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## Local Conferences

**July 21, 1880—March 24, 1881**

[Editor's note: Journal 9 covers July 21, 1880, through December 16, 1880. The journal is 4¼ by 6¾ inches with a tan cover, and entries are written in pencil.]

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Elevations

Logan 4533 feet  
Bear Lake Paris 6073  
Mouth of Salt River 5510  
train Bridges L.K. 5630

Meadowville Divide) 8011  
above Temple Mill)

Naomi Peak 9951  
Box Elder " 9542  
Clarkston " 8300<sup>1</sup>

[Next page has the number 50, a stamp from book-seller (J. T. Hammond, News Dealer, Book Seller & Stationer. Also dealer in wall papers. Logan City, Utah) and a math problem (elevation of bridge minus elevation of Logan).]

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4533  
1097

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**Logan, Wednesday, July 21, 1880**—This morning accompanied by my wife Sallie & son Ora I Started on a trip up Logan Canyon to visit the Lumbering & lime interests Went to the Temple Mill took supper Thence to the Watter mill of the U.O. Mfg. & B Co where we arrived after dark made our bed on the ground & retired for the night.

**Thursday, July 22, 1880**—This morning we proceeded to the United Order Steam Mills belonging to the U O. Mfg & B Co. where I have 4 men & 5 yoke of oxen getting out finishing Lumber for the Temple. Dined with A Stoker after which we returned to the Temple Mill & stayed over night.

**Friday, July 23, 1880**—This morning we started early & got home about noon. I passed the ballance of the day in temple business.

**Saturday, July 24, 1880**—passed most of the day in celebrating the day with Sunday Schools of Logan.<sup>2</sup> Spent about 2 hours with Pres Preson [Preston] counseling over stake matters. Attended a dancing party in the Logan hall in the evening.

<sup>1</sup> Card, in giving these elevations, was, in some instances, inaccurate. For example, Logan is 4,778 feet and Clarkston is 4,620 feet above sea level. However, regarding Clarkston he might have been giving the elevation of Gunsight Peak, the highest mountain in the Clarkston range (see Miller 1951, 1:35).

<sup>2</sup> July 24 marks the day the pioneers entered the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. The festivities, known as Pioneer Days, became an annual affair starting in 1849. They include parades, dances, sporting events, concerts, banquets, and a host of activities memorializing the pioneers' religious heritage.

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**Sunday, July 25, 1880**—Passed an hour or two with Pres. Wm B Preston and met with the Sts at 2 P.M. in the Logan Tabernacle who were addressed by Apostle M Thatcher & Elders Maunch [Moench] & Maeser up on the Subject of education.

Attend ward meeting in the evening.

**Monday, July 26, 1880**—This morning I went to the Temple Mill to take the cooks who had been down to spend the 24th & remained here over night.

**Tuesday & Wednesday, July 27 & 28, 1880**—To day I visited the U.O. Water Mill to look after the men that were Starting a drive of cord wood to the Temple Mill in the after noon I went as far as the U. O. Steam Mills to See the men employed there geting out finishing Lumber for the temple after which I returned to Maughans Mill.

Went into the timber on the West Side of the river opposite of Beaver Kanyon.

**Thursday, July 29, 1880**—I Went to the Temple Mill for dinner. Thence home in the after noon.

**Friday, July 30, 1880**—Attended temple business during the day.

Met Pres Taylor and company at the 11 O.C. train in the Eve. Pres F. D. Richards & Elder Folsom were my guests.

**Saturday, July 31, 1880**—Our quarterly stake conference commenced at 10 A.M. We were favored with the presence of Elders John Taylor, Erastus Snow, Lorenzo Snow, F. D. Richards, Moses Thatcher of the Quorum of the 12 as well as Bp Edward Hunter & other Elders & Bps.<sup>3</sup>

Met again at 2 P.M. & held a high Priests meeting when Elder John Parry was Sustained as Pres. of the High Priests quorum to the Cache valley stakes of Zion & Elders F. Gunnell and Geo. Barber as his counselors.<sup>4</sup> This above change was made in conse-

quence of Pres G. L. Farrell being called to preside over the Smithfield Ward.

**Sunday, August 1, 1880**—To day we had meeting at 10 A.M. 2 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

Elder G. L. Farrell was Honorably released from presidency of the young mens mutual of this Stake of Zion & Elder J. B Thatcher appointed in his stead with I. C. Thoreson & F. A. Benson as his counselor.<sup>5</sup>

We have had excellent meetings throughout this conference. The inspiration of Heaven resting upon the Servts of God in all their teachings.

**Monday, August 2, 1880**—To day I was busily engaged with Temple business.

**Tuesday, August 3, 1880**—This morning I accompanied Prests Taylor & M. Thatcher & their wives & guests as far as the Temple mill where we dined together after which Pres T. & company went to Meadowville and I remained at the mill over night.

**Wednesday, August 4, 1880**—This morning I visited the U.O. Water Mills. Thence to the Steam mills where I dined looked after the hands I have there getting out white pine for the Temple & returned to the U.O. Water Mills & stayed over night.

I was accompanied to day by daughter Jennie.

**Thursday, August 5, 1880**—We went to the Temple Mill for Breakfast Thence Home fished awhile in the morning.

**Friday, August 6, 1880**—To day I attended to Temple Business in Logan.

**Saturday, August 7, 1880**—To day I attended a Priesthood meeting of this Stake of Zion & during my spare time attended to Temple & other Local business.

<sup>3</sup> Edward Hunter was the Presiding Bishop of the Church from 1850 to 1883.

<sup>4</sup> Francis Gunnell was with a group of eight men who explored Cache Valley in 1856 as a possible settlement site. He was appointed in April 1857 as the first recorder of Cache County. He also taught school and presided over the choir (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 34, 35, 90). In 1863 George Barber began teaching a writing school in his Smithfield, Utah, home "at the urgent request of a number of the brethren," and in 1903, with several other men, Barber opened the Union Knitting Mills in Logan,

Utah. He died in Mexico on November 1, 1890 (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 223, 322; A. Jenson 1914, 189).

<sup>5</sup> I. C. Thorsen was a prominent religious and political leader in the territory who was also the editor of Hyrum, Utah's, Mutual Improvement Association newspapers, the *Knowledge Seeker*, the *Evening Star*, and *Young Ladies' Thoughts*. He was also a principal source on establishing Brigham Young College in Logan, having kept a record of the founding of that institution (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 349, 409). F. A. Benson was a farmer who lived between First and Second Streets in Logan (see Somers 1993, 57).

**Sunday, August 8, 1880**—This morning accompanied by Elder C. W. Nibley went to the temple mill. Started Shortly after 5 O.C. A.M. held meeting at this place with the hands employed. Thence to the U.O. Steam Mills Held meeting there at 7 P.M. & returned to the U.O. Weter Mills where we stayed over night.

**Monday, August 9, 1880**—This morning we Started for the Temple Mill where we arrived about 12 M. Caught a mess of fish on the way met Prests John Taylor Card M Thacher & guests here & dined with them all enjoying the fish I caught in the morning about 1 P.M. We all Started for Logan where we arrived at 6 P.M.

Met with Pres Taylor in the eve from whom I rec'd counsel appertaining to the works on the Logan Temple.

**Tuesday, August 10 to 14, 1880**—I have passed the rest of the week in the Local interests of the Logan Temple a little stake intervening & have had no spare time.

**Sunday, August 15, 1880**—This morning I attended a gathering of the Logan Sunday schools in the Basement of the Tab where they practiced upon their coming Jubilee Songs.

At 1 P.M. accompanied Pres Preston Pres Preston to Providence where we met with the Sts of this place and preached to them the great importance of living Stricly according to the Laws & ordinances of the Gospel. Pres preston dwelt at Some length upon some difficultyies that had existed among some of the brethren & explained the routine that the Lord had marked out to settle our differences which was as the revelations direct after meeting we returned to Logan.

**Monday, August 16, 1880**—I passed the most of the day in temple business. Made arrangements with Sister Lime of Providence to take a little orphan Girl that was thrown on to the hands of the County Officers (Mary Armstrong) at 8 P I went to the

Tabernacle to listen to a lecture to be delivered by Pres. M Thatcher. Lecture Entitled Mexico & the Mexicans He Spoke with much freedom for over 1½ hours & was very excellent in his comparisons & fair in his figures trying to give all their due.

**Tuesday, August 17, 1880**—This morning at 5:30 I Started for the Temple mill accompanied by my wife Sarah J. Painter. Arrived there a little before 11 A.M. where I dined and gave such advise as I deemed proper and at 2 P.M. I started for the United Order Steam Mills about 16 miles distant situate on Beaver Creek a Branch or tributary of the Logan river. Thence I went to the camp of our temple men (about 1 mile further up the creek) and camped with the men for the night & wrote my days travel by their camp fire where I enjoyed the musice of an accordian played by L. J. Rich the foreman.<sup>6</sup>

**Wednesday, August 18, 1880**—This morning after instructing the men in regard to their prayers & Labors I started for Logan. Dined at the Lime Kiln Arrived in Logan about 5 P.M. very weary.

At 8 P.M. I attended a lecture delivered under the auspices of Normal Institutes By Elder B. F. Cummings Subject Modern Spiritualism.<sup>7</sup>

**Thursday, August 19, 1880**—Today I attended to the Local business of the Temple as well as the general.

**Friday, August 20, 1880**—To day I was engaged in the general business of the Temple. Also Spent a few hours with the School teachers Normal Institute. Addressed them & exhorted them to act in their Labors in kindness firmness & Thoroughness.

Attended a social party in the evening with them in the evening in the City Hall.

**Saturday, August 21, 1880**—During the morning hours I was engaged in the Temple interests.

At 12 M. Pres. Wm B. Preston & myself started for Oxford ~~where we~~ by train where we arrived about 5 P.M. When we got in town we found neither Bp. nor his Counselors at home.<sup>8</sup> We found Bp.

<sup>6</sup>Landon J. Rich, the son of Charles C. Rich and Emeline Grover, was born in 1858 and died in 1921 (see Arrington 1974, 297).

<sup>7</sup>Benjamin F. Cummings was one of the original editors of the *Logan Leader* (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 395–96).

<sup>8</sup>The year 1879 marked the beginning of the golden years for Oxford. That year, the Utah and Northern Railroad reached the town, which brought an influx of new people. The year also

brought a branch of the United States Land Office. The office remained in Oxford until 1866, when it was moved to Blackfoot, Idaho. There were four stores: a furniture shop, a millinery shop, a shoe shop, and a butcher shop; two sawmills; an adobe brick service run by John Baker; three churches: Methodist, Presbyterian, and Latter-day Saint; two schools: the grade school and the New West Academy; and a few lawyers, doctors, and men of various professions. Logan and Franklin leaders helped

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Fishers Son and daughter at home and put up with them for the night.

**Sunday, August 22, 1880**—This morning being very pleasant after Breakfast Pres Present [Preston] & I took a walk on the bench west of the Temple town while climbing the bench we were joined by father John Boyce [Boice] we proceeded to the creek & crossed it to a lone bush where we prayed Pres. Preston mouth.<sup>9</sup> He Prayed that this people might return to the Lord & the Lord unto them & that those that were not of us might be stricken with uneasiness & depart. After which we returned & went to the Sabbath School at 10 A.M. Waited some time before any Schollars came a few and at 10 Minutes to eleven School opened. Class exercises for about 30 minutes after which I addressed them upon their duties towards the Lord one another and punctuality in coming to meeting.

Pres Preston arose and mad[e] many encouraging remarks to to the five children present deprecated the Idea of working on the Sabbath day. Said you would see quite a town here & the surrounding country Settled by L.D. Sts.

**2 P.M.** We met with the Sts of Oxford. Singing by the congregation prayer by Counselor Black. Singing. After which Sacrament was administered. The Small Log School house being about  $\frac{2}{3}$  filled.

Pres. Preston arose and desired the faith of the Sts present. He did not expect to advance any new doctrine, but thought we had at present revealed that would suffice us to day read from the circular of our Late President Brigham Young. The duties of the Officers & members of the Church. He observed that there were not comfortable Seats in this house neither children nor adults. Requested all to pay Strict attention contained in the circular. Said he read the foregoing because it refers to so many points. There are many duties devolving upon the Bps. but not all. The Teachers & others have duties to perform. Read the duties Teachers &c from "Pearl of great price." My duties are to the L.D. Sts.

Made some excellent remarks in regard to the duties of the Priest Stating that the priest could administer the Gospel to the aged & infirm [inform] & those that are deprived of their meetings. Your

organization is not complete without the organization of the Priests quorum. We should prepare on the week day that we may keep the Sabbath day Holy.

The young practice nothing except they have learned it from those that older. Exhorted the Sts to pray vocally & in Secret & See that you have prayers in your families night and morning.

We are apt to try to place all the responsibility of negligence upon the Bp. our wives or someone but We find the responsibility of a teacher requires great attention. The Lord has made the platform so Broad in the organization of the Church of Christ that all may be reached all may be blessed and have Something to do.

Referred to the Sabbath School we visited this morning. We Should keep them up. He was not disposed to Sit quietly Bye & See our children neglected & promised the children that there would be Some one from Logan to meet with them. We should first Seek the Kingdom of God & his righteousness.

Spoke at Some length upon our general duties of the Sts. Should not get in the cold & go to sleep but you should be stired up in regard to your duties. We need to be Stired up to do our duties May God bless you & all that bless Zion. Let us Learn to be one & Keeps Gods commands for there is no cheap crowns in heaven. Amen.

Counselor C. O. Card arose & Bore his testimony to the remarks of Pres Preston Made Some remarks upon the vast importance of meeting together & partaking of the Bread & water in commemoration of the body & blood of our Savior Read the rev. pge 324 on tithing & appropriate remarks upon the same. Spoke of the mode the Lord has pointed out for settling difficulties exhorted all to faithfulness & left his blessings with the Sts.

Pres Preston arose & appointed a 2 Days meeting 2 week from yesterday & to day. Advised the Sts here to gather a choir together & practice that you may have the benefit of a good one.

Singing

Benediction By Elder John Boyce.

We met with the the teachers at the close of the meeting & spoke Pres. Preston told them not to

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crusade against the sale of liquor, but saloons dominated the main street of Oxford for several years since there were as many non-Mormons as there were Mormons living in the city (see Robinson 1987, 172).

<sup>9</sup> John Boice, one of the earliest settlers of Oxford, later was ordained patriarch of the Oneida Stake. He passed away in Oxford on March 31, 1886 (see A. Jenson 1914, 131).

trade with the outsiders. Keep away from the whiskey saloons. Treat outsiders with respect but do not trade with & their saloons & stores will dry up and they will sell out their Large tracts of Land less than the cost of fencing. Left his blessings with the Teachers.

Councilor C. O. Card told them to be united in voting & See that those under your charge vote if you have to hich up your teams & take them to the Polls. We then Bade our friends and brethren adieu & started for Logan by the 6:30 train & arrived in Logan about 11 P.M.

**Monday, August 23, 1880**—I passed to day in Logan attend to the Temple business.

**Tuesday, August 24, 1880**—Shortly after 5 A.M I started for the Temple Mill. Stopped a few moments at temple Lime Kiln which was being burned then drove to the forks where we had men driving wood down the river to burn Lime with & left them Some Supplies thence I proceeded to the Mill where I arrived about 2 P.M. having fished 2 or 3 hours on the way. My wife Sallie accompanied me on this trip.

**Wednesday, August 25, 1880**—This morning Shortly after 8 A.M. I started for Logan fished down the stream about 5 or 6 miles & arrived in Logan about Sundown.

**Thursday, August 26, 1880**—To day I attend to the Local Stake business & counseled with Pres Preston upon a short time prior to his leaving for salt River valley with Prests C. C. Rich & M Thatcher.<sup>10</sup> Went to Kiln & Back.

**Friday, August 27, 1880**—To day I attended to much Local temple Biz & made a trip to Lime Kiln & Green Kanyon Quarry.

**Saturday, August 28, 1880**—To day I looked after Temple Biz until 11 A.M. After which I attended and presided over a convention of the Lumber men of this stake which lasted until 5 P.M. In the convention we established uniform prices on Lumber Lath Shingles Plaining & Mouldings except the settlements out Side of Logan 5 percent Less on Lumber if they choose A general good feeling

prevailed except 2 or 3 thought they could not endorse all.

**Sunday, August 29, 1880**—At 10 A.M. I attended the 2nd ward & addressed them upon the necessity of punctuality. Met with the Sts in the Logan Tabernacle & addressed them about 40 minutes upon the callings of the Priesthood referring to rev. in doc. & cov & the Scripture.

Met with the Sts of the 5 ward in their school house & addressed them upon the Subject of nationality & and duties of those Bearing the priesthood a good Spirit prevailed Elder John Parry Pres. of the High Priests Quorum made remarks upon the same subjects.

**Monday, August 30, 1880**—Today I passed in Local Temple & other Stake & Private business.

**Tuesday, August 31, 1880**—I attended to Local Temple business until noon when I started for the Temple Mill where I accompanied by C. [Charles] W. Nibley where we arrived Shortly after dark & Stayed over night.

**Wednesday, September 1, 1880**—This morning we left the Temple Mill & went to the U.O water mill fishing on the way. Dined with J. T. Clark. Thence we went to the White Pine Temple camp & Stayed all night.

**Thursday, September 2, 1880**—To day we went to Peterson & Holdens Mill caught a nice mess of trout on my way dined with P. H. & Co. Thence we took a hunt in the Hills Saw Some deer but were not lucky enough to get one returned to the White Pine Temple camp.

**Friday, September 3, 1880**—To day I spent in fishing while Bros Nibley & my cousin J. T. Clark went among the timber. I caught my fishing Sack full perhaps 15 lbs. of nice Brook or Mtn. trout which I took home to my families & mother.

**Saturday, September 4, 1880**—I attended to Temple Biz. until 11 A.M. when I went to the Stake Priest hood meeting & presided over it in absence of Pres. preston & Merrill, The former being away to

<sup>10</sup> William B. Preston was leaving for Star Valley, Wyoming, originally known as the Salt River Valley. As Card suggests, in August 1880 Moses Thatcher, Charles C. Rich, Preston, Lorin Farr, and their wives departed for the Salt River Valley in

Wyoming Territory to superintend the settlement of that area by Latter-day Saints. It was Moses Thatcher who named the area Star Valley (see May 1986–87, 159). John Boice was one of the original settlers of Oxford, Utah (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 62).

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Salt river Valley on an exploring expedition & the Latter at Oxford attending a Local conference or a two days meeting.

After Priesthood meeting I attended to Local biz until 6 P.M. when I retired until 9 P.M. when I got up & at 10:55 took train for Oxford conference where we arrived at Bp. Fishers about 3 A.M. next morning.

**Oxford, Sunday, September 5, 1880**—Met with the Sunday Schools after the opening exercises Supt O.C. Ormsby put the names of the Supts Assistant Secy & Librarian.

Pres. M W Merrill arose & told the officers of the S.S. to be punctual & prompt on time & energetic in all our Labors. Suggested the parents come to S.S. with their children. If our children learn the Gospel while young they will have it when old & we should give them our attention. Keep your records right.

Bro. (Elder) Frank Benson said this is where we learn the principles of the Gospel Exhorted all to Seek a testimony of the truth of the everlasting Gospel.

Elder J. B. Thatcher arose & expressed his pleasure in meeting with the S.S. In refering to the officers of the School they Should take time to attend to their duties. We Should be obedient to the principles of the Gospel. Exhorted the parents to instruct their children in the principles of the Gospel at home.

Councilor C. O. Card addressed them a few moments upon the importance of their callings.

Supt O. C. Ormsby Exhorted them all to be prompt both Officers & teachers. 8 Teachers were Selected & sustained by the uplifted hands of all present. Asked God to add his blessings upon all that have an interest in the work.

Priesthood meeting at 11 A.M. Quorums were all placed in their order. Pres. Merrill Stated we should ordain our boys & keep them before them & let them know they have responsibilities upon the. It is necessary that we have acting priests to visit the Sts & preach the Gospel. Said if the Sts were willing we would Set apart some priests to act in that capacity & they may be added to from time to time as the authorities of the ward may see fit Priests & teachers Should visit promptly & report to their quorums. In our visits we should not be in a hurry but go in the

spirit of our callings. Asked the questions do any of you profane or get intoxicated if we do cease it for otherwise God will not sustain us. If you have neglected your callings turn unto the Lord & he will turn unto us.

Elder C O Card arose and exhorted the Quorums to Seek the Spirit of their callings Take time to Serve the Lord & fill our positions honorably.

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Elder John Parry arose We have some little change in regard to the High Priests. We have had High Priests teachers but as there is no such thing in this quorum we do not consider it essential also do away with quorum missionaries but we should be on hand to fill any position that they they are called to by their & presiding officers. We need to learn our duties & ourselves whether we are filled with the revelation of Jesus Christ. We should not allow ourselves to become luke warm. Do not run after the things of the world but seek the things of God & we will receive more of the riches of this world. Desired all should seek the Lord that we may receive His Kingdom.

Elder F. [Francis] Gunnel Pres John Parry first-counselor arose & exhorted the Brethren to be on hand & be willing to Labor where we can do the most good.<sup>11</sup> We should not dabble with Liquors for we will grieve the Spirit of the Lord.

Pres Merrill Said he wished to say a few words about Political affairs. Do your quarrelling if you have any to do before you go to the polls. Better be united on a poor plan than divided on a good one be one in your voting. Be united in building a new meeting house you Should Keep up your meetings on Sundays & Sunday evenings, Thursday evenings. Meeting adjourned until 2 P.M.

**2 P.M.** We met with the Sts of this place & adjoining Wards. Singing prayer. Singing. Sacrament was then was administered.

Elder J. B. Thatcher Then arose & said all blessings were predicated obedience to given Lawes. The Young Mens & Ladies Improvement associations should commence as soon as practicle & try ourselves for missions at home & abroad. Spoke of the great necessity of obedience to the Lawes &

<sup>11</sup> Francis Gunnell was among the first settlers in Cache Valley. He was the recorder in early Cache Valley government

(see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 34, 90; F. Peterson 1997, 34, 53, 82).

ordinances. Be energetic in all your duties & Search the Scriptures dilligently.

Elder F. A. Benson one of the assistants of Elder Thatcher in looking after the young Said in these associations were the place to learn to preach the gospel. The more we read the Scriptures the more interest we will take in them. He realized the great difference in Standing before the Sts & the world. Exhorted the young to faithfulness. Be kind to your parents & try to appreciate them. Bore a faithfulness testimony to the word of God.

Elder O. C. Ormsby Said as long as we in Logan worship in a House that was not dedicated to God & kept Solely for His worship & Said the Sts. would be blessed in Erecting houses of Worship. Spoke of the necessity of living near the Lord for ere another yr rolls around we may take missions behind the veil. The Lord has many blessings in Store for us if we are only prepared to receive them. We are in a school of training & Should not neglect our meetings that we may not be overtaken in fault. Encouraged the Sts to attend the Sabbath School.

Councilor C. O. Card Spoke at Some length upon the importance of the Sacrament & the great necessity of observing the word of wisdom. Also Spoke of the importance of unity in our Temple building Education of the youth & the observance of all the Laws & ordinances of the Gospel.

Pres M. W. Merrill arose & Said it was proper to have an Active Priests Quorum to visit the Sts.

