

Give your hearts & Souls to the Lord. The man who will do this will not be left abandoned or forsaken.

Apostle F[rancis] M. Lyman. Referred to the recent changes which have [been] made in the Church. Where men, for any reason become disqualified for work they should cheerfully retire & others be put in their places. Presiding quorums should meet and counsel together. Presidents of Stakes and bishops of wards should meet with their counsellors often. Bishops should see that full and correct records are kept. It is not expected that the Apostles will look after the details of the stakes nor that presidents of stakes will attend to the details of the management of the wards. Presidents of stakes must live near the Lord & know His will for the management of his stake & the same of the bishops of wards.

Apostle A[braham] O. Woodruff. Those who dispose of property should sell to their brethren & not to unbelievers. People who remove from one locality to another should take counsel & not go on their own responsibility.

[April 7, 1901; Sunday] [Francis M. Lyman:] Every church member should leave their daily labors and meet together fasting one day in the month. I sound this word of warning. Remember the Lord. We remember the Lord in adversity but we forget Him in prosperity. The Lord was with the Prophet Joseph and has been with all of His successors & there will always be a prophet to lead the people.

Edw[ar]d. H. Snow, prest. of the Eastern States mission occupied ^15 minutes of^ the remaining time with good remarks.

Elder [Louis A.] Kelsch made good remarks. Prest. of the Northern States Mission, which he reported to be in a very prosperous condition.¹¹

[April 8, 1901; Monday] Meeting of Presidency, Apostles & Church Officers. Prest. [Lorenzo] Snow said that persons who are recommended for second anointings should be those who have made an exceptional record, that they are persons who will never apostatize. Prests. of Stakes assume a great responsibility when they recommend persons for second anointings.

¹¹ When the conference continued in the afternoon in the Tabernacle, Ivins spoke to the overflow congregation in the Assembly Hall next door. *Conference Report*, Apr. 1901, 57-58.

Now I [Lorenzo Snow] wish to say a word in regard to going back to Jackson County [Missouri]. The time is nearer than many of us suppose. I want to impress upon the minds of all that they cannot go back to Jackson Co. unless the[y] obey the law of tithing. Jos[eph] Smith had a book in which all of the names of tithe payers was recorded which was called the Book of the law of the Lord. This church as a church will never go back to Jackson Co. till the people learn to observe the law of the Lord. I fear that some of the bishops do not fully believe in the law of tithing.

Excellent counsel. Heber [J. Grant] sang [“]The Holy City.[”]

Should Masquerade balls be permitted among the Saints? We do not approve of such parties but they should be controlled by kindness & persuasion & not by coer[c]ion.

Bro. Jos[eph]. F. Smith said no man receives a fullness of the Melchisedec Priesthood till he has recd his second anointings. Men recommended for this sacred ordinance should be men of God whose faith & integrity are unquestioned.

Heber J. Grant spoke. Referred to his singing as an example that a person can accomplish anything which he undertakes to do.

[April 8, 1901; Monday] Apostle A[braham] O. Woodruff made remarks exhorting to devotion & integrity to the presiding Priesthood. Pres. Seymour B. Young. 137 quorums of 70 [stake-level Seventies] are organized & there will soon be another. Desired that men selected to preside over the 70 should not be taken to preside over local organizations.

Apostle Reed Smoot read a letter which will be sent to the various stake presidents, in relation to the proper mode of administering to the sick. Also made remarks regarding tithing.

Apostle Rudger Clawson said that it had been decided that a record day be kept in all of the wards. One day in each year [during] the ward conference when records shall be examined & adjusted.¹²

Apostle John W. Taylor said [to the stake presidents], when the Apostles or prests. of 70 visited the stakes[,] don't put 2 in 1 bed but give them a clean bed & good housekeeper. He killed 143 bed bugs in one bed at one time.

¹² For the details and intent of Record Day, see James R. Clark, ed., *Messages of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 6 vols. (Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1966), 4: 34-37.