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## Serving the Saints of the Valley

January 19, 1882–July 2, 1882

[Editor's note: Journal 13 covers January 19, 1882, through April 30, 1882. It is 4 by 6½ inches with a tan cover, and entries are written in purple pencil.]

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Jan. 22 1882

One week from next Tuesday at 11 A.M.  
High Council in Case of Bp Porter & E R  
Lawrence

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36 men went on the Ry from Clarkston in one Co.  
some before.

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Water Commission  
3, 1 Mch 82 11 AM

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Co Court 17 Apr 11 AM  
Water Commission Apr 18, 82 10 A.M.

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James Powers a transient  
taken to Cardons Hotel  
Mch 22 at In Board 7 per week

Convention adjourned Apr 27/, 82  
until June 6 -,82 at 2 PM

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Common Schools  
2000 Schollars in  
attendance in Cache Co  
No of Schools

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Grain raised in Cache Stake

Wheat 450517 Bus

Oats 130987 "

Barley 15754

Corn 5266

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882524

Potatoes 66903 Bus

Hay 11651 Tons

**Benson, Thursday, January 19, 1882**—We arrived here about 12 M dined with Bp. Harris.

Met with the Sts in their log school house at 2 P.M. Singing by the congregation. Prayer By Lars L. Nielson. Singing. Pres Merrill Said it was important to live near unto the Lord. The calling of the Elders to magnify their priesthood. We are liable to be called at any time to be called abroad & shood be ready at a moments notice. Many have been riered since the Gospel was reveiled that have not heard it. We should seek to be quallified to defend the truth, teach the children the Gospel. Referred to the goodly influence the young Elders have abroad. Spoke of their great faith in God. Referred to the time the prophet Joseph Smith dismissed the Guard because the children were praying for his protection.

Earged the importance of good examples being set before our children. Advised that we Settle our own difficulties for it was better than to take them to Bps courts or High Councils. Quoted 18 chap Mathew 15 verse. We should try to Settle our diffi- culties without giving them publicity to our

neighbors. We had better not contract for the debts of the time for trifles ere we have to pay the debt in the future.

We should see that we do not eat or drink the Sacrament unworthily, thereby eat & drink condemnation to our own souls.

The Laws of God are calculated to Govern both individuals and nations. Do unto your neighbors as you wish them to do unto you. Then we will begin to build up as the Lord desires. If we Sell or trade horses we should acquaint one another of them.

We will receive the rewards for our Labors. None are so humble or pure but what there is room for improvement. If we were pure the wicked would not like to live with us. Our daughters would not Seek husbands of Strangers neither would our sons seek wives that are not of our faith. Let us view the history of each day and see if we cannot improve. There is a record kept of our acts. It is quite a labor to be a L D St. but it is easy because God is in it. The Lord has blessed us here in this Stake of Zion particularly so Since we commenced building a temple here. It is not worth while to fret about the things of earth. God Bless you Amen.

Elder F. A. Benson Said it was for us to overcome our own weaknesses. If we can not Say good about our neighbors do not evil.

Referred the excellent mutual Improvement meeting we attended last night. Spoke of the great advantages of to day as against those of our parents. Exhorted the young man to prepare themselves of the ministry. Referred to his recent mission to the Southern States. We should inform ourselves. We should not plead ignorance, if we have not a testimony Seek for it & the Lord will give it unto you if you will ask in faith. I never go to a meeting but what we learn something.

We should aid those that address us we should pray for them & exercise faith for them. We should try to draw the young men into our associations if they are a little rough, try to do them good. Bore a strong testimony to the Gospel. Invoked the of God upon the Sts.

Meeting adjourned till 6 PM. Singing Benediction By Bp Alma Haris.

**Benson, 6 P.M.** We met again here Singing prayer by Elder Charles Reese. Singing.

Bp Wm H Maughan asked the faith & prayers of the Sts.<sup>1</sup> I believe we are worthy of a refreshing of the Lord. Referred to the dedication of Salt Lake Valley by the Pioneers of 1841. as an inheritance for this L D Sts.

He drew the contrast of to day with the days of the first Settlers. As Zion is to be the joy & admiration of the whole earth We should raise our Shade & fruit trees.

We have not come here to get rich after the manner of the world but we come for the Laws of God. Spoke of the Law of Tithing as a source through which we can obtain Blessings.

Honor this Law that Zion may be Zion to us. Spoke of the principle of repentance which was a Godly Sorrow So much So we forsake our evils.

Spoke of the necessity of meeting to gather on the Sabbath day & partaking of the Sacrament that may enjoy His Spirit. Spoke of the Eternity of marriage & our zeal when we first joined the church Does our Bibles remain upon our shelves: do we give our children the opportunity to read the *Juvenile Instructor* & other good Books. Referred to the faithful son of Abraham & Sarah. Place every facility at the hands of our we can for their improvement. Exhorted the Sts to caryout the Laws of God strictly in our lives.

Urged the Sts to be kind to those that are in want. Receive the inspiration of heaven through the Svts of God. Compared the Liberty of Zion to the Slavery of the world. Bore testimony to the things of God & his Servts. Warned the sts against the way of the world. Prayed that we may walk in the ways of the Lord Amen.

C. O. Card Spoke upon the word of wisdom read the use on same. Spoke of Temple Building and teach our young in the ways of the Lord.

### Smithfield

Asked God to Bless the Sts & give them life light and understanding in the name of Jesus amen.

Singing Benediction By Johnathon Ricks.

**Smithfield, Friday, January 20, 1882**—We Stayed over night with Bro Charles Reese of Benson Thence to Smithfield this morning where we met with the Sts at 10 A M Singing By the choir Prayer by Elder E. F. Green.

<sup>1</sup>William H. Maughn was the first bishop of Wellsville; he later became the mayor and was one of the directors of the Utah

Northern Railroad, which brought the train to Cache Valley (see F. Peterson 1997, 34, 53, 96, 175).

C. O. Card Spoke upon the general duties of the L D Sts touched upon attending prayer in our families night & morning urged all to work in their lot & callings & Bear off the responsibilities we bear. Teach our children the principles of the Gospel & do not send them to Schools of other denominations. Exhorted the Sts to do their part in building meeting houses & Temples, in fact take part in all duties.

Bp. Wm H Maughan Said that the Lord had manifested himself to His servants that this Land was reserved as a home. Referred to the early settlements & the dedication of these Valleys for the homes of the Sts.

Spoke upon the principles of faith repentance & Baptism. Spoke of gathering no coercion in the Kingdom of God all is free agency but, we use this agency to do wrong & we are accountable.

Should not break the Sabbath Spoke of the Blessings of wives & children by the new & everlasting cov. We should be careful what kind of examples we set before them. Warned the Sts. against Sending their children to out Side schools. Exhorted the Sts to attend Sabbath and day schools & see that they are taught Gospel principles use of our means to sustain L & D Schools. Exhorted all to be L.D. Sts. Choir sang meeting adjourned until 2 O.C. Benediction By F. A. Benson.

2 P.M. Choir Sang. Prayer by Elder Thos Hilliard. Singing.

Elder F. A. Benson arose and desired the prayers of the Sts. It is our duty to pray for those of the elders that preach to us. It is the duty of the young Elders to prepare themselves for the ministry Knew that we were engaged in the work of God.

It was a privilege of the young to belong to the Mutual improvement associations & was a blessing to us. Showed the necessity of preparing ourselves at home. We Should Set good examples & follow them. Reminded the Sts it was their duties to live according to the Laws of god. We might do without some of our follies & send the means & gather Some of the honest & Poor. Spoke Encouragingly of to the young and exhorted them to be kind to their parents and not treat them with contempt. These ass[n].

Should Set an example in all of these things Treat all kind.

We Should manage our parties properly. Exhorted all to be faithful in keeping the Laws & ordinances of the Gospel. Spoke of the good work the young Elders have done. May God Bless us is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Pres Merrill arose & said we are here by request of our Pres. Thought the Sts feel kindly towards us to turn out in the middle of the work to meeting. Thus far in our travels we have had a good time for the Sts have given us their faith & prayers. He always preferred to be in the Society of the Sts. Spoke of the Organizations of Societies among the Sts to educate the youth in the Gospel. Referred to the benefit of praying in our families as setting a good example.

We are not here particularly to get gain but to walk in the ways of the Lord. Seek after the gifts of the Gospel. Read from the Doc Cov. rev. given in Curtland Mch 1881 concerning the gifts of the Gospel. Some complain that they do not enjoy these blessings as we used to when we first joined the church. At that time it was our whole theme & aspirations. If we could do away with the Spirit of fault finding Bickering we will do better & enjoy more of these gifts. Learn to love one another. Referred to the good works of the Sts. upon the Temples. Exhorted the Sts to give a strict heed to the Laws & ord's of the Gospel. All things are in the hands of God. Where can go that God is not there? Nowhere! Make the best use of our time for it is Short. Read the Books of Mormon Doc. & cov. *Bible* &c, Call our families to gather & teach them the Gospel. Talk the Gospel everywhere. Referred to the rev. in regard to building the Temple in Jackson Co in this generation which was along time ago.

Quoted from the Sayings of Pres. John Taylor on the subject of allowing other Sects to educate our children. If we do so here we will Sup Sorrow for it. Referred to cases that lost the Spirit of the Gospel by attending Schools of those whose faith is derogatory to the Gospel plan.<sup>2</sup>

Said wo unto those who would Send their children to out Side Schools. Better that they go uneducated.

It will be joy unto us if we keep the faith to See our children rise up in faith. Contrasted the wealth

<sup>2</sup>In 1881 the Presbyterians opened a day school in Smithfield, and by 1885 there were ninety-one students enrolled. Over ninety percent of the students enrolled in this school were also members of the Presbyterian Sunday School. The Protestant

schools had some appeal because the teachers were often better educated and more skilled than Latter-day Saint school teachers (see Simmonds 1976, 42).

of to day with the povety of the past. It is a great blessing to have the privilege of looking out upon the house of the Lord a Holy Temple. Spoke very encouragingly to the Sts. Exhorted the Sts. to dilligence in research, for knowledge. And practice the Gospel. Send for the Elders in Stead of the doc-tors This is the Lords plan. God bless you Amen.

Bp. G. L. Farrell Bore testimony to the remarks of the brethren & exhorted the Sts. to keep their Sayings. Invoked the Blessings of God upon us. Singing Benediction By Bp Maughan

After meeting we returned home having had a very excellent time though the weather has been Severely Cold.

### Logan & Richmond, also Lewiston

**Saturday, January 21, 1882**—I attended to temple Biz until 11 A M when I attended the double funeral of the wife of R. P. Smith & The daughter of Thos. Friedman in the 5th Ward Schoolhouse.<sup>3</sup> In the afternoon I resumed my usial biz.

**Sunday, January 22, 1882**—Shortly befor 8 A M I Started to Richmond accompanied by my wife S. J. B. [Birdneau] & son C. O. Jr. Arrive in time & attended the S.S. At 10 A.M. & addressed them Briefly upon the word of Wisdom.

Dine with Bro Merrill Thence Pre M. W. Merrill & myself went to Lewiston where we met with the Sts of Lewiston at 1 P.M. Choir Sang prayer By Elder Ellis Lane Singing Sacrament.

Lewiston. [Written at top of next two pages.]

Pres. Merrill arose & said he had nothing premeditated but hoped he would say nothing but that which is for our good. He remembered the good teachings of a kind mother. We can't go anywhere but what God is there. Some turn away after teaching the Gospel to many people & traveling many miles. No L.D. St can retain his standing without the aid of the Spirit of the Gospel.

Spoke of the benefits of partaking the Sacrament. We should not neglect. Spoke of the way in which those that are not of our faith view tithing and Temple Building. Referred to the vast Amt of tithing & Temple offerings & the Blessings of God in return. Without Gods Blessings upon us we fail. We

should Labor that our lives may not be a blank. Labor constantly that we may enjoy the gifts & Blessings of the Gospel.

If we do not enjoy these gifts it is because we neglect our duties. We neglect to call up on the Lord.

The Lord is as willing to answer our prayers as He ever was & we should Seek Him. We should constantly watch ourselves. Should not take advantage in our deal or trade. God knowes it whether your Brethren do or not. We will have to make retribution for our wrongs. Educate ourselves to be Sts. Set examples of honesty before our families. In this we would take great Satisfaction & joy in knowing we have done our duty. Learn to love one another. Exhorted the Sts not to go to Law to keep the Lawes of God. Plead with the people to settle their own difficulties & not be obliged to refer them to Bps courts & High Councils. We should watch ourselves & our families. Be kind to all & do right unto every Bad St or Sinner. Advised the Sts to Send for the Elders in Stead of doctors when they are Sick. Adopt the Gospel plan. Was pleased to see that the Sts here have commenced a meeting house. Go to & Build it & the Blessings of the Lord will be upon you. May the Blessings of the Lord rest upon you & all your organization. Try to get along without difficulties. Better Suffer wrong than do wrong. Amen. 57 minutes

C O Card Spok 20 minutes. Referred to the Word of Wisdom as a blessing to those that obey it. Exhorted the Sts. to to teach their children the principles of the Gospel & not entrust them to those that ~~not~~ are not of our faith.

Exhorted all to to keep the Lawes & ordinances of the Gospel. Invoked the Blessings of the Lord upon the Sts. in the name of Jesus Amen. Choir Sang. Benediction By Wm Wadups.

Richmond. [Written at top of page.]

At 6:30 P.M. We met with the Sts of this place Choir Sang Prayer By Thos. Ashmont

Sing again by the Choir. C. O. Card was the first Speaker Said we should try to Shape our lives to the Lawes and ordinances of the Gospel. Honor the Lawes of tithing & offering We Should ask the guidance of the Lord when we go to Seek our companion & So Honor the Lawes of God we can get them Sealed to us by those having authority Thenc we

<sup>3</sup>Ralph P. Smith was a member of the teachers quorum that often visited members who were accused of apostasy or of breaking Church rules. He was also on the nominating committee for

the People's Party. He was the chief quarryman working on the temple. He lived on Paine and Arch Streets in Logan (see Simmonds 1976, 18, 20, 28; Somers 1993, 69).

would have power to bring them in the resurrection. School our children in the principles of the Gospel. May God Bless the Sts in the name of Jesus Amen.

[Left marginal note: Spoke 45 minutes]

**Richmond.** [Written at top of page.]

Pres. M W Merrill Said Bro Card & myself have been holding meetings from Paradise to Smithfield Have had one week of Sundays. I can say the young are improving. Referred to our attending a meeting with the Mutual Improvement joint meeting at Mendon. Referred to the Gifts & Blessings recorded in doc & cov. in a rev. given Mch 8 - 1881.

We note the progress of our little children in our Schools. We have got to Labor in accordance to the will of the Lord. Great credit is due to our parents for their Stamana. We should honor our parents & Store their good teachings. We Should heed the Gospel & use of our time to do good. The Kingdom will roll on God will gather out from this people those that will Love Him & keep His commands & Build up his Kingdom. The Gold & Silver and all belong to the Lord. & we will enjoy them by the blessings of God. We want to think of the things of the Lord.

Apply our minds & let all the evils go & Seek after the wisdom of the Lord & God will be with us which I ask in the name of Jesus Amen.

[Left marginal note: Spoke 25 minutes]

The Bp. W. L. Skidmore made a few pertinent remarks. Choir Sang Benediction By M. F. Bell.

**Monday, January 23, 1882**—Having Staid all night with Bro. Merrill Self & wife Started for Logan about 10 A.M. Call[ed] at Smithfield & got my little Boy Then called & visited Bro C Jones<sup>4</sup> one of our Temple men who had fallen down a Short Ladder & Hurt himself about the Hip & leg one week before Was Sitting up felt. Thence Home where we arrived at 12:30 P.M. Attended to Temple Biz during the afternoon.

<sup>4</sup> Charles Jones recovered and became the first night watchman at the temple. During the temple's construction he was in charge of the lime, sand, and mortar that went into the building (see F. Olson n.d., 157).

<sup>5</sup> Henry Ballard was called as bishop (some accounts say acting bishop) on April 20, 1861. On May 20, 1877, Apostle John Taylor came to Logan and ordained him a high priest and set him apart as bishop of the Second Ward. He was told to choose two

**Tuesday, January 24, 1882**—Attended to Temple during the day correspondence &c.

**Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 and 26, 1882**—I have during these Two days attended to my usial Temple Biz. Viewing the works trying to advance them as fast as possible.

**Friday, January 27, 1882**—To day I attended to temple Biz & visited the B.Y. college. addressed the Students & attended a party with them at the Cardon hall in the eve.

**Saturday, January 28, 1882**—Part of the day I attended to Temple Biz. Spent an hour on Stake & other Biz. with Pres. Preston. At 4 PM my self and wives Visited Bp Ballard took supper with him and done Some dancing in the evening. All in commemoration of Our Bps 50th Birth day. He has presided over this ward faithfully for nearly 22 yrs.<sup>5</sup> Pres Merrill participated.

**Providence, Sunday, January 29, 1882**—At 9 A.M. we Started to Providence (Pres M. W. M. [Merrill] & L. R. Martineaux & Self) Met with the S.S. of this place which was well attended & Supplied with teachers. After the usial exercises Pres M & Elder Martineaux address them Briefly & encouragingly.

We dined with Bp Melvin M Hammond.

**At 2 P.M.** We met with the Sts of this Place choir Sing prayer by Bro. Geo. O. Pitkin<sup>6</sup> Singing & Sacrament.

Elder L. R. Martineau was pleased to have an opportunity to meet with of this place & desired their praise for none could edify the Sts without the Spirit of God. Impressed the necessity of enjoying the Gift of the Holy Ghost for it was the ground work of a testimony. We need this for our own Guidance.

Reminded the young men that they can be useful while in their youth. Try to magnify the Priesthood confere upon you. The young mens M.I.[A.]I was instituted for the reforming the young & if they need no reforming they can make

counselors so that he could hold a bishop's court when needed. Thus Bishop Ballard served sixteen years and one month before he was set apart and asked to choose his counselors (see Crookston 1994, 122).

<sup>6</sup> In the late 1880s, when Card was spending most of his time in Canada, George O. Pitkin served as acting president of the Cache Valley Stake (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 280).



themselves useful. Exhorted the young to be Studious in the principles of your religion. Exhorted the young to be religious keep good Society which is the Society of the God.

Discourage evil habits such as Smoking & chewing tobacco. Set those that are younger good examples. That we may have nothing to regret. Invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts. Amen.

Pres. M. W. Merrill arose Said he had listened with Interest to Bro. Martineau. Related Some of his early experience in the church in trying to mark out what he should Say prior to going to meeting. When he arose he could not think of it. Should depend upon the Lord for something to Say. The Holy Ghost will dictate us. Urged the parents to assist the young in leading them in the ways of God. Parents Should be united in teaching the young children.

Warned the Sts about their children being out of nights. They should have more care than anything else we have got. See that they are taught good things. Those that are neglected we hear evil of.

We hear of good reports from our young men who have been sent on Missions & have formerly had good teaching & taken heed to them. Some do not wish to teach their children the Gospel, but such have not the Spirit of the work of God. It is our duty to teach them the ways of the Lord. If we do they will honor God & His cause. Our young can learn of god & can obtain a testimony for themselves. They can learn faster than their parents their minds are quick & susceptible.

The work of God is increasing so the work increases it will require men of greater magnitude & will require greater men. Some get so enwrapped in the things of the world we forget our prayers night and morn. We did not come here to tell you anything new. We gave those that like to tell something that the Apostles have not thought of. We have not kept all yet that has been revealed. All the evils we have among us we inaugurate ourselves. There is a labor for every elder at home in ferriting out evil at home. Some Sell whiskey in the Settlements which is a great evil. Said many good things on this point.

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

and concluded very abruptly to allow Prest. C. O. Card to speak to the Saints who arose and said:

Testified to the remarks of those who preceded him. Dwelt upon the obligations of parents to their children, in training them up in the principles of the Gospel. Deprecated the reticence of Some to include the teaching of Religion in their families. Advocated the force of good Example. Those who persist in selling intoxicating drinks are ~~not~~ traitors to the religion they profess, and [The word "and" is circled.] cannot retain the fellowship of the Saints. We should not follow any persuit upon which we could not ask the blessings of God. Let us begin at home the work of reformation and not try to correct our neighbor's weaknesses first. Let us lean toward the Lord. He is our Friend. Uphold and Sustain ourselves & do not unite with or sympathise with those who fight against God. May God Bless us & assist us. Amen.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Elder L R M Stated that it was the request of the General Superintention of the Young Mens M.I.A. the following were unanimously Sustained as officers of the Young M.M.I.A. of Providence.

Pres John M Wilson 1st Coun. ~~2nd Asst~~ C.S. Crabtree 2nd coun. Adolph Bair.<sup>7</sup> Hopkins Mathews Secy. H Hadderli Treas. Told them to commence their Missionary Labors as per programme printed in the *Logan Leader*.

Choir Sang Benediction by Eld M. D. Hammond.

**Millville.** We drove to Millville & met with the Sts here at 6:30. Choir Sang Prayer by Elder Elder Wm Newbold choir Sang again. Elder L R Martineau desired the faith & prayers of the Sts The Lord has chosen us to Labor in the Intst of His Kingdom. We as young men Should take the responsibilities that have been extended unto us by our parents &c. Exhorted the young to seek God for a testimony of the truth of the work. God has sent us he that we might accomplish more than merely live. We should try to make ourselves useful. Honor our parents. Gave a little of his missionary experience. We must get a testimony by the inspiration of God.

We are here to fit & quallify ourselves for a future existence. The Y.M.M.I A & Sabbath School are good places for us to improve ourselves. Referred the young men to the progress of Mutual

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<sup>7</sup> Adolph Baer married Louise Haderlie, and they resided with their son Joseph Richard in Providence (see Baker 1973, 24).

Improvement Missionaries. Let us increase the numbers of our members. Use the tallents that God has endowed us with for good. Showed the evils of the use of Liquor as a beverage. Also the use of Tobacco. Discouraged Bad Language & taking the name of the deity; All should discourage these evils. Cultivate the habit of keeping good company. May God help us to improve in the name of Jesus Amen.

Stated the officers Should be Set apart by the Bp. & his councilors after They have been sustained befor the Sts by vote.

Pres Merrill commeded the Sts for their good house they had erected to worship. Wished they could set the house apart Solely for meeting purposes. Expected we would Some day have School houses Set apart for the educations of our children. Spoke of the good feelings that existed among many families because peace is there. Not because they are rich for many have all the comforts they can ask for & still they are not hapy. We should be kind in our family circles. We Should have a kind word for all kindness begets kindness. Kindness will win even with animals. Our Savior taught us to be kind.

We should not deal harshly if we are head of our families. Dwelt at some length on this subject. There is a vast field for us. We Should make it a theory to bring about good results.

We should See that there is union with husband & wife, when it is otherwise the precious little children will notice it & it will destroy their confidence with the heads of the family. Teach our children good things.

Our feelings will be God Bless you Bro. & Sister This kingdom is not going to be given to another people. The teachers when they visit if they visit the Sts with the Spirit of their callings will meet out such instructions that will be needed. The Evils that be-sets our young 9 tenths of it originate at home on act of disagreements at home through an unwise course. As for we enjoy the Gospel we work for it. If we do not enjoy the gifts & blessings of God it is because we don't live for it.

When we meet together to worship God let us talk about God & his purposes. We must learn to correct the little evils at home. We can not afford to quarrell or Bicker one with the other or talk about anyone. Make up our minds we will not complain against anyone. Try to be good Morral upright

consistant L.D. Sts. We should be slow to judge one another.

We must learn to talk & not say to much. We should guard ourselves in word & action. There will be more required of our children than we are able to do on a lot of our traditions. We have good young men hundreds of them. We should herald the good not the evil. The Latter day Sts are a good people & do many good things. A few have lost the testimony & will turn their children over to the world to educate for this they will yet mourn. It is the mission of the evil one to lead away our children We will be responsible for our course. Be humble & prayerful. Be kind to the Bp & his counsellers. They act because they are called & set apart for that purpose. Give him our faith & prayers. This is the Lords work let us be on hand. Referred to uneasiness of our nation & others in regard to mormonism it is an evidence & proof to us that it is Gods work. We may fall out by the way but Gods work will roll forth. Amen.

Prest. C. O. Card spoke:

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Knew that the instructions given tonight were correct. Felt as deep an interest in Millville as in any other part of this Stake of Zion. Exhorted the Saints to prayer & faithfulness. It is our mission to teach our families the Gospel. We should use our own Exertions to reap the blessings of the Gospel. Cited Oliver Cowdery's Experience.<sup>8</sup> We should be thoughtful & make the work of God a constant study. The saints are doing a great work. Building the Logan Temple was a great & good work, & the Saints had done well in this regard. Encouraged the young men to serve God, as also the old.

Referred to the actions of the U.S. governments at present to deprive us of our religion. But God is on our side & will deliver us if we only live the lives of Saints. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Saints of Millville. Amen.

Bp Pitkin endorsed the remarks of the brethren and would not add more than to say that on next Sunday the Presidency of the Stake accompanied by some of the Apostles would be here to dedicate this new Meeting house to the worship of God.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>8</sup>Early in the history of the Church, Oliver Cowdery, who was Joseph Smith's scribe, desired to assist in the translation process. He was unable to do so and was told that his failure resulted

from his supposition that God would do all the work if Cowdery simply asked Him for help (see D&C 9:7-8).

