On Saturday Jan 6th 1871

The School met at the Tabernacle at 1 o clock p m

Present Prest. D. H. Wells presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder Josh F. Smith Singing

Bp Arch'd Gardner said on the 5th Dec they had a Wedding Dance in their Ward House - there was to be no Liquor in or around the premises, but after he had gone home a little before recess, staying about 1½ hour, on his return he heard there had been a fuss, arising from a misunderstanding between two brethren, who had taken too much Liquor -

They had another party on Christmas Eve, and from circumstances he could not well controul, they were over crowded. 123 tickets were issued, and it was impossible to prevent a great noise, he learned since there had been some swearing & taking the name of God in vain, though he never heard it himself - it was a ugly dance, and he was ashamed of it, and had grieved over it ever since. The evil reports that had gone round the whole neighbourhood, branding the Ward with a Stigma of disgrace, that made him feel bad ever since.

Elder W. Woodruff said, he alone was responsible for what was said about Bp Gardners Ward Party, he was not present himself, but from reports that reached him, he had stated last Saturday what he did, was pleased with Bp Gardners statement, realized the difficulties that Bps labour under, especially in the management of Parties, where Liquor happens to get in, if only by a few - He hoped Bp Gardner would be blest in controuling his ward, he entertained a high regard for him.

Prest. D. H. Wells spoke of the necessity of saints living their religion in the Kanyon, or in the mines, as in any other place - have we as much relish for our religion, and is our Love for truth as warm and unfailing as when we first embraced the Gospel. No me Latter day Saint will gain respect by stooping down to the low degrading habits of the Gentiles - but should retain the dignity of our Saintship, be honorable, industrious, sober and full of integrity, then we will be preferred to fill places of trust, to outsiders; God has told us what is best for us to do, and as we shall be judged by our works, we shall only be
known by the course of life we pursue - It would be far better for us to have
remained in babylon, than to bring with us the sins of the wicked and the un-
godly - self government is the first thing we have to learn -

Great blessings are promised to those who observe the Words of Wisdom - He
condemned the use of Liquor in strong terms - the reason, the City undertook the
sale of Liquor was to controul it more effectually than in any other way - they
had also put a high tariff or tax, as a license for the sale of Liquor, which
really prohibited the sale to only a few. No City in the world is so free from
Drunkeness & debauchery, as this City is - the so called Christianity of the
age fails to exercise a controlling check to these great evils, the principles
of the Gospel are alone sufficient to stem the torrent of iniquity they are aim-
ing to bring upon us - the foundation is being laid in the Valleys of the Moun-
tains, to secure peace and the practise of righteousness, let us be the friends
of God, and coworkers with him, in establishing his Kingdom upon the earth -
great responsibilities rest upon us, in keeping the commandments of God - and
nothing short of this will secure to us an exaltation in the presence of God -
No one goes into apostacy, but there is a good and sufficient reason for it -
either by committing adultery or some other thing. Some had denied the Very
plank upon which the foundation of our holy Religion stands - We have got to
stand upon the firm foundation of truth and integrity - or we never can stand
the piercing glance of the Almighty - Mans iniquity is exposed sooner or later
by the allsearching eye of the almighty - One single act of stealing can destroy
a life time for honesty - One act let us be careful of the sacredness of a good
reputation - and live so as not to be overcome - The power of truth is assailing
the powers of evil, but in no other sense, we do not assail an individual or a
community, but the world assails us, and destroy the germ of the Kingdom of
God, together with us, our tabernacles &c. let us so order our lives, as not to
forfeit our names being reserved in the lambs book of life -

Elder Geo Q Cannon enquired if there was any business to bring before the sc

School was adjourned for one Week at one o clock p m

After singing Benediction by Elder G Q Cannon

Geo Goddard
On Saturday Jan7. 14th 1871

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

Present  Prest. D H. Wells presiding

After singing  Prayer by Bp. Phineas H Young     Singing

Prest. D H Wells announced that it was the intention of Professor Orson
Pratt to give two Lectures weekly on the subject of Astronomy in this Taber-
nacle, and as they will be free of charge, he hoped there would be a general
turn out of the Citizens to hear him -

He then read a Telegram from the our Delegate W. H. Hooper, announcing the
Decision of the highest authority on the subject of taxing our Tithing receipts
which has been attemptéd to impose upon us by Dr. P. T. Taggart, assessor of
income tax for Utah. That no Tithing property used for Ecclesiastical purposes
or benevolent d0. is taxable, only that portion of it that is used for bringing
in an income, which income alone is subject to tax.

Elder Orson Pratt spoke of the value and pleasure of acquiring knowledge,
he had studied various branches himself, not with a view of worldly gain, that
motive never inspired him, but from the pleasure its acquirement gave him, he
had for many years used his many leisure hours in that direction - His early
efforts after joining the Church, was the study of the Book of Mormon, which he
had pretty thoroughly done, so much so, that he committed many portions of it
to Memory - After the school of the Prophets had been organized, he he study'd
Kirkmans Grammar, Hebrew &c. which studies were intended by the Prophet Joseph,
to furnish aid and assistance to the Elders when they went forth to promulgate
the Gospel of the Son of God - An Elder understanding Hebrew was likely to
have more influence over the minds of the scattered tribes of Israel who under-
stood the Hebrew Language, by being able to meet them on their own ground. The
Prophet Joseph also inculcated the necessity of the Elders studying the History
of Nations, so that the spirit of God might more easily impress them minds
with what was going to take place. He mentioned that as Joseph used the Urim &
Thummim in the translation of the book of Mormon, he wondered why he did not
use it in the translation of the New testament, Joseph explained to him that
the experience he had acquired while translating the book of Mormon by the use of
the urim & thummim, had rendered him so well acquainted with the Spirit of Revelation & Prophecy, that in the translating of the New Testament he did not need the aid that was necessary in the 1st instance.

He then shown the necessity of our Youth acquiring knowledge of various branches, to fit and qualify them to fill responsible places of the Kingdom of God. We are going to become a Mighty Nation, and shall have special duties, to perform in many other Nations, that will absolutely render it necessary for our Knowledge and wisdom in science, & Policy of Governments, to exceed any other people that dwell on the earth.

Elder Phineas Richards was pleased with the prospect of Lectures on Astronomy being about to be given by Bro Orson Pratt - a knowledge of that science would greatly assist any student in their researches after any other science.

Elder O. Shaw said what Bro Pratt had said, was true - the little study he had devoted to the heavenly bodies - the composition of our own planet &c had afforded him more pleasure than any thing outside of the Gospel of the Son of God.

Elder W Woodruff said we had been in school a good while - and believed we were approaching a very great and important crisis as a people - he also believed, we were improving and advancing - The Angel told Joseph what would become of certain Nations, quoted many passages of ancient scriptures, and taught him their application - by this means, he was instructed and taught from a pure and correct fountain - the spirit of revelation grew up in him until he become thoroughly acquainted with it - the same Spirit dwelt in Bro Brigham and had been growing in him for many years. We want to learn God and the spirit of God as well as the sciences, for there are many great Philosophers well versed in the sciences are not only ignorant of God, but are infidel in their principles - Let any one read the prophecies in Isaiah, Book of Mormon, Doctrine & Covenants with a prayerful spirit, and we can almost write the future of many Nations. He spoke of the diversity of gifts and qualifications, some quick to discern one thing, and some another - there was a necessity for each one to learn the voice of the Spirit, mentioning two cases of self preservation in is our experience by listening to and obeying the whisperings of the spirit - -
W. Woodruff, continued - adverted to the hand of God in our present peace and quiet we enjoy in this City, notwithstanding the hue and cry of our bitter enemies - in the set time of the Almighty not only this Nation, but other Nations that lift their hands against this Work - will be broken to pieces and come to nought - prayed that we might all become more acquainted with the Spirit of God, understand his purposes - and be prepared for the great things that are coming to pass -

Elder Anson Call had been absent a short time, on a tour to the States, after dwelling here some 22 years - he found a great change among his old associates, most of whom had turned infidel - No confidence in the Bible - Many had turned Spiritualists - nine-tenths were disbelievers in the atonement - look'd on him as a good man, moral in his conduct but nothing more - they regard us as a very strange people - they had seen us in very peculiar positions - expected that the publication of the doctrine of Celestial Marriage would certainly procure the entire destruction of the whole Mormon community and especially so, when the flower of the American Army was sent up to Utah for that purpose - for the U. S. never undertake anything they do not accomplish, but to their utter astonishment, in this, they failed - and you still live. He told them that God dictated and directed us what to do - as in the case of the great Buchanan Army, the word of the Lord selected 24 young men and sent them back to tell the army to stop, and after burning up several of their baggage wagons but fired no gun but simply told the army, and the Army stopp'd -

Elder Geo Q. Cannon then read a few extracts from a letter just rec'd, from Prest. B. Young.-

The School was then adjourned for one week 1 oclock p m

After singing Benediction by Elder Geo Q. Cannon

Geo Goddard

SectY
On Saturday January 21st 1871

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at 1 p m


After singing  Prayer by Elder Josh. F. Smith  Singing

Elder A. Carrington referred to the conduct of many of our Children - there are quite a number of parents who do not seem to sufficiently appreciate the importance of correctly training our Children to be taught in all kinds of knowledge - spoke of the importance of having good, well ventilated School Houses, with every other convenience - then select the very best Teachers - Education is not a system of stuffing in the heads of children, by teaching them, parrot like to recite piece after piece &c but Education consists in leading the minds to exercise themselves, and teaching them to draw out their full capabilities in the study of all kinds of knowledge - Parents should exercise a wholesome influence over their children, teach them to keep good hours at night - and never trespass on the rights of others - nor indulge in a wanton destruction of shade trees &c - the spirit of evil seems to prompt many of our youth to be very mischievously inclined -

The reward of the righteous is a constant peace that flows like a river - never let us slack up in our efforts to train up our children to forsake every evil practice.

Elder Lorenzo Young, admitted the facilities now amongst us for the education of our children but particularly recommended the practice of parents giving an evening attention to giving instruction to their children - his Mother's council to him 59 years ago, influencing him in his conduct all through life - recommended the establishment of Free Schools, where the children of poor parents can be properly educated - let us teach our children the principle of kindness to each other

R.S.

Bro Wood bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel -

Prest. D. H Wells speaking of free schools, said this was a New Country, and no revenue sufficiently large to sustain free schools - there are many who never pay taxes, and many others so very indifferent about paying them that they...
takes as much to collect them as they are worth - Government, which at
makes appropriations for every other Territory & State in the Union for the
purpose of Education, but nothing at all for Utah - As a people, no Nation
under the sun does so much for the education of the poor as we do as a people -
There is no Teacher but what would rather educate the children of the poor,
gratis, than they should go uneducated - but there are so many, through the
spirit of selfishness, that fancy they cannot educate their children & pay their
taxes - when they have 5 acre lots and other valuable property - Spoke fav-
ourably of the University, and its influence for good among the people, some of
its patrons do not pay up, for the education of their children as they should do.
There is constantly a warfare on hand waged against us - the enemy is on the
alert and it takes both time and means to ward off their efforts -

Elder Geo Q. Cannon was opposed to the establishment of Free Schools
or anything else that would foster and encourage pauperism - as quickly as many
persons know that some of their neighbours were-po would pay for their Child-
rens education, it would tend to destroy the spirit of independance.

He then read a portion of a letter received from W.H. Hooper, also a doc-
ument sent to Washington, by Genl. R. Maxwell, in which he notifies his in-
tention to appear at head quarters to-early in March to contest the seat
of W. H. Hooper, and endeavour to prove the illegality of his election -

He warned the school against divulging what had been read, nearly all of
this school had received their endowments, and entered into Covenants, not to
reveal the Council of the servants of God - Men should school themselves to
be wise and prudent, and keep that which should not be talked about -

It was a thousand times better to teach men how to earn their own living,
rather than feed them on Charity - The principle of emigrating our people
from the ranks of wretchedness in the old Country - was one, worthy of God
who revealed it from the Heavens -

No man either in or out of the Church, can do anything to benefit & bless
the saints of God but what will be blest of the Lord, by Union, exertion &
faith we have to meet the enemy - We should be submissive, and pliable in the
hands of the priesthood. Our children should be so educated, as to compete in Court Rooms & Halls of Congress with the wisdom of those who are opposed to the Kingdom of God.

In our efforts to establish our own industries, there are no end of the difficulties that spring up as barriers in our way. If we do not do our own business, others will come in and do it.

In many ways, we lose power because we do not walk up to our duties, although God has put such power into our hands, if we will only use it.

Many of our poor might just as well be employed as not, if we would only unite our means together, and establish manufactories, so as to encourage our own Mechanics.

It was a constant drain upon the resources of the Kingdom of God, to keep sending back for Pork, Tobacco &c. which might just as well be raised and manufactured here—when we know better, we ought to do better.

The School was adjourned for One week at 1 o'clock p.m.

Benediction by Elder O. Pratt

Geo Goddard
Sect'y.
On Saturday Jan'y. 28th 1871

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

Present Pres't D. H. Wells presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder A. M. Musser Singing

Elder W. Woodruff said, in behalf of the parent association, for the introduction of improved stock, Bees, Swine, Sheep &c &c, while they were upon calling other Counties to cooperative with them in establishing branch associations - it was very necessary for us in Salt Lake County to start in a cooperative effort to herd our stock, so as to have the ranch cleared of all that is now running loose - have a regular system on an upright principle that every one may have their rights - there as been a great amount of dishonesty practised by individuals who have undertaken to take stock & Sheep on shares, and we want to do away with this -

Elder A. M. Musser Mentioned a case in Corn Creek where an old Gentleman who had a little Cash which he put in a Cooperative Store a few Cows and Sheep which he put into different Cooperative Herds, and the income he derived from those sources, he obtained a comfortable living - He strongly recommended the establishment of Cooperative Herds -

E. Jenkins said he had had a good deal of experience in Horses, and some little in Horned Stock - he strongly recommended an immediate effort to import good blooded animals, and have the inferior stock removed from the range - thorough blood Durham, short horned, wap Bulls, would do well to introduced and &c. -

Elder Geo Q Cannon advocated the necessity of taking good care of what God has put into our hands - and the best way he could suggest was to enter into a cooperative plan, wisely and honorably conducted - a great amount of Stock had been stolen from the range, and a remedy was loudly called for - and no plan is equal to the one now advocated - one advantage will be to avoid an unnecessary competition, in the sale of stock - besides the preservation and increases of our stock that are taken care of in Cooperative Herds -
He hailed the organization of these cooperative efforts with a great deal of pleasure, as a means of great good to the community.

Elder Peter Nebeker said if his means had been put in Cooperative herds, before he went on his Mission, he would have saved thousands of dollars - being one of the Committee on Horses - said they had suggested the idea of having all the Horses removed from off the Jordan Range - and all put in a Herd where they can live and do better than where they now are, leaving the present pasture for Milch Cows for the City - He made some valuable suggestions on the principle of Union or cooperation -

Elder A. P. Rockwood recommended the various Committees to set about their duties in a business like way, and he would promise and insure them success, get up their bys laws, open up their subscription books.

It was Moved & Seconded That the Committee on Horned Stock take immediate steps to open the books for subscription -

Elder Wheeler Horse Farrier, gave some excellent instructions about the management of Horses -

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

Benediction by Elder S. W. Richards

Geo Goddard

Sect'y.
On Saturday Feb 4, 1871

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

Present Prest. D. H. Wells presiding

After singing Prayer by Bishop A. H. Raleigh Singing

Elder John Taylor, after several weeks sickness, was pleased to have the privilege of again appearing before the saints, to speak on the subject of the Everlasting Gospel, which is unchangeable in its general character. Spoke of some who did not like to be interfered with by the priesthood especially in their temporal matters, they also laid aside some of the fundamental principles of the Gospel, such as the necessity for the atonement of Jesus Christ. If we trust to our own understanding and judgment, and yet-neglect God, he believed we should go astray.

There are no people on the face of the earth who know how to save, either themselves or their progenitors, except as God should reveal it — which he has done to Joseph Smith the Prophet, and Brigham Young — and if God revealed these things, then He is our Head, and we meet here to be instructed how to build up the Kingdom of God.

Elder W. Woodruff felt it was a time when we ought to watch as well as pray — We are having a great influx of strangers in our midst — and among them, many speculators, who are trying to get our land and Houses — by purchase or otherwise — He strongly recommended the brethren who have property to rent, to call on Prest. Wells for Council And always have the writings drawn up by Judge Smith or Hosea Stout, and not sign any document drawn up by strangers — for fear we should have advantage taken of us — No amount of Means could tempt him to sell his inheritance — and he hoped the brethren would hold their homes as being most sacred.

The Mines were now being opened and developed, for the special benefit of that the Saints, and by and bye if we do right, our eyes will be opened to see the hand of the Lord is over us for good — Zion will soon arise and arise shine, and increase. our enemies are not going to destroy us, nor take away our rights.
Elder Geo Q. Cannon thought if we could only look behind the spirit world, we should find the same spirit of rejoicing, among the damned spirits that is now indulged in by many in our midst — that Mormonism was now about to be so pent up, that it would shortly come to an hand, being entirely swallowed up by our enemies —

For years past our private and public prayers embodied in them that God would hide up the treasures of the earth, and for some time, we seem to have forgotten that prayer, our faith has slacked up — He was satisfied that God heard and answered our prayers, but now in the providence of God, the Mines are opened and the glittering ore is seen almost on the surface, the present appearance of things seem to indicate an unprecedented prosperity among the saints, if it should be the case, the faithful saint, who holds all he has upon the alter, will not be tempted or drawn aside from the truth, by the glittering gold & silver — If we continue to obey the laws of the Gospel we shall certainly occupy a pinnacle beyond the reach of temptation —

Only let us pursue the course that God has marked out, and the Government will never pass into wicked hands, but we will always retain our supremacy in these Mountains.

Elder Orson Pratt said, sometimes the Lord takes a course to bring about his purposes, that are not understood by the people, especially for the time being — as in reference to the selling of Joseph of old to the Egyptians — and that while the fact was not justifiable by his brethren, yet God turned it to good account — He then refer'd to the opening up of the Mines in our Territory — He was satisfied that the time had now come but those who had been showing up the richness of these Mines to the Gentiles, with a view to our injury — (meaning the Godbeites) will be under great condemnation, yet God will overrule it for their good of the people of God —

Pres. D H Wells was pleased with the good attendance of the brethren, and hoped they would turn out in the morning and afternoons meetings —

He also recommended those who had entered Land over Jordan to see to it, and make such improvements as is necessary to secure it — for some parties were
here, and would take it up, if we did not attend to it —

Let us do our duty, live our religion, go on in the even tenure of our way — and the Lord will perhaps take the present means, to get us into the Union, so that we can select our own officers, (who knows) — He then read a short paragraph from the Lectures on Faith, in the Doctrine & Covenants — they shewing that those only who have a knowledge of what they are doing is in strictly in keeping with the mind and will of God, will ever attain to eternal life —

He then shown up the folly and wickedness of those who sell their inheritances, on the merest pretext, especially the supposition that Prest. D H Wells had sold a piece of Land to an enemy — He then explained the case, which was entirely satisfactory to the school.

If we do not understand all the movements of the 1st presidency, let us steer our own course and not talk about them — and not to presume that what we are told, Prest. Young has done that we have a right to do also, and go headlong to sell out our inheritance — Prest. B Young has many times bought Houses and Lots of brethren to prevent them from going into the hands of our enemies

No Latter day Saints who happened to drop into a valuable claim worth one or two hundred thousand dollars, but what would lay down his means at the feet of the Apostles or Bishops — or should do. No man can obtain a Wife, the remission of his sins, or any spiritual blessing, but must obtain them through the priesthood — and should therefore have such confidence in them as to be guided by them in our temporal things —

School adjourned for One week at One o clock p m

After singing Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt

Geo Goddard

SectV
On Saturday Feb'y. 11th 1871

Theological Class met in the Tabernacle at One oclock p m

D. H. Wells

Present Prest. B-Young presiding
Prest B Young & Geo A Smith

(Who returned yesterday afternoon from St George after an absence of ten weeks)

After singing Prayer by Elder S. W. Richards Singing

Prest. D.H. Wells again urged upon the brethren the necessity of properly securing our land titles or we will certainly lose them. those who have filed their intentions to secure land whether over Jordan or anywhere else, let them build on it forthwith and have some one, or go themselves and live on it and secure it legally.

