering.

Saturday, June 19, 1880—This morning about 8 A.M. we left the mil and drove about 17 miles to the Lake shore and stopped with Charles Rich (son of Pres. R.) for dinner. Thence we drove to Paris where we arrived about 6:30 P.M. I Stayed over night with Pres Rich.¹³¹

Sunday, June 20, 1880—This morning finds all well but weary from our journey. We met with the Sts at 11 A.M. & By request I addressed the Sts.

upon the subjects of the priest hood temple building and the great Spirit of unity in all things.

At 3 P.M. we met with the Sts of Bloomington whom I addressed upon the great necessity of living & teaching by example and & precept the Lawes and ordinances of the Gospel. Pres. Rich address both assemblies in a kind and fatherly manner.

We returned to Paris & remained again over night with Pres. Rch & family who treated me very kindly.

Monday, June 21, 1880—About 8:30 P.M. I started for home. Called on Pres Hart Bloomington & Bp. Pugmire st charles Thence to meadowville where I dined about 4:30 with Bp Kimball.

Thence to the Temple Mill where I arrived a little before 7 P.M. remaining over night here.

Tuesday, June 22, 1880—This morning at 8 A.M. I Started for Logan. Dined at Lime Kiln & got in Logan about 2 P.M. Well but tired attend to Some Temple business during bal of day.

[Card normally drew a simple line between diary entries. Here he drew a horizontal box.]

Wednesday, June 23, 1880—I attended to Temple business during the fore noon got a horse Shod &c. In the after noon I visited both my Bench & Bottom farms.

Thursday, June 24, 1880—This morning Bro. E Farnes [Ebenezer Farnes] Self & hand accompanied Pres Preston & Bp Sheets up Blacksmith fork to receive 100 head Beef cattle & 25 cows to pay out to the Temple hands Dined at Holt & Wight & Cos Mill with Bro J. M. Wight Thence to the old church ranch about 10 miles South West of meadow ville where the herds man had the stock corralled & remained over night.

Friday, June 25, 1880—This morning at an early hour we commenced selecting our stock & at 9 A.M. We had them Started across the hills for the Temple Mill. Pres. Preston Bp. E. F. Sheets & left for meadowville where we arrived about 12 M. Dined with Bp. Kimball. After which Pres Preston & I Started for the Temple Mill Bro S. remaining to look further after church stock We arrived at the

¹³¹ Charles C. Rich Jr., the son of Charles C. and Sarah D. Rich, was born in Nauvoo, Illinois, on January 16, 1841, and left Nauvoo as a child with his family in 1846. While his father served

as Bear Lake County treasurer, Charles Jr. also held a county office, as did his brother Joseph (see Arrington 1974, 74, 91, 272).

Gospel Themes

Temple Mill just as the 6 O.C. Bell rang for supper found all well but one man to whom we administered Also Ordained O. F. Quarsell to the Office of an elder Pres Preston mouth. Remaned here over night.

Saturday, June 26, 1880—This morning we left for home where we arrived about 8 P.M. I passed the bal. of the day in Temple & other business.

Sunday, June 27, 1880—This morning at 10 A.M. I attend meeting in the Logan Tabernacle (First Ward conference) where we heard the reports of the various quorums connected therewith. Pres Preston addressed the Sts upon there every day duties & exhorted those that presided to look after the Sts far & near according to the Instructions left on record by Pres. Young in his last circular. He gave us an excellent Spirited discourse replete with instruction.

2 P.M. After the Sacrament & usial exercises Bp Lewis Spoke a short time up on the duties of the Sts. Councilor E. M. Curtis Gave an act of his mission he had lately performed in Europe & Spoke of the misery experienced in that country by the poor.¹³² I addressed the Sts up on the subject of tithing & the general duties of officers & members.

I attend meeting at 6 P.M. in the 2nd Ward addressed them upon the necessitys of refraining from the folly practiced by many in trying to imitate the out Side element. Bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel that to day 36 yrs ago the prophet Jos Smith sealed his with his blood.¹³³

Monday, June 28, 1880—To day I passed most of the time with Pres. Preston & other brethren in organizing A cooperative Company named Zions Board of Trade.¹³⁴ Attend to Temple business during the intervil.

