can be found, provided he is called and
set apart and ordained unto this power,
under the hands of the First Presidency
of the Melchizedek Priesthood." There
is where it comes in, and this applies
primarily to the presiding Bishop; but
I would say that it applies in a more
extended view to High Priests who are
ordained and set apart as Bishops, in
the several Stakes of Zion, and who
thus come under the supervision of those
presidents of Stakes, and stand in the
same relationship to them that the First
Bishops did to the First Presidency of the
Church. The First Presidency at that
time presided over the Stake in Kirtland,
over the High Council, over the Bish-
ops and over all the organizations of the
Stake, and were really the presidents of
that Stake. But it will be seen that while
they were presidents of the Stake and oc-
cupied the same position that presidents
now do over the Stakes, they were at the
same time presidents of the Church in
all the world, whilst the authority of our
present presidents of Stakes is confined
to the limits of their several Stakes. And
thus there is perfect order in all these
things in relation to these matters.

I again quote: "There are, in the
church, two priesthoods, namely, the
Melchizedek and Aaronic, including the
Levitical Priesthood." Now I will make
a statement or two about this. What is
the Levitical Priesthood? There were in
the days of Moses a tribe of the children
of Israel set apart to officiate in some of
the lesser duties of the Aaronic Priest-
hood, and their office was called the
Levitical Priesthood. You High Priests,
you Seventies and Bishops can examine
these things from your Bible, and what
the Bible does not tell you the Book of
Covenants will, and you ought to be ac-
quainted with this matter, it is your duty
to investigate these things, to search in
the records, to examine the revelations
of God and make yourselves acquainted
with principle, and laws, and govern-
ments, and all things calculated to pro-
mote the welfare of humanity.

"The office of an elder comes un-
der the priesthood of Melchizedek. The
Melchizedek Priesthood holds the right
of presidency, and has power and author-
ity over all the offices in the church in all
ages of the world, to administer in spiri-
tual things."

"Well," say you, "I thought that; that
has been my idea, the Bishops should
have all the temporal things to attend
to." We will read a little further. It is by
taking up little old texts that mistakes
are often made and incorrect ideas con-
veyed. We must take the whole thing to
ascertain what is intended, and rightly
divine the word of truth.

"The Presidency of the High Priest-
hood, after the order of Melchizedek,
have a right to officiate in all the offices
in the Church."

Now, will you show me an office, or
calling, or duty, or responsibility, tempo-
ral or spiritual, that does not come under
this statement? From this I think this
Presidency have something to do with
the Bishops and temporal things as well
as with the Melchizedek Priesthood and
spiritual things, and with all things per-
taining to the interests and welfare of
Zion. That is the way I understand these
matters. I could enter very elaborately
into these questions, but I do not purpose
to do so, there not being time. But this is
the position they occupy.

"High priests after the order of the
Melchizedek Priesthood have a
right to officiate in their own stand-