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eastle with Joseph, being the sec-d Apostle in the Church of Jesus rist of Latter-day Saints. Now, might be thought that a man us favored, favored to receive the ronic Priesthood, favored to re-ve the Melchisedec Priesthood d Apostleship at the same time in the Prophet, favored with the vilege of baptizing the Prophet Bod and of sealing upon him the of the Holy Ghost; it might be ught, I say, that a man thus fa-ed would have stood alongeide of Prophet and been of equal aued would have stood alongeide of Prophet and been of equal au-arity in giving the word of God writing unto the people. But no. d drew a distinction and plainly d Oliver Cowdery that that ich he wrote to this Church uid not be by way of command-mt to the Church, but by wls-m. The Lord said to him, "If suart led at any time by the mforter to speak or teach, or at times by way of commandment times by way of commandment to the Church, thou mayest do But thou shalt not write by

vo of commandment, but by dom." It was only one man's vilege, one man's authority to ad pre-eminent in the earth at time holding the keys and giv-the commandments of God—or the commandments of God—or her the Lord giving His com-adments through him in writing he Church.

a the early days there was a man i was a witness to the Book of mon, who had been selected by Lord to handle the plates, to them, and then to write his tesboy concerning that which he seen and felt. He obtained Recen and felt. He obtained massion of a seer stone—or as it is led sometimes, a peep-stone. Hough this peep-stone he professed obtain revelations, which he was. And the Lord gave a com-indment upon the subject, and her Cowdery was commanded to is Hiram Page by himself and it to him upon the subject. The einstructed to tell him that that is he had received through that

ch he had received through that to he had received through that e was not of Gcd, and that Sa-deceived him. He was told that power was not given to him, "neither shall auything be ap-ted unto any of this Church array to the Church covenants." at is, there was only one man on the earth who had a right to to the Church commandments terning the word of God and the iduct of the word of God, and at was the man whom He had se-ited. Thus plainly in the very gluning of this work, the very reshold of it, there was no doubt Wupon the minds of those who eived the revelations of God coning the policy of the Lord in building up of this work upon earth. You can see, readily, if will reflect for a few moments in the subject how necessary it is this should be the case. Invest men with that power and what he result? Why, there is an op-tunity for division. Invest elve men with it and you have same result to an increased ex t. Invest the whole body of the ple with it, and what would be result? You can understand by a very little reflection. It is God's way of doing. It is not 'a manner of building up His dom. It is not the way that dom. It is not the way that has founded His Church neither wish to impress this with all the wer of which I am capable upon i minds of my brethren and sis-is who are here to-day, and upon is entire Church. I wish them to derstand it. I bear testimony, as arvant of God, that this is the y, God having revealed it unto to my perfect knowledge, to my rfect estisfaction and understand-c. There can be no two channels; There can be no two channels; tre can be no three channels; re is but one; God having chosen

eternity dawns upon you --you never will be overcome by your enemies or by the enemies of God's King-dom. 1 know this as well as I can know anything that has not been accomplished. There is danger among us of becoming divided We accomplished. There is danger among us of becoming divided. We re menaced now by our enemies. They would like to divide ns. Already they have made a discrimina-tion which they hoped would be attion which they hoped would be at-tended with some great results. They have by their laws deprived the fathers of this people, the lead-ers of this people, the men who have borne the heat and the burden of the day—they have deprived them of those rights which belong to us as much at least as they be-long to them. They have sought to humble us in the dust. The elite of this people, the foremost men, the men who have been the foremost in enterprise and in every good;work enterprise and in every good, work-and this is not saying anything dis-paraging concerning those who are out of this class—have been singled out just as you would single out of a conquered tribe of Indians the chiefs. The chiefs have been marked, the ruling men mave been deposed, and another class have been de-posed, and another class have been told that they now can come to the front. Why, it has reminded me of the tyranny which has been so ob-noxious in times past—the tyranny of Great Britain in her treatment of the proping of Ludie. the people of India. The railing men all deprived of their power. The King deposed. But this has never been done except as a result of war. The King deposed; ruling chiefs, men of influence, authority chiefe, men of influence, authority and power among the people, have been stripped of all, and another king and other chiefs set to rule, by the authority of the conqueror. But this has never been done unless as a consequence of war. But here in a time of profound pesce, in a Territory unexampled for its prosperity, the wonder and admiration of every candid and re-flecting mind; in a Territory of this kind, because our religion is not popular, and because of our union that is so dreaded, the ruling men, without any trial or conviction, without proof of any guilt, have been removed, so to speak—that is, everything has been done that has been possible to take away from been possible to take away from it is them that authority and that infla-it is ence which rightfully belongs to the them, which they have earned by the long years of faithful labor in the midst of the people, earned them as legitimately and properly, having no influence that they have receiv-ed from ancestry or from wealth— having no influence but the influ-ence that God has given them and ence that God has given them and that they have earned by their own good deeds. These men, in the at-tempt to break up this people, to divide them asunder—these men have been told, "You step aside. We will strip you of your power and of your influence. We will humble you in the midst of the people. We will take away from you all the in-fluence that we can, and we will see fluence that we can, and we will see if we cannot divide you by this pro-cess." That is the object. It is, as I have said, to divide us, to arouse ambitions in the minds of others, no longer pay head and attention to his counsels. It is for you to an-swer this momentous question. I am in no fear as to the result. I have no doubts myself as to the result. I with have no doubts myself as to the re-this sult. There may be unwise persons God among us. There may be some who seer, may not have faith. There may be His some who may be prompted by need some improper ambition; but I am not glad that in the providence of God there is an opportunity given to all which such to show their true characters.