Tuesday, June 29, 1880—This morning I started for the Temple Mill where I arrived about 3 P.M. Remained there until 6 P.M. Thence I went as far as

Maugham or the U.O. Watter Mill where I remained over night.

Wednesday, June 30, 1880—This morning proceeded 5 miles to the head of Beaver Canyon where the U O. Mfg & B Cos steam mills are located. Then I Saddled my horse & examed the north ravine for white Pine timber for the purpose of getting out some for the Logan Temple. Dined with Bro Pike. Started home about 2:30 P.M. where I arrived about 9:30 P.M. having rode about 45 miles on horse back & in spring wagon over very rough roads & by the time I had my horses fed & taken to my pasture it was 11 O.C. & I was very tired.

Thursday, July 1, 1880—To day was fast day though we had an appointment to meet & correct the Bylaws of Zions Board of trade part of us went to meeting. The Bal. worked some on the bylaws of at 2 P.M. we met & worked on them until 6 P.M. Completed our Labors & retired.

Friday, July 2, 1880—I attended to the Local business of the Temple & visited the Green Canyon Quarry & dined with them.

Saturday, July 3, 1880—Today I attended the priest hood meeting of this Stake also attended to the Local business of the Temple.

Sunday, July 4, 1880—This morning accompanied by my wife her Sister Almira & Amanda Elison started for the Temple Mill where we arrived about 3 P.M. After dinner we held a meeting with those engaged here Lumbering for the Logan Temple. Late in afternoon Six couples of young people from Paris Bear Lake joined us for the purpose of celebrating for the 4th on the morrow. [Card apparently was off a day on his calendaring.]

Monday, July 5, 1880—This morning at about 9:30 we convened in the Saw mil & invoked the blessings of our creater upon the amusement of the day & danced. Swung & sang songs through the

¹³² Edwin Morrell Curtis was a tinsmith and hardware dealer who lived in Logan between Second and Third Streets. He died December 28, 1906, in Logan, and it was noted that he had been a bishop's counselor (see Somers 1993, 59; A. Jenson 1914, 10 [supplement]).

¹³³ On June 27, 1844, Joseph Smith was murdered by a mob while incarcerated in the Carthage, Illinois, jail (see D&C 135).

¹³⁴ On December 27, 1878, Moses Thatcher received a telegram from John Taylor requesting that he travel to various

communities in the territory of Utah and organize "Zion Boards of Trade." Thatcher was engaged in this activity when he was called to be a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Thatcher, sometimes accompanied by Wilford Woodruff or other Apostles, began organizing these boards of trade in the stakes south of Salt Lake City. It appears that on June 28, 1880, the stake presidency in Cache Valley discussed organizing such a unit in their stake (see K. Godfrey n.d.c, 101).

whole day with the exception of meal times at dark we retired to the house and continued our dancing until 11 A.M. [P.M.] After returning thanks to the Lord for his blessings we retired.

Tuesday, July 6, 1880—This morning about 9 A.M. we started home ate our lunch & rested about 7 miles from Logan Thence home where we arrived about 3 P.M. Attending to Some Local business during the ballance of the day & attending a meeting of the Board of the U.O. Mfg & B Co. in the evening until 11:30 P.M. Home weary & tired.

Wednesday, July 7, 1880—I was busily engaged in Local Temple & other business. Went before the probate court took oath & filed the articles of incorporation of Zions Board of Trade. Long may it live to fill its mission.¹³⁵

Thursday, July 8, 1880—This morning after attending to many items of Interest I Started for the U O. Water mill up Logan Kanyon to See about the Slabs I was having cut into cord wood & baked to run down the river for lime wood for the Temple Lime Kiln. Arrived there about 6:30 took supper with Bro Fogg & family. Slept out of doors.

Friday, July 9, 1880—About 8 A.M. I started for home for home. Dined at the Lime Kiln & arrived home about 4 P.M. Tired enough.