Joh Boyce [Boice], David Kendall & Joseph Clay who were set apart under the hands of Prests Merrill, C. O. Card & Elder John Parry.<sup>12</sup> Pres. M. Mouth for Bro Clay & C. O. Card mouth for Kendall Pre Merrill. Exhorted the Sts to kindness to all visit the sick the afflicted We feel to bless you in the name of the Lord after which Bro. Boyce came in & was set apart Elder John Parry.

Benediction by Elder Henry Yates.

We went to the depot & took train for home at 6:30 P.M. & arrived in Logan a few moments before Eleven O.C. P.M.

<sup>12</sup>“Setting apart is a priesthood ordinance that authorizes a person to serve in a Church position.” It takes place “after the individual has been called and sustained.” The person is set apart from sin, from the carnal, from everything that is crude, low, vicious, cheap, or vulgar. He or she is “set apart from the world to a higher plane of thought and activity” (Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 1090).

<sup>13</sup>A “selectman” denotes an elected officer of a board, town, or municipality.

**Monday and Tuesday, September 6 and 7, 1880**—I attended a Session of the Seselect men of Cache Co. & as one of them as a water comission mornings & evenings attended to Temple business.<sup>13</sup>

**Wednesday, September 8, 1880**—This morning I went to the Temple Mill accompanied by Elder B. J. Cummings fished Some on the way arrived there about 4 P.M. Attended to the necessary busines & remained here over night was joined by Pres J. H. Hart & Son & others.<sup>14</sup>

**Thursday, September 9, 1880**—This morning about 9 O.C. we started for Logan where we arrived Shortly after noon. Attended to Temple Biz during the after part of the day.

**Friday, September 10, 1880**—Temple business occupied my attention during the day.

**Saturday, September 11, 1880**—This morning I started for Paris Bear Lake Valley accompanied by my wife Sallie & children Went as far as the mill & remained over night having an hour or twos dance. All enjoyed themselves.

**Sunday, September 12, 1880**—This morning I went as far as Meadowville & remained there the remainder of the day. Stayed over night with the mother of J. G. Kimball & widow of the our Late Pres. H. C. Kimball.

**Monday, September 13, 1880**—This morning we bade our host adieu & Started for Paris Arrived at Bloomington about 1 P.M. & Dined with Pres J. H. Hart Thence to Paris where I put up with Pres C C Rich for the night who rec’d me very kindly.

**Tuesday, September 14, 1880**—Today I passed in Paris with Pres Rich & others on temple Business & having my Buggy repaired that I broke on my way to this place. Got through with my Biz. at Sundown & took Supper with Bro Hyrum Woolley<sup>15</sup> Thence to

<sup>14</sup>James H. Hart was a prominent citizen in Bear Lake County. He served in the stake presidency, was a member of the Idaho House of Representatives, and was one of the first schoolteachers in Bloomington, Idaho. He was also the superintendent of construction of the Paris Academy (see Rich 1963, 12, 74, 104, 109, 116, 131, 134, 137, 144, 163, 168).

<sup>15</sup>Hyrum Woolley constructed the first telephone lines between Paris and Montpelier, Idaho. He also operated a prosperous store in Paris (see Rich 1963, 85, 127).

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Bloomington where I stayed over night with the family of Pres. J. H. Hart.

**Wednesday, September 15, 1880**—This morning we bade our kind friends adieu & Started home, drove as far as Garden City & took dinner with the family of one Bro Allred.<sup>16</sup> Thence to the United order Steam mills where we stayed over night with Bro. Wm Watson.

**Thursday, September 16, 1880**—This morning after arranging busines with the men working here getting out finishing Lumber for the Logan Temple I started home took dinner at the Wood camp toll gate Thence home.

**Friday, September 17, 1880**—To day I passed very busy in Temple business during the whole day. Looked into business pretty sharply preparatory to putting the roof on this fall.

**Saturday, September 18, 1880**—To day being set apart for our Sunday School Jubilee I attend that though it was raining & there were but few from the out Settlements. Prests Geo Q Cannon F. D. Richards & M Thatcher were Present. Pres Richards called on me before Breakfast & expressed his desires to have the roof put on the Temple this fall & Said it was the desire of the Apostles to See it on before the Snow flies. We met with the Architect & talked over the matter. The Architect at first thought it not practicable. But upon close interogation Said it could be put on by leaving the towers & putting up the Walls of the main room, which we agreed to.

**Sunday, September 19, 1880**—To day I attended meetings in the Logan Tabernacle at 10 A.M. & 2 P.M. We were addressed by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon who Spoke in a very Spirited manner. Showed the great necessity of the speedy completion of the Logan & other Temples.

**Monday, September 20, 1880**—To day I passed in Looking after the Local business of the temple hiring Hands &c Met the Board of the U.O. Mfg & B Co. in the evening.

**Tuesday, September 21, 1880**—I attended to temple business until about 11 A.M. when I went to Providence to look after an orphan Girl as it becomes my duty so to do as Selectman.<sup>17</sup> At 3:35 I started for the Saw mill with a cook where I arrived about 8:30 & remained over night.

**Wednesday, September 22, 1880**—To day I took a ride through the timber at the mill & in the after went afishing. Pres. Rich & one of his wives arrived in the afternoon and Stayed over night with us.

**Thursday, September 23, 1880**—I started for Logan Pres. Rich & wife riding with me to Logan where we arrived at 11 A.M. in the after noon I visited the Cache Co. Fair where I Saw a fine display of fruits wares & animals. Between 4 & 5 P.M. I accompanied Prests C. C. Rich & M. Thatcher To the Temple where they officiated in Setting the key stone & cap to the third main opening in heidth in the west end of the Temple The Key Stone was pronounced firmly set by Pres Rich & the Cap by Pres. Thatcher in the name of Jesus Christ. I assisted as also did Bro John Parry & others.

This is a day to long be remembered.<sup>18</sup>

**Friday, September 24, 1880**—To day I attended to Local Temple & other business. In the after noon I accompanied Prests M. Thatcher and Wm B. Preston & Bros Hammond & Holt on to the Bench for the purpose of selecting a Piece of ground for the future Fair purposes. After which we went onto the Providence Bench directly South of the Logan Temple & chose a piece there or rather accepted a tract of Land offered by by Bro M. D. Hammond as a present to the Society.

**Saturday, September 25, 1880**—To day I passed mostly in Local temple and other business of a Local interest having put in another busy week.

**Sunday, September 26, 1880**—This morning Pres Preston and myself went to Hyrum accompanied by Bp H. Ballard & Elder B. F. Cummings. Met with the Sabbath Schools of this place at 10 A.M.

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<sup>16</sup> B. H. Allred and William L. Allred lived in the Bear Lake Valley and belonged to the same elders quorum. Both men contributed a yearling calf for the building of the Salt Lake Temple (see Rich 1963, 157).

<sup>17</sup> Card is referring here to Mary Armstrong, who lived with Sister Lime in Providence. In the histories of Providence there is

no reference to either an Armstrong or a Sister Lime (see Providence History Committee 1974).

<sup>18</sup> Nolan P. Olsen, in his book on the Logan Temple, does not mention this event that Card considered so important. Card's diaries are important for recording the precise date when the key and capstones were put in place.



Addressed them upon the subjects of order punctuality & other encouraging remarks.

2 P.M. Met with the Sts who were addressed by Elder B. F. Cummings Bp. Ballard upon their home duties Elder C giving a little of his missionary experience. After which Pres Preston spoke of the great necessity of unity & constancy. Better be united on a poor plan than divided on a good one. Bp. B & I dined with Bro \_\_\_\_\_ Allen<sup>19</sup> Supt of the Sabbath School. We returned to Logan about Sundown. I attended meeting in the 2 ward in the evening.

**Monday, September 27, 1880**—To day I was very busy arranging biz. on the block to hesten the walls to the Square & prepare reports for our Semi annual Conference.

**Tuesday, September 28, 1880**—This morning after attending to business until 10 A.M. I Started for the Temple Mill accompanied by Bro C. W. Nibley and J. T. Hammond The Latter Staying at the Mill with me & former going to the Maughan or U.O. Water Mill.

**Wednesday, September 29, 1880**—After attending to the necessary business this morning Bro H & myself went to the U.O. Water mill where we were joined by Bro Nibley & took a trip in the hills west of this mill looking for game and timber. We returned in the evening Bro J T. H. not being well remained here over night Bro Nibley & I drove above the U.O. Steam mill and camped with our temple men for the night finding all well & the temple Lumber increasing finely.

**Thursday, September 30, 1880**—This morning after attending to the necessary business with the hands we drove to Petersons & Holdens<sup>20</sup> mill where we Saddled our horses & rode beyond the pass or divide about one mile going several miles beyond the head of the Logan River on our way we shot a Lynx which I skinned & took the Hide with us on our

return from the Summit we examined the timber in the West Kanyons & found some very nice groves of Pine & Balsam. Took supper with E. Holden after which we drove to the U.O. Water Mill & Stayed over night.

**Friday, October 1, 1880**—We took Breakfast with my cousin J. T. Clark after which we Started for Logan where we arrived about 1 P.M. I attended to the Temple business during the Bal. of the day finding myself very tired at night.

**Saturday, October 2, 1880**—I attended to the business of the Temple until 11 A.M. when I went to the Priesthood meeting of this stake of Zion which lasted until nearly 2 P.M. After which we held a County convention to elect delegates to the Teritorial convention of wvhich I was appointed one.<sup>21</sup> Dined & attended of the Board of Zions Board of Trade which completed our days Labor.

**Sunday, October 3, 1880**—This morning I wrote a letter to the committee of Apostles for Logan Temple making statements of what I thought was necessary to roof the Logan Temple within 3 months & at 2 P.M. Attended meeting in the Logan Tabernacle. We were addressed by Apostle M. Thatcher & chided for our Back biting and unfaithfulness to our covenants I attended the meeting of the 2nd ward in the evening.

**Monday, October 4, 1880**—I attended to Local Temple & other business to day preparatory to Starting to conference on the morrow.

**Tuesday, October 5, 1880**—This morning accompanied by my wife I started for conference at 5 a.m. Arrived in Ogden at 7 A.M. Took breakfast with Bro H. B. Schoville.<sup>22</sup> Made a few other calls & at 3:30 P.M. We took train & went as far as centerville where we Stayed overnight with my uncle Joseph France.

<sup>19</sup> Andrew A. Allen was the superintendent of the Hyrum, Utah, Sunday School from 1873 to September 29, 1895. His counselors were Thomas Williams and H. P. Hansen (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 126).

<sup>20</sup> Edward Holden was one of three partners in the "Hercules Power Company," which also built a small power plant at the mouth of Logan Canyon. They later sold this plant to the Telluride Power Company (see Somers 1993, 259).

<sup>21</sup> In 1880 the Liberal [non-Mormon] political party in Utah determined to break the Latter-day Saints' monopoly of

congressional representation. Confident of the support of Governor Eli H. Murray, the Liberals resolved to place a candidate for delegate to Congress in the field and rely on challenging the qualifications of the Mormon candidate George Q. Cannon. The Latter-day Saints held a convention of their own and nominated George Q. Cannon as their delegate to Congress (see Larson 1961, 209; B. H. Roberts 1930, 6: 2–8).

<sup>22</sup> Horatio B. Scoville, a prominent member of the Ogden community, was elected to the city council in 1871 and served until 1872 (see Kotter 1967, 144).

## Local Conferences

**Wednesday, October 6, 1880**—We resumed our journey at 9 A.M. by train to Salt Lake where we arrived & went to the Large Tabernacle to meeting. Had a good meeting & were addressed by Elders (Apostles) C. C. Rich and Wilford Woodruff. Conference adjourned until tomorrow at 10 A.M. Myself & wife went out to Bountiful & Stayed all night with my wifes Aunt Betsy wife of P. Sessions & who treated us very kindly.<sup>23</sup>

**Thursday, October 7, 1880**—We made a few calls to our friends & at 9:30 A.M. Took train for the City where we arrived in time for meeting at 10 A.M. I also attended meeting at 2 P.M. Took supper with Bro J. T. Brown thence we went (Self & Wife) to Bp E F Sheets, leaving my wife here I went to the City hall to attend a convention of Delegates convened to nominate a delegate to congress I being one of the 6 delegates from Cache Co. We (The convention) were unanimous on the name of Pres Geo. Q. Cannon who has filled 4 terms 8 yrs. very faithfully & has the utmost confidence his constituents. Stayed over night with Bp. E. F. Sheets.

**Friday, October 8, 1880**—I attended meeting at 10 A.M. & 2 P.M. To day having heard an Excellent Sermon upon the holy Order of the priesthood By Elder O. Pratt<sup>24</sup> attended a meeting of the Priesthood at 7 P.M. in the assembly Hall where an article or circular was presented to the multitude present by the Apostles and read by Elder Bro. Q. Cannon treating upon the Priesthood principally upon the Aaronic or Levitical Priesthood which was a rich treat. Stayed over night with Bp E F Sheets.

**Saturday, October 9, 1880**—I again attended fore and after noon meetings which were replete with

instructions, also a priesthood meeting again in the evening when Pres. Cannon continued to read the proposed pamphlet on the Priesthood after which Apostle O Pratt arose & made appropriate connected therewith & Stated the Council of the Apostles thought it necessary to reorganize the Quorum of the first Presidency & had chosen Pres John Taylor to be president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Sts & he had chosen Elders Geo Q. Cannon & J. F. Smith to be his first & 2nd Counselors & in forming the first presidency made a vacancy in the Quorum of the 12 Apostles & they hey chosen Amasa [Francis] Marion Lyman and John Henry Smith to fill 2 of the vacancies.<sup>25</sup> All of the above had been sanctioned by the 12 Apostles & asked the priesthood assembled to Sustain the Same by the uplifted hands which was done unanimously and with great freedom.

I remained over night with Bro James L. Brown.

**Sunday, October 10, 1880**—This morning at 10 A.M. I attended again the meeting in the Large Tabernacle when the assembly was addressed by Apostle Orson Pratt Senior upon the subject of the Priesthood making clear many points & sustaining them by ancient & modern revelation.

Dined with Bro B. & family attended meeting again in the after noon when the Large assembly of males were seated in a quorum capacity and voted in the same manner & unanimously sustained by Quorum votes the changes made in forming the quorum of the first Presidency & filling the two vacancies in the Quorum of the 12 above refered to.<sup>26</sup> Our conference closed shortly after 4 O.C. P.M. being one of

<sup>23</sup>The Cards were staying with Elizabeth Birdneau, the sixth wife of Perrigrine Sessions. She and Perrigrine were married March 25, 1865 (see Sessions 1997, 403).

<sup>24</sup>Orson Pratt titled his talk "The Divine Authority of the Holy Priesthood." He had been requested by President Taylor to treat this "particular subject" at the Sunday morning session of general conference. In his remarks, Pratt spoke about Joseph Smith being ordained to the priesthood in the pre-earth life and of the authority of Apostles, bishops, and high priests. Concluding his talk he said, "There never has been a time, from the commencement of the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when the organization has been so complete as during the last two or three years" (see O. Pratt 1882, 22:27–38).

<sup>25</sup>Card likely means Francis Marion Lyman, the son of Amasa M. Lyman and Louisa Maria Tanner. His father had served in the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles until he was

excommunicated from the Church on October 6, 1867. Francis was born January 12, 1840, in Nauvoo, Illinois, and, at the time of his call to the Quorum of the Twelve (1880), served as president of the Tooele Utah Stake. He served as an Apostle until his death on October 6, 1903. At the time of his death, Lyman was serving as the President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. John Henry Smith, born September 18, 1848, the son of George A. Smith, served in the Quorum of the Twelve and as a counselor to Brigham Young. John Henry, on April 7, 1910, was sustained as Second Counselor to Church President Joseph F. Smith. He died October 13, 1911 (see Flake 1974, 133, 180).

<sup>26</sup>When a new President of the Church is sustained, members of the Church vote by priesthood quorum; i.e., the First Presidency, then the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, followed by the First Quorum of the Seventy, then by the high priests, the elders, priests, teachers, deacons, and finally the general

great importance to the Sts. Myself & wife Stayed over night with Pres. C. C. Rich.

**Monday, October 11, 1880**—Took a stroll around the town until 10:30 being the most of the time in company with President Wm B. Preston. At 10:30 I met with the Central Board of trade as an invited guest.

Met with the Presidency of the Church & Apostles & presidents of Stakes & their councilors in the Council house at 3 P.M. where the Subject of tithing was broached when Pres Taylor stated it was the tithing payers that was building the Temples & those that do not pay their tithing will not be permitted to go into them. Tithing is not a matter of money, but, principle. We have got to cary out the Laws of God. It is not a matter of option with us. Pres Wilford Woodruff said The people ~~said~~ we should not house our tithing but cary it direct to the tithing office we have been slack in this. It is a debt we owe to the Lord. There should be a book kept in each ward of those that do not pay tithing. Bp Hunter testified that those that paid their tithing was healthy and prospered.<sup>27</sup>

Pres Cannon remarked Those Stakes that have been most liberal in tithes & donations have asked the least help. If we have the salvation of the people at heart the officers of the church will pay their tithing & urge the Sts to it.

Full reports have been rendered to the Sts. of the disposition made of tithing. It is mockery to go before the Lord when we do not do our duty. This is a matter of the first importance with us. Where men are careless have the Teachers visit them & reason with him.

Pres Taylor said there is a species of radicalism in voting. We are associated with this government of God. The Government of men are a fiction. Gods Government is the voice of God & then the voice of the people. We want to act free from all selfishness. Wise men ought to keep their own counsels. God don't deal in chicanery. Get the right word from the right place and then act. You have your primary

meeting but the word ought to come from the right course.

Be one in our operations & we will whip the devil & the world Honor the Laws of God & He will help us. If we will only live our religion, there is great days & blessings. When the election comes off make a strenuous effort to poll as lare a vote as we can.

Sustain the institutions of Zion & the people of Zion. Pres Cannon Said it would be a good thing for the judges of Elections to note on margin of report of the No. of male & female voters & Co Clks report same to Theodore McKean.

**Tuesday, October 12, 1880**—To Day I went as far as Ogden & visited my friends until night & took train for home where we arrived about 11 P.M.

**Wednesday until Friday night, October 13, 14, and 15, 1880**—I attended to Local business about the Temple Met Pres. Rich at the Train & conveyed him ~~home~~ to my home where he with his wife Hariet & children remained over night.<sup>28</sup>

**Saturday, October 16, 1880**—This morning I hitched up my team and took Pres. Rich & family to the Temple Mill where we held a meeting in the evening & Pres Rich Spoke to the brethren & sisters present in regard to the ~~present~~ business transacted at our late conference also gave us much good counsel. I also bore my testimony to them & acquiesced in the remark of Pres. Rich & made a few encouraging remarks to those present & in regard to building the temples.

**Sunday, October 17, 1880**—This morning accompanied by foreman J Morris went to the U.O. Steam Mill & visited our temple hands & returned to the Temple Mill & held meeting with the brethren having Several volunteer to Speak & bear their testimonies after which I made Some encouraging remarks.

**Monday, October 18, 1880**—To day I returned to Logan in the fore noon & attended to Local business in the after noon.

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membership of the Church. This is what Card means when he writes that they were sustained by quorum votes.

<sup>27</sup> On July 8, 1838, Joseph Smith received a revelation in Far West, Missouri, outlining the law of tithing. The bishop was to receive one-tenth of the increase of each Church member each year. Many Church members believe that it was not until 1899 and the presidency of Lorenzo Snow that Church leaders really began to stress the law of tithing. It is, therefore, important that

Card records a discussion of this law among Church leaders in 1880 (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 1249–50).

<sup>28</sup> Charles C. Rich married Harriet Sargent Rich on March 28, 1847, in Brigham Young's Winter Quarters office. She was his sixth wife and fourteen years of age at the time of the marriage. Harriet had nine children: Martha Caroline, Luna, Morgan J., Franklin D., Alvin O., Drucilla, Harley T., Adelberg C., and Abel G. (see Arrington 1974, 299).

**Tuesday & Wednesday, October 19 & 20, 1880**—I attended to the Local business of the Temple and on Wednesday night about 11 A.M. Took train for Franklin with a view to visiting the Temple Quarry arrived there at midnight & Stayed with Brother S. R. Parkensen & family.

**Thursday, October 21, 1880**—I visited the Quarry and found a large Quantity of rock Quarried took dinner with them after which I visited the Franklin Cooperative Woolen factory. Hired a carpenter to put in the place of Brother Bodily<sup>29</sup> who was working upon a house for Bro L Andrus to whom the Temple was under some obligations Took train at 10 P.M. for home where I arrived about midnight.

**Thursday [Friday] & Friday [Saturday], October 22 & 23, 1880**—I attended to the Local business of the Temple.

**Sunday, October 24, 1880**—By request of Pres Preston I gathered up Bp Lewis, Elder J. B. Thatcher, Frank Benson and went to Millville visited the Sabbath School and held meeting with the Sts in the afternoon at 2 O Clock Elder B. F. Cummings Joined us We all delivered brief addresses to the Sts convened Exhorting them to be united and magnify their calling & act as becometh Sts of God.

**Monday, October 25, 1880**—This morning after attending to business until about 10 A.M. I left the Temple block for the Saw Mill Where I arrived just before night. Attended to the necessary business having prayers we went to bed. The weather out was a little rainy about 9 P.M. About 10 P.M. 2 of Pres C. C. Rich's sons arrived from Paris Bear Lake bringing the sad newes that their father one of the Apostles of the Latter days had been stricken with palsy the day before about 10 A.M. and said they expected to meet one of His wives and and 5 of his sons and daughters.<sup>30</sup> It being very dark I sent a

young man down the Kanyon on horse back with a lantern to meet them & we retired again.

**Tuesday, October 26, 1880**—About 4 A.M. we arose got up the cooks & shortly after 5 the company arrived We gave them a hasty meal and about 6 I took the Doctor (Bro J M Benedict & started for Paris drove to Garden City in a little over 2 hours changed teams & arrived in Paris at 10:25 A.M. about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour the rest of the company arrived. We found the much Esteemed Bro R. very low. By faith and good works of the Doctor & efforts of others at night he seemed a little better or easier. I Stayed at the house of his wife Emeline.<sup>31</sup>

**Wednesday, October 27, 1880**—To day the Doctor thought proper to return Pres. Rich's symptoms being a little better at 10 A.M. We started for home & drove to garden City changed for my own team again & arrived at the Temple Mill at 5 P.M. at 7 P.M. We started for Logan where we arrived at few moments be After 11 P.M. Br. Richard Taylor & one of the daughters of Pres Rich having returned with us. We were all tired and wery.

**Thursday, October 28, 1880**—Thought weary I attended to the Local Temple business arranging to increase the number of Carpenters preparatory to Covering the Temple.

**Friday, October 29, 1880**—To day I attended the funerals of the little son of Bro. Samuel Smith & wife of Gunder [Gunner] Anderson both being held together and at the Same hour attend to a considerable business of the temple besides.<sup>32</sup>

**Saturday, October 30, 1880**—I attended to Local Temple business being busy preparing for the roof of the Temple until 11 A.M. when I attended a Priesthood meeting of this stake where we talked of the duties of the voters at the Polls Temple & other Items of interest. After meeting I was busy until dark.

