

took the train for St. Louis, at which place we arrived safely about midnight.

*Tuesday, 24th.*—Called and stayed at brother Boardman's. Here, for the first time, heard of the sudden and unexpected death of President J. M. Grant, who died in Salt Lake City, in November last. He was a great and good man, called away in the full vigor of manhood. He has gone to his rest, but we are left to mourn.

*Wednesday, 25th.*—On repairing to the office found letters from home, also one from sister Ruth Sayers, who crossed the plains with us on our outward trip from Salt Lake City. I also read in the *Western Standard*, a paper published by George Q. Cannon in California, a confirmatory account of the death of President J. M. Grant. We found the Saints in St. Louis well and prosperous. After spending some time in the office in council I repaired to brother Restell's, and was kindly received by sister Restell and sister Pollard. This night I was taken very sick.

*March 1st.*—I found myself quite well again, and, being Sunday, I met with the Saints three times and had good attendance. I preached in the forenoon, and Erastus Snow and others in the afternoon. We had Sacrament, and the gift of the Holy Ghost was upon us. Brother Snow spake by it in great wisdom.

The spirit of reformation is abroad in the St. Louis branch, but the adversary also has a great hold there.

*Monday, 2d.*—We met with the Saints and assisted President Snow to confirm twenty-nine souls, who were baptized in the font there. At 7 P. M. the same evening met with the brethren in council.

Much instruction was given to the Elders by Presidents Snow, Smith and myself.

*Tuesday, 3d.*—Assisted President Snow at the office, on the Deseret alphabet, etc.

The above is the last extract from the journal of President Parley P. Pratt.