Saturday, July 10, 1880—Attended to some Local Temple Biz. & one P.M. met with the High Council who tried a case from Providence between a Bro Gibbs & Mathews.¹³⁶

¹³⁵ President John Taylor decided to establish Zion's Central Board of Trade after a visit to Cache Valley in the summer of 1878. In a talk to Mormon bishops in Salt Lake City, Taylor spoke of the "unanimity prevailing in Cache Valley in the sale of products, no middlemen being employed, but the highest prices being obtained for the producers" (see Arrington, Fox, and May 1992, 317). Those who have studied these boards of trade have failed to mention the date on which the official one was organized in Cache Valley. Thus Card's diary is a valuable source in establishing the precise date on which it was incorporated.

¹³⁶ William Gibbs was the leader of the Providence Ward choir. Hopkin Mathews and his wife Margaret were among the first settlers of Providence, settling there in 1860. They had seven children: Eliabeth, Mary, Margaret, Joan, Alma, and twin boys, David and Hopkin (see Historical Society of Providence 1949, 232).

¹³⁷ Card is referring here to Karl G. Maeser, who was born

Sunday, July 11, 1880—Been raining during the night which makes the farmers all rejoice to see the Parched earth watered once more. Rained so much during the fore noon I remened at home.

2 P.M. Met with the Sts of Logan in the Tabernacle we were addressed Professors (Elders) Masor of Provo & Maunch [Moench] of Ogden on the benefits of true education¹³⁷ Apostle M Thatcher followed with a few spirited remarks stating that true education commenced at home in our childhood. We should teach our children to Labor more than we do.

Monday & Tuesday July 12-13, 1880—Today I attended to temple business until 10 A.M. after which I attended as select man a term or session of the Co. Court of Cache Co.

Tuesday, July 13, 1880—I attended to Temple business &c until 10 A M after which I attended the first session of the watter commission ~~under the~~ in our Co. under the late Law passed by the last session of our Legislature.¹³⁸

During the Latter part of the day I resumed my temple business.

Wednesday, July 14, 1880—I attended to temple & my private business until noon. At 1:30 I started for Mound Valley accompanied Elders F. W. Hurste [Hurst] & Henry Yates & my wife S. J. P. Pres Pres-ton not being able to come in consequence of his suffering from the wound some years ago accidentally His last words to me was to go forth & fill the appointments he had made some 10 Days ago) and act under the guidance of the holy Spirit of the Lord.

January 16, 1828, in Saxony, Germany. He worked as a teacher in Dresden and married the schoolmaster's daughter, Anna Meith, in 1854. In 1875 Brigham Young asked Maeser to go to Provo and be the principal of the Brigham Young Academy. In 1888 he was named general superintendent of Church schools. He died February 15, 1901 (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 692–93). Louis Moench was the principal of the Central School of Ogden. He later became the president of the Weber Stake Academy, which still later became Weber State University. He also served on the Weber Stake Board of Education. A statue of Moench stands in front of the Weber State University administration building (see Roberts and Sadler 1997, 224, 228).

¹³⁸ The 1880 legislature passed a law that made it possible for water rights to be established in the territory and regulation and distribution of water to be more equitable. Disputes could be referred to competent boards and elected commissioners (see *Deseret News*, February 24, 1880, 3).

Gospel Themes

We arrived in Franklin at 6 P.M. Self & wife put up with Sister Fox.

Franklin. Met with the Sts here at 8 P.M. Good attendance singing by the choir prayer by Councilor S. R. Parkensin Singing.

Elder F W. Hurste addressed the Sts upon the necessity of Obedience to the Lawes & ordinesces of the Gospel.

Elder Yates felt greatful for the privilege of meeting with the Sts. Bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel exhorted the Sts to be faithful. We should keep the Spirit of the Lord with us that we may be one. Should endeavor to live in peace at home .

Counselor C. O. Card Arose & addressed the Sts. upon the great necessity of unity in all things. Referred to the company recently organized & Cooperation in general. We should throw in our mites to strengthen those important institutions.

Exhorted the Elders to preach the Gospel plainly and without equivocation. Cautioned the people not to overload their fire arms on Hollidays & exhorted them to not use ardent Spirits & tea & coffee as a beverage.