<sup>29</sup> Livingston Bodily, who resided in Lewiston, Utah, was an outstanding carpenter who helped construct the temple sawmill (see F. Olson n.d., 62).

<sup>30</sup> Sarah DeArmon Pea Rich, the first wife of Charles C. Rich, moved back to Salt Lake City after spending three years in the Bear Lake Valley. She was living there at the time Charles C. Rich was stricken with palsy (a stroke) (see Arrington 1974, 303).

<sup>31</sup> Joseph M. Benedict was a Salt Lake City doctor and a good friend of the Rich family (see Arrington 1974, 311). Emeline Grover Rich was Charles C. Rich's fifth wife and the mother of

eight of his children: Caroline, Nancy, Heber, George Q., Samuel J., Joel H., Landon J., and Thomas G. Rich. Emeline was born July 30, 1831, in Freedom, Catteraugus County, New York, and was the daughter of Thomas Grover and Caroline Whiting Grover (see Arrington 1974, 296–97).

<sup>32</sup> Samuel Smith, a furniture salesman, lived on Logan's Main Street between Second and Third South. He was also one of the directors of the Utah and Northern Railroad Company. Gunner Andersen was a farmer who lived on Franklin Street (see Somers 1993, 69, 56; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 175).

**Sunday, October 31, 1880**—There being a conference in Brigham City I went there to obtain carpenters for the Temple. By request of Pres. Lorenzo Snow I spoke a short time on our duties on The Logan & other Temples at 9 P.M. I took train for home where I arrived at midnight.

**Monday, November 1, 1880**—I attended again very busily to my temple duties & attended a political meeting in the City hall in the evening where the necessity of a full vote for our delegate to congress was urged & arrangements made to get out teams to gather voters the next day & have the Band enliven the Scene.

**Tuesday, November 2, 1880**—During the fore noon I hauled in voters to the polls with my Buggy & team & attended to Temple business in the afternoon.<sup>33</sup>

**Wednesday, November 3, 1880**—I went to the Kanyon as far as the Temple Mill attended the business there Stayed all night.

**Thursday, November 4, 1880**—This morning I returned to Logan & went to the Temple Block & wrote 2 letters Thence to the Telegraph office wher I exchanged notes with J. A. [C.] Rich in regard to moving his father to Salt Lake and by his request agreed to meet him at the mill.<sup>34</sup>

**Friday, November 5, 1880**—My 41st Birthday. I went to the mill accompanied by Bp B. M. Lewis & Elder B. F. Cummings to meet Pres Rich held meeting with the Brethren in the evening.

**Saturday, November 6, 1880**—About 11 A.M. Pres Rich arrived accompanied by 3 wives & 4 sons rested until 12:30 P.M. & started for Logan where we arrived at my house at 7:25 P.M. wher we all put up.

**Sunday, November 7, 1880**—The Brethren of the 12 came in and blessed Pres. Rich and comforted him. I sat up with him after attending 2 conference meetings & one counsel meeting with Prests Cannon & Smith Apostles L. Snow, F. D. Richards & M Thatcher wher they chided kindly our Temple architect T. O. Angell Jr.

**Monday, November 8, 1880**—I attended to Temple business & attend a Board of trade meeting from 11 A.M. until 3 P.M.

**Tuesday, November 9, 1880**—I attended to the Temple business busly all day & settled my farm business with Bro C. W. Nibley in the evening. These are busy days for me.

**Hyrum, Wednesday, November 10, 1880**—Pres. M. Thatcher Wm B. Preston & my self arrived here about 11:30 found the Sts convened for meeting Singing, prayer by Bp. O. N. Linjenquest O. [Ola] N. Liljenquist We we were addressed by Bp. Maughan Expressed his **thankfulness** gratitude in meeting with the Sts. & Servants of God & listen to their teachings.

C. O. Card Spoke of the necessity of living the Laws & ordinances of the Gospel also upon the Blessings that accrue from building temples & keeping the commands of God.

Pres M Thatcher arose & spoke of the necessity of prayer & supplication & fasting for the blessings we need refered to the prophet Daniel praying 21 days. Spoke of the building of temples and what a Goodly work it was & we could Scarcely comprehend its greatness.

In building the Logan we are doing a work for ourselves & to the Glory & honor of God. Choir Sang meeting adjourned until 2 P.M. Benediction by Pres Preston.

**2 P.M.** Meeting convened Singing prayer by Bp W. H. Maughan. Song. Bp Linjinquest arose and said

<sup>33</sup> Card and other Latter-day Saints were effective in getting out the vote, and George Q. Cannon received 18,568 votes whereas his opponent, the Liberal candidate Allen G. Campbell, received only 1,357. However, Governor Eli H. Murray declared that Cannon, being “an unnaturalized alien,” was ineligible to hold office, and issued a certificate of election to Campbell. The House of Representatives overruled Murray and approved Cannon’s claim to a seat in Congress (see Larson 1961, 209–10).

<sup>34</sup> This is Joseph Coulson Rich, who was a genuine prankster and a favorite of his father. Joseph operated a store in Paris and used his trade connections to create fun for the community. He

bought a special ink that could be read only after heat was applied and with it wrote scriptural messages on the eggs of a certain brown hen. Soon the entire community gathered to see what the hen had to say about the latest gossip in the village. He is also credited with creating the Bear Lake Monster myth. It was Joseph C. Rich and wives Mary Ann and Emeline Arrington who accompanied Charles C. Rich to Logan. Arrington (1974, 313–14) only mentions the two wives, while Card says there were three. Perhaps only two went on to Salt Lake City and the other returned to her Bear Lake home.

he had learned the Gospel by communication from On High & God had blessed him on his missions but had been unfortunate enough to give a way to drink. I do not come here to justify myself. But, have resolved to quit and ask your faith & prayers. I do ask your forgiveness as I do not wish to loose my priesthood nor blessings took his seat in tears.<sup>35</sup>

Pres Preston arose and asked the sts if they were willing to forgive him & Sustain him in their faith & prayers. Vote unanimous with many tears in the eyes of the audience.

Pres. Thatcher arose and said he believed the Sts had done this with a good feeling and has forgiven as we wish to be forgiven. He refered to ancient & modern rev. on this subject. We should be on the side of mercy & justice. It is the duty of the Presidency to see that there is not iniquity Without the faith and prayers of the Sts we could not be sustained in our positions as presidenties and Bps.

We do not wish to judge harshly the young & let the old or influential. But the law is made for all.

There is a way to reach iniquity in all. We cannot Sustain a Bp. in drinking nor forgive 70 times 7 because there is the salvation of a people at stake. If there is a man that has tempted him to lead him away he has need to come here and as[k] forgiveness. It is not right to tempt men that we may laugh at his fall. He noticed one weakness of this people to always notice the weakness of one another.

You should try to sustain Bp. L. with your faith & prayers & not offer him the tempting cup. You have seen that the lines are drawn as close on a Bp as a member Asked the prayers of the Sts & Bade them good bye.

Pres Preston Said that Bro L had his strongest sympathies. Exhorted the Sts to be one. Read the Saviors Sermon on the Mount. We should follow the good examples of our Savior of meekness and humility confess our sins that they may go be fore us to judgement and we will fell more like the children of God.

Refered the Sts to the rev. on tithes offerings and Temple building. Our works should correspond with our faith. Blessed the Sts.

C. O. Card asked aid in behalf of the Logan Temple asked the Elders to lay this subject before the Sts intelligently as a principle. Singing. Benediction by Apostle Moses Thatcher.

We proceeded to Wellsville & took supper with Bro Evan Owens.<sup>36</sup> Met with the Sts of this place at 6:30 P.M. Singing. Prayer by C O Card. Singing. Pres. Preston arose and spoke of the covenents we make each Sabbath in partaking of the Sacrament. Also of the great privilege we have in gathering from the nations from whence we have been called.

Mormonism is true, it is the power of God unto Salvation. Referred to the first Gospel sermon he ever heard. Said he had met with the Elders Quorum & advised them to an occasional testimonial meeting.

The Gospel is given to us for perfection. Spoke very encouragingly to young & old in regard to the necessity of having a testimony of the Gospel. We should try to comprehend the Gospel & the rev pertaining thereto. The nearer we cleave to the principles of the Gospel the better Government we will have. Cease to have hardness one with another. Gave much other good instruction.

Apostle M Thatcher arose and stated he was thankful to meet with the Sts here in Wellsville who are very happily situated in regard to food and raiment. Unless we lay the foundation of life correctly we are apt to meet with a great deal of sorrow. To Know God and his Son is to copy after him. I we have rec'd the commands of God & are able to keep them we are on a solid foundation. If we have heard them & keep them or not we are on a sandy foundation. Spoke of the great command that children honoring their parents. The foundations of God's Supremacy in his Kingdom must commence around the family hearth stone. Referred to the lack of family union in the U.S. as a great weakness in this Govnment.

The Greatest mission is of life is around the family circle A mission to Mexico is nothing to this. We are all called as Elders to the Mission to the family circle. Referred the Sts to the Law of Celestial or rev. pertaining thereto.

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<sup>35</sup> Ola N. Liljenquist's repentance must have been sincere because he was chosen to be among the initial officiators in the Logan Temple following its dedication. He was also a member of the temple prayer circle. Not only was Liljenquist the bishop of the Hyrum Ward, but he was also the second vice president of the Cache Valley united order. It is also reported that he directed the

most successful community united orders in Cache Valley (see Olsen 1978, 142, 159; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 197, 199).

<sup>36</sup> Evan Owen came to Utah in 1852 and was among the early settlers of Wellsville. He died on April 19, 1906, in Wellsville (see A. Jenson 1914, 4 [supplement]).

It is true greatness to go and ask forgiveness of those we offend though it be a child. Spoke of the evils existing among families.

Bore his testimony that if there were any unmarried females that ought to be married that it was not the fault of the females. Are there men in Israel that have been tried to the center? Yes. God is within the reach of both female & male. Bore testimony to the truth of Celestial Marriage.<sup>37</sup>

Show me a man that is kind to his family in faith I will show you one that will not forget the watch word that will Bring her forth. Others acts will be contrary.

Brethren and sisters that can keep the Laws of celestial marriage and live in peace are good men and women. Do men have pets? Yes.

If we do an unjust act we will have to make it right. I have seen men desert their wives & be held up to the people. Should not be. Daughters of Zion receive good men, but do not receive the distrustful or those that will desert others for you. These are Small matters, but they are the foundations of Gods Glory. He Spoke very elaborately good kind & plain on this subject Husbands be kind to your wives & wives to your Husband & asked the blessings of God up the Sts here & those that preside over them. Young Ladies select good men & not those that will trifle with your virtues.

C. O. Card Bore his testimony to the remarks of the brethren that preceded him & Exhorted the Sts to accept the first proposition the Lord has given us to settle our difficulties. Invited the Sts. to make a united effort on the Logan Temple.

Singing Benediction by Bp O. N. Linjenquest. Prests Thatcher Preston & my self Stayed over night with Bro. Evan Owens who treated us very kindly.

**Thursday, November 11, 1880**—We bade our hosts adieu at 9 A.M. & started for Logan where we arrived Shortly after 10 A.M. When we attended a meeting of the Board of the Brigham Young College until 2 P.M. The Ballance of the day I passed in Temple business.

<sup>37</sup> Moses Thatcher practiced what he preached. He had three wives: Lettie Ann Farr, Lydia Clayton, and Georgianna Snow (see Thatcher 1975, 1).

<sup>38</sup> This may have been the wife of Ulrich Loosle, who was one of the original settlers in the Clarkston-Newton area and who not only served as a minuteman but was also the precinct pond keeper (see Ravsten and Ravsten 1966, 3–4).

<sup>39</sup> The Jacobs family was part of a group of nine families who settled Newton in the summer of 1869. Later they moved to the

**Friday, November 12, 1880**—I attended pretty strictly to Temple business mostly on the block. Wrote one letter to Apostle F. D. Richards Ogden.

**Saturday, November 13, 1880**—To day I passed as usual in Local Temple business writing letters &c.

**Sunday, November 14, 1880**—About 9 A.M. Pres Preston and myself started for Newton where we arrived about 11 A.M. Were invited to attend the funeral services of a Sister Loosley [Loosle] which we did & Each made some encouraging remarks.<sup>38</sup>

Between the meetings we held a meeting with Bros Barker [and] Griffin in regard to a difficulty they had in a dance on the evening the 24th of July last. During this little meeting Pres Preston asked me to go at 1:30 P.M. which I did. After the meeting was opened Sacrament was administered. I addressed the Sts upon the importance of partaking of the Bread and water worthyly and the importance of Keeping the confidence of God & one another. Pres Preston came in with the Brethren Arose & said We had held a meeting with the brethren & they were all wrong and had agreed to ask the forgiveness of one another & the Sts here. Bro Barker arose & asked forgiveness which was unanimously given by the uplifted hand. Bro Swen Jacobs Jr arose & said he had not been to meeting since the fuss on the 24th July last<sup>39</sup> Was sorry for his conduct & asked the forgiveness of all. Bro A. Sheppard arose & said he asked forgiveness which was granted. Bro H. S. Jacobs also asked forgiveness Granted all votes were unanimous. Pres Preston and stated you are a family here & should try to keep your family affairs at home. He read rev. from Doc & Cov. given Sept 1/31.<sup>40</sup> The brethren have all exhibited a good humble Spirit. What the brethren has done is accepted before the Lord. You Should sustain them. Dancing is no part in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are permitted to dance by Gods authority has given permission to dance under certain restrictions which you should follow. Not get them up for the Sake of gain & meet & close at the hours prescribed. We need the Spirit

Bannock Stake in Idaho (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 68; A. Jenson 1914, 210).

<sup>40</sup> Preston read from Doctrine and Covenants 64:9–10, which says, “Wherefore, I say unto you, that ye ought to forgive one another; for he that forgiveth not his brother his trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin. I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men.”

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of the Lord to guide us in the dance. Should control them like a meeting.<sup>41</sup>

We came here to be L.D. Sts. both from the Spirit World & the nations. We are not here as a court Bros Card & myself. But here as advisors. The Teachers here should have done months ago what we have done. We got the Spirit of the Lord and had a good little meeting.

Priests and teachers I want you to get the Spirit of the Lord & visit this people. It is your business to see that Sts come to meeting & have the Gospel caried to them. There is as good people here as I know of any where. Some of our people will go by the board in consequence of the evils flood onto them by the world. Exhorted the Sts. to be one in Christ Jesus. It makes me sorrowful to sit in the judgement upon my brethren & sisters. The lord has given us the courts of the church in consequence of our weaknesses. Settle our differences is between one another.

The Pres of the Mutual I.A.S.S. [Mutual Improvement Association and Sunday School] should gather the young together and talk over the principles of the Gospel. We should all act as helps in government that hold the priesthood. See that your children attended the Sts meetings provided for them. May the Lord bless you & help you to train up your boys in the righteousness of the Gospel for out of them will grow up mighty men to bear off the Kingdom. Amen.

C. O. Card asked the Sts to assist all in their power on the Logan Temple.

**Monday, November 15, 1880**—To day I attended to Business on the Temple Block writing letters and looking after matters generally. Had some difficulty with the hoisting engine. We had a good body of masons and carpenters all day.

**Tuesday, November 16, 1880**—The wind rose in the night & blew a strong gale all day so much so that no Labor could be performed on the Temple & elswere out of doors all day.

**Wednesday, November 17, 1880**—This morning I started for the Temple Mill, though very cold, so much so it was very uncomfortable riding arrived at the Mill between 4 & 5 P.M. & Stayed all night found the business going very well.

[Instead of the usual line, there is a drawing of parallel line with joiners similar to a drawing of a railroad track.]

**Thursday, November 18, 1880**—This morning after attending to the necessary business until 8 A.M. I hitched up my team and drove to Logan where I arrived about 12 M. Was very busy all the afternoon looking after the business of the Temple. Met with Pres. Preston and Bro. Nibley at the house of the former & counseled over taking a tie contract of Coe & Carter for the C. P. Ry after which I joined a few of my friends at the house of W. C. Cole until nearly midnight.<sup>42</sup>

[Drawing of a horizontal box, two inches long with a line in the center.]

**Friday & Saturday, November 19 & 20, 1880**—I attended to the temple business. The carpenters worked most of the time on the roof of the Temple though it was very cold & Snowed a little.

**Sunday, November 21, 1880**—This morning I accompanied Pres. Wm B. Preston to Millville & attended their Sabbath School at 10 A.M. However they wer ½ an hour late.<sup>43</sup>

Sacrament & reading and singing exercises an hour when Pres Preston & I called the attention of Supts teachers and Schollars to the subject of order in classes & their exercises & general deportment of the School. Pres Preston chided the teachers & Supts on the order of the school. Said you good intelligent boys & girls & should be looked We left our blessings with them.

2 P.M. We met with the Sts meeting opened with Prayer By Elder [John] Kings. Sacrament. Pres Preston arose and expressed his pleasure in meeting again with the Sts here & to see your meeting house

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<sup>41</sup> Dancing, as already noted, has always been a part of Church culture. The guidelines at the time of this event specified that dances be conducted with “propriety, good company and an emphasis on praising the Lord.” The reference to “court” means Church court, where the bishop or stake president acts as judge in disciplining a Church member (see Ludlow 1992, 355, 386–87).

<sup>42</sup> There is a Walter Cole, a sawyer, who lived on Fifth and

Washington Streets in Logan (see Somers 1993, 59).

<sup>43</sup> At the time Card wrote, Henry Chandler was the superintendent of the Millville Sunday School and was assisted by Ola Olsen and Frederick Yeates. The Sunday School had twenty-one officers and teachers and 239 pupils (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 134).



so far completed. Should have some good seats. Bye & Bye fence it & Set out some shade trees. The house of the Lord should be the best. It is not a good plan to make the house of the Lord a house of amusement.

The Solemnities of Heaven rest upon a house that is dedicated to him. As soon as you can build a house for amusement.

Our Sunday Schools Mutual improvement Associations & meetings are the proper places for amusement. He felt not to scold or quarrel with any body but did feel to talk to the Sts, and then refered to the boys smoking tobacco & asked where they learned it. Also chewing. Gave his experience in this matter.

Spoke also of the bad effects of the use of Liquor upon the System. We should not let our appetite rule our better judgement. Who is responsible for the Smoking & drunkenness? The Elderly part of this community will have to answer for it for they have trained & educated the young to it. We should not justify ourselves in following the bad examples of others. It is not right to set these examples before your children. Read the duties of Parents towards children from Doc Cov. Page 250 new edition & its context.

There is more necessity of Preaching repentance than in N.C. where your Bp is. because of our children being Born heirs to the covenant. Would like the High Priests seventies Elders teacher to take these things home & teach it in righteousness your children were late to S.S. this morning. Do you not wish your children 6 Ds out of 7 to be up & on hand those 6 Ds. for you but you let them get up late & do as they are a mind to on the Lords day when they should be punctual. Referred to the disorderly S.S. we attended here this morning. You should control your children in kindness & meekness. The responsibilities do not all rest on the Bp here but upon all those that bear the Priesthood here. Especially the teachers & Priests. If their are any of the teachers that have hardness against their brethren, they should make it right or resign their positions. Your children should be Kept off the streets. Referred to the rudeness of some of our Logan boys & who are They? Sons of our High Priests seventies & Elders. Worried the Sts. of these evils. You See that your cattle & horses are in their stalls & let your children run at Large & not care for them and teach them according to revelation. Are we to resign our

priesthood to policeman & officers? No! the Lord forbid. We call upon the priesthood to keep order here. Relief & Mutual Improvement Societies & do we it in the name of Jesus Christ. Cleanse you town of the damnable curse drink. Each one Set his own house in order. Spoke of the absence of the Bp.<sup>44</sup> & the unsuccessfull manner in which Bro. Anderson has got along & we have thought a change was necessary and we have thought it best to set apart a priest to preside until your Bp. returns & thought that Bro Lee would set Bro John King as a presiding. We move (Bro Card & Myself) that we sustain Bro John King as a presiding Priest of this Ward all voted but Thos Jessop who Said he believed Bro J. King to be a hypocrit Pres Preston said Bro Jessops objections But wished him to appear befor the High counsel on the 2nd Saturday in next month to substantiate his accusations on penalty of his follow ship. He read from Doc Cov. Page 240 in regard to forgiveness. Talked kindly to Brother Jessop in regard to his course. We came here to follow the dictates of the Spirit of the Gospel & Should the Spirit dictate otherwise we will so act.

We want to learn to be one & we will be blessed.

Elder C. O. Card made Some remarks in relation to the remarks of Prs Preston endorsing them & the action taken exhorted the Sts to oneness & faithfulness in keeping the commands of God. Ivited kindly the Sts to assistance of the Sts in behalf of the Logan Temple. Bro John King expressed is willingness to try to fill his position to the best of his ability. Benediction by Elder C. O. Card.

After visiting Widow \_\_\_\_\_ [Lime?] we returned to Logan about dark. I felt unwell on arriving home felt I had taken a severe cold in fact my whole system was filled with protracted colds so much so I retired very early being unable to attend evening meeting. Spent a very restless night troubled with a severe pain in the Head.

**Monday, November 22, 1880**—This morning no better. About 2 P.M. my wives & mother gave me an alcohol Sweat for about an hour after I Sweat until midnight very freely.

**Tuesday, November 23, 1880**—Some little better kept my bed most of the day. My wives who have been at variance for many months past I called to my bed side & told them the Lord required us all to

<sup>44</sup> George D. Pitkin was made the bishop of the Millville

Ward in 1861 (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 54).

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forgive one another which they did to my comfort and great Satisfaction trusting that peace may reign.

**Wednesday, November 24, 1880**—To day as well as yesterday found me much better for which I acknowledge the hand of the Lord through the administration of the Elders that visited me accompanied by the kindness of my family. Both yesterday & to day I have been able to give many Sugestions to the brethren that Labor upon the Temple.

**Thursday, November 25, 1880**—To day for the first time since last Saturday was I able to visit the Temple which I did with much Satisfaction to witness the progress of the work and the energy of the hands in prosecuting the Glorious Labor.

**Friday, November 26, 1880**—This morning I went to the Temple passed the fore noon then callen on Bro John Parry who had been unwell for a few days. Dined with him visited the New rock School house in the 5th Ward. The brethren building Sheds for the Temple Stock repairing sheds. Went on to roof Thence home having passed the whole day in this way.

**Saturday, November 27, 1880**—This morning feeling still a little better I went to the Temple where I passed the most of the day. Dined with the Temple hands. Wrote a letter made suggestions and did what I could during the day.

**Sunday, November 28, 1880**—This Beautiful cold Sabbath morning and day of rest and worship the for part of which I pass at home with my families.

I attended meeting with the Sts of Logan who were addressed by C. W. Nibley on the Subject making Labor for our sons By pres. Preston all were filled with Spirit of instruction & said many good to the Sts.

Attend a meeting of the S.S. Union in the Tabernacle.

**Monday, November 29, 1880**—To day I passed in looking after the Temple business which ocupies most of my attention, which is enough for one person when properly attended to.

**Tuesday, November 30, 1880**—To day was passed in the good Labors of the Temple Went to Ogden this after noon Stayed with Pres Richards.<sup>45</sup>

**Wednesday, December 1, 1880**—Went to Salt Lake to day Visited Pres. Taylor on Temple Business. Stayed over night with Pres. Rich.

