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Memo. regarding School of the Prophets

The President is to be in the House first, and it would seem, is to bow alone in prayer. When the prayer is finished, the members of the School are admitted, and when they have taken their places he arises, and standing in his place in the house, with uplifted hands, salutes the brethren in the following words: "Art thou a brother (or brethren)? I salute you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in token or remembrance of the everlasting Covenant, in which Covenant I receive you to fellowship, in a determination that is fixed, immovable and unchangeable, to be your friend and brother through the grace of God, in the bonds of love, to walk in all the commandments of God blameless, in thanksgiving, for ever and ever. Amen."

The members of the School (who are found worthy) with uplifted hands to heaven, return the salutation, by repeating the same prayer and covenant, or by saying "Amen" in token of the same.
RULES

To be observed by the members of the First Class of the School of the Prophets.

1. All members must be at the school punctually at the hour appointed, unless excused by the President, or can afterwards show good and sufficient reason for their absence.

2. They must not take the name of the Deity in vain, nor speak lightly of His character.

3. They must observe and keep the Word of Wisdom according to the spirit and meaning thereof.

4. They must pray with their families evening and morning, and also attend to secret prayer.

5. They must provide for their families and not abuse them, nor be quarrelsome with or speak evil of each other or their neighbors.

6. They are required to observe personal cleanliness, and must preserve themselves in all chastity, by refraining from adultery, whoredom and lust.

7. They must not go after hay, go to the canons, nor hunt their animals, nor perform any other labor on the Sabbath day, but must rest and attend meeting in the Tabernacle, in their Wards, and the Fast-day meetings, and observe the Fast days and make their offerings to the poor on those days.

8. They must pay their tithing.

9. If any member of this school has any difficulty with another member, he must go and be reconciled with him before attending the School.

10. They must not find fault with nor rebuke any of the members of the school, this being the province of the President only.

11. In all matters their dealing should be, as much as possible, with those in full fellowship in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, and in all their deal, conduct and conversation they must strive to do as they would be done by.

12. They should not hereafter incur debt beyond their means for paying as
they agree, and must honestly pay their debts already incurred, if they have the means wherewith to do so.

13. That which is not their own they must not take.

14. That which they borrow they must return according to promise, and that which they find they must not appropriate to their own use, but seek to return it to its lawful owner, and if the owner cannot be found it must be deposited in the place designated for lost property.

15. They must not let down their bars, open their gates, nor make gaps in their fences through which their animals can pass to the injury of their neighbor; neither must they let down his bars, or fence, or open his gate to let their animals trespass upon him, and in all cases they must pay for the damage done by their animals.

16. No member of this school has the privilege of inviting his friends to attend, without being permitted to do so by the President.

17. Whatever passes in the school must be preserved inviolate.
On Saturday JanY. 1st 1870 Theological Class met in the Tabernacle at One o'clock p.m.

Present Prest. B. Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder Josh. F Smith Singing.

Elder B. Young who had been absent over two months, exprest thankfulness to return, he had been East, and spoke of some half hearted friends in New York, who on the arrival of the News about the Godbe & Harrison Movement, thought it would prove a death blow to Co operation - he said there never was a more bitter spirit in the United States than exists at the present time. He also spoke of the beneficial effects that will result, by the Elders recently being sent forth to disseminate correct principles among the people - he Met with Col. Kane, who expressed his full faith in the final triumph of Mormonism, and adverted to the corrupt Men who constitute the present Senate of the United States &c.

Elder Geo Q. Cannon said, if we thought that God was not with us, he feel had no doubt we should very bad, and after alluding to the recent triumph of the American Arms, in subduing over 11 Millions of people, during the late rebellion, he believed the President & his Cabinet entertain the belief that it would be but an easy task for them to wipe out of existence the 150 or 200 thousand that live in these Valleys - he was satisfied there would be another crusade made against us, before the cup of this Nation would be filled, and thus prepare them for the judgments of God that hang over it - There is no honour or integrity left, almost every man in power and trust are as corrupt and dishonest as hell - but they are afraid of the growth and influence of the Kingdom of God. He then spoke of the fearfulness that exist to some extent among us, and the unwise letters they write to their friends in the East.

The Man recently appointed to be our Governor and who will shortly arrive, while in Orleans threatened the Orchestra in the Theatre that unless they would play tunes which they might have a strong National hatred to, he
would have every one of them arrested and cast into prison this was the kind of tune, we might shortly be expected to play to, they had erected a God, and will try to make us bow to, or else threaten and endeavour to destroy us. 

Prent D H. Wells spoke of the warfare that has, and will continue to exist, but we will maintain our ground against all aggressors. was 

He said that the basis upon which the Apostatized Movement rested viz that Prent Young will either loose his power, or die soon but he (Prent Wells) felt to prophesy that neither one nor the other will take place. there were many in our midst who lacked integrity, and although, neither the Josephites, nor the present Movement, can catch them, something in the future will occur that will take away all those who cannot stand the trying times that yet await us - God will have a tried people, and all who not honest cannot possibly stand, but let us be firm and faithfull, and observe our Covenants, and the Word of Wisdom, and greater blessings would be poured out upon us - let us bear up in our faith, prayers and actions - the Man God has appointed as Our leader, he is a choice ruler and we should esteem him and pray for his life to be lengthened out We do not expect justice from the hands of the wicked - but let our course be onward and upward, and the strength of the wicked will be broken - Let us prove to God & Angels that we are worthy of trust reposed in us - All that can endure the ordeals will be saved and all who cannot will not

Elder , said-about

Several remarks were made by different members on the truth of the Doctrine of Celestial Marriage. -- And on the principle of Infidelity and Spiritulism which Godbe, Harrison & Kelsey were preaching

Meeting was adjourned for one week at one o clock p m After singing Benediction by Elder John Taylor

Geo Goddard Secty.
On Saturday Jan', 8th 1870 Theological Class met in the Tabernacle
at One o'clock p m
Prest B Young
Present Prest. D. H. Wells presiding, absent through sickness. After
singing Prayer by Bp E. D Woolley Singing
Prest. D H Wells enquired if any member of the school wished to present
anything

Bro Henry said he would like to hear something about Sacrifices.

Elder Orson Pratt said that Sacrifices were instituted by the Almighty many
generations before the Crucifixion of the Saviour, and since that time the
Sacrament of Bread and Wine was substituted. There are many ways of sacrific-
ing besides the shedding of blood. We may sacrifice property, and other things
for the sake of building up of the Kingdom of God. Though from many passages
in the old Testament, he was inclined to believe that the Children of Israel
would in the last days be required to offer sacrifices as in days of old.

Prest. D. H. Wells said that Prest. Young was very ill, and hoped the faith
and prayers of the brethren would be exercised for his recovery - As for Sac-
rificing, he said, that he expected, for him to obtain eternal salvation, it
would cost him not only all that he had, but all that he will ever have, though
he did not deem it a sacrifice, for it was simply an exchange for the better -
bring to keep the law of God would

superior pleasure and satisfaction to all those
who are enlightened by the spirit of the Lord, than can accrue to any person
by indulging in the gratification of Carnal desires - He expected it would be
a rough passage when he entered the road to eternal life, and any saint having
an idol between him and his God, it will certainly have to be torn from him,
before he can enter into the Celestial Kingdom of our God.

Before Jesus Comes again, he expected the Jews would be gathered again in
unbelief to rebuild K Jerusalem, and offer sacrifices, as of old --

Elder Orson Hyde from Sanpete, felt to rejoice that we lived in this day,
and such opportunities as these were afforded us. - He complained that many he
met yesterday between here and Cottonwood were under the influence of strong
goods - He did not want to sustain such, for they were deadly opposed to Co-
operation. The hand of the Lord was certainly among us at the present time,
a valuable school was now going on in our midst, and there was a great amount
of wickedness, and if all who felt inclined can join in the crowd, but every
one will have an opportunity of shewing up their real characters, as all must
stand on their own merits - the Gold Mines will were drawing off a great many
but those who fight grasshoppers and cultivate the earth will be far better
off, than those who go to the Mines

He named Amasy Lyman as one who had been councilled not to be purchase a
Ranch when he went to California, but he did, and brought upon him a vast
amount of trouble - had he carried it out, he might possibly have become a
wealthy man, but now, there are thousands and thousands of dollars still un-
paid on that purchase - 

Whoever forsakes this Church and joins the ranks of Apostates, is as much
a murderer as any one who with knife in hand sought the life of the Prophet
Joseph.

Pres. Young, warned the school against going to any such places as the
"Strawberry Festivals"- for they are dens of iniquity -

He refered to the lies that Apostates live upon, let them alone,
dont abuse them, and they will soon die out - Had Amasy Lyman carried out the
council given him, he would have given been in the Church to day - He intended
to use his influence to strengthen Israel until Jesus reigns whose right it is
to reign. -

After Singing  Benediction by Elder Geo Q. Cannon

Geo Goddard  Sec'y.
On Saturday JanV, 15th 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One Oclock p m Prest. B. Young. Presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder B Young Junr. Singing

Prest. D.H. Wells, gave an opportunity for any member of the School to bring anything forward for the benefit of the school same.

Elder David Evans, of Lehi, said it was necessary for us to be able at all times, to give a reason for the hope that is within us. Celestial Marriage some Elders are preaching, that a Man who has not got 3 wives, cannot possibly have an opportunity exaltation. others are preaching that a Man with only one wife can only obtain, a very small exaltation - His views however from studying the Revelation, are that if a Man who is faithful to his religion and though he may have but one wife, he will be able to pass the Angels & God, and be come exalted - at the same time, those who assume the greatest responsibilities in this probation will be entitled to higher degrees of exaltation hereafter.

Elder Erastus Snow, said, in the south they had schools organized throughout the Country, they are well attended, and have been very useful - there is an increase of Union, peace, & contentment, they are striving to build up the Kingdom and be saints - both old and young appear to appreciate the blessings bestowed upon them - they are comparatively free from the Spirit of apostacy & outside influences -

In the more populous cities and settlements where contact with unbelievers is more common than in many other places - more vigilence and watch care is necessary by the Elders to shield and protect our Wives and families - We have had many years of peace and quiet, while the outside world has been rent asunder with broils and contentions - and but now there is considerable talk outside, and apostacy commenced within, - the Spirit of the Holy One teaches us to pray, and every Spirit that is of God, confesses that Jesus is the Christ and that Joseph Smith was a Prophet - And the more we pray, the more will we be enlightened

The world seems much agitated over our Social System, seem determined
that it shall not be an article of religion - And that which pertains to the
union of the sexes shall be classed among temporalities &c -

The-e In all the civilized Nations, Marriages are recognized as a re-
ligious rite - but we as Latter day Saints are to be an exception to that, and
not allowed to be Married except as a civil contract, thus divesting it al-
together of a religious Character - these puny efforts have generally origi-
inated by those who have been fostered & fed in our midst - We should neither
fatten nor sustain Lawyers, Merchants, Doctors, Bankers, &c in our midst - who
are not with us in the building up of the Kingdom of God.

Bp John Sharp spoke of a spirit of grumbling that he had met with since
the finishing up of the Railroad - Some are talking of us as being divided
into Classes - he had always considered we were brought here to be one. He
then spoke on Home Manufacture - Much had been said and done by Prest. Young
to have us become self sustaining - those now engaged in Manufacturing, com-
plain of Wages too high and the employees complain of Wages too low - simple
reason, suggests that we reason together and try to do each other good - but
unless something is done soon - our Mechanics will be all idle for the want of
having work to do, because Manufacturers under existing circumstances cannot
possibly compete with foreign markets, and will have to close those establish-
ments - Labour can be just as easily imported from the East and West as
Merchandise - and unless we can bring our minds to this fact, and become wil-
ing to submit to the pressure of circumstances, we shall see sorrow and
poverty to our hearts content - God, through his servants must dictate us,
in all things and he will most assuredly lead, to back to God and the Lamb -

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon then read a letter from a member of the Senate, which
has been addressed to a Prest. & Members of that body who urges very strong
commercial and humane reasons, why that Obnoxious Bill now before the Congress,
Called Culloms Bill should be immediately slaughtered -

Prest. D H Wells recommended those brethren to whom the Utah Central
Railroad Co May be indebted, to purchase Bonds which will be ready in a few days,
On Saturday January 22nd 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p.m.

Present Prest. D H Wells presiding After singing Prayer by Elder Fielding

Singing

Prest. Wells gave permission for any member of the School to present anything on their minds, but no one rising. He said, that as some had cometo vote one way or the other explained that for every member of the school had regarded it as a species of Tyranny. To-be-expected-to-Vote-one-way-or-the-other. When any measures were presented - He would simply say that it had been a Legislative Maxim for ages, and therefore we were not alone in this practise - He then combatted a Notion of a One Man power, so much objected to of late, by reference to a supreme power exercised in heaven.

Man being a religious being a-religious-being, the Devil ministers to him, to suit his Notion, and thus create as many religions as the Morbid cravings of corrupt minds may seek after - If the universal ideas of those recently gone out from us prove right in the end, we shall certainly stand as good a chance, as any of them - but if they are rejected we shall assuredly be in a better condition than they - Salvation does not come from the multitude, but from God our Heavenly Father.

They do not comprehend God, nor his purposes not even so much as the barbarous tribes around us - No Man ever attains to the highest state of Glory, but those who abide the Law of that Glory - There was no other principle of sal-

vation, that he was acquainted with, but a full compliance with the law of God, under every circumstance, no matter what obstacles or difficulties may come across our path way - The first lesson we have to learn, is to govern ourselves, then we will be able to govern others - When the Kingdom of God is fully established, all men will not be latter day saints, but every man will be protected in his rights. Some say that a cloud was gathering, and will shortly burst, no matter how soon, there will no faithful saint be injured one particle - We will live as a people, and prosper, and go on to build up the Kingdom of God. - When he embraced the Gospel, the wife of his youth could not
his heart had bled for her thousands of times, for she was a good woman. May God bless us and enable us to see the light, that we may walk therein and be saved is my prayer.

Prest. Josh1 Young Senr. said the fellowship of saints was private property, and if any one deviates from a correct course, so as to lose the spirit of God, he should be perfectly justified to withdraw his fellowship from such a one - the same thing was done throughout all Christendom, then why not should any body complain and make such a hue and cry, that we will a fellowship them -

Elder W. Woodruff in his acquaintance with Joseph Smith & Brigham Young, said he never knew either to give any council but what always came out true, instancing the Sidney Rigdon Whom Joseph wished to through off &c. - We have got to follow the Lord - the Celestial law must be abided or we never can be exalted -

Prest. Young is our Lawgiver and stands between us and God, and if God has any revelation to give to man, he will not give it to him, nor Billy Godbe, but it will come through Prest. Young. he will speak through his Mouthpiece. God has placed him as our leader in temporal as well as in other things - We shall be dictated by revelation and council And those who abide it and will be saved.

Bro Henry gave a short exhortation to faithfulness -

Bp David Evans said after he had read the Manifest to Godbe & Co. which refers to the spiritual labours of Josh. Smith the Prophet, reminded him of a great many of Temporal labours which Joseph had performed, such as kicking men behind for their insults, &c. and as for Tithing, & Consecration which he knew that Joseph had revealed to him - he was fully satisfied that they knew nothing at all about it - and their entire system amounted to about the same -

Elder Geo Q. Cannon regretted that Men who had been loved and esteemed for years, should turn round and fight against the work of God - though he had recently rejoiced in the fact, that an issue had been raised, and much good
will result, by having the question of Authority settled in regard to the
priesthood, and our allegiance to it - those remaining in our midst will cer-
tainly have a better understanding of the powers of the living priesthood, and
be better prepared to render what is term unconditional obedience - I do hope the Elders of Israel will be willing in the day of Gods power. We have long since been praying that God will permit us to take part in building up the waste places of Zion - And he is now seeking to prepare us as a people for that event, Only let us learn cheerfully the principle of obedience - God has the greatest blessings in store for us -

I have never seen so much power And wisdom Manifested through Prest. Young & his Councillors than at the present time - and there never was more union in the twelve that now -- let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great things are in store for us.

Bp John Sharp, deals much in temporalities - and then explained how the hand of the Lord had been plainly made manifest in the location of the terminus of the U P. R R. and also the construction of our Utah Central, though at the same time, it involved an indebtedness on Prest. Young and others, who were exceedingly anxious to liquidate, but for want of available means, it was im-
Bro Sharp possible pay at present - though he was perfectly willing to turn over his dwelling House and lot in the 20th Ward, at a fair valuation and take Utah Central Bonds - -

Prest. D. H. Wells expressed similar statements, and offered Lumber, his House & lot or anything else he had, with a view of paying up those debts - The Latter day Saints should be reasonable &c.

Elder J. C. Little strongly urged the necessity of Brethren turning over their loose property to pay some of those debts, that Prest. Young & others are owing on that Railroad - that their hands may be liberated - let us all lift, and work together - until we are free, and prepared for some thing else.

Elder John Taylor explained some of the difficulties that himself and Bro Sharp met with in Boston, while trying to obtain a settlement with the Railway Comp'y - and was confident that the best had been done, that could
be, though it was hard on some of the working men

Elder F. Little said that every Workman they had employed on the railroad, had been Supplied with Grain & Flour, as they needed, and they did not suffer for the necessary's of life but the President and some of his brethren had such a burthen on their shoulders, that if we did not join issue, and relieve them, we shall be damned -

Elder F. Little made a few remarks on Labour - advocating the principle that men should be willing to receive for labour, a remuneration that others can afford to give, and rather work for very little, than be idle. -

School adjourned for One week at 1 o clock P.M. After singing Benediction by Elder Orson Hyde

George Goddard Secyt.
On Saturday January 29th 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o'clock P M Present Pres. R. Young presiding

after singing Prayer by Elder J. W. Young Singing

Pres. Orson Hyde said the laws of our Country require-all require us to swear or take a certain Oath under certain circumstances, but it also per-

mits an affirmation in lieu of either, should be any religious scruples in

the mind of a person towards taking an oath. He would like to hear a few

remarks on the subject, as the Saviour said "Swear not at all

Elder W. W. Woodruff. Moved and was Seconded That this Meeting be

turned into a Caucus Meeting, for the purpose of making Nominating our City

Officers, preparatory to the forthcoming Election -

Elder Geo Q Cannon fully approved of this, as it was much better to unite than

upon a whole ticket of Officers, rather to divide and split up on the day of

Election. We have the power to be united, and may as well use our Priest-

hood for this purpose.

Moved by Geo Q. Cannon Seconded by W. W. Woodruff & carried unanimously.

That Bishop E. Hunter be Chairman for the occasion, and That Paul A Schettler be the Secretary. Carried -

Elder Orson Pratt suggested that we might at least increase our votes

one hundred per cent, to anything we have ever had, he then mentioned a law

in which Females, born Citizens, have a right to vote. Those who are married make to Citizens, have a right. The United States it a Law for Ladies to Vote, and controul by the Territorial Legislature

Moved & Seconded That a Committee be appointed to Nominate the Mayor and

Officers of the City. Carried Unanimously. Moved, seconded and Carried.

That Geo. Q. Cannon, W.W. Woodruff and J. C. Little be said Committee. Carried unanimously. Moved, seconded & Carried That the Chairman Make a speech.

E. Hunter, Chairman, spoke on the subject of Union, shewing the importance of it, especially when directed in a good direction cause
The Committee then presented the names of City Officers as follows:

D H Wells Mayor of Salt Lake City
Isaac Groo Councillor of 1st Municipal Ward
S. W. Richards 2 "
A H Raleigh Alderman 3 " l Contrary vote
Jeter Clinton 4 "
A. G. Pyper 5 "
Thos. Jenkins Cr. Louis S Hills Cr Thos McLelland Cr
R. T. Burton John R Winder Cr
John Clark Cr

City Recorder Robert Campbell
Treasurer Paul A Schettler
Marshall J. D. T. McAllister
by a Stone cutter

It was moved and Seconded that the above Officers serve as a source of Honour, and their fees appropriated to the benefit of Common Schools.

Mayor Wells, said with the exception of the Recorder and Treasurer whose time was entirely absorbed, and therefore had a fixed salary - the City Officers were not remunerated except for lengthy sessions, neither was any appropro salories provided for, in the City Charter. -

It was then moved and carried by general applause that the Stone Cutters devote as much of their time gratis, as the City Council do, and the proceeds of their labour appropriated to the poor fund or Common Schools -

Prest. Josh. Young, was determined to sustain his brethren in anything that is introduced by the Servants of God whose superior wisdom dictated their policies - When the School of the Prophets was first commenced the order of Enoch was talked about, and he thought the sooner it was established the better, as procrastination was the thief of time. -

Elder Josh. A Young, related a dream, and then applyd it, to shew the necessity of the Elders keeping out of the devils pressure - He then ad-
verted to the present financial difficulties, that the lack of U.P.R R Co. paying their debts, had thrown Pres. Young, himself and others into, but there was no Man who laboured on the Railroad but what will who will sooner or later obtain it - he hoped therefore that those to whom they were indebted, would be patient, and they would surely get their pay. He then shown up the great advantages of owning a railroad to do our own freighting, as a people; and the fearful He then called upon the brethren to be faithful to the interests of the Kingdom of God. - be united very Armstrong said, as he was about to take an important step viz. to leave his connexion with this organization and join the New Movement - he therefore handed over his Ticket, as a member of the School of the Prophets. —

Prest. B. Young said the way to obtain Life eternal was clearly pointed out by Joseph the Prophet, it was a very painful thing to see men fall away and become deceived - but this apostacy was the thinnest of whitewash of anything he had ever been acquainted with.