<sup>9</sup>The new church in Millville was 34 by 66 feet with a vestry

Also appointed tomorrow night to set the officers of Y.M.M.I.A. apart by laying on of hands & invited all to be present.

Singing, Benediction by Elder John Laird.<sup>10</sup>

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

**Monday, January 30, 1882**—We remained over night with Bp Geo. O. Pitkin & family whom we bade adieu about 10 A M & returned to our homes.

I attended to Temple Business during the Bal of the day. I attended to a Board meeting of the U O Mfg & B Co.

**Tuesday, January 31, 1882**—Was kept busily engaged in Temple Biz. until 11 A M When I went into the High Council who had the case of Bp. N. Porter & our Bro Lawrence Sat there & listened to them over 5 hours.<sup>11</sup> The council decided against Bro Lawrence when he gave notice of an appeal to the traveling high Council & or Presiding Apostles

He had tried hard to tear down the character of Bp. Porter by unprincipled witnesses either by their presence or written testimony the only thing established against Bp Porter was he was a little dillitory in paying his debts.

**Wednesday, February 1, 1882**—I attended to Temple & Stake Business all day wrote a communication to the *Des. News* making an anual Statement of Business of the Logan Temple.

**Thursday, January [February] 2, 1882**—I attend fast meeting this forenoon at 10 O.C. Where the Spirit of God was made manifest. One of the Sisters Spoke in tongues Interpreted By Mother Crocket Wife of David Crockett<sup>12</sup> deceased which was to the effect great calamities that were Shortly to come upon the nations exhorting the Sts. to not set their Hearts upon the things of the world & prepare themselves for the work of the Lord. A Synopsis of

the above was given to me & I was filled So with the Spirit that I could not but give utterance only Briefly. I attended to Temple Business during the Bal of the day & met with the Board of the U.O. Mfg & B. Co of Logan in my own house.

**Friday, February 3, 1882**—Finds me busy in Temple & stake business preparing for our quarterly Conference which commences tomorrow. Have been very busy to day preparing for conference. Met the Brethren at the train at 11 P.M. Took Apostles F. D. Richards John H. Smith & Elder G. F. Gibbs home with me.

**Saturday, February 4, 1882**—Our quarterly conference commenced to day at 10 A.M. The Speakers were Apostles E. Snow F M. Lyman & Elder Dalton. Some reports read. At ½ past 11 A M I accompanied Prests. Taylor J. F. Smith the Apostles & some others to the Temple where we held a consultation about Starrs windows in Font & Some other matters pertaining to the Temple adjourned at 1 P.M.

Dined & returned to meeting at 2 P.M. Speakers were Apostles J. H. Smith L. Snow & Elder C. W. Penrose. I passed the evening with Pres. Taylor Apostles F. D. Rich M Thatcher T. O. Angell Jr Jas Quayle at the house of Bro M. Thatcher.

**Sunday, February 5, 1882**—We met in conference again at 10 A M after the usial exercises we were addressed by Pres J. F Smith Apostles F. D. Richards & E. Snow.

2 P.M. Singing prayer Sacrament ~~Speakers~~ The General & local authorities of the church were Sustained after which pres John Taylor Ocupied the the time and gave us an excellent discourse in a kind & fatherly manner Our whole conference was filled with a good feeling & excellent teachings throughout.

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22 feet square on the north end. The history of Millville says there is no record of the date the church was dedicated, but we know from Card's diary what the date was (see Millville History Book Committee 1990, 50).

<sup>10</sup>John Laird was born October 25, 1809, in Glenhead, Dunbartonshire, Scotland. He joined the Church in 1837 and came to Millville in 1868. He was married to Maria Allen, the daughter of David and Harriet Allen, but they did not have any children. He donated the land on which a church was constructed (see Baker 1973, 298).

<sup>11</sup>Nahum Porter was the first bishop of the Worm Creek Ward. Lawrence is a likely reference to Elisha Lawrence, who was

among the early settlers of Preston and later Whitney (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 72–74).

<sup>12</sup>A David Crockett lived in Logan and was shot and killed on February 14, 1873, by Charlie Benson, the oldest son of Ezra T. Benson. Benson was caught and then taken from his cell and hanged. Card at that time served as county coroner; he immediately impounded a jury, which said that Benson's death came from strangulation caused by a rope around his neck. Both David W. Crockett and Charles A. Benson were buried in the Logan Cemetery. Somers writes of a David Crockett who frequently acted on the Logan stage (see F. Peterson 1997, 98–99; Somers 1993, 129).



**Monday, February 6, 1882**—This morning just before 4 O.C. I conveyed my company to the train where I bade all the Brethren adieu I attended to temple & other business until 3 P.M. when I met with the Board of the U.O. Bldg Co. at my own house. Went to the Stock holders meeting of the Same Co. & was reelected director.

**Tuesday, February 7, 1882**—I attended to Temple Business during the day.

**Wednesday, February 8, 1882**—To day I went up the Kanyon about 9 miles & visited a camp of men getting wood for the Temple Dined with them. Thence up about 7 miles farther to See about Temple Sleighs & Scaffold poles & returned home in the afternoon.

**Thursday, February 9, 1882**—I attended I attended Temple Stake & private Biz.

**Friday, February 10, 1882**—I attended to Temple Biz in the forenoon & Central Mill business in the afternoon.

**Saturday, February 11, 1882**—During the forenoon & until 3 P.M. I ~~took train~~ attended to Temple & other business until 2 PM when I prepared to go to Richmond took train about 4:30 went to Richmond & arrived at this place about 7 P.M. & Stayed over night with Pres M. W. Merrill.

**Franklin, Sunday, February 12, 1882**—At 9 A M Pres Merrill & I Started for Franklin accompanied by his Sons Alma & Merriner Met with the Franklin S.S.<sup>13</sup> at 10 A.M. & after Sacrament & the usual S.S. exercises the School was Briefly addressed by Pres. M. W. Merrill his 2 sons & myself.

2 P.M. We met with the Sts Sing by the Choir prayer by Elder W. L. Webster<sup>14</sup> Singing Sacrament. I Spoke about ½ an hours upon the necessity of adhering to the principles of the Gospel exhorted all to magnify their callings in teaching the Gospel to our

children avoid Sending them to Schools that are not taught by Latter day Sts cultivate the Spirit of Unity.

Alma Merrill felt to do right & do the best he could to live & learn of the principles of the Gospel.

M. W. Merrill Jr Spoke of the great benefit of the Lawes of Marriag God has revealed. We should deal honestly one with another Invoked the blessings of the Gospel upon the Sts.

Sang We thank the O God for a prophet.

Pres. Merrill arose & was glad to meet with you & See the good turn out at the S.S. this morning which is one of our greatest Interests is the training properly of them.

In as much as we know that this work is true we Should teach it to our children with assurance. Those that go abroad to educate themselves are mostly junctured with Infidelity. When we look back upon our lives we will See we have made but little advancement We should place Before our children good things we Should turn our attention to these things. We Should Labor to obtain good things. We Should adopt the principles of the Gospel by applying these good principles to ourselves. It is easier to tear down than build up. We Should be careful not wound one another feelings refered to the 18 chap Mat. 152.<sup>15</sup> We should not cultivate the Spirit of Enmity & vindictiveness. Build up the good for temptation will be great enough. If we cant Say good about our neighbors Say no evil. Seek to develop the Good. We must become one to be the people of God One great evidence that we have is the raving of our enemies abroad, who are corrupt. Spoke of the Blessings of the Temples. Spoke of the organization the Priesthood as helps in the Government of God. Showed the necessity of Priests & teachers duties read rev. in Doc. & cov. which explains their duties. Exhorted the Sts to adopt the Suggestion of the Savior record in Mat c 18 v 152. The Lord is more kind to us than we are to one another. It is better for us to build up than tear down. We want to be rich in the blessings of God Should not Back bite nor Speak evil of one another. Build our foundations upon rock. We had better be gentle

<sup>13</sup> Alma Merrill was the sixth child of Marriner Wood Merrill. His mother was Sarah Ann Atkinson, Merrill's first wife. His brother Marriner was the second child from this marriage, and he had an older sister, Phebe Ann (see Merrill 1937, 509). The superintendent of the Franklin Sunday School at the time of Card's visit was Isaac B. Nash, his assistant was James Herd, and the secretary was Thomas Durant (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 239–40).

<sup>14</sup> William L. Webster was prominent enough that his death was mentioned in Andrew Jenson's *Church Chronology* (1914, 214). He died April 7, 1897, in Franklin, Idaho.

<sup>15</sup> Merrill was referring to the teachings of Jesus when He said that those who offended little children would be better off had they had a millstone hanged about their necks and been drowned in the depths of the sea. Jesus also spoke against those who gave offense and said, "Woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" (see Matthew 18:1–10).

than refractory, be mild. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts here. There is a field of Labor for us all Gave good advise our council to all Our mission is to do good. Set good examples to all for we represent the Kingdom of God & Should be exemplary. Beget confidence that cannot be shaken. Amen.

Choir Sang Benediction by Elder M W Merrill Jr.  
I returned home by train.

**Monday, February 13, 1882**—I attended to Temple Biz. until evening when I attended a meeting of the Board of U.O. Mfg & B Co.

**Tuesday Wednesday, February 14 & 15, 1882**—I attended to the Temple Business as well as Stake Business Bro. Merrill came & Stayed over night with me. We passed most of the eve. with Bro C. W. Nibley.

**Newton, Thursday, February 16, 1882**—Pres. Merrill & my Self left Logan at ½ Past 8 A.M. drove to Newton.

Met with the Sts at 11 A.M. Singing Prayer by Counselor Wm Griffin<sup>16</sup> Singing.

Pres. Merrill arose and Said it was a little out of the common to meet on week days.

Referred to the condition of the people of the Southern States as reported by his Son who was on a mission in Tennessee<sup>17</sup> The contrast was in favor of the Sts. here our condition being So much better. The Lord has Blessed us in planting us here. The Hand of the Lord is made visible to every right minded person. The hand of the Lord is in this work We should feel we are engaged in the Lords work. If we could Sense this we would feel different then we do. We should feel humble, kind and charitable. Do unto our neighbors as we would wish them to do unto us. Feel that our neighbors' rights are as dear to them as ours. If we could to the unity of the faith we would have more power & do away with a great deal

of Labor in Bps. trials & High Council trials & do away with a great deal of hardness. Avoid wounding the feelings of one another. We should reflect before we act. We should not quarrell nor go to Blows. Turn no one away we can bless. Visit the sick & afflicted & we will bless ourselves by so doing.

If we will live & practice the principles of the Gospel we will have good faith & more of it.

There is no need of us being ignorant in regard to the divinity of the Gospel because the Lord is no respecter of persons.

When the young men go abroad they Lean upon the Lord & they soon get a testimony. We can do the Same at home: In many instances as parents we neglect our children in teaching them the principles of the Gospel. If we will give them this attention we would raise up those of great faith Keep the Principles of the Gospel before them both in theory & practice. As the Kingdom of God advances the world will grow more wicked. The cup of this nation (The U.S.) is nearly full. Will we keep ourselves aloof from the sins of the world also our children. Train them to not follow the fashions & follies of the world. Warned the Sts. against sending their children to mission Schools of those not of our faith.<sup>18</sup> Use our influence to have our children taught by those of our faith in the Gospel. There is a great responsibilities resting upon our mothers for many of the Elders are away from home preaching the Gospel. Use what we have to the Glory of God. Exhorted the Sts to Settle up their difficulties & live for the Lord.

Try to take a course that God will aprobate. This people are Blessed above all other people. Seek to honest & we will be sought after. Testified that the work of God will stand The little stone is rolling. Amen (Pres. M Spoke an hour)

Singing & Benediction by Coun. W Griffin J. H. Barker.

We dined with Councilor Griffin. (\* Elders T. McNeil & Wm. Waterson<sup>19</sup> Joined us at this

<sup>16</sup>William Griffin ran the Newton Cooperative store until it was destroyed by fire in 1916 (see Felix 1956, 97).

<sup>17</sup>Thomas Hazen Merrill married Boletta Olsen just four months before departing for his mission to the southern states. He served in the South from July 1881 to June 1883. Hazen attended Brigham Young College and graduated from the University of Utah in 1887. Like his father, he served as bishop of the Richmond Ward (see Merrill 1937, 386–87).

<sup>18</sup>At the time Card wrote, the closest Protestant Mission school was in Mendon, a small community less than ten miles south of Newton. However, in the 1880s the Methodists opened

one of their New West Schools in Trenton, a community only two or three miles north of Newton (see Simmonds 1976, 42–45).

<sup>19</sup>John H. Barker was the postmaster in Newton and had the first store in that community. He also for a time managed the cooperative (see Felix 1956, 97). Thomas McNeil came to Cache Valley in October 1859. His daughter Margaret married Henry Ballard, who served as bishop of the Logan Second Ward. Thomas McNeil died on February 9, 1890. William Waterson was a farmer who lived between Chestnut and Walnut Streets. In 1880 he homesteaded land in Petersboro, built a log cabin with a

meeting.) [Asterisk written at top of page to indicate names were filled in later.]

2 P.M. Singing Prayer by Elder Christian Peterson choir Sang.

Elder Thomas McNiel took pleasure in bearing his testimony to the work of God. This is a privilege we enjoy as Sts of God in meeting to gather. Before we were gathered home we used to have to meet one another as Sts. Spoke of the kind acts of the Lord & his good example &c. Spoke of the vindictive Spirit exhibited against the prophet Joseph Smith as soon as he revealed that Heavenly messengers had visited him. Spoke of the Spirit of unbelief extant at the Crucifixion of the Savior & contrasted it with the present. It is a blessing to know you are a Latter day St. We know that it is necessary to enjoy the Testimony of the truth of the Gospel. Exhorted the young to obtain a testimony of the Truth of the Gospel. Showed how easily it was to be over come if we slack our energies in keeping Gods mandates He prayed for power to over come every evil influence Invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts. Amen.

Elder Wm. Waterson [Watterson] arose & desired the prayers of the Sts. Commended the Sts for being on hand to come out to meeting in So Stormy day.

We have great reason to be thankful for the blessings we enjoy. Knew the Gospel is true. Should over come our faults. Prayed God to Bless all the Sts.

C. O. Card Spoke to the Sts upon the necessity of appreciating the priesthood & exercising ourselves in the functions of our office. We should teach our children to keep and practice the Laws & ordinances of the Gospel. The Sts were improving in tithes & offerings have increased. We want to

cultivate the principle of faith. Be kind to one another Study the principles of the Gospel.

Pres. Merrill got up & related a circumstance in 1853 He took up a piece of Land at Bountiful but the first Settlers were unwilling he should have water for it.<sup>20</sup> Went to Pres Young about it. & he told him if the brethren would open their hearts there would be enough for all & yet the whole county would be one Settlement which now is the case. We do not want to narrow up on the watter Business. There is room & water here for many more to Build Barns houses Plant orchards & Shad trees. We can get along without whiskey tea & Coffee & Tobacco. Too much of the money made on the Ry had been Spent for the above articles.

We will be disappointed if we wait for some one else to plant our orchards trees &c. Store our minds with knowledge from good Books. Amen.

Choir Sang Benediction by Elder Jonas Beck.

**Clarkston.** We Bade the Sts of this place adieu & drove to Clarkston where the Bp & his Counsellors rec'd us very kindly although it was Snowing & drifting fearfully. Here we were very hospitably entertained for the night.

**Friday, February 17, 1882**—At 10 A.M. we met with the Sts of although still storming a goodly audience assembled. Choir Sang prayer by Wm Sparks<sup>21</sup> Singing. Pres Merrill arose and Said it was a blessing to the county to have deep snows & we Should acknowledge the hand of the Lord in it.

Showed the blessing arising from keeping the Lawes of Tithing. We have been greatly Blessed of the Lord since we commenced to building the Logan Temple. We should be willing to put forth our

dirt roof, and began working his new farm (see Crookston 1994, 51, 52, 162; Somers 1993, 71; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 82).

<sup>20</sup> In his autobiography, Marriner Wood Merrill wrote of this event as follows: "I found on further inquiry that Brother Goudy Hogan claimed the land. This tract of land contained 100 acres. I applied to Brother Hogan to buy his claim as he had plenty of land without it, and as it had cost him nothing I thought I was entitled to a portion of the public domain to build a home upon. Brother Hogan refused to sell or let me have the land or any portion of it, and I felt that he was selfish and did not love his brother as the precepts of the gospel require. So I applied to the bishop, John Stoker, but did not get any encouragement from him, he letting me think there was no water for the land and that it was worthless to me. But I did not view things in that light exactly, although I was not at that time acquainted fully with the importance of irrigation to mature crops. So I applied to the Territorial Surveyor, Jesse W. Fox, who was very kind to me and gave me all

the information he could about the land, and even took me up to Presidents Young's office to talk to him about it. President Young did not favor the policy of one man claiming so much land and directed the surveyor, Brother Fox, to make me out a plat of the land for the 100 acres and also to give me a surveyor's certificate for it. That was done, and on presenting my claim to brother Hogan he was very angry and said many hard things to me. But he surrendered his claim and I was the lawful claimant of 100 acres of land by the then rules of the country" (Merrill 1937, 36).

<sup>21</sup> William Sparks joined the Church in England and in 1859 walked most of the way across the plains in his bare feet. He arrived in Clarkston in 1860. In 1880 his wife Bethea died, leaving him with four small children. On January 26, 1881, he married Jane Clark, so he had only been married a few weeks when he opened the meeting with prayer. This marriage lasted less than a year, and Sparks raised his children with the help of relatives and good neighbors (see Ravsten and Ravsten 1966, 431–32).

efforts to do good every day Thereby first seeking the Kingdom of God & His righteousness. We should first remember the Lord. There is no time to lay all our callings. It requires a constant Labor. Among the very important Labors of our lives are those of the family government right here at home. We should act consistent with them and conduct ourselves properly before them setting them good examples. The principle of plural marriages will test the brethren and sisters that enter into it. But if they remain good, kind & upright you may know they are good men & women. Wise families keep their own troubles at home. If we sin one against another we should make all things right forgive one another. We cannot afford to hold feelings against each other.

Deal honorably one towards another & not wrong each other in our trades. We have a prompter within us that tells us when we are doing wrong & we should heed it. Should not take things that do not belong to them. It is our duty to correct these & kindred evil as Sts & not pattern after the world. Referred to the Census of U.S.A. which showed 80,000 Utah born what a home emigration and a field to preach the Gospel to our children also teach them by example. Our young men are ordained to the priesthood that they may use & wield it for good. We should get a testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Seek it of God unweaving in our faith. There is a labor for all to do Search the things that are revealed for our good & we will have comfort joy & satisfaction Those who observe the Laws of God enjoy themselves best & have the favor of God. God bless you all amen.

Elder Wm Waterson was pleased with the remarks of Bro Merrill. We have been blessed as a people & will come out all right.

I have noticed that those who do right are prospered best & most. desired to be on one with the Sts.

The world cannot hurt us if we will keep God's command. We can go a long and never mind the troubles of the outside but do right. Asked the Lord to bless us & help us to be united is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Meeting adjourned until 1 P.M. Choir Sang. Benediction By Elder A. Anderson.

[Left marginal note: Continued to storm heavily]

**One P.M.** Met again with the Sts again choir Sang prayer By Elder Andrew Higgee.<sup>23</sup>

Choir Sang again. Elder Thos McNeil was pleased to meet with the Sts of Clarkston. Desired the guidance of the Lord in his remarks Thought that which was said this morning was seasoned by the Spirit of the Lord. Don't expect to tell you any thing new, but to preach the plain principles of the Gospel. Spoke of the great necessity & all enjoying a testimony of the Gospel & the young should not neglect it.

Spoke upon the Blessings flowing from obedience to the Law of tithing Temple & fast offering. In these things we have a name in the church that prove us. It is that which we do daily that counts for one Salvation. Spoke of the working of the 2 Persons of Good & Evil. Spoke of mutual Improvement Thought the Lord was pleased with a great majority of this people. Spoke of the faith exhibited by the young Elders that are traveling abroad. No Power will stay the progress of the work of God.

Exhorted all to accept of the advice & council of the Bp. Teachers & Servts of God.

Do not Cultivate the Spirit of hardness of heart one with another. Make our wrongs right. This is a day the Lord has held in reserve for this people to test us. May the Lord help us & preserve us in the truth is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Choir Sang We thank the O. God for a prophet.

C. O. Card arose & testified to the truth of the remarks of those that preceded him. We should enjoy a liberal feelings one towards another in our Land & water. Encouraged the Elders Priests teachers & Deacons to honor their callings Encouraged all to take an active part in Building Temple. Meeting houses & houses of education. It depends upon our Liberality when & how soon we get the Logan Temple completed which will be a great Blessing to us by extending a Godly influence. Choir Sang Benediction B Eld A. W. Thompson.

It continued to Storm So Severely that we stayed over night again with Bp John Jardine & family who treated us very kindly.

<sup>23</sup> Andrew Heggie came to Clarkston in 1860 after leaving his wife in Scotland because she would not accept the gospel and come to Utah with him. After building a house and acquiring land in Clarkston, he went to Salt Lake City and met, courted, and married Annie Thompson Stewart. The wedding took place

on February 3, 1865. Heggie served for twenty years as the superintendent of the Sunday School and as second and later first counselor to Bishop John Jardine (see Ravsten and Ravsten 1966, 343-45).



**Saturday, February 18, 1882**—We left for Trenton this morning about 25 minutes to 8 O.C. assisted by 3 teams and one horseman. We were 3 hours wallowing in Snow from 2 to 3 ft deep arrived in Trenton [City name midsentence was one line centered.] at 11:25 Met a few of the Sts here & meeting was opened by Prayer By Bp J. Jardine Singing.<sup>23</sup>

Elder Wm Walterson arose & said he was pleased to meet with the Sts here who had done a good work on the Temple as per report. The Sts are Blessed & will continue to increase until there are 30 or 50 houses to where there is one. Exhorted the Sts not to be selfish but help one another. God bless you Amen.

Pres Merrill said we had done our best to be here on time. Though the snow was deep it is one of the Lords blessings upon this land. The Lord has wisely constructed these mts to retain the snow that it may melt in Summer run down to irrigate our crops. The Lord is blessing the Land. He refered to the report of the Temple offerings made by Clarkston Ward as being good & encouraging to the Sts. Spoke at Some length upon Temple building, & how greatly the Sts had been blessed by building temples. It pays to live the religion of Jesus Christ. Contrasted the condition of the Sts now to that of 20 yrs. ago We are better off than those abroad who are very poor in deed a great majority of them. Our records indicate the Sts are improving; also the great hue & cry abroad indicate our increase.

We are laying a foundation of a great work. We should properly teach our children in the ways of the Lord. Our sons will have greater power than their father. Rember our prayers God Bless you Amen.

C. O Card arose and testified to the truth of the Gospel & the remarks of the Brethren. Encouraged the Sts to keep gods commands & teach your children the same. God has blessed His people for their good works upon the Temple & his hand is over us for good. May God enable us to comprehend his ways & walk in his paths is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Bp Jardine made a few encouraging remarks. Singing Benediction By Elder Thos McNiel.

We dined at with the family of Bro. Andrew M Combs who is now in the Southern states on a mission.<sup>24</sup>

The young men of trenton hitched up a 4 horse team and Broke the road within 1 ½ miles of Weston which rendered us great assistance in getting through to Weston where we arrived about 4 P.M. 2 hours behind our appointment but we held a meeting at 7 P.M.

**Weston.** At 7 P.M. we met with a few of the Sts of Weston. Singing & prayers by Elder Benson of this place. The meeting was address by Pres Merrill Elder Wm Waterson & myself upon the Subjects faith, Temple Building, tithing the duties of parents, Teachers Priests & members. Although there were but few present a good Spirit prevailed throughout our meeting of kindness & affection one towards another.

Singing Benediction By Elder Peter Mickleson.

Bro. M. & I stayed over night with Bp. A. A. Allen the other Brethren with P. Mickleson.

**Sunday, February 19, 1882**—We drove from this place to Dayton (or 5 mile) but no one audience being assembled except 6 or 8 we left Bp Allen & his Counselor to hold meeting at 2 P.M. & we continued our Journey to **Clifton** where we arrived between 12 M & 1 P.M. Dined with Bp. H. Dixon & family.

**Clifton. 2 P.M.** We met with the Sts of this place. Singing prayer by Thos Howell.<sup>25</sup> Sacrament. We were then addressed by Elder Thomas MCNiel who was happy to meet with the Sts.

We are a peculiar people but the peculiarity is peculiar to the Gospel the Lord has restored again to earth. The Priests of the world have puzzled the people with by the establishment of So many different denominations. It is our right to know that the Lord has again Spoke from the heavens. There is a feeling abroad to destroy this. Exhorted the Sts to keep the commands of God that we can secure a salvation & exaltation in the Kingdom of God. Spoke of a case of healing a mans wife who had been given up by the doctor. The power of God accompanies the Gospel and the administration of Gods Lawes.

<sup>23</sup> Since July 13, 1877, Trenton had been a branch of the Clarkston Ward (see Simmonds 1970, 29).

<sup>24</sup> Andrew McCombs, a stonemason from New York, built the first home in Trenton, which he made from sandstone boulders that he picked up from a creek bed. In July 1877 he was made the presiding elder of the Trenton Saints (see Simmonds

1970, 14, 27).

