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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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Hyde said he would support virtue, sobriety, & honesty, &c. drinking,

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& trading in spirituous liquors was put down last Sabbath,

and root out & keep out such Characters, & we will curse the Man

to exalt

who will do such things,& he shall be cursed. We preached pretty

this people &c, he then spoke as to dancing having been spoken agst

hard doctrine to you through this Summer, & some Sisters felt bad

at conference, & some have since said that they will have dancing

about it, let them not feel so, for we saw & heard things that were

notwithstanding the acts of the authorities & people of this Church

carried on by wicked Men, & we wished to, & did warn you ahead of

to the contrary. Presdt Snow said there was little business to transact

it,so dont feel hard about it. It is breaking out Covenants & preaching

in the quorum this day. Elder Staunton represented that Elijah

things not sent to do, which brings on darkness &c,such Men must

Wilson in Springville branch is old & infirm,& wishes ordination into

return & repent,& it will take a faithful Elder three months to follow

this quorum. It was carried by vote that he be, & Elders Staunton & Huston to Ordain him, & report it to the clerk, Elder Hyde said that O. Cowdery was present,& wished to be indentified with us,

in the track of such a man & heal up the wounds. I will not pour on

that he was glad he has a desire to by one with us,& wished O.

cold water, but will pour on hot water &c, and let them soak. Elder

would speak himself at this time, as Geo A. Smith

and

myself have had a private conversation with him.
Oliver Cowdery

said he did not come to speak, but to be a looker
on, & a hear, & that

there was no time he thought of the Gospel &c
but he feels grateful to

God, for the glory & honor redounds to God &c, he
said he always speaks

the word he has given him to say, when he thought
is would redound

to his honour & glory. He wishes to come into the
Church in an humble

manner, an humble follower of Jesus Christ, not
seeking for any

presidency. I approve of all the teachings I heard
here to day, am not

a member of this Church, wish to come in at the
door, & remain a

simple Member, it is for this people to act, & me to
be acted upon, and

I know the door I wish to come in at. Elder Hyde
said, I wish the

people to be liberal, & to act so, &c Presdt Snow
then said, I wish an