

Conference minutes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held at the barn of Israel L. Rogers in Kendall Co. Ill. Oct. 6th to 10th. 1859 Conference met & was organized by appointing Elders A. H. Gurley, Chairman, James Blakeslee & Wm. W. Blair, Clerks, & was opened by singing & prayer, after which Elder James Blakeslee & John Landers addressed the meeting. Conference adjourned to meet at 2.30 P.M.

In the afternoon the elders met in council to prepare business to present to the Conference & Elder Wm. W. Blair being chosen preached to the congregation. During the council the elders laid hands upon two children for their health. The Committee appointed last June Conference to publish a Hymn Book made a report and had further time given them to complete their work.

On motion, Resolved that this church publish a monthly paper, devoted solely to the interests of the church. Conference adjourned till the 7th, 10 A.M. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 P.M. held prayer meeting.

Oct. 7th 1859. Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was opened by singing & prayer. The report of the elders being called for, Elder W. W. Blair gave a brief history of the mission to Council Bluffs & vicinity, given E. C. Briggs & himself at the last June Conference & represented the Franklin Branch of Decatur Co. Iowa which they raised up consisting of 18 members, including 1 elder presiding, David Hall; 1 teacher, Benj.ⁿ Harding; 1 Priest, Van Buren Hale; 1 Deacon, Elijah Hall. Lay members as follows: Elijah E. Hale, & his wife, Mary; Wm. Harris & his wife Amanda, Jacob Koss, Jesse Moss, Jemina McNew, Eliza Ann Harding, Lucinda Hoskins, Lovina Moss, Patterson Moss, Jane Hale, Miles Hall, & Elijah

Halls wife. Also the Little River Branch, Decatur Co., Elder Geo. Morey Pres Elder, Branch numbering 20 as follows: Geo. Morey & wife, A. W. Hoffat & wife, G. M. Hinkle & wife, Jas. Younger, David Morey, Deborah Morey, Hellen Morey, Mary Ann Keown, Harrison Perham, Mary Ann Perham, Harriet Perham, W. H. Barton, Elizabeth Hartman, Joseph Gold & wife, Phillip Maschal's wife, Martha Ann Truman. Eleven of the above 20 were baptized by Elders Briggs & Blair while on their mission. They also represented the Union Grove Branch Pottowatomie Co., Iowa, consisting of 1 Elder, David Jones; 1 Teacher, John Kirkpatrick; 1 Priest, Wilson Sellers; 1 Deacon.

Members names; Hellen Mana, Armstrong Wood, Mrs. Harriet McGahan, Miss Sabrina McGahan, Mrs. Mirilla Peckenpaw, Wallace Wood (Elder) Mrs. Mary Sam l Wood, Mrs. Sarah Gallup, Mrs. Mercy Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, James H. Jones, Aaron M. Jones, Hugh Walker (Seventy) Thos. Sellers, Mary Sellers, Mrs. Sabins McGahan, Eliaabeth Leland ^{= 24¹} Elders Briggs & Blair baptized nine of the above number. Elder Blair stated that their mission was highly successful in calling the attention of the saints to "the law & promises" & that a revival of pure & undefiled religion among the old members was plainly manifest. He further stated / he left Elder E. C. Briggs at ^{that} Manti, Iowa & that he expected soon to be joined by Elder Calvin Beebe in travelling through the west & organizing Branches.

Elder Z. H. Curley reported that he had visited some of the scattered members & had also preached the word some.

Elder Archibald M. Wilcey reported that he done but little since last Conference, had preached a few times, designed to devote more of his time to the ministry.

Elder Edwin Cadwell, Pres. of Amboy Branch reported the Branch in good condition, had cut off one member, Saul

¹ = 24 interpolated in pencil

Leonard, & receive three members, Mrs. Matilda Hood, Mrs Susannah Williams & Mrs. Caroline Barrett. Since June Conference had kept up regular meetings. The Branch numbers 24 members, including 3 elders, 1 teacher, 1 priest, 1 deacon, 1 clerk.

Elder Wm. Marks reported that he had not done much by way of preaching.

Elders Dwight Webster & Wm. D. Morton of Burlington reported having visited some of the scattered saints during the past summer.

Elder James Blakeslee reported that he had been preaching during the past summer, as opportunity occurred.

Elder Z. H. Gurley preached for a short season, giving a succinct account of the rise of this revival, which began as early as the fall of 1851, & its varied progress until now. Conference adjourned till 2 P.M.

