

Spent Christmas quietly at home. Mr. [Frank] Hagenbarth sent me a span of horses. Bro. McMurrin & I took train for Malad at 3-55 p.m. Sat. 26th & reached Malad at 8-15. Went at once to Priesthood meeting. 81 present.

[*December 27, 1908; Sunday*] 10 A.M. S. S. Bro. [Joseph W.] McMurrin & I spoke. 470 whites & 34 Lamanites present. The Indians were from the Washakie Ward.

2. p.m. Continuation of conference meeting. Opening exercises. ~~Bro. Gibbs~~. Authorities presented. Bro. Gibbs. Missionary R[e]t[urned]. Bro. McMurrin followed till 3-20, I to 3-50. Present 825 whites & 33 Indians [total] 858. Jos. N. Arbon. Ordained H[igh] P[riest] & B[isho]p set apart to preside over Arbon Ward[,] I mouth. Henry Shandrew ordained H.P. & 2 Coun. Bro. McMurrin. David P. Roderick H.P. & 2 Coun. I mouth. Returned home on Monday.

[*January 3, 1909; Sunday*] I attended meeting at the Temple at 10. A.M. (Fast Meeting). Prest [Joseph F.] Smith made splendid remarks. Went from fast meeting to 18th ward sacrament meeting. Monday and Tuesday spent in meeting with Council of Twelve and presidency of Seventy. [B. H.] Roberts.⁹³

[*January 6, 1909; Wednesday*] Meeting of Presidency & Council of Twelve at 10 A.M. & at 5 p.m. continued meeting with Twelve & Seventy.

After a full discussion of the whole question of Bro. [B. H.] Roberts political attitude Bro. Roberts spoke saying he could not bring his mind to accept the view expressed by Prest. [Francis M.] Lyman and the members of the Council of Twelve & that he could not bring himself to comply with the suggested manner in which [he] should place himself right with his brethren & stated that he found himself out of harmony with his brethren & that he desired to put his views in writing and present to Bro. Lyman for our consideration and action.⁹⁴

⁹³ See diary entry of Jan. 6, 1909, for a discussion of Roberts.

⁹⁴ Roberts engaged in tirades against his colleagues' views. See Truman Madsen, *Defender of the Faith: The B. H. Roberts Story* (Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1994), 271-72; Harvard S. Heath, ed., *In the World: The Diaries of Reed Smoot* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books and Smith-Pettit Foundation), 76-77, 116, 165, 458, 460, 633.

Bro. [Charles H.] Hart, I, and H[eber] J. Grant, Rudger Clawson, Bro. Lyman, Hyrum M. Smith, David O. McKay. Bro. Lyman in his remarks said that Bro. Roberts was in error in his attitude & out of harmony with his brethren and should go to Prest [Joseph F.] Smith and say I have been in error forgive me. And should say to these his brethren forgive me. Prest. Smith will receive him with open arms and so will we.

Bro. Roberts and Bro. [Joseph W.] McMurrin. Fine. Bro. Hart. Bro. Roberts seems unrepentant and would that he desired to make his statement to us in writing indicating that the investigation meant that he must sever his connection with us so far as his association with us as one of the presiding authorities of the Church is concerned.⁹⁵

[January 7, 1909; Thursday] I met with Presidency and John Henry Smith. They voted to appropriate \$[blank] ^in Col[onization] Co. notes^ to the Juarez Academy primarily to establish a school paper. P.M. Assisted in setting ap[ar]t missionaries.

[January 8, 1909; Friday] In company with bro. Jno. Hy. Smith took O.S.L. [Oregon Short Line] train for Cache Valley to attend Hyrum Stake Conference. Reached Wellsville in the evening. Were entertained by Bro. P[eter] Maughn.

[January 9, 1909; Saturday] Conference convened. Prest. [William] Parkinson⁹⁶ & counselors presiding. Opening exercises. Prest. Parkinson ~~presiding~~ made remarks. Prest. Allen. Reported Religion Class work in good condition, he is prest of Seventy and Supt. [of] Religion Class work.

Bp. [Charles Oscar] Dunn, College Ward preceded Bro Allen. O. M. Wilson reported High Council.

All auxiliary organizations placed under the care of the H[igh] Counsel. All organizations are presided over, or more properly under the parental care of the High Council.

Anthem. Bro. Andrew Anderson reported the High Priests quorum.

⁹⁵ The relationship would remain somewhat strained to the end of the year. See entry for Oct. 6, 1909.

⁹⁶ William C. Parkinson (1855-1929) was previously president of the Pocatello Stake, but was now president of the Hyrum Stake in Cache Valley, Utah.