God can never save men in their sins - but to hell they are bound to go - The apostates have got nothing worthy of anybody seeking after. He wished they had honesty enough to repent. If they had not light enough they might possibly repent — —

He then spoke of their Railroad indebtedness, and intended to have a meeting next Saturday of all the Creditors for the purpose of giving such explanations as is necessary, to bring about a pacific feeling —

The School was then adjourned for two weeks at One o'clock p.m.

After singing Benediction by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon

Geo Goddard Sect'y.
On Saturday FebY. 12th 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle
at One o clock pm Present Prest. B. Young presiding
Singing Prayer by Bp Lorenzo Young Singing

Last Saturday Prest. Young met his Railroad Creditors for the purpose
of making satisfactory arrangements with them, hence the postponement of the
School By request of Prest. Young

Elder G H. Holman of Pleasant Grove was called for, and responded. He
had previously written a letter, to solicit the privilege of expressing his
views on Celestial Marriage - He refered to a paragraph on page 46A then
118 page Book Mormon, which seems to condemn David, Solomon &c for plurality,
but he believed it had reference to the excess they carried it to - then Page
74th pages 37 Pamphlet then page 118 B. Mormon then 21 paragraph 5 page A 112 page
Revelation on Celestial Marriage, read the whole of it - and which plainly
shows that it reveals the law of plurality, and that no man in Monogamy can
never enter into an exaltation, according to his understanding of the
Revelation -

Bp. L. Harrington said, there was one difficulty in viewing the revel-
elation, That any woman married to a man, under the New Covenant is not
entitled to a full exaltation, unless the first wife, properly sealed by Him
who has authority, is has obeyed the Celestial Law, can the Marrying of a
second wife make the first marriage valid..?

The subject was discussed by Elder Orson Pratt Bishop David Evans of Lehi
& Josh. F. Smith

Prest. B. Young said that Men and Women will be saved in the Celestial
Kingdom without even being Married at all - others with only one wife, and some
again with Many Wives - If any-Whoever continues faithful till the end, will
have all a exaltation they can possibly enjoy. - Let every person so live as to
enjoy the Holy Ghost, and please God our Father -- That the Revelation, though
the greatest ever given to Man, More than that will yet be given when we
are ready to receive it
We are so imperfect, that should our own views be crossed, we become angry, and fly like glass – He hoped He should see the time when this will not be the case.

Elder L. Young) strongly recommended faithfulness to all Latter Day Saints – seeing that such a pressure exists against us, both outside and inside of us.

The School was adjourned for one week at one o'clock p.m.

Benediction by Elder J. C. Little

Geo Goddard Secretary.
On Saturday Feb'y. 19th 1870 Theological Class met at the
Old Tabernacle at One o'clock p.m Present Prest. B. Young presiding
After singing Prayer by Elder W. Woodruff Singing

Prest. Geo A Smith expressed his gratitude for another privilege of meet-
ing again in the School, since this School was organized, he realized that we
had made some progress - God had placed the Keys of priesthood in the Church,
and had gathered his people from all parts of the earth, with a great variety
of traditions, which he illustrated by the practise of some of our Judges,
whose judgments were rendered in accordance with the rulings of Courts in
the particular state they happened to hail from.

So with traditions made upon the minds of others who received their im-
pressions from some religious Teachers, as to what is right and what is wrong.
When the Elders of Israel are permitted to fall into darkness, it is a true
sign of their having indulged in iniquity - perhaps there is no more aptitude
to sin among the Elders, than in the habit of buying and selling - and there
was no safer principle for each to be guided by, that To do unto others, as
we would that others should do unto us - We as Latter day saints have got to
lay aside all our cheating propensities, if not, the Spirit of the Lord will
leave us - Some have committed the sin of Adultery, and however much they may
have repented, they cannot obliterate the fact of its existence, and in that
much, they cheat themselves of a blessing - He then rehearsed the many bless-
ings that had attended us since we came into these vallies, and yet how little
we seemed to appreciate them. - He also traced the gradual developement of
apostacy which inevitably resulted in the Spirit of Murder towards the lead-
ers of the people.

He then spoke of the efforts being made in Congress to raise thousands of
Volunteers to come and wipe us out, this was all right, for the President had
far better have thousands of hypocrites and dishonest persons to leave the
Church, leaving but a few honest faithful saints to build up the Kingdom of
God. Zions Ship is not going to sink, for such is not the case. - don't be
excited, the Power that has sheltered the Saints ever since Josh. Smith read
the plates, will be exerted in our behalf, if we'll only live our religion
and do what is right. The only principle that can possibly hold together a
community, is the Holy Priesthood - there are many false Spirits gone abroad
and all who desire it may go after them, and be duped by them. &c

Elder Geo Q. Cannon spoke of the mean class of Men, selected recently,
to fill the official offices in this Territory - One honorable exception,
however he was pleased to make mention of viz. Wm. Ran, the Secretary and
so who has recently been acting as Governor, the Lord has overruled circum-
stances as to make of him a friend rather than an enemy.

He spoke of the gigantic measures now being sought to be thrust upon us,
to annihilate the great work of God, he was much rejoiced to see the re-
markable calmness and serenity that sits upon the Countenance of Prest.
Young under the most trying circumstances, it is also observable among the
Saints, also It is not always known in what way the Lord will deliver his
people when threatening circumstances surround us, but depend upon it, He will
put hooks in the jaws of our enemies, and bring out the Saints of God tri-
umphantly.

The following questions were then read and answered by Elder Geo Q. Cannon

Elder W. Woodruff said we were approaching a very interesting time, and
have as the Lord will have a tried people - we shall a severe test to prove and try
the saints - something that makes us look around us, and ascertain where we
shall stand. - the Nation on this Continent is nearly ripe in iniquity, and
will certainly be destroyed, according to the Revelations given to Joseph -
Men that are not ground in their faith by revelation, must pass away in the
trying hour - Every weapon that is formed against us, will not prosper -
Let the Elders read the revelations and become acquainted with them - that
we may see what is coming - The Lord does not require us to make war upon
our enemies until he reveals it from heaven -

He could afford to lay down his temporal life, rather than forfeit his
eternal salvation - If it was necessary let Pres P. Young and others be hid up in these Mountains - but he did not think the Lord was going to destroy the faithful Saints of God - but let every faithful Man of God be willing to assume his share of responsibility, instead of throwing everything on the shoulders of Prest. Young. - There was a very wicked spirit in this City, which was connected with the same lying spirit at Washington.

When Colfax was here, he had the pleasure of preaching the Gospel to him and warn him against shedding innocent blood - let us stand valiantly and bear our testimony, and leave the event in the hands of God - let us go before the Lord, and pray that Hypocrites and liars may be gathered out -

Prest. E. Young said that Ha & Bro Geo A Smith was about to leave for the South next week, and expected to be away during the Months of March and April - He then besought the brethren during their absence, to be faithful and humble before God - and be united with Bro Wells who will be left here to in charge of matters and things - Himself and some others intended to have wintered in the South last winter about a year ago - but circumstances in connexion with the Railroad rendered it impossible. - They were going to investigate the southern Country, to ascertain where the streams of water are, where timber, and lime rock is - He was all the time looking after the Welfare of Zion and all her interests - there was no danger whatever from without, according to his feelings - but there was from within -

He could not tell what was coming, but from the Moment he first beheld this Valley, he had the calmest and most serene feelings that this was the home of the Saints and would be -- He expected to find a place in the south to establish a beautiful City &c &c

School was adjourned for one week at one o clock p m after singing

Benediction by Prest. Geo A Smith

G Goddard  Sect
On Saturday Feb'y. 25th 1870 Theological Class met at the
Old Tabernacle at one o'clock p.m Present Prest. D. H. Wells presided
(Prests. B. Young and Geo A. Smith having started on the 24th on a southern
trip to Dixie)

After singing Prayer by Elder Isaac Groo Singing
Prest. D. H. Wells then read a Petition to Congress for the removal of
John P. Taggart as U. S. Assessor of Internal Revenue, on account of his
Officious and despotic manner towards the inhabitants of this Territory -
The paper signatures of the Members of the School was then obtained by
Bro R. V. Morris,

Elder Orson Pratt alluded to some of the peculiarities, that character-
ize us as a people, in contrast with other religionists. He also refer'd to
the obnoxious character of the individual whose removal was asked for in the
Petition, said he was entirely unfit to occupy the high trust reposed in him.-

He analized the Cullum Bill and showed the effect it would have upon the
Male portion of this community, depriving them of every religious and civil
right Whatever course that Congress may take in regard to us, one thing is
certain - if we should be called to pass through affliction the Lord
will sooner or later remove them from us - but the future is dark to us - the
Prophet Joseph did not know of many things pertaining to the future of this
people - such was wisdom in God.

He reviewed the blessings of the Lord since we came into these Valleys -
Touched on the subject of Union in Temporal things, and the difficulties of
bringing it about - Many apostatized in consequence of it - but the Lord had
been dealing with us according to our traditions, the time will come, and
that is not far off, when the Order of Enoch will not only be believed in, but
practised to the very letter - He looked forward with much pleasure, when
deep rooted selfishness will be uprooted -

By carrying out the old Gentile fashions we see a distinction of classes
in our midst, which is the root of all evil &c
Prest D H Wells said the Kingdom of God upon the earth, has to struggle for its existence, it as to be established by his people - And they have first to be informed in their judgments pertaining to the first principles of the Gospel, act upon them, cast out in many instances by their friends, and gather together with many traditions - We have to live by the light of the Spirit, through the living oracles - Shown the necessity of the brethren taking out their Citizenship paper, by referring to the results of the last Election - A Mans whole interest should be devoted to the building up of the Kingdom of God - He would rather that truth & righteousness should prevail, instead of being trampled under foot - He spoke of the unfriendly legislation that Congress was engaged in towards us. He would rather the bill passed in all its obnoxious clauses, in preference to a modification.

He then urged upon the brethren to be in readiness for any emergency by having Guns and Ammunition on hand to use at a Moments notice - if we will only be up and doing, and act as a saint of God, be in readiness to defend the Kingdom of God, there is no danger of the enemy taking advantage of us - those who have neglected to supply themselves with a Gun &c - had better go to, and get one, with at least a thousand rounds of ammunition - and attend to every duty that devolves upon us - and he would venture to affirm, that we shall never be called on to use them - Let us pray for and sustain Prest. Young, he is a wise and meriful ruler, and there is no one among all the hosts of Israel, so suitable to fill his place, according to his knowledge of him for the last 20 years.

He condemned the habit that many still indulge in of patronizing our enemies - when shall we have wisdom enough to use the blessings of the earth in a way that God our Heavenly Father approves

Let us get wiser in our day and generation. The Kingdom will be established in these Mountains and God will fight our battles - he then closed by an energetic exhortation to faithfulness.

After singing Benediction by Bp. E. D. Woolley

Geo Goddard SectY.
On Saturday March 5 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle
At One o clock p m Present Presst. D. H. Wells presiding
After singing Prayer by Bishop D Brinton Singing

Elder Horace S Eldredge having just returned from a visit to the East
where he had been 5 days - said he was pleased to return and again come to the
School of the Prophets, he found that a great deal of prejudice had been
allayed among the more influential, and men of business - he called upon W. H.
Hooper, our Delegate, who through the blessing of God had been restored to health
again, his labours were very great, especially in preparing to meet the Cullum
Bill when the right time comes - H. L. E. felt to use his time, & means for the
building up of the Kingdom of God.

Elder Jacob Gates, was thankful to return from his Mission, where he
started from here on the 1st Novr., he had visited his relatives & friends, and
had endeavoured to gather in and comprehend the spirit of the people, which he
had learned to some extent, mostly by fireside conversation, and some little by
public preaching.

He also spoke of the irrational views entertained by the religious people
in the States. He appreciated the society of those who are Members of the Church
of Jesus Christ of Latter day saints, far more than those of his blood kin -
He rejoiced that God had given us such a leader as Brigham Young, he had no
disposition to turn aside from the truth, having spent the greater portion of
his life in this Kingdom, he did not wish to turn a fool in the evening
of his days Finding fault with our leaders, had a tendency to weaken our own
faith, and that was very undesirable. We should rather strive to build up
and strengthen each other.

Elder John Taylor was pleased to hear the remarks of his brethren - from
the testimony of the scriptures, the world would wax worse and worse - this is
backed up by the testimony of the Elders who have been labouring among the
people. He then compared the inestimable blessings of the Gospel which we
here enjoy to the empty and shallow pretensions of the religious professors
of the age. We are here as the friends and representatives of God and
righteousness, and virtue &c and we feel that God is our friend, he has organized his Holy Priesthood, who are men who hold communion with God - He has shewn us how we can secure the salvation of ourselves and family. - When we cast our eyes upon the tomb and the grim monster death, we realize that they will simply convey us from this to a higher and happier sphere of existence.

Cullum & others had undertaken to fight against God and his truth and they will find it a rough job - though we are a weak and feeble people, he does not wish to kill us, but to use us for his purpose - the Power of God will be felt among all Nations, and when Thrones and Empires will have crumbled to ruin, Truth and righteousness will prevail, while life and thought and being last, or immortality endures.

Elder Geo Q Cannon said the Church had been organized near 40 Years, about the same time, the Lord kept the children of Israel travelling in the wilderness, he hoped the time was not far distant when at these schools, there may be a continual stream of inspiration made manifest of things that has been hid for many generations.

Nothing prevents it but a lack of union on our part in the observance of what we call Temporal things, for instance, how many in this School strictly carry out the simple requirements of the Word of Wisdom - There is much depending on us as members of this school, as to how soon Zion will be redeemed - we are burthened with great responsibilities, and some day not far distant we shall be called to account for the same -

He was oftentimes astonished to see the steadfastness, courage, and faithfulness of our leader under all circumstances - and how patient and long-suffering he was towards the slothfulness and apathy of his brethren

The Meeting was then adjourned for one week at 1 o clock p. m.

After singing Benediction by Elder Josh. F. Smith

Geo Goddard Ctk
On Saturday March 12th 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p.m Present Presid. D. H. Wells presiding

After Singing Prayer by Elder Jacob Gates Singing

Elder Geo Q. Cannon then read the Rules of the School, and made some excellent remarks on the nature and obligation that each Member of the School enters upon, whenever, with uplifted hands, covenants to observe. He repudiated the idea of a self sufficient spirit, as being a barrier to progress, but while we can view our own weaknesses or defects by the light of the spirit, there is room for us to advance If we loved the Lord our God with all our hearts, there would be no duty unperformed; How long will it be before we are prepared to go back to build up the Zion of our God, this land was given us, on purpose to give us a preparation or experience, that we may become fitted to return, and build up the Centre stake of Zion - The rules of the School just read, when we can thoroughly be guided by them - will be followed by others far more stringent than these are - What is it to keep the Word of Wisdom according to the Spirit and meaning thereof, was asked by a Member of the school.

Prest D. H. Wells said when a person was melted down under a conviction of sin - is ready to ask What shall we do Lord - He then enumerated several duties that is strictly binding on all Latter day Saints. We may do many things, that in their very nature will be a have a tendency to benefit, bless, and exalt us in his presence Amongst them is the privilege of Cooperating together to build up Zion - the payment of Tithing, the allaying of an unhalloved appetite, by abstaining from Tobacco, Tea, Coffee, Whiskey &c - serve God with a willing heart - was a great privilege to know how to serve God - He mentioned his own experience in leaving off the use of Coffee - and also quoted the promise the Lord made to those who observed the Word of Wisdom, viz That when the destroying angel should pass by, and not hurt us.

We must comply with his will or law, and find our way back into the presence of God or we can reject it, and go along the broad road that leads to death. The rules are not very stringent, and he wished to know who would observe them
The vote was then put to the school, and every Member apparently, with uplifted hands voted to sustain them.

Elder John Taylor said there was more importance in those things we have been hearing, than we are apt to attach to them. In his visits away from home he is often asked to take Tea and Coffee, and in some houses he notices they drink it all around him, and it gives him very peculiar feelings for some of them are members of the School of the prophets. He strongly advocated cleanliness in our habits, in our houses, our persons, our food, &c so that we can become fit subjects for those who are arrayed in white - why were we required to come out from the world, but for the purpose of laying aside every evil practise (that so prevails in the Gentile World) among them is the Word of Wisdom - if we are preparing for the Kingdom of God, how strange, if we cant observe some of these little things -

He then contrasted the pure and safe principles of the Eternal life, with the shallow and uncertain notions of the World and apostates He wanted to associate with those who fight the good fight of faith, who dare to keep the commandments of God, with those he wished to live, and with them he wished to die -

Adjoined for one week at one a week

After Singing Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt

Geo Goddard

SectY -
On Saturday, March 19th, 1870, Theological Class met at the Tabernacle
at one o'clock p.m. Present: Pres. D. H. Wells, presiding.

After singing, Prayer by Elder Geo. Goddard, Singing the
Elder W. Woodruff said, this being a school of prophets, should be
profitable to those who come here, the spirit of God that each Elder possesses
is the Spirit of prophecy - we have had the living oracles in our midst for
40 years on the 6th April next - And as a people we have got to prepare a
lately place for the coming of the Son of man, the United States had been warned by
several hundred missionaries, perhaps for the last time, and their testimonies
will stand good before God, Angels and Men - the situation of the people re-
quired the Servants of God to interfere with temporal things, and council and
instruct them in the principle of Cooperation &c, this gives offence to some
but all things are necessary from time to time. He then urged the necessity of
each one who comes to this school, observing the rules which we have covenanted
to observe - We want an increase of faith, so as to meet all the opposition
and persecution we may have to encounter.

He then commended the calmness and composure of our leader Pres. Young,
under the most trying circumstances, encouraged the school to put their trust
in God, and be united, and do our duty. And our Leaders will be inspired to
lead this people in a straight path and Zion will be built up and the God bless-
ings of God will rest upon his people, and may He enable each one to do their
is my prayer in the name of Jesus.

Elder Geo Q. Cannon spoke of neglect in some coming late to school; and
others excuse them selves in being absent. On some trifling pretext - The
Spirit of Prophecy, by some, is not well understood, and are more or less ex-
posed to the influence of the adversary, there are rules by which we may be-
come thoroughly acquainted with it - That Spirit is a still small voice, that
whispers to our understanding, but to be benefitted by it, and taught by it, we
must seek after it, commune with it, observe its whisperings, and carry them
out, then everything necessary for a Man as a Husband or Father &c will receive
wisdom for every emergency in all our private affairs of life. - and if fully
developed, that soul will be filled with the spirit of Prophecy, and he will be
warned and forewarned of everything that affects his interests.

We are not sufficiently alive to the great privileges that we are en-
titlled to as the Saints and Servants of God, then let us give heed to the voice
of the Spirit, that our understandings may not be warped - but that our faith
in God may be of the most unwavering kind - and our lives exemplify the great
truth that we have received - God has given unto us the Holy Oracles of God,
he has given us the Holy Ghost &c and preserved us, hedging us in as with a
wall of fire, and kept us safe in these Valleys, from the hands of all our
enemies. Many have sworn to destroy us, for practising the Order of P Celestial
Marriage, and yet God has saved us from their threat - every man who proves
a traitor under all these circumstances will be damned and go to the lowest hell -

Elder Henry acknowledged the kind hand of God that had been over him
& his family since he had embraced the Gospel, Multiplying his posterity to
between 50 & 60, while those of his relatives who backed out from the Church
many years ago, had been smitten by death, until they were nearly all gone, and
the few living, complain of their loneliness -

Elder Orson Pratt referred to the Spirit of prophecy which existed to
a great extent in the days of Moses. God is willing that all should enjoy it
according to their faithfulness, - but it must be obtained by diligence and
humility - their are several ways of seeking after the blessings of God -
One is by prayer alone - another by prayer and good works combined - We have
been taught a great deal in our temporal matters, since this school was organized
our standard in temporal things was fashioned more after the world, and a much
instruction was necessary to lay aside the spirit of selfishness that had
grown up in our midst -
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He then shown the blessings enjoyed by the ancient Prophets by having the
spirit of prophecy and revelation, in connexion with the school of the proph-
ests - He then warned the brethren against false and delusive spirits, which
a few of the who had been members of this school had been led astray by -
they have discarded the temp doctrine of the resurrection of the body, the
personality of God &c - in seeking therefore for the blessings of the Holy
Spirit, beware of the counterfeit -

Elder S. A. Woolley, (returned Missionary from the States) Said he
had met with uniform respect and kindness from those he had visited he had done
but little good, in regard to convincing people of the truth of the Gospel -
but in his conversations he had been influence by many, in correcting false im-
pressions pertaining to our social and political condition, he had sought
interviews with Men of wealth and influence, and obtained many opportunities
of the kind - and he made frequent allusions to the corruptions in the present
administrations, and Celestial Marriage - He had tried to live faithful
before God, And when he read a telegram of the death of his son, he was led
to enquire, what he had done, to be bereft of his firstborn - but he never-
theless felt to acknowledge of God, and his kind hand dealings, not only
over him, but we as a people.

Prest. D. M. Wells said, now that Wheat and flour are low in price and
has-suf difficult to sell for Money, they had plenty of it in the Tithing
Office, he wished the brethren to send in their tithing Butter, Eggs, Meat
&c that the tithing hands may have a little variety of food on their table
as well as others - instead of having to peddle off Wheat, or Flour, for which
they have to pay $2.00 per bush. and $6.00 per 100., and can eb only obtain
90c per bush and $2.50 per 100 in exchange fee for a little Butter, Eggs or
Meat.