Thursday, July 15, 1880—This morning Bp. L. H. Hatch ~~aeom~~ Joined us & at 9 A.M. Started for Worm Creek where we arrived a few moments after 10 A.M. At ½ past 10 A.M. our audience arrived & we opened our meeting by singing & prayer by W. C. Garrison Singing.

I arose & gave the St the reason Pres. Preston was not with us. Elder Yates then addressed the Sts. upon the necessity of having Spirit the spirit of our callings. Be willing to use our time & tallents in doing good. Bp. Hatch then stood before the sts and spoke of the necessity of our continuance of our good works faith without works is dead. Read from Do c. Cov. the rev. upon tithing. Made appropriate remarks upon the Same Should not Set our hearts too much upon the things of this world. Exhorted the Sts to be Humble & prayerful also to keep the word of wisdom.

Elder Hurste arose and & expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Sts her.

Spoke of the necessity of living near to the Lord. We are Surrounded with peace & plenty but we Should not neglect our duties in consequence thereof We should so live that the Spirit of the work of the Lord upon us. We should show our faith by our works. The Lord will prove our faith by our

works. First seek the Kingdom of God & his righteousness. We should not vie with our neighbors in their follies. We are not careful we we will be led into doubt and we will deny the faith. Showed the necessity & benefit in meeting togather. If we are faithful we are fitted to meet the trials that come along. We should not neglect any of our duties no matter how small they may seem to us. Exhorted the sts to not neglect their prayers night & morning & showed the evil consequence by such neglect. We should put away all bickerings & exercise faith in God.

Should not entertain hard feelings one towards another. We need to exercise faith & repent of our wrongs. Left his blessings with the Sts.

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

~~Councilor C O Card~~ Pres Card arose and byd in interest in the faith and prayers of the Saints. Read a portion of the last Circular of President B. Young on the rights of the Priesthood. The power of the Priesthood and the powers of heaven are inseparately connected &c having been but recently Organised perhaps it would be as well to talk on Priesthood as well as our every day duties there is great necessity for every Organization of the Priesthood the Lord calculates for us to serve him with all our might I asked the Bishop why he was late he said he had to clear out the House himself where are your Deacons, Teachers and Others is this right is this the Order of the Kingdom &c it is Our duty to teach our Children hence that of Sabbath Schools as well as teaching them Home we want to be humble and faithful and the spirit of our calling will rest upon us in speaking on the subjects of United Order and cooperation Shall we stand By and wait wait untill the enterprise of what ever nature it may be prove to us beyond all doubt will be successful why no we want to take hold like men having faith and works we all halve Our weaknesses but it is necessary to Over come let us not judge one another and find fault with each Other but exercise Charity be heart and hand with one another in all your Labors if we expect to get any blessings in the Temple in Logan let us be up and do all we can to complete we should all be minute men it is not the rich all says ther who are building the tempel but all who are willing however poor let me state to you there has been Organized a Board of Trade for the benefit of this people in every prospect to dispose of our produce to the best advantage and place within Our reach all kinds of

Wagons and Machinery at reasonable prices let us be wise and prudent and be One in all of Our labors and actions and we will enjoy the Spirit of Our calling from the Bishop of Our Ward down to the Deacon &c Invoked the Blessings of the Lord upon the Sts. Arose again and admonished the Sts to keep their records as complete as possible. Singing.

Benediction by Bp N. Porter

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

We dined with Bp Porter Thence to Bear River about one mile below the Mouth of Mink Creek where we met with a few families of Sts. that Live in this region. 4 wagon Loads of people (mostly young) accompanied us from Worm creek which made quite an addition to our Small audience. Met with them here at 4 P.M. Singing. Prayer by Elder A Canfield.

Bp. Hatch arose & spoke upon the evil effects of procrastination. Read from Doc Cov. the duties of the Priests & teachers duties. Made appropriate remarks upon the same. We are in the majority for we have the Lord on our Side. Exhorted all to be faithful and attend our meetings on the Sabath day. Asked the Lord to help us to keep his commandments.

Elder Hurste arose & asked the aid of the faith of the assembly in his behalf.

