

Resolved, That Bro. Broadbent be sustained as the Book Agent for this District.

Resolved, That Elder G. W. Quinn be sustained as Clerk for the District.

Resolved, That Montana and Idaho Mission be requested to call a sub-district Conference, and take into their District, Cache, Box Elder, and Bear Lake vallies.

Bro. Broadbent said that, in the absence of Elder Walling, he would report the Salt Lake City Branch as progressing in faith and good works, and that there was an increase in numbers, and that there were many more that were inclined to become members when they could arrange their business matters.

Elder Rummell said that the last year was the happiest year of his life, since he had connected himself with the Reorganization.

The Salt Lake City Branch comprises the following officers and members: 9 elders, 1 priest, 4 teachers and 50 members.

WISCONSIN WESTERN DISTRICT Conference was held at Willow, Richland Co., Wis., Oct. 10, 1868.

Elder Reuben Newkirk, President; Chas. W. Lange, Clerk.

BRANCH REPORTS.

Sandusky: 11 members, including 2 elders, 1 priest. John Lee, President; H. A. Hayden, Clerk.

Willow: 21 members including 1 apostle, 1 high priest, 3 of the seventy, 3 elders. Cyrus Newkirk, President; Edmund C. Wildermuth, Clerk.

The following official members reported: Reuben Newkirk, Chas. W. Lange, Benj. Hughes, Edmund C. Wildermuth, Cyrus Newkirk, David Wildermuth, and Priest Geo. Newkirk.

7 P. M. Bro. Dryden Carpenter being recommended, and willing to receive an ordination, was ordained a priest, under the hands of R. and C. Newkirk and C. W. Lange.

Bro. Lange then spoke of the benefit, and necessity of supporting the *Herald*, and considered something amiss with all who are able to take it, but do not.

Bro. Reuben Newkirk substantiated these remarks by adding that the *Herald* was not a private speculation, as imagined by many, but the organ of the church, and as such ought to be supported by every one presuming to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, except in cases of abject poverty, when they could receive the same gratis from the office.

The following resolutions were then passed:

That all the counties in this part of the State, not incorporated into any other districts, be organized, and known as the Western District of Wisconsin.

That all the elders and priests in this District are requested to travel and labor in the ministry, according to their circumstances.

That all the branches, and scattered members coming under the jurisdiction of this District, report without fail, either personally or by letter, to the next Quarterly Conference.

That this Conference requests the saints throughout this District to organize Sunday Schools, especially in their branches.

Official members present:

1 of the twelve, 2 high priest, 3 of the seventy, 3 elders, 2 priests.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The saints were addressed by Bros. B. Hughes, and Reuben Newkirk.

2 P. M. Bro. Lange pointed out the duty and the great responsibility resting upon those holding the holy priesthood, and the consequences of not magnifying it, in warning sinners; after which it was unanimously:

Resolved, That we sustain all the authorities, both local and travelling, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in their several offices and callings, with Bro. Joseph Smith and Wm. Marks as the First Presidency.

Resolved, That the next Conference be held on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 9, 10, 1869, at 10 A. M., at the Knowles' School House, one mile east of Sandusky, Sauk Co., Wis.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL Conference of the C. of J. C. of L. D. S. was held near Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 6, 7, 8, 1868.

Conference convened at 11½ o'clock, by electing Bro. Joseph Smith, President; D. P. Hartwell and Thos. J. Smith, Clerks.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reports of Districts.—Fremont: represented by Wm. Redfield, President. There was a great feeling of enquiry among the people, and a spirit of love, union and harmony existing amid the saints. The Fremont Branch had 1 high priest, 4 elders, 1 priest, 1 teacher. Nephi: 1 of the seventy, 2 elders, 1 priest. Elm Creek: 2 elders, 1 priest. Farm Creek: 1 elder, 3 priests, 1 teacher, 1 deacon.

Southern Nebraska: J. W. Waldsmith, President. Said the work was advancing and much good being done. The branches stood numerically, Nebraska City: 84

members; Camp Creek, 86; and Weeping Water, 16.

Pottowottamic: reported by J. M. Putney. The saints were strong in the faith and the ministry generally interested in the work. He had endeavored to do his duty to the extent of his ability. There were some 50 elders in the District.

Harrison County: Hugh Lytle, President, was as last reported, except the eastern portion, where the work was prospering.

Central Nebraska: represented by H. J. Hudson, President, as being in good condition and the cause advancing. The District has 5 branches and numbers as follows; 160 members, 2 of the seventy, 31 elders, 4 priests, 8 teachers, 4 deacons; 12 baptized; 16 received by letter; 13 removed; 1 died and 2 cut off.

Galland's Grove: Thos. Dobson, Pres. Was in a better condition than it had been for some time. There was a great desire for the word and many calls for preaching. Galland's Grove Branch numbers 133 members, 1 of the twelve, 3 high priests, 3 of the seventy, 16 elders, 3 priests, 2 teachers, 3 deacons; 23 baptized; 2 received by letter; 17 by vote; 15 cut off; 6 died; 7 removed.

Decatur: A. W. Moffitt, President. Was in a good condition. There was a great feeling of enquiry among the people and many calls for preaching. 2 had been baptized.

North Western Sub-District of Missouri: J. S. Lee, President. Prospects very fair, houses had been opened for preaching. There are three branches in this District, numbering 45 members.

St. Louis: reported by Chas. Derry. Was in good condition. The saints were united and had no difficulty. There had been decided steps taken to improve the minds of the youth, by organizing Sabbath Schools. Several more elders were needed.

The work abroad was reported by the President as being in a prospering state. In California, Oregon, Massachusetts, Tennessee and the Southern States, it was moving gradually onward; and from Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland, came the Macedonian cry "come over and help us."

REPORTS OF ELDERS.