phecy—but as a servant of God I am willing to stake my reputation in making this statement, that if you will listen to the voice of God as manifested through His servant who stands at our head, you never will, from this time forward until the great world of mankind, who are looking now with intense expecta-tion, watching the results of these experiments in Utah—that we may show unto them that God is still looking now with intense expecta-tion, watching the results of these experiments in Utah—that we may show unto them that God is still with us, and that notwithstanding with us, and that not withstanding all the efforts of the wicked, we are still a united people, willing to listen to the voice of God through His di-vinely appointed servant—the me-dium that He has chosen. The world must know that the men through whose administrations we have received these precious gifts of the Goenel are still the men who the Gospel, are still the men who have athority with God and who have a claim upon His blessings and His sustaining care. These results I expect to see wrought out by this that is now being done. It is a most extraordinary thing

that this Edmunds law-a law which is so unconstitutional in every aspect—should now be looked upon almost as a meritorious law, and that because we have not split into pieces under its operation, and it has not produced the results designed by its author and those who urged its passage—it should now, as I have said, be talked about as though it were a benign law and designed for our good; and because we do not accept it as such it should be considered as a sufficient reason that there should be additional legislation! It is a most extraordinary position to as-some. Yet this is the position that

some. Yet this is the position that is taken by many. Now, my brethren and sisters, I used a figure many years ago, when we used to meet in the old bowery, before the new tabernacle was built, to which I will refer to day. It was at a time when there was consider-able talk about our moving away from here. Astrologers were prefrom here. Astrologers were pre-dicting this, and there were some who seemed inclined to put credence in their sayings. In remarks upon one occasion I said, that it had been my habit when I crossed the ocean —and I had been on both the Paci-fic and the Atlantic Oceans many times-when a storm came up, or we appeared to be in danger from we appeared to be in danger from ice or any other cause—to watch the captain of the ship. I noted his de-meanor, and I thought that by it I could form a correct idea of our dan-ger. He knew the ship. He knew her capabilities. He knew, probably better than anyone else about our position and our danger, and thereposition and our danger, and there-fore, as I have said, I took pleasure in watching his demeanor. And so it is in regard to the work of God. It is my privilege as an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ to have the revelations of Jesus. It is my privilege to live so as to have the gift of prophecy, and to have wisdom and knowledge from to have wisdom and knowledge from God. It is my privelege to have all these glits and blessings resting down upon me by virtue of my call-ing, If I am faithful thereto they will rest upon me. But it is not my privilege to guide this ship. It is not my privilege to write revelations or commandments to this Church. Much as I may relate in the know-Much as I may rejoice in the know-ledge of God, much as I may be possessed of the revelations of Jesus, possessed of the revelations of a second that is not a privilege which has been accorded unto me, nor has it been accorded unto any other Apostle, or officer, or member of this Church, but one, and that is the man whom God has chosen to hold The day nor in any other day en He had a church upon the st. It is through this source to endeavor to stir them up to pay no heed and to disregard entirely becource that the word of God come to this people during the years that have now elapsed, if be counsel, by obeying the mani-tistions of God through him, they re been led in this care of pros-tily upon which we have entered if in which we are now traveling, wish to impress this with all the were static to many be-and as those who are ac-to endeavor to stir them up to pay no heed and to disregard entirely the counsels and the examples of the men who have heen faithful and who are thus thrust aside. What secure that have now elapsed, the definition of God through him, they rebeen led in this care of pros-tily upon which we have entered if in which we are now traveling, wish to impress this with all the reference to the counsels. It is for you to the man who holds the keys. Therefore, in times to do discussed entirely the counsels and the examples of the men who have heen faithful and who are thus thrust aside. What will be its effect? Ask yourselves. I look always, and always have is for him to give the signal. It is for him to give the signal. It is for him to direct the movements which has recently been adopted. The crive system went into effect, in which we are now traveling, whether you by these devices will no longer pay heed and attention to his counsels. It is for you to say whether you by these devices will no longer pay heed and attention to his counsels. It is for you to say his part, when he feels serene and confident, I know that I can do so with the utmost safety, and that this entire people can trust in that God who has placed a prophet, a seer, and a revelator to preside over His people upon the earth. We need not be straid. We need not tremble. We need not give way to anxiety. That which we ought to do is to there is an opportunity given to all which the men of God. such to show their true characters, if there be such among us. I accept all these things as wise in the prov-idence of our God, He having this work in charge; I accept it as one of His divine providences in regard to this work, to test this people, to tone. Now, as long as we keep is in mind we are in no inger as a people—that is if keep it in mind and obey it. I willing to stake my reputation— herer claim to be much of a pro-ret; I do not talk much about pro-prove us, to put us upon trial, to