Our enemies have not made any great point against us at present, although they have made many efforts to do so - We have an organized government that to trample have administered Justice here for many years, and our enemies have tried it under their feet.

Let us hold fast to the Iron Rod, do work for those who come here, mind our own business, be wise in our sayings, be faithfull and true to our holy religion, and God will preserve us in our rights.

Elder JNO. Taylor let us not give way to anything, contrary to the principles of righteousness, but seek first the Kingdom of God - What am I doing to further this object, let us ask ourselves this question - the Kingdom on will roll and let us assist it in its onward march - No person can stay its progress - whether Government or private individuals attempt to stop it - they cannot do anything against it, but for it, it always has been so - He always expected such kind of opposition, the Devil is not dead yet, and he thought we might naturally look for a continuance of opposition, if even we become a State - Let us be alive to our duties, cleave to God and his Kingdom and all will be well.

Prest. Geo A Smith arose, and expressed thanks to meet the School again once more. He and Prest. Young had been spending a few weeks in a milder climate, down in Dixie - they met with a very warm reception, and renewed many old
acquaintances with long settlers in that country. The Brethren there never felt better, and Zion is triumphant. Notwithstanding there is a necessity for the people to be tried - He hoped the brethren will carry out the Council of Bro Wells, respecting the land titles - The Lord will help those who help themselves - Let us cleave to the Iron Rod. At St. George they are building the finest Meeting house in the Territory with sand stone - We are the least taxed and best governed people in the world, let us not go crazy over the mines, let us cultivate our soil - Keep out of debt. preserve our lots - Let every man or fall learn his duty, for all must stand \ for themselves -

Elder Geo Q Cannon said from the amount of Council given in this school, ought to make us a wise and happy people - He knew of no other people, that are so favoured as we are, the kind, fatherly council so unselfishly communicated to us - comes to us so cheaply and frequently ought to be more appreciated -

He hoped we might profit from what we hear for the powers of Earth & Hell are combined to uproot us from this country. He spoke of the deep laid plots are and schemes now being laid by our enemies, they just as much certain in their estimation of driving us to the wall, and wresting from us our lands And homes - From the Head of our Government, a great scheme and plot has been working, by appointing every Official that would operate prejudicial to our interests - if possible to create a collision between us and the Government, and thus bring trouble and distress into our midst -

Let us act well our part and God will multiply all his unselfish blessings upon all who act unselfishly towards building up the Kingdom of God. We are He then shown up the folly and wickedness of an Elder in Israel in selling their inheritances.

School was adjourned for One Week at One o clock P M

Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt

Geo Goddard

SectY

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Received

Thomas G Spencer
On Saturday Feb'y. 18th 1871
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o'clock p.m.

Present Prest B Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Bp L. W. Hardy Singing

Prest. B. Young after an absence of 11 weeks from the School, said The Kingdom was on ward and upwood - though the outside world was never more opposed to it, since the Angel gave the plates into the hands of Joseph, Hold on to the Iron Rod, and we need have no fears about the Kingdom - I pray you in Christ's stead, put your trust in God, and never apply to Wizards and familiar spirits, who are not only in our midst to day, but have been since the organization of the Church - God is jealous of his honour and will be sought after by this people - The Devil and his imps have tried their best to destroy the Kingdom during the past winter and will continue to try, but they might crack down, while they pluck off and try to injure the branches, the Kingdom is taking root -

The climate in the south suited, both himself and bro Geo A Smith, and he hoped to go there again in the fall and stay there during the Winter - they intended to build a Temple there also, so that the aged and young may get their blessings, instead of being under the necessity of coming all the way from dixie to this city.

He also urged upon the brethren to be faithful and diligent in their prayers, for they were just as necessary as if we out in the world preaching the Gospel, and may God bless you my brethren, and I bless you in the name of the Lord.

Prest. D.H. Wells heartily endorsed the sentiments of Prest. Young, and rejoiced exceedingly that the time had come when the wants of the growing people were about to be met in the building of Temples in other places besides the City.

He also urged the necessity of looking after their land claims, and get legal titles, for many are here seeking to jump every claim they possibly can
If we have stock that we do not need for present use, let use put into a Cooperative herd and have it well cared for - He was thankful to see his brethren back from Dixie, and hoped they would live many blessing years to prove a blessing to Israel - We have no other work on hand but to build up the Kingdom of God - let us therefore cooperate with him, and devote both time and means for God and his kingdom, then we will secure his Confidence & that of his servants.

Elder W. Woodruff was glad to hear the voice of Prest. Young's voice again, to listen to his counsels - the Spirit of God had been with Prest. Wells & during his absence - He also referred to the wicked world who are much opposed to the Kingdom of God as ever, there as been a strong combination among the wicked to bring us into trouble during the past winter, but we have been preserved, and have met in our School, Tabernacle, & Ward Houses, without interruption - It was also a wise suggestion of Prest. Young to introduction the use of Oxen for during much of our labour instead of Horses as a source of economy -

He also named a few things about the Mines the hand of the Lord was in it, and much good would come out of it - Let farmers cultivate the soil, and every Mechanic cleave to his Mechanism by and bye, we shall see the wisdom that God has in permitting them to be opened here & there.

He had been absent a few days looking out a Herd ground for a Cooperative Herd - and hoped the brethren would rally round the effort and help it along.

Zion will arise, and triumph on the face of the earth - and all opposition will have to give way - and the Kingdom will be built up - We must attend to our prayers, and our works must be good, and we shall have a home here, and the wicked and ungodly will have no power to prevent it -

Elder O Pratt spoke of the reckless character of many who are, and will be in our midst - they will steal and murder, and come here entirely on a speculative principle, he hoped we would be careful and diligent over what
God has given into our charge.

Elder Jas. Leach expressed confidence in the authorities of the Church and rejoiced in having the privilege of following the example of good men.

Elder Amos Fielding condemned the use of still slop fed pork which is now being imported, also Cattle, fed in the same way, neither, was fit for human food. He also exposed the poisonous character of Whiskey.

Elder Collins advocated the same sentiments.

Elder Geo Q. Wallace illustrated the principle of economy in the use of Cattle by reference to a Bro, who with 3 yoke of Oxen could haul 6 ton of Coal in six days, and when he traded them off, for Horses could only haul two ton in 7 days. Hence Oxen are the cheapest for farm and other labour.

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

Benediction by Elder G. Q. Cannon

Geo Goddard

Sectv.
On Saturday FebY. 26 th 1871

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

Present  Prest. B. Young  presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder A. M. Musser  Singing in the News

Elder Geo Q Cannon read an advertisement of a prize Lottery put in by the Exchange & Reading Rooms CompY, for the purpose of raising means for said company, he then warned the school against sustaining and patronizing such money making schemes - he also made a few remarks against sustaining the numerous life insurance company's that are now appealing to our community for patronage, he hoped the brethren would prefer investing in our home institutions, for he did not consider any of the companies of Babylon safe and reliable.

He then read a letter from one of the Members of the school in which the following questions were asked viz: What difference is it between patronizing an outside Lumber Merchant and a dry goods Merchant? Prest. D. H. Wells reply'd that Lumber can be bought just as cheap of the brethren, as of an outsider, for the same kind of pay, and the same degree of promptness in payment, and if we as a people sustain the brethren in the Lumber trade, outsiders would soon be run out, and the same may be said about general Merchants.

Prest. B Young said if he was a Leather Merchant as, a Lumber Merchant or anything else, and he could not or would not sell as cheap as the same for kind of articles can be imported from abroad, he would not blame the brethren for not buying from him - for that made the principle he had acted upon and intended to. We must come down in our price of labour and profits, and compete with foreign labour.

He thought this Lottery scheme to make money, was a species of gambling, and ought to be put down by the Law Makers (Insurance Co's.) said there was no trust to be placed in them, Many of them are based upon a fabulous foundation, and he hoped the brethren would not invest in them. If there is to be life insurance companies he sustained, let us have one established among ourselves, then if there is anything to be made by it, we will make it ourselves, and keep our means at home.
Have we thought over the subject I understand introduced last Saturday, viz. to use Oxen for our Farming, Hauling, Lumbering &c as a Means of economy, and cheapening labour, instead of Horses or Mules - We must learn to economize our labour, and produce what we can at the very cheapest rates, and live within our income.

We are going to build up the Kingdom, turn all the tithing of this Year towards the building of the temple, and we will build other temples, let us be willing to do whatever the Lord our God wants to do - let us try to learn the mind and will of the Lord concerning us - the volition of our will is perfectly free but God holds in his own hands the results thereof - if we ever have means let us hold ourselves both ready and willing to use it for any purpose he may require it - the

Elder G. Q. Cannon bore testimony to the truth of the policy that has been taught to us this afternoon, as the best suited to our present condition - and if we carry it out the wisdom of God will be plainly seen - In the same there is every prospect of Capitolists coming here, and making extensive investments, and that class of men are not the ones to provoke war, but we will be identical with us, in trying to preserve peace - having great interests at Stake - and if we as a people will only do right, the Lord will overrule all things for our salvation &c

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

After singing Benediction by

Elder Geo Q. Cannon

Geo Goddard Secy.
On Saturday March 6th 1871

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o'clock p.m.  
Present B--Prest.--B--Young presiding  

After singing Prayer by Elder O Shaw Singing  

Elder B Young Junr. was pleased to be present again in the School, having been in the southern Country for some time past - he, in his travels, was sorry to notice so much Tea, Coffee, Tobacco, & Whiskey being used among the saints - and from the amount of such articles imported he was satisfied there was quite an increased in their use - some might think the Word of Wisdom was not binding particularly on them, but he certainly regarded it, binding on him to observe - he had met some of his brethren who were hauling ore, and had learned to drink and swear equal to any outsider which he regretted to observe - he had noticed a great increase of strangers in the City since his return, and many were the temptations that our young people are now, and will be exposed to - but there is no one who attend to their duties as saints, will ever be drawn away.

Some were in the habit of talking too much especially about matters spoken in this school. this should not be, We should learn to be wise and keep our own counsel. there are no men on the face of the earth who should be so wise as the Members of this school.

Our enemies living here, though they have tried to bring us into bondage, have failed every time. at the very time when they seemed to have accomplished something, a Ram was caught in the thicket, their evil designs made manifest and their plot all exploded and destroyed - thus has God been our friend and will continue to be if we will only do right.

Elder Geo Q Cannon referred again to the efforts of the Insurance Compo's, now being made in our midst - to induce persons to invest their means in Life Policies - He then suggested the propriety of establishing a Life and Fire Insurance Company among ourselves, and thus secure our means in our own hands. Elder Geo Q Cannon Motioned, and was carried That we Organize a Life
Insurance Comp'y. Our various Co operative efforts now being entered into, afford a much safer and better investment than anything of an outside institution. He then adverted to the Co operative Herd about to be started - now is the time to urge it into existence -

Elder W. Woodruff said these important subjects, require our wisdom, patience and perseverance - He spoke of Father Russell ship builder, who before embracing the Gospel had his Life & Ships Insured, but after that, drew his interest out, and paid his Insurance Money into the Church, and trusted in God, to take care of his life and property -

He also explained some particulars about starting the Co operative Herd -

Spoke of the opposition we have had to contend with, from the Government officials who have tried to bring us into bondage & trouble - but have signally failed, God has heard the prayers of the faithful and delivered us out of the hands of the Wicked - he feels that God will continue to break every weapon that is formed against us - our enemies are very short lived, God has cut them off - and will do so. & build up Zion - let us therefore combine and co-operate together and have integrity and shew that are in every worthy of the Confidence of both God and Man

Presbt. D. H. Wells spoke of another defeat which our enemies have experienced - so many instances that we have known, that God had answered our prayers, and turned things in our favour. should certainly induce us to be faithful and diligent in our duties. The very heart of our Government have been arrayed against the interest of this people, if the Cragin, or Cullum bill had passed, the President would sign it, and if neither passed, he would enforce the law of 1862 - but neither of these things had been accomplished - how is it? because faithful brethren pray both in the private and in the Circle -

If 5 or 10 000 dollars can be raised here to start an Insurance Comp'y. he would like to have the means invested in the Wagon and Machine business at a low rate of interest -
He spoke of the importance of starting the cooperative Herd. He said if we will only do our duties, we have nothing to fear from the influx of strangers. The claim jumping now going on, if persisted in, will certainly end in trouble.

He hoped the Lord will bless and prosper Preston Young and cause him to live long on the earth.

There was a necessity for those who work in the Kanyon to swear steal & get drunk - Those who obtain means can have the privilege of helping roll forth the kingdom of God - If we want a blessing let us pay our tithing and attend to our duties, and the Lord will pour us out a blessing, that we will scarcely have room to contain it - The tithing office is empty, and there is nothing to sustain the workman now employed there - let each one pay in their tithing in its kind.

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

After singing Benediction by Elder G Q Cannon

Geo Goddard

Sect'y
On Saturday March 11, 1871

Theological Class met in 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 wished to agitate the question of donation for emigrating the poor, there was scarcely anything done last year, but in consequence the railroad indebtedness, but we need the labour of our brethren from the old country. and I think this will be a good time - in regard to Insurance Institutions, if the brethren feel like Insuring their lives and property, let us do it among ourselves, it will be just as convenient to assist each other in this respect, as to pay out our means to strangers - but he himself felt more like emigrating the poor, and building the Temple. He then Motioned and was carried That we commence to raise a fund to day

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Bros. Woodruff, G. Q. Cannon, D.H. Wells & Prest. B. Young, spoke on the
subjects of the Cooperative Herb, the necessity of its early start - the Word of
Wisdom, many failing to observe it, especially our young men, the evils of im-
proper associations among our young people, danger of amalgamations, though
earnestly sought by the adversary - skating rink, and parties in the Music
Hall and Morgans College denounced on account of the evil tendencies they are
fraught with - We must not allow ourselves to be drawn aside into wickedness or
the love of this world, but attend to our duties, not become excited, as most
men are, who come here greedy after the God of this world.

Prest. Young moved & was carried that no more parties be allowed in Mor-
gans School house - in consequence of improper conduct being allowed there -
and that the Music Hall be hired by the Priesthood, so as to have it under controv

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

Benediction by Elder G Q Cannon

Geo. Goddard

Secty.
On Saturday March 18th 1871

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

Present    B Young    presiding

After singing prayer, by Elder Josh. F. Smith    Singing

The following Donations were rec'd, towards the Emigration fund:

Wm. J Silver  10.00    Jacob Peart  5.00
N B Sorenson  2.00    Thos. Morris  1.00

18.00

Pres't. D H Wells made a request of the brethren not to bring food with
them to school, but to get their dinner before they came.

Elder R. L. Campbell who had just returned from a visit to Canada among
his relations, whom he had not seen for 26 years, when he first met.

them, it was a very affecting circumstance he borne a faithful testimony to
his friends - and had a very pleasant stay with his brothers for several
weeks, had visited schools, and attended several places of worship -

Elder Jas. W. Cummings had just returned from the furthest end portion
of the united States to whither he had been to see his relations, and obtain
a record of his Ancestors - he found them willing to listen to a history of
Utah, and especially about its inducements for making money - had travelled
7000 Miles - met with kind friends wherever he went - the business men & in-
fluential ones, have little or no sympathy with the carpet baggers now in our
midst, even if we were to kick them out - he had succeeded in obtaining a
genealogy of his forefathers for 8 generations back

In his researches after the manufacture of Woolen Cloth he met with great
respect from the leading men in the various factories & Machine Shops, and was
shown around them without the least reserve. There are more Mn Mills in Phil-
& vicinity than all in the New England States put together - he had gleaned a
good deal of information pertaining to the Manufacture of Cloth - and brought
specimens with him -

He then dwelt on the necessity of advancing our home Manufacture, raising
more wool, Factory's Mutton &c &c - he had been away nearly 4 Months, but had never seen the place where he would exchange for his home in Utah -

Prest. B. H Wells said the path of worldly prosperity seems to be a path of danger to many in this church - in a career of poverty there are those whose times & what little means they have are on hand for the building up of the Kingdom of God, but let prosperity attend them, and they become cold & indifferent - Many such have left landmarks behind them, so that we can see the wreck of many who did run well for a season, until the Lord blast them with means then they made shipwreck of their faith.

He referred to the subject of raising and using Oxen instead of Horses or Mules - being much more economical - the wealth of the Country lies in the ranches and facilities for raising Animals, food &c - He then made a calculation between the cost of working Horses & Mules, & Oxen and shown that Oxen were more servicable & less costly to keep - He also adverted to the value of increasing our home Manufactures.

Those who perform the work of the miners, such as hauling ore, building find means to smelting works &c will earn more than the Majority of those who own &; work the Mines -

Elder G Q Cannon Notified the brethren to send delegates from all the precincts of the county to attend a Meeting at the City Hall at ½ past 6 o'clock on Monday night

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

Benediction by Elder B Young Junr

Geo Goddard

Clerk
On Saturday March 25 1871

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

Present  Prest. B Young  presiding
After singing  Prayer W. W. Woodruff  Singing

Towards emigration fund

James Wood  $ 2.00  Ws. Mc Camp  5.00
Jno. Thomson  1.00  Rd. Golightly  25.00
Jane Thomson  50  Neils Nelson  2.00
Bp Hoagland  25.00

Prest. B. Young said he would like, through the school, to effect an
organization for permanent labour on the Temple - he wished to raise a Corps
of Masons and other labourers, who attend to their prayers, pay their tithing
and do right, speak well of the anointed of God &c - no others need apply,
will
for they would not be wanted to labour on the temple - He wanted every branch
and portion of the priesthood to back up, and sustain the Counsels of the first
presidency, and endeavour to have them carried out.-

Prest. D. H. Wells had named the subject to a number of the Masons and
wished them to hand in their propositions, as the labour hereafter is to per-
formed on the Temple will be done on piece work instead of by days work.

And that while the workmen are expected to sustain their families by their
labour, he did not wish them to make exorbitant calculations, but realize that
we are here to build up the kingdom of God - Let us fall in with the ways of
the Lord instead of carrying out our own will - Almost everything that emanates
from the Lord is sure to meet with opposition from the world, and those saints
who are governed by a worldly spirit

Bp Edward Hunter was pleased with the disposition shown last season in
the hauling of Rock, and hoped the same liberal spirit will continue, and
to lend
deem it a privilege to lend a helping hand, and accomplish what the Lords serv-
ants require of us
Elder W. Woodruff said we ought to rejoice in the privilege of living in a day when we can assist in building a Temple to the name of the Most High. No one since the days of Solomon has had such a privilege—Many efforts have been made to destroy us in this generation, but the hand of God has been out-stretched towards us and delivered us from the hands of our enemies—we are abundantly able to do what is required of us if we are only willing.