<sup>25</sup> Thomas Howell was part of a group of seven families that came to Clifton in 1865 and were the first settlers there. They settled in the north part of Clifton about four miles south of Oxford (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 63).



When you are sick send for the Elders & not the doctors. Exercise faith in God that we can have a right to the Blessings of God. Invoked the Blessings of the Lord upon the Sts.

Elder Wm Waterson Spoke of the great difference between the Sts & the world. We know the Lord will bless us as His faithful people. He wished to be one with the Latter-day Sts. assist one another comfort the weak Asked the Lord to bless us. We have been blessed from the beginning. God Bless you Amen.

Pres. Merrill was pleased to see so many to meeting & learn you are making an effort to make a meeting house. You should organize yourselves Systematically that when you commence you need not stop until it is completed. Gave his experience formerly in such Labors. Spoke of the Labors of the Sts here on the Temple. We are a Temple building people which should not be any task to us. In these Labors we have been much Blessed & by these means we call the Blessings of the Lord upon us. These Lands have been blessed by the authority of the Priesthood & sanctified by keeping the Lawes & ordinances of the Gospel. The sts here are Blessed with houses Lands flocks & herds. It is not So with our U.S. & other nations For these blessings we should give God the Glory. If we will give attention & heed to the counsel of those that preside over us we will be blessed & prospered. Teach your children the principles of the Gospel & God will bless your Labors & you will be astonished at their ability. We should not condescend to buy from or patronize those that Sell Liquors for evil results from it. I hope that those that deal in these things they cease the errors of their ways. Shun evils & vice desist these things I entreat you. I hope we will power to resist evils God Bless you Amen. Choir sang Benediction By Bp. Harvy Dixon.

**Oxford.** Thence we drove to Oxford & put up with Bp W. F. Fisher for the night.

**11 A.M.** We met with the Sts of Oxford Singing prayer by Elder Wm F Conner Singing. C. O. Card Spoke about 25 minutes upon the first principles of the Gospel upon the necessity building a meeting to worship God in that they may have a pure place So to do. Spoke encouragingly in regard to Temple Building.

Elder Thomas McNiel arose and followed on the first principles of the Gospel. Made several

quotations from the Savior & his Apostles. He related the History of Joseph who was sold in Egypt by his Brethren. Spoke at Some length upon the first principles of the Gospel & Encouraged the Sts. Invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts.

Singing Pray By Elder John Boyce.

**2 P.M.** We met again with the Sts of this Place Singing Prayer by Joseph Byington Singing.

Elder Wm Waterson Disired the faith of the St. Bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel. We should Set good examples before those even that are not of us. The Lord has blessed & prospered us. We Should Show by our examples that we are sts. Be kind to one another for we will have credit for all the good we do. We will have to work for all we ever get. Do good to the poor Love those who hate us. The Sts are multiplying & increasing. Use our influence for good with all mankind. Prayed for the Lord to bless us all is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Pres Merrill & said we are pleased to meet you in this place & our object is to do you good. We do not wish to wound anyones' feelings. We are commanded to meet often to gather. He suggested the propriety of prosecuting your Labors upon your meeting house vigorously for this one is 20 years behind of the time.

The people of Oxford are worthy of a better house. If there is a committee they need to look about themselves & keep it before them & you If you get a good meeting house it will have a tendency to get you out to the meeting. The Sts both in the north & south parts of the ward want to intrust themselves in this house.

Spoke of the necessity of paying tithes & offerings no one can prosper that do not observe this law. We find some that feel too poor to pay tithing. If you wish to get in better circumstances observe this Law.

The Lord has to do with this work. The Temple is for the L. D Sts. to go into to do their work for their living & dead. The people are on the improvement in their feelings. The Temple will be built. We should be known for our good examples. No one that embraces the Gospel need to remain in ignorance of its truth. We should follow the example of the prophet Joseph ask of God that giveth liberally. The signs are to follow those that believe not those that do not believe. If we do not have the gifts of the Gospel is because we have not proven ourselves for them.

We should not defraud our neighbors nor wrong any one. We should not frequent Saloons if we do we should repent. If we would live as we should we would not have Bps trials or High Council trials.

Spoke of the duty of the teachers in regard to the evils in the ward they should be looked after the Teachers should watch over the church be with them & strengthen them read from doc.cov in regard to the duties of the Local officers of the church.

The Lord has so arranged matters that all should work in their calling. If there are those that are guilty of evil we should Labor with them. Discouraged the use of Strong drinks. We have a labor to perform with ourselves & our children to Learn the Gospel It is a Labor required at our hands to teach the children the Gospel they may have a testimony before they are sent abroad. Showed that our children were apt in Learning these principles. There is no children anywhere that are brighter than ours. Set these boys & girls to work make teachers Clks &c of them. God commenced His work with a boy. Childrens prayers reach to heaven. It is not right to seek occasion against one-another & try to tear one another down, which is all wrong. The Lord will not throw us away on act. [account] of our weaknesses if we will repent. Exhorted them to not make a person an offender for a word. Try to good everywhere better Suffer wrong than do wrong Make a good record for ourselves. Be honest with every body. If we get involved with one another do not drive arround but go to them & ask them to bear with you. Do the works of the Lord & your means will increase May the Lord bless you & inspire you to acts of kindness that we may be humble & faithful is my prayer Amen.

Singing Benediction by Bp W. F. Fisher.

We bade the Sts of this place adieu with our blessings & drove to Clifton.

**Clifton.** We met with the Sts of this place at 6:30 Singing by the audience Prayer by Elder Monroe. Singing.

Elder Thos McNiell arose & desired to have the guidance of the Lord Spoke of our former existence in the Eternal world & compared with the unbelief of the world. Referred to the vague ideas the world in general have of a God. We are here to prove ourselves to see if we are worthy of again returning to

the father There is something to Stimulate us to the work of God. Exhorted those that wish to get married to go directly to the House of the Lord & enjoy that which is eternal. Exhorted the Sts to keep their covenants. Try to overcome our selves. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts.

Elder Wm Waterson asked for faith & prayers of the Sts. Was pleased to See the comfortable situation of the Sts. We should not try to spread over too much. We Should seek the Spirit of God for our guidance You have an extensive country room for more. Do unto others as you would wish them to do to you.

It is a good thing for us to commence young to operate in the principles of the gospel. You should take all the advantages you can in obtaining good from the Sunday Schools. The council & advice is good God Bless you Amen.

C. O. Card arose & spoke in regard to the vast extent of country you have here You have room for many more. We should be liberal with our the Brethren & invite in others to share this bounteous land with them. Spoke of the duties of Teachers & priests & exhorted them to be humble & get the spirit of this calling. Spoke of the blessings the Lord had bestowed upon us in return for our Labors upon the house of the Lord. Asked the Lord to give us his divine guidance in all things Amen.

Pres Merrill arose and Stated a marvlous case of healing. The teachers should call upon the Lord to give them their office & callings. The Brethren I think want help at times behind the veil & they call those they want. We thank you for your kindness & ask the Lord to bless you heal your afflicted if you have any & Bless you is our prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Singing Benediction by Elder Perry Bingham. We remained over night in this place.

This morning 20 minutes to 9 A M we bade our hosts adieu & started for Preston We were accompanied by the Bp & his Counselor P Bingham as far as Bear River who Broke the road for us with 2 teams one driven By the Pres. of the Young Men's Mutual I.A. We dined at Bp Porters

**Preston. 1 P.M.** [Also written at top of the page.]

Meeting of by Sing & prayer by Elder Arie Sabin [Sabins]<sup>26</sup> Singing. Elder T. A. McNiell arose & said we have had a good time in traveling through

<sup>26</sup> Arie Sabins, an early settler of Preston, was a merchant, and his daughter ran the Eagle Clothing Company in Preston in the

1880s (see N. Hart 1986, 18).

the deep snow & Speaking to the Sts. The Gospel has Given us joy and satisfaction. No power can stay the progress of this work. He refered to the Sts being driven from the public domain of the U.S. next we find the Sts through our representative asking for admission. He refered to the Utah War in 1857 & 8.<sup>27</sup> God has delivered his Sts up to the present time & he will do Spoke of the kind treatment of the Sts. to us on this trip. Prayed God to strengthen us & Save us is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Elder Waterson desired the faith of the Sts. There seemed a good feeling with the Sts to turn out to the meetings. Persecution by our enemies unite & cement the Sts together. We can see that the hand of the Lord is over the Sts.

The young should make a proper beginning while in their youth. We Should assist the poor & try to do good. God Bless you Amen. C. O. Card arose & spoke of the noticable Improvement of the Sts both temporaly & spiritually. Spoke of the great necessity of the teachers & Priests Laboring under the enjoyment of the Spirit of their calling. Try to Settle your difficulties at home that we may not spread misery abroad. Asked the Lord to bless those that preside here & all that do good & Bless Zion Amen.

Pres. Merrill was pleased to note the growth of the Sts Told the Brethren to dedicate their farms to the Lord by the authority of the Priesthood Bless the seed that they Sow & plant. Spoke of the numerous efforts that had been made to overthrow the Sts. But all were in vain. We want to remember our covenants & obligations one with another. Spoke of the great natural increase of the L.D. Sts. This work will eventually triumph & this Kingdom will be so firmly established & acknowledged by the Kingdoms of the world We should teach our children to pray & set them the good examples by Blessing our lands. These deep Snows are a blessing to the Land. Teach our children to draw near to the Lord. All the members of the church have plenty of room to act & work at the Gospel at home. Husbands Should be kind to their wives & wives to their husbands & they Should be kind to their children & children within

parents. Be kind to all. Should not cultivate the Spirit of retaliation We should not make wounds for they are hard to heal but cultivate kindness. Of our own strength we can not do much without the aid of the Lord.

No matter what good we have done heretofore, but continue. We cannot Lay of our armor with impurity When we Labor in the Spirit of this work we will take a great deal of joy & Satisfaction. We take joy when & where peace reighns We want to cultivate the Spirit of peace. Refered to a little matter that was Brot before the High Council from here. & Said we should not seek accession one against another. Let the Teachers Search out the evils & we will get along without scattering the seed of discord abroad. We want to unite the people We should build up the good & magnify the good qualities. The evil will manifest itself quick enough. If we possess the Spirit of the Gospel we will have no difficulties.

Seek to have a forgiving Spirit & we will overcome the temptor. May the Lord Bless you & this ward. If you have Sick Send for the Elders & not go for the doctors. He had Seen the manifestation & of God in these things. Go in secret & pray for your Sick & I know it will have effect. We want to live unto the Lord & when we die we will die unto the Lord. It is a privilege to build temples & we are above other people & dispensations. May God Bless you Amen.

Singing By the choir Benediction By Elder David Jenson.<sup>28</sup> Bps Coun.

We Bade the Sts of this Place adieu & drove to Richmond & Stayed over night with Pres M. W. Merrill over night.

**Wednesday, February 22, 1882**—Elders Thos McNeil Wm Waterson & myself bade Pres. Merrill & family adieu & drove to Logan where we arived Shortly before noon.

After dinner I went to the Temple Office where I met 4 petitions memorializing Congress to Stay their proceeding against the Latter day Sts. We circulated these petitions throughout the Stake. To the males, Relief Societies, young men & young Ladies mutual Improvement ass[n].

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<sup>27</sup>The Utah War of 1857–58 was a bloodless political confrontation between the military forces of President James Buchanan and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Buchanan attempted to replace Brigham Young as governor of the Utah Territory. Members of the Church interpreted the movement as religious persecution. Federal troops were ordered to Utah, and the members of the Church living in northern Utah

were ordered to prepare to evacuate their settlements, burn them, and move south. The move turned out to be tactical. Alfred Cummings was appointed governor and soon became supportive of the Saints in Utah (see Furniss 1960).

<sup>28</sup>David Jensen has the distinction of fathering the first white child born in Worm Creek. The child was born July 3, 1872, and was named Peter Simon Jensen (see N. Hart 1986, 573).

I passed the after noon mostly in directing in these matters & endorsing letters to the Bps. &c.

**Thursday, February 23, 1882**—To day I went to the Temple & continued my Labors of yesterday & looked after Temple matters also. I was Busy early & late.

**Friday, February 24, 1882**—To day I continued my Labors in assisting to assort petitions Looking after Temple & stake Business & did not retire until 11 P.M.

**Saturday, February 25, 1882**—I arose at 3 O.C. this morn & went to the depot to take train for the City. The train arrived 2 hours late. At 5 minutes to 6 I started for Salt Lake with about 8 or 10 Thousand names signed to the memorials to congress.<sup>29</sup> I arrived in Ogden Shortly before noon. Our petitions were among the first in not one a day ahead a few arriving on the same train.

I put up with Widow Bathsheba Smith<sup>30</sup> where Pres Preston was Stopping during the legislature. He had been sick over a week confined to his room, but better at this time. I passed the day looking after Plaster Paris fireBrick &c for the Logan Temple.

**Sunday, February 26, 1882**—I passed the forenoon reading. At 2 P.M. I went to meeting in the Assembly hall & we were addressed by Apostle Erastus Snow who took for his text 25 chap Gen that part relative to the Eternity of Marriage & Branched of on to the Subject of the day The immical Legislation against the Sts. to deprive the Sts of their Liberties. He spoke about 1 ½ hours very spiritly denouncing the evils of the wicked which are numerous.

**Monday, February 27, 1882**—During the forenoon I attended to temple Biz here & in the after noon I visited the Legislature which was in session.

During my sojourn in the City I visited Pres Taylor who Showed me through the rooms of the Guardo house where he resides in view of my glean- ing some Ideas to assist me in my Labors upon the Logan Temple.<sup>31</sup>

**Tuesday, February 28, 1882**—I completed my business here to day & took train for home at 3:40 where I arrived about 11 PM.

**Wednesday, March 1, 1882**—I attended to the Temple Business during the day writing letters &c &c.

Attended a meeting of the City Council I expect for the Last time my term having expired.

I have been elected & served 8 terms in this position as Councilman or alderman for 16 yrs [1866–1882]. I yield this position with pleasure knowing I have done all in my power to preserve the moral & financial condition of the City. I also feel I am relieved of a considerable Labor which will permit me to better fill other positions of trust. Meeting lasted until midnight.

**Thursday, March 2, 1882**—To day I was engaged in writing letters & attending to temple Biz in general.

**Friday, March 3, 1882**—I attend to Temple Biz writing to Prests Rich Budge & others.

**Saturday, March 4, 1882**—I attended to Temple Biz until 11 A M when I went to the Priesthood meeting in the Basement of the Logan Tabernacle Pres M. W. Merrill presiding. Much good advice was given and among the important were the necessity of renewing our energies upon the Temple.

I attended to Temple & other Biz until night.

**Sunday, March 5, 1882**—I remained at home during the morning and read to instruct myself.

<sup>29</sup> The 1881–82 session of Congress was flooded with petitions “on the Mormon question,” and a score of bills and amendments were introduced. The Latter-day Saints were urging that a bill, sponsored by Senator George F. Edmunds, be defeated. This bill declared polygamy a felony with a penalty of up to five years’ imprisonment, a five-hundred-dollar fine, or both. It also defined polygamous living, or unlawful cohabitation, as a misdemeanor punishable by six months’ imprisonment and a three-hundred-dollar fine. The law disfranchised polygamists and declared them ineligible for public office and jury service. The Saints’ efforts did not prove effective, and the bill was signed into law by President Arthur on March 22, 1882 (see Larson 1978, 259).

<sup>30</sup> Bathsheba Wilson Bigler Smith, born May 3, 1822, was the widow of George A. Smith, who died in 1875. She served as general president of the Relief Society from 1901 to 1910. She died September 20, 1910 (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 1108).

<sup>31</sup> In 1873 Brigham Young began construction on the Gardo House, which was located on South Temple Street across from the Beehive House. In 1881 John Taylor made this home his official residence. It was sometimes called Amelia’s Palace after Brigham Young’s wife Amelia Folsom (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 411).

At 2 P.M. I attended meeting and presided where I had read the 4 Petitions to the congress to the U.S. After which We were addressed by Elder Geo. Barbor Jr. & myself.<sup>32</sup>

I attended the meeting in the 2nd Ward this eve.

**Monday, March 6, 1882**—I went to the Polls this morning & voted for the officers of Logan City Corporation.<sup>33</sup> Thence to the Temple Office & Labored until 10 A.M. Thence to the County court which consumed the Ballance of the day. Attend a meeting of the Board of the U. O. M & B Co.

**Tuesday, March 7, 1882**—I attended to Temple Biz all day writing letters & Supervising the Biz in general.

**Wednesday, March 8, 1882**—To day I attended to Temple Biz until 11 A.M. Then I accompanied Bro T. E. Ricks C. W. Nibley into the mouth of Logan Kanyon to view the Logan & Smithfield Canal which is in the course of construction.

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday, March 9, 10 & 11, 1882**—I attended to my usial runn of Temple & Stake Business. Thus ended another very busy week filled with the Blessings of the Lord.

**Sunday, March 12, 1882**—I attended the Sunday School Union of the 5 wards of Logan which was both instructive & interesting to listen to the studied recitations of the children.

Between meetings I visited Pres. Preston who had just returned from his arduous duties in the Legislature.

2 P.M. We met with the Sts in the Logan Tab. & were addressed very Spirited by Pres. Preston upon the Signs of the times & the deallings of the U.S. Senate & House of Representatives as well as other U.S. officials towards the Sts. Elder J. A. Leishman followed at some length upon the same subject.

I attended a meeting of the Sts. in the 2nd Ward of Logan after listening to Several young Elders I addressed the Sts upon the Signs of the times

referring to the diaries of the Lord through His Servts. the prophets.

**Monday, March 13, 1882**—I attended to temple Business during the day & met in council with Pres. Preston the Bps & School trustees of Logan.

**Tuesday, March 14, 1882**—To day I attended to temple Business all day & during the day I went to Hyde Park & made arrangements to have the Temple Stock fed on the tithing hay until the snow is gone.

**Wednesday, March 15, 1882**—I Spent the fore noon in going to the B.Y College Farm & helping to Select the stock belonging to the Temple & in the after noon Sent them to Hyde Park 46 in number. 37 Stags & oxen Bal Cows & young stock. My days & Evening now are busy.

Last evening the News came by telegram that the noted Tyranical Edmonds Bill had Passed Ays 199 Nays 42. Showing the weakness & wickedness of our nations Statesmen to Legislate the Sacred rights of the Lords people away & trying to enslave them to rid the Land of the Gospel, which can not be done because there is a God in it. Thus the nation fast ripens in [in]iquity following in the footsteps of the Jaredites & Nephites who once inhabited this land. Showing that the time is not far distant when they will Share the Same fate on act of their great wickedness. ~~Met with the City Council in the evening~~

**Thursday, March 16, 1882**—I attended to the Temple & other Business through the day. Met with City council of Logan City in the evening when the old Council retired & the newly elected took their seats & were duly installed by an oath. This ended a busy day & evening until 11 P.M.

**Friday, March 17, 1882**—I attended to Temple Biz until 2 or 3 P.M. when I went to Wellsville to take them the news of the passage of the Edmonds Bill which ejects all Polygamists from offices in the civil government of Utah & U.S. They took Steps in accordance therewith in.

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<sup>32</sup> George Barber was a minuteman who served as the major's adjutant in the foot company and was one of the reorganizers of the Nauvoo Legion in Smithfield. When the Smithfield Ward was organized, Barber served as the ward clerk and was also vice president of the United Order (see Smithfield Historical Society

2001, 183, 188, 380).

<sup>33</sup> After serving twelve years as Logan's mayor, William B. Preston was stepping down. The people elected Robert S. Campbell as their new mayor. He served three years (see Somers 1993, 124).



**Saturday, March 18, 1882**—I returned this morning & sat in the Court receiving resignations & filling offices by appointment.

We were kept busy all day.

**Richmond, Sunday, March 19, 1882**—Shortly before 10 A.M. Pres Preston Elder L. R. Martineau left Logan for Richmond where we arrived at 11:30 A.M. Dined with Pres M. W. Merrill.

At 2 P.M. We met with the Sts of Richmond. Singing. Prayer by Elder A. C. Brower Singing. Sacrament.

We were first addressed by Elder L. R. Martineau Pres. of the Mutual Improvement associations of the Cache Valley Stake of Zion. Felt interested in the work of Mutual improvement. In the material of these associations is the hope of the Kingdom of God. Young men should prepare themselves for the responsibilities. The young men should obtain a testimony of the truth of the Gospel. It is in the interest of the young that we are given these organizations. He referred to the experience he obtained in traveling. He was proud of the Gospel of the Son of God. Referred to his experience in advocating the principle of Eternity of marriage. It is the founder of every young man to educate himself. We should learn who our true friends are. He announced that a conference of the Y M M I A. on the 2nd of Apr next.

Pres. Preston arose & said he was pleased to meet with the Sts of Richmond. Had been in Salt Lake City for 60 days in the Legislature. Subjected the one man power (the Gov.) did the best he could for the L.D. Sts in Law making. Pres. Young once said while prisoner in his own house a man should learn to be governed as well as to govern.<sup>34</sup> We had to change many measures & Bills to suit the Governor. Cache Valley is much better off than those of our other Counties who are mixed up with mining camps. They suffer much with the contaminating. Thought in the future some will be sorry if they do or have not done what they can to build the Temple.

Referred to the Legislature of the U.S. against the Sts. He thought he could abide the issue in regard to voting or holding office if the Lord helps me I can withstand iniquitous Legislation. The Sts. have

sacrificed & differed much from our enemies. The Spirit that prompted our fathers to come to these mts. has not died out. They would go anywhere for freedom. The last thing we can do is to put some of our money into the Logan Temple, that we may be able to do the work for those behind the veil.

We are no better than our nephite-brethren were that lived here once. Perhaps we need brushing & polishing. If our enemies can afford to trail the constitution of these U.S. in the dust I think we can. We did not come here after the loaves & fishes but I am afraid some are looking after them too much. He gave much good advice on many points. The chiefest thing the Sts can do is to live their religion. These outside speculators in our midst who are here to speculate are against us & are our enemies because they think they are in the majority. If we owe them a dollar or a cent we should pay them, but not sustain them, for they use their gain to enslave us. Referred to the time the Savior scourged the money changers out of the Temple. We should cultivate the Spirit of forgiveness according to His teaching. We can & should be willing to put our trust in God. We should try to reflect upon these things. God blesses the honest and virtuous. The earth belongs to our father & God, but Satan controls this nation & prompts them to evil. I say the Lord help this nation. They will not take the advice of his servants. Now is a good time to pray for our brethren that are called upon to act in responsible stations. At this time there are many responsible positions being rolled off on to the boys & we expect they will be better legislators than their fathers. The prophets of old have foretold our day. We have no reason to fear if we keep God's commands. Whenever we cannot live here others cannot. We were here first & will be here last if we will do right. If we do our duty we will not have much time to bother with Edmunds Bills &c. We want to be faithful that God will continue his blessings unto us that we may be able to build up his Kingdom and learn to perfect Law of Liberty. We should feel to sorrow & sympathize with our enemies. May God bless you & his peace be upon us all. The day will come when the world will respect our religious & political rights. May we live to enjoy

<sup>34</sup>In January 1872, "on the statement of William A. Hickman, a self-confessed murderer, who had been excommunicated from the Church for his crimes, charges were made against Brigham Young, Daniel H. Wells, and others, as accessories to Hickman's crimes." When Brigham Young appeared in court on

January 2, Judge McKean refused on any terms to release the Church President. However, out of consideration for the condition of his health, the judge permitted President Young to be a prisoner in his own house, guarded by deputy marshals (see Joseph Fielding Smith 1971, 455–56).

this is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen. (He Spoke one hour & 10 minutes.)

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The Sts Should not enter into too much Speculative & not go beyond your means. Save wheat. Be equinomical in all things.

Singing. Benediction by C. O. Card. Thence we drove to Smithfield.

**Smithfield.** We met with the Sts of this Place at 7 P.M. Singing prayer by Elder P. Morehead Singing.<sup>35</sup>

Counselor C. O. Card Spoke: [Handwriting changes as scribe records Card's speech.] Had no particular sermon prepared, but desired the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We should employ our whole intelligence & energies toward the accomplishment of God's purposes. Dwelt at some length upon the subject of Temple building. We are the Temple Builders of the Latter days. This branch of the building up of God's Kingdom not only blesses us now living and our posterity, but reaches back beyond the veil to our beloved dead. We should seek to make ourselves acquainted with our own callings & duties, and avoid discussions as to who among us is the greatest. Our children should be taught the principles of the Gospel, & the duties of the Priesthood. While the wicked are fighting us as a people, we should redouble our dilligence in learning the Gospel Showed from Book of Mormon history how the Nephites and others ~~shoud~~ prospered when they served God; and how the very same nations dwindled and degenerated when they departed from the paths of virtue and righteousness. We should be faithful, prayerful and honest. Deal justly with each other and also with the world when circumstances required us to deal with the latter. While the world are trying to oppress us, let us unite more closely together. We should not allow our children to be educated by "outsiders" even though the tuition be free. Those who patronize such Schoolteachers are taking upon themselves great responsibilities which they will sooner or later regret it.