**Thursday, December 2, 1880**—Visited Pres Taylor & returned home. Temple business until Eleven O.C. [Rotated slightly is: Sat. Home] A.M. When I attended a Priest hood meeting of this Stake of Zion.

**Sunday, December 5, 1880**—This morning I attended the 2nd Ward S.S.<sup>46</sup>

Met with the Sts in the Logan Tabernacle who were addressed by Pres W. M. B. Preston and Bro. Robt Baxter one of our home missionaries Subjects Tithing, Prayers & home duties.

**Monday, December 6, 1880**—This morning I attended To Temple Biz until 10 A.M. when I met with the Co. Court as one of the Com. which lasted until about 4 P.M. Was busily engaged until dark with Temple & other biz.

**Tuesday, December 7, 1880**—This morning I started for Logan Temple Mill where I arrived about 4 P.M. Made settlement with about 15 men who had to go home on act. [account] of the Snow being So deep we obliged to quit as it became unprofitable.

**Wednesday, December 8, 1880**—This morning I Started for Logan where I arrived about 1 P.M. & attended to Temple business the ballance of the day.

**Thursday, December 9, 1880**—Attended to the Same routine of Temple Biz.

**Friday & Saturday, December 10 & 11, 1880**—I attended to Temple & other business until Sat 1 P.M. when I met with the High Council of this Stake of Zion The Case of Warner Hoops was before us. Which showed the weakness of man in Bring Small things before such a Council & bother so many men on such small points. Seems as if men

<sup>45</sup> Apostle Franklin D. Richards resided in Ogden, where he served as the Church's chief ecclesiastical officer and his wife was the stake Relief Society president. On January 10, 1869, Richards noted in his diary, "It was decided at council that I be appointed to go and live at Ogden, take charge and preside over that stake of Zion and be elected Judge of Weber County" (see Roberts and

Sadler 1997, 132).

<sup>46</sup> The Logan Second Ward Sunday School, at the time Card wrote, was led by superintendent William H. Apperley and his assistants, Edward W. Smith and Orrin W. Benson (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 128–29).

would go a great distance to Satisfy their Stubborn Wills.

This council lasted until dark. When I adjusted my attire & Started with Pres. Merrill for Richmond where we arrived about 7:30 P.M. Remained over night with Pres. Merrill.

[Two and one-half pages left blank at this point. Card has the intention here of going back at a later time to add information.]

**Sunday, December 12, 1880**—Having Stayed all night with Pres M. W. Merrill He sent his son Hazen to Lewiston with me where we met with and addressed the S.S.<sup>47</sup> upon the the necessity of being conversant with the Scriptures to treat one another with kindness and use the Authority of the priesthood by persuasion forbearance &c as per revelation

Found a good School here and an excellent attendance of parents as well as children and well conducted throughout.

At 1 P.M. Prests Wm B Preston and M. W. Merrill joined us in a well attended meeting. Choir sang. Prayer by Bp W. H. Lewis. Singing. Sacrament. Counselor Merrill arose & expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Sts here. Said he was Baptized in the year 1851 Apr 6 & came to these valleys in 18&53. Since that time have attended many meetings.

Referred to the organization of wards and we have teachers to administer and if they take an interest in their Labors they will feel well & give Satisfaction to the Sts with whom we Labor. It is not wise for Elders to accept an appointment except unless they will manify their callings. When they take hold or we take hold of a Labor we will accomplish it. We are not as humble as we should be & we do not cultivate that feeling towards one another we should. We should criticise our own acts and cast up our acts, Daily monthly or yearly & see if we have done any wrong thing against our neighbors. Related a dream Thought he was dead. Thought He could see back & comprehend all his acts during life. We can cultivate ourselves that our company will be agreeable to our families our neighbors. We Should use the same respect to our families as we do to others no matter who they are.

<sup>47</sup> Thomas Hazen Merrill, the son of Marriner Wood Merrill and Sarah Ann Atkinson, his first wife, was born June 11, 1859, and was Merrill's fourth child (see Flake 1974, 381, 509). Leaders of the Lewiston Sunday School were J. E. Layne, Hans Funk, William Waddoups, and S. J. Allen. The ward had thirty-five

We should not cultivate the spirit of Malace & allow it to have place in our hearts if we do it will take the place that should be ocupied with the good. Should not cultivate a Spirit of nationality but should be Latter day Sts. The Lord has given been more particular in giving us good suggestions than we have been in carying them out. While we have malice in our hearts, we should not partake of the Sacrament. Go to & make the wrongs right as the Lord directs.

When we have the Spirit of the Lord we have no difficulties We must Learn to be warm hearted & L.D. Sts. We should not accept of the offices of teacher Priests Elders Bps &c & never visit the Sts nor do our duty, but Should magnify our callings Advised the Sts to examine their tithing records & see if they ~~You~~ you have done your duty. Made many appropriate remarks up on tithing & other principles Such as honesty and integrity in all things. Bore testimony that this the L.D. work is of God and He will over rule all for Good.

Pres Preston arose and & said the remarks made were such as would be and are good for the L.D. Sts. He Suggested that you need more room here for your meetings & S.S. Should enlarge this house 15 or 20 feet you are able to do it and I think willing. It is our duty & mission to build and create plan and work. We care for our stock but How much more it is necessary to care for and provide School houses &c for our children. Referred to the blessings that accrue from paying our tithing. Quoted from Malichi & Doc & Cov.<sup>48</sup>

The Spirit of instructing the Sts in regard to their tithes and offerings rested upon Pres Preston and he dwelt at Some length upon it. Said the Spirit of discontentment rested upon those that neglect these duties. Invite your neighbors to come and assist you in ocupying these Broad acres. Set out shade trees orchards Gardens &cc.

If we are wise we will proffit by the experience of others and not have to go through the schools of Severity. Exhorted the Sts to pray morn & eve and ask a blessing upon your food and teach your children to do the same also to take our tithes and offerings to the places designated for them that they may be educated in these things. We have been sent here

officers and teachers and 376 pupils (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 126–27).

<sup>48</sup> Preston quoted Malachi 3:7–10 and Doctrine and Covenants 119:3–4.

on the earth to perform a mission assigned & many of our children have mighty missions to perform. Spoke of the good works to be performed in the temples that we are building and we are called upon to accomplish these Labors. Spoke of the rapid increase of the Sts. Too many of us have a religion of our own but thrive [strive?] live the religion of Jesus Christ.

If we have sick among us send for the Elders to anoint & pray over them & if you cant find them you Sisters anoint and pray over them.<sup>49</sup> If you have ought against your neighbor, go to them & not publish it to others. Asked the god of Heaven to bless the Sts. Choir Sang Benediction By Counselor C. O. Card.

After meeting we went to Franklin. Took supper with Sister Hatch.

Met with the Sts. of this place at 6 P.M. Good attendance After the Choir Sang & Prayer by Elder S. R. Parkensen Pres Preston asked to Speak which I did and Addressed them upon the necessity of unity in the heads of the departments of the Kingdom of as well as the whole body. Criticise ourselves instead of one another and compare our own acts and see how they correspond with Laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

Pres Preston arose and Said it was good for us to meet together and bear testimony of the truth of the Gospel. It is the business of the Elders to proclaim the principles of the Gospel. This is what we are Franklin for even all. The earth yields abundance for our sustinance. We have been gathered to build up Zion. Preach the Gospel & magnify the priesthood you bear by so doing.

See that there is no hardness Back biting, evil speating in your families and over those whom you preside. Manufacture that which you you need.

Do not speculate of from one another like the world but make homes and organize the elements for Our use in building up the Kingdom of God. Visit the sick and afflicted & comfort those that mourn. We have an important mission for ourselves.

We are traveling arround to stir up the pure minds of the Sts to remembrance.

We have an important mission towards our children and it is important to teach them that God lives. For great responsibilities will rest upon them in taking the place of their parents. There Should be an organization of a Priests quorum and they should be in good working order. God did not organize any of these qurum in error. Each of these should do their duty. The teachers also have great responsibilities that do not rest. There is an important work for the Aronic Priesthood & there Should be called ~~part~~ Some young energetic men to assist the older ones. Many only come to meeting when the Apostle visit you. I am led to believe that the priests quorum is neglected here and elswere. Because of this neglect we have called Some Missionaries who are traveling & acually doing the work of Priests. He tried to impress the great necessity of perfecting all of the organizations in a ward capacity.

The Priests and teachers will in traveling among the Sts take up the scriptures and expound them teach them to pray & ask a blessing upon their food. Invite them to pray with you & you (the Teachers & Priests) pray with them. The Lord will hold us responsible for our neglect. You Should visit from house to house I bear my testimony to you that Mormonism is true God bless you all A-Men.

Pres. Merrill arose and bore his testimony to the remarks of the brethren who had address us this evening. Spoke of a visit of Pres Jedediah M Grant to the ward where he used to reside.<sup>50</sup>

Spoke of the great necessity of reverence of the Deity when we pray. When there is an elder says let us pray We Should unite and all pray. We should keep good order. Quiet & peace. When we enter the the house of worship should take off our hats whether to a party or meeting of worship.

Bore his testimony that this the work of God that will eventually revolutionize the earth. God bless you all Amen. Singing Benediction by Elder Thos Durant.<sup>51</sup>

**Monday, December 13, 1880**—We remained with good people of Franklin over night.

Visited the factory this morning Thence to Worm creek ward where we met with the Sts of this

<sup>49</sup> For information on Latter-day Saint women and the practice of anointing and prayer, see Newell 1987, 111–50; and Newell 1985, 21–32).

<sup>50</sup> Jedediah Morgan Grant was born February 21, 1816, and joined the Church in Windsor, Broome County, New York. He was called as second counselor to Brigham Young on April 7,

1854, and served in the First Presidency until his death, December 1, 1856 (see Flake 1974, 125).

<sup>51</sup> Thomas Durant served as the secretary of the Franklin Ward Sunday School and was an officer in the Sunday School for more than twenty-five years (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 240).

place at 1 P.M. Singing. Prayer by Bp N Porter Singing. Elder T. Durant who had been invited to accompany us was called upon to first address the Sts. here. Desired the faith of the Sts while he addressed them. Exhorted the people to keep the commands of God. He exhorts the young to quallify themselves to fill the Several callings in the Church & Kingdom of God. Drew the attention of the Sts to the gradual extension of our Settlements &c. Bore his Testimony to the work of God.

Pres. M. W. Merrill arose & said we are here to talk & visit with you and shall do so as the Spirit suggests. A few yrs ago this place was a hard ground now it is dotted over with houses. You are here to develop this country and make homes and room that you may dwell. Do not know as you need Speculators here but you do need working men & women to develop the place. Referred to the faithful advice and Labors of Bros Benson and Maughan [Maughan] who now are behind the Vail.<sup>52</sup>

Urged the Sts to unity in all things. Better be united on a poor plan than divided on a good one. Encouraged the brethren to get out the water & plant shade trees, shrubbery. None should hold back but should try to do our part, and even a little more will be a credit to you and will make you a good record. Be kind to one another attend to your prayers night and Morn. Except we attend our prayers we can not keep the Spirit of the work of God. We are here to educate our children in the Latter day work. Teach them to pray & they will be men & women of faith in the Lord. We should adjust our difficulties as the Lord has dereded [directed]. Referred to the duties of Priests and the good work they can perform visiting the Sts and teach them the ways of the Gospel. We should watch our selves & not sit in judgement upon our neighbors, but sit in judgement on ourselves. We can not afford to do wrong in taking the advantage of one another. Neither should we neglect our tithes and offerings. If this people will pay their tithing they will become rich & the Lord bless this Land and the Spirit of the Lord will flow unto them as the water from one vesel to another. Asked God bless the people.

Pres. C. O. Card arose and followed in the same strain of the brethren that preceded them Bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel & exhorted the

Saints to dilligence & faithfulness & invoked the blessings of God up on them.

Presiden Preston arose & Said in meeting with you reminds me of 21 yrs. ago in Logan But we had no Lumber to make a roof & floor to our meeting house & you have need of a Larger Meeting house. You Should have a good Larg Piece of Land to put it on You also Should have a similar place for a tithing office & yard. Read from the Doc. cov. rev given Sep 11-1831 also read rev. on tithing. We should pay our tithes that this Land Should Sanctified unto us. The School houses in Logan have too Little ground. Should have 4 or 5 acres of Land for them. Should have 5 Acres for tithing premises. You Should not try to retain Land for your children. Set out shade trees, Orchards flower Gardens &c. The sisters can assist in these things.

Fence you in good gardens & plant out trees Some trees if only 2 or 3. Currents & Goosberries also straw Berries. Said it was the duty of parents to provide fruit that your children may not be tempted to take fruit that does belong to them. Cache Valley has the name of being thrifty, it is because many have taken the advice of those that have presided over you. May the Lord bless you in you in your Labors. Be one with your Bp in getting out your Large ditch. Divide up your Lands put on about 10 where there is but one. The Lord will cut off the disobedient & rebellious. Bore his testimony to it. Referred to the remnents of the Lands as the fruits of disobedience to Gods command. We wish to rear our children for usefulness. God bless you all Amen. Choir Sang. Benediction by Elder E. R. Lawrence<sup>53</sup> We stayed over night with Bp. Porter.

**Tuesday, December 14, 1880**—This morning at 7:20 We Bade Bp. Porter and family adieu & Started to Mink creek where we arrived shortly after 10 A.M. where we met with the Sts in their comfortable log school house. Singing Prayer by Elder A. P. Davis Singing Pres Merrill arose & spoke of the necessity of all uniting with the one who was mouth in prayer

You have a good place and plenty of food for your families & flocks. You have plenty to do. Teach your children to pray, never allow them to go to bed without it. They then will grow up to be powerful

<sup>52</sup> Merrill is referring to the deaths of Ezra T. Benson and Peter Maughan, two of the founding fathers of Cache Valley. Benson died September 3, 1869, and Maughan died April 24, 1871 (see Flake 1974, 217; A. Jensen 1914, 85).

<sup>53</sup> Elisha R. Lawrence had presided over the settlers in Worm Creek since 1877, but he served under the direction of the bishop of Franklin (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 72).

and influential men & women. Our families Should be cared for & taught to do right. We make our own difficulty. Should not Seek the Spirit of revenge. But Seek to love one another & have confidence one with the other. Should not profane the name of the Lord.

We Should be particular in filling our positions. Priests should visit and Preach the Gospel to them. If we do not fill these positions they may come aganst us in a day to come. Urged the Sts. to pay their tithes that you may sanctify the Land & be participants in the blessings that accrue there from. God Bless you Amen.

Elder Durant nex arose & felt to rejoice that he was his friends. We have come to bless & edify the Sts. The Holy Ghost Should be our constant companyon & should live so as to have it abide with us. We are to perfect ourselves. Said this is a good place to practice the Word of Wisdom & advised the Sts to observe this revelation.

Spoke of the great necessity of the observance of the Lawes and ordinances That we may have good faith to to succesfully combat with the adversary. Prayed that the blessings of God to rest upon the Sts.

Pres Preston arose & expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Sts of this place. Advised the Sts to Select a good place for a road & make a good road to get to & fro from We should bless the country in which we reside & look unselfishly to the interests of the public. Called the attention of the Bp & Counsellors & Sts to Locate a good place & build a good Tithing granery, cellar and office. Could build it high enough for a prayer circle overhead. Gave his experience in the first Settlement of Logan.

Quoted from rev. on Tithing and instructed the Sts to sanctify themselves through the Law of tithing.

The Lord wants the Sts to keep the Lawes and ordinances of The Gospel, that we may be recipients of his blessings.

Sit in judgement on ourselves see how many have kept all our acts correct. Suppose an angel of the Lord came along & examine these & other records. How would we feel if we have been doing. Impressed the necessity of keeping faithful records. Look them over occasionally and see if cary out the instuctions given you. Train your children according to the righteousness of the Gospel. We follow too much after our traditions.

We should learn to do what the Lord requires of us for the Lord has Said He will have a willing and an

Thomas Durant—Better be worn than rusted out.

*See entry, December 14, 1880.*

obedient people. Attend to your prayers, Sustain your Bp, pray for him. May the Lord bless you & prosper you.

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

Bro Card endorsed the remarks of the preceeding Speakers and his testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Referred to the Saying of Bp Hunter: pay your tithing and be blessed and the same advice will apply to all the commandments Keep all the commandments that are given and the blessing of the Lord will be upon you. Also referred to authority to administering in the ordinances of Laying on off hands for healing the sick told that the sisters have the authority to Lay their hands on the sick in the name of Jesus Christ but not by power of the Priesthood. Encouraged the people to settle their own difficulties themselves and take the case to the Bps. Suggested that the brethren feel liberal in their feelings in regard to their Land devide with others who are coming and who also want homes. Felt pleased that the Saints here are liberal in donating for the Temple and closed by Blessing the people.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Pres Preston arose & stated that it was very proper to come in and settle your tithes and offerings & make settlement with one another. Referred again to the road Should have a committee to locate it & suggested to take the grade of the creek a proper distance from it. Organize your Shchool Disct and make application for it. Singing Benediction By Pres Merrill.

After meeting we started to Mound Valley 6 of the Brethren from Mink creek going aheat [ahead] to Break road through the snow as well as one horseman to pilot. The varied over the hills from 1½ to 3 feet deep. When we got to the top of the ridge 4 of the brethren & the Horse man returned the other 2 accompanied us into the Valley one of them being the Bp of Mink creek the other Bro Kelly [Keller?]. We arrived at Bp. Robt Williams at 7 P.M. He divided the company among Himself and neighbors who mad us wecome and comfortable.

**Wednesday, December 15, 1880**—During the fore noon we Located a place for tithing Barn. Office. Granery & corralls also visited with the Sts.

AT 1 P.M. We met with the Sts in their School house though raning there was a very good turn out of the Sts.

Choir Sang prayer by T G. Bennet.<sup>54</sup>

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

Bro C. O. Card Showed that all the male members (or nearly so) hold some portion of preisthood either Aronic or Melchesidic and showed the necessity of magnifying the same in order to recieve a blessing. Also showed that it is better to seek the Kingdom of God and his righteousness first so that he would add his blessings. To the young men he said it would much better for them to learn the principles of Gospel at home instead of waiting until you go on missions as that is a poor place to learn them. He then shown the necessity of oneness in officers and members. Gave some good instructions to the youth in regard to mutual improvement May God Bless and assist you in carying out the purposes of God. Amen.

Pres Merrill stated we were arround visiting the Sts. I think it is a good plan for the Sts to visit one another, be sociable & kind to each other. We could not build up a place alone but we need the assistance. The Gospel has brought us here and it is all right that you are here in this valley. Pres Young said the Lord has reserved this Land & those valleys for his Sts. The Lord wants us to bless the Land the seed you Sow your flocks and ask God to bless them. This is a good Land & the Elders should go forth in the strength of the priesthood & perform these Labors. Should teach our children to pray & revrence God and His Priesthood. Our mission is to do good and the Lord does not object to our having property if we use it for Good. All the blessings we enjoy are the providences of God unto us. We make more rapid progress than those of the world in Temporal things. We should try to appreciate these things. For the blessings of God is upon this Land. You should not be dependent upon others for a testimony of the Gospel and enjoy the blessings pertaining thereto.

Bore a strong testimony to the Truth of the Gospel. Prayed Lord to bless the Sts.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Pres. Preston arose and bore testimony to the truth of the remarks of the brethren The principle of the Gospel were planed in Eternity before the foundations of this earth was Layed. Was pleased to visit with the Sts but we were not here for that alone but to advise and counsel the Sts. The Lord has commenced to fill up these Mts. & is not agoing to Stop His work.

Spoke upon the principle of tithing quoting from the rev. on the same. Explained the Blessings pertaining there to. Observe to keep this Law & sanctify this Land by keeping this Law.

Quoted Malachi nex to the Last chapter. You have no store house & the best way is to provide a place. Have selected a Location for them. You will find by complying with this Law that the Lord will not be slack in blessings.

Repair your saw Mill & haul in the Logs. Map out some work that you may not be idle. Haul rock on sleds. Make good Barns with rock foundations. Sell your stock Build you barnes & comfortable houses. Save your straw and chaff for it is wrong to waste it. Make good Sheds and comfortable places for your stock. Try to make good cheese & butter for our Markets. Build good fences arround your fields and teach your children habits of industry. Build you a grist mill and save time that you spend hauling out your grain & flour back. You can build it cooperatively in this way you will build up home. Make everything as pleasant & as homelike as posible Plant you orchards. Currents & Gooseberries. Let us pray in faith over our sick. You need no doctors and Lawyers. There is room here for hundreds more. Advised the Sts to divide their Large farmes. The Lord is going to have a righteous people to occupy this Land. If we wish to be blessed & prospered we will keep the commands of God. God bless you all. Amen.

Singing and closed with Pray prayer by Elder T. Durant.

After meeting we 4 or 5 miles north & crossed Bear River on the ice to the house of Bro. S Hale<sup>55</sup>

<sup>54</sup>Thomas Bennett and his son William came to the Mound Valley region of Cache Valley in 1869 and constructed one of the first three log cabins (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 74).

<sup>55</sup>Solomon H. Hale resided in the area and, on June 1, 1884,

became the first counselor in the Oneida Stake presidency. He also served on the board of the Oneida Academy (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 290; A. Jenson 1914, 115).

## Local Conferences

Where we met with Sts on that side of the river at 6:30. Singing Prayer by Elder David Brown Singing.

Elder Thos Durant first addressed the assembled Sts. Said meeting in a private house reminded him of meeting with the Sts. in his native Land. There had been many concerts made in small assemblies. Exhorted the Sts to keep the counsels of those that preside over us. You have a good place here to serve the Lord. We came here for that purpose. The Lord has not revealed any principle that the we should discard. We are requested to Build up temples &c.

We should not pass all our time in looking after the things God Has blessed us with but seek to do our duties in regard to the principles of the Gospel. Spoke of the necessity of reading the Scriptures. Try to Learn something that will be a profit to us in the Gospel. Discouraged the reading of fiction.

Spoke very encouragingly to the young impressing the necessity of becoming acquainted with the principles of the Gospels. Better be worn out than rust out.

Pres. Preston read from Book of Mormon Page 465 Sayings of the Savior (other Sheep &c Belief of the gentiles &c) Said it was important that we ponder over these things for they are true They portray the things of to day. Exhorted the Sts. to Study these Sayings read rev. on Tithing. I wish to See the people in this valley grow and prosper. The Lord has commenced to redeem the remnants of the Land. We are in the hands of the Lord & he has blessed the Land & our children for our sakes. Bore his testimony to the truth of Mormonism & that all the revelations will be fulfilled. We Should be careful and dilligent to observe the Lawes of God. Live the religion of Jesus Christ. Suggested the Sts build a meeting house on this side of the river. God bless you all. Amen.

Pres. Merrill expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Sts. here. The object we have in meeting here is to do good.

All public improvements require Public enterprise.

There is a great deal of Labor attached to opening New Settlements & we should let enterprising in all public things. If we use what we possess we will Learn to acknowledg the hand of the Lord in it.

It is important that the young Should learn the truth of the Gospel and obtain a testimony for them Selves. Spoke of the necessity of a home & practicle education.

Teach our children how to pray. Many do not take the pains in this respect they should.