He felt anxious to respond to the call made last Saturday for funds to emigrate the poor but having no ready means on hand was the only cause he did not. He would give 1000 lb. Flour to help feed the hands that work on the Temple—

It was quite a privilege to help build up the Kingdom of God—we cannot take behind the veil any of our property with us, but we can take with us, those blessings that have been put on our heads by the servants of God, if we will only live for them—

Anson Call will give 1000 lb flour for the Temple

Pres. Geo A Smith said it was often the case, that when the Elders of Israel got tolerably well off they forgot the Lord—for the want of a better understanding, many do not pay a correct tithing—it should always be done at the place and time when we receive our income—

There is much excitement on the Gold and Lead Mines, but do not forget the Lord brethren—don't drink Tea, Coffee, Whiskey, nor smoke tobacco nor break the rules of this school—the only way to secure the blessings of the Lord upon us, is to pay our tithing and do right—

Many needed instruction on the principle of self government, a it is not right to give way to passion so as to abuse any one sufficient to call for an acknowledgment—

Spoke of an Elder of Israel who has entered into the most sacred obligation towards his wife—and yet in a moment of passion would try to break those solemn ties, and turn a cold shoulder toward her, this was a disgraceful and lamentable circumstance—We the only way we can ever govern a Kingdom,
is to learn to govern ourselves recommended a kind and respectful treatment
towards our wives; as to gain a suitable influence over them - Polygamy is a
great school for men & women to learn how to govern themselves - that we: se-
cure the confidence and respect of our families -

Prest. B Young wished the Bishops present to make known the subjects
of the Emigration Fund and labour, and means for the Temple in their respec-
tive Wards, and report success at Conference -

Hyrum Woolley donated $20.00 towards the Temple

Benediction by Prest. Geo A Smith School adjourned for one week.

G Goddard

Sect'y.
On Saturday April 1st 1871

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

Present: Prest. B. Young presiding

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

Emigration Donations: Gustava Leach $50 Wm B. Vance $5.00

Mary Do $50 C. Assmusson $25.00

Elder L. Snow excused for partial inattendance at the business, on

account of business - He stated that he expected shortly to go to Washington
to test the recent rulings of Judge McKean, in relation to the setting aside
of our Territorial Marshal, and General Attorney, and the jurisdiction of our
Probate Courts when these things were tested before the Supreme Court of the
United States, we could not go further, but have to abide its decisions - He
then bore testimony to the truth of the great work of God in which he was
engaged.

Elder Harrison Cache Valley, spoke well of the saints in that County,
(many had been cut off) but the members of the Church were more alive to their
duties, the school and other Meetings were well attended - The power and
spirit of God rested upon Prest. Young which he proved by the fact of Elders
being sent forth by the spirit and power of the priesthood that is upon them,
and the promises made by them are verily true and are sure to come to pass -

He bore a strong and faithful testimony to the truth.

Bp. Andrew Cahoon felt thankful for the privilege of a few moments to speak
he felt a good influence whenever he came to this school - he loved his breth-
ren - will be 47 years old in August had been in the Church 37 years - had
been a Bishop 17 years - He had been charged as being an Apostate, if so,
He certainly ought himself to find it out - Visited the first presidency yest-
day, and they questioned him somewhat, he felt well in their presence -
he desired - detested an apostate, for he regarded such as a bitter enemy to
this people - the spirit of accusation that meets him, he feels had a strong
desire for Bp. Cahoon to apostate - and had been circulating, that such was
the case - No man can do so, without being an enemy to the Kingdom of God -

Since his appointment as Bishop, he has done what was told him to do, even
till today - he had many failings, but his Motive was to do good

He had taken the Tribune till the Volume run out, had attended one of
their meetings - felt like a Cat in a strange garratt - He did not believe that
either Godbe or Harrison had any special appointment or authority from God -
ever did - had read a few spiritualist tracts - had never been to witness any
of their spiritual manifestations -

He had lost nearly all faith in miraculous power - Some of his brethren
had hurt his feelings by circulating many things about him - sometimes thought
some of his members did not not rally round him to his assistance, as they
ought to do - had tried to do all the good he could - had been regular at all
public meetings for 17 years - except when sickness had prevented - had tried
to bring up his family (3 wives and about 20 Children) loyal to this Kingdom -
He hoped that this influence will cease - he had read the 1st volume of the
Tribune, and several works on Spiritulism - the result led him to investigate
the Bible, Book of Mormon & Doctrine & Covenants and to institute one important
question viz Is the religion of Andrew Cahoon true or false? that was the
question he was seeking to solve - He holds to the priesthood, and should
not - he do so - all would be gone - he had no sympathy with the Godbeites - he
was in the habit of reading at home - he reprobad this spirit of persecution -
He should never join any other Church, were he cut off from this. If he had
acted unwisely was willing to be chastised - He had no desire to injure any
body - but he wanted the Spirit of persecution to stop - He did wish there
was an opportunity for the Elders to ask questions, and have them answered by
the wisest men there was in the Church - he was told, that this was the very
place -

Elder Wm. J. Young - said that there was a difficulty between Bp Ca-
hoon & his Councillors & Teachers - he heard the Bp make a remark in a public
meeting - that he did not believe all the bible, he did not believe in a Devil -
at these remarks some of the brethren took exception, and talk about them, which he very much regretted -

Prest Geo A. Smith said, after Conference, the 1st. Presidency intended to visit Bp A Cahoons ward, and investigate matters and things there - He hoped the brethren would shape themselves with their Wives & Children, so as to come to Conference with a prayerful heart - that we may have a good time - there was a good deal of Apostacy abroad -

Elder Geo Q Cannon said the Cooperative Stock Herd is organized, and will soon be ready to receive stock

Prest. B Young.) wanted the brethren to be prepared for an organization at Conference for the hauling of rock for the Temple - Bishops, ascertain what you can raise for the Emigrating fund from your wards - And report at Conference - He also recommended the use of Oxen instead of Horses or Mules -

In regard to Bp Cahoon, if He did not know the religion of Jesus Christ was true, without sitting down to study it out now, he had better resign his as office.

Bishop -

He requested the Bishop to spend a portion of his time in prayer, instead of reading, before the 1st Presidency went down to visit him - and unless he finds out by that time, that the Gospel is true, he will certainly be dismissed from his Office and another appointed in its his stead -

School adjourned for two weeks at 1 o clock p m

Benediction by Prest. G. A. Smith

Geo Goddard

Secty.
On Saturday April 15 1871

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at one o clock P M

Present Prest. B Young presiding

Singing Prayer by Elder Geo Q Cannon Singing

Donations to Emigration Fund Yans Rosengreen 1.00 Ann Maria Beck 1.00
12th Ward Horace Drake 5.00

Elder John Sharp spoke of the building of the Temple, which was something new in this little world, although, we are the only ones who understands the object and purpose of them, and are required to build them as a preparatory work to accomplish the work of Salvation for the whole world - Not only for the living but also the dead. said the brethren who had been accustomed to at the quarrying of Rock, were perfectly willing to go it again providing they can get something in exchange for their labour, hence Prest. Young requires some of us to pay our tithing in advance, so that we can set them to work at once the Only way of Salvation that he knew anything about was to do what we are told to do by those who are over us -

Elder Geo Q Cannon refer'd to a Stock Drive which was deemed advisable, owing to the establishment of a Co operative Stock Herd, and many persons desirous of knowing what stock they had, so that they might determine what amount to put into the Stock herd. the subject was named here to learn the mind of the President and members of the School

It was Motioned & Seconded That the Drive takes place

Elder W. Woodruff suggested that the drive is conducted on a gratuitous principle, so as to avoid the usual cost of 2 or 3 dollars per head, as in former years -

Elder B Young enquired what would be done with the strays animals, provided the owners could not possibly be present - as under such a circumstance, he lost 7 horses, and has never been heard from since.

Elder Geo Q Cannon said the best wisdom would be brought into requisition when the stock was brought here, in relation to the stray.
Elder G. B. Wallace suggested that what ever course we adopt in relation to the drive and strays, the importance of taking a strictly legal course, so as to avoid the possibility of a law suit by Apostates and Gentiles for tak

Elder A M Musser said the united voice of the Apostles, Bishops, and people. North and South. as to what should be done with the Strays - it would be, let them go towards emigrating the poor -

Elder A Fielding said that the usages of Nations becomes Law, and if the drive is conducted strictly according to law, neither Jew Gentile or Apostate can have any legal claim upon Strays that have never had any brand upon them.

Elder W. Woodruff said, if we took off out of the Stock driven up, just what belonged to us, and turned the balance loose again - thieves would certainly have fewer to pick from.

Prest. B Young said, if he owned cattle and could not take care of them, he would rather give them even to an enemy, than suffer them to perish on the range - was sorry that his brethren did not take care of theirs.

If a drive is determined upon, let due notice be given in the papers, and by Hand bills throughout this and adjoining Counties - there are no strays, every animal is owned by some of our people, and he was opposed to making any charge to any one who claims their own- Temple, we wished the tithing to go towards the building of the Temple - if the Quarryman think well to go to work, we will try to have them hauled - and if we the Masons are willing to work, we will promise them bread to eat, a little Meat, some store pay.

He then gave some excellent council on domestic economy, and avoid expensive habits, this he especially intended for the Mechanics working on the Temple - let us learn how to raise, what we need, we shall soon be able to raise supply New York Market with our fine potatoes 6c - He said he had recommended to the Regents of the University to take the 13th 14 & 17th Wards and School Houses, and establish a gradation of Schools and he very much desired to see it attended to forthwith that the children of the City properly classified.
Elder W. Woodruff withdrew his Motion for a drive.

Prest. D.H. Wells recommended every one to look well after their land titles - The Lord has kindly brought us all out, from what appeared to be an unavoidable collision - it clearly shows that we have been fighting on the line of law, and the decision of the Supreme Court, has ratified every legislative enactment that was strictly legal, and no act of Congress can set them aside - the attempt, on the part of Judge McKeen &c was nothing short of trying to accomplish Judicial Murder, which was the most despicable of all Murderers - They undertook to fasten the stigma of Murder on himself, Prest. Young & others, and he for one would like to have all the testimony they have in their possession, to be brought before a proper tribunal - and when found the insufficient, to plant a suit upon to have the same placed in District Court Record as a testimony to future generations, that those who have been branded and dealt with as Murderers was nothing but a foul & wicked aim at the life of the servants of God.

The School was adjourned for one week at one oclock p.m.

After singing Benediction by Elder B Young Junr.

G Goddard Sect.
On Saturday April 22 1871

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


Elder A Carrington spoke of the necessity of each one of us, pushing forward the work on the Temple, many can supply either Clothing, provisions or other things that will be required by the Masons who daily toil there - This by council coming from the first Presidency, should be responded to, us - by all latter day saints -

Also attend more strictly and correctly to our Tithes and Offerings, for whatever extent of means we may have obtained by lawful means effort, we should are only stewards over it, and spend it, for the building up of the Kingdom of God - The emigration Fund should also be strengthened by all the means we have in our power. - rebated the practise of many of the brethren who have been helped here by the fund, and yet have been very careless about paying that amount back again to the fund &c. he then gave instructions to the Missionaries recently called.

Elder Jno Taylor said that we who remain here, are also on Missions, and should be continually under the guidance and dictation of the Almighty - we should have our wills and passions under the control of the spirit of the Lord - When going abroad on a Mission, we have no desire to have our own way, but are willing to do anything we are required to do - This should be our constant feeling while living here in these valleys - spoke of the law of tithing and the importance of living up to it honestly - if we do, God will bless us, and fill our coffers to overflowing, if we neglect it, how easy it is for the Grasshoppers to come and devour the fruits of our toil - let us cultivate the spirit of the Lord, and be honest, and full of integrity - God is regulated and amenable to Law a thousand times more than we are - and he cannot save any of his Children on any other principle than that of Law, and becoming subject to correct principles - We here are living under the
living oracles of God, and however much we may feel like venerating the
Memory of ancient Prophets & Apostles, we should pay more particular heed to
Inspired Men in our midst, who are teaching us the mind & will of God
May God bless you and all Israel is my Prayer, and may his curse be upon
her enemies -

Prest. D H Wells read a portion from 30th Chap 2nd Chronicles and 3rd
Malaki - on the subject of tithing & offerings - he employed between 30 &
40 men, and only a very few desired a credit on the tithing books, there has
also been quite a number working on the Public Works, and only a portion of
them, think or care about paying their tithing - and yet each and every one
are calculating on receiving their blessings in the House of the Lord - the
saying of Prest. Young that not more than one tenth of the tenth of the in-
crease, of is paid into the tithing House - there are many blessings promised
to the people of God who pay their tithes and offerings - let us lay aside
doing wrong, and attend to our duties. Tithing is one of the Celestial Laws -
and we should observe it - and the Lord will rebuke the devourer for our sakes-

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

After singing Prayer by Elder G. Q. Cannon

Geo Goddard

Sect'y.
On Saturday April 29, 1871

Theological Class met at Tabernacle at One o'clock P M

Present: Prest. B Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder B Young Jun'. Singing

Prest. Young said this was the place where questions of doctrine should be brought forward and settled -

Elder Geo Q Cannon then read the rules of the School. there was a unanimous assent to sustain them.

Bp Andrew Cahoon said his religion were the acts of his life - his conduct as a Husband a Father, a Citizen - Many believed that Joseph the was a Prophet, and that Brigham was his lawful successor, and yet were men that could lie, and were anything but good men, hence their religion was false, or their conduct would be better - he regretted that his remarks at a previous school had been misunderstood - he intended to be nearer to Prest. Yong than he had been - he had kept too far aloof from him aforesaid - he knew that he was a Father to this whole people, and to him also he felt well in his presence -

Bro A M. Musser & other Elders had visited him in his ward, and some of his remarks, drew forth from Elder Musser the severest chastisement, which cut him more deeply than Prest. Young ever did but wherein he had failed before-time he intended to do better in the future, Prest. Young could not drive him from him - he had perused spiritual writings, but had not embraced spiritualism - he had been unwise, and some of the members of his ward had been also, and he did not feel well towards them - for they had been handling him (their Bishop) like chopping up mince meat. He intended to adhere more closely to the councils of the servants of God - May God bless the first presidency, the twelve, and all good men in the Kingdom of God, was his constant prayer. there was something out of gear among the priesthood of his ward, the one appointed as head teacher had not been sustained, he had expressly spoken to his councillor a few days ago very severely -

Elder Geo Q Cannon perceived quite an improvement in the spirit and
testimony of Bp A Cahoon, for the way he express himself a few weeks ago led most to believe that he was in the dark - but to day he bore testimony of the had servants of God, and if heA done so aforesome instead of reading Spiritualist books, he never would have been in the dilemma that he had been in for some time past, if he hoped that He and the Teachers and other authorities in his Ward, would meet together tomorrow, in the right spirit, and have all things rectified, was his prayer in the name of Jesus -

Elder John Taylor made a few encouraging remarks on the principle of acknowledging God the hand of God in all things, instancing Job. Abraham, & Jesus as samples - Many may be our troubles & trials, we have God to go to - he has a though whomsoever he loveth, he chastens, but if we will only do right, He will defend us, and protect us, and bring us off conquerors over every foe -

Elder A. M. Musser went last Sabbath by (invitation) with others to visit Bp Andrew Cahoons Ward - in speaking after others had spoken, he could not but treat on the subject that others had spoken on - he said he had traveled with Prest. Young and been considerably in his presence for many years - and yet would never offer that as an Apology for Apostacy - in his remarks he did not wish to wound his feelings, for he loved Bp Cahoon and other Bishops, and had sought to benefit and bless them.

Prest. D H. Walls said the City Council had contemplated the removal of the present meat Market to a Temporary one, to be erected on a lot the City had purchased from Bro John Van Cot, but the Butchers had petitioned the Council to remain where they are, until a permanent one can be built - & was seconded

Es Prest. Young Motioned., That the City Council be requested to remove the present Market house to the lot lately owned by Bro Jno. Van Cott, that the House now used as a boarding House, be torn down, and a good fence put round the lot, after all the trees are cleared off - all to be done in 30 days from this date - Carried unanimously

Elder Hulse enjoyed a privilege to day that he had longed for many years past - viz - to live in the midst of the Servants of God - wanted to live a
life time in the service of God

Bp Hunter made a few remarks, about hauling rock, paying tithes and offerings, and the general drive of loose stock on the range to appoint a place

Moved & Carried. That a Committee of Five be appointed to receive and distribute the Stock — Geir-Ar-P, Rockwood, Peter Nabekker, and A. Gardner & David Hitten & A. H. Raleigh & A. H. Raleigh — Chairman

A Gardner Peter Nabekker
Thos. Jenkins H. O. Spencer

& David Hilton

Moved & Carried That Richd. Morris act as Clerk observed in the drive

Moved by A P. Rockwood & carried That the following be divided into Island the Island districts viz. 1st all the range north of the Toeble road 2nd From Toeble road To Beek Reek 3rd from Goons the Point of the West Mountain to Harkers springs 4th from Harkers spring to Bingham Kanyon 5th from Bingham Rose Kanyon to Rose Kanyon to 7th From Jordan River Kanyon to Jordan River 6th from Jordan River to South Cottonwood 8th the south part of Davis County


Moved & Carried That the drive Committee be at their posts on Tuesday evening ready to start with their drive on Wednesday morning and taken to the Jordan Bridge till further orders —

Bp Hunter Cr. J. C. Little said they wished the drive to be conducted in a very careful manner — those interested in stock on the range are expected to go and when brought in, no charge to be made for driving — all that are not claimed to be carefully herded, and when the owners apply for them, they must pay the hard bill it is distinctly understood that the above arrangements are entirely entered into, without the council or authority of Prest. Young, though he is willing to render them any assistance that lies in his power is necessary.

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

Benediction by Elder Geo Q. Cannon
On Saturday May 6 1871

Theological Class met at Tabernacle at One oclock p.m.

Present Prest. B Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Bp L Young Singing

Bp Hunter made a few remarks on the recent drive, that what Horses were not claimed, were turned over Jordan - what Cattle were not claimed are taken and herded on good feed, and the owners can have them by paying a very moderate price.

Elder Geo Q Cannon said, that as there seems to be some difficulty in starting a Co-perative Herd here, and as one is already started in Davis County, those who desire it may patronize that Herd, if they cannot get up one here.

Elder Peter Nebeker mentioned several discouraging circumstances that had attended his efforts in starting a Co-operative Herd.

Elder H Spencer said if there was more union in the Directors there would be no difficulty in starting a Cooperative Herd.

Prest. B Young said that one of the great objections he had to a general drive, was the opportunity it afforded thieves to take a full description of the unclaimed stock, so that they can make a full sweep after it when they are turned back again on the range. He then moved and was carried that the Bishops of the Territory consider themselves a Committee to gather means for the Emigration of the poor. - The Bishops are appointed to attend to the spiritual and Temporal affairs of their Wards - and their responsibility rests upon them are so great, that when the books are opened, and they are judged, they will be found to stand between the people and their duties. He then spoke of the importance of each one paying promptly their fast offerings, illustrated the principle of Faith by several examples - time was an important element of wealth if rightly used - they had commenced to labour on the railroad south in a few days the Iron will be here, and will be laid down, and they calculated to keep on till they
not think of selling it to go out of the Territory - for the Provo Factory alone, they require over 700,000 lbs of wool for this year - And that quantity will not produce enough Cloth to supply the County of Utah - hence the necessity of more Wool and more factories - Mining - The Lord has seen fit to open the Mines - though the best has not yet been found, yet while the Money is somewhat easy, pay up for your land - secure every claim by forming a company and not become excited - Let us use our Means to gather the poor, to build factories, School Houses &c the time will come when the Machinery and other things that are being brought here to develope the Mines - will be disposed of in a similar way to those at Camp Floyd - and these b excitements will all pass away - He wanted to deal out the word of the Lord to the Elders at the school, but when-organized found the spirit of apostacy, and had to withhold it - and apostacy was still here.

He then enquired how many of the County Court were present, & Judge Smith, R. Miller, Bp I. M. Stewart & Bro Neal stood up - He then asked them for the priv- elege of using the Street west of State road for the Railway to run south, each one acquiesced and promised to grant a County right for that purpose. nor

He then recommended the brethren not to sell their Land. to outsiders, not expose their families by taking strangers as in to board, but where families came along that needed board, if you have convenience, take them in, charge a good price, and make a good profit from them.

