

Richards. Salt Lake City, Utah, Thursday, October 2nd, 30.

The matter of those having negro blood in their veins not being able to get the Priesthood unless it was a very limited proportion was debated on. Pres. Snow remarked that the killing of Cain of Abel was more than a simple murder as Cain was aware of the fact that the spirits who would have come to this world through the lineage of Abel would be deprived of that privilege on account of his act. Abel was a prince of Spirits and Cain the same and the spirits that Cain cut off was Prince ever agreed to take on themselves the sin that he had committed and to come on this earth with colored skins. There would be no redemption for them and they could not secure the Priesthood until all of those spirits that had been deprived of coming through Abel had been given tabernacles. This statement of the condition of the negro had been made to him by Pres. Young about the time he was made an Apostle. He was thankful that there was no statement that the Negro should never have the Priesthood and that there would never be a day of redemption for him. He referred to the troubles that we often have to pass through and said there was one thing that we should be thankful for and that was that no matter what we only had to pass through that there would always be a man at the head ^{of the Church} that would have the keys and who could and would give us the light as he would get the mind of not the Lord.

The meeting today has been a splendid one. Our Quorum meetings have refreshed my spirit wonderfully. I have been thankful beyond measure that there was nothing happened to keep me away from our meetings. We adjourned to meet on the 2nd. day of December at 2 P.M. This evening Lucy and I attended the Theatre. "A trip to Cincinnatti" was the attraction and the dressing of the ladies was a little louder it seemed to me than any thing I had ever seen on the Stage. The tendency of the age seems to me to break down the barriers of modesty.