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<sup>35</sup> Preston T. Morehead was one of the original settlers of Smithfield, arriving there in 1861. Morehead was born September 27, 1837, in Camper County, Mississippi. He was married to Cordelia Melissa Smith, and they had ten children. Elected in 1862 as one of three school trustees, he served in the bishopric,

If we are faithful I do not believe we will be driven out of these valleys by our enimies. We should seek to live to merit the constant presence of the Holy Ghost to guide us. This is necessary at home as well as abroad. None of us are without responsibility. We all have a place in which to use the talents with which we are endowed. [Entries return with Card's handwriting.] May the Lord help us to Stand faithfully in our Lots & Calling is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Elder L. R. Martineaux arose & said that the persecutions of our enemies have a tendency to unite the Sts. He always looked with pleasure upon our mtn home. The best way to Stand our trials is to live the life of a St. every day.

Spoke of the great Spread of infidelity in the nations & their ripening iniquity. Addressed some remarks to the Y.M.M.I.A. Prayed the Lord to Bless the young that they may prepare themselves to fill their callings with honor. The great trouble with an elder abroad is to get them to bleive that Jos. Smith was a prophet of God. Referred to his visit to Stockholm. Spoke of the belief of the world in regard to God Heaven; & hell There is nothing to hinder us for our religion is a practicle one. May the Lord assist us is my prayer Amen.

Preston Preston was pleased to meet with the Sts of Smithfield. Since I met with you last I have passed a few weeks in the Legislature in Salt Lake City. Am glad to be with the Sts. again to unite with them in their Labors.

Was not able to say how long a government would Stand that would take such a course. No one could hurt us so badly as we can ourselves by neglecting the commands of God. The Gospel is a perfect Law of Liberty.

Our enemies may destroy our bodies. They may take away our political rights but all will be well with us if we are faithful.

God has planted us here in these Mts. and has Sustained us here. The L.D. Sts. have done the whole world a great deal of Good. We have So much to do we have not much time to bother with the Edmonds Bill.

You want to build your meeting house.<sup>36</sup> We want to complete the Temple while we have liberty

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was involved in many civic activities, and played in the city orchestra (see Smithfield Historical Society 2001, 95, 128).

<sup>36</sup> By 1880 the members of the Smithfield Ward had outgrown their three-room building. In 1881 Bishop George L. Farrell decided to build a tabernacle on land in the community

of Body & do what the Lord has sent us to do. We want to build up our factories and become Self Sustaining. We need not be surprised at the acts of the U.S. It has long been prophesied. We want to reflect upon the Signs of the times. We need not look to Strangers to be our friends, they will not assist us to gain our rights even with a petition.

There are but 2 Powers one for God the other Baal The Sts if they are not friends to one another & to God we have no friends. The whole earth will yet array them Selves against the Sts.

I wish we were more united. We have everything to encourage us. When this nation trails the flag of our country in the dust & torn the constitutions to Shreds the Sts will establish it high in these mts. Our mission is to do good we can stand Special Legislation better than our enemies. We have lived without their aid or here to fore. No one can stop the progress of Gods Kingdom the work will roll on & we will multiply & increase & yet the wicked will flee when no man pursueth, May God bless us that we may continue to enjoy wisdom to Guide us. We had better put ourselves as best as possible to into a position to Sustain our Selves. The Scriptures are true & that which has been prophesied will come to pass. Spoke of electing delegates to Send to the constitutional convention that we may Ask for our rights which are constitutional rights to us.<sup>37</sup>

We want to pray for Bro Geo. Q. Cannon. We want to Seek the Lord continually cultivate our farms. Get out of debt. Not go into wild speculation build your meeting house & assist on the Temple.

Let us Seek the Lord for all the blessings we need in the name of Jesus Amen.

The Bp (G. L. Farrell) made a few remarks. The Gentiles have drawn the Line by bestowed their patrinage upon gentiles & taking it from the mormons. We should Sustain our own. Stick to our friends. Prayed the Lord to help us Amen.

Singing Benediction by Elder S. B. Merrill.<sup>38</sup>

Pres Preston & myself Sayed with Bro James Mack.

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square that had been set aside for that purpose. Although the tabernacle was used before its dedication, it was not until February 19, 1905, that Apostle Rudger Clawson dedicated the building (see Smithfield Historical Society 2001, 191–92).

<sup>37</sup> In February 1882 the territorial legislature adopted resolutions authorizing community gatherings to begin the process of selecting county delegates. These delegates would attend a territorial convention that would create a state constitution. They met on April 10, 1882, and in mid-May the new constitution was submitted to the Utah voters, who cast over twenty-eight

**Monday, March 20, 1882**—We returned to Logan this morning at 8 O.C. I administered to my sick Boy & went to Co Court where I passed the day except one visit to the Temple in the morning.

**Tuesday, March 21, 1882**—I went to the Temple this morning. Thence at 10 A.M. to My Brother in Law Walter C. Cole & attended a funeral of their little daughter about ~~2 yrs old~~ 18 months of age. Addressed the gathering At the conclusion of this meeting Shortly befor 12 M I went to the Court where I passed the after noon except 1 hour at dinner.

Passed the eve in council with Pres Preston & Bp E F. Sheets.

**Wednesday, March 22, 1882**—I went to the Temple this morning & returned to the Co. Court at 11 A.M. & Passed the Ballance of the day except an hour for dinner.

**Thursday, March 23, 1882**—I attended to temple & other Local Business necessary in these days of Wicked treachery.

We recd the intellgence this after noon that the Pres. of the U.S. had approved the antipolygamous bill Presented to Congress by Mr. Edmonds of dishonored name.

**Friday, March 24, 1882**—I Started for Salt Lake City this morning Shortly before 4 O Clock. Arrived at 11 A.M. Met with the following Brethren Pres J. F. Smith Counsel D. H. Wells & Apostle L. Snow & others Separately. It is a great consolation of the L D Sts to have inspired of whom we can receive the word of the Lord.

I returned to Logan at 11 P.M. weary & tired.

**Saturday, March 25, 1882**—I attended to Temple & other Biz until 11 A M when I attended the Priesthood meeting where we recd most excellent instructions By Pres Preston upon the following subjects. Corporating our wards under the Ter. Law cultivating our farms & turning our attention to

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thousand ballots for and only five hundred against its ratification. A committee delivered the constitution to Congress, who virtually ignored it until February 23, 1883, when both the bills in the House and in the Senate were referred to the appropriate committees and promptly pigeonholed (see Lyman 1986, 24).

<sup>38</sup> Samuel B. Merrill served as first counselor to John G. Smith, the first bishop of the Smithfield Ward. On November 30, 1862, he was sustained as first counselor to Bishop Samuel Roskelley and held that position until 1877 (see Smithfield Historical Society 2001, 188).

manufacturing. Building the Temple remaining at home & doing our duties.

Pres Merrill & myself Spoke briefly.

**Sunday, March 26, 1882**—I attended the Second ward S.S. & addressed them upon the value of the Gospel principles.

2 P.M. Met with the Sts of Logan in the Base of the Logan Tab. After the usual exercises & Sacrament Elder Jas Goddard addressed the Sts upon the importance of living near to the Lord & thought persecutions have a tendency to unite the Sts. We should keep the whole Law if we expect to be saved We should be progressive people not as some of the Sects we expect to continue throughout all Eternity Invoked Gods Blessings upon the Sts.

Elder J. Quinny [Quinney] arose & endorsed the sentiments of the former Speaker. We claim to be the best people on the face of the earth Thought we Should be by the amt. of good wholesome teachings we receive. Desired the faith of the Sts We know the Lord is on our side. All the Blessings of the Gospel are conditional If we expect of reap the Blessings we will be faithful. Felt he was engaged in the work of God.

Both Male & female should be thoroughly acquainted with the principles of the Gospel. Asked the Lord to help us to be faithful.

Elder John Gibbs a true Latterday St will work where their services are required. Referred to Lehis vision in the Book of Mormon in comparison with the us. Also to the Bro. of Jerrod [Jared] God fulfilled his promises to the Jarredites & Nephites & will keep his word with us. We should turn our attention to the things of God. Spoke in comparison with the Principles of the Gospel to the dogmas of men.

Spoke of the great Benefit of Mutual I.A.S. Asked God to help him to be faithful.

Pres. arose & said he was pleased with the testimonies and teachings of the Young elders. Would be Glad to listen to more of them. Trust they have ample opportunities. You will pardon me for refering to the Edmonds Bill. Some are disfranchised by it for keeping the commands of God. Spoke of the great necessity of those who have not taken out their naturalization papers of doing so. We Should avail ourselves of all of these things.

These things ~~should~~ have talked about a great deal. All Should place themselves in a position to vote for men of their choice. Then got to the polls & vote. We should cultivate our farms Make water

ditches &c & prepare the way for those that gather. Put ourselves in a position to sustain ourselves.

Some have run wild after Rail road contracts which is detrimental to those that follow this Business Morrally. We Should make us comfortable houses Barns fences &c. Should manufacture our wagons. Spoke against contracting debts. We Should take care of what we have & make it do you awhile Live within our income avoid taking credit. We Should increase our machines in our Shops. Live at home. Many have hats & Bonnets on hand for 10 yrs. We have tea & coffee enough for 20 yrs. We don't need these things buy only what you need & then only when you have money to pay for it. Those who are in debt get out of debt as soon as possible. Wise farmers will Keep grain in our bins. Our extravegent habits effect us more than the Edmunds Bill. As we progress in Building temples the adversary will be stired up says the prophets & Apostles. Where we have been careless in helping on the Temple we want to repent & do our part. We have much reason to rejoice to behold the fulfillment of prophecy. It is prayer time for the Sts & know that God is our friend. Repent of our evils & walk uprightly. Amen.

I attend the 2nd ward meeting this evening at 7 O.C.

**Monday, March 27 until Saturday, April 1, 1882**—From Monday Mch 27 until Apr 1 Sat nothing of note occurred with me except on Monday at 2 P.M. I met with the Sts of the 2nd Ward of Logan who came together to organize in an incorporate body which they did I was Elected chairman of meeting. Henry Ballard was Elected President & C. J. Larsen Vice pres. of the Corporation J Quinny Secy & Ralph Smith Treas. Also 9 other directors were Elected of whom I was one.

**Saturday, April 1, 1882**—I attended to Temple Bus. until about 12 M when I attended the Cache Co. Constitutional convention which was formed by delegates from all the wards in this Co which convened for the purpose electing 6 delegates from this Co to assemble with the Teritorial convention in Salt Lake City on the 10th Inst. for the purpose of Framing a constitution For a state that we may again apply for admission as a state. I was chosen to be one of the delegates.

**Sunday, April 2, 1882**—This beautiful morning is the 12th Birth day of my oldest child. Sarah Jane. All in good health this morning.



At 10 A.M. I attended the meeting of the Y.M.M.I A listened with much Intst to the reports of the Supts of the various associations. By request I made a brief address to those present.

2 P.M. Met again with the young Sacrament & reports continued until completed After which we were addressed by Elders J. A. West & L. R. Martineau Aso closed with kind remarks & wise counsel from Pres. Preston. Said it was important to study History read & find the Causes of nations decay rise & fall &c &c. The Gospel is a perfect Land of Liberty. And the only perfect Law of liberty & we should study to understand it.

The Gospel is established now by the Sts will continue to fill up these valleys because it is correct.

While nations are studying the art of war we are here to study the principles of peace and increase. We have a good deal to encourage us. Wished to advise the young to Study the malatable relations & get married for it is important & are of the highest duties. It is a religious rite. Advised all not be buy anything unless you have the money to pay for it & unless you need it. Spoke of the necessity of completing the Temple as speedy as possible. We care not wat people think of us but desire the channel between us & our God is open. May God bless Israel every where.

7 P.M. I met with the Sts of the 2nd ward & addressed them.

**Monday, April 3, 1882**—I attended to Temple Biz until 10 A M when I met with the Co Court where I passed the whole day. I resigned the position of selectman to day as well & Bros E. R. Miles & W. H. Maughan.

**Tuesday, April 3 [4], 1882**—I attended to Temple Business during the day, visited the canal in course of construction in the mouth of Logan Kanyon.

**Wednesday, April 5, 1882**—I took the 4 A.M. Train for Ogden where I arrived about 9 A M

Thence I went to Centerville where I arrived about 12:30 P.M Visiting my friends Steuben Rollins & family & Jo's France & family where I stayed all night my Aunt L. L. Curtis accompanied me.

**Thursday, April 6, 1882**—At 9 A M I took train for Salt Lake where I joined the Sts in conference 10 AM. where we were addressed by Pres. Taylor Apostles J. H. Smith F. M. Lyman Elders John Sherp Cluff & A Hatch.<sup>39</sup>

2 P.M. We were addressed By Apostle B Young Then Statistical & Female relief Society reports. Then Pres. W. Woodruff addressed the audience.

The meetings throughout were very encouraging & spirited throughout. I returned as far as Bountiful & stayed all night with David Stoker.

**Friday, April 7, 1882**—Bro. D. S. Brought me to the depot & I took train to the City where I went again to meeting & we were first addressed by Apostle L Snow Subject the manifesting of Gods Power in behalf of the children of Israel in allowing them to cross the Red Sea on dry land. They were not permitted to Stand still & there is no time to Stand still but go on in the things of God. Let every man cultivate the love of God & doing good. Our Motto be move on & let Israel build her Temples move on & see the Salvation of the Almighty.

Referred to the great faith of Daniel & his praying with open windows God would move upon them that they might grant us such favor as we may need. Mentioned many Instances when the Lord had moved upon the heads of our nation. They gave the Nauvoo Charter, our Organ's Act Pres Young as gov. Elders as a judge & Clerk. He had been acquainted with Joseph Smith for 12 or 14 yrs. Told me all about the rev. on Celestial marriage.

Bore his testimony of the truth of the great Principle. Spoke of the good qualities in the Edmunds Bill for Congress had legalized the Issue of Polygamy that had been Solemnized by our faith, but had not granted any others ~~ordeals~~ any such

<sup>39</sup> Sharp has been mentioned earlier as bishop of Salt Lake's Twentieth Ward. It might be interesting to note, however, that in the election of 1874—when prominent Mason Robert Baskin of the Liberal Party ran for congressional delegate against George Q. Cannon of the People's Party—his supporters paused outside nearly every Mormon home. There they offered three cheers for Baskin and three groans for Cannon. When the election came, “non-Mormons and Mormons came to blows outside the voting booths. John Sharp was severely beaten and might have been

killed but for the intervention of a conductor on the Utah Central Railroad, William Hiskey.” Benjamin Cluff, born in Provo on February 7, 1858, was a prominent Utah educator who in 1892 succeeded Karl G. Maeser as president of Brigham Young Academy, a position he held for twelve years. Abraham Hatch served as president of the stake in Heber City, Utah, and after his move to northern Arizona became president of the St. Joseph Stake (see Sillitoe 1996, 76; Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 222; Arrington 1976, 485).



favor where they were not lucky enough to be of our faith. Invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts.<sup>40</sup>

Temple Sunday reports The Total Teachers & Pupils in the Sunday Schools 39754 = 21 Schools organized since our last anual statement. Concert Singing encouraged Mutual Improvement ass[n.] of the Y.Ls 4444 members reported. Report of Primary associations of 15 stakes no members 22447. Names of missionaries Pres. Taylor suggested that we take good care of the missionary families & make them as comfortable as you are. Take them to parties &c & make them happy. We Shall not trouble ourselves much about the Storm (Political) Turn your back to the storm till it is over then move on. We are the most Loyal people upon the Land. Advised the Sts to not sustain merchants that are not of us. Let their goods cariages &c alone. There is some salt left yet in the U.S. & if they cast us off we will not cast them off but preach them the Gospel. He felt to Say Glory Hallelujah the Lord Omnipotent reigneth All will be right after the storm will come the sunshine Look after our property matters & family matters. We are under covenants to our wives & we will keep them & not cast them out as they wish ~~them~~ to us to.

[Note in top margin of page: S.S. Pupils 39754]

2 P.M. Apostle E. Snow ocupied the time this after noon.

Subject was principlly the constitutionality or in other words unconstitutionality of the Edmunds bill & other acts of Congress against the Intst. of the L D Sts.

**Saturday, April 8, 1882**—This morning Apostle F. D. Richards addressed the Sts & gave many valuable Instructions.

Elder Teasdle<sup>41</sup> Spoke a very short time. Both Bore strong testimony to the work of God & urged the Sts to move forward in Gods work.

<sup>40</sup> Lorenzo Snow said, "And now, as there is good, more or less, to be found elsewhere, the Edmunds bill is not without its good; and, therefore, I say, let us accept the good and feel thankful therefor. That extraordinary bill legalizes the issue of plural marriage up to the 1st day of January 1883. Now, who could have expected so much good to come out of Nazareth? Uncle Samuel is now and then a pretty good uncle after all. And, mark you, the framers of the Bill have been so considerate as to distinctly provide that the children thus legalized must be the offspring of marriages performed according to the rites and ceremonies of the sect known as the Latter-day saints.... I really never expected that the law-makers of our nation would ever legalize plural marriages as performed for the last thirty years or more" (quoted in O. Pratt

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2 P.M. Apostle Moses Thatcher Spoke one & a half hours. Spoke upon the first principles of the Gospel Also spoke of the wickedness that stalked abroad.

Felt to sustain the constitution of the U.S. as framed by our forefathers. Knew it was framed by inspiration. We would not break the Laws of the Land to keep God Laws.

**Sunday, April 9, 1882**—10 A.M. Pres Joseph F. Smith Spoke upon the unconstitutionality of the Special legislature against the Sts. Read from Doc Cov. Pages 219–367–342 & 364 Showing that the Lord had Revealed we did not have to Break laws of the Land to keep His Lawes.

2 P.M. Pres Taylor arose & desired the faith of all that he might speak intelligently. Any intelgence we may impart did not orriginate with us or any inst of Learning a message was given by Joseph Smith the prophet which emanated from God. Referred to the translation of the Book of Mormon from the Plates which is a record of a people who were the decendants of a few that came from Jesus's larn about 600 yrs before Christ. Also it Speaks of Christs appearance to the people here. Spoke of the Aaronic Priesthood being confereed upon Joseph Smith & O. C. [Oliver Cowdery] also the conferring of the Melchisedak Priesthood by Peter James John. Our day is called the dispensation of the fulness of times when all things will be gathered in one.

Spoke of the organization of the quorums of Apostles & 70s of the Latter there are 76 times 70 of these 70 Apostles<sup>42</sup> He also Spoke of the Organization of the first Presidency Bps &c &c High councils.

The world have substituted the theories of men for Gods Organizations & power. The vision that

1882, 23:154–55).

<sup>41</sup> George Teasdale was born December 8, 1831, in Great Britain and received training at the University of London. He was a member of the Salt Lake Dramatic Association and sang in the Tabernacle Choir. For a time he supervised the Church's General Tithing Store and was involved in ZCMI. On October 16, 1882, he was sustained as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles (see Flake 1974, 228).

<sup>42</sup> The Seventies, according to Doctrine and Covenants 107:25, are to "be especial witnesses [of Jesus Christ] unto the gentiles and in all the world," and because of this were sometimes referred to as Apostles, as President Taylor refers to them here (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 1091).

John saw was the mission given to the L.D. Sts. Truth cant be contriverted although I have met with their Senators & divines & never expect to contrevert the Lawes of God. By the intelligence God has given us we measure the times of the planets.

Spoke of the receving the Holy Ghost & the impressions thereof when you recd the Gospel. Ignorant people try to overturn our faith & it amts to nothing for we are operating with God & our faith is build upon the rock of revelation. God cant look upon Sin with allowance, but you should deal honorably one with the other. If we don't God & your brethren will look after you. We believe that the constitution of the U.S. was written by the Inspiration of God & we honor it. We have gathered to gather because we are told there is a zion to be built up. &c. We framed a constitution & sent it to washington & asked to be admitted as a state & they gave us a teritorial government & apointed us a Polygamous Governor. We abhor lasciviousness & it can not exist among us except by our beautiful christianity who have introduced them among. Elder S John Mettle read the report of Gov. Cummings to the U.S. Gov. Showing he found all records Safe which were reported by unscrupulous men that they had been destroyed.

Spoke of Several false reports that have been circulated by (divines) (devils) Spoke of the great Sins & abominations in the principle cities of the U.S. We are prepared to compare notes with any of them Elder Mettle read from eastern Statistics. Showed that Utah percent was the best in Literacy Less in illiteracy Less in Idiotic & in insane.

Showed that no mormons were in prison for crime 80% non mormon Litigation 95% Lawyers are non mormon non mormon gamblers 98%.

Pres Taylor said we are ready to compare notes with any nation. Referred to the petition Sent to Congress. This great furor is owing to our Governor owing to his poor education Some one who will know the difference between 1300 & 18000. We Sympathize with people who have so little Judgment. Aas Am'n citizens we expect to contend for our rights & privileges God gave us a right to live & have liberty. The worst wish he had was that the U.S. would give all men equal rights. I preach the gospel to mankind & do not coerce. Only Honest & virtuous men & women can be admitted to this ordinance & you know it for others can not come up

to this standard for it reaches to Eternity. Great Brittain have 200000000 of Polygamists & can afford to let them live & treat them right but the U.S. Cant. There is more of the Sutter of infants in the U.S. than there ever was India They butcher infants. I under stand it is creeping in here this fashionable murder of infants In the name of God we are after Such physicians & people. God will rise & shake the nation for these sins. We will contend for our rights inch by inch. God will take care of this people if you will do right & I am thankful you to Say you are doing prety nearly so. We will not turn out our wives & let all Israel Say amen (Amen By the audience) Any man that will abuse his wife shall not have a standing in the church (Amen again) He then kindly invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts. All shouted Hosanah in concert.<sup>43</sup>

I stayed in the city & at 7 P.M. attended the mutual Improvement conference of the young men & we were addressed by the presidents of Both associations who exhibited.

**Monday, April 10, 1882**—During the forenoon I attended to business of Temple &c at 12 M met with the Constitutional Convention in the City hall after some little discussion as to Committees it was decided the Pres appoint & pend this We adjourned until 10 A. M. tomorrow.

I passed this evening with Pres J. F. Smith with whom I Stayed all night. & was treated very kindly by him & his lovely family.

**Tuesday, April 11, 1882**—Passed the fore noon in the Teritorial convention as a delegate. A part of the afternoon in the Central Board of trade The Bal the time in writing letters home & To the Brethren engaged on the Temple.

7 P.M. Met with the Presidency Apostles & Prists of Stakes and & their counselors.

Pres Taylor Said those that had but little faith & were not worthy to go to the house of the Lord could be married by Bps. There was a principle of the United order that we should not loose Sight of. We should be filled with a Spirit of Kindness. We can not expect the wicked to teach the principles of the Gospel who are led by the great master Mahan. He wanted his way & would Save all if the Lord would give him His honor.

<sup>43</sup> For a history of the Hosanna Shout in Latter-day Saint history, see Olmstead 2001, 7–38.

Some among us Seemed to have a little of the Same disposition among us.

We should cultivate the example of Jesus in obedience & honor. If we expect to have people to be Subject to our counsels we must be obd ourselves God will be the head & all will be in their proper place. We should seek to know the mind of God. Spoke of a circumstance or remark of Pres Linkon [Lincoln] to wipe out mormonism. Prests Should always be present to meetings on time. Pres. U.S. Linkoln Shortly after his wicked declaration died by an assassin.<sup>44</sup>

We do not want to talk about the strength of the wicked & place Big bears in the way of the people. But seek the inspiration of God & not follow our own inclinations. Seek the mind of God & then caried out. It is the Gov. of God we are trying to establish. God has commenced to do his work.

In regard to our temporal affairs we are not to be Selfish. When anything is set on foot we Seek to agrandize himself or his friends which is wrong. Spoke on the principle of Stuart ship. Cooperative institutions were calculated to united to gather. We should feel that all we possess is on the alter. We do not want to treat our enemies bad. It is thought best that we throw open the field of commerce or speculation but put our own Coop institutions forward They should come to Pres of Stakes for advice & they must Sustain cooperation or we will not sustain them. In the name of Israel's God the Kingdom is onward. All others will be rooted out. We will rise & go forward Some think they are very wise but we are weak. Brethren pray for me & I will for you & Lead you arright.

Pres J. F. Smith Said the class of people that should who Should go to the Endowment house be young people who desire to get married. Others who had been married in the old countries & extremely old persons can come to the Endowment house. We perform no ordinances here for the dead. None but faithful men & women Should be sent here. None of the men should be sent here until they have been placed before the branch & ordained to Elders & all should be or have been baptized & received their covenants. Both males & females Should have recomendations with them. Women are responsible for their acts as well as men. All recomends Should be endorsed by the Pres of the Stake & Pres. Taylor.

All that come should be instructed to prepare themselves with Suitable cloting clean long shirts and clean bodies then they will receive the benefit of the ordinances. Post themselves on date of birth where born &c &c when first baptized Only recomends for Marriage are to be Signed by Pres Taylor Old people Should & and young Should be stated the reason that they go for endowments whether Sickly or aged. Boys whose fathers pay their tithing are elegable to the House or temple. Pres Taylor said or quoted doc & cov. None Should come who have not honored the Law of the Lord (Tithing) The young man whose parents have no faith have the privilege if they are faithful after years of maturity & pay their tithing.