The Lord is nigh unto us & His holy influence is with us. We should do all we can to keep up our sabbath Schools: take a deep interest. Referred to the testimony of Peter in his answer to the Savior. We have a right to the Same testimony.

Spoke at Some length upon the principles of faith and Baptism Urged the necessity of teaching our children the principles of the Gospel & having them Baptized when 8 yrs old according to rev. in the doc.cov.

Exhorted the Sts to not forget your meetings & your duties towards your children & God will stay the pestilence in your behalf. Invoked the Blessings of God upon them.

Elder Henry Yates next Stood before the Sts. Said he felt to talk in the same strain that had been followed by the first speaker upon the duties of a teacher. It would not be amiss for us to visit those that are not in the church where they will receive

you. Related his first experience in going out as a teacher. We should receive the visiting teachers no matter how young they are. Here is where our salvation is. Teachers should not get in a hurry.

Exhorted the young when they desire to be married should go to the House of the Lord. Exhorted the sts to be energetic in all our duties. remember the Temple we are building .

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

President C. O. Card remarked we do not wish to Preach you to Death I want to follow out the Subject Bro Yates in regard to marriage that is the reason we now Building a Temple so that the Saints can get all the Blessings promised to all the Faithful. Read from the Circular the dates of Bishops and various Officers in the different Wards and Organizations we would like the Saints to have respect to these Organizations and take heed to the Counsels given advised the Brethren to have Sabbath School Organised and encouraged and call on good faithful Bret & Sisters to act as Teachers and the children receive every kind of instruction pertaining to the Gospel. We all more or less hold a portion of the Priesthood hence the responsibility existing upon us as individuals even the relief Societies are great aids in helping on the work of God. How Should we feel towards our newly arrived Saints. Why seek to instruct them in all the temporal labors in regard to House Keeping Farming &c &c that they may make good Houses. And in due time assist others in doing these things we will enjoy the Blessings of the Gospel we are commanded us to pay our Tiths & Offerings that we may be better if prepared to carry out the great work of the last days we want to sustain Cooperation we want to be all interested in seeking to make everything a success it don't do to be in a hurry let us take time to perform every Labor and duty. Bro Thatcher while President of this Stake instilled the principle of Children in helping along the work in the Temple by haveing a Sabbath School Fund which will be the means of teaching them while young the necessity of Temple Building &c spoke of the Order that had been.¹³⁹

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

¹³⁹Noel A. Carmack, in his article "Labor and the Construction of the Logan Temple, 1877-1884," does not mention the Sunday School Fund that Card talks about. He does, however,

write about the Relief Society's role and the stakes in providing funds for building the temple (see Carmack 1996).

Gospel Themes

We should be on hand to do our duty. Let us exercise our faith for Pres Preston especially as he is afflicted. We have something ahead to encourage us. Encouraged the Sts to assist on the Logan Temple for there are many behind the veil anxiously waiting its completion.

We should be united in all these things.

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

President C O Card spoke as follows in regard to the Logan Temple. It is hard for us not to procrastinate but do all in Our power not only in building temples but be on hand to perform every Labor in fact be minute Men in the Kingdom of God suppose I remind you of Some of Our duties as Bishops Teachers & Deacons for there is an Order in this Church and it is just as necessary for the Teacher to do his duty as much so as the Bishop or his Counselors read from the D & C the duty of Teachers &c it is necessary for us to live so that the Light of Revelation should beam upon our understanding to instruct us in regard to Our Labors it is highly necessary for us to be United in a ward capacity as well as every Other Union is strength and we are Christs we will be one. We should never let private feelings hinder us Cultivate a spirit of Charity humility and as President Taylor has said Our Mission is peace and goodwill to all men now in relation to your Bishop do by all means have nothing to do with the Iron bedsted role you are here to labor for the best interest of this ward and all pull together and that is the way to build up this Kingdom your Bishop has a double Office over you as a Bishop by right of the Aaronic Priesthood and a President by virtue of the Melchisedic Priesthood you we will see what the Priests duty is reads from D & Covenants if a Priests ask you to pray do not be offended because it is his duty. Also to preach and expand the principles of the Gospel if we are called to. Labor in any capacity let us make ourselves acquainted with our duties. We have come here to strengthen and encourage you. We are just as busy as you are but we were sent. Hence we are here to fill this little Mission Back biting and hard feelings should be done away with be very careful how we talk about Our neighbors because many evils arise from this evil practice the