Urged the importance of parents to teach their children honesty & integrity. You Should not go to Law one with one another. Do not cultivate a Spirit of hatred or malice. Urged the importance of paying an honest tithing.

The Mission of all is to do good. Felt there is a good people here you should meet often & Bear testimony one to another and you will be benefited. Settle your difficulties. Pres C. O. Card Bore his testimony to the remarks of those that preceded him & exhorted the Sts to be faithful in all things.

Sang. Benediction By Elder Durant.

We remained over night here with the Sts.

**Thursday, December 16, 1880**—This morning about 10 A.M. we bade our hosts adieu and started for oxford a distance of nearly 30 miles. We dined with a brother by the name of Treasure<sup>56</sup> who resides in the western slope of the Hills about 12 or 13 miles from Oxford. We drove to Oxford station about 4:30 where we left Pres. Preston who had to go to Logan to fill an appointment on Business ~~We conti~~ Thence the Ballance of us continued our journey to Oxford & put up for the night with Bp Fisher. Attended a little sociable at the house of Wm Homer in the evening where we met friends not of our faith as well as those that were who treated very kindly. See next Book Date Dec. 17 - 80.

[Inside back cover.]

100 Temples

200 per day

Total 20,000 Souls

which will take 1000 yrs to do the work for the dead say Pres. M Thacher

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Parents teach their children ere 8 yrs &c Page 231 Doc. cov. next to Last edition 250 last ed.

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<sup>56</sup>They probably lodged with William Treasure, who came to the area later known as Treasureton (named in his honor) in 1875

from Smithfield, Utah (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 77).



[Editor's note: Journal 10 covers December 17, 1880, through March 24, 1881. It is 4¼ by 6¾ inches with a black cover, and entries are written in pencil.]

[Inside front cover.]

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City Council  
Visit Land on Island  
& inspect Land

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Alo Locate Public Lands  
in Bench Survey  
Claims by U.O. Foundry

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[Left marginal note: report to Council first Wednesday Feb.]

[Begin dated entries.]

**Oxford, Friday, December 17, 1880**—We met with the Sts of this place at 1 P.M. Singing pray by Elder Wm Homer Singing. Pres. M. W. Merrill Arose and expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Sts. of this place.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather we have not been able to give you as much notice as would be desirable.

We have no particular texts or new things but hope we may have a refreshing time. The longer we absent ourselves from meetings the more we are inclined so to do.

The Lord under Stood our weakness when He gave the commandment for us to meet often together We should be prompt in our tithes & offerings. Gods commandments were not given unto us to trifle with nor traml under our feet. The closer we apply the ~~Page 35~~ principles of the Gospel to the acts of our lives the ~~Page 40~~ better we feel. [It is uncertain why Card was cross-referencing these page numbers then crossing them out.] If we become indifferent to these things, it is because of our neglect. Read rev. on Tithing. Referred the Sts. to the records of tithes and offerings among us & we would find that those that have been faithful are surrounded with the comforts of life & enjoy the Spirit of the

Gospel. Those that have not observed this Law are poor Temporally & spiritually.

Referred to his early experience in the church walked 7 miles to meeting. Had recorded many prophecies Prst. Young & Kimball & had seen many of them come to pass. The lord has not made any distinction with his people in regard to his laws of tithing. Pres. Yound [Young] said it included the widow. Quoted remarks of Pres. Cannon that before he entered upon any new projects looked over his tithing acts & pay it up in full. Look up your records & see what you have been doing. The servants of God I expect will require it of us sooner or later. Tithing is a debt we contract with the Lord & we should pay it for the sanctification of this Land depend upon it. The easiest way is to keep the commandments of God. We are here to educate ourselves † in the principles of the Gospel.

Spoke of the necessity of teaching our children the same. If we would look after these these things there would be a reformation. If we will teach our children the Gospel they will not go estray.

We may think we have not an opportunity to preach the Gospel ~~Page 131~~ commence at home teach our families and use our influence for good among our friends.

If we have any difficulties we make them & create them should not cultivate a spirit of revenge. We have got to learn to love one another. Settle our difficulties before the end of this year that we may do better next. Go to and & prove the Lord in these things. We must learn to work together You should have a cooperative institution here. Identify your Interests together that you may have something to work at. Work together and sustain one another. Exhorted the Sts to try to be consistant Latter day Sts. Showed the great benefit of Cooperation. We are agreed in our affairs Spiritually & we should be Temporally God bless you Amen.

Elder Thos Durant had listened with interest to the remarks of Pres. Merrill.

The Lord will bless us if we will put our dependance in Him. Referred to the Law of tithing. We have the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached unto us as did the children of Israel read from the 3rd chapter of Malachi pertaining to tithes and offerings. If we have been neglectful in these things we have robbed the Lord. The object of the Brethren in traveling among the people is to prepare you to receive the Blessings of the Lord. To enjoy the Holy Spirit is a great necessity.

## Local Conferences

Spoke of the necessity of keeping the word of wisdom Do not patronize the Liquor Saloons. We use no coercion in these measures. But these things are evil & I warn you against these things. Those that participate in the are on the Broad road to destruction. Read 13 chap. Mathew 25<sup>57</sup> verse & the context. Tried to encourage the Sts. to cultivate the good Soil that it may bring forth many fold. We should be careful that we may not Sow tares to our injury. By improving ourselves we inform our offspring. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Sts. Meeting adjourned until 6:30 P.M. Singing Benediction by Elder Geo. D. Black.

Met again with the Sts of Oxford at 6:30 P.M. Singing Prayer by Elder John Boice Singing. [Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.] Elder C. O. Card arose to address the congregation. Gave a few instructions on the first principles of the Gospel bore his testimony to the truth of the remarks of the Brethren who spoke this morning. Also refered the saints that passage of scripture which reads "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all other things shall be added" spoke on the subject at length. And showed that it was necessary to be honest with ~~other~~ each other. Spoke upon the word of wisdom read the Revelation on the word of wisdom after which he spoke at considerable length on the same also gave some exelent advice on the necessity of educating our children especially the female portion. After this he refered to the Sunday School and the necessity of the children coming to S.S. Also the parents should attend frequently and he assured them that it would be quite a stimulant spoke on the subject of Cooperation [Entries return with Card's handwriting.] God bless you all amen.

Elder Durant arose ~~Page 3~~ & said he thought it ~~Page 62~~ wise to establish a ~~Page 98~~ cooperation. We Should not sow tares in the Land of the Gospel. In this we injure ourselves. He followed on the subject of the word of Wisdom and the force of example connected therewith.

Those that gain the reward are those that endure to the end. Spoke of the sadness caused by their children going astray.

Pres Merrill arose and said as long as we are taught good principle we are benefited. Gave an act of a cooperative institution ~~institution~~ he was acquainted with which was a Success & a benefit. If you will go to & do this in a few years you will have an institution that would furnish what you need to buy and your machinery. He never wore a shirt bought from the store until I was 18 yrs old, never wore calf Boots until I was 20.

We should learn to economize & live within our means. We must learn to economize at home. Go to and pay your tithing & God will bless you. Bore testimony that this work is true and He has to do with all these things. Do not patronize Saloons but go home & take care of that you possess.

Pray for one another & learn to love one another. Amen. Singing Benediction by Bp H. F. Fisher.

We remained over night with Bp. Fisher.

**Oxford, Saturday, December 18, 1880**—This morning at 8 A.M. We bade Our friends adieu and Started for Marsh Valley arrived ~~Page 80~~ at 9 Mile about 11 A.M. Where we met with Sts at 12 M. Audience sang. Prayer by Elder Samuel Hunt.

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

The opening remarks were given by Elder C. O. Card commenced by asking for the faith and prayers of those present Spoke on the necessity of our attending meetings and partaking of Sacrament for the renewal of our spiritual strength also spoke of our so living so as to prepare ourselves to escape the Judgements of God showed in plainness the necessity of seeing that our children be baptised at the age of 8 years. Gave some instructions to those who own Large herds of cattle thought some thought more of flocks and herds than they do of the Kingdom of God. Gave a key whereby we might get rich and that is pay your tithing. Argued that the mothers are the best teachers of the children spoke beautifully on prayer after which he read ~~he read~~ a portion of a revelation to Oliver Cowdry on the subject of transalation and study reflection.<sup>58</sup> Invoked the Blessings of God assembled.

will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right. But if it be not right you shall have no such feelings, but you shall have a stupor of thought that shall cause you to forget the thing which is wrong; therefore, you cannot write that which is sacred save it be given you from me."

<sup>57</sup> Durant is making reference here to the parable of the wheat and the tares.

<sup>58</sup> Card is referring to Doctrine and Covenants 9:8-9, which says, "But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Elder Wm. Homer.<sup>59</sup> Desired the faith of the Sts. Spoke of the establishment of God's Kingdom We should not only hearers of the Word of God but doers of the Word. We should be thankful that we are numbered with the Sts. in this our day. The testimony of the brethren strengthens our faith. Cautioned the Sts not to neglect their meeting and other duties. Spoke of the necessity of paying tithing & the blessings promised by obedience to this commandment. We have no time to be Idle for to day is the day is the day of our Salvation. We should right our wrongs daily. Prayed that the Spirit of God might abide with the Sts.

Pres. Merrill said we are pleased to meet with & visit the Sts. We are here in the hands of the Lord trying to do our duties & we have no other busines.

You are here to sanctify this Land & bless it unto Him. Unless we keep the principles of the Gospel befor us we forget them & neglect them. The only thing that we have to do is Labor for our salvation. Exhorted to feel after the Lord & remember Him. Exercise faith for our families. If you cannot get the Elders the Sisters can anoint & Lay on hands in the name of Jesus Christ.

Do without doctors. Remember the Lord in your prayers night and morning. Be full of good works that they may save some one. Related a dream dreamed that they He was dead, thought the body was offensive, though he traveled with a guide. Saw little children. Guide Stated that they had been on the earth but were called for and organized.

Should not set our hearts on our flocks and herds. We are here to build temples preach the Gospel & overcome evil. There is nothing of more importance to us than the instructing our children and do our duty by them. Should not hold hardness against our brothers & Sisters.

Should not seek vengeance for God has declared it is his. Bless our Lands & Seeds we sow. Ke [Be] kind to all whether they are of our faith or not.

We feel to leave our blessings with you & bless you with the blessings of the new & ever lasting covenant. Amen.

Sang. Benediction of Elder Geo D. Black after which a child was brought forward to be blessed which we did Pres Merrill Mouth.

Thence we drove to the House of Bp. Arvel where we were kindly received About 8 A.M. Pres

Preston Joined us here where we remained over night.

**Marsh Valley, Sunday, December 19, 1880**—We met with the Sts of this valley in the central school house at 12 M. Singing Prayer by Elder Wm Henderson Singing after which Sacrament was administered. Pres Preston called upon Elders as follows G D. Black said we all have a Labor to perform to acquire a Salvation & Exaltation.

We have covenanted by going into the waters of baptism to keep the commandments of God. We should first seek the Kingdom of God & his righteousness. & not ourselves & our interests. The Brethren come to visit come here for our benefit. Should feel to be obedient to those whom God has placed to dictate the affairs of his Kingdom. Should teach our children the principles of the Gospel. Put down iniquity & shun evil.

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

Elder Card said that we had met to worship the Lord and to partake of the sacrament and asked if we had partaken of it worthily or unworthily we should question ourselves on this point by partaking of this we renew our covenants and partake of the spirit of God advised us to deal honestly with each other wether brethren or friends. Instructed us to teach the children the principles of the Gospel. Said that our mission here was to preach the Gospel to our neighbors. bore a strong testimony to the truth of Gospel.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Elder Durant arose & expressed His pleasure in meeting with the Sts here. We came here to warn the L.D. Sts. to preach unto them the peacable things of the Kingdom. Spoke upon the first principles of the Gospel. Faith in God & his son Jesus Christ & repentance. How have we lived since we were Baptized Have we attend to our prayers? If so we enjoy ourselves & have the Holy spirit for our guidance.

Advised the Sts to attend their family prayers. Spoke of the necessity of enjoying a testimony & if we have not a testimony ask of the Lord in faith believing. Tried to discourage playing cards. Thought it evil. Warned the young & old against the use of

<sup>59</sup>William H. Homer was one of the first schoolteachers in

Oxford, Idaho (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 322).

Liquor as a beverage. Also against reading fiction.<sup>60</sup> Exhorted the young to read good Books & become acquainted with the revelations of God ancient and modern. It is essential for all both male & female to understand them.

President Preston arose and said our mission at this time is to the Latter day Sts. Have not time to take up the several principles of the Gospel but have a few instructions to give to the Sts. We should hold sacred our covenants with God and one another. We should not be false in our positions. I would like all to understand the gospel for we are brothers & sisters being the offspring of Adam. Would like all to understand that profaning defrauding & every vice does not belong to Mormonism. The Savior taught us to kind to all & charitable. We are now living in the evening of time. It was the right of the Teacher to see that there is no iniquity among the Sts. & nothing done wrong.

Spoke of & explained the duty of a priest The good government of this ward to a great extent rely up on the Teachers & priests. How far are the High priests & Seventies manifesting the Priesthood. Read from Doc. Cov. a portion of the Prayers & Prophecy when errors occur with us is when the spirit of the Lord is withdrawn from us. Hence we should be very careful for we will have yet to answer for our acts before God. Warned the Sts against Sabbath breaking or Selling whiskey to get others drunk. Read from Doc. Cov Page 251 duties of Parents towards their children Sabbath Breaking &c Spoke at length upon these things. Also warned the Sts. against Idleness. Should build a tithing office corral &c also meeting houses. Spoke at some length upon the importance of paying tithing that this land may be sanctified. Showed by reference to the *Bible* & Book of Mormon that the Lord had previously emptied the earth of inhabitant through their wickedness & warned the Sts against it.

Spoke of dancing as not being a part of the Gospel but a permission. That we should conduct them under the advice of the Bp of the ward. Should

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<sup>60</sup> Durant, in his instruction against reading fiction, is reflecting the views of Brigham Young, who said on January 26, 1862, "There are women in our community, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, and sixty years of age, who would rather read a trifling, lying novel than read history, the Book of Mormon, or any other useful print. Such women are not worth their room. It would do no good for me to say, Don't read them; read on, and get the spirit of lying in which they are written, and then lie on until you find yourselves in hell. If it would do any good, I would advise you to

forbid those that bring whiskey into dances the house. It is the duty & calling of the Bp. to preside over the dances. No L.D. St. has a right to deal out whiskey & keep his standing. Pres. Young said that the Elder in Israel that will put the intoxicating cup to his brothers lip will go down to hell unless he repents.

If we will keep the commands of God it will yet be Said by Strangers there goes an honest man or woman he is a latter day Saint. We should live alike week days and sundays. We are called here to bless and it is our duty to bless. The Honest will continue to gather until we are a mighty people.

We want to set an example worthy of imitation return good for evil. May God bless you & prosper you in your duties and Labors. Amen.

Pres Merrill felt to endorse the sentiments already addressed & Bore his testimony to them. Better be here than be otherwise engaged. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts. Singing, Benediction by Elder Wm Homer.

After which I went south with Bro & Sister Davis and family a distance of 4 miles & took Supper with I was accompanied by Bros Hunt & Black. After Supper we went to the house of Wm Woodlands & held a meeting in the evening while Pres. Preston & Merrills stayed at Hawkins school hous and held meeting & Bros Durant & Homer went to Garden Creek Thus we were enabled to hold 3 meetings at the same time. I remained over night with Bro Woodland & family who were very kind to me.<sup>61</sup>

**Monday, December 20, 1880**—This morning a little before 9 A.M. Bros Hunt, Black & myself started for Oxford At 12 M & put up with Bro Black & family. About 1 P.M. Prets Preston & Merrill also the other brethren arrived All reported good meetings with the Sts in the districts they were appointed to yesterday. We dined with Bro Black & family; after which we bade our kind ~~guest~~ hosts adieu & drove to Clifton where we met with the Sts at 6:30 P.M. Singing Prayer by Elder W. J. Pratt.<sup>62</sup>

read books that are worth reading; read reliable history, and search wisdom out of the best books you can procure. How I would be delighted if our young men would do this, instead of continually studying nonsense" (see Young 1854–86, 9: 173).

<sup>61</sup> William Woodland, one of the initial settlers of Marsh Valley, also owned the first sawmill and was a prosperous member of the community (see W. Thomas 1942, 12).

<sup>62</sup> Among the first settlers of Clifton, Idaho, William Jared Pratt was considered a pioneer of both Utah and Idaho. He died

Pres Mer. arose & said we were here to say to you that the Gospel is true & requires us to do & hope our Labors will not be in vain but will benefit all. We should come here with a prayerful heart.

No person or Elder can edify without the Spirit of the Lord.

We have a right to a testimony to the truth of the Gospel. We have claim on the Lord for his blessings if we have kept His commandments.

There is an opportunity for us to improve from year to year. The Lord command us to pay our tithing & that for a purpose that we may sanctify the Land. There is none exempt from this Law given in July 1838 ~~The~~ which he then read. If we have kept this Law we have sanctified this Land. If we we would keep this one Law we would be surrounded by plenty. If we fail to keep this Law we will be cut Short out of the Books we are to be judged & either justified or condemned. We are not to judge our Bps. What they shall do with it.

If we want to be blessed of the Lord let us keep this Law of tithing & other Laws of God. Spoke of the great importance of saving our farming impliments wagons & & house them & have them protected from the weather. We must Learn to economize & take care of the blessings of the Lord & the Spirit of extravagance is ruinous. Some of our brethren have went so far as to mortgage their homes. You should live within our means. When we will do this we will prosper. There is lack of union of effort here. You want a little good engineering here. See if you can't make a good reservoir to hold the water until you wish to use it. Some are tenacious of our first rights to the water, All belongs to the Lord. We are not here to monopolize the country but keep the Laws of God. If the Bp says build a reservoir, build it. Be obedient to the Holy Priesthood. Labor where the Lord wants us to do. If you will do so you will take great pleasure in it. Should not mix up with the out Side world & adopt their ways. Should not dabble to much in politics. We should give heed to the counsels of the Servts of God. Should not drink & smoke with the the unGodly. The Lord does not does not require it to gain favor with the world. The delegate from Montana said that Hon. Geo. Q. Cannon had more influence in congress than all other delegates & he does not drink & smoke with the wickid. Cautioned the Sts against the use of

Liquor & Tobaco for it shortens of the lives of those that imbibe. We have no time to Spend in wickedness. Invoked the Blessings of God upon this ward & the organization therof Amen.

Elder Durant arose & said we have a right to all the the blessings of the Gospel of which I bear my testimony of its truth. Spoke on the principles of faith & baptism. Spoke of the necessity of the Teachers visiting the Sts & we should as Sts respect him in his calling and be strictly honest with them. He also tried to impress the necessity of the Priests also doing their duty. The desires of your brethren are to encourage you to do your duties. Asked God to bless the Sts that they may endure to the end.

Prs Preston arose and expressed his pleasure in meeting the Sts again in this Ward. Reminded the Sts that Pres. M. Thatcher a year or two ago similar to that of Bro Merrill. You may think these things are no concerns of mine, but you are setting a bad of examples. There are enough good L.D. Sts. here to build a good grainery.

Referred to the Law of tithing & those that have not honored this Law are ~~honored~~ stricken with uneasiness. By refering to the records you will find this to be the case. When you are out of humor criticise your selves & see if you have neglected the Laws of God. There are but 2 spirits abroad one of God & one of the evil one.

When you are ready to unite with the head that is the spirit of the Lord. Spoke of the Spirit of repentance. Repentance is turning away from the sins you are beset with. Spoke of getting the ~~the~~ importance of forgiving one another. We cant afford to hold hardness against our neighbor. It is required of us to forgive all. We must be united with the head.

If your President or Bp is not as good a man as you think they ought to be, pray for them. It is my duty right & privilege to uphold and sustain those that are placed over us.

Allow me to act in the office of a teacher a few moments. No man can stand at the head of a family & direct them aright with[out] the spirit of the Lord; hence the necessity of attending our prayers & training our children to do the same. Teach our children to take our tithing Eggs &c to the Bp. Also the fast offerings. Exhorted the Sts to not to have harsh words before their families. There is no law through which you can gain the things of ~~amt. 10 No 14. A. J. Burke 5 30 pd Amt 9 No. 3 C. Bernard 5 30 pd~~ [It

June 16, 1909, at his home in Salt Lake City (see A. Jenson 1914, 29 [supplement]; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 63–64).

appears someone had noted payments at the top of several pages in this journal, which Card crossed out as he recorded his brethren's remarks.] earth only by observing the Laws of tithing. Come to fast meeting have your children Blessed & Babptized & recorded. It will pay you to look after the Lords business better than you have previously. Unless we perform our duties faithfully we will be out short of the Blessings of the Lord. I look forward to the time when of I will see a good nice place here. I love to see the Sts comfortable. If you will study the Scriptures you will have better times. Put some of these Boys to be Priests and Teachers have them go arround & read the Scriptures. Call some of the boys to be a deacon.

These boys will yet make mighty men. Hitch them up in the harness of the Gospel. You should be as careful to have our children go to Sabbath School as we are to have them go to work on Monday morning. We should view these matters very carefully. I want you to repent of some things here and do better. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts. Amen.

Song Benediction by Elder C. O. Card.

Prests Preston & Merrill Stayed over night with Bp. H. Dixon and C. O. Card Thos Durant with Bro Monroe.<sup>63</sup>

**Clifton, Tuesday, December 21, 1880**—This morning about 9 O.C. we bade our hosts adieu with our blessings upon them & started for Five Mill<sup>64</sup> where we met with the Sts. at 10 A.M. Singing. Prayer by Elder T. Durant. Singing.

Elder John Boice was called upon to address the Sts & did So by Saying Our object is to know God & Jesus Christ whom He has sent, which is eternal life.

Have thought the Sts did not appreciate the counsels of the servts of God. Warned the Sts against neglect of duty towards themselves and families. We should deal arright and make ourselves Hapy & filled with peace. He feld willing to do as he was told. Prayed that God would unit us that we may be one.

Referred to the staunch feelings of the Sts of Nauvoo during their persecutions. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts.

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

Elder Card expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Sts and asked them to assist him by their faith & prayers congratulated them on their improvements public and private advised them to study the scriptures which would aid them in their perfection. Advised them to exercise faith in God that they may have power with him spoke to the young and older brethren to magnify their callings in the preisthood to the young he said get the testimony of Jesus at home and not wait until you get on foreign missions said to the older ones do not set examples to your children that you would not like to see them immitate and advised them to teach their children how to pray and other principles of the gospel that they might Lift without excuse spoke to the Teachers on the necessity doing their duties in visiting the Sts. the same to the preists and other officers spoke of some excusing themselves when they drink with outsiders by saying that I have to do it in order to gain their freindship spoke of the folly of this and encouraged the Sts live the ~~region~~ religion of Jesus Christ without fear of what outsiders or any one else or say. Mentioned the law of tithing and by attending to this they may recive the blessing of God.

[Clerk's handwriting continues.]