Pres Woodruff made a few remarks and gave us good instructions & we should Bear our testimonies to the work. He wrote his in the St. Geo. Temple. I have Seen the destruction of this nation & have felt it the last 2 yrs. I expect to go behind the Vail Soon. & I must follow the Spirit of God when I speak. There is a great work for you. Set the examples of faith at home The Spirit of God is upon our little ones. The Lord is going to draw the line & sinners will soon tremble in Zion do not Sustain the Gentiles I do not feel to curse any one.

Pres Taylor We should avail ourselves of all of these privileges & See that we have a Knowledge of our own registrations & see that our citizens are naturalized. Apostle F. M. Lyman Said we need all the Strength of Zion.

Apostle J. H. Smith Said we want to have men at the Polls who Know the people & if they think it necessary they can deposit their vote elswere. Take out final papers ~~find out~~ before the district court Apostle E. Snow thought that Probate courts have the right to naturalize & was legal up to 62 when that Law repealed the right. But ratified the former procedings A good Spirit prevailed before this meeting.

**Wednesday, April 12, 1882**—I attended convention again to day & when We were not in Cession I worked on Committees being on two. Public Institutions & Legislative department.

**Thursday, April 13, 1882**—On committee from 9 A. M. until 12.30 P.M. Met in convention at 2 P.M.

<sup>44</sup>For a history of the Latter-day Saints and Abraham Lincoln, see Hubbard 1963, 91–108. Hubbard, however, makes no reference to John Taylor's talk in this conference, and the editors

have not been able to verify the reference to which John Taylor alludes.

where 8 out of 13 committees reported 2 of whom I was on then we adjourned until tomorrow at 2 P.M.

Bathed at the Warm Springs Bath this morning.

**Friday, April 14, 1882**—Passed the morning in writing to my family & attending to other Biz.

Met with the convention at 2 P.M. which lasted about 1 hour all reports were in & referred to committee on revision & compilation. Pass the Bal of the time in reading & Studying.

**Saturday, April 15, 1882**—All well this morning & ready anxiously awaiting the hour which the convention convenes. At 10 A M we met in convention & adjourned until next Wednesday.

**Sunday, April 16, 1882**—Having returned from the City last night I attended the meeting in the Logan Tabernacle at 2 P.M. Elder J. T. Hammond having just returned from his mission to the southern States he addressed the Sts & gave his experience &c After which Apostle M. Thatcher favored us with an excellent discourse.

I met with the Sts of the 2nd Ward in the evening and addressed them.

**Monday, April 17, 1882**—I attended to Temple Business to day.

**Tuesday, April 18, 1882**—I attended to Temple & other Business preparatory to going again to the constitutional conventional to morrow in Salt Lake City at 2 P.M.

**Wednesday, April 19, 1882**—I took the first train to Salt Lake City where I arrived at 12 M at 2 P.M. met again with the convention & after consulting a Short time it adjourned until the following Tuesday as the committee were not ready to report in full. I returned again to day.

**Thursday, April 20, 1882**—I attended to Temple Business to day & made a trip to Hyrum on Same Business.

**Friday, April 21, 1882**—I again attended to the regular routine of Temple and other business.

**Saturday, April 22, 1882**—We passed another wet day but Still we keep busy on the Temple at many branches.

Thus ends another very busy week for me.

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**Providence, Sunday, April 23, 1882**—At 1.30 P.M. I accompanied Pres Preston & Elder L. R. Martineau to Providence where we met with the Sts at 2 P.M.

After the opening exercises & Sacrament Elder Martineau addressed the Sts. cautioned the Sts against Back-Biting when we are guilty of this we break the Laws of God & morality &c

Pres Preston arose & desired the faith of the Sts. We have been gathered from many different nations & have been gathered for the purpose of walking in the ways of the Lord. We are Spoken evily of & persecuted yet we are a blessed people and Should thurste after righteousness.

We are a free people to serve the Lord although we are in bondage to the nation. There is Something for all to do & to Learn the things of God and accept his ways. Some of us pray to the Lord as if He was a long ways off which is according to traditions. some of the Sts have exhibited a disposition to Look after things of the world. Thought rather too much for our own good. We need to plead with the Lord that he will lead us out of Bondage Keep the channel open between us & the Lord the prophet Said the time will come when we would have to walk with faith. Perhaps you will not have so many to guide us us but will have to choose our own path. We are to be tried severly even as Gold 7 times in the fire. Perhaps we are on the eve of a famine we should prepared for it. It had been said yet the U.S. will come against us I think their acts recently in their Special Legislation against us. We should be faithful. Discouraged the sts against patronizing our enemies.

All nations are in the hands of God. The Lord has a contrivency with this nation & will punish them. We should move on finish our temple that we can use it. Think the Sts are improving some all should try to improve. No hand can stay the progress of Gods work. The Gospel does not die when men die but continues & is not be given unto another people. Hoped many of the Sts that reside would prove themselves worthy to receive their blessings in the Temple. We should turn our faces towards Zion. No work so important to us as the Temple. Gave much good advice. Referred to the Setting apart a Counselor to Bp. Hammond instead of George W. Marlor who is absent & desired to be released. Counsellors Should be on hand to assist and have not to be Sought after by the Bp. but

Should call on him occasionally & see if they can assist in any way. Teachers Should do the Same. We should try to perfect ourselves & do our part & teach the great truths of the Gospel by example. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts Amen.

Bp M. M. Hammond called a vote to release Bro Marlor as the His first Counselor unanimous.<sup>45</sup>

William W. Lowe was unanimously sustained by vote of the Sts as Bp. H. first counsellor.

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

Pres Preston said as Bro Lowe was one of Prests of the Elders quorum he would in the near future arrange to fill that position with another man. Bro. W. W. Low came forward and was ~~set apart~~ ordained an High Priest & set apart to be the first Counselor to Bp. Hammond, by Prest. Wm B. Preston & C. O. Card & Bp. Hammond.

Prest. C. O. Card spoke: Was pleased with the Spirit of the meeting, and to see the Saints of providence again. We should keep our covenants with God & each other. The subject of Temple building is always on my mind. I was pleased to say that we commenced to plaster Logan Temple this past week and need the continual support of the Saints to carry on the work. The spirit of the late Conference was that we should sustain each other and not continue to patronize our avowed Enimies amongst us. The watch word is "move on" and may God aid us to do so, & may He bless us all in the name of Jesus Amen. Singing. Benediction by Elder M. D. Hammond.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

I attended meeting in the 2nd Ward this evening.

**Monday, April 24, 1882**—I attended to Temple Business to day getting ready to return to the City to the Convention tomorrow morning.

**Tuesday, April 25, 1882**—This morning I took the first train to Salt Lake City where I arrived about 12.30 P.M. Went to the convention at 2 P.M. where we Labored until 5 P.M. Spent the evening in Study

over the matters pertaining to the Constitution we were engaged in framing for the proposed state of Utah.

**Wednesday, April 26, 1882**—I met again with the convention at 10 A.M. where we continued our Labors until 6 P.M. ex a recess from 12 until 2 P.M. We conclude the 2nd reading of the constitution to day all Seemed much interested in the great Instrument of Liberty.

**Thursday, April 27, 1882**—Convention convened again at 10 A.M. after Some Slight amendments the Instrument was adopted and the convention adjourned until June 6 2 P.M. Awaiting the approval of the Constitution by our constituents. All the member were appointed an advisory committee to the people.

I attend to Some temple & other Business & and at 3.40 P.M took train for home where arrived about 11 P.M.

**Friday, April 28, 1882**—I attended to temple Biz until 10 A.M. when I met at the tithing office with Apostle M Thatcher Pres Preston Bp. A. Haris & Elders J. A. Leishman & J. H. Martineaux & consulted over Sever[al] important questions among which was the prominent matter of an apostate of Benson ward Suing one of the Brethren of Benson to the Law on a question of Land lines.

The Ballance of the day I passed in the Temple Service.

**Saturday, April 29, 1882**—To day I visited both of my farms for the first time this spring to look after my cropping. The Bal of time in Temple Business making out another busy week.

[Noted in top margin of page: S B 10.25 S. P. 7.33; Ora 278; Jennie 268]<sup>46</sup>

**Sunday, April 30, 1882**—I spent the most of the fore noon in visiting Joseph Moris & wife who were sick & administered to the Latter.

At 2 P.M. I attended meeting in the Logan Tabernacle which was addressed by Elders Ralph Smith C. J. Larson Pres Preston & myself.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>45</sup> In fall 1870, George W. Marler was called as first counselor to Providence Bishop Milton D. Hammons. Marler was also the city constable (see Baker 1973, 82).

<sup>46</sup> References to Card's family: S B, Sarah Birdneau; S. P., Sarah Painter; Ora and Jennie, his children with Sarah Birdneau.

<sup>47</sup> Christian J. Larsen, identified earlier, was one of the pioneer missionaries from Scandinavia who in 1852 was arrested at Ingolsrud, Norway, for preaching the gospel, and was imprisoned (see Somers 1993, 64; A. Jenson 1914, 47, 5 [supplement]).



Met with the Sts of the 2nd Ward and A'stess to the Temple Tithing & freewill offerings. My Credits on the Temple to Dec 31 1881 were \$571.46—tithing for the yr. 1881 \$267.68.

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Speakers Apostles ~~F M~~ Lyman

F. M. Lyman & E Snow

2 P.M. Apostles J. H. Smith

& L. Snow Elder C. W. Penrose

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Sunday, Feb. 5: 1882

Speakers Pres J. F. Smith & Apostles F. D.

Richards & Erastus Snow

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2 PM - Prayer by Apostle L Snow Sacrament. The Authorities of the church were presented By Pres Preston. O how Sublime the unanimous vote or Sea of hands as they were were lifted to heaven. Pres Taylor ocupied the Bal. of time about 1½ hours.

[Inside back cover.]

For 1881

The amt of tithing and Temple donations percapita on Tithe payers—\$48.37 plus

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[Editor's note: Journal 14 covers May 6, 1882, through July 2, 1882. It is 4⅛ by 6¾ inches with a tan cover, and entries are made in purple pencil.]

[Inside front cover.]

[Only legible part of first line: Hands now upon the earth]

Total souls in Cache Stake 15938

Total souls in Oneida Co. 2910

Total souls in Cache Co. 13028

Relief Society conference

on Sat 20 of May at 10 am

2 days

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S S Pupils 3327

S S Teachers 3872

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May 6, 82 **Population of Cache Stake**

First Ward Logan 892

2nd Ward Logan 544

3rd Ward Logan 365

4th Ward Logan 856

5th Ward Logan 673

Hyde Park 533

Smithfield 1212

Richmond 1209

Lewiston 556

Franklin 633

Preston 373

Mink Creek 136

Mound Valley 128

Mormon 129

Cedar Buttes 104

Egin 56

Marsh Valley 250

Oxford 311

Clifton 313

Weston 475

Clarkston 605

Newton 284

Benson 136

Mendon 125

Wellsville 1261

Paradise 580

Hyrum 1387

Millville 682

Providence 684

[Begin dated entries.]

**1882**

**Logan**

**Saturday, May 6, 1882**—I met with the Sts of Cache Valley Stake in conference assembled at 10 A M. Choir Sang prayer By Elder Loron [Lorin] Farr of Ogden.<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> Lorin Farr, identified earlier, served as the first president of the Weber Stake in Ogden and was also mayor of Ogden City. He played an important and busy role in the Ogden community. It is of interest to note the David B. Dille, who was the first high

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priests quorum president in Cache Valley, served as Farr's second counselor in the stake presidency (see Roberts and Sadler 1997, 57).

Pres Preston arose & expressed his pleasure in being able to meet again in conference in peace. Trusted the Spirit of the Lord would guide His Servants to say such things as will be for our good. The Sts in this part of the vineyard have been doing a very good work on the Temple. We should not forget this great & important duty as well as all others. We should be faithful on our part that the Lord would continue us in these Mts. Seek God for his kind care & the preservation of His Servants & people.

May God Bless you all. Amen.

Bishops Orson Smith of Paradise. Robt Williams of Mound Valley. Robt Davidsons of Logan 3rd Ward. John Jardine of Clarks Ward. Robt Davies of Hyde Park Henry Hughes of Mendon. Geo O. Pitkins of Millville reported favorably of the Funding of their Several Wards.

Elder C. W. Penrose then addressed the Sts. We came upon the earth to gain an experience. We grapple with earthly things that we may learn to overcome our weaknesses & implant in their stead the principles of Eternity.

We should manifest before God and angels that we are on the Side of right. We need not be in a condition that we do not know which way to travel. It is our privilege to see our way by the Guidance of the Spirit. We are required to Labor for the benefit of our fellows.

Our light should shine forth among our fellows. Aid in gathering the Harvest, our work is not a selfish work it is our Business to develop the Deity in us.

Spoke of the magnitude of the great work and the Laborers in the Gospel in comparison to the 1400 millions now upon the earth. We enjoy great privileges in preaching the Gospel to our kindred and performing ordinances for our dead. What great joy it will give us when we meet with those that have gone before us & we have performed their works for them in the Temples. Good will be increased to us in proportion to that which we do which will enlarge our Souls. Live to do good others.

Was thankful to be no. in the church where there is something for all to do. We should imitate the examples of our Saviors & try to do our part in the Gospel in all things. Spoke very encouragingly about the Temple. We should not narrow up our souls but be Liberal in the truth. Let us rejoice in the privileges of the Gospel and carry it with us in all places. Teach it to all of our children. Exhorted the

Sts to continue in all our good Labor Store up useful knowledge. Read good Books & not trash. There is nothing good that will not be revealed for the benefit of the Human family. We must conquer our passions our weaknesses that we may be pure in the great work of redemption God bless you Amen.

Choir Sang Benediction by Apostle F. D. Richards.

2 P.M. Choir Sang Prayer By Pres. M. W. Merrill. Singing.

Stake Clk read the Statistical report Showing 15938 Total of Souls. Read report of Special 50 ct donation Total 9067.

Apostle Erastus Snow arose & called the attention of the Sts to the words of the Lord to the children of Israel by Moses also the Sts in the day of Jesus. Showing that they always were a very peculiar people. Spoke of the gifts bestowed upon the Prophet Joseph & the use of the Urim & Thummim. Also the bestowing of the Aronic Priesthood upon him & O. C. [Oliver Cowdery] by John the Baptist who was a resurrected being Also Peter James & John the Apostles bestowing the Apostleship. These kings (of Apostleship) embraced all & the highest authority in the flesh. It is the purpose of the Lord to raise a holy people a Kingdom of priests & Saviors of man. Spoke of the remnants of Lehi who was of Mannasas [Manasseh] & the remnants of Ishmael who was of Ephraim. Also Amulak who was of Judea perhaps were an inter mixture of other tribes. Spoke of the prediction concerning Joseph that the one who should translate the records of the Nephites names should be named after him & has fathers name of Joseph. Spoke of the great importance of the Temple as a source through which we can obtain blessings & for ourselves & friends. Peter was commanded to feed the Lords Lambs & sheep when he confessed to love the Lord more than fish. He spoke at some length very interestingly & intelligently & Invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts.

Apostle Wilford Woodruff arose & said no people were called to a greater work than we as a people than we are.

Spoke of the Sacrificing that many had made for the Gospel Sake.

Thought the Sts. were not Justified in looking after riches & accumulate them for our children to quarrel over when we were dead or to Squander. We are called to go & lift up our voice to the world

though they are as wicked as Sodon & Gomorrow we have been led here by inspiration. We are to Labor for the redemption of the dead. No people have been called to so great work. Spoke of the vast work we have for our dead. Those that go behind the vale continue their Labors but those of us that are here are to build these temples.

Referred to Bro. Geo. Q. Cannon our representative to Congress who had been blessed of the Lord to withstand So much abuse If we will build these Temples we will remain here as firm as the pillars of Heaven. Dont be weary in well doing, do not Slacken your hands in building these temples for the Lord & his Saints are watching over us spoke of calling upon some to work in the temples.

Prayed that we may faith & confidence in God that when we return to the father all will be well with us. Amen.

Choir Sang Benediction by Elder Ivens.

I visited the Temple with Prests Taylor Smith & Apostles.

**Sunday, May 7, 1882—10 A.M.** We met again in conference. Song by the choir prayer by Elder Samuel Smith of Brigham City.<sup>49</sup> Singing Apostle L. Snow arose & precluded his remarks by reading from the 12 chap of Jeremiah. Also from Psalms vers 39.

Spoke of the necessity of our establishment of a true and reliable character as Sts and that which Should be in accord with the requirements of the Gospel.

We are inclined to do those things that have a tendency to allure us from the Lord. When we commit sin we stray from the Lord & get farther from them We must establish Godliness within ourselves. Our enterprises should accord with the faith & Spirit of the Gospel. We should have men in our midst who have the gift of Healing. He Spoke at some length upon the gifts of the Gospel. Exhorted the Sts to keep strictly the commandments of God. He invoked the Blessings of God upon all.

Pres. J. F. Smith arose & said He trusted that the Spirit of Counsel would rest upon those that Spok He desired to be led by that Spirit.

We are living in a peculiar time & in a time of darkness a time when we are surrounded by worldly things. We claim to act upon the authority. We came to these valleys by the command of God & we acknowledge many things as commands of God. We are obt to the powers that be because we believe they are of God.

It is difficult for all to understand these callings. We all can improve none have overcome the weakness of the flesh. It is difficult for us to comprehend all these things.

Deplored the practice of these Sts who send their children to Schools of the world to be taught in the things of the world. I believe the commands given us are perfect. We Should try to live them & not be Swerved pro & con. We have many that have the gift of healing but not what they might be or will be.

He read from Book of Mormon Page 31. Book of Jacob Many have begun to Search for Silver & gold & those that have obtained more than others they are lifted up.

The principles connected with that which I have read that are worthy of the attention of the Sts.

We live in a day of rev. & Inspiration but we can not obtain this Spirit without Sacrificing of worldly things.

That we may be Saved and exalted in the Kingdom of God by keeping his Lawes. For the world are stired up against the most Sacred principles. It is not Polygamy that they hate so much it is the power of the priesthood. They are not prepared to receive the principle of Polygamy. Read from Doc cov my house is an house of order &c rev. on Celestial Law of mariage. He testified it was of God. We are to walk by the Law or commands of God.

We need not fear the world for God hath decreed he will fight our Battles. May God help us to do our duty is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen. Meeting adjourned until 2 P.M. Singing Benediction by Apostle F. D. Richards.

I again visited the Temple right after meeting with Apostle Wilford Woodruff & Bp. L. [S.] Roskelley.<sup>50</sup>

**2 P.M.** Conference again convened. Singing Prayer By Apostle M. Thatcher Singing Sacrament.

<sup>49</sup> Samuel Smith, a Brigham City judge, lived on the west side of Main Street. For many years his home was the chief business center of the settlement. Part of his home was a hotel and Dr. Oliver C. Ormsby rented a room, which he used as a drugstore (see Huchel 1999, 76).

<sup>50</sup> Samuel Roskelley was back in Cache Valley after serving a mission in Great Britain. He was called to serve as president of the high priests of the Cache Valley Stake and was set apart by President Joseph F. Smith (see Roskelley n.d., 57).

Apostle F. D. Richards arose & as a prelude read from Doc cov. in relation to the erection of Temples.

Pres Young gave us until Oct 1880 to build this Temple (Logan) We have been engaged in the Erection of 3. We wish to push this Temple to completion.

Referred to the erection of the Kirtland Temple that the enmity of all Righteousness stirred up the wicked read again from doc cov. that if our enemies hinder us our offerings would be accepted.

The Kirtland Temple was built without the aid of tithing & was visited by Jesus Moses Elias. Too many of us are after the things of the world. Spoke of the Sts being driven from Mo. Ohio the Erection of the Temple in Nauvoo. Also referred to the erection of a Temple in St George Utah & the good feeling that is being disseminating among the Sts.

Spoke of the depreciation of the Book of Mormon. Although the Lord saw fit to have Moroni make an abridgement of the records of the Nephites.

Referred to the Nephites Building temples. It is money wine & women and they are interesting themselves about our wives. Referred to the Edmunds Bill the commission. We cannot violate our obligations & we want to Seek the Lord honor his laws & as well as all Constitutional Laws. You Bps. ought to be like the sons of God to this people as well as the Presidency of the Stake & High Council.

Desired again that the Brethren hasten the completion of the Temple. Look after the unwearied you Bps. Should look after them by your visits. Incline your hearts to the Temple that you may soon go therein & Become Saviors upon Mt Zion.

He Invoked most earnestly the Blessings of God upon his people Amen.

Pres John Taylor arose & said he was pleased to be with the Sts on this occasion. Said he visited the temple yester morning. Desired the Sts to exhibit a reasonable diligence in that Labor. Referred to the armies that was exhibited against the Sts in these Mts. Spoke of the Bell that was used at the Declaration of Independence which had the inscription on it "Proclaims Liberty throughout the Land.[]" The framers of independence were persecuted Like us. Spoke of the greatest similarity of the oppressed Christians that fled to America & the History of this people Our forefathers thought they had a right to Liberty & they had for men were not legislated into existence. We have a Birth right in common with

humanity & there was inserted in the Constitution of the U.S. Several Rights that have been recently ignored: Trial by Jury. No ex post facto Law.

The Constitution was voted for by the people & it required a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote to ratify it also its amendments.

Some people dispute the right of the Lord. But we are told that the earth & the fulness thereof are His the cattle & the fulness of the earth & c are his. Were it not for the atonement we could not take our bodies with us. We will be as dependent for clothing on the other side of the veil as we were when we arrived here. God has a right to manage things as he sees proper. He confounded the Languages at the tower of Babel & He had a right to.

Sometimes God permits the wicked to reign. The Lord moved upon Columbus to come here & others to come to this continent to establish this great Gov. which has a Constitution framed by inspiration & we live in a land of Constitutions & should not be trampled under our feet. The Gov. have certain rights & the people have certain rights. Notwithstanding our many wrongs. We will not place our selves in antagonism with the general Government.

Spoke at Some length upon upon the false reports abroad about us. They are rotten with disease & then they undertake to correct our evils [morals]. We have not 1 10th of the crime here they have abroad. It is with Sorrow I speak of this & wish it were otherwise. We do not mean to desert our families If any man cast off his family by any pretext of law we will cast him off this church.

All said Amen. We will fill the Law the best we can & let them be the Breakers of the Law. Deprecated the Idea of sending our children to their Schools. Spoke of the Gov. of Utah vetoing the Bill to build a university.

I think we can build one for ourselves & not be over Slowed by their ignorance.

We will not violate our religious rights for no men nor set of men. We will try to do what is right. He proposed that God would take hold of those infamous men. It will not be long before we will be as far ahead of them in Educational Interests as we are in religious principles. God bless you & lead you on the pathes of life in the name of Jesus Amen. Choir Sang Beautifully conference adjourned for 3 months Benediction by Apostle F. D. Richards. Met with Sunday School Teachers Supt & c of the

take listened to reports & reports by Pres Preston and the Stake Superintendency.

**Saturday, May 13, 1882**—During the week I have attended very busily to the Temple Labors made a trip to the Temple Mill on Wednesday [Top of page has Wellsville underlined.] and returned on Thurs. after noon. Have been quite busy early & late all the week. During this week we have completed the plastering of the Font room of the Temple except the hard finishing of Plaster of paris.

**Sunday, May 14, 1882**—At 8 A M I Started for Wellsville with Pres Preston & Elders J. A. Leishman and Neils Hanson<sup>51</sup> where we arrived in time to attend the S. School at 10 A.M. which we did & listened to their intelligent exercises with great pleasure & Satisfaction. There were about 250 Schollars & teachers present.

C. O. Card spoke a short time approvingly of the exercises he hav listened to and urged the school to prosecute the studies requisite to attain a knowledge of the gospel.

Pres Preston Said he was pleased to meet with the School. I look upon the children as the hope of Israel here are the future prophets and Apostles. Referred to the many who were Schollars in the S.S. that are now on missions & filling responsible Stations. It is proper that you are fuly posted as to the prophets and men of God who have had and now live. We Should be always able to give an appropriate answer about the principles of the Gospel. We Should know that God is our father & Jesus our elder Brother.

This is the most important age of the world & it is for us to welled the Broken links together. God bless you Amen. Opened and closed by Singing & prayer.

2 P.M. We joined the Sts of Wellsville in Meeting Choir Sang Prayer By Elder Francis Gunnell<sup>52</sup> Sing and Sacrament.

Elder Neils Hanson arose and Said he arose with pleasure to Speak in as much as the Lord would assist him, felt his inability but had recd the Gospel with an understanding for himself. We should put our trust in God & remember the covenants we mad at the waters of Baptism. We should listen to the

dictations of the Holy Spirit. The adversary is trying to lead us estray.

Spoke of the great necessity of partaking of the Sacrament that we may have the Spirit of the Savior. Felt to Serve the Lord which is our duty that we may claim the Blessings of the Lord. Exhorted the Sts to keep the commandments of the Lord. God Bless you Amen.

Elder J. A. Leishman next addressed the Sts. Desired the faith of the Sts while he Spoke to them. Felt to be an advocate of the of the cause of God upon the Earth. Spoke of the necessity of Exercising faith in God. Spoke of the treatment of the Sts and the preservation of his people. Referred to the History of Daniel the prophet who was preserved by the hand of the Lord for Keeping his mandates though it was contrary to the edict of the King darius which was public Sentiment referred also to Noah & Moses who were opposed by public Sentiment which proved wrong in those instances.

