

The Chairman—You say the Apostles working in the field, gathering the harvest, take with them the Bible and the Book of Covenants, and so on and so forth.

Senator Smoot—I said the missionaries took the standard works of the Church.

The Chairman—Do the missionaries take the Standard Works of 1897?

Senator Smoot—I understand they do.

The Chairman—Do you know whether they do or not?

Senator Smoot—I have been told so.

Mr. Taylor—It is not published in your books, any of them?

Senator Smoot—I do not think so; not as yet.

The Chairman—No?

Senator Smoot—Only in the Articles of Faith. It is spoken of there, and I think it is there; but I am not sure.

The Chairman—These books you say are not given to the searchers for truth in this land?

Senator Smoot—I understand not.

The Chairman—But they can buy them if they want them?

Senator Smoot—I think so.

Mr. Worthington—Permit me to ask one question, Mr. Chairman. Is not the manifesto published in a pamphlet by itself?

Senator Smoot—It is.

The Chairman—Has the Church as a Church, to your knowledge, ever taken any action against members of your Church practicing polygamous cohabitation?

Senator Smoot—I think I answered that this morning, Mr. Chairman, that they had not, to my knowledge.

The Chairman—I did not know that I had asked you.

Senator McComas—Senator Smoot, you say you obtained leave of absence from the Mormon Church—

Senator Smoot—From the Presidency of the Mormon Church.

Senator McComas—From the Presidency of the Church, when you came to attend the first session of the senate?

Senator Smoot—I obtained it, Mr. Senator, before I even announced my candidacy.

Senator McComas—Yes; I understand that.

Senator Smoot—For the senate.

Senator McComas—But in order to know if I am right, did you also obtain the assent of the Presidency of the Church when you came to attend the first session of the senate?

Senator Smoot—No; I told him when I first spoke to him that if I succeeded in my canvass and was elected senator, my first duty would be here and whatever time it required of me to attend to that duty, that I should expect it as long as I held the position.

Senator McComas—So you have asked no other consent to go to the senate of the United States from the Presidency of the Mormon Church?

Senator Smoot—Not since that date. I can leave any day I want, when it is a duty that calls me as a senator.

Senator McComas—And that occurred when you were about to start with the senate when you were on your canvass?

Senator Smoot—Yes; before I announced—before my canvass; yes.

Senator McComas—You have had no communication on that subject since with the Presidency?

Senator Smoot—I have not.

Senator McComas—Nor deemed it necessary to have it?

Senator Smoot—It will not be.

Senator McComas—I wanted to understand how that was.

Senator Smoot—That had distinct understanding with them to start with.

Senator McComas—That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor—I understand you to say the Apostles have charge of the mission work?

Senator Smoot—That is their special duty, they and the seven presidents of Seventies.

Mr. Taylor—When an Apostle goes out, he goes out on mission work, does he?

Senator Smoot—When he is sent by the Presidency.

Mr. Taylor—If he is away, out of the country, in Mexico, Europe, the United States, or Canada, is he not out on mission work of some sort?

Senator Smoot—Of course I do not know, Mr. Taylor. I could not say as to that.

Mr. Taylor—Suppose he was?

Senator Smoot—If he was on missionary work, I should think he would be sent by the President of the Church.

Mr. Taylor—Do you think the Apostles know what they think, if they are in charge of the mission work?

Senator Smoot—No; the Apostles need not know whether the President sends any one of their membership out. The Presidency can do that any time they want.

Mr. Taylor—You think the same authority that can send out can recall?

Senator Smoot—If it is on Church work.

Mr. Taylor—They could not recall him unless he made an affidavit that it was for Church work, do you mean?

Senator Smoot—No, I do not think that.

Mr. Taylor. What I mean is this: If he was sent by a Church call, the Presidency could ask him to come back any time.

Mr. Taylor—Do you not think if the President of the Church sent word to Heber Grant that he was wanted in this country it would be his duty to call?

Senator Smoot—I think he would.

Mr. Taylor—Without asking any questions?

Senator Smoot—He is there on a special mission of Church work, and specially called for it, and I think he would come.

Mr. Taylor—If word were sent by the President to Apostle John V. Taylor that he was wanted in this country, do you not think he would come?

Senator Smoot—Well, John V. Taylor, as I understand it, lives in Canada. That is his home. He has no business interests there, and I do not know whether he would or not, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor—You say that is his home?

Senator Smoot—I think it is.

Mr. Taylor—Has he no home in Utah?

Senator Smoot—He used to have a home, but all of his interests are up in Canada now.

Mr. Taylor—You mean his private personal interests?