Elder Merrill followed by encouraging the Sts to do their duty felt satisfied with the Sts in building a good house to meet in and showed that the house of the Lord should be the best house in the ward and that we as families should labor unitedly hold council with our families in matters pertaining to home improvements. Referred to the Location of 5 Mile and said that this would ere long probaly become a ward and advised them to be liberal in their feelings and be willing to devide their Lands and water with others who might wish to come and settle with you and if you will do this the Lord will bless you and your Lands and your water and suggested that they build reservoirs to hold up the water and use it as you want it said that this country has been reserved for this people and we are here to keep the commandments of God and thereby recieve his blessing. Showed that we should pay our tithing to the Lord first and recieve his blessings that we may be able to pay for other things that we need and that our Land

<sup>63</sup> O. M. Monroe was one of the carpenters and blacksmiths who assisted in constructing the temple sawmill in 1877. At the time of Card's visit, he was serving as the secretary of the Sunday School (see F. Olson n.d., 62; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 237).

<sup>64</sup> Five Mile was first settled in 1867 by Joseph Chadwick and other families. It was called Chadville for a time, and then William B. Preston named it Dayton because he always arrived there in the daytime (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 66).

might be blest and if you want the blessings of the Lord Labor unitedly with your Bp and other officers Labor together showed that we can do more for the building of Temples and the Kingdom of God generally if we would work unitedly. Advised the Sts to make improvements that will be substantial and stay here and build up this place.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Elder Wm Pratt arose & Said he felt well in meeting with the brethren & sisters. We are apt to forget & need to be stired up by way of remembrance to our duties. We all have a home mission to perform with ourselves. Exhorted the Sts. to teach their children the principles of the Gospel & assist generally in the advancement of the Kingdom.

Reminded the Sts to house their machinery & taking care of the things the Lord has blessed us with. The consequence of disobedience is degradation & woe. Referred to the case of the Nephites & Lamanites asked the Lord to bless all that wish to do right.

Pres. Wm B. Preston arose & bore his testimony and was pleased to see the Sts here so comfortably situated here. It will pay you here to look after the Lords Interests for He controlls the elements. The Law of tithing is for the sanctifying of the Land you inhabit. Read the rev. on Tithing. Seek for wisdom that you may know how to use the Land & Water. Read again from Book of Covenants.

The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the Land &c and the rebellious shall be cut of out of the Land. If we will be the Laws of the Lord Zion will flourish.

We come to visit you to stir you up to dilligence. Encouraged the Sts to pay their tithes and offerings. Expect to live to see it one village from Newton to Marsh valley.<sup>65</sup> Read a portion of the rev. in Doc. & Cov. "Prayers & Prophecies." This complies to all that bear the Priesthood. Honor the Priesthood in this goodly land may the Lord bless you.

Build you reservoirs to Irigate your lands. That you may be blessed in Lands & Labors is my prayer Amen. Bp Allen arose & Said he was thankful to

have the brethren visit us. Thought it necessary to have a more thorough organization here. He Suggested that Bro Stephen Callan be Set apart to presiding as presiding priest over this branch.<sup>66</sup> He was sustained by an unanimous vote. Bro Callan then was set apart under the hands of the Presidency of this stake & Bp. A. A. Allen Pres. Preston Mouth. Pres Preston said it was expected that the Bp. Should preside in the dance as well as in a meeting. Bro Callan will preside over the dances here. If he is from home appoint some one. No Gentleman will come in here stinking with liquor no matter who he is.

The Elder in Israel that will Sell Liquor will go to Hell. I Should treat Stranger kindly if they came in with us if they observe the rules of the house or retire. If you will observe the counsel of your Bp. & Brethren you will be respected. Singing Benediction By Elder Callan.

We dined with Brother Peter Pool & family<sup>67</sup> after which we drove to Weston & called on Bp Allan Towards evening by request called on his second wife & Blessed her babe a fine Boy & Gave him the name of Ethan John.

**Weston.** We met with the Sts of this place at 6:30. Meeting opened by Singing & prayer By Pres. Wm B Preston. Singing.

Elder Wm Pratt Stood before the Sts & desired their faith for his guidance in his remarks. Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

We all have a work to perform & if we do that which is right we will be better satisfied when we have finished this probetion.

We cannot pay to close attention to the things of pertaining to the Kingdom of God. Thought some employed doctors for the sake of popularity better to lean upon the Lord according to rev. & counsels of the servts of God. Knew the observance of counsel to be good for us. Invoked Gods blessings upon all.

Elder Durant Said it is the privilege to know whether the instructions are dictated by a proper spirit. Spoke of the blessings of the Gift of the Holy Ghost. When we neglect our duties we get in the

<sup>65</sup> After more than a century, this prediction of William B. Preston has not come to pass. The west side of Cache Valley consists of a number of small communities, and Oxford has become almost a ghost town.

<sup>66</sup> Stephen Callan was among the first five settlers of Dayton, arriving there in 1867. On November 30, 1907, his son Stephen

J. Callan was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Dayton Ward (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 66; A. Jenson 1914, 16 [supplement]).

<sup>67</sup> Peter Pool was part of the group of five families that first settled Dayton in 1867 (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 66).

dark. We do not value the holy spirit or we would seek more earnestly for it.

We can enjoy the great gift of the Holy Gost if we will live for it When we as Elders go to administer unto the Sick should not go with fear, but in faith. We should examine ourselves & see if we are living aright & setting a good example before all. Exhorted the Sts. to attend their prayers. The Sisters have a right to anoint with oil and lay hands on their sick in the name of Jesus Christ. It was not right to patronize the Liquor Stores, if I were the young men I would not use it. One evil leads to another.

He appealed strongly to the young and old men to cease drinking Liquors. Let us So live that we may have the Holy Ghost for our guidance. We cannot understand the things of God ex by the spirit of God. Young men Should Study their duties from the Book of Covenants. Exhorted the Sts to live the religion of Jesus Christ. The young to attend their Sabbath Schools.

Pres. Merrill said he hoped we would all observe quiet. The advice to old & young is good. There is a chance to correct many evils. The Gospel corrects us in all our Labors. We do not differ in our spiritual Labors, but in our temporal. The Lord has provided ways to settle our difficulties without going outside of the church. We should not go to Law & we should keep away from the courts. We step over the teacher (that is many people) which is wrong It is a bad thing to accept of a calling & not try to magnify it it is a sin to do so. There should nothing occur here that need to go out side of this ward. It pleases the evil one to get strife stired up. We should learn to love & respect one anothers rights. The spirit of Greed causes us to over step ourselves. We have trouble about our Land & water. We should deal with our brother as we would wish him to deal with us. Give our brother his land where it was. We have no right to claim the hills nor the water for it is the Lords. We want to be consistent with ourselves & our brethren. We want to learn to acknowledge God & respect his authority here. The most humble will be the greatest. We want to follow

in the wake of the Lord. When we drink at the Saloon we drink of that craze your brain. He exhorted the sts to let the Liquor alone pay your tithing & sanctify this land & you will become Notice 10; No 4—Dodge & Clutter 1300 great in the Kingdom of God. If we wish to be preserved from Gods judgments let us learn the Lord. Amen.

Pres Preston Bore his testimony to the remarks of the brethren and that Mormonism or the principles revealed through the prophet Joseph is true. Spoke on the principles of tithing and quoted from the *Bible*, Book of Mormon. The Lord has placed us here as Stewarts.<sup>68</sup> It occurs to me that the windows of Heaven are closed up aganst Weston & you need them opened you lay it to crickets, drouth & Hoppy but you have not paid tithings as you should.

Every tenth day of ours or our team belongs to the Lord. I wish to see your field fruitful & you flocks increase. Is the Lord poor that he needs our tithes and offerings? No!!! but we have need of the blessings of the Lord. There is no other Law by which we can sanctify this Land. We need the Blessings of the Lord that flowes through the keeping this Law.

The Gospel is the same now as it was when we first embraced it. Those that go upon the Rail road<sup>69</sup> should pay their tithing. It is a shame that we should have to talk to the L.D. Sts. about drinking Liquor No gentleman will ask a Lady here to dance with them with their breath stinking with Liquor much less a L.D. St.

Men lead your sons away by these bad examples of drinking & smoking &c.

I wish to do my duty, rebuke evil when needed. Bless your oil anoint & pray over the sick. We want to be careful to Learn the gospel & practice it May the Lord bless you & make you one. Amen. Singing. Benediction by Elder John Boice.

We remained over night here putting up with the Bp & John Clark who received us very kindly.<sup>70</sup>

**Wednesday, December 22, 1880**—We gave our hosts the parting hand & started for Trenton a few moments befor 9 A.M. in fair health & good spirits.

<sup>68</sup> As early as 1831, Church members were taught the law of consecration, which led them to believe that the earth was the Lord's and that each individual was only a steward of the Lord's property. This is what Preston is referring to in his sermon (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 241–43).

<sup>69</sup> Some of the men in Weston had gone north to lay track for the Canadian Railroad Company. After successfully completing their work, they sent a Mr. McCulloch to Chicago, where he was

to receive their money and bring it home. After he had been gone a few weeks, he was found murdered beneath a culvert, with no trace of the money. His killer was never apprehended, nor was the money recovered (see K. Godfrey 2003, 7).

<sup>70</sup> John H. Clark, on October 23, 1885, became one of the seven presidents of the seventy in the Oneida Stake. He was called by Seymour B. Young, one of the Church's general authorities (see A. Jensen 1914, 125).



**Trenton, December 22, 1880**—We met with Sts of this place at School house<sup>71</sup> 10 A.M. Choir Sang. Prayer by Pres M. W. Merrill. Singing.

Elder John Boice was the first to stand before the Sts here said he was pleased to be associated with the Sts & those that are traveling around to comfort us. He testified that the brethren had given good counsel both in Points of economy and doctrine. One thing that has brought apostasy is thinking they know more than those that preside over us. Hoped that the Sts here will listen to the spirit of humility & meekness. I have felt that I was always on a mission even with my own family. Harken to counsel. May God bless you with the spirit of oneness all you possess. Amen.

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

Elder C. O. Card said he felt pleased to witness the pleasant situation of the people here felt to encourage them to go on and observe the commandments of God. Then read from the circular of the first presidency on the organization of the Stakes and Wards and the regulating of the Wards &c &c after which he Spoke on the necessity of being obedient to and complying with the teachings and instruction given by the priesthood. Referred to some absenting themselves from meeting and wished the saints to attend their meetings said some thought it necessary to drink and carrouse with the ungodly in order to gain friendship such are mistaken ideas. Spoke on the necessity of settling our little difficulties with our selves and with another and observe to keep Holy the Sabbath day also to those who hold the priesthood wished them to magnify their callings and if they spend their time in visiting the Saints they will be rewarded and will loose nothing by it. Showed that it was better to settle their difficulties at home than to carry them to the Bps or High Council but take your cases to them in preference to going to Law with each other. Spoke on the Law of tithing advised them to pay their tithing that they may recieve the blessings of God pay the same honestly and Justly to young men he asked if they were able to take the position their fathers were in? these places you will have to fill and you had better be preparing yourselves to

<sup>71</sup>The Trenton school was twenty by thirty feet and had a good red-pine floor, a door in the end, and two twelve-light windows in each side. The roof was dirt. Inside were slab benches with six maple legs set in two-inch auger holes. There were enough of these benches to go all around the room. A large box

take the responsible position of the Kingdom invoked the blessing of God upon them.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Elder Durant arose & said was pleased to meet with the Sts. The advice of the brethren is good & is a blessing to the Sts if they will heed it. Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Spoke of the necessity of Baptism of children at yrs of age Also showed the great necessity of obtaining a testimony if we are not yet in the possession of it. Our brethren does not require us to anything the Lord does not. Trusted that we might observe the counsels given.

Pres. Preston was pleased to meet with the Sts of Trenton. This is a good place to make a place. If you will keep the Laws of God the Lord will bless the lands for your sakes. Read from Doc and Cov. "let him that is strong take with you those that are weak &c"

How careful we should be to magnify our callings Read from Cov. Page 292 all that receiveth this Priesthood receiveth me &cc. The Lord has gathered us together to establish the church & Kingdom of God upon the earth. The prophet Joseph established the Germ of the Kingdom when he established the Council of 50.<sup>72</sup> The Gospel is a perfect Law of Liberty. Every one should act in his own calling and make his office & calling honorable. Spoke of the office of the teacher as one of the greatest importance in the church & They should not go among the people without the Spirit of their office and calling. Neith[er] should the Priests. Set these boys to work in the offices of the Lesser Priesthood. They will keep track of the people.

If the boys will be obedient to their brethren, They will be long lived. It requires a smart man to be obedient & careful to do as they told. Thus is the examples of our Savior Should not Backbite our neighbors. Spoke of the necessity of being rebaptized for those that had not. Keep the Law of Tithing that Zion may be a Zion unto us. I know of no Gospel to preach to you except the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You should keep a record here of the Sayings of the Servts of God Exhorted the Sts to pay their tithes that this Land you inhabit may be sanctified thereby. I wish to see this people prosper and you will if you will

stove furnished the heat, and willows were used as fuel (see Simmonds 1970, 36).

<sup>72</sup>It was relatively rare for Church leaders to speak about the Council of Fifty at this time. For more information about the Council of Fifty, see K. Hansen 1967.

keep the Law of the Lord. That the day ma[y] come that we may do this is my prayer. Amen.

Pres Merrill arose and bore testimony to what has been said. Bro Preston has talked plain but has not scold. It would profit to tickle your ears. The prophets & Apostles talk in plainness. We all wish to be stimulated to our duties. The responsibilities of a ward does not rest upon the Bp alon but upon all the Elders & Lesser Priesthood each should bear our own part. Hence the importance of all working while the day lasts. Commune the foundations of this place that you may not have it to do over again. Counsel with our families. The Lord bless you here is my prayer Amen.

Bro Edmond Homer<sup>73</sup> was then set apart to act as a presiding Priest over the Trenton District Pres Merrill mouth. Choir Sand Benediction by Elder By Elder Wm Pratt.

Apr 10 L. J. Fisk No 14 22.00 Pd

S. Fuller No 1 18.00

We dined with Bro Andrew McCombs.<sup>74</sup> After which we drove to Clarkston & took Supper with Bp. John Jardine.

**Clarkston.** We met with the Sts of this place at 6 P.M.

Meting opened by Singing & prayer by Elder C O Card Singing. Elder Durant arose & stated it was a pleasure to look upon this congregation. We have come here to be mutually edified. Compared the belief of the Sts. with worldly denominations. Are we in a position to receive the Spirit of the Lord? if not we we should place ourselves in it. Urged the necessity and importance of the Sts attending to their prayers & said if we will do so we will find a great satisfaction and pleasure. We should study the scriptures. The only safety for all is to keep the mandates of God. We should understand the revelations of God on all principles that we do not bring trouble on ourselves. Young men should be well prepared to preach the Gospel abroad & should strive to learn it

at home. Encouraged the young to attend to their mutual improvement associations. If we will do our part the Lord will do His. Follow good examples.

Elder Wm Pratt arose & said we all have a work to perform & enjoy good homes & should try to appreciate them. We have been favored in this above our parents.

He encouraged the young to keep the counsels of those that preside over them. We should teach our children the ways of the Lord. You have a better chance than the elder members of the Church. He refered to the Miraculous healings done by the prophet Joseph on the Mississippi R. in the case of one Bro Fordom and others.<sup>75</sup> Let us try to be one. Spoke of the importance of being an active teacher. May the Lord bless you Amen.

Pres. Merrill arose and stated he was pleased to meet with the Sts. here. If we ~~set~~ will educate ourselves in ~~in~~ the Gospel we will be blessed: We have to learn it as the early elders learned it by applying our minds to it. We should learn to conduct ourselves properly whether in a meeting, party or elsware. All good Ideas belong to the Gospel so does all truthes. We want to be able to give a reason for the hope within us.

We also need a testimon for ourselves. We should ask of God & understand these matters for ourselves. We see evidences of the blessings of the Lord every where. We ought to learn to settle our difficulties.

It costs something to settle our difficulties by the courts of the Church, because it takes the precious time of our brethren which is a great deal & we Someday will have to make restitution for it. We want to learn to deal Justly with each other. Refered to the happy state of the Nephites when they had set things common. Criticise ourselves & see if we have taken advantage of one another.

It is a good thing straight. We should come togethger often. The Land belongs to the Lord although we obtain titles from the governments & we should deal justly with each other. Otherwise the Lord may refuse us our inheritance. Spoke of the

<sup>73</sup>The Trenton Branch was established as a branch of the Clarkston Ward in 1875, and James Harmison Sr. served as the presiding elder. In 1877 Andrew McCombs became the presiding elder. Historians have not mentioned the 1880 call of Edmond Homer as the presiding priest, but they do note the 1885 call of John B. Jardine as the first bishop when the branch became a ward (see Simmonds 1970, 29).

<sup>74</sup>Andrew McCombs had been serving as the branch's presiding elder until replaced by Homer (see Simmonds 1970, 29).

<sup>75</sup>Pratt is referring here to July 22, 1839, which is called by Wilford Woodruff "a day of God's power." Many of the people in Nauvoo were ill, so Joseph Smith went about the community blessing those who were sick and healing many, including Elijah Fordham, who resided across the Mississippi River in Iowa. Fordham died in 1879 and was buried in the Cache Valley community of Wellsville. The event is described in Church Educational System 1993, 217–19.

great necessity of paying tithing & the blessings of God flowing therefrom. There are hundreds of people whose names are on our records that never pay one dollar in tithing. Read 24 chap of Isaih “the land shall be utterly emptied &c” quoted 3rd chap of Malachi God will spill the those off the land of Zion that will not keep this Law. We Should learn these Laws Study them & we will not need to go to the north or south. Keep these Lawes & God will give us treasures of knowledge.

The reason trials increase in this stake of Zion is because we neglect to learn the Gospel. We are to Self Apr 10 W. A. Hodgeman No 9 2.00 Willid in these things. Read the scriptures & consider these matters well. Commence at home to be agreeable & kind and preach the Gospel. & the spirit of love will grow with us Amen.

Pres Wm B. Preston arose & said he was glad to visit you again & listen to the counsel of our brethren I trust the Bp. & his counselors<sup>76</sup> are seeing to the thoroughly organized with a good Priests quorum that the Sick, afflicted, aged &c that do not get to meeting may be visited with the Gospel. Visit the houses of the apostate and see if there is not some of the children or wives does not want the Gospel. Priests & Teachers know of no distinction of classes but visits all. It is necessary that he gets the Spirit of his office.

Sit in rigeous judgement over your households. We do not want to be constantly be in trouble, but help each other to keep peace and a good government. Aspire to be saviors on Mt. Zion. All can have a great influence influence for good in this place. Mothers have a great influence in teaching obedience to the head of the family, Ward &c. We want to turn away from the evils of the gentiles & be obedient to the head.

The lord will hold us responsible for our acts.

Spoke of dances should have them like Latter day Sts. It is expected that the Bp. will preside in them as well as in a meeting. No dance should be held in the Ward except by permission of the Bp. Dancing is only a permission, we should meet at 6 O.C. & close not Later than twelve. Only round dance not exceed twice in each dance. No Lady or gentleman will come come into the dance with their breath tainted with wiskey or tobaco. Let it be known that no Lady in Clarkston will dance with those that drink in the dance. Our boys pick up many vices

upon the Rail Roads. You should refuse to drink and smoke when offered. May God bless you help you to rear your children & be one with your head. That Bye & bye you may be able to Sanctify this Land of Clarkston.

The Lords judgements will come to pass Amen.

Bp. Jardine read a tithing notice to the Sts from the News from Bp. Hunter & his Counselors concerning tithing. ¶ Choir Sang Benediction by Elder John Boice.

We remained in Clarkston over night with the Bp. & his Counselors.

**Thursday, December 23, 1880**—This morning at 8:30 we bade the good people of this place the parting hand & Start for Newton facing a severe wind & snow storm all the way to Newton. We met with the Sts of Newton at 10 A.M. which was opened by sing from the Choir & Prayer by Prs Wm B. Preston. Singing.

Elder John Boice arose an said he felt to rejoice in meeting with the Sts.

Referred to the early days of the church when gathering & the word of wisdom was not preached, but there was something promised them to go to Kirtland. The Spirit of gathering rested upon those that had embraced the Gospel Referred to the nearness nearness of feeling he had to the faithful that had gone before us, alo with those he had the pleasure of Laboring with to day. Spoke of the Spirit of obedience. Bore his Testimony & exhorted all the Sts. here to be united with the head of this ward. Children be obedient to your parents. All keep in the ways in the Gospel & you will have food & raiment & flocks. Exhorted the Sts. to listen to the voices of the Sevts of God and be one. We should not Idle away our time for much is required of us. Assist to do good with what we have in this world. We should be authors of kind acts that like begets like. Do not hold feelings one against another even of hatred. He invoked the blessings of peace of God upon the Sts.

Elder Durant arose & said we have come here to visit you and bless you. Spoke of the perfect organization of the church from the Pres. therof down to the members of the church how it would harmonize if all would attend to their callings & do their duties. Urged the necessity of keeping our troubles at home that they may not spread to others. Our time Should

<sup>76</sup>The bishopric of the Clarkston Ward, at the time Preston spoke, consisted of Bishop John Jardine and his counselors Ola

Anderson Jensen and William Van Orden Carbine. The ward clerk was Richard Godfrey (see Ravsten and Ravsten 1966, 70).

be spent in building up of the Kingdom of God. There is a great blessing attached to the principles of obedience children should be obedient to their parents that they may not go on the broad road to destruction. We should be obedient always in the interest of the Sts. Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel that we cannot see the things of God except by the Spirit of God.

Pres. Merrill said we are pleased to meet with you agreeable to our appointment. We are here to ask you how you get along if you remember your covenants, in coming together & listening to the counsel of your Bp. If so you are doing the will of the Lord. If you do not come to meeting we will become cold & indifferent & forget the ways of the Lord, neglect our tithes; if we do the Lord will neglect us. We want to learn the principles of obedience and teach it to our children that we may not be rebellious. How particular the savior was to carry out what His Father had commanded him. The church is sustained by the principle of obedience. We should pay our tithes & offerings and observe the the principle of obedience and walk in the ways of the Lord. We should prepare ourselves against the calamities of the Almighty. Hence the importance of keeping the Laws of the Lord.

Teach our children to pray & observe the Law of tithing and the Lord will bless the Lands & the Lord will increase the grass on the hills & our flocks.

Do away with contentions at home and in your neighborhood that we may not have hard feelings.

If we will do these things when we meet together we will be able to concentrate our good feelings and draw from the Elders that which will be for our good.

We should learn to agree in our fencing building reservoirs & houses &c. It is better for us to submit to the order the Lord has instituted for us. Counsel with our wives & children in the Spirit of meekness. We should get to Large to do these things. If we will do our duty by our children they will far out strip their fathers for they are full of tradition. Prayed that the blessings of the Lord may rest upon the Sts. here.

Elder Card arose and bore his testimony in connection with the other Brethren and advised the Sts to practice what they heard also to examine ourselves and ascertain whether we are living in accordance with the commandments of God if we comply with the requirements of God our creeks will increase its supply of water if we will pay our tithes & keep the

M. W. Merrill—The Church is sustained by the principle of obedience.

*See entry, December 23, 1880.*

Laws of. May the Lord assist you So to do is my prayer Amen.

Elder Wm Pratt arose & had been pleased with the teachings of the brethren. We should be one. Should review our lives occasionally & see if we are keeping pace with Kingdom. He invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Sts.

