

world, have thus exposed themselves to ruin, in order that the work of the gathering might not fail. And besides all this, there have been a large number of poor who have had to receive assistance from the donations of the church, which have tended to increase its embarrassments; and now so numerous are the saints grown, that it is impracticable for them all to gather to the places which are now appointed for this purpose.

The church in Kirtland has, therefore, required at the hand of our beloved brother Joseph Smith junior, and Sidney Rigdon; (men who have not thought their lives dear unto them, in order that the cause of God might be established.) Presidents whom God has appointed to preside over the whole church, and the persons to whom this work belongs, that they should go forth, and lay off other stakes of Zion or places of gathering, so that the poor may have a place of refuge, or places of refuge, in the day of tribulation which is coming swiftly on the earth. All these things will be attended with expense. Feeling ourselves under great responsibility by virtue of our office and calling in the church of God, we present this our memorial to all the saints, making a most solemn appeal to the feelings, benevolence, and philanthropy, of all the saints into whose hands, this our memorial comes, in faith and confidence, that this appeal will not be made in vain.

It is the fixed purpose of our God, and has been so from the beginning, as appears by the testimony of the Ancient Prophets, that the great work of the last days was to be accomplished by the tithing of his saints. The saints were required to bring their tithes into the store house, and after that, not before, they were to look for a blessing that there should not be room enough to receive it; see Malachi 3rd Chapter, 10th verse. Our appeal then to the saints is founded on the best of testimony, that which no saint will feel to gainsay, but rejoice to obey. The saint of God will rejoice in all that the Lord does, and in doing all that the Lord requires. The sacrifice of righteousness which the Lord requires will be offered with a willing heart, and ready mind, and with great joy, because they are accounted worthy to offer up sacrifice for his name.

In making this appeal to the benevolence of the saints of God, we do not only take into consideration the situation of the poor, the embarrassments of the stake of Kirtland; but also their own interests; for every saint has an equal interest in building up the Zion of our God; for it is after the Lord has built up Zion, that he will appear in his glory. Psalm 102; 16. We all look for the appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; but we shall look in vain, until Zion is built; for Zion is to be the dwelling place of our God when he comes. Joel 3; 21. Any one who will read this chapter with attention, will see that it treats of the last days, and of the Zion of the last days. How then is the Lord to dwell in Zion, if Zion is not built up? This question we leave with the saints to answer. The salvation of the saints one and all depends on the building up of Zion; for without this there is no salvation; for deliverance in the last days is found in Zion, and in Jerusalem, and in the remnant whom the Lord our God shall call, or in other words, in the stakes which he shall appoint. Joel 2; 32. It is in Zion where the Lord is to create upon every dwelling place, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night. It is upon the glory of Zion, that there will be a defence. It is in Zion that there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain. Isaiah 4; 5, 6. It is upon the walls of Zion, where the watchman shall see eye to eye. Isaiah 52; 8.

Whatever is glorious—Whatever is desirable—Whatever pertains to salvation, either temporal or spiritual, our hopes, our expectations, our glory, and our reward, all depend on our building up Zion according to the testimony of the prophets, for unless Zion is built; our hopes perish, our expectations fail, our prospects are blasted, our salvation withers, and God will come and smite the whole earth with a curse. Hear then O ye saints of the last days! And let this our appeal have a favorable reception among you. Let every saint consider well the nature of his calling in the last days, and the great responsibility which rests upon him or her, as one to whom God has revealed his will, and make haste not only to the relief of Kirtland, but also to the building up of Zion. Let every man, and every woman, give heed the very instant that they embrace the gospel, and exert themselves with energy to send on means to build up Zion; for our God bids us to haste the building of the city, saying the time has come when the city must be pushed forward with unceasing exertions; for behold, the day of calamity draweth nigh, and unless the saints speed the building of the city, they will not escape.

Be admonished then O ye saints! And let not covetousness, which is idolatry, nor worldly ambition hinder you; but gather up your gold, and your silver, and all the means you have, and send on to the saints who are engaged in this great work of building the Zion of God, that there may be a place of refuge for you, and for your children in the day of God's vengeance, when he shall come down on Idumea, or the world, in his fury, and stamp them down in his wrath, and none shall escape, but the inhabitants of Zion. What we say unto one, we say unto all, haste—haste—and delay not; for the hour of desolation does not linger, and with all the power that the saints have, and with all the diligence they can use, they will scarcely escape.