Bro Chapman gave some of his experience in raising 11 Wagon loads of pro- visions for the Temple at hands at Nauvou - and labouring on the Council House soon after as he came in here in 1848 - without any expectation of being re- munerated for it -

Bp John Sharp recognized the principle of chastisement as being of God, was thankful to experience it himself. spoke of his recent visit East to purchase Iron &c for our new Southern Railroad - Much excitement and many questions he met with there -

Prest. Young made a few remarks in favour of a peace policy -

Meeting adjourned for one week at 1 p.m after singing Benediction by

Elder B Young Jun. Geo Goddard Secty
On Saturday May 13, 1871

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

Present: Pres. B Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder J.C Little Singing

Pres. B Young in speaking on the Authority of a Bishops and his Council, as to whether in the absence of a Bishop, his Council can take up the case of Membership and act upon it - he said, the law of God on this subject was very definite in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants and should be observed with the utmost exactness - or we will imperceptibly slide away from the thread of the Gospel law.

What makes a Bishop? Why, unless a literal descendant of Aarron can be found, we take a High Priest and Ordain and set him apart to act in the duties of the Lesser Priesthood - if a Member of his, transgresses for lying, theft, Adultery &c that member is summoned before him, and his councillors the facts of the case are then brought out by testimony - if the facts are sustained, the Bishop can cut them off, if the party accused is not satisfied, they can take an appeal to the High Council, and from there to the 1st Presidency and from there to the General Conference, all this is their right -

in the absence of a Bishop and his first Councillor the second Councillor has the right to call up before him and the authorities of the Ward, any member who his wicked - and sever him from the Church as far as their fellowship is concerned, that Councillor should then take the case before the High Council for their sanction -

A Question was then asked by Bp. Phineas Young as to the seat whether a Bishop has the right to take away a lot from one of his members who had two lots, and dispose of it to some one else, allowing that lot to be adjudicated by a Committee as to its value -

Pres. Young said, has a Bishop the right to take away a Horse, a Cow, or a Wife, belonging to any one else, and give to another? - he said Bishops
as well as others do many things they should not do - And any member of
High
their Ward thus grieved, have recourse before the 
\( \land \) Council have all the
facts of the case brought out, and righteously adjudicated upon -

He then spoke of the eternal variety there is in the appearance of the
Human countenance and equally so in their experience after receiving the
Gospel - and we must not expect every person to pass through precisely the same
as ourselves.

He then spoke of the various gifts bestowed upon the saints of God, one
has one gift, another has another, but a third may not have any great manifesta-
tion of the Spirit, and yet all may be equally good and acceptable in
the sight of God. Many of these remarks were made in consequence of some
stringent statements made by an Elder last Sunday Morning when preaching,
(that all persons must find out and experience a knowledge, that God loves us)
we must not measure every one by our own half bushel -

The question was then submitted—Whether the decisions of a Bishop
without Councilors are strictly binding?—and whether an appeal to the High
Council wouldn't be entertained without regard to the crime charged
Elder James Leach gave a brief account of his experience

Elder Geo Q Cannon enjoyed much, the remarks made last Sunday Morning,
and also those of Prest. Young today - and rehearsed a portion of his experi-
ence —

Prest. Young

Elder Geo Goddard gave a short account of his experience after re-
cieving the Gospel

Prest. Young made a few more remarks on the temptations of Satan, in his
assails towards upon the Saints —

He then enquired for the Probate Judge of Davis Co. and select men, and
then asked them if they would grant the Utah Central R R Co. the privilege
of a street from Centerville Centerville — which was granted — He then com-
plained of the City Corporation & County Court, who have never voted the first
Dollar towards the building of the Railroad which enhances the value of property all around, they ought at least to vote $50,000 each - instead of allowing the Company to carry such a heavy burthen.

He then said that he thought of sending his Son Willard to West Point to get his Education, hitherto an outsider had always been sent - but if the school were willing he should like to send him, and a unanimous vote was given.

School was adjourned for one week at 1 oclock

After singing Benediction by B Young Junr.

Geo Goddard
Sect'y
On Saturday May 20th 1871

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o'clock PM

Present Prest. B Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder A P Rockwood Singing

Bp Levi Stewart exprest his gratitude at meeting again in the School of the Prophets, having been absent for about 12 Months on a Mission to the Kanab Country, whither he had been sent to establish a settlement, spoke of the peaceable disposition of the Navajoes Indians, and other tribes - the Country is a fine Grazing place - better than for farming - Heat not so oppressive as here, it was a Healthy climate - many of the settlers had commenced to plant out Orchards - he rejoiced in the principles of truth, and realized there was yet much to do in building up the Kingdom of God.

Prest. D H. Wells spoke of the responsibilities resting upon us, inasmuch as God had marked out for us the way - there are great blessings laid up in store for the faithful, but in order to obtain them, we must not indulge in immoral acts - let us - let no one suppose that secret sins can be indulged in with impunity, God and himself certainly knows of those sins, and we will come to a certain point in our experience when we will become our own accusers - for all secret sins, willbe made manifest on the house tops - we are now living in a time of test, and God is trying us to see if we can endure without wavering, so that he can entrust us with the Kingdom - spoke of the value and importance of - observing the Word of Wisdom, which have neglecting - let us strip ourselves of the ways of the World that not congenial with the Spirit of the World Gospel - explained the correct principle of equality. God has the best Government on earth, and has visited his Saints himself, and sent his angels in different times, but are we prepared for those - we cannot steady the Ark - but we can work with God and his servants and assist to establish his Kingdom.

The following Question was answered Are the decisions of a Bishop without Councilors, strictly binding, and whether an appeal to the High Council,
wouldn't be entertained without regard to the crime charged.

Elder Geo Q Cannon read several extracts on the subject out of the Doctrine & Covenants showing that for a decision to be valid, a Bishop must have his Councillors, unless he be a literal descendant of Aaron.

Elder Elias Smith, Judge of Probate made a few remarks on the Location of the New line of railroad south, that the County are willing to pay a reasonable price for land through which the Railroad will go, owned by prof private individuals - but nothing exorbitant -

Prest. B Young said, any man who wants pay for the few feet of land needed for the Railroad to pass through, is unfit to live in a decent community, and no desire to assist in building up the Country - if we don't mind, we shall never own a foot of land on the Earth - let us try, and look at things as they are - don't let us be blind, naked, foolish & covetous -

School adjourned for one week at One o'clock.

After singing Benediction by Elder G Q Cannon

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

Present  Pres. B Young  presiding

After singing  Prayer by Bp Jno Sharp  Singing

Elder John Taylor, in all of our acts, and in every relationship of life, we should ever seek to be under the inspiration of the Almighty, then we will never go astray - most of the blunders we make through life is in consequence of not having the Counsel of the Lord.

A Bishop or High Councillor living under the influence of the Holy Ghost will always have the spirit of revelation to dictate, govern and decide upon every case that comes before them, so with every man holding the Holy Priesthood - A Teacher thus imbued is more honorable than an Apostle who does not magnify his calling - &c -

Elder Collins bore testimony to the value and blessing of enjoying the good spirit of the Lord and express his determination to a renewed observance of the Word of Wisdom -

Elder express a similar resolve - to renewed diligence in the work of the Lord

Bp Jno Sharp when men speak by the good spirit of the Lord, it was music to him, to listen to them. He then spoke of the great increase of machinery that has been imported to this Territory for manufacturing wool into cloth - there are parties now here offering our Wool growers 2 or 3 cents per lb more, than our Brethren are giving who have Factories, is it wisdom to sell wool to be sent off, and thus let our Machinery lie idle, and our hands idle also?

He suggested an extension of Cooperation, to take hold of, not only in the Manufacturing department, but also the Banking and Exchange business - the same cooperative principle had been suggested by Prest. Young in the different kinds of labour to be performed on the Temple - The only way we were ever taught in our early experience, to be saved, viz to do as we were
Elder Murphrey was a patron of home manufacture & complained of a lack of water which some were using on the bench.

Elder Jas. Cummings spoke on the subject of Machinery and the manufactory of Wool into Cloth - complained of some large wool growers, who have acquired great wealth for their mining claims who would rather send their wool East because they can get money for it, rather than let our manufacturers have it, in exchange for Cloth - spoke of the remunerative business in the raising of wool, over that of the making wool into cloth by Machinery & the importance of sustaining home manufactory.

Elder W. Woodruff, spoke on the same subject, shall we sustain our own Machinery and manufactories, or shall we neglect it - We ought to study the interests of Zion, if we don't study its interests, we had better leave and go to California - We had better cooperate in everything that will build up Zion - We have the power to build a Temple and occupy it - a privilege which the ancient apostles never had - We are building a Zion here, though Earth & Hell are opposing us - whatever Council is given us, let us carry it out.

Prest. B Young said that by and bye, he expected water to be brought from along the Canal now in progress, and other Canals will be built to convey water along the base of the Eastern Mountains, and all the land between there and Mill Creek &c. also from Utah Lake to Davis County, and a portion along the base of the Western Mountains, as far as Tooele Co.

Speaking of wool, said those who have wool and must have money for it, he would pay them money for it and as much as Eastern buyers are paying.

It was the intention of God to raise up a Kingdom of Priests, and from among this people - and He (Prest B Y) felt it his duty to assist them in becoming such - but they are slow to learn, though they have Eyes but see not, have Ears but hear not, yet as a people we are a Wonder to the World, we have good peace, now, but shall have more, if the people will only do right -
The Rock being hauled for the Temple must be hauled on labour Tithing alone, and if the Bishops cannot accomplish this, He will haul it all himself - look after the Poor in their Wards, and not allow them to go near the Tithing Office.

Next Saturday & Sunday will be a two days meeting at Ogden

Rec'd. of Geo Anderson $2.50 for P E F

School adjourned for one week at one o'clock

After singing Benediction by

G Goddard

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

Present Elder Orson Pratt presiding The first Presidency being

and most of the twelve being absent on a two days meeting at Ogden -

After singing Prayer by Elder G. B. Wallace Singing

Elder O. Pratt gave liberty to the School for either Business or remarks -

Elder John Taylor, would like to see a good degree of freedom manifested

by the members of the school - we are all on one common level - we are all the

servants of God, we all of us hold the Holy Priesthood- and though he believed

in Presidencies and position in the Kingdom of God, yet it was very common for

the Holy Spirit to reveal some things to obscure individuals, that are not made

known to others, hence an exchange of ideas and reflections are profitable to

all - We are all the children of God, and should try to overcome a bashfull

feeling, and rise up to speak when anything rests upon the mind - Every man in

his place should be respected and honored - and let us respect ourselves - this

was the Prophet Joseph Smiths Council to the Elders in his day, Let us try to

elevate ourselves mentally, morally & physically Do unto others,as you would

they should do to you - Let our word be our bond -

Elder Shearer had never spoken in the school, though he had been a member

a long time. he deprecated the spirit of discontent which he had noticed in

some - let us try to be contented and happy - some continue in the Church for a

long time, naturally smart and are humble, and are on a level with the body -

but when they as get a little of this worlds goods, seem to cultivate the spirit

of pride and ambition, and can hardly notice their poorer brethren, this was a

dangerous condition to be in - he then adverted to the condition of the Jews, at

the time when Jesus came - and that of the Gentiles when the Book of Mormon came

forth, it reveals to us the true mode of baptism and the unchristian method of

sprinkling infants - which is a mockery to God.

Elder G. B. Wallace complained of many who come to him to seek council in

his official capacity - and finding that in some cases the decisions of men

holding the priesthood do not agree with some holding a Civil capacity - let the

priesthood and officers in the Kingdom always act in concert, and the diffi-
He also complained of some of the Theatrical Officials enticing away his children to act as Supes, without any consultation or consent of their parents.

Elder Orson Pratt said we now occupy a position as a people very different to what we shall do in a day to come - in January 2nd 1831 - the Lord said, you shall be a free people and shall have no Laws but mine to govern you. We now, are mixed up in our government and allied more or less with Civil Authority, it was so with the Jews - by their own special request - asking for a King - which God granted - in his displeasure, and more or less revealed to those Kings his mind and will through his Prophets - it was the same on this continent, and Nephi by universal request became their first King - and was a good and righteous man - he entirely acquiesced in the remarks of Bro Wallace - viz the importance of the Civil and Ecclesiastical authorities being united and in strict harmony with each other - The day will come when Civil authority will mostly cease - Kings and Priests will hold their authority, and governed by revelation.

It is of the highest importance that the decisions of our High Councils and Bishops Courts should perfectly harmonize with the Laws to which we are amenable.

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

After singing Benediction by Elder J. Taylor.

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 J C Little, Singing.

Elder Geo Q Cannon read a notice pertaining to the Celebration of the 4th July.

Elder J. R. Winder, Chairman of Committee, stated the object of the Committee, which was, to have an expression of Mechanics & Artizans, as to whether they will turn out on that occasion by a general display of their several branches of labour, or simply be represented by banners &c.

Bo A. H. Raleigh & J. R. Malbon, express a hearty desire to have the day well and thoroughly celebrated - both by Military and Civilians -

Prest. B. Young said, if a Celebration be attempted, let it be done as it should be, he would suggest that a good Military display be introduced in the procession, Trades be represented also, and a universal turn out of Farmers, & Artizans, & School Children are there let them be protected from the Sun.

Moved & Seconded, That a Committee from Farmers & Mechanics & others be Nominated now - The different Committees were then Nominated and can be found on separate sheets of paper -

Bo R. Miller of Mill Creek sent a letter to Prest. Young, and was read to the School, read by Elder Geo Q Cannon requesting the privilege of having the Water of Big Cottonwood turned into the Canal so that it might be used by the farmers in Mill Creek Ward, whose crops were languishing for want of water.

In response to this, Prest. Young, the Members of the school and Members of the County Court gave their unanimous consent and a Note was sent to Bo R. Miller giving him the privilege -

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

After singing, Benediction by Elder B Young Junr.

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 J. F. Smith Singing

By request of W. W. Woodruff, Bp R. Miller reported that some 80 Men and Boys turned out last Monday to dig a ditch to admit water from Big Cottonwood Creek to the Canal, and had succeeded, which had proved a great blessing to the people.

Elder Turnbow spoke of some 50 five acre lots that was in a parched and suffering condition for want of water - he then notified the owners of said lots to meet him on Monday to assist in letting more water into the Canal.

A Note was addressed to Prest. Young by a Member of the School soliciting an explanation of the 10th Section in the Book of Doctrine & Covenants -

Elder Geo Q. Cannon & Prest. Young each gave an explanation It was shown that a Glorified being had power to communicate to persons in any part of the earth, and he may also be sitting in this congregation, go home with any of us for supper and we supposing him to be a Brother from a distance -

Considerable explanation was given by Prest. Young to questions put by several members of the School -

Prest. B. Young then spoke of the Camp Meeting now being held by the Methodists, he was very sorry that some little interruption had taken place last evening by some one asking questions - this he was very sorry for, and made a particular request that some Teachers from each Ward, be sent there to night, and prevent any disturbance.

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

After singing Benediction by Elder G Q. Cannon

Geo Goddard

Secretary
On Saturday June 24th, 1871

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o’clock P m

Prest. B Young presiding

After singing prayer by Bp John Sharp Singing

Prest. D. H. Wells said we lived in an eventful period - and are going through a tuition, how to aid and assist in the building up of the Kingdom of God - hence we come to this school that we may be taught how to become one, and become better acquainted with those principles of righteousness that God has revealed - but the Enemy is on the alert and seeking in every possible way to secure - seduce and draw away the Saints from the observance of those duties.

Complained of the negligence of the Saints in not going to meeting - going met attending ward meeting, paying fast offerings &c - spoke of the corroding influence of Wealth among the Saints - We should live under the benign influence of the priesthood - if we felt right, we should haste to volunteer and be anxious to do whatever we are required to do He said that he hoped every one Among the Latter day Saints will turn out and celebrate the birthday of our National Independence and thus sustain the efforts of our spirited Committee.

Elder Levi Richards adverted to the lack of attention that is paid to the sanitary conditions of our City - recommended the free use of dry earth which is the finest deodorizer in the World - deprecated us the use of Colouring matter in Cheese, Candy &c, also the poisonous influence of Mother Winslows Tooothing Syrup, Godreys Cordial &c. the base of which is Opium, and its effects on the infant system is most deleterious - Tobacco produced more positive injury on the human intellect than all other poisons put together -

Bp Phineas Young condemned the use of Walkers Vinegar Bitters - which has to been freely taken by many in our midst, naming several instances of sudden death which occurred, he verily believed, from their use - he had used himself to chewing & smoking tobacco for many years - but at length became convinced of its baneful effects and has left it off entirely - and he did not think that God would ever require anything of his people but what he would
give them strength to perform it. Several other speakers denounced the use of Tobacco, Liquor &c -

Prest. D. H. Wells advocated the free use of dry earth to deodorize the effluvia arising from human excreence, stables, &c. when done it makes the best kind of fertilizing element

Prest. B Young urged upon the City Council, the passing of stringent laws to enforce cleanliness throughout the City - A Vote was then taken and unanimously sustained, That the City Council take immediately steps to purify and cleanse the City - He & Bro Geo A Smith were going up North for a few weeks. & hoped

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

After singing Benediction by Elder G. Q. Cannon

Geo Goddard Sect'y
On Saturday July 1st 1871

The School met at One o clock p m in the Tabernacle

Present Prest. D H. Wells presiding (Prest. B Young, Geo A Smith and several of the twelve having started last Monday Morning for Bear Lake &c for a few weeks.)

After singing Prayer by Elder Amos Fielding Singing

Prest. D H. Wells gave liberty for any member of the School to speak.

Elder Geo Q Cannon said he was pleased with the prospects and surroundings of the Church and kingdom of God - though there are a great influx of strangers coming among us, and much opposition manifested towards us, by apostates &c, yet he did not believe there is anything going to happen, but what will tend to our benefit, and the Glory of God enhanced by it -

Many coming here by Railway are actually fulfilling the prophecies, some of the most influential men of the Nation, visiting here express their astonishment at what they see and there never was a time when so many strangers had been brought under the sound of the Gospel, He earnestly desired that God would overrule the development of our minerals, for the good of the saints and enhance the Glory of God - He lamented the practise of many of our young people who were learning to smoke, & drink - hoped the Elders of Israel would set before them a good example

Rejoiced in the liberty that God has given us, and hoped that each would put on a bold front, and maintained it, even at the risk of our lives, he despised a temporizing spirit - prayed that God would bless his people and enable us to do our duty -

Bp A H. Raleigh spoke of the corruption of our Government, both Politically, Religiously, and Morally, as much so, perhaps as any Nation that was ever destroyed on account of its iniquities - refer'd to the proclamation issued in this Mornings paper by the Acting Governor, Secretary Black, to prohibit the any & Military procession on July 4th - as announced b in programme, by the Committee. He strongly recommended the quiet observance of the original programme, and leave the result in the hands of God, dont let us be afraid to
take a firm stand, only let us know that we are right, then go ahead.

On Covenants, he said that no man can come here in this school and make a Covenant that he will keep the Word of Wisdom, with a feeling in his heart that he will continue to break that Covenant, without losing the spirit of God, and will sooner or later apostatize from the Church. Every one alone is responsible to God for his conduct, each one is here on a Mission, and should act, not as eyewessants, but with as much precision as if there was no other creature on the earth, but to do our duty naturally, because we are here for that purpose.

**Elder Collins** was anxious to observe the Word of God from the Mouth of his Prophet, and stroke no blow or resistance ago till the prophet says Arise and thrash O ye Captive daughters of Zion —

**Elder A Fielding** advocated the strict observance of the Word of Wisdom, and not imitate the bad practises of the Gentiles —

A Governor that will violate his oath and trample under foot the Constitution, to bring trouble upon this people, God will curse, and he did not feel himself too good to curse him.

**Prest. D H. Wells** said that two weeks ago, a Committee was appointed, and they issued a programme, all that are in favour of carrying it out, hold up their hands, and all lifted up their hands — He should not countermand his orders, for a portion of the Military to take part in the celebration of the Nations Birthday — If we are to be abridged of such a palpable right — we may expect that every other right and liberty will be swept away from us.