Bro. B. H. Ballowe reported his labors in Tennessee; had baptized 5 and allayed the prejudice of the people. There were many calls for preaching in that State.

Elder Z. S. Martin reported his labors in Ohio and Indiana; had found the peo-

ple willing to hear, and a great enquiry prevailing, even amid infidelity. He baptized 4.

Thos. J. Smith reported his labors in Missouri. Had preached in Atchison, Holt and Nodaway counties, and succeeded in dispelling the prejudice of the people. Although he had baptized none he had evidence that good was done. There were many calls for preachers in that State.

EVENING SESSION.

This evening was occupied by Bros. Joseph and Alexander Smith in preaching. Their sermons replete with wise and important instructions to the saints, and all greatly rejoiced that there is yet a God in Israel who speaks to His children by the power of the Holy Ghost.

MORNING SESSION, OCT. 7.

Resolved, That the money in the Bishop's hands, contributed to the Emigration Fund, be subject to the committee appointed for their disposal.

Reports of Elders continued:

Bro. C. Downs had received a roving commission four years ago, and had filled it to the best of his ability.

Bro. M. Nickerson had labored in Canada and New York, was kindly received, and had done good. Elder Calvin Beebe reported his labors in the South, had done his duty in preaching the word and the prospects were flattering in that section. He baptized four.

Bro. J. W. Lewis reported his labors in England. Said that it was necessary that aid be sent the missionaries that are now there, or they could effect but little. Much good had been done by copies of the *Herald* and tracts sent from this country and desired more to be contributed.

Resolved, That Bro. J. A. McIntosh be ordained to the office of an High Priest.

Resolved, That Bro. M. H. Forscutt be ordained to the office of an High Priest.

Resolved, That this Conference expects all the official members of the church to do their duties to the utmost of their abilities.

Resolved, That an elder's license be granted Bro. J. S. Lee, also that the licenses of all the elders laboring in the field be renewed.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference of the church be held in St. Louis, Mo.

Resolved, That we sustain all the spiritual authorities of the church in righteousness.

MISSIONS APPOINTED.

G. W. Martin, Thos. J. Smith and E. G. Cannon to Ohio and portions of Ind. Stephen Butler to Northern Missouri and Kansas. Mark H. Forscutt to labor and preside in the Southern States, including Missouri and those portions of Illinois and Indiana south of the line parallel with the northern limits of the State of Kentucky.

RELEASED FROM MISSIONS.

R. M. Elvin from Southern Nebraska. M. H. Forscutt from under the immediate direction of Bro. J. Smith. Frederick Hanson from Denmark. Z. S. Martin from Ohio. B. H. Ballowe from Tennessee. C. Downs from his roving mission.

Resolved, That Wm. Kelly be continued in his mission to Minnesota; also that all elders not heretofore released be continued in their missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion Bro. Charles Derry was chosen to address the Conference, which he most effectually did from these words of our Savior, "Verily, verily, I give unto you to be the salt of the earth."

The President spoke respecting the great necessity of the saints lending more aid to the press, after which it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to receive means, and that the presidents of branches take the matter in hand and deliver to said committee all moneys collected for that purpose.

Resolved, That D. M. Gamet, J. Caffall and J. M. Putney compose the Committee.

In the evening, notwithstanding the weather was disagreeably cold, the saints met in a fellowship meeting. The Spirit was present, and the will of God respecting His children was made known through tongues, prophecy, etc. Great promises were given to those elders who had taken missions, if they would but fill them in the love and fear of God.

MORNING SESSION, OCT. 8.

This session was occupied principally in preaching, by Bros. J. W. Lewis and A. H. Smith, to an attentive congregation.

Bros. Chas. Derry and Thos. Dobson were appointed by the President to ordain Bro. John A. McIntosh to the office of an High Priest.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion the President was unanimously called to address the Conference. He instructed the saints in the ways of truth and holiness to some considerable

length, also setting forth the duties of the saints as regards their temporal affairs. He endeavored to impress upon their minds the importance of improving their farms, houses, gardens, fences, etc.; showing them that if they did not reap the fruits themselves, they would be blessed in thus blessing others. All hearts were made glad and kindled anew by the Spirit of God.

Resolved, That we request the next Annual Conference to consider the propriety of enlarging the *Herald*, making it a weekly instead of a semi-monthly.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Messrs. Parks and Schofield for their kindness in furnishing lumber, that the Conference might be seated.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Committee of Arrangements for the effectual manner in which they discharged their duties.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Conference was held at San Bernardino, Sept. 5th and 6th, 1868, E. H. Webb, Pres.

Present: 8 elders, 3 priests, 3 teachers, and 1 deacon.

Saturday morning, Sept. 5th, the President explained the nature of the business that had called the saints together, and showed the difference between the Spirit of Christ and that of anti-Christ. He delivered a pathetic address on the death of sister Ann Elizabeth Nelson, who died September 4th.

The following Elders reported: E. H. Webb, M. MacKenzie, Z. J. Warren, F. M. Vanleuvan, E. Prothero, John Brush, G. W. Sparks, and Alma Whitlock.

Priests: A. E. Jones, J. L. Miller, and R. Varley.

Teachers: Sidney Mee, R. Allen, and A. R. Baldwin.

Deacon: E. Ridley.

Sunday morning, 6th.—*Resolved*, That we, as Latter Day Saints, sustain by our faith, prayers and means the proper authorities of this church.

The appeal for aid to the English mission was then referred to and read, and considerable said in its support. Elder Webb said that he wished all to be done in aid of that mission that could be done, not because he was from that nation, for he had no national feeling in the business, but he regarded it as a stepping stone to all the world. The congregation responded by subscribing over sixty dollars in gold currency to that mission.

The reports of branches was next called for.