are outside of us and and who assail this work and say "you are "govern-ed too much by your leaders." When I see men doing that I fear and tremble for them. They yield to an influence that is not of God, the influence of the world, the in-fluence that is fighting Zion. I like to see a man loyal to this work, loyal to the cause of God, loyal to the Holy Priesthood, determined to stand by it. It is all that has saved us thus far; it is all that has given us power thus far in the earth, and when we desert that, God will desert us and leave us to ourselves. I am jealous, therefore, for my God. I am jealous for the Holy Priest-hood. I am jealous for the honor, the dignity of the man who presides over Zion, and I always have been over Zion, and I always have been. Through my entire life I have had this feeling. It is not a new feeling. It is one that was born in me, and it continues with me, and I pray that it always may be my feeling as long as I live upon the earth. I want to die having that feeling, I know that it is the right feeling, and that we are always in the right path when me are seeking the counsel of when me are seeking the counsel of God through His appointed servant. God through His appointed servant. God help you, "my brethren and sisters; God help every man in Zion; 'sidd help me and all who stand in leading positions in this Church to bear this in mind, and to be humble, meek and 'lowly, obed-ient to the counsel of God's servant, that in the end God may crown us His in His celestial kingdom, which I ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

DAVIS STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the Davis Stake was held at Kaysville on December

was need at Raysvine on December Sth and 9th, 1883. On Saturday President Joseph F. Smith and Elders C. W. Penrose of Salt Lake Oity and B. H. Roberts of the Southern Mission, besides Stake and local authorities were on the stand the stand.

The first business was the present-The first business was the present-ing of the statistical report and verbal reports from the President of the High Priesis, the Superinten-dent of Sunday Schools, and the President of the Stake; after which the time on Saturday was occupied by Prest. Joseph F.; and Brother Penrose. The subjects spoken were the need of the acting priesthood the need of the acting priesthood living so as to have the company of living so as to have the company of the Spirit of God when they go forth upon their labors, and that it is our duty to sustain each other, and not act the part of traitors by giving our means to those who will use it against the kingdom of God. On Sunday President Taylor and Elders George Reynolds and John Irvine were also in attendance. The time in the forenoon was oc-

Irvine were also in attendance. The time in the forenoon was oc-cupied by Prest. Taylor, Joseph F. Smith and Brother Penrose; the afternoon by presenting of authori-ties and preaching by Elder Roberts and Prest. Taylor. The idea of sending our children to be taught at the schools which are established by our enemies, was shown up in all its folly, with the eternal loss entailed en the children who thus become filled with religwho thus become filled with relig-ious unbelief. The fact was also spoken of that we are not practicing things, at which the world see fit to rail, because of our own will but by commandment of God.

the mail, which was deposited in private boxes; they now have to wait in many instances, severalhours for important letters. A protest has been sent to the department.

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