Pres. Preston arose & bore his testimony to the principle of the Gospel and the teachings of the brethren. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts.

Congregation sang Benediction by Elder Bp. Rigby. We all dined with Bp. Rigby and having another appointment to fill at Benson at 12:30 P.M. we left Newton for Benson to fill our appointment. At 2 P.M. where we met with the Sts of

Benson. Meeting opened by Singing by the audience & Prayer by Pres. Merrill Singing. Pres Preston arose & said during the last 12 days we have been visiting the northern Settlements and have held about 20 meetings.

The Gospel we have to preach to you has no new principles but is the same that other plans earth have been saved by. Exhorted the Sts. to study over the scriptures, reflect over them. He referred to the prophet Malachi when he said pay your tithes and offerings that the Lord might open the windows of heaven & pour out their blessings your scarcely able to contain read 3rd chap. Malachi & mad[e] appropriate remarks in support of the principles of tithing & offerings. The Lord desires we shall sanctify this Land by paying your tithing & offerings. Bore his testimony that only through this commandment we obtain the blessings of the earth.

The Law of tithing is a very equitable Law for it is only one tenth whether it be much or little. He prayed that the Sts here may become converted to this law. Prayed that the Blessings of the Lord to rest upon the Sts here. Divide up your large farms.

The Lord will fulfill his promises upon you. Amen.

[Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.]

Bro. C. O. Card addressed the people for 20 minutes. Said he knew no better way to get the Spirit of the Lord, than by keeping his commandments and if we do keep his commandments, we Shall be helping to build up the Kingdom of God in every particular.

We Shall be one with the Bps. and be helps in the Kingdom of God. Advised the people to live So that these blessings may be ours. "That Bro Preston had been talking about" and as the year is about to close, we Should look around ourselves and See if we have anything to Settle with our neighbors, ourselves, or with our Heavenly Father. If we have had any trouble with our neighbors let us go to them as the Lord directs in his Revelations, be Sure to criticise ourselves instead of our neighbors, and do our best to Straighten ourselves with all mankind. May God assist you to do So is my prayer Amen.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Bp G. L. Farrell arose stated he had been 21 yrs & had noticed those that had payed their tithing prospered in their families and in their flocks & in every thing. We should pay our tithing honorably. I have noticed poor men come in here who payed their tithing promptly commenced to prosper. He knew of one family who taught it strictly to their children & also practiced it & their crops had been preserved during grasshopper war.<sup>77</sup> The blessings of the Lord are to those that do not keep his Laws grudgingly.

The promises are to those that believe and boy [obey]. He related many circumstances that were of interest to the Sts of the prosperity of those that Honored the Law of tithing. May God bless you is my prayer.

Pres. Merrill Bore testimony to to the remarks of the brethren & Those that will listen to them & do them will multiply them in every good thing. If we could only see these things & practice them their words will be verified. Teach your families these things.

If you are going to be married do so by the order of the Lord. You should teach your children to pray you can do a good Labor with them. Be kind to

our families & skip all hard words before them & it will be a credit to them.

Apr 4 Jim. W. Lowell No 5 20.00

[Another crossed out line is illegible.]

We should be honest with every body in our deal. Pres Preston has been wrought upon to teach tithing & lay it before the people in plainness. We should commence right now to make a reconing with our selves. Keep act.[account] with ourselves how much Cash grain &c to see how much we owe the Lord. We want to educate our children in the dispensation of the Gospel. Referred to the young men in spoken of in the Book of Mormon.<sup>78</sup> Teach them plural marriage which comes in contact with our traditions but is of God.

If we do not go on a mission in 25 yrs we have enough to do at home. Invoked the Blessings upon this ward is my prayer Amen. Singing dismiss by prayer by Bp Alma Haris.

At this Point we separated each one going to their homes. Pres Merrill to Richmond and Pres. Preston & myself to Logan where we arrived just dark.

**Friday, December 24, 1880**—At home to day in Logan following up temple business & Looking after my mother that is sick. Attended a meeting of the Board of the B.Y. College in the eve at 6 O.C. after which I stoped a while with mother.

**Christmas, Saturday, December 25, 1880**—To day we again celebrate as the supposed birth day of our Savior. I passed the day mostly with my family & Mother.

**Sunday, December 26, 1880**—This morning I remained at home and done some writing in my journal at 1 P.M. I attended meeting in the Logan Tabernacle. The Sts were addressed by Elders John Parry C. O. Card & Pres Preston. Met with the Sts. of the 3rd Ward at 6 O.C. P.M. Preached to them.

<sup>77</sup>The grasshoppers were a constant threat to Cache Valley agriculture. In fall 1866, hordes of grasshoppers descended on many of Cache Valley's communities and stripped the late oats that had not been harvested. Then grasshoppers came in early spring 1867 and ate some of the fall wheat just as it was getting a good start. They came again in 1868, and Isaac Sorensen called the infestations a "grasshopper war" (see Sorensen 1988, 52–58;

see also Ricks and Cooley 1956, 151–53; F. Peterson 1997, 60).

<sup>78</sup>Preston is referring here to Helaman's two thousand stripping warriors, who were "taught by their mothers, that if they did not doubt, God would deliver them." Much to Helaman's amazement, not one of his warriors suffered death in their battles with the Lamanites (see Alma 56–57).

## Local Conferences

**Monday, December 27, 1880**—I attended to Temple Business until 11 A.M. when I went To the court house and attended a term of the Co. Court which lasted until 4 P.M. Settled up my offering acts [accounts] in the evening with Bp. Ballard.

**Tuesday, December 28, 1880**—To day I attended Solely to Temple Biz & attend a meeting of the Logan & Smithfield Canal Co in the 4 Ward School house.

**Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 29, 30, & 31, 1880**—I attended to Temple business making arrangements to close acts &c with the year. Spending the evening with my families. Thus ends the Busy year of 1880.

## 1881

**Saturday, January 1, 1881**—The new year opens with a snowstorm there being about 4 in. more New Snow this morning otherwise calm.

I passed this day with a collection of friends at my house to partake of a dinner my wives conjointly have cooked for them. We had an enjoyable time during the after noon in our fire side chet.

**Sunday, January 2, 1881**—To day is much more pleasant than yesterday. I attend a conjoint meeting of the S.S. of Logan in the Basement of the Tabernacle at 10 A M where were entertained by the Scriptural recitations of the school & Schollars as well as good instructions of the elders.

Met with the Young Mens Mutual improvement associations conference of this stake at 1 P.M. Rather a poor attendance from other Settlements.

Good advice was given as well as reports from representatives present. At the close Pres Preston mentioned that he had a letter from Pres. Woodruff calling for 30 families to settle in the South at St Johns An would be read in the eve.<sup>79</sup>

At 6 P.M. met with the Sts at the same place in conjunction with the mutuals Lecture by B. F. Cummings Jr on his missionary experience Aso one

<sup>79</sup> St. Johns, one of the Arizona settlements, is located on the Little Colorado River close to the New Mexico border on high desert land (see McClintock 1985, 177–83).

<sup>80</sup> B. F. Cummings Jr. was the first editor of the *Logan Leader*, a newspaper founded in 1882, and was also one of the stockholders in the *Utah Journal*, which purchased the *Leader* and changed its name. John T. Caine Jr. was a college professor and also served as secretary of the board of the Utah State Agricultural College

from from J. T. Cane Jr.,<sup>80</sup> a historical review from the days of Christ to the present day.

Pres. Woodruff's letter was read asking for 30 families to settle in Arrazona. Pres. Preston requested those who would volunteer to go to report to their Bps. Thus closed a very profitable days service.

**Monday, January 3, 1881**—I attended to my daily duties in behalf of Logan Temple to day. Attended a meeting of the Board of the U.O. Mfg & B Co.

**Tuesday, January 4, 1881**—Attended to Temple Business again to day & a meeting of the Logan Smithfield Canal Co. in the eve.

**Wednesday, January 5, 1881**—The usial routine of Temple Business again to day. Attended a Session of the City council in the evening which lasted until the Small hours of the morning.

**Thursday, January 6, 1881**—To day being Fast day I attended to the regular routine until 10 A.M. when when I attended Fast meeting in the 2nd Ward of Logan. Temple Biz until 2 P.M. when in company with Pres. Preston we visited Bro O. C. Ormsby in regard to Sabbath Schools of this Stake advising him and his assistance<sup>81</sup> to make a tour among the S.S. of this Stake of Zion. At 4 P.M. we met with the trustees Apr 10 J. Rich No 10 2:80 Pd and teachers of Logan & advised them to have the Fast days observed by their Schools & also to introduce the Gospel into them.

Met with the Sts & combined mutual improvement associations. Adressed them upon the subject of manners Order and the necessity of Studying the Scriptures and becoming generally useful.

**Friday, January 7, 1881**—This morning I went to the temple Office & attended to the Temple business necessary after which I went to the Quarry accompanied by my father. Took dinner with the brethren. Found 12 men employed and all feeling pretty well. Returned to the Block about 2 P.M. & looked after the Temple business until night.

when it was founded in 1888. Caine is also credited with introducing the first purebred dairy cattle into Cache Valley (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 395–96, 251, 371).

<sup>81</sup> Assisting Ormsby as Cache Stake Sunday School officers were Charles W. Nibley, first assistant, and John E. Carlisle, secretary. In November 1881 Fred Turner became second assistant (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 121).

**Saturday, January 8, 1881**—To day I attended to Local Temple Biz. until 1 P.M. at which hour I attended the High council but having no special business except to appoint some brethren to visit Geo. T. Benson G. H. Thatcher<sup>82</sup> who had been absent a great deal we adjourned until the last Sat in the month at 1 P.M. Followed my usual routine of Biz the Bal of the day.

**Sunday, January 9, 1881**—This morning at 10 A.M. I accompanied Pres. Preston & Merrill to the 5 Ward school house (The New one) and met with the S.S. & Brethren & sisters of that ward & dedicated the new house for Educational purposes.<sup>83</sup> After which Prests P & M went to Hyde Park and Smithfield to hold meetings.

I remained in Logan for the purpose raising teams to haul Lumber. Met with the Sts at 1 P.M. who were adressed By Elder J. S. Brown & Myself. By the former on the proper education of ourselves & By me on the necessity of having God in all we do & have to do with.

Met with the Sts. at 6 P.M. in the same Place (The Tabernacle) & listened to Elders J. F. Wells & J. B. Thatcher.

**Monday, January 10, 1881**—To day I attended to Temple Biz until after 10 A M when I met with the Co Court until 3 P.M. when we met as a Board of Water commissioners which lasted until night when we adjourned until the 2nd Tuesday in March next at 10 A.M.

**Tuesday, January 11, 1881**—This morning I attended to Temple Biz. But I passed a part of the afternoon settling with U.O. Foundry Co. Went to the Temple again at 5 P.M. & waited until about 6 P.M. & hearing no tidings [news] of 18 teams that went to the Temple Mill on Monday<sup>84</sup> an as it had been storming & afraid they would be caught in snowslides I detailed five men to go with me up

Logan Canyon went home & took a hasty supper hitched up my team & started for the Kanyon with 2 horsemen and 4 of us in sleigh. Went up thirteen miles heard no tidings returned to Affecks Mill & went to bed at Midnight. ~~arose next~~

**Wednesday, January 12, 1881**—Arose early this morning determined to push our way towards the Temple Mill. As it was raining I left the men in camp & Started up the Kanyon with one man. Went nearly to the rocky dugway & could not see nor hear nothing we returned to the toll gate, but Shortly after a message came that the brethren were on their way down the Kanyon. Hence we started up the Kanyon (12 in Number) & met about ½ mile above cotton wood Prior to my going with men to meet them I detailed men to build Large fire to warm & dry the men under a large shelving rock near the forks of the Kanyon 12 miles from Logan. Where we arrived about 5 P.M. after the men were dry & the storm abated at 8 P.M. about ½ or ⅔ of the men went to Logan & the Bal of us remained until morning. The wind blew fearfully through the night.

**Thursday, January 13, 1881**—This morning fair and mild we gathered what remained & proceeded to Logan where we arrived about 12-M. I attended to the Business of the Temple the Bal of the day Attended a lecture in Logan Tab. By Bro J. S. Brown in the eve.

**Friday, January 14, 1881**—I followed up the Temple Business as much as necessary. Settled with our Miller N. E. Pederson.

**Saturday, January 15, 1881**—To day I attended to temple business during the most of the day. Met with the Board of the U O Mfg & B Co. in the eve. at the house of C. W. Nibley.

<sup>82</sup>This is probably George Washington Thatcher, brother of Moses Thatcher and son of Hezekiah Thatcher. He was a son-in-law of Brigham Young and a prominent businessman in Utah. He served as mayor of Logan and had been a rider for the Pony Express. At the time Card wrote, Thatcher was superintendent of construction for the Utah and Northern Railroad Company (see F. Peterson 1997, 204, 256, 258–59; K. Godfrey n.d.c. 93).

<sup>83</sup>The new Fifth Ward School was constructed in 1880 and was one of the first school buildings in the valley made from wood and not adobe. The teachers' starting salaries were twenty-five dollars a month (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 338).

<sup>84</sup>Bishop Henry Ballard was one of the teamsters and

described their experience in his diary. He said that when they started up Logan Canyon it commenced to snow and the wind blew as well, "drifting the roads full." They were snowed in at the mill for two nights, and on January 12, when they made their way back to Logan, they had to break a road for the horses and "had to be very careful to avoid being caught in an avalanche." In places they had to climb onto the sides of the mountains and even drove their horses down the bed of the river to avoid one snowslide. He reported that on January 13 they all reached home safely and found a very anxious community who had been waiting and praying for their safe return (see Crookston 1994, 127–28).

**Sunday, January 16, 1881**—Apr 9 Thompson C.L.  
No 2 13:80 Pd

This morning as per appointment I accompanied Pres Preston to Mendon by special train kindly provided by the Supt. G. W. Thatcher.

We arrived in Mendon a few minutes before 10 A M.

Went immediately to the new School house where we found a Large S.<sup>85</sup> School convened witnessed their interesting exercises and recitations.

[Seven lines are left blank at this point, Card intending to fill in details later.]

Pres. Preston arose and addressed the Sabbath school & expressed his pleasure in seeing the children enjoying so goodly an house was pleased to witness their exercises. We are here in the school of the prophets to learn to be men & women of God.

We have come here for the purpose of dedicating this new School house & as it is not fully completed we can not do so fully. Spoke to the school about dancing it was not a part of our religion. They should be properly conducted. Discouraged dancing so much as we do. Spoke of the ridiculous manner in which Some swing and waltz by gathering their partners around the waist &c.<sup>86</sup> We should So conduct our selves that Angels can look upon us with delight and not frowns. Spoke at some length upon the subject order and proper decorum.

Should not go where we are not invited as Some of our young folks do, when they go to one settlement to another and join dancing parties without an invitation. May God bless you & those that preside over you. We will ask Bro Card to offer the prayer & bless this house. Amen.

Elder C. O Card made a few remarks by way of caution of to the children to preserve the house & Exhorted to have the fear of God in all we do.

Then he offered the dedcatory prayer Blessed & set apart the house for Educational purposes so far as it was completed.

Singing by the choir after which we were dismissed by prayer By Elder Geo Baker.

At 2 P.M. we met with the Sts. of Mendon in their new School house. Choir sang Prayer By Elder J. G. Willis<sup>87</sup> choir Sang again after which The Sacrament was administered. By request of Pres. Preston I read the published instructions on dancing from the *Des. News*.

Made Some remarks in connexion there with.

Exhorted the Sts to keep their covenants to Learn the Gospel & teach these principles to their children.

Pres Preston arose & Spoke of the great necessity of the proper conducting of dancing parties. We need the Spirit of the Lord to conduct the dancias as well as a meeting. Showed the evils attending round dancing. If you will keep my advice you will do away with round dancing altogather. We should shun the very appearance of evil. Those that do not keep their counsels are not L.D. Sts and should be dealt with. The round dance is not a decent one and did not emanate from a good Source. Some of the dughters of Zion are Suffering from that effect of the evil influences attended these round dances. Should go to the dances & conduct them in a way we could stop Short and call on the Lord if necessary. Should conduct our dances in that way that our parents could mingle with you.

Should be pleased to see the Sts of this place get a better meeting house enlarge your old one this meeting season & finish it before you leave it.<sup>88</sup> Also

<sup>85</sup>The new schoolhouse was made of rock and cost over two thousand dollars. Construction began in 1878. The school served the needs of the community until 1899, when a new school was built that cost nearly four thousand dollars. The Mendon Sunday School, which was established in 1863, was presided over by Superintendent John Donaldsen and his assistants, Isaac Sorensen and Alfred Gardner. Henry Gardner served as the secretary (see Sorensen 1988, 88, 158; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 133).

<sup>86</sup>“Church leaders,” Michael Hicks writes, “generally attributed the problem of seduction to ‘round dancing.’ Square dancing, of course, allowed for little intimacy because partners were continually changing hands. The waltz, mazurka, polka, and other round dances, however, allowed the male partner’s hand to rest for long spells on a female’s waist. Like most of their sectarian

contemporaries, Mormon leaders abhorred the ‘lewdness’ of a practice in which a couple simulated a public embrace” (1989, 82). The standards regarding dancing reflected the resolutions for conduct adopted in 1875 at the founding meetings of the Young Women’s Mutual Improvement Association in the Cache Stake. Resolution number 11 says, “Resolved: That we will cease from what is termed ‘round dancing’” (Ricks and Cooley 1956, 300).

<sup>87</sup>James Grey Willie, born November 1, 1814, in Murrell Green, England, was the son of William Willie and Mary Sutton. He was captain of the famous Willie handcart company of 1856 and served as Mendon’s watermaster, cooperative store superintendent, postmaster, and mayor. He died in Mendon, September 9, 1895 (see Sorensen 1988, 22).

<sup>88</sup>It was 1887 before an addition to the church made a T of the building (see Sorensen 1988, 107).



assist to build the Temple. We should meet together on the Sabbath & fast days & pray for ourselves and our enemies for they have gone astray. We should come together on fast days & fast & pray that the wicked and unGodly may cease to rule. We Should pay our tithes & offerings thereby sanctify this land as the Lord has directed.

Pres. Taylor said last Sunday that none of the Bp. were not to recommend none to the house of the Lord that did not pay their tithes and offerings. Or to cover up their sins. Wherein we have gone astray we should repent and turn therefrom.

Come out of the ways of Babylon & turn unto the Lord for we are living in the evening of time.

If this people are under the necessity of calling their ambassador from the seat of Government woe be unto them. We should so live that we will keep God for our friend. May God help us so to do is my prayer. Amen. Benediction by Elder Andrew Anderson.

Met again with the Sts. at 6:30 P.M. Choir Sang Prayer By Elder Chas Bird Singing after which Elder Geo. H. [W.] Baker was called upon to address the sts. which he did & dwelt upon the nature & necessity of our true callings.<sup>89</sup> If we will try to & habituate our dues to the Laws of God we will progress. Bore his testimony & exhorted the Sts to arouse themselves to their duties.

Pres. Preston arose and Bore his testimony to the truth of the remarks of Elder Baker & the Truth of the Gospel. Quoted from the rev. on tithing. Spoke of promise made to the rebellious who Should be cut off from the earth. Read of the sayings of Jesus to the Nephites relation to the judgements of God upon the House of Israel & the belief of the gentiles. Book of Mormon Page 66 & criteria Spoke of the wickedness and abomination staked abroad & warned the Sts against it. Showed the necessity of obedience We need to be careful that we do not go astray after the things of the world.

Spoke of the importance of the living oracles of God we should manifest our willingness & obedience in the requirements of Gods sevts. We should assist in building the Temple. If we are faithful we

will obtain our inheritance. Be attentive to our children that they don't go astray. It requires an effort to overcome the ills. When you dont feel well go and pray whether you feel like it or not. We want to make this holy place. Keep the Word of wisdom May the Lord bless & prosper you is my prayer. Amen.

Elder C O Card arose and Spoke of the importance of Settling our difficulties as the Lord has given the pattern scriptures & revelations Showed the importance of building temples and blessings arising there from. Exhorted the mutual improvement associations & Sabbath schools to be kind in the Government of the Same. Exhorted the Sts to pray & deal with those that will spread infidelity. Try to have God in all that we do & have to do with.

Bp Hughes Bore his testimony to the truth of the remarks of the Presidency. Singing. Benediction by Bp. Hughes.

We gave our Brethren the Parting hand & went to Logan on the 10 P.M. train.

**Monday, January 17, 1881**—This morning brought along the usual Temple Labors which I attended to during the whole day.

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, January 18, 19, 20, and 21, 1881**—This morning being fair & clear 10 of us Temple hands started to open the road to the Temple Mill which had been Blockaded by Snow Slides the week previously.

We all worked hard until Friday night dark before we raised the blockade to the Mill which found us feeling well but tired.

**Saturday, January 22, 1881**—We started down the Canyon dressing up the road until noon went to the Forks took dinner Thence to Logan where we arrived about 5 P.M. Met Prests Preston & Merrill.

I went to the Logan House & assisted C. W. Nibley to make a contract for 40,000 Rail road ties which took until 11 P.M.

<sup>89</sup> Andrew Andersen, born September 18, 1833, in Bromme, Denmark, was the son of Jorgen Christian Andersen and Anna Nielsen Petersen. He came to Utah in 1858, was a carpenter and a farmer, and served as the first counselor to Mendon's Bishop Hughes (see Sorensen 1988, 28). Charles Bird, born September 19, 1803, in Flanders, New Jersey, came to Utah in 1850. He was a farmer, clothier, and wool carder. He was Mendon's first

merchant and served as the community's second mayor. He died September 29, 1884, in Mendon (see Sorensen 1988, 28). George Washington Baker, born September 9, 1837, in Pomfret, New York, came to Mendon in 1860 and established a farm on Gardner's Creek. He served as justice of the peace in the community and was married to Agnes Richards (see Sorensen 1988, 63).

**Stake, Sunday, January 23, 1881**—This morning Pres. Preston M. W. Merrill & myself went to Wellsville.

[Rotated 90 degrees and written vertically in margin: Stake]

Arrived in time to attend a very interesting Sabbath School. We all made a few encouraging remarks to them commending them for their promptness in answering questions &c. Pres Preston told the children to never learn to round dance.

At 1 P.M. we met with the Sts. Choir Sang. prayor by Bp W. F. Rigby. Singing after which Sacrament was administered.

Pres. Merrill arose and said he was glad to be associated with the Sts here in this capacity. We are all depenent upon the Lord in our ministerial Labors. We cannot successful without His Spirit to accompanying us. Spoke of the great necessity of being interested in the great work in which we are engaged. We should cary the first Love of the Gospel with us continually. Exhorted the Sts. not to be lifted up in the pride of their hearts, but give God the Glory. Cited the Sts. to the Nephites when they had all things common We hav[e] got to be one in all our Labors. When we come to meeting we come to serve the Lord. We want to observe order that we may be made to rejoice in the things of God. Spoke of our dancing that it was not any portion of our religion but a privilege. Referred the Sts. to the printed circular of instructions from Pres. Taylor. We have no right to vary from them either in dancing beyond midnight or round dancing more than twice.