The School was adjourned for one week at one oclock p m

After singing Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt

Geo Goddard

Sect'y.
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle on Saturday July 8th

1871 at One o'clock p.m. Present Prest. D.H. Wells presiding

After singing Prayer by Bp L Young Singing

Elder Orson Pratt said it was a source of joy to see so many of the Servants of God, meet here week after week, and learn so many things which they could not learn in our mixed assemblies - And which have a tendency to good amongst the people of this Territory. - Spoke of the various organizations established in the outside world - such as Temperance Society’s, Bible Societies &c. Women Suffrage Society &c all of which are good there, but are not at all necessary among us - as the evils such societies are intended to correct here do not exist to such an extent as to meet need them. - There is one evil however indulged in here, that a Female organization might profitably be employed viz paternning after the Gentile Fashions, and teach that portion of Law which was given 40 years ago, for the Saints to wear garments of their own make and fashion &c -

Another evil is indulged in here, that needs correcting, viz for a Young Man to undertake to keep company with a daughter without first asking the consent of her Parents. - In this, there needs a reformation - the day will come when even young men will counsel their parents pertaining to their marriage associations - before we as a people go back to Jackson Co, we have got to be come a pure people - we we must have a standard of our own, and discard foolish Gentile fashions -

Bp Lorenzo Young enquired if the Revelation referred to by Bro Pratt, pertaining to our garments being the workmanship of our own hands had more reference to the time we returned to Jackson Co. than it does at the present -

His religion was more precious to him to day than at any previous time - it was good to him by night and by day, had over come many old bad habits, such as drinking Tea, getting Angry, &c wearing plain clothing &c and he hoped to see the greatest men in Israel setting such examples as they wish us to follow - he wanted to see Bishops, Presidents and heads of families to set such a lead in fashions, as he is becoming Latter Day Saints -
Elder Phineas Richards said that there is no subject of greater importance to talk about than the word of Wisdom - some exult in the observance of it by abstaining from Tea & Coffee, when those very ones will crowd their plates with meat, and perhaps take hot water which is as injurious as either tea or coffee - He then exposed some of the false methods of dealing with their Children in their general government.

Bp L Young spoke of the looseness of the reins that now hang upon Israel, and the time being near by when the head will begin to draw the reins a little tighter -

Elder Geo B Wallace took another view of the subject of dress - Viz that some who meet in our public assemblies, are so filthy in their person, and clothing and habits, as to be a disgrace to the rest - some persons therefore have as much need to rise up a little higher in these things while it is the duty of others to come down & be more modest & retiring in their dress &c

Prest. D.U. Wells said he supposed we all might all do a little better than we do, if we were to try. No one, two or three persons can rule the tide of fashion - it is somewhat curbed in this community - and will be more and more - he would be glad if we could make our own Hats & Bonnets - Prest. Young has done more to make and wear home made clothing than any other family, except some in the Country who make nearly all their families wear - He did not approve of the fashions of the day, but he did like to see neat and graceful attire - he hoped the remarks made to day would have a beneficial influence on our families.

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

Benediction by Elder G Q Cannon

George Goddard

Secty.
On Saturday July 15 1871

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

Present   Pres. D. H. Wells presiding

After singing   Prayer by Elder E Stevenson   Singing

Elder Jno Taylor who had just returned from a visit to the East, spoke of the vague and indefinate notions of God and Eternity, entertained by the religious world - they dont know God, nor the plan of salvation, he felt thankful for his standing as a member of the Kingdom of God and then contrasted the value of a Knowledge of the Gospel as revealed from God, with the uncertain dogmas and theories of Man made systems - refered to our Baptisms, Confirmations, officiating for our dead, Marriage for time & eternity sealing Ordinances for our Wives and Children, in all of these things, the world is totally ignorant of, and he felt so thankful for such inestimable blessings, that in returning to the bosom of the Church again, he felt like shouting Hallelujah -

Elder M. B. Shipp returned Missionary from England, esteemed it a great privilege to mingle again with his brethren in the tops of the Mountains - was truly thankful to his Heavenly Father for his constant watchcare that had been around him since he left here, some two years ago - He considered the Religious world were fast drifting to a species of infidelity - He had much joy in his labours -

The Elders sent from here, all felt well And they occasionally met at the various Conferences, it was a time of great rejoicings. After making a few more remarks expressive of thankfulness & gratitude, he prayed that God would bless his people &c -

Elder Chas Lambert had been on a Mission to England for the past 9 months - had a good time while there, and very thankful to return he then related some of his experience when he arrived in Nauvou - he laid the last stone on the Nauvou Temple - came to these Mountains in 1849 and rejoiced in the work of God up to the present time.
Bishop Callister (Beaver) felt it to be a great privilege to come to this school - ten years ago he was called on a Mission to Beaver, had taken much satisfaction in his labours - this school had accomplished a great amount of good throughout the Valley - so much has had been done in his sphere of action, was mostly attributable to the influence exerted through the instructions imparted in this school, he felt well in the testimony of his brethren, and calculated to use his influence to build up the Kingdom of God.

Elder Nephi Pratt said he believed it was necessary for a Young Man to go out into the World, to obtain a testimony of the truth of the Gospel, for the majority of young men that are reared up here, enjoy at times the spirit of the Lord - but when far away from friends and connexions, and having to rely wholly entirely on God and his promises and to open his mouth in defense of the truth, then it is that the spirit of testimony comes upon him.

Elder Geo Q Cannon was always delighted to listen to the testimonies of our young Elders our united duty as Elders of Israel was at the present time to sustain and rally around the Priesthood - especially at the present times when at attempt was made to assail us at our Election.

New York City will yet be drenched with blood, notwithstanding their anxiety to bring trouble upon the Latter Day Saints. Let us be strong in the Lord our God, and we have nothing to fear - He will give us the supremacy in these Mountains.

Prest. D H Wells hoped every man in Israel would be on hand at the day of Election and deposit his vote for the right men - and not go blindly at it, and vote haphazard as some good men did last Election, he warned his brethren against exposing themselves in the hot sun, lest they should receive a sun stroke, dont drink Liquor - He spoke of the good crop that we are about to be blest with, we should be firm, true & faithful and endeavour to conciliate each other when any misunderstanding arises, and thus avoid angry passions, and unpleasant words. Let us be united in building up the Kingdom of God.

Meeting was adjourned for One Month Week at one o'clock P M

Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt George Goddard Secty
On Saturday July 29 1871 Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o'clock P m Present Pres't. B Young presiding After singing Prayer by Elder W. Woodruff Singing by unanimous vote 
Pres't. B H Wells said it was the School was resolved into a Convention for the nomination of Officers for the coming Election - Moved & Seconded That Paul A Schettler act as Secretary Moved, seconded & Carried That Louis S Hills, John Vancott & John Rowberry be nominated as Commissioners for locating lands for University as Councillors to represent Salt Lake, Tooele, Summit

Moved & Seconded & Carried that W. Woodruff, Geo Q Cannon, W. Jennings & Josh. A Young - Select Man for Salt Lake County Reuben Moved, Seconded & Carried That Reuben Miller act as Select Man Moved Seconded & Carried That Henry Rudy act as Justice of the peace in Brighton precinct - Moved Seconded & Carried Solomon J. Despain act as Justice of the peace in Granite precinct and Joseph Snell as Constable for Do

Moved, Seconded & Carried That A D Heaton as Justice of the peace of Bingham precinct and John Hogan as Constable Judge Smith then gave some timely council pertaining to Elections &c It was then Moved, Seconded & Carried That this Convention be dissolved.

A Question was asked the by Bro Peck as to the reason a discrepancy between the genealogy of Christ as give by Matthew & Luke - Answer. One gives the Male and the other Female ancestry - the

Pres't. Geo A Smith referred to a recent and sudden death of some of our leading Men who have plural families - hence the necessity of the heads of families making their wills, so as to prevent their property from being squandered among the Lawyers, and he strongly recommended Fathers & Husbands to reflect upon the subject as a wise and prudent step.

Pres't. B Young said it was 5 weeks to day since he attended the school Evanston before, they took cars to Wasatch, then on to Bear Lake & Soda Springs the latter is a place of great interest and many curiosity's - they travell'd every
day, remained 10 days in that vicinity, saw some beautiful hot springs - it was a very desirable place for this people to possess - and in 15 Months or 2 years, the railway will be completed, from Evanston to that place, towards Montana the Atmosphere was bracing and delightful they saw no spider, fly or lizard. He wanted to start a place there for ourselves, by Capitolists to build boarding Houses &c for the accommodation of our own people, as well as parties from the East and West who will flock there by thousands as soon as the railway is completed - he wanted some good Mechanics to go - and the Capitolists to go, and take up the land, and build up a large place - it is in Idaho -

Many had been trying to wipe out Mormonism but had not succeeded, neither will they - all the powers of Earth and Hell are as much opposed to us to day as ever -

In fulfillment of Prophecy great numbers are coming here as visitors, and while here the good Spirit that broods here hovers over them and they cannot help but speak of well of us - but when they get away they are surrounded by another spirit and influence, and then will speak all manner of evil against us -

He then read a blank form got up by Bro E Smith, Judge of Probate, setting forth the legal form of Making wills, and he particularly desired the brethren to obtain one when printed - and immediately make our wills, to avoid litigious lawsuits after our decease about our property -

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

Benediction by Elder J. D. T. McAllister

G Goddard

Secty.
On Saturday Augt. 5th 1871

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

Present  Prest. B. Young presiding

After singing  Prayer by Bp. Saml. Woolley  Singing

Prest. Geo A Smith spoke of the effort that was likely to be made on Monday, (Election day) by our Enemies to secure one of their own class in Office - he trusted however that the Bishops were alive to their duty in this respect, and made every preparation for voting. I want every good man in Israel to make voting and the interest of the Poles his business, on Monday next. He then referred to the Legislature of the Territory which had been conducted on the most economized principle - the Territory was out of debt, and the taxes were very light.

Elder Geo Q Cannon spoke of the responsibility now resting upon the Bishops in attending to a thorough organization for looking after every legal voter, in their respective wards - every precinct in the adjacent Counties should be well guarded and scoured by scrutinizing men, to see that every male and female voter cast their votes on Monday next not only Bishops, but every American Citizen should feel under obligation to not only do their duty themselves in voting, but should use their influence in inducing others to do theirs.

spoke of the slackness of many Bishops in endeavouring to settle difficulties between brethren and prevent cases from coming before the High Council -

Elder John Pack, this land was given to the saints by the Almighty, not any portion of it was given to us by our enemies, and shall we now yield it to them - No - none should neglect so important a duty as casting their vote for those of our own choice -

Elder W. Woodruff said we should watch and pray and especially deposit our votes on Monday next, and use every means to influence others do the same -

Prest. G. A. Smith urged every man in Israel who had a team to turn out and use it on Monday in carrying voters.

Elder Jas. Leach felt independent to do right, no matter what others did -

Elder James Brown, from conversation with outsiders, said that many of
necessity of every one doing their duty - for should our enemies every be allowed
to run the election we shall be in a poor fix - but if we do our duty our ma-
iority will be so great, as to throw our enemies so far in the shade that will
discourage them, only let them get one Officer in, it will strengthen them
hands, and embolden them in their future crusade against us - Let us therefore
take a decided stand maintain our rights, and God will enable us to do so.-

Prest. B Young urged upon the school to be alive to their duty - we have
the priesthood of the son of God - and through this Priesthood the people are
made acquainted with the mind and will of God - but the priesthood ea are under
no obligation to force men and women to the Polls, this is an act of their own
free will - There never was a time when opposition was greater, than at pres-
ent, to the kingdom of God, but our enemies were never weaker -

This is the City of Zion, set upon a Hill and we have nothing to fear,
God has given us this Country, and we have nothing to fear, only let us do
our duty by obeying the council of the Servants of God - The Capitolists
are coming here with their wealth, and many of our brethren are getting it,
he was glad of it - they will leave their means here to build Factories, Im-
port Machinery &c &c

Infidelity is fast increasing among the people even Ministers are mostly
infidel, there are none who believe the Geo Bible as the God, but a latter
day saint -

School was adjourned for one week at 1 o'clock p m

Benediction by Geo A Smith

Geo Goddard

SectY.
On Saturday Augt. 12 1871

Theological Class met at 1 o'clock P M Pres't. Prem'd. B Young presiding

A question was asked by a member of the school If it was right for the 13th Ward Coop Inst'n. to rent the upper room of their premises for the printing of the "Salt Lake Review", a very rabid paper.

Elder Geo Goddard said as a Member of the Ward, he believed that Bro Freeze who Manages the Store, rented the room without the knowledge of Bp Woolley or any of the Directors, and that he rented it under a false representation supposing it was wanted for the publication of a decent paper - he knew to leave that Bp Woolley intended to give them notice, & should anything of a rabid character appear in their paper, and he had no doubt but the Bishop had already done so

Th Elder F. A. Mitchell, one of the Directors said, it had been done without his knowledge - he very much regretted what had been done but had no doubt, that Bp Woolley had already given them notice to leave.

Prest. B Young said that inasmuch as the 13 Ward Store (Co op) had moved into the 14th Ward, he did not think the people of the 13th should be held accountable for what that institution does, neither were they under any obligation to trade there, especially while such a stink exists in the upper room, as the printing of such a dirty sheet as the "Salt Lake Review"

He then commented on the course recently adopted by the Salt Lake Herald, by replying to the falsities that so frequently appear in the "Tribune", which is altogether unworthy the attention of any one who has a regard for Truth and righteousness, and if the Herald did not cease to notice such trash, he should cease to patronize that paper -

A Member of the School, on paper, stated that some of our Merchants were advertising in the Tribune and Review, and that he should not patronize them himself, was it right? This was read to the School, and met with a unanimous confirmation - The names of Chas. Bassett & Riggs & Lechenburg are among the number ---
Prest. B Young said he was determined not to sustain those who sustain our bitterest enemies, and all who felt like him, hold up your hands, and every hand was lifted up - it was his imperative duty to sustain those who sustain the Kingdom of God.

Prest. Geo A Smith said there had been two or three preliminary meetings held in the City Hall, in relation to the establishment of a Utah Cooperative Bank - and if it was the mind of the school that such an institution should be organized, he wished them to make it manifest by uplifted hands - there was a unanimous show of hands.

Elder Louis S Hills then read a series of resolutions and by-laws that had been prepared for presentation to the school.

Elder John Taylor said he perceived in the Countenances of the saints that the Spirit of the Lord prompted them to act in concert with the first presidency in everything which they brought forward - Cooperation in our midst had been a balance wheel in the regulation of our commercial affairs - and was a perfect success - spoke of an effort being made by some to draw off from the Kingdom of God - there is no other place on the face of the earth, where we could get an answer pertaining to God or Godliness - The Railroad had accomplished wonders in our midst, and there had been a great financial engineering done by the President and his friends - and not only railroads, and Commerce, & Banking, and everything else that pertains to the rolling forth of the Kingdom of God -

Elder W. Woodruff felt thankful that he lived to see the commencement of a grand co-operative movement, which he had no doubt would continue until it circumscribed the whole of our temporal matters - We should learn to sustain ourselves - and leave off as fast as possible the patronage of our enemies -

Let alone those who support our bitter enemies - He heartily endorsed this movement, and prayed that we might grow brighter and brighter - Motioned & Seconded, & Carried That the Constitution be accepted and the Books be opened for subscription

W. Jamings moved that the Books be left at the Bank of Hooper & Eldredges
Bank for six days to receive subscriptions—

H. S. Eldredge Moved, was Seconded & Carried That Prest. B. Young, W. H. Hooper, H. S. Eldredge, W. Jennings, Jno. Sharp - F. Little, L. S. Hills be Directors. Moved, Seconded & Carried That Prest. B. Young be president of the Bank. That H. S. Eldredge be Vice President. That Louis S Hills be Cashier — That the Books be opened at Hooper & Eldredges Bank for subscription from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — until a sufficiency be subscribed ——

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

After singing Benediction by Elder Amos Fielding

Geo Goddard

Secty.
On Saturday Augt. 19, 1871

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

Present Elder Orson Pratt presiding (The first Presidency and most of the twelve having gone to Provo, to hold a two days meeting)

After singing Prayer by Elder A M Musser Singing

A letter was read from Riggs & Lechenburg explanatory of the reasons why their an advertisement appeared in the Tribune, which stated that, as they were under some obligation to take some pay at that office, and without much reflection agreed to take it in advertisements, - after the reading of the letter -

Bro Riggs arose, and stated that both he and his partners Bro6, Lechenbergh & Nefeker were anxious to abide in the Councils of the servants of God, they had enlisted for life in the Kingdom of God - they had no sympathy for Outside or Apostate Papers - they had immediately, on hearing the sentiments of the School last Saturday withdraw their advertisement from the Tribune, and wished to continue their allegiance to the Kingdom -

Elder Orson Pratt then took a sense of the school on the subject, and a unanimous were uplifted hands shown the entire satisfaction they felt towards the letter and explanatory sentiments expressed by Bro Riggs -

He also refered to the covenants we had made some two years ago, not to sustain our Enemies - he had observed that strictly himself, and thousands besides, hence the success of our cooperation, retaining the means accumulating as profit, amongst ourselves -

He also spoke of the extreme, unnatural fashions that are more or less indulged in by the Ladies, especially in their Bonnets &c - and some fashions on their might be improved, by the Gentlemen, in the style of pants

Encouraged the observance of the Word of Wisdom, having a tendency to prepare us for a renewal of our bodies, when the proper time comes

Elder Henry made a few remarks on honesty, economy, paying tithing, emigrating the poor, living the life of the righteous &c
Elder Lot Smith as a returned Missionary, express is gratitude for the privilege of returning home safely after a two years absence. Much good is obtained by attending these school, spoke of the blessings and responsibilities that accompany obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel. He hoped in that he will never grow lukewarm on his return - but continue to increase a constant growth in his interest towards the Kingdom of God.

Compared the superior life giving power of the Son of God, in and the future glory & exaltation of the faithful - to the transient pleasures & gratifications of the world - the Kingdom of God will shortly come out & rise above the present difficulties that now appear to surround it.

Elder David M Steward also a returned Missionary - had nothing else to live for but the Kingdom of God - came in at an early day - felt thankful to see & realize the advancement & growth of the Kingdom - spoke of the rotten-ness of the world, the uneasy and dissatisfied state of the apostates whom he had the fortune to look both after, both at California & the East.

Elder Josh. F. Smith circumstances had kept him from attending the school for two months past, was gratified to hear the testimonies of his brethren - the Lord had blest them while preaching the Gospel - the plainer duties of our religion seem to be the hardest to observe and live up to. - the duty of Cooperating ourselves together is one of the most difficult to carry out by many, selfishness steps in, and thwarts us in our path - He wanted that kind of religion, that exalts and happifies us not only here, but hereafter - We are not here to aggrandize to ourselves the wealth & means of this world - We are here to build up the Kingdom of God with whatever means may come within our reach - Men are not so apt to serve God in wealth as in poverty - The Lord is now trying us with wealth - Let us remember that we are only stewards as yet over what we have - We can only say that it belongs to us, after we have been tried & proven, and excited become immortal &c.

Bp Edwd. Hunter called for some Men from Bp Miller & Bp Cahoons ward to
do some work near little Cottonwood - to remember the vegetable Tithing &c

A Question Is it right for us to buy lumber of the Truckee Lumber Co -- as the Co was favorably refer'd to through the News?--

Elder Orson Pratt answered, by saying that a favourable notice to outside Merchants was no guarrantee for us to sustain them - but rather than patronize outsiders - let us leave our orders at the Co operative store, and they can obtain what we want.

Elder Shearer made a few remarks.

The School was adjourned for one Week at one o clock.

Benediction by Elder G. B. Wallace

G Goddard Clk.
On Saturday Augt. 26th 1871

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

Present Prest. B Young presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder Geo Goddard Singing

A Letter was read from Bro Wm. Spiring, in which he stated that from letters he had lately rec'd. from his aged parents there in England they expressed a strong desire to see him, and they being far advanced in years had a strong desire to see them also, and respectfully submitted to the President, whether he might take a Mission to England, and have a privilege of getting a some means from his friends here, to assist him there.