scriptures say if thou hast aught against thy neighbor than but to go between thee and He or her alone and if that fails take another and be reconciled let us do away with all feelings of nationality¹⁴⁰ we see this escaping out from time to time we are gathered here for the purpose of doing away with these foolish ideas and cultivate a spirit of Brotherly Kindness there is a certain class who are willing to do all in their power to build up the Kingdom of God and there is I am sorry to say another class who are perfectly willing they should (like the Mans Team) the class we can follow the revelations of Jesus Christ. The greater will be our success in regard to your ward record. If you cannot get everything as correct as you would like do as near as you can the Clerk should take down all the principle items of meetings Sabbath Schools and various Societies. I am glad to see the people are so punctual to meeting the Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of order and punctuality begets Confidence May God Bless you and your Families Flocks and all your posterities to the use of &c &c.

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Elder Hurste expressed great pleasure in meeting with the Sts of Mink Creek Ward. We are the children of God & He has declared He would have a tried people If we are acting in the office of a deacon or teach we should be faithful & if we are The Lord will reward us. Help the distressed

Encouraged the Brethren to work upon the Temple. Referred to the the great joy & Satisfaction the first saint the Gospel gave us. The Lord has given us the road to lives Eternal. We are not sent here to tickle your ears but remind you of your duties. Exhorted the Sts. to exercise faith in God in all their callings. Referred to his early experience of the church in being called upon to preach to the world. He felt his weakness but trusted in the Lord & thus far had come out right. If you feel your weakness in your positions put your trust in the Lord. In our reflections there is everything to encourage us. We should live in all purity before the Lord.

We are here as a people on a mission & should fill it honorably. Bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

¹⁴⁰ "Like the rest of Utah, Cache Valley's population included a large percentage of converts from England, Scotland, and Scandinavia. In both 1870 and 1880, Cache Valley's

population was about 37 percent foreign-born" (see Carmack 1996, 58; see also Hatch 1991, 30–68).

F. W. Hurst, Mink Creek Ward—We are not sent here to tickle your ears but remind you of your duties.

See entry, July 15, 1880.

Exhorted the people to be faithful Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts.

Elder Theodore Keller tendered his resignation as first councilor to Bp R. [Rasmus] Rasmusson which was accepted by a unanimous vote of the Sts of this ward.

Bp. Rasmusson then nominated Hans. L. Nelson to fill the vacancy but at this time did not accept.¹⁴¹

I Spoke a short time upon the cooperative Institution called Zions Board of Trade.

Singing. Benediction by C. O. Card.

By request of Bro James Kelly we stopped about 2 hours after meeting to assist him & his son Theodore to assist in settling some difficulties between them & the Bp. & his 2nd Councilor. The difficulties seemed to us to arise from jealousy & covetousness on the part of Bro. Kelley & his son who exhibited a spirit of fault finding. We told them they should forgive one another and cease bickering and labor for peace which is our mission. We labored hard with them for over 2 hours but with little effect though their differences were mere trifles. We remained over night with the Bishop.

Mink Creed Ward, Saturday, July 17, 1880—This morning about 9 A.M. We gave the parting hand to our host & started four Mound Valley where we arrived at Bp Robert Williams at R.M. with whom we dined. Thence to trout creek where we spent 2 or 3 hours fishing & returned & followed the remains of One Daniel A. Manuel who had been drowned on Last Monday about 10 A.M while trying to swim a horse across Bear River after which we went home with Bp Williams where we remained over night.

Mound Valley, Sunday, July 18 1880—At 10 A.M. we met with the Sts of this ward. Singing prayer by

Elder _____ [Card left a blank line.] Singing. I told the Sts the reason Pres Preston was not with us after which Elder F. W. Hurst arose & desired the faith of the Sts in his behalf while he attempted to make a few remarks upon the death of the young man that was drowned.