Senator Smoot—Yes; his investments and so on.

Mr. Taylor—Do you think, he is he permitted to go to Canada, or is he sent there?

Senator Smoot—Well, I do not know whether he asked permission to go there and make those investments or not. That was long before I was an Apostle.

Mr. Taylor—The political manifesto so called, is supposed to refer to other things than politics, is it not?

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Senator Smoot—Yes; it is.

Mr. Taylor—The same thing that would cause a man to lose his time, prevent him from attending to such arduous duties, would require his obtaining consent, would it not?

Senator Smoot—They would.

Mr. Taylor—So that before Apostle John W. Taylor could take on any business enterprise that would take any of his time, he would have to get the consent of the Church?

Senator Smoot—Either that or be out of harmony.

Mr. Taylor—Now, when your missionaries go out into the world do they not use this little book, entitled "Ready References." A compilation of Scriptural texts, arranged in alphabetical order, with numerous annotations from eminent writers; designed especially for the use of missionaries and Scriptural students. That is, is it not, The Deseret News Publishing Company, Printers and Publishers, 1892?"

Senator Smoot—I think they used it quite freely, but since the Articles of Faith were published in the manifesto, they use the latter a good deal more than they do the "Ready References."

Mr. Taylor—This was used, was it not, long after the manifesto, and printed after the manifesto?

Senator Smoot—I do not know as to that, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor—Does not that little book contain an argument in favor of polygamy?

Senator Smoot—I think it has quotations from and references to the Bible where it claims that polygamy is upheld by the Bible.

Mr. Taylor—Yes, for instance, "Plurality of wives sanctioned by the law?"

Senator Smoot—Yes.

Mr. Taylor—"Polygamous men blessed by the Lord," "Polygamy right in the sight of God," and so on? There is a good deal besides Scriptural quotations, is there not, on the same subject?

Senator Smoot—I do not remember just what there is, but I think there is.

Mr. Taylor—Is there not quite a long argument, beginning on page 222, showing the historical—

Senator Smoot—I do not think that is used, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor—The historical facts about polygamy and its propriety and a large number of writers cited, covering some five printed pages of this volume?

Senator Smoot—I say I know that the book contains a great many references to the subject, but I do not believe it is used very much now as a ready reference—

Mr. Taylor—You do not think it is?

Senator Smoot—Among our missionaries.

Mr. Taylor—There was another thing to which I called your attention this morning, and I could not find the reference I was then seeking in respect to the unanimity of the Apostles. You testified there, but I think there is provision in the Doctrine and Covenants on that subject. Now, I want to call your attention to the remarks of Joseph Smith in connection with Moses Thatcher, on pages 355 and 356 of this record, where he says:

"The Presidency of the Church"—and I want to ask you if this is an actual conduct of business in the Presidency and the quorum of Twelve—

The Presidency of the Church and the council of the Apostles, in their deliberations upon all questions that affect the well-being of the Church, the cause, are as candid and frank in their consultations and expression of views as any body of men could possibly be.

Is that right?

Senator Smoot—I have so experienced that. They say just what they want to say.

Mr. Taylor—(reading): "But when a counsel has been reached as to the course that should be pursued, it is expected that every man will give in his adherence to the course marked out, and with unflinching voice and fixed determination, so that those counsels may prevail, so far as may be possible, among the whole people."

That is right, is it not?

Senator Smoot—I do not think he has to go out and work for it, but I do not think he ought to oppose it after a majority of the council have agreed about it. For instance, Mr. Taylor, we have had questions come up, as I said, like that in regard to the Deseret News Bureau.

Mr. Taylor—Yes.

Senator Smoot—I remember another one that came up with regard to the location of the Latter-day Saints' University, at the head of Main street, in Salt Lake City. I think it was a good location. My idea of that was to get out farther, where they could have plenty of land and have a school established there, and I opposed it just as long as I could.

Mr. Taylor—I understand that. Nevertheless, the proposition is correct, is it, that "it is expected that every man will give in his adherence to the course marked out, and with unflinching voice and fixed determination?"

Senator Smoot—No; I think that is magnified.

Mr. Taylor—A matter of policy in the Church?

Senator Smoot—I think that is magnified.

Mr. Taylor—(reading): "This feeling and sentiment has been expressed in telling language by President Woodruff and by President Lorenzo Snow, and I believe that every one of the council of Apostles, with the First Presidency, would make a similar expression of views upon this matter were they to speak upon this subject."

Senator Smoot—That was John Henry's view, I take it.


Mr. Taylor—That is all.

The Chairman—Have you anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Worthington—That is all, Mr. Chairman.

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