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Record of quorum meetings held in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, January 1848-September 1851, as well as business matters and ordinations. Record begins 2 January 1848 with reorganization of quorum. James Sloan was newly appointed clerk. William Snow acted as president until August 1850. Lyman Stoddard served as president pro tem from then until February 1851, when George Coulson became president. Most meetings seem to have been held at Blockhouse Branch. Meetings were discontinued shortly after February 1851, per note of James Sloan at end of record. At back of the volume is roster of quorum members, listed by branch, with occasional notations regarding disciplinary actions, deaths, and removal of individuals to other places. Minutes report remarks of numerous church leaders, including Orson Hyde, George A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson, and Almon W. Babbitt, as well as remarks by Oliver Cowdery when he requested rebaptism on 5 November 1848 (pp. 9-10).

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and experience we should be men of God, not Children,

some want to labour with Brethren and Sisters as in

former days, before they are brought upon a change before

the Church. The Book of Doctrine and Covenants is good in

its place, but the Church is now about twenty one year

of

age, and we have progressed in Knowledge and so forth.

In consequence of the Elders quorum being present and

having business to attend to this quorum adjourned

until the first Sabbath in february next.

James Sloan, Clerk. Lyman Stoddard, Presdt pro tem

Sunday february 2nd 1851 The quorum of High Priests

assembled in the music Hall, after the general branch

meeting if the Church was dismissed, at about one

oclock p m, The President pro tem was absent on ac=

=count of sickness, James Allred one of hiss counsellors

also absent in Missouri, George Coulson present. The

names of the Members were called. Minutes of the

last meeting read and approved. Elder Orson Hyde

was present, and said he was happy to be present,

a great responsibility rests on us, & if we dont honor

it, it is to our condemnation. If we stand to and bear

up the Priesthood it will honor us, if not, it will be

the reverse with us. I desire to live in the flesh so long

us I honor the Priesthood, but to be taken away before

I should dishonor it, and I think my brethren wish

so also. Every quorum wants a head. This quorum

wants a permanent one. It was brought up before

the high council yesterday, for nomination, and stood

over until to day. I see many good men here, capable

of holding the Station, some may be thought not qualified

and so forth, but all men are capable if they

uphold the law and dont transgress it. I was going

to say I had no choice. Any man with an honest

and virtuous Heart would answer. He then nominated

George