Meeting adjourned for one week at 1 o clock

Benediction by Elder Josh. F. Smith

George Goddard
Sec'y.
On Saturday March 26th 1870 Theological Class met at the old
Tabernacle at 10 o clock Present Presnt. D. H. Wells presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder Amos Fielding Singing

Elder Jno. Sharp, was much pleased to see his brethren again, having been
to California to effect a settlement with the Westh Central Pacific Railroad
Co, he had succeeded in obtaining One Hundred Thousand Dollars, which he con-
sidered tolerably liberal - In reference to the Cullum Bill, he the people
in California cared but little about it, but they would certainly prefer us
for their friends rather than enemies -

Elder John Taylor, said he thought that Congress had not sunk so low as
as to pass such a Bill as against us, as they had done, having passed through
the house, they may possibly carry it through the Senate, if so, and it be-
comes a Law, and they seek to enforce it, how we shall stand it, he did not
know - but it was Gods Kingdom, and He had to sustain it, or we should be
in a poor fix.

He then rehearsed some of the experience of himself and the other Apostles in being called, and sent forth as Missionaries to the nations of the
earth, and spoke of the operations of the Holy Spirit upon the minds of the
people among whom they laboured.

In reference to the bill just passed, said it was the most barbarous of
anything that ever emanated from a Legislative body, Will a war with us be the
result? He knew not and cared less - Zion will prosper, some may have to
pass behind the vail, and what of it, we have plenty of friends there, and if
do right, We have nothing to fear -

Elder Josh. A. Young said it seemed that we, improved this country too much,
for the dogs outside were envious of our improvements - He was tired of this
eternal doggery, but God was on our side, and he will defend us, as in times
past, He believed that we as a people were never more inclined to build it
up the Kingdom of God than at the present time - He suggested the idea of
having all the Elders of Israel got together by timely notice to give vent to
our feelings of indignation against such an ungodly oppressive measure now
inaugurating - They are bound to make us independant. They are bound to fight
the Kingdom of God until they are used up

Elder W. Woodruff, loved to see men valient in a good cause, especially
in the testimony of Jesus - He had known Elder Taylor as far back as Kirtland,
stand up nobly in defending the Prophet Joseph - The spirit made manifest
here to day, he had no doubt existed among all the Elders of Israel.

This was the great Kingdom of our God, and our Government will rot and come
to Nought, hav being about to fill up the Measure of their iniquity - We do
now know what the Lord wants to do with us, but we must take it patiently,
and whatever the Lord says through his servant Brigham, we will do.-

He had been baptized for all his friends, and was ready to go behind the
Vail, any time, the Lord wanted him - but Zion will prosper and be built up,
every latter day Saint should live to build it as far as they have strength
and ability. He then prophesied the speedy destruction of this Nation,
and the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

Elder Crockwell related the experience he had while on a Mission to the
East, when conversing with some on the Cullen Bill, and its probable conse-
cquences upon us as a people, and also on the United States.

Elder Geo D Watt said he was now prest under the Devils Harrow, but by
the help of God he hoped to get from under it - he wanted nevertheless to
hang on to his brethren, and the cause of truth that he had espoused - He
hoped he should become humbled sufficient by and bye, that Prest. Young will
be able to use him He By possessing a mixture of the blood of English &
Scotch, he never could bear to be drove, but kindness and sympathy influences
him, and will do, all through his mortality - He hoped to hang on to the
old Ship Zion, and endure to the end -

Elder James Cummings said in 1863 or 1864 while secretary to the Act®.
Governor Amos Read, he-s the said Read stated that in 5 Years, Polygamy would
not exist on this Continent, & Bro C. retorted, that in 10 Years, it would
govern the whole Nation. He was would rather die, than submit to such infernal
oppression that will be entailed upon us by the passing of that cursed bill.

As a Nation they have got to join issue with this Kingdom - We and fill up the measure of their iniquity - We have no other show, but to prepare for the Contest which was sure to come to pass. If this Kingdom is not the Lords, it will go to the wall -

May the Lord help us to do our duty - As he wished to see Zion established

Elder E. M. Murphey denounced the Traitors in our midst, as being far more to be dreaded than all the outside enemies and Cullums Bill put together - exhorted the brethren to be faithful -

Elder Geo Q. Cannon said the spirit of fighting seems to be easily brought when circumstances call it forth out A - it had not died out during the years of peace we have enjoyed - If any people ever did deserve salvation and deliverance from the hands of our enemies, the Latter Day Saints certainly did - Let us keep our tongues still and not implicate ourselves by unwise talking - He then predicted in the Name of the Lord Jesus that our enemies will never drive us from these vallies nor burn our property -

Elder David Kimball said the greatest warfare is he knew anything about was that which pertained to himself, to overcome himself, lest he should not do right - The hoops will be drove tight, and many of the wicked and ungodly will flee away.

He had a long time to live, if he did right and he had a great desire to do right - he had a good, and gave a favourable report of the people of Bear Lake, who were out of debt, very industrious, and had comfortable homes -

Elder Orson Pratt expressed the same feelings of resistance to that iniquitous bill, should it pass the Senate, and become a Law, as he would rather turn out and submit to all the privations incident to a war, than tamerly submit to the humiliation that it would subject us to.

He then read in the Book of Mormon some of the promises that were made to the righteous who should be oppressed by the proud and wicked nation on this Continent - He had no doubt but the Bill will pass the Senate, and then signed by the President, and if so, he should like to know what course we
should have to take that we may be getting ready but the Lord through his
Servants will dictate these matters &c

Prest. D H Wells, said it was easy to make unwise speeches - it seemed
natural for men to want to fight - though that was the last resort for us to
think about - He again exhorted the brethren to quietly secure a gun and
plenty of ammunition - as to submitting to such a state of things, he did not
expect to - but how many of even this school are this day trading and sustaining
our open enemies in this City, instead of sustaining the servants of God
in their Councils &c - but inasmuch as we have sinned as a people, let us re-
pent and do better - Prest. D. H Wells then expressed a desire to learn what
proportion of the school were Polygamists, and on rising upon their feet about
one third present were in Polygamy - He then favored the a Mass Meeting of
the Elders to discuss on legal grounds the unconstitutionality of passing such
a bill as Cullums - He also referred to the relentless persecution that raged
against us in Illinois, and also stated the fact that all the leading men now
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oppressing us and the principal Officials in our midst are from Illinois -

If an unconstitutional Law be passed by Congress, we dont recognize it as
Law, and by shewing up some Legal points, why we oppose such, may possibly
reach some Legal Court that will decide en in our favour

by Geo Q Cannon, Seconded by W. Woodruff
It was then moved & carried unanimously - That we hold a Mass Meeting

on Thursday Next at this place - at One o clock p m Moved & Carried

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That a Committee^ be appointed and the following were unanimously sustained

John Taylor Hosea Stout J.C. Little Wilford Woodruff
D H Wells Elias Smith Geo Q Cannon Zerubbel Snow
Orson Pratt A Miner Josh A Young Josh F Smith

Sam W Richards S T W Bernhisal J M Bernhisal

The School was adjourned for one week p m - at one o clock p m

After singing Benediction by Elder W. Woodruff

Geo Goddard Secty
On Saturday April 2nd 1870

Theological Class met in the Tabernacle at One o clock P M

Present Prest. D.H. Wells presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder G. B. Wallace Singing

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon said no subject had been spoken upon in this school, as that of trading with our enemies, had this Council been fully carried out, he did not believe the Cullom Bill would have met with such support as it has, the originators of that bill have been, and are continuing to be sustained by some of our leading men, which he was sorry for - were he to do it, and trouble comes upon us, he should feel that blood would stain his garments, and he would have to render an account of it in the day of the Lord Jesus.

He hoped the time however would come, when the Lord will not permit the righteous to suffer with the wicked. Whenever we become united as one man we shall not be permitted to be harrassed and perplexed &c

Elder Josh. E. Smith spoke of the responsibilities that rested upon the Elders of Israel - Whenever the outside world attempt to bring trouble upon us, if as a people, he was led to look upon the Conduct of the Saints, and he was satisfied that they had kept their covenants and kept the commandments of God, then we have nothing to fear, but if we have been faulty and not observed the Council of the servants of God, then we shall surely receive the chastisement that is necessary to purge out from our midst those who offend -

We had great reason to repent, for he well knew that some had been guilty of flagrant offenses, and violation of Covenants which we have in this school. The principles of the Gospel were calculated to reform the world. No man can serve two Masters, God and the Devil. He desired to act moderately, and speak in accordance with the spirit of his calling - He had a desire for the saints to be humble and live their religion, and then there would be no fear from the outside element. The Kingdom of God was bound to be built up on this Continent, and any effort made by the Government of the United States to wipe it out - it would only hasten its final accomplishment the quicker
The fact that our enemies are flourishing in our midst, is a proof that they are sustained by many, who call themselves Latter day Saints. He then urged the brethren of the School to use their utmost endeavours to check this evil, for it was a great and crying sin —

All Saints in these valleys have all the freedom that any man in the world can ask for, they are free to do evil or good according to their choice. — There is nothing in the world but the Kingdom of God for me — No man though a millionaire can take one bank note with them when they leave the world.

He hoped the Lord would never bless him with great wealth, unless with it, a disposition to build up the Kingdom of God, in preaching the Gospel, — Feed the poor, build the Temple &c. It was a strange thing to him, for any one who loves the gift more than the giver —

Preset. D. H. Wells said when the world was particularly down upon us, it was a pretty good sign, that we are not very far wrong as a people — Since cooperation started, quite a number of merchants had been stopped in business and if we will only sustain cooperation ourselves, many more will close up — now.

We have met to be wise and prudent in our course, and we shall see the salvation of God — The Kingdom, and the greatness of the Kingdom will be given to the Saints of the most high God, just as soon as they have learned to use it to carry out his purposes —

In times past we have sustained our enemies with the very means that God had blest us with, but we have now learned better, and the Devil is mad about it — And just as we are willing to carry out the Council of the Saints Servants of God — we shall prosper and increase in everything — Let us not swerve to the right hand or the left and but put out our fruit trees, and cultivate the land, and all will be right — Because men cannot practise their iniquity with impunity, the Devil and servants are mad about it — The Lord will never permit the evil one to stop his work — but what is coming, will only hasten the great work of the Last days — Prophesies are being fulfilled in this our day — We do not want of our government, but what is guaranteed to us by the Constitution. And should we ever have to take any violent measure it will only
be in self defense - Let us have everything ready, to act at a moments no-
tice, be sure to have a gun, and plenty of Ammunition, it may be necessary
some time to use it.

He then notified the School that on the 6th April, a Meeting will be held
as usual, being Conference day.

He then reminded the Bishops to bring in their tithing of Butter, Eggs,
Meat &c - and he would like to have the brethren have commence to haul rock
as quick as possible to the Temple Block - He then suggested that The-Meeting
a collection be taken up to defray the expense of disseminating of the Deseret
News and with the Petition to Congress in, also the Letters of Colfax and
Elder Taylors reply -

There was Dollars subscribed -

The School was adjourned for one week at One oclock

After Singing Benediction by Elder O Pratt

Geo Goddard
Sect'y
On Saturday April 9th 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle At One o'clock p.m

Present  Prest. D. H. Wells presiding

After singing Prayer by Bp John Sharp Singing

Elder John F. Smith desired the aid of the spirit of the Lord while he endeavoured to address the school - He who runs well, and perseveres, endures to the end, will most assuredly gain the prize. He desired to use his influence and set such an example to his brethren as will induce them to be more faithful and humble. God by his power brought this people to this Territory -

We have had every opportunity of becoming a wise and righteous people since we came here - God through his servants has sought this people one, and if we have not advanced to that perfection as we ought to, it is not the fault of God our Heavenly Father, but it lies with ourselves. If any of us come short of any blessing it is because of our unfaithfulness.

All men's faith in this Kingdom will shortly be tried to the very centre, and many, he felt satisfied, would fall by the way - He knew that this was the Kingdom of God - He also knew that the sealing power and other principles of the Gospel were true and eternal - He was satisfied that all murmurers and complainers, were the apostates. He could point out members of this school whose conduct clearly proved them to be apostates, and he could call out their names if necessary - The Man who undertakes to build himself without prayer will fail, for this is the Kingdom of God, and God requires us to call upon him - So with a Liar, a Swearer, and negligent, all will fall short of their expectations.

For over twenty years in these valleys, we have lived in peace, and had every opportunity of carrying out the council of the School of the Prophets - He then enumerated several sins that have been indulged by the Elders of the Church - especially before the establishment of the school, and since then a "Code of Morals" had been introduced for every member to observe, and to overcome these sins, the Elders must be more faithful and humble - We must
hurled at them - it was the fact that thousands are now ready to endorse the Law of Enock - and from the fact that a great and momentous crisis nears us - let us be honest with God and ourselves - Any man who is not willing to honour the Law of God he sincerely wished he would leave us and that forthwith. He never felt more calm & confiding, if we'll only do right we are safe. Elder Josh Young further said, there was private abuses in Families, and also public abuses, that needed correction, and the sooner they are rectified the better -

Elder Amos Fielding mentioned a case of dealing, where a person who purchased an article at an outside store who advertizes sugar at 5 lb for 1.00 - and paid 75 cts more, for it, than a better article was bought for at the Co operative Store -

The School was adjourned for one week p.m.

Benediction by Elder H S Eldredge

Geo Goddard

Sect Y.
Theological Class met in the Tabernacle at One o clock p m

Present  Prest. B. Young  presiding

After Singing.  Prayer by Elder Geo Q Cannon  Singing

Prest. Geo A Smith was thankful to appear before the School again, after visiting the southern part of our Territory, comprising some 30 thousand Saints - Many had been called years ago, to make settlements below the rim of the basin, some had excused themselves, others had asked to be excused, while quite a number went to fill their Missions, and the amount of work they had performed, was quite astonishing, various were the Motives that prompted the establishment of this important Mission, though but few could realize, why they should leave a thickly settled country, and go into a very barren place, and a long way off, from where the comforts of life could be obtained.

He then exposed some of the dangers that many had subjected themselves to, in consequence of going off into an isolated part, without having arms or numbers sufficient to protect themselves against the caprice and plunder of the savages - they had been absent 52 days from the City, had travelled over 1200 Miles, and constantly employed in counsilling the Saints in public or in private - teaching the principle of Domestic economy and how to build up Zion.

Prest. B. Young said it was better to do or to talk, to build up Zion was the business of the Saints - He would like to spend his winters in Dixey, it was a beautiful Country, and whether Cullom's Bill passes or not; he should certainly advise some of the Brethren to go and settle there -

Those who demurred going on a Mission when called, on account of their Farm, Merchandise or anything else, who sooner or later apostatize from this Church - Some few had lately gone overboard, but nothing in comparison to what there will be, when the screws are put down. They were about to select for some few a Mission to England and Scandinavia, and also for the South. He did not wish for any one to volunteer, for no one would go, where he wanted to send them except to carry out the principle of Co operation, espec-
fally in reference to Cattle & Horses - He rebuked the spirit of destruction entertained by some, towards the Indians. It was just as reprehensible as the same Spirit we see in the Gentiles, who want to destroy the Mormons.

He then recommended the let alone policy towards apostates in our midst, not to speak, or write about them, or wish them evil.

The following persons were then called on Missions
Scandinavia Wm. W. Cluff (to preside)

In response to an enquiry, all those present, who were called, express their willingness to go The- On Motion, The School unanimously sustained the Brethren whose names had been called to take Missions

Bro Henry expressed his joy at the return of our Captain from the south, and prayed for, and blest the Missionaries -

The Meeting was adjourned for one week at One o'clock p m

After singing Benediction by Pres. G. A. Smith

Geo Goddard
Sect Y.
April 30th
On Saturday May-1 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p.m

Present  Prest. B. Young presiding

After singing  Prayer by Elder David McKenzie  Singing

Elder Horace S. Eldredge was pleased to be a Member of the School, it
had been a source of benefit and blessing to him, though he had not lived up
to all the duties he had many times lifted up his hands to attend to, such as
attending Ward and Fast Meetings &c. the yet it was his daily effort to over-
come his weaknesses until he finally succeeded in honoring every calling and
duty required at his hands - He felt thankful for the confidence reposed in
him, by calling him to fulfill an important Mission to England which he hoped
by the blessing of God to honorably fill.

He never had any desire to go after or listen to, any of the Schisms
that have broken off from this Church, lest his mind should come in contact
with false doctrines. While on his Mission he particularly desired the pray-
ers of his brethren in his behalf.

Elder Benick Huntington felt thankful to be thank here again, having been
on a Mission East, and bore the same testimony as the other Elders, pertain-
ing to the selfishness and darkness of the people. He exhorted the brethren
to live their religion, all was right, we are in the right place - He felt
to rejoice in God, &c. -

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon then read the rules of the School.

Prest. Geo A. Smith spoke of the rules being simple, and exactly adapted
to our sanctification, and should be observed. Every man that belongs to the
school of the Prophets, ought to be man enough to do right because it is right,
and to abstain from wrong because it is wrong. And not to let his left hand
know what his right hand doeth -

We have a right to meet here and talk about building up Zion or anything
else we please - although some bellow and bowl, and threaten us, because we
hold these meetings. God will defend us, and when the time comes, a Temple
Earth or Hell opposes.

Pres. Josh. Young rather objected to the first rule of the School which require exact promptness in our attendance or-g unless excused by the Pres-ident, he regarded it as too stringent, and did not wish to be bound by it in his its present form - the Word of Wisdom, he looked upon as being inter-preted and acted upon by each Saint - He strongly advocated the Spirit of leniency and Kindness towards our Wives and Children, when they are in error, rather than uncouth and harsh treatment.

Elder Robt. F. Neslen felt proud that he had been called to go forth on a Mission to preach the Gospel, he had been more or less engaged in that delightful labour for 17 Years. - He expressed thankfulness for the chastising rod that was administered to him some time ago by Bro Brigham. He had seen much affliction in his family, and in his body, since that time, and needed much of the consoling influences of the spirit of God. He hoped the prayers of the Saints would be offered in his behalf while on his Mission -

Pres. B. Young said at the time that Bro Neslen was chastened, a it fire was like a \ brand being thrown into the nest and breaking a shell before it had time to hatch.

Bp. E. D. Woolley had voted for the rules of the school a great made many times, and had endeavoured to live up to them - there is nothing very binding on the latter day Saints, for every rule is good and wholesome and ought to be observed -

Many Members of this school never darken the doors of a Fast Meeting or Ward Meeting, or pay their fast offering. He never enjoyed his religion better than now - and now was the time, when dangers threatened us, to rally round the standard and sustain, not only the principles but the promulgaters of them -

Elder Geo Q Cannon did not agree with the idea that the Word of Wisdom should be regarded and treated in that loose and lax way, as to be left to our own interpretation of it - He believed that both Tea, Coffee, Tobacco &
Spirits was positively injurious, and though the Word was given 38 years ago,
as a Word of Wisdom, after so long an experience we have had, it is now become
a positive Law to refrain from them - He strongly urged a strict observance
of the rule that refers to sustaining ourselves and letting alone the enemies
of the saints, for it was perfectly suicidal for us to sustain our open and
a vowed enemies.

It was then Motioned & Carried. That Bro Geo Barber of Smithfield go on
a Mission to England -- Also Peter Evans 9th Ward Do Edmund P. Bird Do
Ralph Thompson Do It was also Motioned & Carried That Bro Levi North be
released from a Mission to England that he was appointed to last Saturday.

A request was also made for the Sunday School Children to attend the New
Tabernacle tomorrow afternoon, also for as many adults as possible so as to
fill up the House.

The High Council was requested to Meet at the Seventys Council Hall on
Tuesday next at 10 o'clock A M

Prest. B. Young then notified the Missionaries that Friday 13th May had
been decided upon for them to start to Omaha He then spoke on the necessity
of every Member of the School, observing the rules of it - it was just as easy
to observe them as not, but we must have our hearts upon them - We can just as
well attend our Ward and Fast Meetings, and pay our fast offerings as not, if
we only want to - The Lord requires us to keep the Sabbath day Holy - and no
man is justified in sending his team on a Saturday for Wood when they know that
it cannot possibly return before Sunday evening - and no one He then called for
a show of hands from those who desired to observe the rules of the School, All
hands were uplifted He then gave some valuable instruction on the Word of
Wisdom.

The Meeting was adjourned for two weeks at one o'clock p m

After Singing Benediction by Elder H. S. Eldredge

Geo Goddard

Sect Y
On Saturday May 14th 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p m

Present  Prest. Geo. A. Smith presiding

After singing  Prayer by Elder S. W. Richards  Singing

Elder A P. Rockwood recommended a systematic organized effort being made to destroy the Grasshoppers, unless it is done, he was satisfied there will be but little raised this season.

Elder W. W. Woodruff said the best plan he had found to destroy them was to get a large shoot, and a man at each corner to drag it through the grain, and when caught p bury them - it certainly was their duty to make an organized effort, and if after that is done, and the Crops are destroyed, we shall have the satisfaction of having done our duty -

Elder John Pack had never seen such destruction by Grasshoppers as in his life, as this season - they had destroyed his wheat, and was going to sow again on Monday - if they take that, he intended to plant Corn - he intended to plough the wheat under and not Harrow it, then, should the first joint is under the surface, And if the Grasshoppers still come, the first joint being under ground it will shoot again -

Elder Jas. Brown suggested a simple method similar to Bro Woodruffs plan -

Prest D H. Wells said one of two things had to be done, one to sit down supinely and bear the loss, or by an organized effort, destroy them, and save a partial Crop - he earnestly recommended a persevering effort by a thorough organization.

