

You may plead former habits, as an extenuation of your guilt, but we ask if the Almighty did not know your habits and the propensities of your nature? Certainly he did. Has he made any exceptions in your case, or are you wiser than he? judge ye.

These, to many, may appear like small items; but to us, any transgression of the commands of God, or a disregard of what he has said, is evincive of a determination to gratify our own corrupt vitiated taste, the word of the Lord to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Presidents of the Seventies met in council in the House of the Lord, on the 29th of April, 1837, and after opening the meeting by prayer, they proceeded to take into consideration some difficulties, either real or imaginary, existing among the Seventies; and believing that every elder who is called to proclaim the gospel to the nations of the earth, should in all things conduct himself like a man of God, adopted, among others, the following resolutions:

✕ 1st.—That we will have no fellowship whatever with any Elder belonging to the quorums of the Seventies who is guilty of polygamy or any offence of the kind, and who does not in all things conform to the laws of the church contained in the Bible and in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants.

+ 2d.—That we discard the practice of ball-playing, wrestling, jumping and all such low and degrading amusements, and above all the use of ardent spirits of any kind; and will have no fellowship with any member of our quorum who indulges himself in the practice of such things.

3d.—That these resolutions be signed by the chairman and clerk, publicly read on the next Sabbath for the approval of the Seventies, and published in the Messenger and Advocate.

DANIEL S. MILES, Chair.

ELIAS SMITH, Clerk.

We have inserted below the form of a certificate to be given to the members of the quorum of High Priests who shall or may be called on to preside over churches and settle difficulties, and in-

struct in righteousness, the saints of God. We do so, that our brethren abroad may learn the names of the officers of said quorum, and consequently, know to whom they ought to apply for assistance in the discharge of any of the duties pertaining to High Priests.

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This certifies that _____ is a member of the quorum of High Priests, organized in Kirtland according to the order of the church of Latter Day Saints, is in good standing, is fully authorized to set in order churches abroad and preside in all councils to adjust differences and settle difficulties in the same, where God in his providence may call him.

Done by order and in behalf of the quorum.

DON C. SMITH, Pres't.
W. A. COWDERY,
G. H. CARTER,

Counsellors

HARLOW REDFIELD, Sec.

For the comfort and consolation of our brethren abroad, we say that we have cheering reports from the different branches of the churches. They appear to be anxious to hear and know the truth. Elders are called in all directions, and doors are opened for preaching the word. Some of the elders have already gone out on missions for the season, and some yet remain here. We have not yet heard from those who have already gone, but from their energy, zeal and experience, we trust we shall shortly have a good report from them.

The Lord be with them and bless them, and prosper them abundantly.—May he dispose the hearts of the people to hear, to understand and to embrace the truths they inculcate.

Churchville, April 24, 1837.

At a conference held in the above place, the following official members being present: Elders P. P. Pratt, J. Taylor, J. Russell; John Snider, Priest; Joseph Fielding, Teacher. Eld. Pratt was called to preside, and the following persons were ordained: Wm. Law to