God sent prophets to the Israelites and asked them to repent. Popular sentiment was against the Savior but it proved to be in error. Spoke in the Same way in regard to John the Baptiste also the modern reformers also to Scientific measures. Joseph Smith when he declared that the Father & Son had appeared to him they called him an imposter yet he knew the Lord had Spoken to him though he suffered much Still he laid the foundation of the Church. We are here where God intends we shall work & be cleansed of our impurities Spoke of the unconstitutional (Edmunds) Bill or Law among a free people & a free government. No nation will prosper under such edicts.

Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel & the presence of the authority of the Holy Priesthood. God requires us to Build Temples that we may officiate for our ancestors. Though our enemies oppose us God will fight our battles if we will be obedient to His Laws. May God grant that we may do in the name of Jesus Amen.

Pres. Preston arose & expressed his pleasure in meeting again with the Sts of Wellsville.

Referred to the meeting with the Sunday School this morning. Many embraced the doctrines of Jesus in times of prosperity but in time of adversity denied the Savior. Spoke of the weakness of Peter in

<sup>51</sup> Neils Hansen managed the Central Milling and Elevator Company, which became the largest of all Cache Valley's mills and was owned by Nels Peterson (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 160).

<sup>52</sup> Francis Gunnell and his family came to Cache Valley with the original settlers in August 1856. Gunnell was Cache Valley's initial recorder (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 34, 90).



denying the savior. We find Some among us that enjoy the same weakness & feel glad they are apostate.

Spoke of Some that were seeking the honors of men. We will only be able to stand the severity of the trials by the aid of the Lord. The important question to us is are we doing the will of the Lord. We have the authority of the holy Priesthood authority to build temples, to performing our duties in our offices of the Priesthood. Keep your covenants for the day of trials are at hand.

There is a mighty work for us to do if we will do it if we do not the Lord will raise those that will do. We should criticise ourselves and set in judgement upon ourselves & see if we are doing our duty. The Lord has watched over us & kept us from evil & made armies sent against us have proved a blessing to us. Warned the Sts. against devoting themselves against too much to obtaining the things of the World. The Lord has called us together to build up the Kingdom of God. We should raise our bys for the work of the Lord, not to follow the ways of the Gentiles.

We should seek the riches of Eternity. Spoke of the promises made to the Seed of Abraham who the Lord thought So much of whom we are.

The Lord will Straighten us up by chastising us on the right & the Left as he did the Nephites. Spoke of the wicked intent of the Edmunds Bill. Exhorted the Sts to move on. We Should look about ourselves & See what the will of the Lord & do it.

Spoke of the necessity of completing of the Logan Temple which will be worth more to us than gold & had better work at that complete it then gain it & do our work.

Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Sts Amen.

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

C. O. Card spoke of the building of the Temple and spoke of the enving that private individuals will observe in their own concerns when they engage in an enterprise to obtain the greatest benefits from our labors, and applied the same principle in regard to our Temple we needed the aid and assistance of the Saints to go on with that building it devolved upon the saints now to aid in the finishing of the Temple and enter therein and obtain the blessing. He made mention of the inimical legislation that has been past against us. He urged the saints to faithfulness and dilligence to the duties now resting upon us. We

were none the poorer on account of what we had contributed to that house, he suggested a method to raise funds for the Temple for all to pay one days wages to their Bps for the Temple. God Bless you and assist you Amen.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Bp Maughan made some appropriate remarks in behalf of the Temple and other things.

Choir sang Benediction by Bp Wm H. Maughan.

[Two pages of journal left blank. No entries for Monday, May 15 through Saturday, May 20. Card intended to record the events of this conference at a later time.]

### Newton

**Logan, Sunday, May 21, 1882**—At 8 A.M. this morning Pres. Preston and myself Started for Newton to hold meeting at 10 A.M. We arrived in time. Singing by the choir Prayer by Bro Stephen Cat Sing. By request of Pres. Preston I addressed the Sts first Spoke of the ratification of the Constitution of the State of Utah urged all to go to the polls and vote for its approval that we may take a step for our freedom. Spoke in regard to the Logan Temple asked the Sts to be energetic in this work that we may soon use it. God has blessed us for our good works on the Temple. Let us continue in our good works that we may be known & blessed of the Lord.

Pres. Preston thought thought by the looks of the children the Kingdom is on the increase. Spoke of the influence abroad against the truth It Seems as if History repeats itself for through the high & cry of the paper ministers unscrupulous men Congress has legislated against us. We are a blessed people. & you are a favored people here in Newton.

Spoke of the change that has come over Logan in regard to its Society that many evils that are now introduced among the Sts. We may have to move to Newton for a more pure atmosphere. The Lord does not like these things & we should be free from them. The Stars that will shine most brightly in our crowns will be the rearings of our children properly.

I am hapy to know that the Seed of Ephraim are gathered in Newton. We are as children need constant teaching.

We should be charitable to our children though they don't keep all of our councils that He may be charitable unto us. We should be kind to our

neighbors honor & respect our wives & daughters & be kind to them teach them the peaceable principles of the Gospel.

This nation desires to destroy us. Their odds against us is 50000000. We have not much to protect us against our enemies but had better make friends with the Lord & ask the Lord to soften the hearts of our enemies that we may be able to build up Zion.

Spoke of the Nephites being wasted away in consequence of their iniquity. We will do so by the U.S. when the gentile all have filled up their cup of iniquity they will be wasted away.

We are here to admonish you to be faithful in the things of God. Do not entertain evil feelings against your neighbors.

Spoke of the necessity of completing the Temple. We wish to keep these things before our children & ourselves that we may not go astray after the things of the world.

Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts in the name of Jesus Amen. Choir Sang Benediction by Elder A. P. Welchman.

Pres Preston called attention of the Sts to the conference of the Relief Societies Young Ladies associations & Primaries. The two Latter were not reported.

They should be put in order & able to report next conference. Have some timely instruction on these points. Told the Bps Counselor Wm Griffin to look after these things and organize these associations & carry out the instructions given our young should be educated all the quorums should be Set in order.

### Clarkston

We dined with Elder Wm Griffin who accompanied us to Clarkston.

Having arrived there ahead of time we drove around town & to a brief view of the City.

Met with the Sts of Clarkston at 2 P.M. Singing by the choir Prayer by Elder Wm Griffin. Singing & Sacrament.

Pres. Preston arose & expressed his pleasure in having another opportunity of meeting with the Sts of this place.

We have daily duties to perform. Spoke of the growth of the City of Clarkston the utility of planting Shade trees around the meeting house. Spoke encouragingly of the family increase.

Our out Side neighbors dislike our unity & organization Therefore they legislate against us. Encouraged the Sts to vote for the Constitution of the State of Utah. He desired to enjoy the constitutional rights of a State. Was ashamed of the conduct of the Government in which I live.

Spoke of the unrighteous veto power of the Gov. of Utah which had been abused by the Govs of Utah. If Governors & President will not listen to us we will appeal to the Lord.

The angels will make record of the votes cast tomorrow. Encouraged the Spirit of unity of & in our election & other political matters. In using our agency we should be free to do right.

Desired that the Sts do right & said he felt best when he lived obedient to the Laws of God & was kind in his family. You have gathered here to do the will of the Lord. Should get a testimony for your Selves. Felt to Encourage the Sts to keep the commandments of God. In Speaking of the principle of unity said we had better be united on a wrong principle than divided on a good one Free country to do right & not to do wrong.

Thought the Sts could stand the Ill [Illegal] legislation better than those who are not of our faith. The indifference the Sts exhibit toward the evils that sought to be brought against them our enemies cant understand & comprehend.

We have the best record of any State & Territory in regard to literacy, less muderers & & robbers & Roberies.

We should be charitable to all. Love to do good. Love our enemies and do good to those that dispitfully use you.

We have some misserable hypocrites in Logan that Seek our overthrow & continually use their influence against the Sts. Advised the Sts to not Scatter their ways to the world & not allow your sons to get a notion of tramping through the country. Read from Circular of Pres. Taylor in regard to merchandising.<sup>53</sup>

<sup>53</sup> On May 1, 1882, President John Taylor sent "AN EPISTLE to the Presidents of Stakes, High Councils, Bishops and other Authorities of the Church" in which he gave instructions "that it was much better for our own people to do our

trading than to have outsiders do it." The letter, found in the book *Messages of the First Presidency*, covers eight printed pages (see James R. Clark 1965, 2:334-41).

Spoke of the necessity of sustaining Cooperation & referred the Sts to the circular. We Should be careful to not get on the road to destruction but be upward & onward in the work of God & be united May the Lord preserve us in the truths of the Gospel Amen.

I next addressed the Sts upon their duties political & ecclesiastical also exhorted the Sts to help the temple with means that it may be completed at an early date. May the Lord assist us to Gain the Blessings of Eternal lives in his Kingdom. Amen.

Pres Preston Said the Boys should attend the primaries as well as the Girls.

Choir Sang Benediction By Elder James Myler.<sup>54</sup>

Directly after Meeting we drove to Benson where we arrived about 6 P.M.

At 7:30 PM we met with the Sts of Benson in their School house. Singing by the audience. prayer by Bp Alma Haris. Singing.

By request of Pres Preston I addressed the Sts first Exhorted them to keep the commands of God. To Connect themselves to Relief Societies Improvement & primary associations Sabbath Schools. Interest ourselves in all that is good referred to our political Situation. Asked the Sts to assist on the works on the Logan Temple Invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts & all their substance. Amen.

Pres. Preston arose & asked the Sts if they were represented at the conference of the Relief Societies Young Ladies Improvement Associations & primaries. Bp. ansd they wer not organized. Some one was to blame He instructed the Bp. effect the above organizations in the Benson ward.

Spoke at Some length upon the care we should show upon our children in teaching them the principles of the Gospel. Instructed the teachers to look after the children in this respect also the Priests. We should all try to do our duties.

He presumed there were teachers & Priests quorums organized in the ward. Every member is

amenable to some Superior officer. We need a spur to urge us on & keep the commands of God. We should not place ourselves in a position that our children will rise up & blame us for not attaching them to these associations that they may learn the Gospel of Christ. We are a nation in embryo. Truly it is marvelous in the eyes of the Lord. Among our boys are prophets and Apostles. We look after our family pretty well to perform Labor for us but on sunday we do not look after them so closely. Which is wrong but we should more energetic on the Sabbath. We should stir ourselves up to dilligence.

The prophet met opposition from the first. If we will do our duties will fill these mts with a good people. If we will stick to the old Ship Zion we will go through Safe. May God bless you & the Bp & his counselors that they may be one. Amen.

Singing Benediction by Elder Geo Thomas.<sup>55</sup>

**Monday, May 22, 1882**—We bade our hosts adieu & returned to Logan where we arrived about 9 A.M.

I attended to Temple Business during the ballance of the day & remained in Logan during the night.

#### Trenton

**Tuesday, May 23, 1882**—About 9 AM I started to the Temple Mill where I arrived about 2:30 P.M. was busy until dark.

**Wednesday, May 24, 1882**—After attending to the necessary biz. I returned to Logan where I arrived about 2 P.M. Was busy until dark with Temple & other business & again remained over night with my family.

**Trenton, Thursday, May 25, 1882**—As per appointment Pres Preston accompanied by his son Wm. & myself Started at 8:45 AM for trenton where we met with the Sts at 11:25. Choir sang prayer by Elder James Harnison [Harmison]<sup>56</sup> Singing.

<sup>54</sup>James Myler met Julia Ann Brownell in Dayton, Ohio, and they were married there on October 5, 1843. They joined the Church in 1845 and were endowed in the Nauvoo Temple on January 28, 1846. James marched with the Mormon Battalion and came to Cache Valley early in its history, being among the initial settlers of Clarkston. He was a fine musician and could also sing well. He is buried in Lewisville, Idaho.

<sup>55</sup>George Thomas was born December 29, 1866, to George and Mary Ann Griffiths Thomas. His mother died when he was eleven, and his father was crippled when he was fourteen, so he

had to manage the family farm. After completing studies at the Brigham Young College, he went East and studied at Harvard University. On July 16, 1921, he became president of the University of Utah (see Kirby 1997, 187–88).

<sup>56</sup>James S. Harmison served as the presiding elder of the Trenton Branch from 1875 to 1877. After he left and had lived in Logan, Harmison moved to Menan in Idaho's Upper Stake River Valley where he herded cows during the summer months (see Simmonds 1970, 18, 27).

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Bro C. O. Card was called upon by the presiding officer. He said he was pleased to meet with the Saints and was thankful for the man blessings of the Lord that we receive. He also touched briefly upon the subjects of Tithing, Faith Repentance & Baptism, giving many good instructions &c. Called upon the Sts to look after the interests of the Temple.

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Pres. Preston arose and expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Sts here Said it seemed as if the Lord had added so much that it took all the time we had to look after it. I know of no Section of the country that so greatly blessed as this Temple district.

We should worship the Giver of all of the great blessings we enjoy. God gives all the increase. Referred to the rich young man that went to the Savior & asked him what to do to be saved. Many rejected the Gospel in the days of the Savior who were afflicted with tradions.

We need works to accompany our faith. Exhorted the Sts to look after the the things of God & not the world. Referred to the decrees of God concerning the people that Should inhabit this Land (America). When they were ripe in iniquity they would cut off the Land.

We Should work at the Temple and other things of God with all our might mind and Strength.

Discouraged the idea of going abroad to look after the things of the earth to the sacrificing of the things of God.

Spoke of the power of God to multiply or diminish us If we were not faithful. Referred to the remarks of Pres. H. C. Kimball in regard to the time to come when a barrell of flour would bring a barrell of gold.

The nations are repining in Sin & the Lord has commenced a contrivery with the Lord.

They wish us to renounce the principles of the Gospel. They dislike our unity & are jealous of us. I wish we were as united as they think we are.

The L.D. Sts are the best people we have on the Land. & the Lord blesses us & prospers us. We are the Seed of Abraham to whom there was great promises made.

We Should so Labor & conduct ourselves that the Lord will bless us. We want to manifest to the Lord that we are willing to keep His commandments in faithfulness that we may obtain his good will and blessings. The intent of the Edmunds bill was very wicked in its intent, but the Lord can over rule it for our good. All the trouble we will ever have will bring upon ourselves.

We Should be faithful to the Lord & do right that we may occupy these Lands. The Lord has heard our prayers & he will continue his blessings If we lay down our bodies for the work of God we will be rewarded with a martyrs Crown. He invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts & all their Substance.

Bp. Jardine Spoke of the necessity of another Sabath school James Harnison [Harmison] was & A. C. MCombs were unanimously sustained as supts of the S.S.

### Weston

Schools in Trenton precinct James Koford & Benjamin Bingham Assts. After which we administered to Bro Wm Austin<sup>57</sup> & Sister Elisabeth Harnison [Harmison]. Also Sister Austin all of whom were aged. The choir then sang & the meeting closed by pray by Bp John Jardine.

We dined with the family of Elder Andrew McCombs who is on a mission to the Southern State. Thence to Weston where we put up with the Bp. A. A. Allen.

At 7:30 P.M. We Met with the Sts of Weston in their school house. Singing by the Choir Prayer by Elder Peter Micklson Singing.

Pres. Preston arose & said in meeting with the Sts of Weston I desire your faith & prayers that I may say Some thing that will be for our benefit.

Spoke of the divine Mission of the Savior & also the prophet Joseph Smith.

This dispensation is unlike that of the Savior. Missionaries abroad are declaring the principles of the Gospel. Calling on the people to repent and come out of Bbylon. Those that gathered are here to administered in the Gospel.

We are much engaged in making ourselves homes and also called upon to build a temple wherin we can receive our blessings and obtain the same for our dead this the mission of our lives. We should teach our generations to be faithful & all keep our

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<sup>57</sup>William Austin Sr. served as the presiding elder of the Trenton Branch from 1882 to 1883 (see Simmonds 1970, 128).

covenants and and contracts with God & one another. We have with us the living Oracles of God.

He called upon the Sts to be interested in the building of temples and assist with their means.

Spoke very encouragingly upon this subject.

Referred to the noble examples of the Savior who never Sought to agrandize himself but constantly Sought for the riches of Eternity.

Spoke of the faithfulness of Elder John Parry the master mason of the Logan Temple who died on the 16th Inst at 12 M.

We should be grateful for the peace we enjoy that the Lord has bequeathed us here. Wealth is not greatness. But the obtaining of true principles and leaving to them.

Advised the Sts to follow the pattern given us by revelation in settling our difficulties. We Should build our Temples then work in them for it is a great and mighty labor We have no time to run after Rys. & build them for others but we should be here as Saviors on Mt. Zion.

We are not justified in our Slothfulness and negligence. I feel in earnest about these things When I think of the covenants we have made. We are here to encourage you to be a little more dilligent in the things of God this year than we were last. The Lord will watch over us and we will come off courageous if we are faithful.

We are the seed of Abraham & are here to raise up a righous seed upon the earth.

He made a strong appeal to the Sts in behalf of the Temple for means for the creation of the Temple Asked God to bless the Sts Amen.

C. O. Card addressed the Sts on the importance of Speedily completing the Temple. The necessity of being faithful in all things. Exhorted the Sts to nurture the Relief, mutual, Primary & S.S. that they may be great aids to the work of the Lord. Bore testimony to the remarks of Bro Rich & invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts here & all their substance Amen.

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Singing by the Choir Benediction by Bp A. A. Allen.

**Friday, May 26, 1882**—Accompanied by Bp Allen with whom we stayed over night we drove to Dayton whe we met with the Sts of this place at 9:30 AM. Singing by the choir prayer by Stephen S. Callan Singing. C O. Card first addressed the Sts here Urged the necessity of being energetic in our

Sabbath Schools Primaries Mutual Improvement Associations & Relief Societies.

We should build up the good try to live peacably together. Settle all our difficulties according to the Lawes of God. We Should remember that this is a gathering dispensation & we Should Seek to be one & gather together the good and build it up & keep all our organizations as complete as possible.

Made an appeal to the Sts in behalf of the Logan Temple. God bless you all.

Bp A. A. Allen next Spoke of the duties of the teachers, also parents toward their children in teaching the principles of the Gospel. Spoke of the ward record. Said many many have not been recorded.

Get their certificates from other wards & be properly admitted as members of the ward. Bessed the Sts.

Pres Preston arose & spoke of of the pleasant situation of Dayton & by & Bye would be a ward or have a ward organization. You can make a good place by building a little reservoir or two. Spoke of the prophecies of Pres. Kimball in regard to rains being Sufficiently to raise crops.

Spoke of the cultivating of farms Gardens Fruit & Shade trees which would make our places attractive to our children. Urged the necessity of cultivating good fruit trees. Gave the Sts here his experience & related the the experienc of others.

We should not defere these things from year to year. You have neglected this too Long. plant your trees & build good fences around them.

Testified of the truth of the remarks of Bp. Allen & Bro Card.

You Should plant Strawberryries & teach your children how to take care of them & eat here. Too beautify & build Temples requires a great Labor.

The earth is the Lord & he will controll it. Spoke of the people that once inhabited these Lands & were destroyed on act. [account] of their wickedness. If we will be a righous people we will increase & prosper & become a mighty people. Organize these Primaries & S.S. Mothers have a great influence over their children & Should teach them the principles of the Gospel.

We are of the seed of Abraham & will grow & increase not withstanding the opposition of the world. Fit and qualify our children to be ambassador to the nations.

Spoke of the protecting care of the almighty over his people which was very encouraging to me. When we live for the blessings of the Lord we have a



right to enjoy the Blessings of the Lord. Urged the necessity of Building the Logan Temple that we may have a right to go therin. We Should know what our rights are and dare to ask for them.

We should not back bite our neighbors but buil up the good That the Lord may bless you in all your associations is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Meeting closed by Sing & Benediction by T Chadwick.

We dined with Bro Peter Pool<sup>58</sup> after which we drove to Clifton where we arrived shortly before 2 P.M.

### Clifton

At 2 P.M. we met with the Sts of this place. Meeting opened by Singing & prayer by Elder T. C. D. Howell.<sup>59</sup> Singing

Bp A. A. Allen first addressed the Sts of Clifton.

Referred to the teachings they had recd from the Presidency of this Stake in Weston.

We should try to be frugal & industrious that we may hasten the work of God. Contribute liberally to build the Logan Temple. There is nothing of more importance to us than to keep the comands of God. Exhorted the Sts to Seek the Kingdom of God & His righteousness. Asked God to bless & assist us in the name of Jesus Amen.

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Bro C. O. Card next addressed the congregation. Spoke of the commandments of God the we have covenanted to keep. Referred to the beautifying of homes. Of the sins & plagues of the world. Of laws enacted for our destruction; but instead of doing us harm they are making us a better and more rightousness people. Our missions is to build up Zion, such as building Temples &c. Bare with our borthen. Don't let the spirit of Nationality arise among us. Treat all people kindly return good for evil. Settle all difficulties between ourselves & not go to the Courts for Justice. Teach them the principles of the gospel. Attend to family prayers. Attend to children teach the ways of Lord. Acknowledge the hand of the Lord in everything. Great responsibility resting upon the children.

Spoke of the missionaries in the world. Enjoy the spirit of the priesthood. Have good Day-school teachers. Caution your children, train them in Primaries and M I.A. Be careful of our children. Spoke of lack of means in the erection of the Logan Temple. Drew a comparison between betw the way building the Kirtland Temple & the Logan Temple. Complete the Temple. Pay as much as you are able. Seek after the Spirit of God, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

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Pres Preston arose & was thankful to meet with the Sts of Clifton. He Spoke of the continent of the people but hoped they would not be contented without a new meeting house. Was Sorry that they had lost their Saw mill.

The curse of God is upon men that will destroy property. Clifton is one is one of the Pretties place on this Side of Cache Valley. There will be an increase here of Water if the Sts will do right.

Advised the thrifty farmers here to go to & rebuild your mill. Saw out Lumber for your meeting house & Tithing office.

Spoke encouragingly in regard to tithing & offerings.

We are sent here to establish the principles of the Gospel upon the earth. We need something to urge us on to do our duties.

Spoke of his experience when first heard the Gospel. Spoke of the kind treatment he had received from the L D. Sts. & a desire to remain with them. Referred to the building of the Logan Temple.

The only regret I have is that we have not completed the Temple. Spoke of the inimical legislation against the Sts. As long as the Lords hand is over us for good we are all right. Attend to your prayers look after the poor & needy Sick & distressed & weak that they may be strengthened.

The Lord is agoing to establish free government and a righteous one.

Referred to the prosperity of the Nephites when they served the Lord, but through Sin were swept from the earth. We will be proven to See if we will be faithful. We are called upon to be Savior unto mankind. We should love to do a good act.

<sup>58</sup> Peter Poole came to Dayton in 1867 and was among the first settlers in that area (see Dalley and Dalley 1992, 4).

<sup>59</sup> Thomas Charles David Howell was born in Waynesboro, South Carolina, in 1814. He married Sarah Stuart in 1835 and

joined the Church that same year. He was captain of his own company in 1852 as he crossed the plains and came to Utah. In 1865 he and his four sons and their families all came to Clifton (see Henderson n.d., 10).

You should be united with your head in all things. God will be our friend if we will set our hearts upon the things of his Kingdom.

Gave the Sts much good advice. I look forth to the completion of the work of the Lord that we may inherit this Land of Joseph.

Shun the appearance of evil cleave to the truth for it will prevail. Told the Sts to send their children to the primaries. Those that deny the faith become miserable. He invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts their families and Substance Choir Sang Benediction by Bro. Wm B. Preston Jr.

After meeting Pres Preston Blessed the child of Bro Frederick Atkinson & Gave it the name of Samuel Hyrum. Thence to Oxford.

### Oxford

At 7:30 we met with the Sts of Oxford Singing by the Choir prayer by Elder David Black Singing Pres Preston arose & expressed his pleasure in again meeting with the Sts of Oxford. Desired the faith of the Sts Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

The Gospel principles are just as bright as they were anciently Spoke on the first principles of the Gospel faith repentance and Baptism. It is with no selfish motives that the Elders travel abroad, or this people to build Shool & meeting houses also temples or to travel among the Sts to Encourage the Sts to live in accordance with the Laws & ordinances of the Gospel. Felt to encourage to be honest with your neighbors to Cultivate good farms & build good homes & do not act as the wicked. The tree is known by its fruits.

Exhorted the Sts to live as consistant L.D. Sts. We Should learn the lesson of obedience.

Pray in our families night & morning and attend our meetings. Have our children attend our S.S. Attend to our Relief Societies.

If all of these things are observed it will be blessed. We should hasten the completion of the Logan Temple that the aged may have the privilege of entering into it according to their desires. We need to enjoy it and it will great & glorious blessing. The things of the world perish with their getting. Treasure up the gifts of the Gospel. Encouraged the Sts to hasten the completion of your meeting house. Be careful that you dont worship the Gift instead of the Giver. The church of God is established upon the earth never to be taken from it. Spoke of the gathering of the Jewes. We have gathered out &

we do not to mix up with it again. We should be found faithful to our covenants.

We want to exercise faith in the Lord Jesus Christ We should pay our tithes and offerings. I am glad to meet with you & learn of improvement. Discouraged the Ideas of going abroad to Labor. The attractive part of the Gospel is that we can work at & obtain the Gospel fruits He then invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Sts. Amen.

Bp. A. A. Allen was hapy in bearing testimony to the words of Bro Preston.

Testified that the Kingdom of God is established in these mts. We no promises of God out side of the Gospel but that of destruction.