A Question was then asked by L. W. Peck Who the Shepherd, the stone of Israel was -

Answer, By Prest. B. Young, Jesus Christ. He said it, his doctrine, for any member of the school, who knew anything to communicate worth knowing to get up, and state it, but do not hatch up something that can benefit neither themselves or any one else -

Elder Orson Pratt read a portion from the Doctrine & Covenants. 8th Paragraph - in which Jesus declares that He His the good shepherd, and stone of Israel - He will come to Zion as a Shepherd to turn away ungodliness from Jacob -

Another Question Is it right to confer the priesthood on a Dead child.

Answer No

Question - Would it not be well for some one to be appointed to make out Wills for the brethren, and also a place of deposit.

The Question was very much appreciated by the school and a unanimous exprest, to attend to the business.

Prest. Geo A Smith said that Sydew Rigdom had sent a letter to Prest. Young and exprest a desire to come to Utah on a visit, in company with his could be furnished Wife, Son &c. if Prest-Young-would-furnish means for them to come - the case was left with the School and no action taken
Prest. Young said it would take about a thousand dollars to bring them out and send them back again - and if the school wished to entertain the it, they were at liberty to do so.

Prest. D. H. Wells & Amos Fielding testified to the lying and invective spirit of Sydney Rigdon, and having so many apostates here now, they had no desire to assist more to come -

Prest. B Young said, if it were possible to do the old Man any good by him coming here, he should be glad, for the injury sustained by his course, has been to himself and those who followed him - He had a desire to have Bro. David Whitmer here, & who was one of the three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon that he might be rebaptized, obtain his blessings and die in the faith.

He-enjoyed the Prest. Young said that the same spirit that rested upon the Prophet Joseph rested upon him ever since he had been in the Church - he very much liked it, for it made him very happy, and taught him to comprehend his much of this earth, without having our affections placed upon any of its wealth - how slothful and sluggish we are as Elders of Israel and how unlike what God would have us be - how prone we are to slander and throw obstacles in the way of our brethren & Sisters.

Elder Anson M Call said he heard S Rigdon tell his Vision about the battle of Gog & Magog which was a false and the lying Revelation, and led many astray. He also testified that when he heard Prest. Young, just after the death of Joseph, his Voice and appearance too, were those of the Prophet Joseph, or his ears and eyes both deceived him.

Elder Lorenzo Young spoke very mercifully towards the faults and failings of Sydney Rigdon and thought a visit to this place might do him good, many in our midst had backslidden more than he had.

Elder W. Woodruff said the nearer we get to the Lord, the more mercy we see displayed towards erring humanity - hence it is that Prest. Young entertains the most merciful feelings towards those who have done wrong And would gladly assist towards reclaiming them - and he for one did not feel
like saying anything to oppose it

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

After singing Benediction by Elder Geo Q Cannon

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Elder Lorenzo Young said, that so far as the faults and failings of Sydney Rigdon are concerned, he believed there were many now in our midst who had backslidden quite as far as Sydney Rigdon — And perhaps his coming here might perhaps do him good —

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School of the Prophets met at 1 P. m President B. Young presiding
School sang hymn on the 66th page Prayer by Elder B. Young, junior
School sang hymn on the 132nd page

Prest. D. H. Wells Introduced the subject of every body making his own will, especially those, who have large families, on account of the peculiar position we are in as regards the laws of the Country and every Latter Day Saint ought to be interested in it. Read a notice from Bro. Abinadi Pratt, in which he offered his services to write out wills, and guaranteed satisfaction.

Elder Thos Ellerbeck. Said that men, who have large families, and whose property is in such a condition, that it cannot be well estimated and divided, should especially make out their wills. He then read the will of President B. Young, leaving out names & figures.

Prest. B. Young Two of these documents ought to be made out, one to be deposited at the Probate Court, and one to be kept by the party in a safe place.

Thos. W. Ellerbeck spoke about the benefit of making Dry earth closets, as a sure preventive for typhoid fever and summer complaint.

Levi Richards Complained that many strangers were trespassing in his orchard, depositing their droppings under his trees, because there never were no public places provided by the City authorities.

Geo Q. Cannon Related his experience with the Earth closet during the last two years, and recommended, that the same be also introduced inside of the houses especially for the benefit of women and children in cold and stormy weather.

Ed. Wheeler Made a few remarks upon the subject and recommended burning all offal.

Thos. Fenton Spoke about the different kinds of manure, how they should be mixed & applied and was much opposed to burn any kind of offal.

Thos. Winter Said he came from Bath, the cleanest town in the world, where all the priveys were washed out by water.
Geo B. Wallace Remarked that vaults could never be kept sweet, neither places where it was washed out by water, but that dry earth was a perfect deodoriser. Complained, that there were cowyards & hog pens in this in the City, that were more offensive than backhouses. A great deal of sickness was caused, because we did not know, how to diet ourselves.

Eldor Britton Made some very appropriate remarks about the different kinds of manure, & how to apply them.

Prest. C. A. Smith Gave notice, that a lady lecturer was exhibiting some relics from Jerusalem at 4 p. m. and would also give a lecture at 7 p m to day and 5 p. m to morrow.

School sang hym on 325th page

School was adjourned to next Saturday 1 p m

Benediction by Prest Geo. A. Smith
Salt Lake City, Old Tabernacle Sept. 9th 1871

School of the Prophets met at 1 p. m. President Dan. H. Wells presiding
School sang hymn on the 154th page Prayer by Elder Horace Eldredge
School sang hymn on the 257th page

Prest. Geo. A. Smith remarked that it had been resolved to build a temple
at St. George of rough stone, like the Kirtland Temple, and finished after the
manner of the same, also some black rock and red sandstone shall be used, and
which is only a few miles distant. He wanted about 50 masons to make prepara-
tions and get ready to go to St George, to spend the winter there in rushing
up the temple.

Elder Orson Pratt. Read a letter from Sidney Rigdon to Prest. Brigham
Young, asking for $100,000.00 in coin to be sent per Express, for counsel that
would be given.

Prest. Geo. A. Smith. Said he pitied the old gentlemen, as he thought,
he was crazy, and if he had kept faithful, he might have accomplished a great
deal of good. Prest. B. Young was still sick, but he had urged upon him to
lay the matter of calling 50 masons for the St George temple, before this School.

Prest. Dan. H. Wells. Remarked that Prest. Young desired the brethren
not to forget to make their wills.

Elder George Groo. Gave a very interesting account of his mission to
England, and the experience he has gained while away from home.

Elder George Noble. Also gave an account of his experience on his
mission to England, and exhorted the brethren to be faithful in all things.

Elder Elias Smith Instructed the brethren about the importance of making
out wills properly, and stating everything plain, so that there can be no
misunderstanding.

Prest. D. H. Wells. Confirmed the statements of Judge Smith, and warned
the brethren to abstain from the sin of anasiasm, as it would ruin every man
who practises it. He was sure, that the young man, who killed himself lately,
had done so in consequence of this practise.
J. C. Stewart, said he had spoken here before about 2 weeks ago, and he felt very much interested in the remarks, that had been made by the returning Elders, also the valuable instructions, we had received here this afternoon. It was the pleasantest part of a man's life to be on a mission, provided he has the Spirit of the Lord. He had performed some very rough missions in California, also a very pleasant one to Scotland, but in the States he found it uphill business.

Elder Geo Q Cannon notified the School that blanks for wills can now be had at the Deseret News Office.

Pres. D H Wells adjourned the School till next Saturday at 1: P.M.

School sang the hymn on the 166th page

Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt
Salt Lake City, Old Tabernacle Sept 16th 1871

School of the Prophets met at 1 p.m. President Geo. A Smith presiding

(Prest B Young came in at ½ past one) School sang hymn on the 163 page

Prayer by Elder Thos Jeremy School sang hymn on the 71st page

Prest. D. H. Wells. Asked the Bishops if they were ready, to report how
many masons were willing to go to Dixie, and assist in the building of the temple.

Bp Stoker Reported of North Kanyon Ward the following stonelayers,

Edward Simons, Henry G. Harrison & Burton, stonecutter

Bp Raleigh James Smith, W. L. Perkins 19th Ward

Bp C. Rae Robert H. Swain

Bp. J. Sharp Edw. Brain

Bp. Edw. Hunter. Reminded the brethren to pay their tithing, that the
promised blessings might follow. His motto was always "Pay your tithing and be
blessed. He gave his property to Brother Joseph in Nauvoo, when he was poor,
and needy of it, and Bro. Hyde pronounced blessings upon his head, that he had
no idea, he would ever receive. Depriving the dead of their privileges, was
cutting the very hartstrings of our faith. Was very much pleased, how he got
along with the Emigration, and that the new comers were so soon provided for.
There were very liberal feelings manifested.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon We live according to my views in the most inter-
esting time, that has ever been upon this earth, especially if we watch the
different and continuous schemes, which our enemies are planning against us.

By all these things we learn a good deal of experience, and our enemies are
doing all they can by their doings, to assist in the accomplishment of the great
work, that is before us. Considered it a very great privilege to commence the
building of another temple, and that it would be a great blessing for the people
of our Dixie, and save them a good deal of travel and expense. Spoke of the
great blessings, that the people could obtain by the building of tempels, and
that he longed to see the time, when all mariages will be performed in temples
only, where the Elders of Israel clothed in priestly robes, can administer the
ordinances of the Holy Priesthood.
because a good many men will have to be employed besides them to assist in that work, and these hands and their families will have to be provided with the necessaries of life. Reminded the brethren of the feelings they had when coming here, on board the ship and in other places, and that they had not come here to gather riches, but to build up the Kingdom, in building temples to administer for our dead, and that it was a very great privilege for us as a people

Prest. Danl. H. Wells said, that if some of the brethren should be called upon to act as jurors, to accept it and serve because of duty, and because it was considered good policy, and in regard to military, if a posse should come round to our houses at midnight, we might expect, that they were after our lives, and should kill them if possible in defence of the same. Our enemies have not made many points yet, because the Lord has frustrated them in their designs, and we had to make our best efforts, and we have to be always ready, and keep our powder dry.

Elder Wilford Woodruff gave out a notice of a ½ Sec. of land in the Pulcipher field, and requested all landowners of that ½ Section to meet at the close of the School, as something had to be done, or the land would be lost.

Elder Lorenzo Young related, that he listened a little while ago at the Land Office to a conversation of C. Maxwell and a gentleman of Chicago in regard to those ¼ Sections, on which there were no houses or improvements, and that it seemed to him, that they were trying to make trouble, where parties had not conformed to the laws.

Prest. Geo A Smith exhorted the School to be very particular in complying with the laws, and rather live a year or two on a ¼ Section than loose it. He also stated that Prof Park who intends going east to visit Universities, take a mission to preach the Gospel, also BrBellevieve to preach the Gospel in Europe. Several hundred of the Elders who had relatives in the East should prepare themselves to go there during the winter, and preach the gospel to their friends. The masons for Dixie should take their teams & provisions along.

Prest B. Young invited all to go south with him and help to work, and survey the country a little. School was adjourned to next Saturday at 1 p.m. After singing of hymn on the 28th page dismissed by Elder G. Q Cannon
School of the Prophets met at 1 p.m. Elder Orson Pratt presiding.
School sang hymn on the 115th page. Prayer by Elder Geo B. Wallace
School sang hymn on the 180th page

Elder Orson Pratt Called upon the Bishop’s present, to report the names
of masons, who were willing to go to Dixie to assist in the building of the Temple.
Bishop Mc.Rae reported Archibald Frame.

Elder Orson Pratt Remarked, how necessary it was for us as a people, that
miles had grown so fast, and that lived in settlements, several hundred feet distant,
to build more temples, and especially for the benefit of older people, to whom
travelling a large distant is quite an annoyance. For the younger portion of the
people, who desire to enter into matrimony, it was just as important, not to
have to travel so far, to be sealed by the proper authority. Said the Brethren
should be just as willing to go to Dixie, as to go on a Mission abroad. Said
he would rather with his family be in deep content, that to refuse a mission,
to which he has been called.

Elder Tweede Said, he knew a man from Box Elder, that had apostatised, and
still held his ticket for the School, and he would like to see it taken from him.

Elder Orson Pratt. Remarked, that such a man, who refused to give up his
ticket, had no honor left within him. Suggested for somebody to make some re-
marks about polygamy, and to prove that it was not a crime.

Elder Aurilus Miner. Spoke about the differences in law as regards to
what is termed a crime, and that it depended on the authority of those, who de-
clare certain acts as crimes. He had a right to be here and had certain dut-
ies to perform, and he had to stay here, till his work was done, and it was his
privilege to defend himself in the execution of his duties. The law of indivi-
dual right existed out of necessity, but when society is formed, other laws
have to framed to protect everyone in his right. He wanted to show the right
the people had, to arrange their own affairs and if our administrators did not
do their duty, we the people, had the right to change them. He wanted to live
as a man, to maintain his rights. - & hold, that polygamy is no crime, and that
no human authority has a legal right, to declare it a crime. He wanted a vig-
ilance committee, to guard the rights of the people, not a mob, but good substantial men, who can be depended upon. Thought it would be well, to call a big Mass meeting & appoint five Delegates to go to Washington and demand our rights, and the removal of the present Officers of the Government.

**Elder David Fuller** Thought Bro. Miner labored under a little misunderstanding in regard to the feelings of the people, as he & others were only waiting for the signals to be given, and he was ready

**Elder Levi Richards.** Endorsed what had been said, and remarked that "vox populi" was "vox dei"; was very much in favor of a Mass meeting to be held forthwith.

**Elder B. Frost.** Felt like Brother Miner did, and considered it our duty, to back up those, who have been indicted, and carry them through safe, and call a Mass meeting soon.

**Elder Findley** Referred to the subject of polygamy and said, that from the nature of men and women alone we could know, that it was from God, and not a crime.

**Elder J C M Crockwell** Spoke about his experience in vigilance matters, and endorsed what had been said.

**Elder Orson Pratt** Remarked, that we had a kind of a political school, and that things had come to light, that we did not know before, namely that there was considerable feeling among the people, about the acts of the Court and Grand jury, and he was willing to wait, till the proper authority shall say, what should be done.

**Elder D. B. Huntington** Referred to the taking away of our charter in Nauvoo & other things, and thought we would have to pass through many trials yet. Counseled the brethren to keep quiet, and let them listen to the watchmen on the towers of Zion

School was adjourned to Saturday next at 1 p.m

After singing of the hymn on page 165 Benection by Elder Rockwood
School of the Prophets met in the old Tabernacle at 1 o'clock p m

Present Prest. Geo A Smith presiding

After Singing Prayer by Elder W. W. Woodruff Singing

Prest. D H Wells, said Prest. B Young was not very well or he would have been present, he felt perfectly calm and resigned in regard to the present excitement that is now agitating the public mind, our enemies never anticipated that he would be willing to go into Court and meet the charges that have been made against him - by so doing, they were being met on their own ground, and were foiled in their attempts to destroy the Leaders of the people -

He exhorted the Brethren to be quiet and not be excited, but do right, and also in a state of readiness in case of extreme emergency &c

Elder Orson Pratt spoke of the two great Powers that are antagonistic to each other, viz of God and the evil one - which had existed during past generations - and was going on at the present time--referred to the aggressions that we have been subjected to in a Territorial capacity, having one right after another torn away from us by the Government Officials who have exercised more authority than the whole people of the Territory have, it was very trying to be infringed upon to such an extent as we have been subject to, but the time will come when we shall not be subject to these things, and that will be when we are prepared as a people to receive that great boon - spoke of the great lack of in the observance of the Word of Wisdom by the saints - He did and also the serious lack in attending Meetings - such unfaithfulness existing, no wonder so many of our people are taken to the Cemetery, and the visitation of Grasshoppers, unless we keep the commandments of God, we have no guarantee for his blessings to rest upon us &c

Elder W. W. Woodruff said, our success as a people depended on our faithfulness in keeping the commandments of God - Neither the Ancient Saints, nor the Latter day Saints can obtain blessings of God on any other principle -

No principle was ever revealed to the Sons of Men, but what was intended for their observance -
among the saints

He believed their was sufficient integrity however, who are doing their best in obeying the laws of God, to preserve us from the hands of the wicked - He had great faith in Prayer, and recommended the school to bear up continually before the Lord, the anointed of God - He once heard a simple, fervent prayer offered in Circle by the Prophet Joseph when in deep trouble, and was answered in three days -

We should also pray for our enemies for if ever any poor devils needed praying for, the Judges, Lawyers, &c in our midst needed it - Let us be valiant for the truth and stand up like men in the cause of Zion

Moved, & Carried That Elder E. B. Tripp, take a Mission to England the State:

Elder Lorenzo Young recommended Parents to look after their children and teach them to observe the Sabbath Day, and not allow them to range through the Kanyon, yelling, and hooting, and disturbing the public peace of those who live near by

Adelbert D Harmon Kays Ward for Dixey as Teamster &c -

Elder Geo Q Cannon said, those who do not train up their Children in the way of righteousness - God is angry with such Parents - A Man who is faithful as an Elder in Israel and teaches by precept and example his family and they fail to follow in his footsteps, they will not attain to like blessings with him - A Father may be great in the Kingdom of God, but it is no guarantee that his Children will also be great - in many instances, the sons of the Humble & meek, will by their virtues and good works, will entirely outstrip the sons of the great, whose advantages have been much greater - spoke of the serene confidence that Prest. Young enjoyed, especially during the past two weeks of excitement, the trouble sought to be brought upon us as a people, will fall upon their own heads - He had full faith that God would bring down to hell those who are now harrassing and seeking to bring trouble and distress on the Anointed of God - It is right we should pray, and exercising Faith in God - God is in the midst of this people And if we will only obey his Laws, & listen to his Councils - He will give us the Victory, which I proph-
ecy in the Name of Jesus Christ - which was responded to by a hearty Amen by the school.

Elder Geo A Smith, was thankful to see so many here, and notwithstanding our many follies & failing, as a people, the Devil & his agents are not inclined to befriend us -

Temples are built to observe religious observance ceremonies, not only for the living but the dead and when any one being built, the Devil is mad and tries to stir up strife - We do not really enjoy appreciate the blessings bestowed upon us - He spoke of the indifference of many in taking out their naturalization papers - refered to the Prophet Joseph who gave himself up into the hands of his enemies - this he did by the earnest entreaty of his Wife and others, though he himself felt, that by so doing, He was going as a Lamb to the slaughter. H

The Republicans as a Political party, have had rule for the last 10 years, and were pledged as a part of their platform, to destroy slavery, and destroy the Latter Day Saints - and would use every effort to accomplish it -

School was adjourned for two weeks at 1 oclock p m

After singing Benediction by Elder Geo Q Cannon

G Goddard

Secty
Theological Class met in the Tabernacle at One o’clock p.m.
Present  Prest. Geo A Smith presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder B Young Junr. Singing

Elder C C. Rich gave a very favourable account of the labours of the brethren in Bear Lake Valley, &Health abounds generally, most of the Crops were destroyed by Grasshoppers - but hope for better prospects in the future, as there seems to be no eggs left this season - The School of the prophets is well attended in Paris - it is a great privilege to come to these schools, because here, correct principles are taught, and no Elder should ever attempt to teach, unless they know it is right. hence the importance of coming here, to have our ideas tested - In every situation we occupy, we strive to fill most faithfully, and set the best kind of examples, so that our influence may be good among those we mingle with - If we strive lawfully to be Saints, God has pledged himself to provide for his Saints, and we have nothing to fear. We need faith and knowledge to meet, encounter, and overcome, every trial that comes in our path.

Elder B Young, Junr. was thankful that nothing was ever reported abroad that was told in this school (this of course he spoke ironically) the hand of the Lord had been made very manifest of late - and although, according to the estimation of our enemies, all polygamists will soon go under, but there is nothing to fear - Prest. Young had not lost one moments rest, on account of the he Court doings and were to go to Camp Douglas, he would not be in the hands of his enemies - that place was not Carthage - Salt Lake City was not Illinois - but while we are harrassed internally, we must not loose our hold on those extreme Northern points, we are trying to settle, in and around Soda Springs, and along Bear River - there is a splendid stock raising country on the Black Foot & Bear River bottoms - Millions of tons of good Hay could be cut in those regions - they need more settlers on the Bear River, and he would be glad if some from this school would go and strengthen those settlements.