The time is not far distant, when some of those who now deride and mock the saints for devoting their all to build up the Zion of God, will bless their name, for having provided a city of refuge for them and their children, regardless of the ravings of ungodly priests, and the mockings of a stupid and ignorant people. In the confidence which we have in the good sense and righteous principles of the multitude of the saints, we send this our memorial in the name of our master, Jesus; believing that this appeal will be received with great kindness, and will be attended to with unflinching perseverance, until the object for which it has been sent shall be accomplished. And may the God of all grace, pour out his richest blessings on your heads, and crown you with abundance, that the Zion of our God may flourish, and cease not, until the righteousness thereof shall go forth as the light, and the salvation thereof as a lamp which burneth, is the prayer of your brethren in Christ Jesus.

N. K. WHITNEY,
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moderately and build a house unto the name of the Lord in Far West; as they had means, and appointed Edward Partridge Treasurer, to receive all the donations and subscriptions for the erection of the House of the Lord, Isaac Morley to be his Secretary; also voted, that the Committee, viz, Jacob Whitmer, Elisha H. Groves, and George M. Hinkle stand until President David Whitmer goes to and returns from, Kirtland; also that the building Committee of the House of the Lord have no store, connected with building the House, but that every firm or individual that embarks in that business, have, own, and claim such property as their own private individual property, and stewardship.

The elders at Bedford continued to lecture in the basement of Mr. Matthews chapel, from evening to evening, with the most flattering prospects, until this evening, when elder Goodson, contrary to the most positive instructions of President Kimball, and without advising with any one, read publicly the vision from the Doctrine and Covenants, which turned the current of feeling generally; and nearly closed the door in all that region—Mr. Matthews wished the meetings to be removed from his house, but continued to attend the meetings occasionally, and investigated the subject to considerable extent.

In the August number of the "Messenger and Advocate" was published a prospectus for a new paper to be published at Kirtland, Ohio, called the "Elders Journal" of the Church of Latter Day Saints, to commence in October, edited by Joseph Smith junior.

Elders Kimball and Hyde, and brother Fielding, having continued their labors in Preston, elder Hyde preached to a great multitude in the market place Sunday the 6th of August, opposed by one Reverend gentleman who was quickly confounded by the spirit of truth; and in the evening they met at the house of sister Ann Dawson, and confirmed between forty and fifty, who had been baptized, most of whom had been members of Mr. James Fielding's church; so mighty grew the word, this being only the third Sabbath in Preston. Mr. Fielding persecuted and called the elders "thieves, sheep stealers" &c., acknowledging them good judges, having "stolen all the best of his flock." Sister Dawson (a widow) kindly received the elders into her house and lodged them, which was a great blessing to the brethren, as they were quite destitute, most of the people extremely poor, and lodgings scarce; while they went from house to house as invited, to procure their daily meals.

Elder Kimball having received a letter from Mr. Richards inviting him to preach in his chapel repaired to Walkerfold, where he was most hospitably received and the day following preached three times in Mr. Richards pulpit.

Elders Goodson and Richards baptized five at Bedford among whom, and the first was Mrs. Ann Braddock, a widow, who was obliged to support her family by her industry, yet she received the elders and lodged them.

Tuesday 15th, the quorum of High Priests organized at Far West Missouri this day.

Timothy R. Matthews, having investigated the work acknowledged the truth, and having previously borne testimony of the same to his church in public, and urged them to go forward, agreed with Goodson and Richards to meet them on the bank of the River Ouse, one hour before sunset, and be baptized. The hour and the elders arrived, but Mr. Matthews was not there, he had gone out in the country to preach. Elder Kimball preached on Monday and Wednesday evenings in Mr. Richards's chapel at Walkerfold and on Thursday baptized six individuals. Mr. Matthews baptized himself in the river and then went to baptizing his people, denouncing the elders as false teachers, and the doctrine of the Latter Day Saints as having come from hell, while he went to preaching the same doctrine, baptizing all, even infants, and laid on hands for confirmation.

Charles C. Rich, was ordained President of the High Priests quorum in Missouri, and Henry Green President of the Elders in Caldwell County, August 20th. The same day elders Wilford W. Woodruff and Jonathan H. Hale landed at Vinalhaven, on north Fox Island, and commenced preaching.

In the August number of the Advocate I published the following caution to the brethren and friends of the Church of Latter Day Saints. I am disposed to say a word, relative to the bills of the "Kirtland Safety Society Bank." I hereby warn them to beware of speculators, renegades, and gamblers, who are duping the unwary and unsuspecting, by palming upon them, those bills, which are of no worth here, I discountenance and disapprove of any and all such practices, I know them to be detrimental to the best interests of society, as well as to the principles of religion.