We have got to observe the commands of God & the voice of his servts. When we transgress these things we are cut off from these privileges. We do not wish to follow the world nor pattern after them. In our dances we had better dismiss at 11 O.C. than to go past 12. Should not indulge in introducing Liquor into them. We should go in time to our parties and cary the Holy Spirit of the Lord. Should keep good order not indulge in stamping or in swinging more than once. We do not want any medlies introduced but should have order.

Educate our selves in the Gospel plan. We have not got to much time to qualify ourselves in Gods work.

Should not learn our children to play cards for fear we will make gamblers with them and they go to ruin.<sup>90</sup> You should look after them See where your boys are when night comes. We can not fellowship men that drink & swear. The Lord has to do with all of these things. We are all amenable to the Laws of the Lord & none are exempt.

We are all responsible for the priesthood We hold and we do not want to silence our voices in these things. God Bless you Amen.

C. O. Card arose & Bore testimony to the remarks of Bro Merrill. Spoke of the great importance of each one Bearing the responsibilities placed upon them. Spoke of the good works of the S.S. and mutual improvement Society<sup>91</sup> All should try to assist in carying out the councils of the Lords servts. Spoke of the necessity of continuing our efforts on the Logan temple.

Pres Preston arose & bore his testimony to the remarks of the brethren that preceded him.

Exhorted the Sts to refrain from round dances. We should cary out Prests Taylors instructions pertaining thereto. He has permitted round dance not more than twice. Should present the lists of invitations to the Bp or presiding officers.

When you see anything wrong in the dance correct it there & then. There is Nothing of more importance to you here temporally than to make your Water ditches make some farms. Extend your city. Lay out some more Lots make homes for these boys & Girls & have them get married. All should lend their aid. You should build you a new Meeting house. You can assist in building the temple and these other things too. May God bless you & prepare you to build up the Kingdom of God. Choir Sang. Benediction by Bp W. H. Maughan.

After meeting we drove to Logan & met with the Sts here at 6:30 P.M. who were addressed by Pres Preston & Merrill who called the attention of the Sts to the evil results in round dancing Exhorted the Sts to to keep the counsels of the Pres. Apostles

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<sup>90</sup> Merrill reflected the views of Church leaders when he spoke about card playing. Joseph F. Smith wrote, "Card playing is an excessive pleasure; it is intoxicating and therefore, in the nature of a vice. It is generally the companion of the cigarette and the wine glass, and the latter lead to the poolroom and gambling hall.... Cards are the most perfect and common instrumentalities of the gambler that have been devised, and the

companionship of cards, unlike the companionship of most other games, is that of the gambling den and the saloon" (1963, 330).

<sup>91</sup> When Card spoke, the Wellsville Sunday School was led by Robert Leatham, Lewis Howell, and Alexander Spence. It had thirty-eight officers and 402 students (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 140).

& Bps. I referred briefly to our temple Labors & Bore testimony to the remarks of the former speakers.

**Monday & Tuesday, January 24 & 25, 1881**—I attended to the Local business of the Temple.

**Wednesday, January 26, 1881**—I went to the Temple Mill to view the roads Stayed all night at the mill where I had five men to Load Lumber teams and keep the road open.

**Thursday, January 27, 1881**—To day I returned to Logan where I arrived about 5 P.M.

**Friday and Saturday, January 28–29, 1881**—I attended to the Local affairs of the Temple. Attended a dancing party of of the 4th Ward Mfg & Mercantile Institution to in their new store which went off very orderly.

**Sunday, January 30, 1881**—This morning Pres Preston and myself were going to Paradise & Hyrum to hold meetings but on acont of the severe rain storm we did not go I attended the 2nd Ward S. School & addressed them upon punctuality & Practice of the Lawes & ordinances of the Gospel.

7 P.M. Met with the Sts of Logan in the Logan Tabernacle. We were addressed by the missionaries.

I also attended meeting in the Same place.

**Monday, January 31, 1881**—To day I attended to Local Temple business & A Board meeting of the U.O. Mfg & B Co which held until a late hour.

**Tuesday, February 1, 1881**—This forenoon I attended to my temple business and in the after noon another U.O. Board meeting. Held a council with Pres Preston this evening upon Stake matters.

**Wednesday, February 2, 1881**—I attended to temple Biz During the day & attended a meeting of the City council in the evening.

**Thursday, February 3, 1881**—I attended to temple Biz during the morning until 10 A.M. when I attended a fast meeting of the first & fourth Ward. Saw a goody number of children present.

Addressed the Sts upon the proper observance of the fast day also commended the children & young for their attendance. I attended another U.O. Board Meeting this evening.

**Friday, February 4, 1881**—I attended the temple business of the Temple during the day. Met Pres. Taylor & company at the depot at 10:15 P.M. Pres Lorenzo accompanied me home and put up with me.

**Saturday, February 5, 1881**—To day another of our most excellent conference convened at 10 A.M. & there were present Pres. J. F. Smith, L Snow of the Twelve & of the pres of the Seventies Elder Vancot [Van Cott]<sup>92</sup> reports and good teaching by Apostle Snow.

At 2 P.M. we met again and in addition to the above of our visiting brethren were pres John Taylor. Good meetings.

**Saturday, February 5, 1881**—[Second entry for this date.] There was a meeting of the Seventies took place at 6:30 & Stake & ward tempory organizations took place.

**Sunday, February 6, 1881**—This morning we met again at 10 A.M. and were addressed by Prests J. F. Smith & W. Woodruff at 2 P.M. When the reports were completed Pres Taylor addressed the Sts pointedly on the Subject of tithing. The young mens & Ladies Mutual Mutual met at 6:30 P.M. & were addressed by Prests J. F. Smith W. Woodruff & Elder J. T. [F.] Wells<sup>93</sup> upon the word of wisdom and the necessity of listening to the dictations of the Holy Spirit and living so we can always have it for our guidance. Thus ended the two days of a most instructive conference.

**Monday, February 7, 1881**—This morning I arose at 4 A.M. take Pres F. D. Richard to the train whom

<sup>92</sup> John Van Cott was born September 7, 1814, in Canaan, New York. He came to Utah in 1847 and in 1852 served a four-year mission in Scandinavia as the mission president. After another mission to Scandinavia, he was called to the First Council of Seventy on October 8, 1862, and served as one of the seven Presidents until his death on February 18, 1883 (see Flake 1974, 414).

<sup>93</sup> The one person in this trio mentioned by Card who is not an Apostle is Junius F. Wells, who in 1881 served as the general

superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association and as editor of the *Contributor*. Later he would be in charge of erecting important monuments, including the memorial at Joseph Smith's birthplace in Vermont; the Oliver Cowdery monument in Richmond, Missouri; and the Hyrum Smith monument in Salt Lake City. He also served as assistant Church historian from 1921 until his death in 1930 (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 1326).

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I had met on Sat. night at 12 midnight who had tarried with me since also to bid our leaders adieu for the present & thanking the Lord for their visit.

During the day I attend to the usual quota of Temple business and attend a meeting of the Stock holders of the U.O. Mfg & B Co in the 2nd Ward School room and was there elected one of the directors.

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, February 8, 9, 10, 1881**—Until thursday night I attended to temple business except a little other private & public business.

**Friday, February 11, 1881**—This morning I started for the temple mill to meet there 10 men who were coming from Bear Lake to make ties to raise means for the Logan Temple Arrived there about 4 P.M. The men came at 9:30 P.M.

**Saturday, February 12, 1881**—After arranging business with the men I returned to Logan where I arrived about 3 P.M. Met Pres Preston at the Temple Office & some other Elders & Bp with whom I conversed upon Stake business an hour or two. Thus ends another busy week & night is on and I must rest for the morrows duties.

**Stake, Sunday, February 13, 1881**—This morning I accompanied President Preston to Providence. We drove to the house of Bro. M. D. Hammond & were kindly received by Sister H. & Sons.

Spent the forenoon in counselling with the acting Bp. Elder F. Thenrer [Theurer]<sup>94</sup> who had some little difficulties with a few of the young Brethren & Sisters which did not amt to much.

Pres Preston advised them to settle their difficulties among themselves which they thought they could. We dined with Sister H. family.

Met with the Sts at 1 P.M. Singing Prayer by Elder Wm Fife Sacrament. By request I addressed the Sts upon their duties of Priesthood, duties towards our children, the necessity of Godly teachers in our day schools. Acknowledge God in all things.<sup>95</sup>

Pres. Preston arose and Bore testimony for the principles of the Gospel showed the great necessity of teaching our children how apt we are to see that they worked for us during the week days But are not particular enough to see that they attend their S.S. & meetings.

The Lord is going to have a willing and obt people. Read From the Doctrine (old edition 157) Day of Sacrifice & tithing &cc. Spoke of the value of the records we are making.

Exhorted the young to come to the S.S. & Mutual associations & learn the Scriptures and revelations. Exhorted the Sts to obedience and willingness that we may not be cut off from the Land, refered the Sts to the 5 chap of Mathew Christs sermon on the mount. We should be peace makers. Should not be rebellious for we will suffer for it. Refered to dancing parties & to the bad habits of letting parties in to our dancing parties who have not been invited whose names have not been presented to the authorities of the records. Refered the Sts to the circular of Pres. Taylor & enjoined it upon the Sts to Labor in accordance therewith.

We Should acknowledg our sins ask forgiveness of one another and get the Spirit of the Lord. Many of our wrongs are due to all of our carelessness. Spoke of the Subject of order and should avoid our confusion in parties.

Children should be glad to have our fathers and mothers to accompany them to parties meetings &c not be so carless as to leave them to themselves.

Honor & respect one another in your position. Honor those that preside over your ward. Deal in all Kindness one towards another in all our callings. Attend to our fast meetings and other meetings & other duties whether our natural man wants to or not. Pres O. Pratt says his views have nothing to do with it. But the rev. of God says so & so. Thus it should be with us study the things of God & we will learn to know the Gospel is true and God is our father. Exhorted the Sts to send their children to S.S. & come here and instruct them and learn to be true ambassadors to the nations.

<sup>94</sup> Frederick Theurer, after the Logan Temple was dedicated, was among the first group of temple officiators called (see F. Olson n.d., 159).

<sup>95</sup> William Fife was among the group of sixteen family heads who came to Providence, Utah, in May 1859. At the time Card wrote, Fife was serving as the first assistant in the Providence Ward Sunday School. He worked in the Sunday School for more

than thirty years (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 39; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 137–38). At the time Card wrote, William W. Lowe was the superintendent of the Providence Sunday School, and Godfrey Fuhrman and William Fife were his assistants. The Providence Sunday School had more than twenty-five officers and teachers and over three hundred students (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 137–38).

That we may learn to know God is my pray in the name of Jesus Amen. Singing Benediction by Elder F. Madson.

**Monday to Saturday, February 14 to 19, 1881**—During this week I attended to Temple Business and made one trip to the Temple Mill and Back. Labored considerably on reports &c.

**Sunday, February 20, 1881**—This fore noon I attended Sabbath School in the Second Ward. Met with the Sts of Logan in the Tabernacle & listened to an excellent discourse by Pres Wm. Budge<sup>96</sup> of Bear Lake & Elder B. F Cummings Jr. Met in council with Prests Budge & Preston on Temple and other matters. At the house of Pres. Preston Elder C. W. Nibley was also present. We had a pleasant time.

**Monday, February 21, 1881**—I attended Stricly to business of the Temple the greatest portion of the day.

**Tuesday, February 22, 1881**—To day I attended to Temple business & went to Green Kanyon quarry accompanied by my wife Sarah J. Painter returned and prepared to go to Bear Lake.

**Wednesday, February 23, 1881**—To day after attending to the business necessary I went to the Temple Mill dined at our temple camp at the forks of Logan Kanyon. Got to Mill about 4 P.M.

**Thursday, February 24, 1881**—This morning accompanied by Bros P. Lindsay & Charles Stephens I started for Paris Bear Lake at 3 A.M.<sup>97</sup> Arrived in meadowville at 9 A.M. Took Breakfast with Bp Kimball & family who received with kindness after which I started for again for Paris having made the Journey thus far on Snow shoes (2 Pieces of thin Boards turned up at one end which we scuff along in the Snow.) Rode in a sleigh as far as Bloomington & put up with Sister James H. Hart & son who treated me with great respect & kindness.

<sup>96</sup> William O. Budge had been sent by Brigham Young to the Bear Lake Valley to serve as a bishop, which he did for a number of years until his call as stake president. He served as stake president when the Paris Tabernacle was constructed. Budge was also the brother-in-law of Charles W. Penrose (see Rich 1963, 74, 83, 85, 92, 95, 160).

<sup>97</sup> Philemon Lindsay, who lived in Paris, Idaho, was the foreman of the temple lumber mill (see F. Olson n.d., 65).

<sup>98</sup> The last time Card mentioned Charles C. Rich, Rich was in Salt Lake City recovering from a stroke. In February 1881, the

**Friday, February 25, 1881**—I went to paris this morning & attended a conference of the Mutual Improvement associations Addressed them upon the subjects of obedience & temporance (Word of wisdom.[]) Met with the Same at 2 P.M. before & after meeting I visited Prests C. C. Rich & Budge. Stayed all night with the former.

**Saturday, February 26, 1881**—Met with the Sts in conference assembled of this Stake at 10 A M & 2 P.M. We had excellent meetings and Spirited instructions.

Stayed again overnight with Pres. C. C. Rich. I addressed the Sts this morning upon their general duties as well as the word of wisdom.

**Sunday, February 27, 1881**—This morning I again attended meeting with the Sts in conference where we heard much good teachings from Prests Budge & Osmond also a letter was read from Pres Rich expressing his gratitude to the Sts for their kindness during his affliction.<sup>98</sup>

Met again at 2 P.M. Pres Budge Osmond Hart & myself ocupied the time a good teachable spirit prevailed throughout the whole conference.

**Monday, February 28, 1881**—This morning I bade my friends of paris adieu and Started home. Dined at Fish haven with one Bro W. Stocks.<sup>99</sup> Thence to meadowville where I was kindly recd by Bp. Joseph Kimball & family. Thence I went to Lake Town on business & returned to Bp Ks about 9 P.M. where I stayed all night.

**Tuesday, March 1, 1881**—We should have started at 2 A.M. for the Temple Mill but it rained & thawed during the night Snow So Soft we concluded to remain until the snow freezes. Went to Lake town & back to day. Put up again for the night with Bp Kimball and family who treat me with much kindness.

Union Pacific Railroad provided him with a private car to Evanston, Wyoming, where several of his sons waited with wagons. He arrived at his Paris, Idaho, home on February 22, 1881, where many of the people were on hand to greet him. Thus, when Card visited the Apostle, he had been home only three days (see Arrington 1974, 312–13).

<sup>99</sup> John W. Edwin Stock, who lived in Fish Haven, Idaho, served as secretary of the United Order in that community (see Rich 1963, 187).

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**Wednesday, March 2, 1881**—Went to Mill to day arrived at 3 P.M. & remained over night.

**Thursday, March 3, 1881**—We Started for Logan this morning dined at temple camp 12 miles from Logan (The Cave) thence home at 5 P.M. where I found all well.

**Friday & Saturday, March 4 & 5, 1881**—Attended to Local Temple Business which kept me very busy.  
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**Sunday, March 6, 1881**—This morning I accompanied Pres Preston to Paradise where we met with the S.S.<sup>100</sup> & addressed them upon their duties in Learning the ways of the Lord. Pres Preston Spoke of the great importance of proper early training. Should keep good order in the house of the Lord. Should Learn to do all the requirements of the Lord in building up Temples &c.

We took dinner with & had a very pleasant time with the family of Bp Orson Smith.

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Met with the Sts. of Paradise at 1 P.M. Choir Sang Prayer by Elder O. A. Smith Singing.

Pres Preston arose & said it would do to follow the dictates of our own consciences if they were trained aright. Spoke of the Law of tithing. Some could Satisfy their consciences by paying  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their tithing.

Spoke of the Blessings of faith in healing the sick. We should assist in building Temples. Our traditions sometimes Lead us estray when we follow them. God directs us aright by His Spirit whe we are in the path of duty.

Exhorted the Sts to attend their meetings have their faith strengthened and that of our children who have not had the same opportunities their parents have. We should worship in Spirit & in the truth. Our asparations Should be for the good & peacable things & Gifts of the Kingdom. Exhorted the Sts to be meek & humble which will lead us in the ways of Life. Read from Doc Cov rev given 1831 Page 241 & 2 & 3 Spoke of the Blessings that the willing & obt & the doom of the wicked & disobedient Showed the great necessity of teaching our

children arright that they might keep the command of God. Referred to the results of the disobedience of the Nephites also the children of Israel.

The Lord has declared he will cut his work short in righuousness. Therefore will not allow us to run so long as he did the Nephites. Spoke of the vast importance of Temple buildings & we are called upon do our part in these things. Drew the attention of the Sts to the fact that they will not be permitted to go into the Temples in consequence of our neglecting our tithes & offerings. Read rev. on tithing Page 418 Made appropriate remarks connected therewith. Encouraged the Sts to keep this & other commands of God. Exhorted the Sts old & young to honor the Law of Tithing that they may enjoy the blessings of the House of the Lord. We should see that we make good records in this life that we may gain our crown by doing the will of God. May the Lord assist us to see our true position &c that we may be faithful in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

C. O. Card Spoke upon the Lawes of tithes, Offerings, Word of Wisdom, proper teaching of our children observance of fast days & our prayers &c choir Sang Benediction by Acting Bp. H. C. Jackson.<sup>101</sup>

Returned home this evening I met with the Sts of the 2nd Ward. Thus ended another Sabbath.

**Monday–Saturday, March 7–12, 1881**—To Saturday Mch 12 I attended to the business of the Temple making arrangements for to commence Laying rock on the Temple.

**Sunday, March 13, 1881**—Remained in Logan to day & attended meeting in the Tabernacle in the day time & 2nd Ward where I addressed the Sts a short time upon the proper observances of the revelation Especially the Word of Wisdom.

**Monday & Tuesday, March 14 & 15, 1881**—I remained in Logan attending to the usual run of temple Business.

**Wednesday, March 16, 1881**—This morning I attended the funeral of Elder C. C. Hurste & at 2 P.M. Started for Temple Mill where I arrived at 9 P.M. Remained here until morning.

<sup>100</sup>The leaders of the Paradise Ward Sunday School at this time were Robert Pearce, superintendent; O. E. Smith, first assistant; and T. J. Pearce, secretary. There were more than three hundred students enrolled at this Sunday School (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 136).

<sup>101</sup>Henry Clark Jackson was among the earliest settlers of

Paradise and Avon, Utah. He left behind a description of what Christmas was like in early Cache Valley, calling it one of the happiest holidays. He also wrote about the abundance of food and the sharing of cookies, apples, and candy as Church members went from home to home bringing holiday cheer (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 422).

**Thursday, March 17, 1881**—This morning after arranging the necessary Business I drove to Maughan or U.O. Water Mill where Bro J. Moris [Morse]<sup>102</sup> & myself have hands getting out rail R. Ties took dinner after which I made a trip into the timber on Snow Shoes traveling 8 or 9 miles on Snow Shoes.

Stayed over night at this mill.

**Friday, March 18, 1881**—I bid[e] my friends adieu at this place and Started home where I arrived about 1 P.M. B. Rausch [Ramsel] made this trip with me. I was very busy with Temple Biz. the ballance of the day.

**Saturday, March 19, 1881**—This morning accompanied by Elder C. W. Nibley went to Hyde Park to a Local 2 days conference. Met with the Sts. at 10 A.M. Dined with Bp. Robt Danes Met again with the Sts at 2 P.M. We addressed both meetings upon the first Principles Word of Wisdom &c.

A general good feeling prevailed during the day.

At 7 P.M. we met with the Mutual Improvement and primary association this place. We addressed this meeting also. Took Supper with Bro L. M. Molon & Stayed over night with Bp Danes [Daines].<sup>103</sup>

**Sunday, March 20, 1881**—Met with the Sabbath School at 10 A.M. We had added to our company Pres Preston Bps B. M Lewis & Bp Wm Hyde & Elder J. B. Thatcher The first & 2 last addressed the School after they passed their usial exercises.

Among the most noticable features of the School were the classes in Theology. At 2 P.M. we met with the Sts who were addressed By Pres

Preston on the importance of improvements of buildings orchards Gardens &c. Also by Bp B. M. Lewis.

Most an excellent teachable Spirit prevailed throughout our meetings. Drove to Logan where we arrived about 6 P.M.

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**Monday, March 21, 1881**—This morning I started for the U.O. Water Mills with several teams loaded with hay & Supplies got as far as Hodges Quarters where we camped for the night & established a camp here.

**Tuesday, March 22, 1881**—This morning we resumed our journey to our place of destruction where we unloaded. Thence I returned to the Temple Mill in time for dinner remained the ballance of the day & night.

**Temple Mill, Wednesday, March 23, 1881**—This morning after attending to the necessary Biz. Started for Logan where I arrived about 2 P.M. Worked at Temple Biz the ballance of the day preparing cooks to go to Temple Mill. Met with Pres F. D. Richard on the Temple Block where we talked over matters pertaining to the advancements of the Temple. Pres Richards remained over night with me.

**Thursday, March 24, 1881**—This forenoon I passed in driving around with Pres Richards viewing the places of Interest. Visited during the morning the Logan & Smithfield Canal which is being made in the mouth of Logan Canyon.<sup>104</sup> In the afternoon attend to Temple & other Business.

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<sup>102</sup> John Morse, who lived in Hyde Park, was in charge of the Green Canyon rock quarry (see F. Olson n.d., 92).

<sup>103</sup> Robert Daines, one of the original settlers of Hyde Park, was married to three wives—Jemima Seamons, Mary Glover Ashcroft, and Sarah Hymas Bates. Twenty-five of his thirty-one children lived to adulthood. He became bishop on March 27, 1874. Simpson Michael Molen helped plan and construct the Hyde Park church, supervised the building of the concrete schoolhouse in 1871, and was vice president of the united order (see Kirby 1997, 4, 7, 22, 24, 51, 57, 80, 314). After Card's move to Canada, Molen became a member of the Cache Valley stake presidency and was active as a member of the college board of trustees (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 280, 354; F. Peterson 1997, 170).

<sup>104</sup> According to historical records, this canal was first conceived by Thomas Ricks, who thought that the rich east benches of Smithfield could be irrigated by constructing a canal on the mountainside north of Logan Canyon. Thus, with a diversion

dam on Logan River, they could utilize the natural flow for irrigation. After doing some land surveying and obtaining franchises, construction was started in 1881. For one and one-half miles from where the Logan River was diverted along the rock mountainside, a tunnel had to be blasted through solid rock. Andrew King, a convert to the Church from Scotland who had mined coal, did the blasting while young men and boys did the drilling with hammers and hand-operated drills. The men worked on the canal in the winters and in the summers, when time could be spared from their farms. From 1881 to 1883 they worked for hardly any pay except deeds to lands to be irrigated from the canal. Old settlers often said that their only lunch was a baked potato or parched corn. One young man, Jim Smith, was killed by a falling rock that hit him in the head. Late in June 1881, another man fell off the mountain over forty feet, rolled down the mountain through the loose rocks, and was almost killed (see Smithfield Historical Society 2001, 34).

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Board of Trade

First Monday in very month

at 11 A.M.

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High Council 2nd Sat in every month 1 P.M.

Last Sat in Jan. also.

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City Council first Wednesday in each month

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Water com. 3 P M

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