Stock raising was a very profitable business which can be gone into, on the
frontiers, if pr well taken care of.

Prests. B Young & D H. Wells now came into the School -

Elder Peter Nebecker explained his terms for taking Cattle to Herd, Viz - they charge for Cattle under 3 years old at 50 cents per head per month and insure their lives included - Young Colts on the same terms - Older Cows and Cattle $1.00 per head per month - Sheep, returns the old stock & adds 1 lamb to every 4 ewes out-of-4-raised & give 1½ lbs Wool per head) will take Mares & raise Colts on the halves, and halter break them - Work Horses $2.00 per head insurance included -

Elder Geo Q. Cannon then read the following names as missionaries:


A Vote was taken to sustain the above which was unanimous

S. Van Dyk of Ogden was also sustained as a Missionary to Holland

Danl. Weggeland Do Do for Scandinavia

Elder Prest. Geo A Smith said, that those intended to go down to Dixie to be help build the Temple, would be expected to bear their own expenses and attend to it as a labour of Love - regarding it simply as a Mission - there had been so little raised in the South this season, that those who go from here to work, need not expect assistance from that quarter.

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

After singing Benediction by Prest. Geo A Smith

George Goddard

Secty.
On Saturday Octr. 21st 1871

in
Theological Class met. the old Tabernacle at 1 oclock p.m.

Present Prest. B. Young - presiding

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

Prest. D. H. Wells spoke of the many tickets that are lost accidentally by the Members of the School, and the probability of strangers who may find them, trying to palm themselves in, by those tickets. He wished the doorkeepers to be very particular, and not admit a stranger, without ascertaining that he is a good member of the Church.

He then spoke of the negligence and neglect of many duties, by those who profess to be the people of God in these vallies, our principles, and liberties are now assailed by those in power and it is of the utmost importance that we stand by each other to sustain those principles that brought us hither - The warfare now waging is not against Brigham Young as an individual, but against our Holy Religion, and therefore we all as saints should make it our common cause, and be willing to share in the expenditure needful to carry on a successful defense which he very verily believed would be a success - it is now a legal fight or a money fight - these we'll try first in the courts here, and try to beat the devil on his own ground -

It was then moved and carried That J. C. Fackrell Bountiful and Rr-Sr Tr-Fuller take a Mission to the States to visit his friends &c -

P Elder David McKenzie said, from the position he occupied, had the privilege of seeing many Newspapers, and among them very few, who have the moral courage and manhood of saying anything that is at all favourable to us, as a people. Dr. Miller, however, Proprietor of the Omaha Herald stands preeminently as a bold and independant advocate of our rights, and as he publishes a good, useful family paper, he would all who feel to show their appreciation of his straightforward course, will please hand in their names & means, as subscribers to his paper, at the close of the school.

Prest. Geo A Smith spoke of the united effort on the part of the latter
day saints, that is now necessary in manfully resisting the illegal course now taken the U S Officials, they will certainly be overtaken in their own snare.

The following means was handed in towards defraying the Lawsuit expenses now pending:

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The rules of the School were then read and unanimously sustained by uplifted hands. Prest. Geo A Smith made a few appropriate remarks on the importance of observing them.

Elder Collins made a few remarks on the necessity he of every prophecy being fulfilled, that was spoken of by the Prophets, and though there may be a little friction on the surface, we need not fear, for God will not give the work now, which he started with the Prophet Joseph Smith - the old Ship Zion had successfully sailed so far and will undoubtedly move along until she safely reaches harbour -

Elder Amos Fielding spoke of the similarity between the Judge, Lawyers & Jury in the days of Joseph, and those now in our midst engaged in their ungodly suits - whatever measure they meet to the people of God, will most assuredly be measured back to them let us live so as to have power with God, for he only is our strength & shield -

Prest. Geo A. Smith suggested the wisdom of the brethren looking out some suitable place in a warm climate, for our wives and little ones could be sheltered, if we were driven to the wall, or put to such shifts as our enemies are determined to do, if possible - but God will defend us, if we do right -

If the Latter day Saints should ever leave these Valleys, the property in them will not be worth a cent - The Mining interest also will be entirely
destroyed = We stoop however, to conquer, and we'll rise also to conquer - When men are deprived of every right, and they are often driven to desperation and who can help it -

Prest. B Young said he was in no way concerned about this people, if they will only live their religion - If we are driven to the necessity of being driven put to the test on a/c of our religion, will you give it up, or fight for it (fight was the answer) yes, said he, many will fight that will not pray and do their duty - The Court is now probing us to see how much we will stand, and they may keep on pinching and pinching until we can endure it no longer, and should we be driven to that alternative, Mining and other interests will be a very poor business in these vallies - some will tell what is now said - will tell all they have heard as soon as they get out of this school - such a consummate hypocrisy and false brethren are what we have to contend with all the day long - but all such will be damned - Let the Seventies, High Priests, Bishops &c call their Quorums, and all who feel to hand over their means to pay these lawsuits, all right -

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

After singing Benediction by Prest. Geo A Smith

Geo Goddard

Sec'y.

* It was also moved that R.S.T. Fuller take a Mission but was overruled, by the testimony of Bro Anson Call, that he was dishonest, untruthful, and indolent -
Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at One o' clock p m

Present  Prest. D. H. Wells  presiding

After singing  Prayer by Elder Lorenzo Snow  Singing

Elder A Carrington who had returned but a few days, from his Mission to England, was pleased to be present, and rejoiced in the providences of God, that had been over him to this time, he had acquired considerable influence over his natural petulent temper, and desired to exercise the utmost patience towards those who are engaged in harassing and hunting after Prest. Young and other brethren for they are doing the work of their Father the Devil - spoke of the lies and misrepresentations that are published in the Salt Lake Herald and Corrinne Reporter, but when he remembered the source from whence it came, it did not disturb his feelings - he then gave his experience in trying to become a very patient man, and called upon the brethren to do the will of God, and live their religion, let us put aside every specie of Pride, Selfishness, Vanity &c. deprecated the habit of indulging in an exorbitant thirst after producer gain by Tradesmen who buy at the lowest price of the consumer and sell at the very highest price to the consumer, this practise did not become latter day saints.

Prest. D. H. Wells, said that Prests B Young & Geo A Smith had gone south for the benefit of his health, as was contemplated, his health had become feeble, the weather was fine, and went without any intention of evading the law, he calculated to meet his trial at the courts and fight them there, when the time comes - the We came here many years ago, and have as much right to the walk these streets as any body else - let us all receive his providences of God like good and obedient children. We may have been a little remiss in our duties, and the Lord may see fit to chastise us, if so, let us receive it as from the hands of a Kind and indulgent Parent. Let us follow our File leaders, and not indulge in a revengeful spirit. - He hoped they would not send their Posse Comitatus after their president during the winter so that he may rest there in peace until spring when he will be ready to meet his indictments fairly
in the Court - Our enemies are filling up their cup of iniquity very fast. -

God will thwart their plans and purposes, if the Saints generally were not

pretty near right, this persecuting spirit would not be after us - as it now is.

May we rest our soul in patience - let us be obedient to the councils of Heaven.

Elder Orson Pratt spoke of various prophesies that have been uttered in

this school, one especially in reference to those who have been sustained and

patronized in ... our midst, who are now yielding their influence and means to

oppress and harrass our people - He believed in the experience of this people,

that we should some time or other be brought under bondage, but in the due time

of the Lord, would be delivered again - the mighty hand of God would be stretch-

ed out and miraculously deliver his people - He also quoted a passage in the

107 Psalm

Doctrine & Covenants referring to a time after we had been brought into the

wilderness, Viz. They shall again be brought down very low Again they are di-

minished and brought low through oppression. Affliction and sorrow - The right-

eous can endure afflictions much easier than the half hearted - let us give

heed to the council given in this school and do right -

Elder Collins made a few remarks on the final triumph of the righteous.

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Elder A Carrington & Bp Hunter spoke in favour of encouraging the "Democrat

Paper Edited by B Pomeroy, and also the Omaha Herald, and the Capitol, pub-

lished at Washington - each of whom boldly advocated Civil the principles of

Civil and religious liberty -

Bp Hunter also strongly recommended every one to look well after titles

to their property.

Elder Abinadi Pratt spoke a few words of warning to the Fathers in

Israel, for not watching over more effectually their sons who have received

their endowments, but who instead of honoring the priesthood by attending the

Elders Quorum &c, instead of spending their time in Billiard Saloons and

acquiring loose, and wicked habits -

The School was adjourned for one week at one o'clock

After singing Benediction by Elder W. Woodruff

Geo Goddard Sect'y.

(Omaha Herald)
(Mm. Love - 2.00)
On Saturday Nov r. 4, 1871

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

Present  Prest. D. H. Wells  presiding

After singing  Prayer by Bp Lorenzo Young  Singing

Henry Lewis paid $5.00 for Defence fund

Elder Geo Goddard made a few remarks on the obligations resting on

Latter day Saints, and the importance of humbling themselves at the present
keeping away from Billiard Saloons, etc
time,  attending to the duties required at their hands, and praying fervent-
ly for the Lord to avert the impending troubles -

Elder Jno Picknell said that many Saints were in the habit of sustain-
ing some of the Butchers in the Meat Market who are not in the Church.

Elder Orson Pratt gave some very timely council to the Elders of Is-
rael pertaining to the their temporal government of their children - and dis-
suade them from visiting the various Billiard Saloons which are kept by our
would bitterest enemies, and have their hands imbrued in the blood of the anointed
of God if they could.

It is equally wrong for our Children to visit the drinking places where there
are no Billiards, but all sorts of wickedness carried on. unless the Children
of the Latter day saints are checked by suitable parental restraint - but
allowed to go on in there present course that many are indulging in - in a
few years they will rise and become the Murderers of their own parents.

Let Parents then look after their sons, instruct them in their duties and warn
them to keep away from such Hall holes. He also called upon Parents to in-
struct their daughters to keep away from Gentile influences, No matter how
polished in manners and in dress they may be, for there cannot be an alliance
between a believer and unbeliever in Marriage, without entailing misery in
this life, and that which is to come -

Elder Geo Q Cannon refer'd to the critical nature of our present position -

hence the necessity of the Saints being united and prayerful, prompt in their
duties - & energetic, as Bishops, Teachers, Elders &c. - We must however be-
come famous, as a people, that is our destiny - and our enemies are now giving us widespread popularity - he then quoted the circumstances connected with Mordecai, the Jews and Haman - wherein the latter had laid a trap to destroy the two former, but humbling themselves in Sackcloth & ashes, & uniting in prayer to God for his deliverance - And the result was, that Haman who had provided a Gallows for Mordecai - was hung upon it himself.

He felt confident in his faith that God would deliver us as a people, and we would come out of these trials brighter and better than we have ever been before - We should be unusually vigilant in our duties - and the Lord will soften the hearts of our enemies from time to time, if we will only do right - He had no doubt the Judges, Lawyers &c who are opposing the principles of the Kingdom of God, are accomplishing a very useful and important work and their results, very beneficial to the Latter day Saints - especially to those who have been unkind to their wives -

Prest. D. H. Wells express great thankfulness to God and his brethren - to whom he felt indebted for his deliverance from Captivity, which took place last Saturday afternoon - And was liberated on Monday - he had faith that this crusade would soon cease - if the Saints will only walk shoulder to shoulder in their duties - God will deliver his Servants - Let us live as we should do, and the Grasshoppers and other things will leave us - We should be wise and not talk too much even before our families, for we know not how the Devil may use them in future against us - should any of them turn away from the faith -

If we will only be faithful and true, the Lord will turn away the present crusade - and we'll continue to walk these streets, and maintain our rights in these mountains - Let parents take a wise and judicious course towards their children, not too rigid and technical, lest they brake loose, and get away from all restraint, but instil into their minds correct principles - and gently lead them along

Spoke of Hosea Stout and Wm Kimball who are still in Captivity, by in-
dictments of crimes, in which they are entirely innocent. Wm Kimball had been cut off from the church on acct. of his drunkenness, he could not or would not live his religion, but he was the son of a Prophet and his father felt much anxiety about him.

He was thankful to be here to day, and last saturday too - And for what had happened since then - if his life had to be forfeited for the benefit of his people, all right, he was perfectly ready to live or to die - We have got power, influence and means, and will find God to be on our side - Warned us against sustaining our enemies - Let us wise, and maintain our holy faith, and finally be saved in the Kingdom of God -

School adjourned for one week at one o clock p m

After singing prayer by Elder Josh. F. Smith

G Goddard.

Secy.
On Saturday Novr 11th 1871

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

Present  Prest. D. H. Wells presiding

After singing  Prayer by Elder B Young Junr Singing

Elder Edwd. Stevenson, rejoiced at the present time in the blessings
and privileges that we enjoy - compared the present crisis of our Country,
with the known facts that Farmers never put in their sickle to cut down their
grain, until it is perfectly ripe - so also, the Lord never destroys any Na-
tion, until it is ripe in iniquity, and sufficiently warned them by sending
his inspired servants to tell them of coming Judgments, and invite them to
flee from the wrath to come -

We as Elders, have more or less forgotten the Lord our God - and he is
now feeling after us, should we no humble us, and turn unto the Lord, he
will yet have mercy upon us - and deliver us from the hands of our enemies -
as he did, the Nephites, when heavily burdened under the hands of their enemies.

Let us place our faith in God, humble ourselves before him, an keep his
commandments, and we will yet see deliverance come to Israel -

Elder Abinadi Pratt, said that nothing but humility and faithfulness,
em on the part of the Latter day can ever secure the interposition of the
Almighty in their behalf, the time will come when prison house walls, however
high, or however thick, will never contain the servants of God, &c

Elder Geo Nebeker said seven years ago, he started on a Mission to the
Sandwich Islands, they are a singular people, but he was satisfied they are
a portion of the human family that are entitled to the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and th as has been seen so abundantly manifested, by the Gifts and blessings
enjoyed by them - Much labour had been devoted among them by the Elders dur-
ing the past 7 years - there had been a gradual increase of the Spirit of
God among them - and more labourers were needed there - their native habits
are very low and degraded and it seemed desirable by the Elders to try and
induce them to lay aside their old customs, and adopt them others more
in accordance with civilized live, but so far, the Elders have been able to offer them, but very small inducements, only ten dollars per Month, without board, and yet even with that small remuneration, they are willing to labour and continue -

The Government are trying to hold out inducements to Capitolists, by offering several thousands dollars to any one who will build a Cotton or Woollen Factory, with a view of giving employment to men or Women & Children on one of those Pacific Islands, some Native Elders have been preaching there, and raised up Churches of more than 2000 members. The number of inhabitants on the Sandwich Islands are very numerous - and a field of labour is there before us, that could easily employ the labour of every Elder in Israel &c.-

Elder Geo B. Wallace was satisfied, that we as a people are the only friends that God has got on the face of the earth - and that will acknowledge his right to rule among the children of men - if we will only keep our eye on our file leader, he will lead us back into the the presence of our Father and God - let us keep our ears open, and listen to the voice of the good shepherd, let us realize that God has a head on the earth. - God will defend us, and we will see his Salvation - some of us will have dreams and visions, and the future will be unfolded to our minds - Some have had visions pertaining to the truth of this great latter day work, years before coming into the Church - the movements now going on in our midst through the Courts, are giving us a widespread popularity, and will eventually do us a great amount of good - since these troubles commenced, there are not a tithing of complaints brought before the High Council -, which he regarded as a very good sign -

Elder Geo Q. Cannon said that Prest. Young and Geo A Smith were well and enjoying themselves, such he believed were the feelings of the brethren & sisters throughout the Territory - We are having a peace that the world can neither give nor take away - such is the legacy of all latter day saints - we should live so to have it at all times, and under all circumstances
Was much interested in the remarks of Bro Neboker - about the Sandwich Islands, especially as he himself had the pleasure of preaching the first Gospel Sermon in their Native tongue - he had no doubt but what they are the descendants of the Nephites - the Native Elders were more devoted and valiant in testimony, than the White converts - He-them there is an excellent field of labour on those Islands for either native Elders or others who may be sent there - No man is allowed to marry on those Islands until they can both read and write.

Bp Hunter gave notice that the last company of Saints
John Swenson paid $5.00 towards the defend fund
School adjourned for one week at one o'clock p.m.

Benediction by Elder J Smith

Geo. Goddard
Sect'y
On Saturday Novr 18th 1871

Theological Class met in the Tabernacle at One oclock p m

Present

After singing Prayer by Elder John Pack

Singing

Elder Geo Q. Cannon said, if we exercised our gifts as the servants of God, he believed we should be inspired to speak on occasions of this kind, we on the circumstances that immediately concern us - It seems to me that just at the present critical condition that now surround us - we need a special endow-

ment of the spirit of God that whatever we say, especially in a public manner we shall be perfectly satisfied with what we have said - He then spoke of the present crusade inaugurated by the Federal officers against the Latter Day Saints - No man or set of men can deliver us from the hands of the wicked, this is the work of God, and none but God can possibly rescue us, and place us on an established basis, beyond the reach of any earthly power; Let us exercise cultivate the spirit of union and Love, that we may be able to, an influence, that the world so much dreads - The Co operative Movement has created a power commercially that no other policy could have accomplished, and had there been a universal response to this principle, our power and influence in the com-

mercial world would have been much greater than it is to day - this, he re-
garded as a stepping stone to a more perfect order of things, even the "Order of Enoch" - and as it becomes more general, there will be less distinctions among Men, especially in the Kingdom of God, and there will be no poor in our midst.

The First Presidency who have been indicted for Murder, never had the spirit of Murder within them, and no men who indulges in the thought that they have winked at or sanctioned the Murders that have been committed in this Territory, will sooner or later apostatize unless they repent from the Church. Prayed that God would enable us to keep the faith.

Elder John Pack considered himself as one of the first beginners in Mormonism - had experienced the Mobbing & drivings from the days of Kirtland down to the present time, and in every instance, God had accomplished good to
Israel — in the days of the Prophet Joseph there was always some, who in the Church who really thought the Prophet did wrong, and ought to be brought to Justice, and consequently, perhaps not intentionally, g consented to the shedding of Innocent blood, such, did the Law's & Higbee's &c. — the spirit of murmuring still lingers in the bosom of many in this Church, and should President Young ever be sent to Prison, he will go there by the spirit of persecution, and those who consented thereto among the saints had better look out, for Prest. Young was a Man of God, and would continue to be, whether he lived or died. We shall never be driven from this land, God in his mercy has given it to us, and God is on our side, he is our strength and shield, and he will deliver us —

Elder A Musser said the feelings of the people in the country was much the same, as is experienced by us in the City — in regard to the abridgment of our rights and privileges — He had named the subject of contributing to the Defense fund, to the people up North — and met with an anticipated response.

He heard a gentleman say while in the West, a few days ago, that Prest. Young was the greatest statesman either in Europe or America — He then said that he thought a general expression of feeling by the masses of the people, against the encroachments on our Municipal ordinances &c. —

Elder John Taylor was much pleased with the remarks of Bro Musser, except the last, and I would say "keep quiet"— mind our own business, and let the clique wiggle away — Israel will be the Head and not the tail — It is for us to do right, and God will establish his Kingdom and, this I prophecy in the name of the Lord God of Israel — Let us cleave to the right, and we have nothing to fear, God will take care of his servant Brigham, and we need not worry ourselves about him — He did not expect our troubles to grow less but become greater, and God would gives us wisdom to cope with them, —

Questions were sent up to Prest. Wells, as to whether it is right for Members of the School to rent there buildings for Meat Market, Brothels, Gambling &c --
Prest D. H. Wells, said he did not think any member of the School would knowingly rent their Houses for any such purposes - He had been trying to
day to enter the City, & had met with some hinderances from Mrs. Overton,
but should try to accomplish it on Monday if possible -

Spoke of one of our City papers recommending the people to pay no more
Licenses to the City Treasury - The City Authorities had comply'd with the
Law in publishing a Quarterly exhibit in the Deseret News - he then enumerated
many improvements in the City, which has cost a great many thousand Dollars &c -

School way adjourned for one week at One o clock p m

Benediction by Elder B Young Jun.