JOSEPH SMITH, junior.
In this month elder Russell succeeded in establishing a small branch in Alston, England. While I was engaged in visiting the churches in Canada, preaching, baptizing, and blessing the saints, strengthening the things that were. I returned to Kirtland about the last of August, and wrote the following letter, which I sent by the hand of Thomas B. Marsh:

Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio September 4th, 1837. Joseph Smith junior President of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints in all the world; to John Correll and the whole church in Zion, sendeth greeting. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed you with many blessings in Christ, and who has delivered you many times from the hands of your enemies, and planted you many times in an heavenly or holy place; my respects and love to you all, and my blessings upon all the faithful, and true hearted in the New and Everlasting Covenant; and forasmuch as I have desired for a long time to see your faces, & converse with you, & instruct you in those things which have been revealed to me pertaining to the kingdom of God in the last days, I now write unto you offering as an apology. My being bound with the cords of affliction by the workers of iniquity, and by the labors of the church, endeavoring in all things to do the will of God for the salvation of the church, both in temporal, as well as spiritual things.

Brethren we have waded through a scene of affliction and sorrow thus far for the will of God, that language is inadequate to describe, pray ye therefore with more earnestness for our redemption. You have undoubtedly been informed by letter and otherwise of our difficulties in Kirtland, which are now about being settled, and that you may have a knowledge of the same, I subscribe to you the following minutes of the Committee of the whole church in Kirtland, the authorities &c., referring you to my brother Hyrum, and brother Thomas B. Marsh for further particulars; also that you may know how to proceed to set in order, and regulate the affairs of the church in Zion, whenever they become disorganized.

"Minutes of a Conference assembled in Committee of the whole church on Sunday the 3rd

of September 1837. At 9 o'clock in the morning George W. Robinson was called upon to take the minutes of the Conference, Sidney Rigdon then presented Joseph Smith junior to the church to know if they still looked upon, and would still receive, and uphold him as the President of the whole church, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. President Smith then presented Sidney Rigdon and Frederick G. Williams as his Counselors, and to constitute with himself the three first Presidents of the church; voted unanimously in the affirmative, except for F. G. Williams which was not carried. President Smith then introduced Oliver Cowdery, Joseph Smith senior, Hyrum Smith, and John Smith for assistant Counselors. These last four, together with the first three, are to be considered the heads of the church; carried unanimously.

Voted that Newel K. Whitney hold his office as Bishop, and continue to act as such in Kirtland, and that Reynolds Cahoon, and Vinson Knight, continue to act as counselors to the Bishop. The Twelve Apostles were then presented one by one, when Thomas B. Marsh, David W. Patten, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, William Smith, and William E. McLellan were received unanimously in their Apostleship, Luke Johnson, Lyman Johnson, and John F. Boynton, were rejected and cut off, though privileged with confessing and making satisfaction. Elder Boynton (who was the only one present at the time) arose and endeavored to confess, justifying himself in his former conduct by reason of the failure of the Bank, &c.

His conduct was strongly protested, by elder Brigham Young, in a plain and energetic manner, stating various reasons why he could not receive him into fellowship until a hearty repentance and confession was manifested.

Elder Young was followed by elder Marsh, who acquiesced in testimony and resolutions. President Rigdon then addressed the assembly showing the cause of the difficulty with elders Boynton and Johnson, in leaving their calling to attend to other occupations. Elder Boynton, again arose and still attributed his difficulties to the failure of the Bank, stating that he understood the Bank was instituted by the will of God, and he had been told that it should never fail let men do what they would. President Smith then arose and stated that if this had been declared, no one had authority from him for so doing, for he had always said that unless the institution was conducted on righteous principles, it would not stand. A vote was then taken to know if the congregation was satisfied with Boynton's confession, carried in the negative. Conference adjourned for one hour.

Conference assembled at 2 o'clock in the afternoon opened by reading, singing, and prayer. The President then arose and said he would call upon the church to know if they were satisfied with their High Council, and should proceed to name them individually. John Johnson, Joseph Coe, Joseph Kingsbury, and Martin Harris were objected to, also John P. Green, but his case was put over until he should be present. Noah Packard, Jared Carter, Samuel H. Smith, were voted to retain their office, Oliver Granger, Henry G. Sherwood, William Marks, Mayhew Hillman, Harlow Redfield, Asahel Smith, Phinehas Richards, and David Dort were chosen to fill the places of those objected to, (and Thomas Grover having moved west) John Smith chosen one of the Presidents of the church, and Orson Johnson having been excluded from the church, (all having belonged to the High Council.)