At 2 P.M. Conference met & was opened in the usual manner.

1st. On motion by W. W. Blair, Resolved that this church publish a monthly church paper, & continue it for six numbers.

2nd. On motion, Resolved that Elders, Z. H. Gurley, Wm. Marks, Sen. & Wm. W. Blair be a committee to supervise the publishing of said paper.

3d. Motioned & seconded that Jason W. Briggs be sustained as an apostle.
Not carried.

4th. Motioned & seconded that Reuben Newkirk be sustained as an apostle.
Not carried.

David
5th. Motioned & seconded that Reuben Newkirk be sustained as an apostle.
Not carried.

6th. Motioned & seconded that George White be sustained as an apostle.
Not carried.

7th. Motioned & seconded that Daniel Razy be sustained as an apostle.

Not carried.

8th. Motioned & seconded that Z. H. Gurley, Samuel Powers, & Wm. W. Blair be sustained as apostles. Carried.

9th. On motion, George Morey, Dwight Webster & A. Patten were received in full fellowship.

10th. On motion, Wm. Marks sen., John C. Gaylord, Geo. Morey, Archibald Patten, John ^L Sanders & Dwight Webster were sustained as high priests.

11th. On motion, A. M. Wilcey, O. P. Dunham, Wm. D. Morton, John L. Bartholf, Edwin Cadwell, Zenas Whitcomb, Jotham T. Barrett, S. J. Stone, Crowell Lanphier, Elix Emery, Louis C. Delmon, Jas. H. Blakeslee, James Blakeslee, Wm. Aldrich, D. R. Fuller, were sustained as elders.

Saturday, Oct. 8th. Conference met at 9 A.M. was opened by singing & prayer. 3/4 of an hour was occupied in singing & prayer when Conference proceeded to business.

12th. On motion, Resolved that Elder Wm. Marks travel to & through the Western part of Iowa, organizing Branches, & doing such other church business as will best promote the interests of said church.

13th. On motion, resolved that E. C. Briggs be sustained in his mission by the confidence, faith & prayers of the church.

14th. On motion Isaac Sheen was received in full fellowship and sustained as an elder.

adjourned till 2 P.M. At 2 P.M. Conference

15th. On motion Conference met pursuant to adjournment Elders Z. E. Gurley, & Isaac Sheen preached on the lineal priesthood. Adjourned till eve.

In the evening W. W. Blair spoke upon the lineal priesthood, the promises & also the calling & priesthood character of Joseph Smith the Martyr.

16th. On motion, Mrs. Sabrina Smith was received in full fellowship.

17th. On motion, Amasa Harrington was ordained to the office of elder.

On motion Conference adjourned till Oct. 9th 10 A.M.

Sunday, Oct 9th. Conference met & was opened by singing & prayer.

Elder James Blakeslee spoke upon the first principles of the gospel for about 2 hours to a very large and attentive audience.

The afternoon was occupied by W. W. Blair on the resurrection. At the close of the services, baptism was administered by Elder Z. H. Gurley to Geo. Harick, Hellen Blakeslee, Roxana Fuller, & Martha Fuller. The evening was devoted to a sacrament, prayer, & exhortation meeting. It was a memorable occasion. The Spirit of the Lord rested in great power upon the assemblage which was very large. The gifts of tongues, interpretations & prophecy were manifest.

Conference adjourned to meet April 6th 1860 at Amboy, Ill.

Monday, Oct. 11th A Council of Elders was called. Whereupon Elders Geo. Morey, Z. H. Gurley, W. D. Morton, Wm. Marks sen. Edwin Cadwell, Wm. Aldrich, John Landers, Jas. Blakeslee, Isaac Sheen, E. C. Briggs, Israel L. Rogers, Sam^l Powers, Zenos Whitcomb, Louis Delmon, A. C. Baldeman, Wm. Redfield were appointed to solicit, collect & remit to the ch. Treasurer, subscriptions & donations for the Church paper. The committee on publications concluded to have Bro. Isaac Sheen of Cincinnati O., edit said paper, the contents to be sent to the address of W. W. Blair, Amboy, Ill. in order that the committee may examine & approve or disapprove the same.

This morning Elder W. W. Blair, baptized Mrs. Betsey Rogers, she was confirmed at the water's edge under the hands of Elders, Z. H. Gurley & W. W. Blair.

Z. H. Gurley, Pres. Conf.
James Blakeslee
Wm. W. Blair Clerks

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