

**Minutes of general Relief Society meeting held in the
Fourteenth Ward Hall, Salt Lake Stake**

"President John Taylor said . . . after this organization [of the Relief Society] at Nauvoo, much disturbance arose among the sisters. I do not wish to be personal especially as Sister Emma is now dead, but think that some of those circumstances should be known. Sister Emma got severely tried in her mind about the doctrine of Plural Marriage and she made use of the position she held to try to pervert the minds of the sisters in relation to that doctrine. She tried to influence my first wife and make her believe that the revelation was not correct. Soon after[,] the Prophet Joseph was in my house, and I spoke to him in my wife's presence in relation to what Sister Emma had said, and Joseph replied[,] 'Sister Emma would dethrone Jehovah to accomplish her purpose if she could.'"

"After the death of the Prophet, in consequence of the confusion then introduced, President Brigham Young thought it best to defer the operations of this organization - and the labors of the Society ceased until he organized the sisters again in this city."

- Salt Lake Stake Relief Society Conference Record Book, 1868-1903, pages 49 - 50. Call number LR 604 70.