Elder W. W. Woodruff suggested That the Bishops of the City County get together and devise some practical method for destroying them -

Elder Carns suggested that by putting Axle Grease on the trunk, two feet high on all our fruit trees - the Grasshoppers will not go near them

Elder Milo Andrus said that Whiskey & water sprinkled on our Trees and Plants will preserve them from injury by the Grasshoppers -

Elder Demick Huntington recommended organization, we are not yet starved
to death, neither shall we be, but the Lord was to try us.

Prest. D. H. Wells desired the Bishops to meet and organize in sufficient force to destroy them in their respective Wards.

It was Motioned and Carried That we all turn out and assist at the Bishops call. Motioned and Carried That Bro. Turnbow be appointed Overseer to assist out to superintendents and see that a sufficient number of men be called out to accomplish the object.

Prest. Geo. A. Smith made a few encouraging remarks, and called upon the brethren to be faithful.

Meeting adjourned for one week at one o'clock p.m.

Benediction by Prest. Geo A. Smith

Geo. Goddard

Clerk
On Saturday May 21st 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle
at One o clock p m Present Prest. B. Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder B Young Junr. Singing

Elder W. W. Woodruff reported that a considerable effort had been made
during the week by Bro Turnbow and those who had turned out to assist him, in
the destruction of the Grasshoppers, and hoped that a union of the
exertion will be continue to be made that our Wheat may be spared

Byp A Gardner said they had turned 1600 Sheep into a field, and kept them
as much as possible in a compact body, driving them slowly along, and every
grasshopper was literally trampled under foot. This they found the most
successful effort they had tried.

Prest. Geo A Smith said the First Presidency had for many years past,
of tried to inspire the brethren to lay up Grain & Flour against a day of Famine
which had not been carried out so generally as might have been - He suggested to
a deep thought on this subject, as something to eat, and sustain us should be
our first consideration - Another class of enemies were plotting our destruc-
tion in their private councils, they may determine to send armies here to de-
troy us, and scatter us, and lay waste our habitations, but it would not prove
our religion to be false - there are many who expect to fatten on our over-
throw, and pick the bones of the Mormons, he believed that some of the Gov-
ernment officials in this City were trying to raise up a friction by brutal
ignorance amongst our community so to base a "hue and cry" of insubordination

It should be our policy to so act, as to give no occasion for offence -
If we pursue a straightforward, wise and patient course, we shall be protected
and sustained, and all will come off right.

He refer'd to varieties of ruling by our Judges in relation to the jw extent
of Jurisdiction by Probate Courts, what one decides upon, another will denounce,
and each Judge seems to have been impregnated with the law that was common in
the state they hailed from. He then contrasted the adjacent Territories with
Utah in the way of Taxes and clearly shown we were highly favoured by husbanding
our resources. Keep out of debt &c
But we will do our duty, and let the worst come, God will reveal in the very day thereof what we should do, if we should have to lose our lives, what better are we than Joseph & Hyrum, & others.

In view of the coming events, God had instituted the principle of co-operation, and those Merchants now trading who are not sustaining it, will surely fall into darkness - let us unite with all our hearts to take council and build up the Kingdom of God - but not to seek after devils to govern this people - He spoke of the Apostacy in the days of Strang & others

Elder Barlow returned Missionary - was highly gratified to return to Salt Lake City, he was well satisfied with this Country, and this people - here the will of the Lord can be learned, and his concern was, to make his calling and election sure - he had visited his friends in the flesh, but could not take that pleasure with them, as with the people of God, who who dwell in these valleys. He had been well treated in every place where he visited - the Newspapers generally sought to bring this people into disrespect by false statements.

He had endeavoured to give a fair and truthful report of the Latter day Saints - and thus correct their impressions in regard to them.

Br. Hunter hoped the brethren would continue their exertions in connection with Bro Turnbow by destroying the Grasshoppers, and we would raise some good crops - let us continue to plant Corn & Potatoes, even should our wheat be eaten.

Prest. B. Young said when we raise grain, hereafter, let us keep it, had we done so and we had a seven years supply, let the Grasshoppers come, instead of raising feed wheat for them, leave nothing but oak brush &c for them, and let us go to and build the Temple and the instead of going to the Gold Mines let because they are short of work, let all such come on and haul rock for the temple.

Meeting was adjourned for one week  Benediction by Elder Jno Taylor

G Goddard  Sect Y.
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o'clock p.m.

Present Pres't. B. Young presiding After singing Prayer by Bp E.D.Woolley

Singing

Pres't. Geo A Smith said at the present moment, the whole civilized world are more or less agitated on the subject of Celestial Marriage which we as a people not only preach and believe in, but more or less practised - We did not receive that doctrine because Ancient Men of God practised it, but on a/c of a Revelation given by the Almighty to Joseph Smith. He wished the Elders to speak on the Social Effects of Plurality - on the testimony furnished by the Bible in its favour &c. --

Elder N H. Felt said in the world, the Bible was pretty much ignored - and Jesus Christ regarded as a Mere Man, denying his divinity - but they don't like the Mormons having more wives than one - We have physiological laws to sustain the Doctrine - the Bible also, and more than all, a command given by God Almighty - The brute creation refuses connexion with the opposite sex, but man frequently breaks this pure law of nature - a frequent connexion with a pregnant wife will produce a serious effect on the unborn infant, and no wonder their offspring as they grow up, have such a tendency to a lustful and indiscriminate familiarity between the sexes -- This generation is fast running out in consequence of such indulgences -

The large proportion of the female sex is generally admitted, and which fact is simply the result of Monogamy - Woman, who according to her organism is prepared to produce offspring - and fulfil the great command of God to multiply and replenish the earth - She therefore has her claims on God & the Heads of Governments that no law shall ever be made to counteract or prevent her destiny.

Pres't. Geo A Smith made a particular request of his the Elders to speak plainly on this subject, to avoid vulgarity, but call things by their right names. He then gave a privilege for any one to come to the stand. --

1st Ward
Elder Theo. H Read believed the earth was the Lords and the fulness thereof.
Do we respect and carry out the Councils of the Servants of God - Do we sustain
ourselves, and are willing to become one - Would the a\x King send a mighty army against his loyal subjects - He did not think he would, but we call this farm and this orchard &c Ours, instead of acknowledging it to be the Lords, He says except ye are one ye are not mine &c. -

Prest. B. Young said we had been councilled to lay up our grain, and with it but very few exceptions - had neglected to carry\ out - and on that a/c, the Grasshoppers were suffered to destroy our crops, and he had no objection for them to remain, until the Saints became willing to be one -

Elder A. Merrill said this was a fast age, and a great many East were giving way to a suicidal course - by cutting throats, Infanticide &c. A Woman of Child bearing age having a good Husband, was capable of giving birth to from 6 to 12 Children, this would fill up her capability - but-a-man by about the time she was 40 or 45 years old - but a man during the same length of time had the power to beget hundreds of children, without impairing his physical powers -

Prest. Geo A Smith hoped the Brethren would post themselves on the subject of Polygamy - and other doctrines, so that at future schools they may deliver a 10 minutes meeting, for mutual instruction

Meeting was adjourned for one week at One o'clock p m

After singing Benediction by Prest. Geo A Smith

Geo Goddard

Sect'y.
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o’clock p.m.

Present Elder Orson Pratt presiding, Pres. B. Young & Council being absent, holding a two days meeting at Box Elder

After Singing Prayer by Elder Sam'l. Richards Singing

Elder Orson Pratt after making a few preliminary remarks, called on the brethren to deliver their views on the subject of Plural Marriage as suggested by the 1st Presidency

The Clerk then read a paper on that subject written by Elder Edu'd. Stevenson, it was composed entirely of Scripture testimony.

Elder Geo B. Wallace refered to the 1st pair that God created to be in the Garden of Eden viz Adam and Eve, at which time they were perfect, and immortal beings—through transgression they forfeited the favour of God, and brought sin and death into the world—the Gospel of the Son of God is intended to reinstate and restore them to all, that by sin they had lost and will be brought forth in the Morning of the resurrection with the same relationship as existed when they fell, viz Husband & wife and as it is natural for men to obey the Gospel than woman, so in the resurrection will every woman come forth united to some man as her husband—He believed that no one with one wife will ever become a God—He also believed that no one with only one wife will come forth in the first resurrection—that no woman man could cohabit with his wife while pregnant without a diminishing the strength of body and mind in the infant—½ an hour.

Elder Osmond Shaw express full confidence in the scripture testimony's the— it as been a rule and Monogomy the exception since the creation of Man—No Law that ever emanated from God will produce evil—At the present time there is One fifth of all children born, illegitimate—There are one third of all the Marriageable females in England in excess of Males—The children of Polygamic nations are stronger in Body and Mind than those of Monogamy where is the Plurality of Wives—and whenever and wherever, the Gospel was received, Polygamy was always existed.
Spoke of Jesus coming when the time of restitution of all things spoken by
the Prophets since the world again -

Elder Winberg spoke of those who have had wives before receiving the
and died
Gospel, then received it, had More, and the living one to act as proxy for
all
those behind the vail, and thus come forth together in the resurrection -

Elder Theo. Curtis shown that Jacob of old was in the Kingdom of God as
he proved by the Scriptures - Rachael & Leah his wives, Leah was barren, asked
the Lord for Children and it was granted. Rachael complained of Jacob for
closing up her womb Jacob said God alone could do this - Jacob who had 4
wives, God promised to be with him and would never leave him - and when return-
ing with his wives and children Esau met him and enquired who all these were,
he said, & these are my wives and children whom God hath given me. -

Elder E. M. Murphy spoke much on the subject of personal experience -

Elder Amos Fielding said, the signs of the times require the introduction
of Polygamy and God requires it &c. there is

Elder Orson Pratt had been instructed by some of the Scriptures testi-
monies that were had been brought forward - Enoch had such a knowledge of Life
and Immortality, as to become translated, body and spirit - and as Life and
immortality is brought to light through the Gospel Enoch and the ancient
worthies must have obeyed the Gospel.

If there is no marrying nor giving in marriage in the next world, he did
not know any scripture where it said there shall be no giving, God may possibly
give many wives to a good man - We can prove to the world that God sanctions
plural Marriage, and that to, for eternity. he was thankful for an additional
testimony advanced by Bro Curtis, that God had given wives, children &c to Jacob.

- God has so ordained it that Females should bring forth their offspring during
the most healthy and vigorous portion of their lives, viz from the age of about
17 to 45

The School was adjourned one week at 1 p m  After singing

Benediction by Ep E D Woolley

G Goddard  Clk
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle At One oclock p m

Present Prest. Geo A Smith presiding After singing

Prayer by Elder Geo B. Wallace Singing

By request of Prest. Geo A Smith Elder Reynolds read a letter received from a Gentleman residing in California by the name of Allan Tillinghart Wilson, in which, he heartily endorses the doctrine of Plurality of wives, and speaks very highly of those principles which govern the Latter day saints, though himself, a man of no religion.

Prest. Geo A Smith in speaking of David & Uriah refer'd to in the above letter, said that David was guilty of adultery as well as Murder, for both of which he had to pay the penalty.

Whenever we leave this valley, he expected we would go to Jackson County, although we may have to return in a roundabout direction - the Lord will try us in various ways - the road we should walk in, is that which is already marked out for us - until our hearts are a little more mellowed around here, we need not expect to go to Jackson County. - we must all unite, and stand by the Presidency - the effect of Co operation in our midst has saved many of our Merchant Brethren from Bankruptcy by inducing a cautious mode of purchase &c. It is our bounden duty to sustain and back up the hands of President Young, and not stand in the way of progress - We are going to learn to do right here, and stay just as long as the Lord wants us - He also spoke of the happy reception the President & party met with at Brigham City

Elder Geo Q Cannon read a question from a Member of the School, enquiring if the Revelation on Celestial Marriage, is not binding on all the Members of the Church - Answer, If any man marries a Wife in the Endowment House he is sealed under this Law, and in taking a second, under the same law also - the revelation is printed and consequently can be read and understood by all - he did not think the question was worth quibbling about.

Elder Orson Pratt considered it a very important thing for the Elders to become well informed on all the principles connected with our faith, and es-
that of Plural Marriage, recommended them to commit to Memory every passage
Testament
in the old as well as the New - every passage that has any bearing on the
subject, so as to become thoroughly familiarized with them, and bring them
forward whenever called for - if only one passage was committed to Memory
daily, we would soon have our minds well stored with Scripture testimony -

Elder Geo Q Cannon said the object of marriage, is it for the purpose of
propagating our Species or for purposes of sensual indulgence - Man is differ-
cently organized to Women - Man is capable of begetting children until Eighty
years old, Woman only capable of bearing children until from 40 to 50 years
old. This fact is a very important one, it gives a righteous Man a chance of
raising a pure seed and many of them, if the Law permits him - Woman, during the
period of pregnancy, and Lactation, gives a Man a long period of time to beget
children should circumstances permit. It would be an easy thing for a strong
man like Moses or others like-of-like to beget a very numerous offspring, if he
had a sufficient number of wives to do so.

The introduction of Polygamy at the present time, he believed would be the
means of raising a noble seed - and any man who steps out under the present
circumstances, and takes to himself many wives, in the face of so much oppo-
sition, shows himself to be of no ordinary character - and such men are more
likely to raise up a number of great men, than those who are confined to the
Monogamous system - Many of our own Church would have left no son to perpet-
uate their name, were it not for Polygamy &c

Elder John Pack believed it to be the duty of every one to keep the com-
mandments of God - Adam & Eve were married by God & commanded to multiply
and replenish the earth - Man possesses a greater power of procreation
than woman - and therefore indispensable in having more wives than one -
He felt under condemnation in cohabiting with his wives at improper times -
and all mankind were under that sin - to carry out the first great command,
Man must have the means to do it, viz. Women in whom to plant seed —
Jesus sprang from the loins of David, and God has always honored the great
and noble polygamists of past ages —

the Elder believed in work of the latter days, he believed
in the written word, in the Bible, Book of Mormon & Doctrine & Cov-
enants, also on the living oracles —

School was adjourned for one week at 1 p.m.

Benediction by Elder Geo Q. Cannon.

C. Goddard
Clerk
On Saturday June 18th 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o’clock p.m.

Present  Pres. Geo. A Smith presiding

After singing prayer by Bp A Hoagland Singing

By request of Pres. Geo. A Smith Elder George Reynolds said that where Monogamy was the Law, it compelled a more frequent cohabitation than is right and proper, and as a consequence the Animal passions are very early developed in their offspring - and also a habit of giving way to self abuse - this evil exists to a greater or less extent among the Children of the Latter-day Saints - and Parents should certainly warn their children of the evils of such a practise. The practise of Plural Marriage had existed from time immemorial among the Jews - therefore St Paul says Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled, but Adulterers and whoremongers, God will judge -

Elder L. Snow spoke of the first command that God gave to Adam & Eve viz. To Multiply and replenish the earth, and could be carried out by man with one wife or more  God commanding plural Marriage in this our day, was the strongest reason for him to carry it out.

Plural Marriage was in accordance with nature, and natural Law will not conflict with divine Law - He thought that in the Majority of cases, the Female during pregnancy would rather repulse than invite cohabitation - the act of generation draws the very best blood that a man possesses -

He believed that Plural Marriage would tend to diminish the evil of self-pollution - He was inclined to think that indulgence on the part of man, was less in Plural Marriage than in Monogamy. He also thought that as there were more Marriagable females than Males - so he thought that Plural Marriage made provision for that and should be tolerated -

Elder Orson Pratt said that when plurality was first taught in Nauvoo the following arguments was used, that supposing Male & female be about equal in number - are there not some, more righteous than others - Spirits are begotten in the spirit world, by the righteous - the world wicked have not the
privilege of procreating their species, and why not the same restrictions in
this world - The wicked, here, have the privilege of begetting tabernacles in
this life, but not to beget the intelligent spirit in the eternal world.

In the ancient Law, at a time of war, they were commanded not to spare,
either Man Woman or Suckling - so that the Jewish nation should not be pollut-
ed by a people who were living without law - If the number of Males & fe-
males be equal - it is no reason why Plural Marriage should not exist. as
the Lord had determined to raise up a righteous seed.

Elder A. Merrill said in the New Testament that it says that the Heav-
ens must receive Jesus, until th the restitution of all things, spoken of by
the Holy Prophets since the days world began - the Revelation on Plural Mar-
riage was given through Joseph the Prophet, to the Latter day saints only,
the outside world has no part or lot in the matter. Elders in Israel should
respect and honour the principle, seeing that there is such a great pressure
against us outside -

Elder Amos Fielding said if there ever was would be a time when a right-
eous seed would be raised up, every principle of purity must be sought after
and practised. -

Elder Taylor for 17 years had studied and partially practised the law
that Governs Sexual intercourse. If man should be chaste, should we not study
the Laws of chastity - some kinds of food, such as Meat, Oysters, &c, have a
tendency to develope the animal passions. recommended the members of the
school to study the laws of life, and health - or in scripture phrase - Man
know thyself -

Pres. Geo A Smith spoke of the evil of Masturbation which should be
abated and entirely overcome by our people - Many of the Laws given by Moses
to the children of Israel - were given because they were not capable of ob-
serving a higher law. Many things were commanded in his day, had passed away -
but certain high moral principles, continue, and always - certain ordinances
& sacrifices
A were done away when Christ came.
A Question had been asked on paper, that if a man married a wife & should be burnt to death. Mother in the days of Moses. Why was it admissible now?

The Man or woman who inculcates a distaste to polygamy among their children, will be wasted away. No person can speak or use their influence against it, without imbibing the spirit adultery, and the chances are that all those who faithfully and manfully stand up for the law of Celestial Marriage will finally come off conqueror.

Children born under the sealing power, are especially the objects of Satan's endeavour to destroy them. He strongly recommended the brethren to keep away from the Mines.

He also urged the study of Plural Marriage, on its Physical, Moral & Religious bearing, also all the objections they can find, that are made by the world, and answer them.

The Rules of the school were then read by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, and sustained by a unanimous show of hands.

Meeting was then adjourned for one week at 1 o'clock.

After singing Benediction by Pres. Geo A Smith

George Goddard
Sect'y.
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p m

Present Pres. B. Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder Brigham Young Junr singing

Pres. B Young read the following note. Is it the will of the Lord for us to entirely abstain from Pork, and send our money back to the States to import it?

Pres. Young said it was the will of the Lord for us to preserve our body's in health as long as we can - it was the will of the Lord & to those who can't do without Pork, to raise it themselves and it was against the spirit of the Lord for us to send back to the States after it. It is the will of the Lord for us to eat Fish, Fowl, Eggs, Butter &c. Many who had ceased raising Pork had not yet succeeded in raising substitutes in its stead.

Pres. D. H. Wells gave an interesting account of their Northern trip. There was every indication of the blessing of God resting upon the Saints and the settlements they live in - every prospect of rich crops, and a remarkable increase of posterity among the Saints. There was nearly 200 lodges of Indians close by the Saints, and yet nothing had been missed by the brethren, and no one had been molested by them. They begin to realize that we are their friends, and they soon will know that we are their only friends.

Pork was rejected entirely, among the Israelites anciently, but we have had been traditionated to use it, and many felt it difficult to leave it off. The servants of God had been wrougt upon to counsel the Saints not only to lay aside the use of Pork, but Tea, Coffee, Tobacco &c - in order that the Saints may become a purer people, and better in our physical condition, &c. The Lord was preparing by railroad speed, a people for the second coming of the Messiah.

Elder W Woodruff had a pleasant journey up North - the leading Council for given, was the Saints to lay up their grain - had they heeded it before, the Grasshoppers would not have visited us. Woollen and other Factortys were also recommended for the saints to build -
Zion is increasing - We shall soon have a mighty host in these vallies - Parents should teach their children the Gospel of Christ - He hoped the Saints would magnify their callings and build up the Kingdom of God - He would like to have them build one Temple in these vallies - hundreds had got to be built.

If we did our duty, we shall never be driven away from these Vallies. When the time comes, for the Saints to go back to build up Zion in Jackson County - that these vallies will not be vacated entirely, neither will all return to that country.

Elder Jno. Taylor said, as in Nature, in regard to the growth of grain - in the gradual development of infants, - so is the growth and progress of the Kingdom of God - we have had to contend with very many obstacles, and the yet we have grown, as may be seen, by contrasting the Past with the present condition of the people. The great majority of the saints of God, are engaged heartily in the work of God - The hundreds now before him, had come, some of them many miles, to be taught and instructed in the things of the kingdom of God -

We enjoy great privileges in these vallies - and surely must be standing in holy places - We are here, not to build ourselves up - but use every means in our power, unitedly to bring about the purposes of God - We ought to seek to know, what the will of God is concerning us is, and then to do it, whether it makes us rich or poor, no matter, and should it even cost us our lives, we should do it - These were the only principles that actuated the first Elders of the Church - When sickness and poverty surrounded them, still they persevered, because the welfare of Mankind was their motive.