Exhorted the Sts to first Seek the Kingdom of God & his righteousness. There is a perfect system in the Kingdom of God. We need to find what constitutes a Kingdom. It requires 4 things to constitute a Kingdom. A King and officers to administer the Lawes a territory & subjects. Spoke at some length upon the principles of faith repentance & Baptism also the gift of the Holy Ghost by the Laying on of hands. When we left Babylon we did not leave all our traditions behind us. Spoke concerning the reply of the Savior to the thief on the cross. He Spoke at considerable length upon the first principles of the Gosple.

Spoke of the great necessity of rearing Temples. Exhorted the Sts not to neglect their duties. Exhorted the Sts to Support their Sabbeth Schools that we may teach our children correct principles, imbue their faith. Prophesied that the judgements of God would overtake those that would take the name of God in vain.

Prayed that our eyes might be opened to the things of God Cultivate the Spirit of Kindness Exhorted the young men to study the Scriptures and revelations Invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts.

Choir Sang. Meeting adjourned for one hour. Benediction by Elder Henry Yates.

After noon met as per appointment. Singing. Prayer by Elder E. Bennett. Singing. We were first addressed by Elder Yates who asked the faith and prayers of the people. He was trying to overcome his weaknesses.

When we labor we should do it like men Should not Shirk your duties. Referred to the many prayers that have been offered up for our deliverance from the world. Exhorted the Sts to keep fast days and attend to our prayers. We should not Sit in

¹⁴¹ In 1871 Theodore Keller came to Mink Creek, fifteen miles northeast of Preston, with his father James Morgan Keller, having previously lived in Mantua, Utah. Though Keller explored the area in 1871, it was 1873 when Theodore, his wife, and his father-in-law, Hans Larson, built cabins in the area. They were joined in 1874 by Rasmus Rasmussen, who became the presiding elder over the new branch and then the bishop. Hans L.

Nelson, the new counselor in the bishopric, had come to Mink Creek in 1874 with Bishop Rasmussen. It was said that in the new community the Saints were scattered for a distance of ten miles up and down streams, because there was actually no valley, just mountain slopes. Bishop Rasmus Rasmussen Sr. served as the ward bishop from 1877–1900 (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 76–77; Larsen and Larsen n.d., 4).

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judgement upon our neighbors for we all have our weakness.

We should be minute men in the ranks of Israel. Encouraged the building of Temples and performing all the duties we have to perform. Be obedient to the Commands of God. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Sts.

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President C. O Card addressed the Saints as follows I want no talk about those duties that Concern us each and everyday I shall try to confine my remarks to those these things that most immediately interest and deeply Concern us read from the Circular the burial of the Prophet B. Young on ward Organization and the method and Causes we should pursue in regard to unity unity &c. In every ward or settlement meeting the Sabbath Schools should be strictly attended to. Those who hold the Priesthood are they that are held responsible but say one who are the Priesthood is it the Bishop of the ward alone no his Counselors and the Teachers Deacons &c hence the necessity of all to take hold and do our part. Perform our share of the various Labors let us be honest and upright in Our Faith and show Our true Colors and not be like a young man upon the Case and a certain occasion when asked by a Stranger are you a Mormon. Well know, but Father & Mother are. How do you suppose that Gentile Stranger looked upon him could he look upon him with any degree of respect.[?] No not by any means do not let your Sabbath Schools flag¹⁴² but persevere and do all you can with the young we must not slacken in Our efforts for this cause has cast the very best Blood of the Nineteenth Century it is good to meet together and make Ourselves Converent with these matters if we undertake to do any thing no matter if it is the young men in their mutual improvement Associations: make it a success. Or any thing else pertaining to Our Salvation let us study humility and when a Teacher comes to visit you if he should be a young man or perhaps a small Boy take heed and respect him in his calling and do not say I am a high Priest or Seventy. He is acting according to Revelation and if he has the Spirit of his Calling though you were an Apostle it would not exempt you honor every person as in Other wards. Honor to whom honor is due in