Read from Book of Mormon 20 (Alma.) We are to be judged according to our works Encouraged the Sts. to obtain all that knowledge we can. Referred to the blessings arrising from Laboring in the Temples. We can only understand the things of God except by the Spirit of the Lord.

Prayed God to pour out his Spirit out upon the Sts here.

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Bro Card [Heading identifies the speaker.]

Said he desired to add his testamonies to what had been said those who preceded him Spoke of setting good Examples befor each other We have a practicl religion something we could work at and continue a hole life time. Said We had gathered from nations to serve God.

Exhorted the people to Show their Faith by their Works. Spoke about the Building of Temples

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Urged the Sts. to all be interested in the work of the Temple That we may have a right to the blessings of the House of the Lord. May God bless the Sts in all their families & substance. Singing Benediction by Bp. Wm F Fisher.

After meeting I accompanied W. Homer home where I rested about 1½ hours Thence to Oxford Ry. Station by mail coach.

### Oxford Station

Saturday, May 27, 1882—At 12:30 this morning I took train for Ogden where I arrived about 8 A.M. Had a Short interview with Apostle F. D. Richards in Temple matters. He advised me to continue my

journey to Salt Lake & call upon Pres. John Taylor which I did at 2 P.M. I call upon him at the Gardo House, found him at dinner. Some Eastern Visitors were partaking with him. One of the noted visitors was Mr Giles author of the *Mormon Problem*.<sup>60</sup> I also at dinner at his table.

About 3:30 Pres. Taylors company went out for a ride & we entered upon the Subject of the Temple I needing help as its Supt. as there were claims against the Temple for about \$8000.00 6 at Logan Branch Z.C.M.I. & 2 due D. James for heating apparatus as a Ballance

Pres Taylor agreed as T & T to pay \$2000.00 at Z.C.M.I. & one to D. James as a partial payment for the Temple Mill, Maughan Fork L.K. Also went to Z.C.M.I. & Spoke to Supt. Wm Jennings to be as easy on the Temple acts.<sup>61</sup> [accounts] as possible which he assented to without question.

I then Bade the Pres & Bro Jennings adieu & was conveyed to the depot by Bro. H. W. Clemmons where I took the 5 P.M. Train to Ogden where I arrived at 8:30 & called upon & Stayed all night with Apostle F. D. Richards.

**Sunday, May 28, 1882**—I took Breakfast with Bro. Richards & family Bade them adieu & Started for Oneida (Arimo) Marsh Valley By train at 9 AM.

Stoped in Logan long enough to eat dinner with my family Thence to Arimo where I arrived at 11 PM & put up at a Mr Jenkins for the Ballance of the night.<sup>62</sup>

**Arimo, Monday, May 29, 1882**—Took Breakfast & awaited the arrival of Pres Preston & the Brethren who came at 9 A.M Thence we drove through the Portnery & Stoped over night at C. Call & Cos Mill where we were treated very kindly by Bro Call & Bro Muir & wife.

**Marsh Valley, May 28, 1882**—[Card has wrong sequence of dates.] 10 AM & 2 PM Pres. Preston Bp.

<sup>60</sup> This is likely a reference to a pamphlet authored by Alfred E. Giles and published in 1882. The full title of the pamphlet is "Marriage; monogamy and polygamy on the basis of Divine Law, or natural law, and of constitutional law. An open letter to the Massachusetts members of Congress, by one of their own constituents with observations on the opinion of the Supreme Court in *Reynolds vs. United States*, by a Citizen of Massachusetts." A copy can be found at University of Utah Marriot Library Special Collections, Utah Pamphlets 37:10 and 109:15.

<sup>61</sup> William Jennings came to Utah early in its history and became a successful merchant and freighter. He joined the Church and continued to extend his business. In 1865 he built the Eagle

A. A. Allen & Wm B. Preston Jr. Met with the Sts of this ward in the Marsh Valley Centre School house 10 A.M. Singing by the Audience & Prayer By Bro Marley Singing. By request of Pres. Preston the following Presidents as presiding priests reported their districts as follows.

Garden Creek by Elder Joseph Marley Nine Mile by father Lloyd, Wood Land disct by W. W. Woodland.<sup>63</sup> Also High Priests & Young mens Mutual I.A.S. of Garden Creek & Wood land disct also the Seventies & some missionaries. All reported as being rather lax in their duties but felt to be more energetic in the future.

Bp. A. A. Allen Spoke Briefly on the principles of gathering & tithing Also of the judements to come read appropriate passages from the Book of Mormon & Doctrine & Covenants Exhorted the Sts to dilligence in all their duties as the Lords covenanted people.

Bp. M. L. Gruwell made a brief report of the ward & Exhorted the Sts to listen to & give heed to the Instructions of Pres Preston & the Brethren.

Pres Preston read from Doc rev. concerning the Law of tithing. Showed the Sts the great necessity of observing this Law & told them if they would observe this Law they should be able to retain their homes in this valley though it be an Indian reservation. Urged the Sts to assist all they could in building the Logan temple. Added 2 more to the missionaries Corps Elder Joseph Marley & Young Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Capel.

Urged them to keep a thorough and complete organizations of Quorums Societies and associations also Sabbath Schools &c have much good instruction on various principles.

**Tuesday, May 30 1882**—About 8 AM we Bade our hosts adieu and drove to Mormon Ward and put up with Bro J B Thatcher & family who treated us very

Emporium, which was reported to take in two million dollars a year (see Sillitoe 1996, 67).

<sup>62</sup> Thomas Jenkins, one of the earliest settlers in Marsh Valley, lived near the Utah and Northern Railroad tracks. He kept a daybook in which he recorded the animals killed by freight trains and their value (see W. Thomas 1942, 1).

<sup>63</sup> There were four Church units in Marsh Valley—Woodland, Marsh Center, Garden Creek, and Cambridge-Downey. Woodland was named in honor of William Woodland, one of the first settlers in the area and owner of the first sawmill (see W. Thomas 1942, 12, 18).

kindly.<sup>64</sup> [At the top of the page underlined: Mormon Ward] We made Bp. S. Hale & others a brief call during the after noon & returned again to Brother Thatchers & put up for the night.

**Wednesday, May 30 [31], 1882**—This beautiful morning & the closing day of the month finds our company all well after a refreshing nights rest.

At 10 A.M. we met with the Sts in a log cabin used temporarily for meetings & Schools until their meeting house is completed.<sup>65</sup> Choir Sang Prayer by Bp A. A. Allen. Singing.

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Bro C O Card was the first speaker was gld to meet with the Saints Spoke about the atonment also about the covenants we have made By Baptism Spoke of faith also the necessity of having the Spirit of the Lord to help to cultivate the Soil & raise stock &c it was necessary to be practical Saints, not to foreget god but seek first the Kingdom of god & all other things Should be added.

Read the revelation on Tithing Book of Cov Page 418 and mad aproprate remarks upon that Subject.

Spoke of Teaching our Children the principles of the gosple & teach them to pray, & bring them up in the Way they Should go. Spoke about the Building of Temples. That it was over 5 years Since they comnced to build the Temple. Made a few remarks upon that Subject. Advised the Saints not to Seek to agrandise themselves but seek buld up the Kingdom. Spke about the organizations of the diferat Societys Spoke about the Sabbath Schools & Exhorted the Saint to see after

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all their duties. Asked God to bless the Sts in all their Substance.

Bp. A. A. Allen arose & said the Lord has raised up unto us ministers of the Gospel. Spoke of the Evil course of Cain who followed the inclinations of evil until he become a murderer. Spoke of the Crucifixion of the Savior. The martyrdom of the prophet

Joseph Smith. Exhorted the Sts to give heed to the teachings of Gods Servts who are Laboring for our good & feel what they say. If we will serve the Lord more faithfully we will have power to rebuke the plagues that Come upon our selves & stock &c. No matter where we go we yet will be brought before the judement seat of God. We should not Blaspheme either in our hearts or vocally. When we pray it should be from the heart & make our offerings free & from the heart. Asked God to Bless the Sts Amen.

Pres Preston arose & read from the Book of Mormon Page 552 the words of Mormon to the Nephites. Read whole chap.

He knew of nothing more Interesting to us that to read this Book also the *Bible* & Covenants. They have many principles that refere & are very applica-ble to us.

Whether we remain faithful to the Gospel or not is not for me to Say, but I know there will be those among us that will. Spoke of the great neces-sity of gathering our children into these primaries & train them in the Gospel principles. We are Smitten some what with the traditions of our fathers that deter us.

Spoke of his early training & the false interpretations he rec'd from his teachers in the S.S. when a child concerning the prophets & Apostles.

Advised the Sts to teach their children the prin-ciples of the Gosples & that without delay in our S.S. & Primaries & every where for it is very impor-tant. You have a better place to raise Children here than Salt Lake or Logan Cities. Our children are of more importance than our stray stock. We better look after our children Sundays than our Stock. Teach our children the way to meeting S.S. & also Send our children with these offerings. Spoke of the good done in the Primaries. Gave his experience in listening to the first Sermon from a mormon elder found that the Gospel was something we can work at.

You do not want to neglect your organizations of the Priesthood S.S. & associations &c.

Read Read from Doc & Cov Page 254 duties of parents towards their Children. To teach them the principles of the Gospel to pray observe the Sabbath day & not to be idle &cc Inform yourselves in the Gospel. Sanctify this Land by Observing the Law of

<sup>64</sup>This ward, located in Gentile Valley, was later named Thatcher in honor of John B. Thatcher, one of the region's original settlers (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 67).

<sup>65</sup>The Thatcher Ward Sunday School was organized in May

1880 in the small log house belonging to James Clark. The first superintendent was Alma Hale, and his assistants were H. H. Peck and Lehi Wright. Iva M. Peck served as secretary (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 67–68).

tithing. Invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts & all they possess. Amen.

Choir Sang Benediction by J. G. Folkmann

We returned & dined with Bro. J. B. Thacher & family After which we drove to Mound Valley School house where we met with the Sts of Mound Valley Ward. At 2:30 P.M. Singing By the Audience Prayer by J. C. Neilson Singing.

Bp. A. A. Allen arose & desired to be directed by the Spirit of the Lord while he Spoke which is necessary to understand the things of God. Read from Doc. Sec. 3 given to Martin Haris. Said this was applicable to us in a great degree for the purposes of God can not be frustrated. God is one continual round. Spoke upon the principles of faith repentance and Baptism and the laying on of hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Said we should pray always. Referred to the Glories we will inherit for our Labors.

Spoke of the blessings of the gathering dispensation. He had been Born an heir to the Kingdom of God (being born in the church) and I desire to do that which will build upon my heir Ship. We Should always pray that we may not enter in to temptation. Prayed God to bless us that we may rejoice together Amen.

Pres C O Card next [Handwriting changes as clerk records Card's speech.] Speker Bore testamy to what had been said he also red from Book of Cov Page \_\_\_\_ Said while reading that over it would apply to us. Said it was our Business to serve god and keep his comandment Spoke of those who was trying to destroy the Kingdom of God. We should be careful whom we Judge least we be Judged we Should Labor for the Kingdom of god and not be ashamed Spoke of the Temple and gave a description of the Labor & urged the People to Contribute for that great work. Compared the circumstances of the people now, and in the days of Nauvoo. Spoke of the Sunday School and what they had done for the Temple. [Entries return with Card's handwriting.] Let us exhibit our faith by our works God bless you help us all so to do in the name of Jesus Amen.

Bp Robt Williams reported as follows. The farmers are trying to make a living. Many others are on the Ry to work. The Sts are doing the best they can under the circumstances. Had not done any thing yet this year but had invited the Sts to contribute Sunday School had done very well they had closed it for a short time.

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Pres. Preston arose and thought we would do well to remain on our farms instead of Going abroad. It is not so much what we make as but what we save. We should put our farms and farm implements under shelter. If we would stay at home our families would be better looked after & taken care of. You Should observe the Sabbath day and all the Lawes & ordinances of the Gospel. Attend your fast meetings & pay your offerings tell the poor how to make a living. Urged the Sts to Stay at home & make themselves comfortable. We are gathered here to become Saviors upon Mt. Zion & the best way to do will to put ourselves in a condition to be saved & we will be able to. You need Saw Mills to make you comfortable.

Referred to the first time that he heard Pres Young preach which was to the effect to manufacture all we need & learn how to use it. Commended the Sts for they the good Bridge made over Bear River.

You Should train your children & yourselves to observe the Sabbath day and attend your Sabbath Schools & meetings Gave many practical instructions & Inoked the blessings of the Lord upon all the Sts. Singing & meeting closed by prayer by Elder Ephram Bennet.

We Stayed all night with Bp. Williams.

### Mink Creek

**Thursday, June 1, 1882**—We Bade our hostes adieu & Started for Mink Creek where we arrived about 11:30 A.M. and found the Sts gathered in fast meeting.

Pres Preston Instructed the Sts of this place to Locate their road where they want it & then not move it but improve it a little year by year. It is important that we systematize our Labors our homes &c you build your Barns & Stables to close to your dwelling houses.

You should put your Barns & Stables 2 or 300 ft from your houses. Those that are placed to look after the public interests should study these matters out. Spoke of the necessity of Good fences & pleasant surroundings ornament with flower gardens. Cultivate the Spirit of love and affection one towards another when you correct your children do it because you love them & it is your duty.

Cultivate the higher attributes and do that which you do do very neatly. Spoke of the propriety of keeping your door yards clean. To be a good L D.



Sts. is to be neat, clean and intelligent. We Should make ourselves familiar to the Lawes & ordinances of the Gospel.

It is important that we Should study the Scriptures & become familiar with these things. We are here to Stir you up to dilligence & prayer that you may have faith to live through the famines & pestilences that are welcome. We should dedicate our houses lands & all worth to the Lord. Referred to the time that Apostle S. Young dedicated the Land located in Star Valley that it might be the holy habitory of the Sts. Asked Gods blessing upon the Sts in the name of Jesus Amen.

Meeting closed by Song & prayer by Bp A. A. Allen.

1 P.M. We met with the Sts of Mink Creek Ward. Meeting opened by Singing and prayer by Bp. R. Rasmusen. Choir Sang again.

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

Bro C. O. Card said I am pleased to meet with the Saints in Mink Creek. Acknowledge the Fast Day. We cannot meet together too often. Attend to the Primary. Teach the prin. of the Gospel to our little ones. Be careful to be exemplary. This is a very peacable place. Much more so than Logan or Ogden or Salt Lake. Our children will ~~never~~ advance more in learning than we did. Send your children to school.

Get up early especially on Sunday that you may prepare for the worshipping of the Lord. Have moderation in all things. Adorn our homes to make them beautiful and pleasant. Dont go on the railroad stay home and build the Kingdom of God. We are Com-manded to gather. Take up Revelations & study. Honor the Law of tithing. Pres. Taylor said The whole earth is cursed with a spirit of greed. The Lord will turn unto us if we will turn unto him. The Lord said if we will keep his commandments he will fight our battles for us. Call upon the Lord instead of calling on the doctors. Interest yourself in the Temple. Have unity of feelings.

The little children's nickel fund did a great deal of good. Those who have helped to build the Temple will have a right to officiate therein. Show the Lord that we appreciate him.

[Entries return with Card's handwriting.]

Invoked the Blessings of God upon the Sts & their families & their effects Amen.

Bp. Rasmusen explained what had been said in the Scandinavian language as there were Some present that did not understand the english Language.

Bp Allen had enjoyed the remarks that had been made.

It was necessary that we be instructed in temporal things. Showed the necessity of present revelation and inspiration. He felt thankful for the Counsels of his Brethren & we should accept of wise suggestions of our Brethren for it Strengthens the hands of Bps Teachers & others.

We should try to live lives of Latter day Sts. What does it matter to Pres Preston about our homes roads &c but he is constrained to Speak upon them for the benefit of the Latter Sts. Quoted from the Book of Mormon to one of the Servts of God who was constrained to talk about earthly things but would be glad to Speak of heavenly things but could not until the people were more pure.

We should build our faith upon the Rock of rev. Seek to build up the Kingdom of God. May God bless you with peace & prosperity is my prayer in the name of Jesus Amen.

Pres Preston arose & Said was pleased to have met with the Sts in their fast meeting also this afternoon If you have no poor we had better send in some. If you have no poor you are not excused from paying your fast offerings.

We desire to Sanctify this land by paying our tithes & offerings. The wicked are to be omitted or destroyed from the earth. We have covenanted to Gods commands. Spoke upon the principle of Tithing & the Blessings arising therefrom.

On fast days you should come together fasting and praying. Referred to the great value of faith repentance & Baptism &c. We want to make this Land Holy unto the Lord. We Should learn obedience to the powers that be even the head other wise there is confusion. If we wish our families to be obedient to us we must be obedient to those that preside over us. We want to be found among the willing & obt. Referred again to the roads we Should have good roads to save time & wagons I would that we did not have to talk about these things.

The most importance of all is the proper training of our little children. Referred to the Lamanites as an example & fruits of disobedience We are the Seed of Abraham & are blessed. Bring your children to

the S. Schools & primaries you cant do a better days work than hitch up your teams & take them.

Do not send your Children Sons to herd Stock. Send your old men. That they may not learn evil. May God bless & prosper you in the name of Jesus Amen.

Choir Sang Benediction by Elder A. Biorn.<sup>66</sup>

After the adjournment of this meeting we drove to Preston ward & put up with Bp Porter & family who treated us very kindly.

**Friday, June 2, 1882**—At 2:30 A.M. Pres. Preston and myself took train for Logan where we arrived shortly after 4 A.M. I rested about 3 hours then went to the Temple Mill on horse back where I arrived about 4 P.M. very tired. Looked over the business for about an hour rested about an hour then took supper with the men. After which I held a short meeting with them. E. P. Lindsay<sup>67</sup> reported Briefly the Standing of the camp after which I mad a few remarks, cautioning the brethren against accidents & exhorted them to live the religion of Jesus Christ that the Spirit of union may reign in their midst. Remained over night here.

**Saturday, June 3, 1882**—After attending to the necessary Business I started home about 7:30 A.M. where I arrived about 12 M and attend to the Temple Biz during the Ballance of the day which concluded another very busy week of my life.

**Sunday, June 4, 1882**—This morning I accompanied Apostle M Thatcher & Pres Preston to Hyrum Bp Pitkins Joined us at Millville & we arrived in Hyrum about 10 AM. Bp Pitkin & myself attended the Sunday School where we found assembled nearly 200 teachers & Schollars. Witnessed their exercises which were very interesting.

Bp. Pitkins arose and made Some very encouraging remarks to the Sunday School compared the situation of the Sunday Schools here & in the Southern States where he had recently been on a mission showing our advantages to be much greater. Encouraged the School to be dilligent.

I addressed the Schollars a short time in regard to order respecting the Sabbath day & the attending of meetings of Worship also the propriety of

trying to impress that which you read upon your memories.

**2 P.M.** We met with the Sts of Hyrum Meeting was opened by Sing by the Choir & prayer by Bp O. N. Liljquist Singing Sacrament was administered.

Bp Geo. O. Pitkin was the first Speaker & pleased to meet with the Sts It was through our faith, prayers & good works that we obtain Eternal lives in the Kingdom of God.

All promises are made with condition of our faithfulness. Referred to a Saying of Elder J. F. Wells who asked the young men if they thought the Lord would accept them after they had Spent their best days in Sin. He Thought not with our brilliant opportunities.

Asked the young to serve the Lord. Spoke of the divisions of feelings among the religious Sects in the Southern States. Spoke of the meager condition of many of the people in the Southern States also their ancient mode of building &c Asked the Lord to give us faith to indure.

Eld C. O. Card Stood before the Sts ad said we have a great field of Labor before us in teaching your children & working in the interest of the Kingdom of God. Spoke of the great importance of completing Speedily of the Logan Temple.

Pres. Preston arose & was pleased with the report of the S.S. & hoped the primaries were in good working order as well as the other associations.

Where people are taught good principles they will govern themselves. Spoke of the Blessings of the quorums of the Priesthood that educate us Step by step. Urged the Sts to teach the principles of the Gospel we should use early on the Sabbath morning that our children may have an opportunity of the S.S.

If we wish our children to be obt to the principles of the Gospel we must be obt ourselves. Dwelt at some length upon the principles of obedience. We need the assistance of the Lord in all that we do. Ask for wisdom required as in our callings & labors. We should set an example worthy of acceptations in all things. We should set restrain our appetites and passions.

Discouraged the idea of going too far on to the Rail roads to work & mingle with ungodly men &

<sup>66</sup> Andrew A. Biorn served as second assistant in the Sunday School superintendency, having been first sustained to that office in June 1877. He was not released until May 1885 (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 242).

<sup>67</sup> Phileman Lindsay resided in Paris, Idaho, and was foreman of the sawmill. When the mill closed in 1883, there was a three-year supply of lumber on hand (see F. Olson n.d., 65).

influences. Spoke of the Scarcity of Laborers on the Temple Asked the Sts to reflect upon these things may the bless his people that they may Learn to become in practicing righteously thereupon the earth Amen.

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Apostle Moses Thatcher arose & was pleased to have another opportunity to meet with & Speak to the Sts of Hyrum.

Spoke of the Sts. in comparison with the world. We have few adulterers they have many.

He had lived in the valley 5 yrs without Seeing a drunken man & only one illegitimate child, then our boys did not follow scrapers then.

The Sts yearly progress, but as a whole I think we are not as free as we were before we built the union pacific Rail way.

Spoke of the young men in old Israel being lead astray after Gods of Idle by the young women of heathen nations The Lord has decreed to Scourge & purify his people for their disobedience.

Those that keep the commands of God are free. We have enjoyed peace & the rich Blessings of the Lord. Spoke of the evils that exist among us in our settlements.

Gaming tables Liquors infamy &c. If our young men that come from the Rys take the chastity of our young women.

When these things hapen some times they go through the house of the Lord which is a sin when these things happen We are not prepared for the Temple We Should commence to amend if We do not keep the Smaller Lawes of the God we are not prepared to keep the larger ones. Chged the Sts to keep from the pits & Snares to the evil. He read Sec 108 Doc.

Made appropriate remarks thereon. Referred to Moses leading the children of Israel to the Wilderness but was not permitted to go into the Land of promise only permitted to gaze upon it.

Spoke of the Man like unto Moses that yet is to Lead the Sts out of bondage.<sup>68</sup> One by one our political rights are taken from us. We should Seek the

Lord for his spirit. We have sought the yoke of the gentiles.

Only two or three of those are not of our faith Signed a petition for our relief. How long Shall we support our enemies I trust not long remember union Cooperation We want to unravel ourselves from the babylon & asked the Sts. to do so as quickly as possible. Spoke of the organization of our institution that that will supercede out side agencies Gave much good instruction on these points and many others. Was willing to have used that which he possess for Gods Kingdom. I have not a dollar that God has not given me. May the peace of God be with you Send & get your boys home from the Rail Roads furnish them employments. Encourage them by Pickncks at home. The day will come when we will be free. In a few more yrs there will be no more Elders among the Gentiles.

Invoked Gods blessings upon the Sts is my pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Spoke on how kindly & feelingly Choir Sang. Benediction by Elder C. C. Shaw.

We returned home about 7 P.M. I attended the meeting of the 2nd ward of Logan and addressed them.

**Monday, June 5, 1882**—I attended to Temple Biz all day & met in course with Pres Preston Bps. Henry Ballard & Robt Davidson in the evening at the T.O. [Tithing Office]

**Tuesday, June 6, 1882**—At 4:25 I took train for Salt Lake City to meet with the Constitutional Convention which I did at 2 P.M. Amended the Memorial to Congress aproved it also. Signed the Constitution & adjourned until 10 A.M. tomorrow. I went to the Salt Lake theatre in the evening.

**Wednesday, June 7, 1882**—Attended to some Temple Biz until 10 A.M. When I again Went to the Convention where we completed our Labors & appointed the following delegation to present Our Constitution of the State of Utah and and ask for admission into the union Wm H. Hopper John T.

<sup>68</sup> In 1886 Moses Thatcher preached a sermon in Lewiston, Utah, in which he declared, "It is my belief that every city, precinct, county and territorial office in this territory will be in the hands of our enemies, that we will be so burdened with taxes that it will be almost more than human nature can endure; that we shall cry to the Lord both by night and by day for deliverance;

that when our hearts are sufficiently subdued, that our entire trust will be in the Lord, then shall that man like unto Moses be raised up and raise us up and lead us out of bondage back to Jackson county." Some Church leaders, including George Q. Cannon, did not believe that "this doctrine is correct" and did "not approve of it being taught" (see Cannon 1886).

Caine James Sharp W. W. Riter D. H. Peery F. L. Richards & W D Johnson.<sup>69</sup>

During the afternoon I met with a council of Atts & Apostles & Brethren & consulted over election maters &c. Stayed all night at J. L. Browns. ~~Last night~~ night before I stayed over night with Brother Jas Kimball.<sup>70</sup>

**Thursday, June 8, 1882**—I returned home to Logan where I arrived about 4 P.M. & Passed the Bal of the day at the Temple in its busy business.