The Lord reigns and let Israel rejoice - for Zion shall henceforth be the Head and not the tail -

Prest. Geo A Smith said the Enemy of all righteousness was never more busy, than at present among us - there were many Teachers in the different ward, and some of the Teachers met at the Bishops meetings. &c. a secret effort was being made to poison the minds of our youth - especially against the Authorities of the Church - it is the duty of every Teacher to give such instructions as to counteract that spirit - teach our children to love the Lord - Let every man, called to act as Teachers, feel that we have a great and noble calling - let every Bishop and Teacher be wide awake.
Prest. Geo A Smith, continued he enquired in which Wards their were Josephite Meetings held, and nine Wards were spoken of.

Hon then asked if all present were willing to do their duty as Teachers if appointed and the majority of hands was uplifted.

It was then Motioned and Carried That every Member of this School, who had been recommended as being good faithful Members should hence forth act as Teachers to reprove Sin, and correct error.

Prest. B. Young recommended a kind spirit, in the Teachers while trying their to correct the errors of their Brethren & Sisters yet while doing their duty, their many will regard them as enemies. there is a good reason, for every require- ment that the Lord makes upon us if every member in this School will only act as faithful Men of God, a great and good influence may be exerted, among the people.

The Meeting was adjourned for one week at One o'clock p.m.

Benediction by Elder G Q Cannon

Geo Goddard Secty.
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p m

Present Prest. B. Young presiding
After singing Prayer by Elder Orson Pratt Singing

Prest. Geo A. Smith gave out the text for the afternoon viz. Co operation, which subject, he desired the brethren to speak upon for ten minutes.

Elder Miner C Atwood, believed in the principle of Co operation, and had done ever since he obeyed the Gospel - we had all co operated under the same one ordinances, viz Faith, one Baptism, one Leader etc. - he expected to be led and taught in a way that he was ignorant of before he tried to treasure up what he heard, and then practise it - he never had any unpleasant feeling towards the leaders of Israel -

Elder Millen Atwood said the first teaching he ever received in the Gospel, was that it would take all he possessed, if ever he obtained salvation - he always thought, that whether he had much or little, it would sooner or later be required and he wanted to be ready to enter the order of Enoch when the time arrived

Elder Sam Atwood came here on purpose to learn the ways of the Lord, he did not know them before, but he expected to learn them through the servants of God - He did not know the difference between Temporal & Spiritual things, then why not cheerfully comply with temporal councils - When the things of Heaven are told us, we have understanding to realize it, but we know nothing of them until some heavenly messenger reveals them, neither do we know how to build up a Temporal Kingdom only as we are taught by those in authority.

Elder W. L. N. Allen endorsed the above sentiments he knew the time would come when Co operation would unite and bind us together as one family -

And no one denies the right of a good Father to direct and control his wives and children - so the Leader of the people has a right to direct the temporal affairs of the people -

The principle of co operation will enable us to build up the Kingdom of God much quicker than by a single handed effort - and if we only had the same
he then exhorted the brethren to so live before God, and their families, that their wives and children will look up to them, with all confidence & affection -

**Prest. Young** then gave several simple illustrations, on the principle of plural marriage all showing, that all Men hereafter will be rewarded according to his works -

He also gave some good council to Bishops, Presidents, Fathers, Husbands &c. to be prudent and Kind, so that wives, neighbours & others may respect and honour you - There are but few in this Church who can bear reproof without getting angry - When he reproved his brethren, it was for their good.

He believed the majority of the Members of this School, if they had an opportunity of expressing their views, would express feelings of joy and Hallelujah at the approach of that happy time, when the order of Enoch shall be carried out -

School was adjourned for one week at One oclock p m

**Benediction by Rtd. Prest. Geo A. Smith**

Geo Goddard
Secty.
On Saturday July 9th 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o’clock P M
Elder O Pratt
Present Preside-N Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder A M Musser Singing
(Prest. Young & Council and most of the twelve being absent on a preaching mission to Ogden, where a meetings to day and to morrow are to be held.)

Elder Pratt made a few preliminary remarks, touching the subjects of Co-operation, Tithing, Consecration, Home Manufacture &c, strongly recommending the adoption and practise of sustaining home produced articles - Cooperation should be more extensively carried out, than it has hitherto been.

He then read several questions, to as to whether Lamech meant where he said to his wives, I have slain a young man to my wounding, and also to my hurt, and also, Will Uriah be exalted, and become a God, or will he be an angel? Bro Pratt briefly reply’d -

Elder Albert Carrington felt peculiarly grateful for the privilege of again appearing before the school of the Prophets - He had spoken much in Europe during the last two years. He always trusted to the dictation of the spirit of the Lord - and it had never failed him - The Saints throughout the Mission and the Elders too, are living faithfully, and patient under all their trials - The faith, zeal, and finer good works among the Saints in Europe are was in a much better condition than ever did before. - He felt to acknowledge the hand of God in the general success that has attended the Mission during his stay, he also gave an account of some of the Elders who have been released, to return home, for a lack of ability to speak in public.-

He also gave a general account of his Mission, and made a special call it to upon those who had borrowed means of poor Saints in Europe to return them saints as speedily as possible.

Elder C. C. Rich felt, that as a people we had barely commenced co-operation - The subject was suggested by the Prophet Joseph in the days of Kirtland, that the brethren should unite their labours & fence in a large farm, and carry out a principle of Union. There was not a settlement in the Terri-
tory but might soon have every kind of labour saving machinery, if they would only unite and put their means together.

We ought to adopt such principles as will place us in the march of progress—and individual effort is needed to make it general—and there is no blessing that will do us good, but what may be obtained if sought after, in the right way. Apostacy which does, and will take place first commences by giving way to some little sin, then followed by indulging in larger ones, the Spirit of God leaves such, and they go into darkness.

Elder Phineas Young Richards—recommended early to bed, and early to rise, if done, in this City alone would save thousands of dollars in Tallow and Oil.

Elder William G Young, in visiting Wisconsin noticed their making of Choice Cheese, every Settlement in Cache and Rich Counties might just as well open up their factories and export Cheese by the Ton, and thus bring means in our midst.—instead of sending away our mean East for that article.

Elder Thos. Ellerbeek appreciated faith and good works in any man wherever he saw it, he honoured good men—he himself was not a man of much faith, but had been gaining a little more and more.—He had been to England on a visit, and had to return because his time was limited, he would be glad to go back on a two years Mission to preach the Gospel.

The School was then adjourned for one week at One o'clock p.m.

After singing Benediction by Elder W. W. Woodruff

Geo Goddard

Sect'y.
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o clock p.m.

Present: Prest. B. Young presiding.

After singing Prayer by Elder B Young Junr. Singing

Prest. B. Young suggested that nearly two years ago, Jesse C Little was appointed to go East to purchase Wagon Timber &c. and do business since his return for a small Company that was formed about that time. He also desired the school to decide whether our ward meeting houses should be used for Theatrical, and other similar purposes, such as the 13th Ward Assembly rooms had been used for &c. then the subject of Co operation, he wished to be thoroughly sifted.

Prest. Geo A. Smith arose, and put a Motion and was Carried, That Elder Jesse C Little furnish on Saturday next, a statement of his a/c in the wagon making department. He then called upon Bp Woolley to speak on the subject of renting the Assembly rooms.

Bp. E. D. Woolley said the only object he had in renting the Assembly rooms was to raise a little means to repair the house - He was very sorry however to have the feelings of his brethren hurt, and would not have done it, had he known it would have had that effect. If the ward was able to build in addition to a Ward Meeting House, another one for fun & frolic - He would prefer keeping a ward house entirely for sacred purposes.

Prest. B Young said a Theatre and Social Hall had been built for the express purposes of Theatrical plays, and dances, and whoever desires to use them for such purposes and no Ward meeting House need ever be used for such purposes - it was not right.

Prest. Geo A. Smith named several places where Meeting Houses was used for Theatrical purposes, viz Lehi - Battle Creek, Fairview, &c but he himself did not believe in the policy.

On the subject of Co operation he said, there was some doing business under a "Co operative Sign" was in the habit of sending back East for their
stone for what I have done – punish me at home rather –

Prest. B. Young said he did not ever remember having sent a man on a Mission to punish him, but to do him them good, and give them a chance to get the spirit of God – but on account of Bp Woolley’s Confession and solicitation, Prest. Geo A Smith withdrew his motion, and another Motion put and carried That He be allowed a further trial as a Bishop

Benediction by P. Geo. A. Smith

Geo Goddard Secy.
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at 1 o clock

Present Prest. B Young presiding

After Singing prayer by Elder John W. Young Singing

In response to a request of Pres. Young last Saturday, that he wished the Members of the School to express their views on the "Necessity there was for the Atonement of Jesus Christ" and put those views on paper if they chose - A Number of Essays on that subject were handed in, and read by the Clerk to the School -

Prest. B. Young was pleased with what had been read. There never was an Earth without an Adam. There never was a time when Earths were not coming into existence and going out - There never was a time when there was no Saviour upon an Earth - but man in his finite being cannot comprehend Eternity -

God the Father came and begotten a Son of the Virgin Mary, just the same as we begot our children, and consequently Jesus partook of his Fathers divine nature, and was therefore competent in offering a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice.

He spoke of the danger that we are in as a people of again being driven, in consequence of the Spirit of the World that is creeping upon the people. Many who have been on Missions, when they return are full of faith &c. but how soon they forget, and drink into the spirit of the world.

He then spoke of some who were opposed to Co operation, who were he was sorry for - some had complained of him having so many shares in that Institution. He wished some of the brethren would step forward, and buy him out, so that he can pay up his railroad debts -

We have got the Gospel, but if we expect to receive the benefits of it, we have got to live according to its precepts. If we are agreed as touching anything that is Council'd by the servants of God, and go to, to perform it - God will own and bless us.

The time will come whether we live to see it or not when the canal from Big
Cottonwood will bring water to irrigate the east part of our City and the
Utah Lake will be brought out to Davis Co, also to the base of the Western
Mountains, and as far as Tooele.

He then called on Bp E D Woolley to say whether he did not mean him,
when he said last Saturday that there were some who owned thousands of dollars
in the 13th Ward
worth of property, and would require a half hours sermon preaching to them
before a $5.00 donation could be got from them — and also whether he did not
build the assembly rooms with an expressed view of running against the Social
Hall.

Bp-E-D-Woolley-said-he-did-not-mean-Prestr-Young;-neither

And whether he did not say last Saturday, that Bro Geo A was coming over
to his side.

Bro E D Woolley denied being each having Prest. Young in his mind when
he spoke of some owning a great amt of property in his Ward. He also denied
having such a Motive as was suggested, in the building of the Assembly rooms,
and spoke of the Social Hall which he thought was too high in price, and too
price small in size. — He also denied making such a statement about Geo A
Smith.

Elder Geo Q. Cannon said that while Geo A was speaking he heard Bp Edw3.
D. Woolley say that Bro. C. A. was coming over to his side —

Elder Jush3. F. Smith confirmed the above statement.

Prest B. Young said the Social Hall was large enough for a dancing Hall —
and the Crockery cost $3000.00, much of which had been broken, they had an
expensive boiler, &c. and the price charged for its use, was in accordance
with its original cost, and the cost of keeping it and in comfortable repair
when parties were about to be held there —

Prest. Geo A Smith arose and said, that inasmuch as 'He was going over to
would
Bp Woolleys side. He made a Motion That He take a Mission to Europe

Bp. E D Woolley expressed a deep regret at having hurt the feelings of
his brethren and asked their forgiveness — but dont send me on a Mission to
rather than let them be sent to a foreign Market and sold among strangers -
He would rather the road was owned by the Saints, and the Bonds would draw a
Gold interest payable semi annually. All in favour of sustaining Prest.
Young in having the Bonds of that road held by our own people, hold up your
right hands. And all hands were uplifted

If we will only do right, and sustain the Servants of God, No matter what
the Government do or any body else, they cannot hurt us - And inasmuch as
we prove faithfull in handling the things of this world, we shall be found
worthy of being entrusted with the eternal riches -- but as soon as a dif-
ficulty or trial comes, and we fly the track, No Matter how much wealth we may
have, and Wives and children, we shall never obtain an exaltation in the King-
dom of our God

Meeting was then adjourned for One week at One o'clock p m

Benediction by Bishop David Evans

Geo Goddard Clerk
On Saturday July 30th 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o'clock p.m.

Present        Prest. B. Young presiding

After singing        Prayer by Elder John Taylor Singing
                    Lecture

Elder B Young Junr. then read the first chapter out of the Doctrine

& Covenants, on the subject of Faith.

Elder Chester Andrews being called upon to speak on the subject of Faith,
said he believed that Faith was the principle action, hence we are here
to day &c it was also a principle of power also

Elder Tho. Allsop. Faith was the gift of God, and in proportion to the
way and manner in which we live -

Elder James Atwick when in England was told by a Physician that he would
never come to the Valley, but he had faith that he would, and he did. &c

Elder George Anderson said Faith was the gift of God and we have to
live right in order to receive it

Elder James Albion gave a similar testimony

Prest. B. Young spoke of the high schools and Universitys that we have
established, had been held in the Council House and the old Hoopers store.
He therefore proposed for the consideration of the Regency as to whether the
large Ward Meetings Houses would not be more suitable places to hold those
schools in. - He then wished to know whether any of the Brethren are willing
to assist him in bearing the burden of the Railroad, or shall I be under the
necessity of selling our Railroad to outsiders -

He then made enquiry of Bro Thos. Taylor and Bro Dunford whether they did
not continue to send back east for their goods, they both answered yes - He
will said that no one can do these things unless they A sooner or later apostatize
from the Church. He then declared himself a candidate for Eternal Life, and
all who are willing to go with him, all right if not, he calculates to go
without them -

Prest. Geo A. Smith said it had been a cherished idea of our Christian
Neighbors, that when a Railroad was built through Utah, that it would evaporate Mormonism in a very short time - He then dwelt on the benefits of the timely introduction of our Cooperative system, which not only prevented our own Merchants from utter ruin, but kept off outside speculative Merchants, and we ought to stick right to it. - He then explained how the indebtedness of the Railroad, how accumulated upon his hands, through the nonpayment of the U P R R's Contracts, part of which had been paid in Iron, used on the Utah Central line - the brethren should make a united effort to liberate the hands of Prest. Young - let us feel that we have one common interest - the earth is the Lords and the fulness thereof, and the saints will ultimately belong to the Saints, possess it -

On the Election of next Monday, he wished every man having a team to have hitch it up and carry their neighbours both Male and Female to the Polls. and let that business be the first one before any other -

Elder Geo Q Cannon said we had a good opportunity at the present time of testing our loyalty to the Cause and Kingdom of God - by stepping forward and relieving the hands and taking off the burden now on the shoulders of Prest. Young, who was now in his 70th year of age - We live in a critical time - And are liable at any moment to be overpowered by our enemies - He would like to have every Member of the School, hold all they possess at the disposal, for the liquidation of that Railroad indebtedness - God requires it at our hands,

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Prest. D H Wells said if ever the Railroad goes into the hands of outsiders, it will never come out again - No accident had yet happened on our line, as the brethren did not smoke, or drink whiskey, but if outsiders had it, our lives would be jeopardized besides bringing young men to run it, and employment given only to half hearted Mormons or Gentiles - &c

Elder B Young Junr. said the U P R R was owing him indirectly several thousand dollars, and for it was willing to take U C R R bonds -
Elder J. W. Young moved that a Committee of six business men be appointed to carry out this matter.

Elder John Taylor gave some explanations of the Railroad indebtedness - a principle of Co operation was now needed to liberate the hands of Prest. Young. He believed relief can be immediately forthcoming and may God bless Brigham Young, and the curse of God on all those who are his enemies, and the enemies of the Kingdom of God.

Bro. John Sharp spoke favourably of the U C R R - the difficulties of the Superintendent of the running department who have many Claims to meet from the Construction dept. If we will not purchase bonds on the U C R R sufficient to pay off the present indebtedness, Prest. Young will be under the necessity of selling off sufficient of the stock to outsiders.

The Motion was carried unanimously regarding the Committee of six.

The following were nominated and unanimously sustained W. H. Hooper, John and on amendment, the t by Prest. Young - the twelve apostles - Sharp - Josli. P. Smith. R. T. Burton, Thos. Taylor and Jos. A Young.

Elder W. H. Hooper had had his mind upon the Political business of the Territory while absent from his brethren but was fully satisfied that the Railroad question was one, not strictly confined to a financial view - but a far higher consideration should prompt us to step forward and afford the required relief to Prest. Young. He then offered to take 10,000.00 worth of bonds in Mules & Money.

Elder-Josh-Wr-Young-made-a-few-suggestions-as-to

Prest. B Young then moved and was carried unanimously that every Merchant who are determined to still send back east for their goods should at once take down their signs Co operative signs. The sin of Ingratitude was the greatest sin that Man can be guilty of.

Elder W. H. Hooper exposed the villany of some of General Maxwell's practices in the Land Office &c.

Prest. Young called for a show of hands from all those who are determined henceforth to stop trading with those Merchants who are opposing Co operation.

All hands appeared to be lifted up.

Benefitting by Prest. C's Gist.
On Saturday Aug. 6th 1870

Theological Class met at Tabernacle at 1 o'clock p.m.

Present Prest. B. Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder Orson Pratt Singing

Prest. Young enquired if the Brethren would like to have a settlement
made at Soda Springs, on Bear River - they are very desirable, and will ulti-
mately become a favourable resort for Invalids, as the Mineral waters are very
valuable, and are situated on the Highway for Idaho, on the Bear River, and
about 150 miles distant from here.

Bishop Hunter reported several Mechanics who are among the Emigrants who
arrived here a last evening, and hoped their services will be appreciated.
He then refer'd to the Emigration Indebtedness which was very large, and spoke
of the energy and perseverance of Bp Nichols of Box Elder who had collected
considerable of that indebtedness in that locality.

Elder Wm. H. Hooper as the Chairman of a Committee appointed last Sat-
urday, said, they had met and attended to the business appointed for them to
attend to, and called upon Geo Q. Cannon who acted as Secretary & to report
proceedings, at at of said committee.

Elder Geo Q. Cannon then read a synopsis of said meetings. - Some of the
wide Committee said there was a spread feeling of discontent and distrust in re-
lation to moneyary matters in connexion with Prest. B Young and a Railroad
was there a saying of Prest. Young to the deputation who waited upon him last
evening that deeply impressed him viz. - By the providences of God I have been
led into the present situation I am now in, and verily believed his course
had been sanctioned and approved by high Heaven - the general world generally
applaud those who chance to be prospered - and blame those whose enterprizes
should happen to be unsuccessful.

If a feeling of distrust & want of confidence exists among the people to-
wards the financial course of Prest Young - there was the greatest necessity
for the Committee going forth, and trying to correct such a false impression.
School of Prophets met pursuant to adjournment. After singing prayer by

Eld. B. Young, jr. Singing of hymn No. 249

Elder Orson Pratt. Felt thankful for the blessings we as a people en-
joyed in these valleys, and the progress we had made here. He thought there
never was a time, when the Saints felt as united, as at the present time, and
that there were comparatively but very few apostates. Referred to some of them,
who had denied the atonement of Christ, and the resurrection of the dead,
Spoke of the late discussion about "polygamy," which had lately taken place
in the New Tabernacle, and felt pleased by the good order that had prevailed
among a congregation of 10 or 11000 persons.

Prest. Dan H. Wells Said the declaration of the town site had been filed
in the Land Office, but he did not know, how many obstacles would still be put
in the way. We might have an answer from Washington in 2 or 16 days, and
the people would be notified through the papers. Made some remarks, that there
were a good many complaints made lately about people turning out their cattle
in the streets, so that they break into their neighbors field and garden,
which should be stopped, and the crops saved. Said it was one of the rules
of our school that we had covenanted to observe to keep our barns up etc. etc.
Spoke of some of our boys contracting bad habits on the streets, petty thiev-
ing etc. & thought a house of correction should be erected to have such boys
put it for some time, instead of putting them in the lock-up. Did not wish to
accuse any member of the school of trading with outsiders, but the people were
doing it, and mentioned the tinner Allen, who had joined the "Godbeites" and
has still the Cooperative sign up, which deceived a good many. We all had
and covenanted, to help the Lord the to assist him, to build up his Kingdom, and
therefore we could not do as we please.

Prest Geo A Smith. Hoped that all the excellent remarks made here this
afternoon would be reflected upon by all of us. There were many things in
On Saturday Augt. 13 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle At one o'clock p.m.

Present Prest. B Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder James Cummings Singing

Elder B Young Junr. said the Committee appointed to visit the settlements last Sunday, had attended to that duty - he then made enquiry, as to how much the price of a Bond was to be, to those who are disposed to invest in them, to relieve the hands of Prest. Young - as some, had been bought on Main St., for considerably less, than the price put upon them by the Directors at first - 80 cents on the Dollar, making $800.00 for each $1000.00 bond.

Elder John Sharp admitted that some Bonds had been forced on the Market, by those unable to hold them, and were sold at a depreciated value, but that fact does not invalidate their real value, neither can they be, unless the security was deficient, and in reality they ought to fetch their face.

Prest. Geo A Smith made a few remarks on Faith and the necessity for every Elder in Israel seeking for wisdom from the Law of the Lord. He then adverted to the Discussion now going on between Elder Orson Pratt and Mr. Newman, and recommended the brethren to study every principle and argument that tends to build up Zion. Do not ever be found fighting against God and his Priesthood &c

Prest. B. Young said it required a greater amount of study and stirring to make the truth of God into a Lie - but a Child or a Fool can easily speak truth - He was truly thankful to be associated with a people who desire truth, in preference to fiction -

The Lord sustains his people, and the Devil sustains his. All the efforts that our present Officials have made, to bring trouble and disgrace upon us, had signally failed. The Lord was with us, and will defend us, if we do right.