The President then called upon the congregation to know if the recently appointed Presidents of the Seventies, should stand in their calling. Voted that John Gaylord, James Forster, Salmon Geo, Daniel S. Miles, Joseph Young, Josiah Butterfield, and Levi Hancock, should retain their office as Presidents, of the Seventies; John Gould was objected. The President then arose and made some remarks, concerning the former Presidents of the Seventies, the callings and authorities of their Priesthood, &c., &c. Voted that the old Presidents of the Seventies, be referred to the quorum of High Priests, and also, that if any members of the quorum of the Seventies, should be dissatisfied and would not submit to the present order, and receive these last Presidents, that they should have power to demand their license, and they should no longer be considered members of the church. Conference closed, by prayer by the President.

JOSEPH SMITH junior, President,
GEORGE W. ROBINSON, Clerk.

Dear brethren, Oliver Cowdery has been in transgression, but as he is now chosen as one of the Presidents or Counselors, I trust that he will yet humble himself and magnify his calling, but if he should not, the church will soon be under the necessity of raising their hands against him; therefore pray for him: David Whitmer, Leonard Rich, and others have been in transgression, but we hope that they may be humble and ere long make satisfaction to the church, otherwise they cannot retain their standing; therefore we say unto you, beware of all disaffected characters for they come not to build up but to destroy, and scatter abroad. Though we or an Angel from heaven preach any other gospel, or introduce an order of things, other than those things which ye have received, & are authorized to receive from the first Presidency, let him be accursed. May God Almighty bless you all, and keep you unto the coming and kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in the bonds of the New Covenant,
JOSEPH SMITH, junior.

I received the following Revelation, given at Kirtland, Ohio, September 4th, 1837. Making known the transgression of John Whitmer, and William W. Phelps. Verily thus saith the Lord unto you my servant Joseph, My servant John Whitmer and William W. Phelps, have done those things which are not pleasing in my sight, therefore if they repent not they shall be removed out of their places, Amen.

JOSEPH SMITH, junior.
September 9th, the High Council of Kirtland withdrew the hand of fellowship from Uriah and Lydia Ann Hawkins, for unlawful matrimony, deceiving, and unchristian like conduct.

September 9th, the High Council of Kirtland met in the Lord's House, and organized by electing Jared Carter, President, and Phinehas Richards, Clerk. The members elected on the 3rd were ordained, and drew for their numbers, and the whole were arranged as follows: John P. Green No. 1, Asahel Smith No. 2, Samuel H. Smith 3, Mayhew Hillman 4, William Marks 5, Noah Packard 6, Oliver Granger 7, David Dort 8, Jared Carter 9, Phinehas Richards 10, Henry G. Sherwood 11, and Harlow Redfield 12.

Sunday September 10th, 2 o'clock afternoon, in assembly of the church in the Lord's House, Kirtland. President Rigdon read the rules and

regulations of the House of the Lord, as passed by the different quorums on the 18th of January 1836, when the church voted to receive the same and be governed by them.

The minutes of the High Council of the 9th instant were read, after which those of the Twelve, who were disfellowshipped the previous Sabbath had opportunity to speak; and Luke Johnson, Lyman Johnson, and John F. Boynton, made their confessions, and were received into fellowship by vote of the church, also to retain their Apostleship; President Smith read a letter from elder Marsh to the church, stating that before he started from Missouri he had received satisfaction from those elders; elder Young, also stated the same. High Counselor John P. Green, made some confessions to the church stating wherein he had been wrong for a short time past, and the church voted that he be received into fellowship, and retain his office.

President Rigdon made some observations upon the business transacted last Sabbath, reproving some for the conjectures they had respecting President Smith and himself conniving together to remove certain individuals from office, &c., or at least to use their influence so to do, this he informed them was a mistake, for not one word had passed between them on the subject, neither had he a premeditated thought upon the subject. President Smith then corrected some mistakes of certain individuals, and which had been circulated by them concerning what he had said on the last Sabbath. The Lord's Supper was administered by elders Luke and Lyman Johnson, and John Boynton. G. W. ROBINSON, Clerk.

When a lying spirit is abroad it is difficult for truth to be understood.