**Friday, June 7, 1882**—During the fore noon I attended to Temple Business.

During the afternoon or at 2 P.M. I met with the Board of Trustees for the B.Y. College which when we agreed to accept the Fractional Block South of the Temple from Pres Preston if he could obtain it at at \$100.00 per acre. There were Present Apostles B. P. Young & M Thatcher Pres Wm B. Preston, G. W. Thatcher, I. I. Cook & C. O. Card. Some hasty Sharp words pass between Bros G. W. Thatcher M. Thatcher & Wm B. Preston & C O Card. The 2 former accusing the 2 latter of being blocks in the wheel in regard to the purchasing the Thatcher Block for a Site on which to build the College<sup>71</sup> We the Latter denying the charge as we thought we were buying buildings that were worthless to the Institution liked the Situation but not Buildings that would be of so little use to us.

I feel much grieved that such a sad thing Should occur but reparation was made by me on the Spot by asking forgiveness for my Sharp words &c. Our meeting closed between 6 & 7 P.M.

<sup>69</sup> William H. Hooper served as the Utah Territorial delegate to Congress for many years, was one of the founders of the Deseret National Bank, and is called a “prominent Utah merchant.” John T. Caine had just replaced George Q. Cannon as the territorial delegate, and James Sharp, we have already learned, was a bishop and prominent railroad builder. W. W. Riter, too, was considered quite wealthy and sometimes hired Bishop Woolley’s children to work for him. He also visited George Q. Cannon while he was in prison. He was a companion of Orson Pratt when Pratt served in the Austro-Hungarian Empire mission. David Perry was a wealthy Ogden businessman who, with David Eccles and Matthew Browning, was involved in the Ogden First National Bank and was the bank’s initial president. Franklin L. Richards, the son of Apostle Franklin D. Richards, was a lawyer who often served as the Church’s attorney (see Larson 1958, 197; Sillitoe 1996, 65; Roberts and Sadler 1997, 234–35; Arrington 1976, 230, 238; Ludlow 1992, 471). Utah’s statehood was not declared until much later—January 4, 1896. From the time the Mormons entered the Great Basin, they were seeking

**Saturday, June 10, 1882**—This morning finds me again busy at the Temple.

I continued my Labors at the Temple until about 11 A.M. Thence I attended a Board of trade meeting which closed at 12:15 P.M. I prepared to go with Pres Preston to visit & preach to Lewiston, Preston & Franklin tomorrow. After visiting the temple this after noon at 4 P.M. I Joined Pres Preston & wife and Sister I. I. Cook & dove to Richmond where we put up for the night with Pres. M. W. Merrill.

**Lewiston, Sunday, June 11, 1882**—About 8:40 we Bade Bro Merrill & family adieu & drove to ~~meet-~~ing Lewiston where we met with the Sts of this ward in their framed school house at 10 A.M. Meeting opened by Sing by the Choir & prayer by Elder Hans Funk & Sing again & Sacrament. C. O. Card arose & Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Said we should criticise ourselves & see that we are on the Side of right in keeping all the commands of God. Encouraged the Sts to Energetic Labors upon the Temple their meeting house that both might be pushed to an early completion. Sancty these gooly [goodly] Lands by Paying our tithes & keeping all His commands, that Zion may be a Zion unto us. May the Lord assist us. Amen.

Pres Preston arose & Spoke of the great increase in members in Lewiston. Some think we should teach them new things. But thought we must first understand & practice that which the Lord has already revealed & we have heard so often.<sup>72</sup>

Our traditions are great fetters to us Referred to the children of Israel & their Longings to return to

statehood. Appeals for statehood were presented to Congress in 1850, 1862, 1872, 1876, and 1882. However, it was the issue of plural marriage that caused national opposition (see Arrington and Bitton 1992; see also Ludlow 1992, 1502–3; Lyman 1986).

<sup>70</sup> Card may have stayed with Joshua Kimball, the son of Heber C. Kimball and Sarah Ann Whitney Kimball. Heber C. Kimball and Prescendia Lathrop Huntington Buell Kimball also had a son named Joseph, and perhaps Card spent the night with him and his family (see Carter 1967, 13, 16).

<sup>71</sup> Historian Arnold K. Garr, quoting the June 1926 *Brigham Young College Bulletin* writes, “Plans for the school’s first permanent building were initiated in the year 1882. In that year there were over 200 students enrolled and the need for a larger permanent building was felt. Seven acres were purchased from the Thatcher family for a building site. Later, another sixteen acres, which enlarged the campus to over twenty-three acres, were acquired from the Thatcher family” (1973, 13).

<sup>72</sup> The Lewiston Sunday School had thirty-five officers and teachers and 376 students. At the time of Card’s visit, J. E. Layne



egypt. It requires a great faith to overcome our weaknesses & keep Gods commands & suggestions of His Srvt's If we do not receive & keep all these commands of God we cant receive the blessings pertaining thereto. It requires our faith & works combined. It is by faith we live & move and have a being. We want to go forth & exercise the gifts & blessings of the Gospel.

Tried to inspire the Sts. to act in faith. If we should not succeed at first try try again. Do our part in our callings & trust in the Lord. We should not sit down & allow the adversary to take advantage of us. Encouraged the Sts. here to build their new meeting house. Spoke of the great Law of tithing & read the revelation pertaining unto it.

We can increase nothing without the blessings of the Lord. We should attach greater importance to this Law &c.

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He made many wise remarks connected with this principles. Spoke of the importance of teaching our children the principles of this Gosple. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts. Amen Choir Sang Benediction by Bp Wm H. Lewis.

Thence we gave the Sts the parting hand & drove to Preston Where we dined with Bp. Porter & family who received us very kindly.

Thence to their Log School house at 2 P.M. Where we found a goodly audience gathered. Singing & Prayer by Bp Porter Singing & Sacrament.

Bp. Wm H. Lewis was the first speaker who made encouraging remarks. We should not Leave our Labors for a few to do but all Share alike that we may be blessed thereby.

The Power of the adversary is at work as the wisdom of God is spread abroad.

The work is rolling upon the shoulders of the young & we Should try to prepare their minds to receive it. He invoked Gods Blessing upon the Sts.

Elder Wm L Webster Bore his Testimony to the truth of the Gospel and exhorted Sts to be faithful in their duties.<sup>73</sup>

Elder Hans Funk arose Knew that the principles of were true and correct. We are to accept all the principles not one or two but all for our guidance for they are all necessary for it is a perfect plan.

Knew that we have the priesthood in our midst & we should not go through life without Learning the Lawes of life & Seek for light that it may flow unto us freely. God bless our Brethren & us Amen.

Pres. Preston arose was glad to hear the voices of the Brethren in behalf of the principles of the Gospel.

We are commanded to meet often & speak one unto another It is a very desirable accomplishment to have beautiful Language to express yourselves but it is proper that all should Speak one to another. Our testimonyies will all do good.

Smelling tobacco Smoke Said we do not come to meeting to Learn to Smoke. Spoke of the necessity of unity we should not be given in tattling. If we have difficulties do as the Scriptures direct first go between him & thee alone. We Should keep thoroughly organized. Those that come here will bring their recommends that the Bp may read them to the Sts If they move from here they should take a recommend with us.

We Should keep good our records from the Books we are to be judged. Set good examples before your children. Take them to the S.S. & Primaries Mutual improvement meeting. We came here to establish correct & true government upon the earth in every point of view. It is a great & mighty revelation. We come here to Stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

Spoke of some that Seem to get away off almost hidden. Spoke of the reports of a certain ward which were reported in a Scattered condition for which they were responsible as they had not been sent.

Better get your horses up on Sat. night that you can attend S.S. & Meeting on Sunday Which will be of great worth & Satisfaction to you. You Should divide these large tracts of land among your friends & let them come & help you to enjoy it There is Gosple in this. May the Lord bless you & give you wisdom to dig canals cultivate your soil & build you a meeting house. We are greatly blessed as the seed of Abraham [At the top of the page underscored: Franklin] We should be careful how we train our children & what we do Amen.

Elder C. O. Card read the rev. on the word of wisdom and made remarks thereon. Bore his testimony to the remarks of the Brethren who preceded

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was the superintendent and Hans Funk (who gave the opening prayer) was his first assistant, with William Waddoups as second assistant. S. J. Allen was secretary (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 126–27).

<sup>73</sup>William L. Webster was a member of the Franklin Ward and worked in the Sunday School for more than twenty-five years. He died April 7, 1897 (see Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 240; A. Jenson 1914, 214).



me. Asd [Asked] the Lord to aid us in our duties in the name of Jesus Amen.

Choir Sang Benediction by Elder James Low.

From this place we drove to Franklin & put up with & took Supper with Bro L R Parkensen.

Met with the Sts at 8 P.M. Singing by the Choir & prayer by Elder Thos Durant Singing. Bp Neham Porter first addressed the Sts. Felt thankful to meet with the Sts. felt to be obt to the call made to speak & Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Spoke of the principles of faith repentance & Baptism & the Laying on of hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

The Gospel always furnishes us Something to do. There is no standing Still in the Gospel. Prayed that the Lord would bless & save us. Amen.

Elder C O Card arose & said the rev. contained were better than anything he could be author of consequently would [Read] from Doc. Cov. Page 450 prayers & prophecies of Joseph Smith Spoke of the organization of the priesthood & tried to impress the necessity of the Elders Priests teachers & deacons doing their duties & whenever we took upon us the responsibilities Priesthood or officership or membership in any of the church associations we should fulfill them. Ivoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Sts.

Pres. Preston arose & was not in favor of long meetings. Was sorry to interfere with the Mutual improvement as we had done to night would rather they had occupied the time & entertained us. The Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation & a perfect Law of Liberty. We are living in the dispensation of the fulness of times. There is no chance in the work of God on the earth. Bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel is true. We should visit the widow and the orphan Sick & afflicted.

Trusted the Sts here are paying their tithes & offerings. We should Baptise our children when eight yrs old urged the great necessity of teaching our children the principles of the Gospel. We all should have the Spirit of the Gospel. Could note the growth of the Sts here Trusted the Sts were paying your tithes & Temple offerings. Urged the necessity of the Sts to do all they could to hasten the completion of the Logan Temple. If we are ever in Bondage

we will forge our own links. Spoke of the repentance of Nineveh.

Warned the Sts against the evils extant & fashions & avoid them Asked God to bless us & make us worthy to receive His blessings Amen Singing Benediction by Bp L L Hatch.

We remaned over night in Franklin Pres Preston with L. R. Parkenson & myself with Sister Fox.

**Monday, June 12, 1882**—Shortly after 6 AM I took train for Logan where I arrived in time to pass most of the fore noon in Temple Business. In fact The Temple Business Kept Me busy the whole day preparing to go to Salt Lake City to attend a council meeting.

**Tuesday, June 13, 1882**—At 4:25 in company with Pres. Preston & C. W. Nibley took train for the City where we arrived at 12 M. Met with the Council of Apostles Prests of Stakes & Attys where was taken into consideration the best mode of Securing the church property against our enemies.<sup>74</sup> Our meeting held so late we could not return to night.

**Wednesday, June 14, 1882**—During the fore part of the day I was engaged somewhat in looking after Some Temple Interests Some of which Apostle F. D. Richards & I called upon Pres John Taylor & consulted with him in regard to the out side color & finish & color of the Temple & he kindly consented to visit us next Sat & Stay over Sunday and in connection with Apostles L. Snow & F. D. Richards decide on the forgoing matters. In the morning prior to calling upon the Pres. I made Sister Sarah D Rich a call.

At 8:40 P.M. I took train for Logan where I arrived about 10 P.M.

**Thursday, June 15, 1882**—I attended to temple Business during the whole of this day, So much so that tired came with the evening.

**Friday, June 16, 1882**—Accompanied by Bro James Quayle I went to the Temple mill arriving about 4 P.M. I had time to attend to the necessary business before dark.

<sup>74</sup> Card's diary is important here in that it shows that Mormon leaders were concerned about property owned by the Church long before the Edmunds-Tucker Act was passed in 1887, disincorporating the Church. Historian Leonard Arrington writes, "In anticipation of the passage of the *Edmunds-*

*Tucker Act*, therefore, President Taylor and other church authorities secretly decided to place church properties in the hands of individuals and local congregations and thus help, Taylor said, 'to protect us in our personal and proprietary rights so far as our legal status will entitle us to protection'" (Arrington 1958, 362).

**Saturday, June 17, 1882**—Shortly before 9 A.M. we bade our Brethren & sisters here adieu and drove to Logan before one P.M. I stoped on the Block nearly an hour then drove home put up my team got dinner and & returned again to the Temple and attended to Such necessary Biz as came before me.

Shortly before 10 P.M. I drove to the depot & met Pres Taylor & party & Brought Pres F. D. Richards home with me.

**Sunday, June 18, 1882**—This morning finds us all well & preparing for the meeting at 10 A.M. Which we attended There were present on the Stand Pres John Taylor Apostles L. Snow F. D. Richards & M Thatcher Pres Wm B Preston & Bps & Elders. Tabernacle nearly full of people We were addressed by Apostles L. Snow & F. D. Richards upon the Subject of the atonement & kindred principles. Pres Richards refered to the Temple.

Meeting dismissed by Apostle M Thatcher.

2 P.M. We met again & were addressed first by Elder Geo Reynolds. Bore a Strong testimony of the Truth of the Gospel & gave Some good exhortations to the Sts & invoked God's Blessing upon the Sts.

Pres Taylor arose & expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Sts of Logan. Spoke of the Lord appearing to the prophet Joseph Smith also to the prophet Joseph S & Lyney [Syney] Rigdon. Spoke of the Ordination of Joseph S & Oliver Cowdry to the Aaronic & Melchisedek Priesthood. Spoke of the various organizations of the Priesthood. Referred to Moses & Elias appearing to them in the Temple in Curtland [Kirtland]. Spoke of the Calling of the Holy Ghost which should lead them into all truth Bring things past to their mind & Show them things to come. God has organized his Church on purpose to instruct us. We are to add to our faith Virtue Brotherly Kindness & charity. People need not trouble themselves about the Spread of Zion & they will continue The work of God will move on we will mary & be Given in mariage. We Should Act in our offices as Saviors on Mt. Zion We will have prayer in our families night & morn & dedicate all unto God. Give to him that asketh him that will borroweth turn not away (but ask him to return it when he gets through with) Seek to do good & be honorable with all man. In the name of Israles God we will introduce yet the principles freedom to all men. God bless you & lead you in the paths of life Amen.

Apostle M. Thatcher said he had been pleased with the words spoken by the Brethren. Though the world ridicule & persecute we Should be able to live above the Law & be one. Unless we are united we are not the people of God. It is the mission of the adversary to divide & accuse. We need not go abroad to See the Spirit of discord. There is a warfare between the flesh & the Spirit. It requires as much to perfect man now as it did in the days of the Savior.

We will be a free people as soon as we keep all the commandments of God We cant love God & hate our neighbors. We want to encourage the people to Search after the bst gifts of the Gospel. We have no rights in this country that God has not Given us. We should Seek to Sustain one another in temporal things. In these Mts will grow up a people who will be just & not be Swayed by prejudice.

We want to free ourselves from to the world as Coop. united Order & Board of trade that when we Babylon falls we may not have cause to mourn. Referred to the influences of our enemies in our midst that have inaugerated this Edmunds Bill & we have to a great extent sustained them here which is wrong. All should have the influence of the Holy Spirit for their guidance.

Exhorted us to be men of God that our children may grow up in the fear of the Lord. He discouraged the Idea of licensing Salons & the public Sentiment is against it & the presiding brethren disapprove of it. Pres. Taylor Said He did not approve of it. They never should sell Liquor here or Gamble here or introduce wickedness we should not partake of its influence. I am not willing to believe that puplic sentiment will sustain it. He called an expression of the Sts. whether they will sustain their crimes. The Sts were unanimous against it God bless you Amen. Pres Taylor, Apostles L. Snow F D Richards M Thatcher & Pres Preston myself also the architect T. O. Angell Jr J Quayle J. A. Leishman F. Hurst visited the temple to look at the Painting and painting of the outside of the temple when it was decided By Pres Taylor to paint the north extension or waiting rooms of the Temple also to paint all the out Side ~~work~~ to the Temple & north extention a light Stone color two coats & pencil all the raised pointing with clear white. Apostle F. D. Richards remained over night with me.

**Monday, June 19, 1882**—Pres Taylor & company returned home by this mornings train. I attended

very busily to the Temple Business Preparatory to going to Paris Bear Lake.

**Tuesday, June 20, 1882**—This morning at 8 O Clock I started for Bear Lake valley via of Temple Mill where I arrived about 1 PM. Dined with the wives of Bros E & P Lindsay.

My wife Sallie & 2 Children Jennie & Ora accompanied me. My wife remaned here & my children accompanied me We drove to meadowville this eve & took Supper with Bro. Loftus & family & Stayed all night with Bro Joshua Eldridge & family who treated us very kindly.

**Wednesday, June 21, 1882**—I drove to Bloomington where I arrived at 2 P.M. & dined with my Bro. J. E. Hart & wife & mother Thence to Paris where I called upon Apostle C. C. Rich who was Pleased to See me He has been confined to the house with a paralytic Stroke which he recd a yr & ½ ago. I found him very forgetful of Present things his mind being enfeebled by the Stroke of paralysis I remained over night with His wife Mary.<sup>75</sup>

**Thursday, June 22, 1882**—I passed the most of the time with Prests Budge & Osmond over temple matters About 5 O.C. I bade Pres Rich adieu when through his weak condition he broke into tears I asked God to bless him. It touched a tender cord with me to See a man who had been So useful to be thus prostrated. I rode to Bloomington with Bro Piggot & took supper with a Bro Long & family & then stayed over night with Bro E Hart wife mother & wifes mother Sister A Birdneau my mother in Law.

**Friday, June 23, 1882**—About 7:30 I started for home and Sister A Birdneau & 2 daughters Mira (Card) & Cloe added to our Present Co. We drove to Meadowville & dined with Bro Loftus Thence to the Temple Mill where we arrived about 6 P.M. & Stayed over night. Pres Budge & son joined us here.

**Saturday, June 24, 1882**—at 5:30 AM we Start for Logan & arrived here at 9:30 A.M. I attended to

temple Stake & other Business of a public nature during the ballance of the day.

**Sunday, June 25, 1882**—I attend the 2nd ward S.S. at 10 AM & addressed them.

At 2 P.M. Met with Sts in the Logan Tabernacle After the opening exercises & Sacrament we were addressed By Elders Joel Rich Jr Edwin Curtis & C J Larson.<sup>76</sup> They Spoke upon the necessity of living for & claiming the Blessings of God. Duties towards our children teaching them Gospel principles. All Standing in their Lot and calling. Should not sustain the wicked &c &c Spoke of Self denial for the Gospel Sake. We should try to appreciate Gods Servts that have been and are with us. Elder L read 20 chap of rev. new testament.

I made a few remarks upon the duties of parents S.S. teachers Supts &c towards the children agreeable to the revelations. Blessed the Sts & Bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

**Monday, June 26, 1882**—I attended to Temple and other business during the day, fitted out a camp of men to work on the Bear Lake divide leading to Garden City.

**Tuesday, June 27, 1882**—I went to the temple mill to day after arriving I helped to fit up to Saws that were not working as good as they should Labored until after 9 P.M. & retired.

**Wednesday, June 28, 1882**—I arose at 4 A.M. & drove to the Bear Lake divide & joined my father & Bro A. Crockett & assisted to Lay out the road or locate the dry ways & returned to the Mill about 8 PM drove about 40 miles.

**Thursday, June 29, 1882**—I returned to Logan about one P.M. & attended to temple Biz the Bal of the day. My wife S J. P. [Sarah Jane Painter] & her children accompanied me to the Temple Mill & Back also her children Built an [Word illegible because writing is smudged.] today.

**Friday, June 30, 1882**—Friday I attended to Temple Biz & visited my Bench farm in the fore noon.

<sup>75</sup>This is Mary Ann Phelps Rich, the third wife of Charles C. Rich and the mother of six of Rich's children, including two who became doctors (see Arrington 1974, 291).

<sup>76</sup>Joel Ricks Jr. was a telegraph operator who lived on the corner of First South and Pine Streets in Logan. There was an E. M. Curtis who served in the Sunday School superintendency of the

Logan First Ward and was a tinsmith and hardware dealer. Christian Larsen, a farmer, lived on Walnut Street in Logan and served in 1888 as the first assistant in the Fifth Ward Sunday School (see Somers 1993, 68, 59, 64; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 127, 131).

**Saturday, July 1, 1882**—At 8 A.M. I met in counsel with Prests Preston & Budge Bps. W F Fisher L. L. Hatch H Hughes & Elders Elias Morris<sup>75</sup> &

Met with the Priesthood of this Stake of Zion in the Logan Tabernacle Pres Preston Presiding Apostle M. Thatcher was [At the top of the page underlined: Benson] present & have Some good instructions as also did Pres Preston. I notified those present that there was hauling of Lumber rocks & Lime. In the afternoon I went to Hyde Park & attended the funeral of the wife of Bp. Wm Hyde.

The audience was addressed by Apostle M Thatcher Bp Davis Elder Robt Henderson<sup>76</sup> & myself. 40 Vehicles followed the remains to the Cemetery. Returned to Logan about 7 P.M.

**Benson, Sunday, July 2, 1882**—I accompanied Preston Bp Davidson & Elder L. R. Martineaux to Benson where we met with the S.S. at 10 A.M. Singing Prayer By David Clark Singing & Sacrament then we listened to the interesting exercises about 60 Schollars teachers &c Present. Bp Robt Davidson of Logan 3rd Ward made Some good & encouraging remarks to the School. We come here to learn the principles of the Gospel and Should turn our minds to it & Sustain the Speaker by our faith & prayers. We should lean on the Lord in all things. Made many encouraging remarks. Elder Thos Duce knew that the Spirit of God was here we come to the S.S to have the Gospel principles impressed upon our minds. Children should pray. We should be obt. & be one. Supt. Williams made a few remarks. School Song Benediction by Elder Robt Kewley.

2 P.M. Meeting opened by Singing & prayer by Bp Robt Davidson. Singing & Sacrament.

Elder Robt. Kewley arose & thanked the Sts for the kindness to him while on a mission. He then resigned his office as first counsellor to Bp. Haris of the Benson ward as he felt that himself & Bp. H. could not agree in this position. If he had injured any one he felt to make it right: Pres Preston arose & said he expected some of the Sts here knew that Bros

Kewley & Haris had not agreed very well. The work we have is not a personal work. We Should learn implicit obedience to the head. It is the duty of the counsellor as well as any member. Thought it Best to accept the resignation of Bro. Kewley and moved that we accept it which it was by a unanimous vote except one Bro. Seth Beddes<sup>77</sup> who voted ~~to~~ against accepting his resignation on the grounds that he thought he could work with him. He talked some time to persuade Bro. B. to be one with his brethren & sisters. Read from Doc. in Cov. Page 242 - Sep 11, 1881 when my counsellors fails to help me I have no further use for them. You (Bro. B) should be one with the Sts. I would that we all should be one in the matter. Bro Beddis acknowledged his wrong & voted with the Sts.

C. O Card arose & spoke of the necessity of keeping your covenants honor your callings. Read from prayers & Proph of Jos Smith. Spoke at Some length upon the importance of filling our home missions & not look to far from home for some thing to do.

Labor for the Salvation of yourselves & one another felt to have the blessings of God upon the Sts Amen.

Pres. Preston arose and said when we Speak of the Priesthood we do not mean any Special officers of the church. Read from Doc. Cov. Page 209 Sec 18 without the this authority we cannot see the face of God & live. Read from Doc. Cov. Page 292. In this I wish to show to you the difference between an appointment & an ordination. In relieving Bro Kewley we have not interfered with his ordination as an High Priest. Admonished the brethren to magnify the Priesthood that they will hold. In the future it will be necessary for Bp. H. to choose another counsellor. It is the duty of a counselor to be a help & call on & see what is necessary to be done & he helps in very deed & all things to be done in order. We should do our best to do away with sin all these callings are given to us to be helps. Also the Relief Societies, Improvement associations S.S. & primaries. We do not to forget ourselves but get the Spirit

<sup>75</sup> Elias Morris, a prominent businessman and Church leader who lived in Salt Lake City, had led a group of 338 emigrants to Utah in 1869. This group had the distinction of being the first emigrants who came all the way from the Missouri River by rail. They arrived in Ogden, Utah, on June 15, 1869. Morris later became the president of the Utah Sugar Company and died in Salt Lake City on March 17, 1898, from the effects of an accident (see A. Jensen 1914, 80,81, 177, 218).

<sup>76</sup> Robert Henderson, a farmer who lived on the corner of

Sixth and Monroe Streets in Logan, was the first leader of the Logan Brass Band. He was also one of the doorkeepers at the dedication of the Logan Temple. He later served among the first officiators in the temple (see F. Olson n.d., 15, 139, 159; Somers 1993, 62).

<sup>77</sup> Seth Bedds and his wife Alice had six children and are listed in the Benson census for 1880. Isaac Wolfley also was a pioneer of the Benson area and had a daughter named Roselia who married Edgar L. Cazier (see Cardon 1982, 5, 39).

of God ourselves then we will find we are the responsible parties ourselves. May the Lord bless you & make you one that you may be Christs. He again arose told the Sts it was their duty & they should fence their meeting house with Pickets & next Spring set out some shade trees. Audience Sang. Benediction by Elder Isaac Woolfe [Wolfley].

After meeting I returned to Logan & Preached in the 3rd Ward of Logan.

[Note at bottom of page, upside down: 1400 millions Souls now upon this earth]

[End Journal 14.]