The School was adjourned for one week at one o'clock p.m.

After singing Benediction by Prest. Geo A Smith

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it. - He was willing to do all he could himself. &c

Prest. Young said our Railroad was now owned by the Latter day Saints, the ground, Materials, cars &c, all that was wanted, was for those who are out of debt to turn round and hand over their means and become part owners.

Elder Lorenzo Young, said he had a 30 acre Farm with an orchard of over 500 bearing Apple trees, which he would gladly dispose of in exchange for U C R R bonds, below a Cash value -

W. H. Hooper then asked a few questions of Prest. Young in relation to the Bonds and Stock of the Brethren who are disposed to render assistance in that way -

Prest. Young answered the questions satisfactory and to the further understanding of the subject -

Elder Geo Q. Cannon then read the 2nd Lecture on Faith from the Doctrine & Covenants -

Meeting adjourned for one week at 1 o'clock p.m

Benediction by Prest. Geo A Smith

George Goddard Sect'y.
Prest. B Young said the U C R R was a good and substantial property and ought to be owned by the Latter day Saints - He had plenty of property himself, and some $200,000.00 was all that was wanted to enable him to pay his railroad debts - And if the brethren were now reduced to the same circumstances, as when they were first came here, there would be enough means to pay 10 times the amount now required. Some say it was not a money making business, but what of that, we ought to take hold of it for the sake of building up the Kingdom of God, whether it pays or not, so with the building of Factories, getting out Lumber, and anything else that helps to benefit and building up of the community, we should do what we can as public benefactors.

The first 6 months of our railroad, made a profit of Sixty Eight thousand dollars - and trade will increase rather than decrease. Co operative measures will soon be entered into for the manufacture of Hats, Boots & Shoes, Fus &c &c to compete with foreign made not only in quality but in price also.

By and bye we will have a bank as quick as we have the Gold and Silver in the depository, before issuing our currency.

There was not a member of that Committee or any one else, who murmurs against the financial concerns of this Church, possesses more or less the spirit of apostacy.

Elder John Sharp Committee Man said there was a great deal of business discussion in the Committee yesterday- and the spirit of darkness reigned to a greater or less extent - and he himself partook of it. He rehearsed the cause of the financial difficulty in reference to Prest. Young and the Railroad.

Prest. B. Young then read a Monthly returns of U C R R which increased from Jan to June - from $4554.00 to $12489.00 per Mo.

Elder W. Woodruff said the only way for the Committee to do, was for them to do just what Prest. Young wanted them to do. Let us unite and cooperate as a people, and turn out our means to relieve Prest. Young, and become part owners of the Railroad - The Lord has blest us, and we are all better off, than ever before and let us find out what our
regard to our rules, that we should better observe, as for instance he knew, that brethren had been attending school here repeatedly, while they had the hardest feeling against each other.

Presb. B. Young said asked, if the brethren were studying the lectures in the book of D. & C. and advised them to try to gain much knowledge & said there was no book that gave so much useful knowledge in general as the Bible, and the book of Mormon & D & C. contained the root of all of our faith. We ought to continue our lectures, but we have so many other things to bring into this school, because here are the headquarters. We want to send some brethren up to Soda Springs, which we consider a very important point. The R Rd may run by there soon, and the springs I believe cannot be beaten in their medical qualities. We intend to go N. S. E & West and inhabit all these mountains. Next fall we intend to go south and cross the Colorado, and we must not love our land so much, that we cannot go to make a new settlement, or go on a mission.

Spoke how beautiful it would be to have this City built according to the original plan, with each house standing back in the lot and only one house on each lot, a flower garden in front, and the outhouses being in the back of the lot, double rows of shade trees in the middle of the streets etc., and that we should always desire to improve.

Said that at Soda Springs was the very best soil, and that it was right on the bed of a crater, and that he wanted to show that trees, wheat, potatoes etc could be raised there. Wished we would soon be able to build the temple, but if we could not inherit & use it, he rather have it as it is now. But the day must come, when Joseph will be again among this people and he will have the keys of the resurrection. Said he, and his councilors would not be here for a few weeks, & the twelve would take charge of the school.

Adjourned to Saturday next at 1 p.m.

Singing of hymn No 152.

Benediction by G. A. Smith
Meeting of the School of the Prophets, Salt Lake City.
Saturday August 27th 1870

Opened with singing "Come Come ye saints"

Prayer by Elder R. L. Campbell Pray -Singing - Come all ye sons of Zion.

Elder Orson Pratt (who presided) called upon bro R. L. Campbell to lecture
read the 3rd Lecture Book of Doc & Cov. Elder Campbell read the 3rd Section
with accompanying questions and answers.

Elder Orson Pratt delivered the school into the hands of the Brethren to speak on the subjects referred to in the lecture.

Elder Geo Q Cannon spoke on the subject of faith, especially as connected
with the Saints coming to these valleys & the building of the U P R R

Elder Orson Pratt followed on the same subject
Bro Carlisle spoke on faith
Bishop John Sharp preached a Railroad Sermon
Elder John Taylor also spoke on the railroad business & read the circular
of the President on the matter
Bishop Sharp made a few remarks.
Closed by Singing the Doxology & prayer by Elder Joseph F Smith

Geo Reynolds, Clerk pro tem
On Saturday Septr 3rd. 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle
at One o' clock p m Present  Prest. Geo A Smith presiding

Singing  Prayer by Elder E Stevenson  Singing

Elder Geo Q. Cannon then read a portion of the Doctrine & Covenants from
page 37, containing an account of the attributes of God, a knowledge of which by
Man, was essential for him to possess, to secure salvation and eternal life. For
without that knowledge there would be no foundation upon which, Faith in God
could rest. He read a number of Questions and Answers on the afore section -
or Lecture. The following names were then called upon to speak 10 minutes
on the subject of Faith -

Alva Alexandra Junr., believed that Faith existed in all intelligent beings,
also in Infidels - he himself had faith to go to the stand, but not enough to
stay long. &c.

Elder Ma. Allbrand made a few remarks.

O. C. Andrearson said Faith was the Gift of God, bestowed by him,
according to the faithfulness of his children.

Elder Josh. Bean by the power of Faith he was present, here, a knowledge
of God was revealed to him by reading the Star, which made him rejoice - in
many troubles, and in various administrations, he had been enabled to exercise
Faith in God, and secured many blessings. No man can exist and prosper, and
continue in this Church and Kingdom without Faith - He had Faith that the time
would come when the pure and comparatively unknown faithful Saints will be
become known -

Elder Truman O Angel thought the subject of Faith was fully set forth in
the written word, but every Mans actions in all departments of life were simply
an exhibition of Faith. He thought was the Church was complete in its organ-
ization, he fully believed it was - he believed that Bro Brigham was in his
right place - etc.

Elder Royal Barney has had faith in the Gospel produced by hearing the
word of God - Faith is the Gift of God. Made manifest even in Infants - by humility and prayer, a great increase of Faith and power with God may be obtained. - He had faith in and believed fully in the present authorities of the Church -

Elder Saml. Broadhurst had more faith in fixing up a Wagon Wheel, than in standing up before his brethren - When he first heard an Elder pray and preach, faith began to spring up until it ripened into a knowledge - those who held the power and gift of healing had it in their clothing, tools &c that they handled compared the trial of ancient Israel with that that is shortly coming upon us, did not know but in 1870 it would come - related several instances of healing and other instances of answer to prayer &c

Elder John Taylor said the principles of Faith were as fully explained in the Doctrine & Covenants as possibly could be - No people on the earth exercise so much faith in God, as the Elders of Israel, as evinced by a relation of past experiences - Elders Geo A Smith & Wilford Woodruff were corner ordained on the stone which had just been laid in Far West, before going with the rest of the Twelve on a Mission to England though many obstacles were thrown in their way and much sickness, yet through Faith they overcame, and accomplished what they were sent to do - he also related several instances of the power of Faith in various ways - Where necessitys existed, and called it forth By Faith, all things spoken of Faith by the Prophets will be fulfilled -

Prest. Geo A Smith said that Prest. Young started South on Saturday Morning last, preached at Provo - Next day at Springville, then to Nephi was Named, that at Springville there a difficulty between Capitol and Priesthood which is to be settled by the 1st Presidency on his return - another tree difficulty between some, at Juab & Sanpete Counties, about the right of coal was tried before Prest. Young, and decided contrary to a previous decision
of the High Council - He said that Martin Harris was one of the Witnesses to the book of Mormon was here, and would probably speak in the Old Tabernacle tomorrow morning -

Judge E Smith gave some instructions to those Officers who had been shortly elected at the late Elections

Meeting was adjourned for one week at one o'clock p.m.

After singing Benediction by Pres. Geo A. Smith

Geo Goddard
Theological Class met at Tabernacle on Saturday Sept. 10th 1870

at One o clock p.m. Present: Presidt. Geo A Smith presiding.

After singing, Prayer by Elder O B Wallace. Singing -

Elder O. Pratt read Lecture 5, paragraph 45 on the Godhead.

Elder Andrew Burt, said we all ought to try to have Faith in God, and in his servants also.

Elder Isaac Brockbank, tried to do honour to his calling. Faith was the only leading spring of all our actions, it brought us here - and by obedience, can make it manifest - his heart was with this people &c.

Elder Mark Barnas had tried for a number of years to do as he was told, could not say anything so full on the Subject of Faith - as was written or printed in the book of Doctrine & Covenants &c. Faith drawn out and exercised in Prayer, will not only bring down from Heaven an Answer, but Revelation too - as he illustrated in several instances of his experiences.

Elder A Carrington then called over a list of Justices of the Peace, yet and Constables, recently elected, who had not qualified, & desired them to attend to that duty forthwith.

Presidt. Geo A Smith was very anxious for the brethren to make themselves posted with the subject of Faith as it is read from time to time out of the Doctrine and Covenants - He had been a close observer of the Power of Faith, and could relate many instances. He made a few remarks on Baptism for the dead - the Lord had commenced the great work, and the Ordinance was being attended to every Wednesday.

Elder A Carrington was then called upon to read two short letters on Baptism for the dead, written by the Prophet Joseph, in the Doctrine & Covenants.

Ep E Hunter testified that he was present when the Prophet Joseph received the last revelation on Baptism for the Dead - Bro Wm Clayton was present also, and wrote it down from his lips, and promised to read it to the saints on the following Sunday morning, which he did.

Elder W. W. Woodruff referred to the many privileges that latter day Saints enjoy, was glad many were waking up to the subject of Baptism for the
dead - He had been baptized and sealed to all his progenitors that he could
find out - He then made comparisons between the beauty and glory of our re-
ligion, and the nonsense of what the world called religion. When we pray,
we pray to a being who has a Head, a Heart, and a perfect organization.

People apostatize because they don't keep the Commandments of God - they don't
study the Scriptures, - What is not yet revealed will be, a little at a while
that until we shall receive all\^\ is essential for our perfection &c

Elder Orson Pratt spoke on the subject of Authority - The priesthood has
been in our possession at least 29 years - especially that portion pertaining to
officiating for our dead - and if we use it, for all within our reach, in due
time, God will reveal a still further knowledge of our ancestry - It was our
duty to try and find out all we possibly can ourselves, we can then with Faith
come before the Lord and ask him to make known the rest -

Was thankful that so many had been stirred up to attend to these things.
The time was not far off, when there will be more Baptismal Fonts, and Temples,
then at present. -

Elder James Bunting did not believe that principles that intended for us
as a people, were not to be demonstrated to us on the same principle as two and
two make four - if everything presented to us must be demonstrated to our
minds, there certainly would be no room for the exercise of Faith -

Elder James Baldwin, if we all do the best we can until the end, we shall
be saved - hoped we should all be saved in the Kingdom of God

Meeting adjourned for one week at one o clock p m

After singing Benediction by Elder O Pratt

Geo Goddard Secty.

Pres. Geo A Smith Propheised the time was near by when the Saints would be
the ruling power on the face of the earth, all that was wanted, was for them to
be faithful and humble before the Lord, and do right. -
On Saturday Septr. 17th 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o clock p. m. Present. Prest. Geo A Smith presiding

After singing Prayer by Bp E. B. Woolley. Singing

Elder A Carrington then read the 5th Lecture in book of Doc. & Covts.

Elder James Russell whose name was called out in rotation - said he was a believer and labourer in the Kingdom of the Great God, hoped the Lord would help him to abide therein, and adhere to the end -

Elder Israel Barlow said it had ever been his desire to know the Mind and will of God concerning him - the Mind of God comes to us through Prest. Young - and if we are spiritually discerned, there are many things we can do without waiting to be commanded - he desired to enjoy the spirit of God by night and day.

Elder Chas. C. Burnham tried to shew his faith by his works. Faith was the first principle that leads us on our journey - without it we should never have started - while he did the best he knew how even while a sectarian, he felt that he was justified - but since his connexion with this people, his mind had expanded and the scriptures had been a new book to him

Elder John H. Blearard, was called an Infidel in his early days - and he could not see as the Methodists or any other of the Sectarians saw - and he began to think he should be damned - When he did ever so many bad things in the week day - he always kept Sunday - Jesus told Joseph, three things were necessary for Man to know, viz 1st That God was a being of Tabernacle 2th, That a just knowledge of his Character and his attributes - 3rd That our lives should be such as will please him -

Elder John P. Ball Considered we all had faith, or we should not be here, he prayed that all might continue faithful.

Elder Rd. Brimley had seen the time when he would have deemed it a privilege to stand up before a congregation like the present, especially if half were Clergymen; and it rather astonished him how he should have a feeling of dread to stand up before his brethren - Are we in possession of that living faith, we once possessed, if not, let us be diligent to observe what is required
Elder R., Britain, without faith we cannot take one step towards our own
or salvation, or that of our dead was an Infidel in early days could not
believe in any of the religions of the day before joining the Church he had a
Child die of Fever and had been dead 3 days. One of the Elders Anointed it with
Oil & prayed over it, and that Child rose up and the next morning was running
now lives at American Fork around as well as ever that young man.

He also mentioned several instances of the power of faith, that accompanied
his administrations under his own hands. There is nothing required at our
hands but what we can accomplish if we only have Faith in God.
If we had more faith and less Doctors he for less fewer of our wives and Child-
ren would be carried up to that Grave yard - Condemned the use of Drugs in-
stead of Oil, Prayer & faith the faithlessness of the latter day saints had
built up and made him rich Billey Godbe rich and apostatize -

Elder A. Carrington then read two Proclamations from the "Herald", issued
by Governor Chaffer - Announcing that P.E. Connor had been appointed by him,
as "Major General" over the Utah Territory - and also forbidding all Musters,
Drills being held in the Territory - How long are that miserable "ring" and
"Click" to be among us, to annoy us just so long as we (as a people) continue
to foster and mix up with them, only let our faith and works come up to the
requirements and this place will become too hot for the miserable scoundrels
in our midst -

Prest. Geo A Smith, said Councils had long been given for the Brethren to
furnish themselves with good guns and Ammunition, the effort of the Governor and
Clique in our midst to bring on a collision and trouble will certainly fail if
our Faith and Works are such as God will own and bless He hoped the breth-
ren will be patient and quiet, and all will be well -

Elder W. W. Woodruff strongly recommended the brethren to exercise Faith
and prayer for Governor Chaffer, the Judges, and the other members of the ring.
& that the Lord would overrule their acts for the good of Israel.

School adjourned for one week at one o clock p m

Benediction by Elder J. M. Bernhisel

Geo Goddard
Secty.
un Saturday Sept. 24th 1870 Theological Class met in the Tabernacle
at 1 o clock p.m. Present Elder Orson Pratt presiding
After singing Prayer by Elder S W. Richards Singing

The First Presidency & the rest of the Twelve not yet arrived, but are expected momentarily, the Twelve were from their Southern trip, and some of the twelve are gone to meet him -

Elder Orson Pratt read Lecture 7th Paragraph 1

Elder E. Beasley, being called upon, rejoiced exceedingly at the privileges he had in connexion with his brethren, as a member of the Church - The power of Faith was necessary in the right performance of every duty required at our hands - We must walk by faith, and exercise it towards the servants of God -

Every 1s month on Fast days, Faith was necessary to not only abstain from breakfast but to attend Meeting -

Elder Abiah W. Brown considered the subject of Faith was made sufficiently plain in the Lecture - No person can possess Faith without works to correspond - to ascertain whether we have Faith or not in God, let us examine ourselves - we see many persons whom we have no faith in - And he scarcely knows who to have faith in, he meant human beings, but he recommended faith in God - whose attributes are so well known and understood -

Elder Peter Barton felt to rejoice that he had a standing in the Kingdom of God &c.

Elder Charles Barrel had exercised Faith during the past 16 years that he so would sooner or later be gathered with the saints to this place, which lately had been accomplished - for several years he was the only saint living in his Native town, had a family of 8 children and left a faithful testimony behind him -

Elder Alva Butler, required a great deal of Faith to live his religion &c.

Elder Norman G. Brishall said his Faith had been increased since hearing the Lectures - had witnessed many instances of the Power of Faith in the healing of the sick - he believed in God, in Jesus Christ, and in the servants of God -

Elder W. W. Woodruff said we are all here by Faith - Utah would never have been inhabited without faith
has been sustained and done what he had done since he embraced the Gospel, by Faith - He was one who went up in Missouri to fight the State, to redeem Zion by Faith. All our works had been performed by faith.

He had faith that our enemies would be stirred up to fight against us - but Salvation, such that is promised unto us should stimulate us to exercise faith and our works should correspond to do what God required of us. Some had not faith enough to retain their standing in the Church, they had gradually given way to temptation and given way to overt acts, until the Spirit of the Lord was entirely withdrawn from them.

God was going to build up Zion in spite of Earth or Hell - A Man who has received the Holy Ghost had the Apostleship &c and then fall away, had far better have had a Millstone eee put around his neck and cast into the sea.

He did not want to live one hour only while he continued in the faith - Let our wants be known before the Lord, and pray for our friends and enemies also. We will plently of New principles, as fast as we can appreciate and live up to them.

Prest. Geo A Smith who just came in, said he started on Thursday with Josh. P. Smith & Jos. A Young, to meet the President. He then stated particulars of the Soldier raid on the peaceable citizens of Provo, on Thursday night - (which appeared in our local papers) breaking and smashing up doors, windows, furniture &c in the Houses of F. D. Mackdonald, E F. Sheets, W Miller &c. Many of the Brethren who had been called up to quell the riot had neither Guns, or Pistols in readiness - He then warned and cautioned the school against such a state of indifference, as so many of the Provo brethren were found in, when such a state of Terror reigned - He hoped all would make every preparation to prevent any such raids in Salt Lake City occurring without giving them a warm reception - If any one should be without arms &c. be sure to get them forthwith.

Meeting adjourned for one week at 1 o clock p m

After singing Benediction by Elder Jno Taylor

George Goddard
Secretary
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o'clock p.m.

Present    Prest. B. Young presiding

After singing prayer by Rp. Phineas Young Singing

Prest B Young said he had been absent for several Saturdays from the School, he had visited the Southern Country, and had returned in full faith and fellowship with the Kingdom of God, the object of this school was for the Elders to teach and be taught, it was their duty to devote their time, talents &c, for the building up of Zion - but as a people we are slow and tardy in our movements, and do not like to be interfered with in regard to our time, and the use of our means. we think it is enough for us to attend to our Spiritual duties, without having our time infringed upon &c.

We are very far from being what we ought to be. And yet, are perhaps the best people the Lord has got on the Earth, and if we were willing to become united, we should make more progress.

He then explained a portion of Territory they had recently visited towards the head waters of the Sevier &c. - a portion of which had been once inhabited, but where driven in by the Indians those who return to that country are especially instructed to make them a good strong fort. and not less than 50 men, well armed be left there at all times, so as to protect themselves against Indian raids &c. They had also established a place which they call Look Out, and all the brethren that go there will enter a Cooperative System in regard to their stock to avoid and prevent Thieves from driving it off - and have it better cared for. By and bye he hoped we-then-explained we would have a quicker and safer mode of travel from the North to the South, and ourselves establish a trade of exchange. Unless we are hindered, we may be able to build a railroad ourselves.

There is a wonderful increase in our settlements, in numbers, and improvements. If we as a people live our religion, faithfull to our Covenants & callings - we shall increase and Multiply, and prosper - but if not - look out, for we shall surely be chastisements.
He then gave some good council about labour—be willing to be do the work
for the Miners in the way of hauling &c. let the brethren in this and Davis
County try to get all the hauling, and labour for the Miners, and do it so
cheap that no outsider can compete, and they will have to leave—and if
somebody finds a a good lode, work it sufficiently to keep it, but dont run
crazy over it—& dont spend what you get among our enemies, but among
ourselves. The Clique or Whiskey Ring are sent here to make trouble, to ride
over the law, and try to create a collision with the government but they
will accomplish nothing, only flounder and be disappointed—

Let every man attend to his duty, and have no fears. The Governor dont
care anything about Polygamy, he's after the Mormons—He wont divide the
people and set them against Brigham Young, which was his intention.

