

ested in the Railroad: Why so, because the Prest. has taken a contract, depending upon the people to help back him up - are we preparing to go to work - are the Bps. making arrangements in their wards to carry on this work - some men think it won't pay and they will have nothing to do with it - what is this doing it is throwing cold water on it/ this will not do. We must help him out and do this work it is easier to do the work then to herd the devils after they come in here - we should have to increase our police, feed them, herd them &c. it is better to work for 75¢ a day than to herd these hounds.

G. A. Smith I have been south and am not altogether posted but understand the Prest has taken a big job on the U. P. R. Road - there was plenty ready to take the work - I have observed men that would not work unless they had big wages - they are poor and always will be - we will do this work it being the backbone of the road - it will grow in power as the Mormon Battalion grew in power in their day. God bless them.

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also reminded the school that Thursday next is fast day which should not be forgotten.

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A. C. Smoot. I will just say further there are a great many subjects pertaining to the building up of Zion. that have not been presented in the school yet. the object of the school is to educate the brethren so that they will be

able to take the lead in matters pertaining to the building up of the kingdom.

The doctrine preached by Pres. Young for a few years back wherein he says that Adam is our God - the God we worship - that most of the people believe this - some believe it because the Pres. says so, others because they can find testimony in the Book of Mormon & Book of Doctring & Covenants Anasa Lyman stumbled on this he did not believe it - he did not believe in the atonement of Jesus - Orson Pratt has also told the Pres. that he does not believe it - this is not the way to act - we should not suffer ourselves to entertain one doubt - we are not accountable on points of Doctrine if the President makes a statement if is not our prerogative to dispute it. he is only accountable in points of doctrine. we have been told to stay at home and cultivate the land and sustain ourselves & family by our industry at home - not to leave and go to the gold mines - who ever knew of any getting rich by digging gold. they are poor - poor in spirit, while the man who stays at home is rich rich in spirit & in faith, he does not feel poor like the man who digs for money and I will say this - those who went to camp. Floyd in its brightest days are they any better of today than those who staid at home. I think not. The President told the people to stay at home, some did so - others did not - I do not think that there was much wrong done by some - yet it showed a weakness which is the purpose of this school to rid us of - some will say the Pres. bought goods

at the camp by his agent - so he did, but he got what he got for almost nothing - the council is ~~now~~ to raise sheep - & wool - silk - flax - also good machinery and produce what is needful to wear. A great many are still sending their means to N. York for their wool and when they get here they are rotten and of no use - we are Servants to them. We sell them our wool, cattle &c. and ask them to furnish us these things. We have the best country in the world to raise stock in - it is enjoined upon the School of the Prophets and all the quorums to use their influence to raise what we need - we send our hundreds of thousands of dollars every year to purchase the fashions. Israel is a slave to the world and the elders have not influence enough to throw off the yoke - We send for our iron - glass - nails - paint which are just as simple for us to make here at home and that does not need much capital to start. The gentiles will come here and make our glass - our hats - Bonnets and every thing we need - and will soon run out our Mechanics &c. - If we cannot take care of ourselves in this little colony - we need not expect to be made Kings & rulers - for that requires wise men -- I speak of these things by way of introducing these subjects for the brethren to talk about and now I want you to talk Amen.

A. F. MacDonald I thought I would speak briefly in relation to Adam being our God -- since the year 1853 when the Priest first spoke on this subject. I have frequently

endeavored to reconcile what I have read with regard to this matter. I believe what the Pres. says on the subject although it comes in contact with all our tradition - I have not any doubt in my mind but that Adam is our God. Who his God & Father may be I have no knowledge. Pres. Kimball spoke on this question recently and very plainly illustrated the character & relationship of our Father & God. I believe it important that the mind should be satisfied on this point as a basis of Faith and hope in the practice of the principles of our holy religion.

Geo. G. Bywater rose and spoke. I am not disposed to question the discrepancies - on this question of doctrine: if we live faithful, all will become clear to us. We cannot become united only as we get united in understanding; when I first heard the doctrine of Adam being our Father and God, I was favorably impressed - enjoyed, and hailed it as a new Revelation - it appeared reasonable to me as the father of our Spirits, that he should introduce us here - and what we do not see is only evidence that we have not the light necessary. I only pray to him to whom I owe my existence - and will be only happy to meet him to whom I owe my existence - and will be only to happy to meet him - when we build up a Kingdom; we must provide to sustain it - we used to be taught how to make our bread - and I hold it right for my Bp to teach me that which is necessary to deal in as temporalities - the growth of light among the saints is evidence of the pro-

gress of the age - If I am acquainted with a trade and do not work at it. I will become rusty. I would like to have our brethren able to dictate] Etc. if we do not so work ourselves - and not vainly rest back on the security of the powers granted to me - but be fitted for the work assigned me - If God intended Zion to be redeemed 34 years ago it would have been done - Gods purposes are not forstalled and I do not believe it could have been done - I have many ideas in regard to the various subjects presented to this school - alluding to the various thoughts - of men who have acquired weath there are many who have to travel through numerous defiles that honorable man will not - stoop - yet our success depends upon home manufacture: without labor we cannot prosper and I am proud of the name of our industry abroad - agriculture is at the foundation of our welfare - the preservation of our seeds is a very important subject and in California they have paid as high as \$1200.00 for a to] to improve stock - and I trust we may all regulate our thoughts and wishes to be equal and generally diffused to the greatest good -

Samuel Moore - rose and said he wished to express his feelings and bear testimony to the sayings of Pres. Smoot - referred to the propriety of a good botanical garden and the advantage it would be for the sick, if we had a good botanic amongst us I would recommend that one would take up this business -alluded to his coat which he bought 20 years ago and one bought

last fall, which was nearly worn out ~~now~~ Also showed how Jennings went on from the butcher shop to making leather and then went to shoemaking - alluded to his fathers family and their experience and how the [next few lines to faint]

Meeting of the School of the Prophets at the Meeting House June 15, 1868 called to order by Pres. A. O. Smoot. Sang "The Standard of Zion", Prayer was offered by G. O. Bywater, Singing, roll called - The Rules of the School were read and a unanimous [sic/ to sustain them.

Bp. Smoot There are a few men whom I have excused to work on the Provo Bridge also some who have been out upon the [to faint to read]

I have informed the class that we would soon adopt the rule of closing doors at the appointed time so that the brethren may not be coming in at all stages of the time of School.

W. W. Allen asked question on Section 10 Book of Doc. & Cov. on the subject of the Godhead.

John P. Milner arose and referred to passages of the Scripture and stated that to thoroughly understand and realize all that is understood of Deity in this probation we must [] all [] understood therein.

Noses Cluff also referred to the same subject.

A. F. MacDonald spoke on this matter followed by H. Coray -Bywater also Bro. Allen.

Bp. Smoot said it is now time to close our meeting