Geo Goddard
Secty
On Saturday Novr. 25th 1871

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

Present   Prest. D H. Wells presiding
After Singing   Prayer by Elder Geo Goddard Singing

Elder Jos[h]. F Smith felt thankful for the knowledge and blessings of the Gospel - We are not living for this life alone - but are striving to lay a foundation for future ages - we should prize our privileges - and endeavour to try cultivate our minds - and holding sacred the covenants we have made with God - there is still a necessity for these things to be urged upon the members of this school. - He regarded our present difficulties as a necessity - on account of our unfaithfulness - and unless we repent and do better, the chastising hand of our Heavenly Father will not be taken off us -

The Kingdom of God however, will triumph and be established on the face of the earth, of this he had a testimony, whether he himself stands faithful or not - the object of this school of the Prophets was to remind and instruct the Elders of Israel in the duties of their office and callings - yet notwithstanding this, there are some who will reveal whatever they hear in this school, although repeatedly have lifted up their hands to observe secrecy. The time is fast hastening, when such individuals will be pointed out, and hoisted from the midst of their brethren - He then called upon the members of this school, to so live our religion, that the spirit of discernment and revelation may rest upon us, to that extent as to see and understand the spirit of our neighbours. Many persons obtain blessings in this Kingdom that are entirely unworthy, through the recommendations of Bishops & other Elders - for the lack of instruction, many brethren and sisters come to receive their endowments without a due regard to cleanliness and decency - He then condemned the spirit of covetousness, to the neglect of important duties, he desired sufficient to make his family comfortable, but did not think he could handle riches to advantage at present - We should observe the word of Wisdom, and not be sustain our enemies.
A Question was asked on paper, as to whether drinking Tea & Coffee was in keeping with the Word of Wisdom, the school unanimously said No.

Elder Amos Fielding, advocated the "Word of Wisdom," and keep away from our enemies.

Elder Orson Pratt regarded what had been said, as being of the utmost importance - Much more so, than if some new doctrine had been unfolded to us - Revelations had been given to us pertaining to our duties from the beginning - rules of our life, the coming to these vallies, the organization of the school of the Prophets, the opening up of settlements &c were all given by the spirit of revelation - there are many things however, that we know very little about, but if we are faithful, the Lord will in his own time reveal to us as a people those things - He very much regretted that so many should continue unfaithful in those small requirements of the Almighty, such as the "Word of Wisdom," abstaining from sustaining our enemies &c - until we do strictly observe these things, God will not reveal the greater things that have got to come forth - The time will come when every faithful man and woman in the Kingdom of God, will be taught of God from on high -

Prest. D H Wells made a few remarks on the necessity of sanctifying & preparing ourselves for enduring the presence of Holy Beings and finally the presence of God our Heavenly Father, the importance of keeping the "Word of Wisdom," that the blessings of God, promised therein, may be enjoyed by us - Nothing of a sinful nature can endure the presence of God - The Devil directs his mark at the Head, so as to injure the body - Israel is alive and active, and we have nothing to fear - He desired to live and build up the kingdom of God -

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

After singing Benediction by Elder B-Young H S Eldredge

G Goddard

Secy
On Saturday Decr. 2nd. 1841

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

Present Elder Orson Pratt presiding

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

David Sorenson paid $2.00 towards defence fund

Elder Orson Pratt gave permission for any business to be brought forward

Elder A. P. Rockwood said he was in possession of a letter that originally was sent by the Governor of India, which letter came through the Government of Great Britain, to the United States Government, an from there to Gov'r. Wood of this Territory and finally to Bro Rockwood - enquiring by what process Land impregnated with salt can be subdued - and after several remarks it was finally resolved. That a Meeting of the board of the Agricultural & Manufacturing Society, be held at the Historians Office at the close of the School - with a view of obtaining the necessary information, and forwarding the same through Gov'r. Wood to its final destination -

Elder Geo B. Wallace gave a few methods of his own experience how to manage and bring under successful cultivation the above kind of land -

Elder W. Woodruff gave a graphic account of his experience with a very severe snow storm, on his way from Randolph to Evanston, having to travel some 15 miles in the storm, and after a very providential opening, he reached Ogden, and finally to this City, in health and strength, for which he acknowledged the hand of the Lord - It is our duty to trust in God, be diligent, and faithful & true in all our duties to God and each other, and the Kingdom will be established in spite of all the opposition that is now arrayed against it -

Elder Geo Q. Cannon spoke of the necessity of the saints exercising Faith in God, in relation to Prest. Young whose trial is set for Monday next, when it would be a physical impossibility for his presence on that occasion, but it often happens that our enemies overstep the bounds of prudence to that extent as to defeat the object they seek to bring about - and it will be always the case, if we will only do our duties, and God will bring us off victorious in spite of all their venomous designs. the flagrant injustice that has been done us, by the
that no other circumstance could have accomplished. let us continue our unabated faith and prayers to God for his blessing to rest upon his servants, and that he will thwart the plans and purposes of the Wicked & ungodly -

Elder Z. Snow. (Attorney) felt cheered at the remarks already made - he realized in part, some two years ago, the designs of our enemies in laying their plans, to bring about those things that we now see - they were trying to destroy the reputation of the Servants of God - their course was and would be, to convict under a show of Legality in Court, for sinning against mans last laws - the same Spirit that prompts the enemies of God in these days, is precisely the same as that prompted the death of the Saviour -

The $5000.00 ball, will never be paid by his Council, until it should be so decided by the Supreme Court at Washington - they began this game themselves and must risk the consequences - A lesson is being taught us, that no other circumstances could teach - There may be things that will be grievous to bear, but the Almighty will most assuredly bring us out all right at last - There are thousands of Millions of on the earth, that will have to acknowledge this great work - then let us never leave it -

Elder B Young Jun. advocated the principle of Faith which should commence at the family Alter, and by a constant attention to our duties to God, this will lay a foundation broad and deep for the exercise of Faith -

Elder Orson Pratt endorsed the sentiments of the previous speaker - spoke of the imprisonment of his brother Parley in Missouri with three other brethren - and the power of Faith in delivering them - by the simplest imaginable means, but we must be willing to put works with our faith if we expect to succeed.

The school was adjourned for one week at one o clock p m

After singing  Benediction by Elder J Taylor

Geo Goddard

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On Thursday On Saturday Decr. 9 1871 Theological Class met at
the Tabernacle at One o clock p m Present Prest. D. H. Wells presiding.

After singing Prayer by Elder Geo Nebeker Singing

Elder Wm. Taylor 14th Ward paid in $15.00 for defence fund

Elder Josh. Barfoot who had received a serious injury in his Eye, was
administered to by several brethren on the Stand. Elder John Taylor being Mouth.

Elder J. D. T. McAllister made enquiry as to how property should be filed
on which Meeting & School Houses were on, where a deed was never given for said
property, but simply held as trust for such purposes?

Elder E. Smith (Judge of Probate) said where there is no other claim & on
lots where Meeting and School Houses stand, than is vested in the hands of
School trustees who have been legally elected & qualified, he believed that the
their declaration
Bishops could file on those lands, this was simply his opinion, but our laws
being very defective on that point, in all probability our Legislature may
prepare something more definite on the subject - He also gave instructions of
pertaining to the filing & a declaratory statement of property -
the employment of

Prest. D. H. Wells warned the brethren against, 'unprincipled Lawyers in
getting out their declaratory statement many of whom are on the look out for
such jobs - and stirring up strife among the people, and defending Saloon
keepers & brothel House keepers, in opposing the City Ordinances &c. Bro
Winder, Clayton and Jonsson have printed forms, and are prepared to make out
statements for the brethren, at a small rate of fees.

Elder Jno Winder said the form he decided upon in making out declaratory
statements, had been scrutinized and sanctioned by Judge Smith -

Elder Josh. F. Smith said that some had express a desire to meet in a
warmer room through the winter, he had named the Matter to Bro Wells, and he
could not think of any other room so suitable as this, but the brethren should
be well wrapp'd up and prepared for a cold room - He then made a few remarks
on the laws of life and health - and spoke on the low sunken condition of the
World of Mankind, who were as wicked as they had knowledge to become - recom-
Last Saturday we were requested to unite our faith in God, that he would remove from us some of those obnoxious Officials - and as he not done it how thankful we ought to be, let us then wait upon the Lord and make known unto him our wants and situation. - Let us be Fathers & Husbands instead of Masters - and treat them by the power of kindness so as to gain their confidence and affection - A good wife is a great blessing, and they ought to be prized. Let us cultivate the spirit of peace in our families and our neighbourhoods - The abuse of the polygamic principle had once to be laid aside - in the days of Jacob on a/c of the day afflictions heaped upon the daughters of Zion - it is possible, that we as a people may be denied the principle of a plurality of wives - hereafter, for not honoring it thus far. the woman is the glory of the Man, and are to be eternal blessings, if we will only treat them right - If we do not honor this great principle, God will surely take it away from us.

School was adjourned for one week at one o'clock-

Benediction by Elder O Pratt

Geo Goddard
Secty.
On Saturday Decr. 16 1871

Theological Class met in the Tabernacle at One O clock p m

Present Pres. D H Wells presiding

After Singing Prayer by Elder Geo Nebeke Singing

Elder C Staines said this was the first time he had ever been called upon to speak at the School - he had enjoyed himself much while on his Mission East on the Emigration business, never had better health in the whole of his life, which blessing had been promised him by Elder Woodruff before he started - some prominent men east had told him that the Government was determined to put a stop to Plurality - since his return, he had occasion to go south on business, had met with Pres. Young who was well & his brethren who were with him - he was much pleased with the Southern Country, he met with many friends, and the best of treatment - there was a very calm quiet spirit throughout all the settlements in regard to the present difficulties, knowing that God would bring everything out all right -

He himself never felt better in his life than at present - and a calm spirit rested down upon the saints - God has conferred his spiritual priesthood upon us - and he will stand by us and see us through - he will manifest his Power in our behalf - if we only do right - Whatever the servants of God dictate us in relation to our future course, let us to a man walk up and carry it out, and all will be right -

Elder Orson Pratt in speaking of the present crusade said he was well satisfied as to the final result being the certain triumph of truth over error, and that no power beneath the Celestial Kingdom will be able to annoy or perplex us - but how far the Lord is disposed to let us suffer persecution he did not now know - he had reflected much and searched much in the Bible, Book of Mormon & Doctrine & Covenants, on the future destiny and glory of the saints - but the intervening circumstances were not revealed, they were hidden from us, and he oftentimes felt thankful that such was the case - We have got to be tried in all things, even unto death, many of the early saints in Missouri
have been put to this test - We do not know what we would do in case we
were severely tried, We all no doubt feel anxious to endure faithful even to
the end, be & by the grace of God we will stand - We may see serious times of
trials before we are entirely free from persecutions - God may soften the
hearts of some of our bitterest enemies - and by the presentation of an enab-
ing act wherein, our previous Wives & children shall be regarded as legitimate
& provided we in the future shall lay aside the practise of Plurality then - yes
may be admitted into the Union as a State - but if we will only be diligent
in keeping the keep- commandments of God, our future pathway will be as clear as
the dea noon day sun. as it will be marked out for us by the servants of God.

Elder John Taylor said the Lord introduced by the Polygamy question -
he did not think he would change his mind - the circumstances eir surrounding
us are not of our seeking for God says, He will make the wrath of man to praise
him, and the remainder he will restrain  He had no principle of religion to
barter away if we cannot get all the privileges we want let us enjoy all we
can get - He had nof disposition to fight, for 100 000 against 40 Million
would be a very unequal combat - he had no fear about the issue - God would
prove himself wiser than the devil - He his ten thousand times more interested
in the rolling forth of his work than we can possibly be.-

He then Prophesied in the name of the Lord That the work of God should
continue to roll until all enemies are put under his feet - God bless Israel,
and all bi who bless Israel

Prest. D H. Wells said Prest. Young might or might not be here - but God
will deliver him, - and whether he comes or not, it will be all right -
He himself had been deprived of his liberty for about 48 hours - and through
the faith and kindness of his friends & blessing of God, he had again
enjoyed his liberty - and no one can truly estimate this boon, only by contrast-
and as to what we will do, or not do, - it would not be policy to say - but
this we will do - and that is just what God reveals for us to do - He told a
gentleman, We would neither refuse not obey, neither would he fight or run away
Our enemies will be caught in their own snare, but they are certainly making
On Saturday Decr. 23rd 1871

Theological Class met at the Tabernacle at 1 o clock p m

Present  Prest. D.H. Wells presiding

After singing Prayer by Elder J. C. Little

Elder Thos. Whittaker of Centerville paid $5.00 towards defence fund —
Elder B Young Junr. never saw the hand of the Lord made more manifest than during the past three Months, especially in our surroundings, he had no doubt but we as a people would come out all right, if we only do right. — that was a solemn and important consideration — in regard to the principle of Polygamy, he had been taught it from his youth up, and accordingly had practised it — and should not relinquish it, unless Prest. Young was to take the responsibility upon himself, by counselling us to lay it aside for the time being — some had so signally failed in attempting to live polygamy, as to richly deserve being cut off from the Church, and therefore he did not at all wonder at being persecuted at the present time — he believed however that if the Federal Officers pressed us too hard, so as to be under the necessity of leaving here, we should send a Colony to build up Jackson Co. Mo — he then rehearsed a dream that he had. he was in an elevated position, so that he could see the entire Continent of America from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans — he could not or discern one large City east and west, nor one Railroad, but could distinctly see the Territory of Utah from St. George to this City — also at a signal, the people collected here by thousands, a Call was then made for Volunteers to go East or West to establish Colonies, for the Country had become entirely depopulated — One after another rose up and volunteered, and the Clerk taking down their names —

Elder John Pack spoke of the good results likely to flow from the persecuting spirit now going on — but the time of our greatest trial, he believed, had not yet come — We have not yet been called upon to sacrifice a portion of our religion for the sake of peace —

He had seen closer times than these in the days of Joseph — he believed that
the most of their brief authority but God would bring us through, only let us do right. Both friends & foes in the states think we must certainly give up plurality, but God himself will reveal his will to us in the future, as he has done in the past just at the very time it is wanted. He looked for far more revelation than we have hitherto had. If there is one sin worse than another that man can commit, is it is the betrayal of the Servants of God - therefore beware how any of you carry anything to our enemies from this school.

Though there are a great many of Meek, unpretending men in this Kingdom who would rather suffer at the stake, than forfeit their integrity - May God help us to live our religion and do right, and we will be preserved.

"Eternal Vigilence is the price of liberty" therefore you latter day saints be ready with your guns Arms and Ammunition - And keep them where you can put your hands upon them at a Moments notice - and be sure to have your powder dry.

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

After singing Benediction by W Woodruff

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we as a people who trust in God, will stand through the fiery ordeal - Our enemies had accomplished nothing as yet, but there own shame - God will de-
fend this people, and work out his purposes in his own way - some may have to
seal their testimony with their blood, besides Joseph and Hyrum - if that
should be the case all will be right - We have good peace even now - in com-
parison with the Ancient Apostles and Saints - He had a constant assurance that
those will live faithful will inherit Eternal exaltation

Elder Prest. D H Wells read a few lines from a letter just rec'd. from
Prest. B Young, of a very consoling nature, in the shape of a dream. There
was no danger of us having to surrender any portion of our Religion - but as
to Polygamy, if anything ever caused that principle to be withheld from us, it
will be in consequence of the God of Heaven being displeased with many who have
gone into it - He for one should be thankful to become a State, and intended
to use his influence to effect it - Our enemies are seeking to deprive us of
every Civil, and religious liberty - We can stand it, and go through it, and
come off victorious - He was in favour of fighting our way through the courts,
though it may cost us some liberty, and much money - he was glad it is no
worse - He did hope however that every man in Isreal will be in a state of
readiness at a Moments notice to turn out to the rescue if needed - The power
arrayed against us formidable, and they mean no good towards us -

Bp. E. Hunter who had just returned from a visit East -

- said he had rejoiced in the doctrine & practise of
Celestial Marriage, regarded it as a greater blessing than anything else - had
noticed great changes in and around Philadelphia and among the people also,
during his absence of 21 years - the people seemed to be entirely overshadowed
with a careless and worldly spirit, they dont want religion - He cannot see
how the Lord can permit them to go on much longer adding sin to sin -

Elder W. Woodruff warned the school against telling out of this house what
is spoken here, but keep sacred, the covenant we have made

School was adjourned for one week at 1 o'clock p m

After singing Benediction by H S Eldridge

George Goddard.
On Saturday Decr. 30 1871

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

Present

Presiding

After Singing Prayer by Bp Alext McRae Singing

In response to the question by Prest. Wells, If there was any business to bring before the School?

Elder Geo Dunford spoke of the necessities of those families whose Husbands & Father's have been incarcerated in Prison and thus deprived of the privilege of sustaining them - He suggested the idea of such families being cared for and their wants attended to, out of the general Defense fund - instead of by private subscription -

Elder A M. Musser said he had been canvassing this very subject in the Country, and met with a liberal response - every Elder in Israel should make it a personal consideration and give freely what we can - If a sacrifice was required of many lives, and much property to sustain the principles of our holy religion - What of it - we should cheerfully regard our privileges as of far greater importance than gold, silver, or Houses. We must see, that no Family suffers for want of food or shelter - He did not believe that one principle of our holy Religion would ever be given up on any consideration - If it takes everything we possess to establish the Kingdom, we must not hold back - The Church is going through a partial trial at the present time, but all will come out right, to those who are true latter day saints or friends of God - Our enemies are envious, and seek to take advantage of this people - Our Leaders are anxious to have the Kingdom of God established in righteousness - Let us be willing to subscribe freely, to sustain the interests of the Kingdom of God - not only with our prayers, but with our means. -

Elder John Taylor said that We as well as our enemies are after Means and influence, only they dont care how they get it, and we do - ours the time will come when the Saints will take the Kingdom and possess it - We are building our plans upon the Revelations of the Lord of Hosts, and will certain-
ly prosper - We He believed all the operations of our Judges would fizzle, is
and out - and come to nought - This is not the cause of Prest. Young or Wells it
is the cause of truth and righteousess. it is the cause of the people, and
each of us will sustain it by our Means - Israel shall triumph and the powers of
darkness shall be put down - Let us follow the wisdom of God through his servants

Prest. D H Wells said, if the people of this Territory, were aroused to
a united action, they would be willing to sacrifice their property and their
lives also in the defense of Zion, and flee to the Mountains - but this is not
the present kind of warfare - We have to meet our enemies in the Courts - And
means are wanted to carry it on. Two men had been to Prest. D H Wells this
week, who promised to clear our brethren who are now in Prison, if they would
he would pay them for it - Only give our enemies rope enough - and they will
hang themselves - He would willingly sell his House & lot, if he could get as
much for it, as would give us a State Government.

He expected Prest. Young & himself to be appear in Court on the 9th Jan and
he particularly desired the Faith of the Latter day Saints - and hoped the
brethren would be ready with Works also, without asking questions -

It was a Monstrous outrage that was being perpetrated upon this time-
people, at the present time - Have faith in God and keep your powder dry and
be ready at a moments notice. If necessity forced us to retire from these val-
lies, as a people we should do it cheerfully - The Latter day Saints are not
so liable to go astray in times of War than in times of peace - Let us sustain
our Cooperative Institution - Be liberal with our means - whatever we do to
build up the Kingdom of God, we do it to build up ourselves -

The School was adjourned for one week at one o clock PM

After Singing  Benediction by A P. Carrington

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