We will prepare for the building of the Temple, and have Teams hauling
rock immediately after Conference—and we will look after our dead—

Many strangers are constantly coming, and are brought under the sound of
the Gospel, who would never go near our Elders abroad—Let us do right,
and God will fight our battles, and we will grow, and prosper

He then called upon the Country Wards to gather up their Means, and buy
up some of the Utah Central bonds, that his hands might be liberated in paying
what he was owing his brethren—it was the duty of those who can, to step
forward and bear a portion of this burthen—

Prest. Geo A Smith bore testimony to the truths advanced by Prest.
Young—and hoped we would profit by them—let us take hold and carry this
railroad, and be ready to build another South—It had already been a great
blessing to us, by bringing many strangers to our City, and to our meetings
where they hear the Gospel—

Our business is to labour in building the rising glory of Zion, with our
time, Means, &c.

The Merchants were counciled to unite their interests in supplying the
Saints with goods, but many of them howled and fought against the principle
of Co operation, and are to this day engaged in open antagonism to that principle -

If we will not do our duty as Elders in Israel God will displace us, and raise up others in our stead.

A man's time means home, property and everything else he has got, should be used to build up the Kingdom of God - Let us go observe council, be prepared with arms and ammunition, so as to repel any outrage that might be made upon us, either night or day.

He hoped and expected to live long enough to see 16 Railroads terminate in the Centre Stake of Zion Jackson Co., and at a Conference, to bring 200,000 people to meeting ----

School adjourned for one week at 1 o'clock

Benediction by Pres. Geo A Smith

Geo Goddard
Secretary.
is it necessary for us to receive the chastening hand of the Almighty. - As far as his influence extended, in connexion with his brethren, he would seek in the right place and way to dry up this snare of the adversary. He felt that it was right for us to come out from the Wicked world and its practices.

Elder W. Woodruff said we all stood in need of Faith, especially at the present time, we have a good peace for a great many years, and he had no doubt but every one would sooner or later be tried to the very core - We should be prepared for every thing that may come along - We are the friends of God, and the World is it war with us, and he was glad of it - God has put into our hands the Gospel of Christ, the Kingdom of God - and that makes the world mad, as for Polygamy, they did not care so much for it, as for the dust under their feet. If it requires the United States to shed more blood of the Saints, before their cup is full, they will shed it, there never was a more corrupt Nation dwell on the face of the earth, than that which now exists on this covenant - And the Saints should never in their prayers forget to pray for Colfax, and the Government in the right way - We have everything to encourage us in doing right - to keep the Word of Wisdom, and whatever is required of us -

No man ever apostatizes from this Church without transgressing the laws of God, either secretly or openly - the Spirit of God will never leave any one without sufficient cause

Prest. Young is not without Revelation, he is not without the power and Spirit of God. he has counzilled the Saints for a great many years, by the mind and will of God, and if everything had to be done by Revelation, many of us would now be living under great condemnation.

Brigham Young Junr. bore testimony to the evil effects of drinking Beer and Whiskey on the States road especially - And he hoped that an influence would be exerted to prevent a license being granted again to either the Whiskey or Beer Saloons on that road.

The Meeting was adjourned for one week at One o clock p M

After singing, Benediction by Elder Geo Q. Cannon

Geo Goddard  Cik
On Saturday Oct 15th 1870

Theological Class met at the old Tabernacle at One o'clock p.m.

Present    Prest. B Young     presiding

After singing  Prayer by Elder W. Woodruff     Singing

Elder W. Woodruff regarded this school was one of the greatest priv-
eleges the Elders can enjoy - we are taught here how to build up the King-
dom of God - We can see the hand of God in inspiring his servant Brigham in
opening this school, the Cooperative movement &c which soon developed a secret
of plot of apostacy and which had been revealed to Prest. Young some time
before it was making made manifest -

The cup of this Nations iniquity will soon be filled up, and the judgments
of God will break it to pieces -

He then read a little from page 79 Doc & Cov. and by making comparisons
with what is found in the Bible, Book of Mormon & Doc & Cov. pertaining to
who Father Adam, as to he was &c., we can learn much that will strengthen our
Faith & Comfort our hearts.-

Day by day the Gentiles who are constantly coming up to Zion, are ful-
filling the scriptures. He hoped every Elder & boy in Israel will have a good
rifle and ammunition, all in readiness to defend ourselves and families, that
God and Angels may see that we are willing to do anything that is required
of us - but He for one had great Faith in prayers - let every Saint bear up
before the Lord those who are in our midst seeking to destroy us - He believed
God will not only hear, but answer the Prayers of his Saints, which are offered
up in earnestness & faith.

Elder Geo Q Cannon fully endorsed the doctrine that Father Adam was
our God and Father - or as He in many places is called Michael the great Prince-
Arch Angel. Ancient of Days &c It was not only wisdom, but perfectly con-
sistent that Adam & Eve should partake of the forbidden fruit and start the
work of increase of their species. the above Doctrine had been revealed to
him, so that he knew it was true.
He then spoke of the Magnitude of the Principle of Cooperation — although so many are opposed to it — this is only a preparatory step, to something much further that God is waiting to reveal — he very regretted the reluctance among many of the brethren to receive some of these principles, which arises from the hardness of their hearts.

We ought to be as ready to receive principles from the servants of God, as good, Confiding children are from their Parents, — if our hearts are open to receive Council, God will impart more and more — we must not pride ourselves in our supposed knowledge, but like little children, be willing to be taught and instructed.

Elder George felt to believe and receive everything from our President, and rejoiced at the privilege of coming to this school —

Ep Andrew Cahoon of Little Cottonwood, being called upon said he wanted to say something about a report freely circulated through his ward and this City, that he had Apostatized, and turned Godbelie — It is not true! and any man who says so, He is a liar — He hoped no one who would take offence at this. He had not let go. Prest. Young as his Leader — if anything had caused a change in his views, Prest. Young would be the first to know of that change, his honour would not permit him to slight the Man who placed the him in the position he occupies as a Bishop. He was very sorry that such a report should have been circulated about him, not so much on his own a/c as his near friends — His-belief

God is with this people — and sustains Prest. Young & the twelve — He never embraced Mormonism before because his Father & Mother had done so — He had investigated for himself, hence he embraced the Gospel — His feelings remained the same, as they had been, in regard to the present organization — God was this people and he knew it — but the report had injured him, and especially those who circulated it.

He had made unguarded and unwise expressions but having made them to particular friends, did not think they would ever have been circulated to his injury —
Prest. R. Young. said the items of revelation given us to day, are for our meditation - The Saviour said - This is life eternals, To know the only wise God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent - He wished the brethren to pray to God, for wisdom, to know and find out when and how to speak on that subject.

Some of this school were often complaining of the lack of revelation, it reminded him of many who came to him for council having their minds already made up before they come, and expect a blessing from the hands of the Lord, although their hearts are corrupt.

Apostates cannot promote truth, their business and right is to write or talk about Him or his brethren - as their accusers.

Mining. The Mountains are full of Gold and Silver, and when we are nearer to the standard of truth and right and oneness - the Lord will give us all we could ask for - If we do know who Adam is, how can we know anything about his Father &c.

Prest. Geo A Smith express a desire that whatever is said at this school should be just right, and spoken at the right time.

School adjourned for One Week at One o clock p.m.

After singing Benediction by Prest. G. A. Smith

Geo Goddard Sect'y.
On Saturday Oct 22 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle
at One o clock p.m.

Prest. B. Young, Geo A. Smith & A the twelve having gone to Provo.

Prest. D.H. Wells presided After singing prayer by Elder John W. Young
singing Elder-A-Carrington

Elder T. McKenzi read a letter from Prest. B. Young addressed to the Members of the School, stating the heavy burden that still rested upon him with railroad indebtedness, and the very limited aid that he had received from the efforts of the Committee appointed to lay the subject before the brethren, yet what had been promised through the Bishops, had not been fulfilled - the reason of which he could not account for - unless something could be done before long to afford him relief, necessity might force the sale of the U C R R to Gentile purchasers; the He then asks a question "whether the brethren are willing to assume the responsibilities of such a sale.

Elder A Carrington made some remarks on the above subject - and on the use and abuse of the wealth & riches of this world. The Saints will sooner or later enjoy the wealth of the world, as soon as they are capable of using it for the building up of the Kingdom of God. The hand of God was over us for good, not only in the Construction of the UPRR but also the Utah Central -

Will we unite as a people to lift the load of indebtedness from the shoulders of Prest. Young, and hold that road ourselves, rather than sell it to outsiders?

Elder Brigham Young Junr. refered to a universal decision of this school some time ago, that we would hold th and retain the UCR in our own possession, but he was not aware that much if anything had been done by the members, by making purchase of bonds to assist Prest. Young in what he is owing to his brethren.

Two days

Prest. D.H Wells gave notice that a meeting will be held in this or the New Tabernacle on Saturday & next at 10 o clock A M. and he hoped the Bishops would give publicity to this. It will be for this school to say whether Prest. Young shall or shall not dispose of our railroad to outsiders or not. Acts and not words will decide the matter. He himself will very much regret our line of railroad going into our enemies hands -
The Kingdoms of this world will soon become the Kingdom of our God and his Christ. And in the economy of heaven, this will be brought about; and when accomplished, Railroads, Steamboats, Horses, & Carriages &c will be enjoyed by the saints in the Kingdom of God. Spoke of the unwise course of Latter day Saints patronizing their enemies - he much regretted also that many of our wealthy Merchants were unwilling to use their means for the building up of the Kingdom of God - Let no one among us Covet Wealth, for it is a slippery path to tread, we have many examples of this kind before us - Our enemies will drive us away from our homes, as they have done it before, if they can - This Railroad of ours, is an Engine of safety and protection to us, if we can hold it - or if and is a triumph for God and his Kingdom - if it goes into our enemies hands, they will have a powerful Engine to injure, annoy, and finally expel us from our homes. Let the enemy once gain the ascendency in this place, and you'd see how quickly he would hoist every latter day saint from his homes.

Few men in this kingdom can be blest without means, without him going straight way to destruction -

The meeting was then adjourned for two weeks at one o'clock p.m

Pray Benediction by Elder J. F. Smith

Geo Goddard
Clerk
On Saturday Novr. 5th 1870 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p.m. Presst. Elias-Smith Jno W. Young. Presst. of the Stake &c

Prest. B Young being absent on a Missionary tour to Grantsville -

Singing  Prayer by Elder Geo Goddard Singing

Elder Jno. W. Young gave a general invitation for any member of the Schol to come forward and express their thoughts on anything pertaining to the Kingdom of God -

Bp Eder E. Hunter was thankful to meet in this School, had not been absent more than 4 or 5 times - much instruction had been given on temporal duties - Agriculture &c - he hoped to magnify his calling - we are accountable for the privileges we enjoy, and should therefore treasure up the instructions we receive and put them in practise - he did not think we as a people would be kicked and knock'd about, as in Kirtland, Nauvoo or Missouri - but tried in us by some other way the enemy he thought would try another tact. We must act our part, and be servants of the Lord -

Bp John Sharp said nothing short of the power of God, could enable a man like Bp Hunter of his years, to stand up and bear a faithful testimony, of the truth of the latter day Work.

We as a people are the most blest, of any people on the earth, and should be the most grateful; the Lord had granted us a many blessings both temporal and Spiritual in answer to our fervent prayers - we have been preserved from the hand of our enemies - and his care will constantly be over us, so long as we continue to love and serve God -

The Apostates cannot offer us anything - worthy of acceptance - they have denied the necessity of the atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

May we ever feel humble and grateful, let us ever feel our dependance on God.

Elder Geo B. Wallace said a great deal of good instruction had been given here from time to time & what applies to us here, applies equally to our wives and children - At times, the spirit of the Lord rests so fully on an individual that they can unfold the principles of life to their brethren to their understanding - he failed in language to express his views to others -
When the Council was first given to sustain ourselves instead of our enemies - he reflected on it, and sustained that Council.

He then spoke on Home Manufacture, the necessity of raising pure seed &c. pure stock & budded fruit - While we do cultivate the ground, we may just as well to raise good fruit as bad - We live in the days of regeneration, the time has commenced - he then spoke of whole families living in this City, who never go near a Ward Meeting or come to the Tabernacle especially in a Morning - this is not right -

Elder Elias Smith always deemed it a privilege to attend this school whenever circumstances would permit him - he never went away without being benefitted - He had many years been a close observer of Mankind and was astonished to find so many needed so much preaching to induce them to keep the commandments of God -

We are slow to carry out the Council of the Servants of God in regard to made our deal He then some appropriate remarks on the improper use that many scrip make of the County and Territorial by trading it off to outside Merchants, who would have to have paid their taxes in money, if the brethren had not taken their Scrip to them -

He touched on the subject of neglecting meetings, paying fast offerings &c. if we fail in carrying out the Council of the Servants of God - we cannot prosper -

Let us not be discouraged, let us be faithful, & we will come off victorious

Elder Levi Richards

Meeting adjourned for one week at one o clock p m

After singing Benediction by Pres. Elias Smith

Geo Goddard

Secty.
On Saturday Nov. 12 - 1870

Theological Class met in the Tabernacle At One o clock P M.

Present Elder Orson Pratt presiding

Prest. B. Young & Council being absent on a two days meeting at Ogden

After singing Prayer by Elder A M Musser 

Elder Orson Pratt gave permission for any member of the School to speak from 10 to 15 minutes on any subject that most rested on their minds.

Elder Henry bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel, was pleased with all the instructions he received from the servants of God. All is right in Zion - the Saints are prospering - let us all go on - be faithful, and do our duty.

Elder Robert Collins felt thankful to meet with his brethren, he came regular to school, and hoped to continue so - spoke of the time when the 'Times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled.' All the words, the Lord spoken to Joseph the Prophet pertaining to the same subject - when he said that this generation shall not pass away when these things should be fulfilled. We have got to keep the new commandments that God has given us, in order for the work of God to prosper, and these events bro. about he had observed the word of Wisdom, yet he had been a dear lover of Coffee - the Nations who had hitherto refused admission for our Elders to carry the Gospel, will be shaken, turned and overthrown, until the bar's are down, and permission granted the servants of God to preach there.

Elder Wm. Miller spoke of his early experience when Elder Banks bestowed upon him the Spirit of Prophecy, and in less than 3 weeks after he did have that spirit, and it was plainly Manifest to him that Elder Banks would sooner or later apostatize - He then spoke of Charity, which he regarded as sustaining the order of the Kingdom of God - Many would do much towards feeding the poor, but they would do it their own way, and not through the Bishop. Many of such have already apostatized.

Elder T. J. King had seen many rise and fall in this school - there is no end of progress in this Church.

Elder Josh. Carlisle said we are anxious to know the mind and will of God, and what is going to happen - the Gentiles don't appreciate us, neither here, nor
his glory - speaking of apostacy said, if we are going to apostatize, let us do it up quick - Prest. Young said the spirit of Apostacy was thick around, and even in this School - The Lord was trying us, and would try us - he has does well for us - and to live so as to have the light of truth in them, what a blessing it is, let us then rejoice and do right - May God help us to be wise -

Elder A. M. Musser, said our feelings & views tally with each other, if we have within us the Spirit of the Lord - He has long seen the importance of us becoming one in Temporal things - and we should all echo the same sentiments and practises of our Leaders - We should never patronize those who are opposed to Co operation, but pass them by.

We should also be willing to forego our own appetites, and not continue to indulge in the use of those things which the Lord has forbidden - We should never give way to a spirit of fault finding against the Lords anointed - until we can improve upon the suggestions of Prest. Young - the Lord never gave us the right to find fault -

If we as a School would all be united and carry out the Word of Wisdom, we should soon see the result, by Tea & Coffee being banished out of our Stores.

Elder James Leach said a neglect of duty was a stepping stone to apostacy - We are children of the light, and should cleave unto it.

Elder Orson Pratt - We have much good instruction this afternoon - the same things that have many times been impressed upon our minds, since we came into this church - It is astonishing to see how slow some children are to learn the most simple duties, so it is with us - hence the necessity of having those duties pointed out and reiterated in our ears - how good it is to be put in remembrance of our duties - ever by the weakest of saints -

We are living in an important era - we are certainly nearer by 40 years, than when the Lord spoken to his servant Joseph - There are many things not yet revealed to us - but will be in the due time of the Lord. We are living much nearer the time when the "Times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" than when Joseph the Prophet first received revelation pertaining to them - The time when the Times of the Gentiles are come in, was when the Gospel was first ushered in -
Lord has not yet revealed but the Gospel will then be sent to the scattered tribes of Israel.

He then read a paragraph from page 250 in the Doc & Cov - When the Lord shall take away the Gospel from the Gentiles - it will be taken to the scattered remnants of Israel and the arm of the Lord will be made bare in their midst.

We are the school of the Prophets raised up from the midst of the Gentiles - and are here for the purpose of being taught and instructed in the operations of the Spirit upon the mind of man - He had almost a longing anxiety for the time to come, when the Gospel should be sent to the scattered Jews.

The descendants of the Jews who persecuted the Saviour, will remain in unbelief, though many of them will be gathered in Jerusalem yet, others whose forefathers did not persecute the Saviour & the Apostles, will embrace the Gospel before they gather to Jerusalem.

A Question was asked whether a substitute can be taken (for Tea & Coffee) owing to the impurity of the water that runs through our streets -- and

Elder O Pratt said, if the water was impure, in itself, why add poison to make it more pure - Water was the only beverage that came free & plentiful from the hands of our Creator for our use, and there was Nothing so well adapted to assuage thirst.

Elder W. Woodruff commented severely on the wilful practise of Herd boys destroying fences, and damaging the late crops - And shewed the necessity of entering into all our operations, the principle of Co-operation. The Importation of Bees and Fish

Meeting was adjourned for one week at one o clock

Benediction by Elder J. W. Young

G Goddard SectY.
ON Saturday Novr. 19. 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p m

Present  Prest. B. Young presiding

After singing   Prayer by Prest. D. H. Wells   Singing

Prest. Geo A. Smith said that they had recently visited Grantsville & Ogden, at which they had held two days Meetings, all were well attended, and much instruction imparted to the saints, a school of the Prophets was organized in Grantsville - there was great need of preaching among the latter day saints.

Since Joseph Smith received revelations from God, the world had been flooded with false revelations thousands of false spirits had gone forth on our face of the earth - and unless we keep a strict watch care ourselves and do our duty, we cannot resist their influence - He had no doubt the Mining excitement now going on in our midst, will prove a great blessings to us as a people, tho' he was sorry so many of our Elders should allow themselves to be carried away with it - He felt anxious to see the rock hauled for our Temple for there never was a time when the people were so well prepared to push forward the Temple.

He also felt anxious for the people to take hold, and relieve the hands of the President of the Railroad Indebtedness -

He then advocated the general principle of co-operation, in reference to Merchandize - Woollen Factories, Cheese Factories &c &c. - dont let small difficulties check you in your efforts to accomplish this -

Any member of this school who willfully divulges what takes place or spoken here lays the foundation of for his own ruin, though the school is not injured by it.

Let us observe the "Word of Wisdom", for Prest. Young & Himself were about to continue their labours of preaching & Counselling the saints through the Southern Country, and should recommend the saints to observe the same - He prayed for the blessing of Israels God should abide upon his people -

Ep. E. Hunter refered to the hauling of Rock - there was considerable
of the effort now being made to improve our stock, by importing a superior variety, and he urged the necessity of selecting out good & suitable men to make selections & purchase in the East, what will be most suitable for this Country.

We must fill our Covenants, not wait to be commanded, or we'll be slothful servants the Lord will not always strive with men who are indifferent to his requirements - let us hasten to do our duty - there will be some labour tithing wanted shortly in extending the paper Mill Factory - and the wards adjacent to it will be called upon to furnish it.

A Question was asked by a member of the 11th Ward. 'How near one may build and be justified a stable to his neighbours house?' Bp McRae & Prest. Geo A Smith reply'd and recommended every person to study his neighbours health and convenience, and by no means to encroach upon each other.

Elder Geo Q Cannon who-ha said it was important for the alteration to be made at the Paper Mill, to be attended to forthwith, so as to secure its completion before the winter sets in - and he would be glad for the call to be made forthwith, for the tithing labour necessary to accomplish it.

He felt that the recent two days meetings held here and elsewhere would be attended with the best of results - Our outside enemies had been straining every point to gain an advantage over us as a people - but had significantly failed. If we will only do right and attend to our duties, God our Heavenly Father will always bring us off victorious - There never had been such a united effort made here by the Federal Officers to bring trouble upon us.

The Hand of God is very apparent in the development of our Mineral resources - there is a wise design in the providence of God by diverting the attention of our enemies from their secret plot - We want time to grow, to increase, to become mighty - The great point for us as a people, is to have the fear of God before our eyes - and not absorbed by the glittering prospects of Gold or Silver that may appear to be looming up - Our feet will be made fast in these mountains, if we will only do right - God is with us - Satan is making a great onslaught on the work of God, by the and some are shook out of the church.
F. B. Young said Bro Geo A Smith and himself would shortly go South, and if the Bishops and all others in Authority will only do their duty keep their wives and daughters at home, and not allowed to go out at midnight, subjecting themselves to insult from Soldiers & others.

Do not have many parties through the winter, and what you do have, have them in respectable places, such as the Social Hall the 13th & 14th Ward Houses &c.

The winter will pass off quietly, the saints will not be molested, there may be a little menacing by the outsiders, but nothing of importance, if the brethren will only be wise and attentive to their duties - be kind, all is right. The present Commander at Camp Douglas will do his duty, there is nothing to fear.