At a Conference of the authorities of the church, and of the saints in the House of the Lord at Kirtland, September 17th, Bishop N. K. Whitney said the time had arrived when it became necessary for him to travel, and necessarily must have an Agent to act in his absence agreeably to the provisions made in the revelations &c., and nominated William Marks, who was elected agent to the Bishop by unanimous vote. George W. Robinson was unanimously elected General Church Recorder in place of Oliver Cowdery who had removed to Missouri. After taking into consideration the situation of Zion and the church in general; the Conference decided that it was of great importance to the cause of truth in general, and the prosperity of the work that the Bishop and his counselors send abroad their memorial to all the saints throughout the land, as well as to all well wishers to the cause of Zion, and that their appeal go forth in the name and by the authority of the church, to all the saints scattered abroad.

The same evening, the Elders assembled in Conference, in the House of the Lord, when I addressed them on the subject of the gathering of the saints in the last days, and the duties of the different quorums in relation thereto. It appeared manifest to the Conference that the places appointed for the gathering of the saints were at this time crowded to overflowing, and that it was necessary that there be more stakes of Zion appointed, in order that the poor might have a place to gather to, "wherefore it was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously that President Joseph Smith junior, and Sidney Rigdon, be requested by this Conference to go and appoint other stakes, or places of gathering, and that they receive a certificate of their appointment, signed by the Clerk of the church."

Elder William Marks, who had previously been appointed agent to the Bishop, being called upon, arose and said that he would comply with the request of the church, and the Lord being his helper he would discharge the duties thereof to the best of his ability. After which the Elders present who were in a situation to travel were called upon to number themselves, and there were numbered one hundred and nine, and they were divided into eight companies in the following order: number one to thirteen called the first company, were appointed to travel East; No. 13 to 26 were to travel South East; No. 26 to 39 South; No. 39 to 52 South West; No. 52 to 65 West; No. 65 to 78 North West; No. 78 to 91 North; No. 91 to 104 North East; five being left after this division; No. 105 was appointed to travel with the company going South East; No. 106 with the company; 107 South; 108 East; 109 with the North company. It was further appointed that those who might desire to travel a different course from the one which was appointed to the division to which they belonged, might have the privilege of changing with one of another division; and lastly it was appointed that the different divisions hold their own meetings to make such arrangements as they shall think proper in relation to their journeying.

Agreeable to the vote of the Conference on the 17th, Bishop Whitney and council issued their memorial from "Kirtland Ohio," September 18th, 1837. "To the Saints scattered abroad, the Bishop and his Counselors of Kirtland, send greeting:

Whereas the church in Kirtland has taken into consideration the affairs of the Latter Day Saints in general, having opportunities of making themselves acquainted with the situation of the saints throughout the continent, together, with very flattering prospects of the prosperity of the cause of God in our land; and also of the peculiar condition of the city of Kirtland, which is a kind of firstfruits of the cities which the Lord has begun to build unto himself in these last days; it has been deemed of great importance to the prosperity of the cause of truth in general, that the Bishop and his Counselors send abroad this their memorial to all the saints throughout the land, as well as to all well wishers to the cause of Zion, in this our most happy country.

It is a fact well known, that the saints in the City of Kirtland have been called to endure a great fight of affliction for the truth's sake; and to bear a heavy burden in order that the foundation of the kingdom of God might be laid on a sure and certain bases, so that the prophetic vision of Daniel might most certainly be fulfilled; that this kingdom might break in pieces all other kingdoms, and stand for ever. The exertions of the enemy to prevent this, have been very great; and through their great exertions, they have given to the saints great trouble, and caused them much expense. In addition to this, they have had to publish the word of the Lord, which has been attended with great expense; these together with building the House of the Lord, have embarrassed them very much; for when subscriptions failed, they went on and accomplished the work of building the house themselves, plighting all that they had, property, credit, and character; and by these means accomplished this great work which is the wonder and admiration of the world. This they have done in faith, believing that as the multitude of saints increased, that their liberality would abound towards those who regarding nothing but the salvation of the

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HISTORY OF JOSEPH SMITH
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Elders Goodson and Richards arrived in Bedford on the 2nd, and were joyfully received by the Rev. Timothy R. Matthews, to whom they had letters of introduction from his brother-in-law, Joseph Fielding, and were invited to preach in his chapel in the evening to his congregation.

Friday 4th, elder Kimball baptized Jennetta Richards, at Preston, daughter of the Rev. John Richards of Walkerfold, Chaidgley, 15 miles from Preston and confirmed her at the water side. This was the first confirmation in England, sister Richards returned home the day following, Saturday 5th, and persuaded her father to write to elder Kimball to come and preach in his chapel.

The same day August 5th, the Presidency, High Council, and all the authorities of the church in Missouri assembled in council at Far West, and unanimously resolved to go on