record to Our Temple we wait to all have a Share in it Why it rest upon the whole People we are all or should be an individual interest in it. When the Bishop of your ward lays this matter before you it is as equally binding. On the same principle that Our Elders who go abroad to preach the Gospel. Behold there are many called but few chosen because we set Our hearts and Affections on things of a perishable nature instead of the fundamental principles of the Gospel the Lord wants us to manifest Our Faith by Our works from day to day by all means try and attend to the quarterly Conference held in Logan so that you can be posted in all things to your duties and get a better understanding of the progress of this Kingdom made a few remarks upon the Board of Trade Organization I am thankful to see that you have such a fair for respects of a good Harvest. You to the Saints across River I understand you don't have meetings very often. Now this is not right. now Can't you go to work and do better and be punctual and to hav a meeting is appointed try and be on hand in time and then you will be Spirited do not place all the responsibility on one man but let each one do his part and all help in our various calling for this Order is indispensibly necessary. This will apply to Temple building as united Order as building a meeting House in Order to make a success we all want to take hold and work with a will who has the Honor or Blessing but then take part in these matters even Our Sisters in their relief societies can be a great help and perform their part also. We take any thing excep Babies that are not weaned we can work it all in to pay Our hands upwards of 140 Men and they need something to live on. Prayed to the Lord inspire the Sts to do our duty. Singing Ben. By Bp Robt Williams

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We bad[e] Bp. Williams adieu & started for Mink creek ward at 7 P.M. Met with the Sts at 8 P.M. Singing Prayer by Hans Peterson.¹⁴³ Singing.

Elder Hurste arose & spoke of the great gift of healing by the Laying on hands. Referd to the plague of the Latter days & the faith we will need to encounter them Exhorted the Sts to Lay up treasures in heaven.

Elder Yates stood befor the Sts & said while listening to the remarks our minds are lit up by the

¹⁴² Card uses the term *flag* here to mean not to let the schools lose strength or grow weak or tired.

¹⁴³ Hans C. Peterson is listed among the first settlers of the Amalga area in Cache Valley (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 70).

spirit of the Gospel. Referred to the time when he first embraced the Gospel.

Our happiest hours are when we are in the line of duty. Told the Sts to have their marriages all performed in the house of the Lord. Do not allow ill feelings to exist between us. May the good spirit that has been with us abide with.

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President C O Card this is a great privilege we enjoy the remarks of Our Bro are full of comfort joy and satisfaction and should endeavor to live so that we can forgive each Other I am sorry to learn that many of you do not understand me. Nevertheless you can feel the spirit and influence of this meeting let us do all we can to help one another we have been taught to instruct one another in farming or any other kind of Labor it is all for the upbuilding of the Kingdom. Teachers do your duty don't suffer any among to go by unnoticed but settle up all your difficulties those that will not act set your Boys to work in the Homes and Boys don't back out from performing your duties there are other duties to perform than making laws you have been more prompt than any other

place we have went to I am glad to see this [There is an upside down imprint on bottom third of this page making above entry difficult to read. The imprint reads: J. T. Hammond, news dealer, book seller and stationer.¹⁴⁴ Also dealer in wall papers. Logan Utah.] Continue to be punctual in all things do not profane the Name of the Deity but careful in these things. We then set apart Hans L. Nelson as first counsilor to Bp Rasmussen of the Mink Creek Ward.

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Monday, July 19, 1880—This morning before we left Mink Creek Bp Rasmusen was rebaptized by Elder Henry Yates and confirmed by myself. After which we bade them adieu & went to Franklin dined with Sister Fox Thence to the Temple rock Quarry and back and remaned over night with our host Sister Fox.¹⁴⁵

Tuesday, July 20, 1880—We returned to Logan where we arrived about noon. Passed the ballance of the day in temple business.

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¹⁴⁴ James T. Hammond's book and stationery store was located on North Main Street in Logan. Hammond was also an attorney who served in the territorial legislature from 1884–86 and was Utah's secretary of state. For one year he served as Logan's mayor. One of Logan's first telephone exchanges was operated at his store by the Ogden Exchange Telephone Company (see

Somers 1993, 99, 124, 267).

¹⁴⁵ The rebaptism here denotes a rededication or recommitment. The practice among the Church members began in Nauvoo and was continued into early Utah history. It was discontinued in 1897 (see Ludlow 1992, 1194).