Let the hauling of Rock be continued without a days hinderance, until the last one is placed upon the Temple - we shall succeed in rearing it - We will not play the Card that our enemies wish us to - He spoke with much confidence on the ability and judgment of D H Wells, as Mayor, his knowledge of Law, Justice &c, and if the brethren will only hearken to him, and carry out his instructions, we shall have a peaceable winter.

In the course of a little time, we shall have the controlling power in Idaho and also in the East - We are the Soul, and the Mainspring of the West.

The Latter days Saints will stay here, and labour and make it their home - but the balance will go, as the soon as the bottom drops out of these Mines, and become as white Pine & other once boasted Mines, but are now forsaken - Let us be patient and the victory is ours - Don't have any parties this winter, but keep your Wives and daughters at home - Let us remember. The Kingdom of God or nothing. try to unite ourselves more & More - The outside rumours of War & bloodshed, & don't pay any attention to - We understand all about it - Many Men go down to the graves by the thousand who are over anxious to about the acquirement of wealth.

Meeting was adjourned for one week at one o'clock p.m.

Benediction by Prest. Geo A Smith

Geo Goddard

Sect'y.
On the Saturday Nov 29th 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p.m.

Prest. D. H Wells presiding Premts. B Y & Geo A Smith started yester-
day for Dixie, to spend the winter there.

After singing Prayer by Bp A H. Raleigh Singing

Elder Geo Q. Cannon spoke of the variety of teachings that are needed to be taught to the Latter Day Saints, as are suggested by the spirit of the Lord, and by each day's circumstances - The present effort now being made to break up the Kingdom of God, by our enemies in our midst - was now occupying the minds of the saints, especially in this City - some were defiant, some timid and fearful, others tranquil & serene realizing that God rules - but notwithstanding our care and anxiety to avert impending trouble, God will overrule all things according to his good pleasure.

Owing to several of our Brethren being taken prisoners to Camp Douglas, by the Authority of the Clique or Ring, some wanted to fight and kick up a fuss, but we should learn to keep quiet, for all things will work for our good, if we only do right. We need not expect to get along without difficulties, but it is for us to take such a course as will be justified by the Heavens.

He did not fear as to the result of the present movements, We continue to enjoy a great many privileges, such as our public Meetings, prayer Meetings, Washings & Anointings &c and we should therefore be very thankful, and faith-
ful to our duties. Trials are necessary to test us, and to prove us and purge all out from us everything that is displeasing in the sight of God.

Let us be all united, not only in the hauling of rock for the Temple, but in other temporal labours. We should seek to become more and more united, and in proportion to our efforts, the efforts of our enemies will endeavour to keep pace, so as to prevent it.

A Petition from signed by 47 citizens of Mill Creek & adjacent settlements, asking for a Cattle & Horse Drive was then read by the Secretary -

Elder Orson Pratt made a few remarks on the subject & invited some one
drive - whose names were attached to the petition -

Elder H. Buckland thought, if a drive can be economically and satisfactorily carried on, more good than harm, may be expected.

Elder A. B. Dunning expressed the same views - until we are more perfect than we are at present. He was opposed to a drive.

Elder Jno. Pack, thought from present appearances, most of the Stock now on Jordan Range, if left there, would certainly perish, especially the Horned Stock. He was therefore in favour of a Drive.

Elder Seymour H. Young thought a public de good would be result from a drive, and therefore sanctioned one, believing that the many will be benefitted, when should the few be exposed to injury & wrong.

Elder A. Carrington, hoped he should never own stock on West Jordan Range - that way of raising stock, at best, feeds and encourages, and fattens thieves - it in his judgment, he was altogether opposed to a public drive, believing to be, not only in direct antagonism to the principle of Co-operation - but positively a public nuisance.

Elder James Rawlins, said it had been represented to him, that the signed petition had originated in this School, or he should never have put his name to it, for he was opposed to a drive.

Elder Luce had lived 15 years over Jordan, had heard of many drives, and lost all the Cattle he had with them - he was very much opposed to them.

Elder was this year in favour of a drive, to be carried out according to Prest. Youngs suggestion, viz for the Bishops to send reliable men after them -

Bp. Newman was in favour of a drive - especially as in former times -

Elder was in favour of a drive - he had lost more Cattle in Herds than on the range.

Elder A. Carrington did not deem it wisdom to trouble this School with the question of Stock driving -
Bp A H. Raleigh had no objection to any legitimate means being used for people to prevent injury to their stock. He thought we ought to treat kindly a petition sent here by so many citizens - And that wisdom sufficient was in this school to devise the best means to collect what stock there now is on the range -

Dr Crockwell thought it would be policy to get all the stock in if possible, to prevent them from dying, and then turn them in, on the Emigration Fund - as he had done with some of his -

Saml Elder Hill had the understanding last year that all future drives should be sanctioned by this school - hence the petition being sent here - He was in favour of a drive, and that owners of Cattle only, should be employed, so that no expense be incurred in driving it -

Elder Geo Q Cannon suggested a Cooperative Herd being established and entered into before the stock was driven in, so as to have a place provided, and parties prepared to receive them as soon as the owners have found their own stock.

Prest. D H Walls said, whether we hold stock or anything else, we should esteem them as blessings from the Lord - and should therefore take proper care of them to avoid waste. Said there was no other way of having the driven Stock driven up, expect by hiring men to drive it, and that is attended with expense - Therefore there will be no public drive at the present, by his consent - All men will be held accountable for the way and manner they use the blessings of the Lord -

He then counselled Farmers in particular - not to attempt to keep more stock than they can profitably use and take care of - Jordan Range will never be a suitable place for even a Co operative Herd, while it is used by the public to use as a common herd ground - we ought to drill ourselves in the care of our stock and any owners who choose, may go after their own, but not disturb other peoples - Owners had far better get up their Stock and dispose of them where they will be taken care of, or else put them in the Emigration Fund -
It was Motioned & Carried "That their be no Cattle drive"

A Notice was read of several bad places on the road leading from the Quarry, and would prevent any more rock being hauled, unless they were repaired

Some one present promised to attend to it.

A notice was given out, of a Public Meeting being held on Monday evening next of which Bro Woodruff was the president -

A few remarks were then made on the subject of trespassing in the Big Field -

Meeting was adjourned for one week at One o'clock p m

After singing Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt

Geo Goddard Secty.
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o clock p m

Present  Prest. D. H. Wells presiding
After singing Prayer by Elder S. W. Richards Singing

Elder Geo Q. Cannon said that only about six months was remaining, before those who have preempted land, will have to pay for it, and it would be well for every one interested to bear it in mind, and be prepared to make payment, when the time comes, or we shall be liable to lose our property - so with naturalization, now that the difficulties have thickened around that subject, those who have neglected this important duty, must more or less, feel under condemnation - Let us carry out every requirement and duty that devolves upon us as Elders in Israel, so that in times of trial, we can confidently look for, and expect the kind interposition of God, our Heavenly Father - for He will most assuredly deliver us, if we carry out the councils and instructions of the servants of God.

Let us learn to appreciate and enjoy the Spirit of God, though we may be crowded with many cares in our every day life yet we should learn to keep them in their proper place, and not thrown off our guard by them &c.

Elder Josh. F. Smith spoke of the individual and collective responsibilities that rest upon us, that we had got to defend ourselves, and stand upon our own resources - The enemy had already got a foothold among us - and are seeking to deprive us of every right and privilege - it will be recreant to therefore for us to favour any scheme that will tend to strengthen their plans and influence here -

He did not approve of Latter day Saints sending their children to the Day and Sabbath schools of the Sectarians in our midst - He would prefer having children brought up under proper influences, and taught correct principles - we are altogether too loose and careless in this respect, and not near so exclusive as we ought to be - proving the fact by reference to what was common among Democrats & Republicans, Protestants and Roman Catholics -
He express his determination to sustain his prayers and acts those only who are the servants of God - He had no desire to mingle with the ungodly - Let us look after our rights and defend them - If we do right, God will stand by us and shield us from our enemies -

He had lived long enough, to know there was only one man outside the Church, that he would trust further than he could throw a two year old bull by the tail - the one exception was Col. T. Kane - Let us be exclusive Latter Day Saints - If we enjoy the spirit of the Lord, we shall be able to judge men aright -

Elder W. W. Woodruff said the Lord intends to build up Zion, but the enemy is so far on the alert, that we may expect to be met on all sides - the Land question is very important, and should not be neglected, or we will suffer by it - Ours is a constant warfare, and has been from the beginning - we have got to watch and guard ourselves, lest the enemy gets an advantage over us - God was going to build up Zion on this Land and we ought to carry out the Council of his servants - We had got to Labour, and cease to sustain the enemies of our God - Though the Government, through its Officials are seeking to destroy every constitutional right, and deprive us of them - they will certainly find it a dear bought effort, for if we do our duty, God will frustrate their plans, and bring them to shame -

Pres. B. H. Wells said we are not an exclusive people - for we preach the Gospel in all nations - Zion will be redeemed, and the Glory of God will be extended to the ends of the earth -

There are many who make no pretensions to religion, and yet are great sticklers for right - such men will be rewarded according to his efforts to sustain the right - If we stand firm to the principles of truth to the end, we shall most assuredly come forth with crowned with the blessings of Eternal Life -

There is no danger of the Lords forsaking us if we will only do right - Let us stand firm and faithfully in the hour of trouble - and act in wisdom, and
we will be steadfast and the enemy will disappear, and break asunder - let us be united, and they will be broken - We are entrenched in the strong principles of truth

Bp Hunter was pleased with what had been said to day - He urged on the brethren to continue with their heavy teams, in the hauling of Rock for the Temple

Some of our fast meetings were tolerably well attended, and offerings paid, but some were very neglectful -

He was ashamed at the trifling response from the Southern wards, to work all on the Paper Mill. - He therefore called on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd City Wards to assist immediately on that labour, as it was the presidents wish to have the work done this fall

Meeting was adjourned for one week at one o'clock p.m.

Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt

George Goddard
Secty
On Saturday Dec 9th 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o'clock p.m.

Present   Prest. D. H. Wells    presiding

After singing  Prayer by Elder Phineas H. Young    Singing

Prest. D. H. Wells, said, a Brother asks, Is it right for us to sell our
Lots to outsiders? in answer. He said, it was much better to sell to friends,
than to enemies - though they are crowding in upon us, and are trying to ob-
tain a foothold here, of the two He would rather lease the land, on a good
rental, and let them make improvements, while we retain the right of free-
hold ourselves -

He then recommended Parents to look after their children, and not allow
them to associate with outsiders, in meeting at Beer & Oyster Saloons, for
Oyster Suppers &c - rather indulge them at home a little, than spend their
time in Saloons, under bad influences -

He then recommended that our Youth, learn some useful Trade, rather than
depend upon Clerkship behind the Counter. Any kind of Mechanical labour will
constantly find a Market, and be a source of income - It was also necessary
for our young people to learn God and his purposes and become useful in their
day and generation - he recommended a kind and gentle influence rather than a
harsh and coercive means, towards our children, instil into their minds cor-
rect principles and endeavour to preserve them from going astray--Learn them
some useful trade or profession -

We will endeavour to preserve ourselves in this City, and not allow it to
go into the hands of the wicked - He expected the saints would retain it
for God and his Kingdom, as with also, every new Settlement that is opened
up - He did not think that our Temple we are now erecting, will ever be
wrenched out of our hands, and be desecrated by the wicked. Let us be faith-
ful to God and his Kingdom -

Epd. Edw., Hunter  said it was the Lords good pleasure to give us this
Land, and it was of the utmost importance for us each to secure a legal title
to the same by paying for it within the time specified for its payment. Let us be in the way of our duty, attend our fast meeting, pay our offerings,

Tithings &c -

Elder W. W. Woodruff said we have not sufficiently realized our responsibilities, as parents or Members of the Church - though he himself had always been used to work, and his wives and children also had to work and be industrious - it was not right for us to allow our children to be out late at night, and mingle with evil associations - they should be taught to respect and honour their parents.

He was truly thankful for the institution of Sabbath Schools, and our children should be sent there to learn the principles and doctrine of Christ -

Some of us will soon pass away, and the responsibilities of the Kingdom of God, will fall upon the heads of our children - therefore they should be instructed in everything that pertains to the government of God - Zion will which of conquer, and prevail, and our duties are in the most various kinds, if we will only attend to them - we shall gain an experience that will qualify us for increasing usefulness - We should teach our Wives, (in our absence) to pray with their 5a Children, and teach them to be honest - also that when they find anything, it is not theirs, but seek to find the owner -

We have been greatly blest and softened the hearts of men in our behalf, in us times past and if we do right, God will give our power to retain our possessions and keep the balance of Power in this City. -

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Bp Phineas Young, expressed thankfulness to be present at this School - to hear the wise councils and instructions given by the servants of God - spoke of his early experience in the Church, and rejoiced at the glorious prospect before us as a people -

School adjourned for one week at one o'clock p m.

Benediction by Elder Jos H. F. Smith

Geo Goddard

Secty.
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o'clock p.m.

Present  Prest. D.H. Wells presiding

After singing  Prayer by Elder Edw. Stevenson  Singing

Elder Geo Q. Cannon spoke of the necessity of the Members of the School being occasionally reminded of the obligations we have voluntarily taken upon ourselves by subscribing to the rules, which have many times been read, and still need to be read, to remind us of the same. - Many were very lax in their promises, and obligations, and the rights of others - unless we pay particular attention to the vows we have made, we shall be very loose in our business transactions -

He then administered a timely reproof towards those who indulge in a careless spirit and indifferent to their promises. He then confess'd his own faults in those respects, and desired to profit by his own remarks. -

Elder W. Woodruff sanctioned the remarks of the previous speaker, said no one living in the Zion of Enoch would make promises and not fulfill them, and before we can enter into the Order of Enoch, we have got to practise the principle of righteousness - if every man would fulfill their promises to each other, confidence will be increased - both Joseph Smith & Prest. Young have taught us the principles of Honesty and Integrity and we should try to carry them out - The rules of the School are just and good, and we should observe them-

We cannot be saved in the Celestial Kingdom of God, unless we practise principles of righteousness & Honesty - it does not pay any of us, to do wrong - He teaches his children to be honest, and he believes they will grow up as Honest Men - We must not encourage our children to do wrong, if we do, they are not almost sure to make it manifest as they grow up - Let us set good examples before our Wives and children.

He then recommended the brethren to get up what Horses or Cattle they have over Jordan, if not, we shall certainly lose them, for their is no feed for them there -

Put them in Cooperative Herds where they can be taken where proper care of

Prest. D.H. Wells referred to the close and difficult times that Joseph the Prophet had to pass through but from Governors, Lawyers &c, while the Church was
strain, some have developed a principle of dishonesty, which is wrong - He refer'd to some who began to have fears that lest the influence of Pres. Young was on the wane, partly on a/c of having no Muster &c - this was not the way to strengthen the hands of the Anointed of God - No person could express such views, without himself being half an apostate - We are silently laying a broad, deep, foundation in these Vallyes, for God and his Kingdom - and gradually increasing in Wealth, and Influence, and Union - there is no cause therefore to indulge in a spirit of fearfulness - the Power of God has been made manifest in our behalf - and there is no need for faintheartedness -

Our enemies are approaching us in every possible shape, and very different to what ever they did before - they appeal to our selfishness and liberty & freedom, and endeavour to make it appear that we are curtailed in these things -

Those brethren who went to Camp Douglas, by some, are spoken of by some as having done wrong by musterings in the 20th Ward - He was sorry that any should so regard it for they were merely as representatives of the community in that thing - and should any expense accrue to them in their defence, we should all rally around them, and pay those expenses - We ought to be united, and should stand by each other in defending the rights of the saints - The Federal officers have committed themselves in many things, and he had no doubt but what they had got their foot in, and are already beginning to fear the course they have been pursuing, will be not be sustained by the heads of departments - Let us therefore stand by each other, shoulder to shoulder, and live our Holy Religion - and fight our enemies by policy, never submitting to the last Extremity viz. & fight with blows, until every other source failed us, then God would come to our rescue - He then encouraged us to let our passions be our servants, so that they may subserve the object for which they were placed created.

Meeting was adjourned for one week

Benediction by Elder A Fielding

Geo Goddard
Secy
On Saturday Decr. 24th 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o'clock p.m.


After singing Prayer by Elder S. W. Richards Singing

Prest. Elias Smith said in the transfer of property from one to another, we had not been so particular as we ought to have been, in securing good title recorded. deeds, and having it properly conveyed our enemies are on the alert and looking after such land as is not duly held by parties, who have been careless about their title deed.

Elder John Pack said he had entered a quarter Section of land in Davis Co some time ago - and about 20 persons owned pieces of land upon that section - and until he obtained his Patent from Government, it was impossible for him to Deed to them their separate claims.

Elder Z. Snow shown the importance of being sufficiently descriptive of one the land conveyed from to another.

We have a City & County Recorder which contains first a Certificate of ownership, then a trade is made for land duly recorded by the first owner, but no conveyance is made of that trade - the second owner improves that property and occupies it for many years, yet not having had it duly conveyed & recorded to him, is running a serious risk of losing that property - let us therefore comply with the Laws of our G Territory and enjoy our rights without fear of molestation.

Elders W. Woodruff & Jno Pack made a few more remarks on the same subject.

Prest. D. H. Wells related a circumstances where one Bro was likely to lose a property which he had paid for, a but from a flaw in the conveyance. He then recommended each one to look after their title, and where it was imperfect, to look immediately after it to avoid trouble and loss - Let us be firm and united, and endeavour to keep our enemies from using us up •, and if we do right, God will defend us and protect us -
Let us look after our titles, for every day discloses some new effort on their part to annoy and trouble us - It was a great blessing for us to have the Land law extended to Utah.

He then desired the Bishops to have but few parties, and those well attended superintended - have no whiskey there, open and close by prayer.

A Schools had been opened up here for the purpose of Sowing the seeds of disaffection - No faithful latter day saints will send their children there - The enemy is seeking to make inroad upon us, by every variety of temptations - and our children should be watched over - May God help us to live our holy religion.

School was adjourned for one week at One o'clock p m -

Benediction by

Geo Goddard
Sect'y.
On Saturday Decr 31st 1870

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o clock p m

Present Prest. D. H. Wells presiding

After singing Prayer by Prest. JosA. Young Singing

Elder C C Rich / said there was no employment so beneficial for us to learn, as how to be saved when we can arrive at a point when all will know how to do right in all things and really do it, then evil will cease to exist in the world, and God will be honored - This School is the place for us as the servants of God, to be taught in correct principles, that should govern us to day, and not reach after those that pertain to the eternal worlds in the future - No person e can sin with impunity, it will have its influence over us, and our destiny, in proportion as we indulge in it - He regretted the prevalence of harsh, vulgar words which some are in the habit of indulging in - bad words seldom proceed from a pure heart, but is indicative of an impure fountain from whence such words proceed

the Elder Geo Q. Cannon complained of the improper conduct, manifested at a party recently held at Ballous Hall - and hoped the Bishop and Council of the 14th Ward would control that Hall hereafter, if even they had to pay the Rent of the Hall He said that persons who indulge in habits of intemperance should be cut off from the Church - He was in favor of every Hall in the City being closed as against Parties, not immediately under the control of the Bishop -

Elder W. W. Woodruff had visited Fort Herriman preached there, and attended a party - He bitterly complained of conduct which he had been eyewitness to at a party in Bp Gardners WardA and was sorry that Bp Gardner was not present to day - Bishops ought to be the most honest of any people in the Territory - and especially those who have charge of Cooperative Stores, and not permit their Wives and daughters to draw goods out of the store without keeping one any account of it. Bp Gardner ought to be had before Bp Hunter and tried for such conduct in permitting such deviltry to exist in his ward -

Bp Hoagland expressed his determination to put a stop to Ballou's Hall being used for racy parties -
Bro A Fielding believed that Parties held after dark was an abomination in the sight of God - they should be held in the day and closed when night comes.

Elder A Carrington was opposed to stringent measures being used in any way towards old or young - don't try to force anybody, but act calmly & kindly reason with and try to persuade men to do right, and leave off doing wrong. He recommended that parties a heavy when held, should be well controll'd and conducted. - and leave off reasonable hours - commencing as early as you like, but leave off at 12. oclock p.m. - He could not endorse the stringent measures advocated by Bro Fielding.

He deprecated the habit of drinking now being indulged in - He knew from God himself, that the word of wisdom was true.

A day was coming when the time of choosing would take place - and after that, a shaking, happy for us, if we so conduct ourselves now, that we will be prepared for that which is to come - Let us try to make our homes happy and attractive to our children, so that they will prefer home to any other place.

Prest. D. H. Wells said, those who indulge in swearing or drinking should not be allowed a membership in the Church - The party Bro Woodruff spoken about in Bp Gardner's Ward, should have been stopp'd, and not allowed to proceed - He would like the brethren to do the hauling from the Mines, for the Gentiles - also work on the Railroad, we need all the work to be done in this Territory, and should underbid strangers, and not allow them to take the work out of our hands - the Moment a so man in this church makes means, as a general thing, learns to smoke, chew, drink and swear, and does not use their wealth for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

It's a fearful thing for a man to be rich in this Church - on acct. of our proneness to give way to our weakness. Those who make means in this Kingdom, are not on hand to build it up - There is an element in our midst growing up here that needs to be check'd, we have had to contend with it for years.

We are negligent in paying our Tithing when we are blest and so sure as we do so, we shall be clipt in our glory, and not inherit the blessing of the righteous.