

EARLY MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION

June 1852 - June 1860

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Church Record

Minutes of A Conference, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held June 12th A D 1852 at the Newark Branch Rock County Ill- Wisconsin.¹

Eld

Conference called to Order by / J W Briggs at 10 Oclock A M, Present High Priests, Elders, & Members, Motioned by Elder Zenas H Gurley & seconded by David Powel(1) that Elder Jason W Briggs be appointed to preside over the Conference carried unanimously Conference opened by Prayer by Eld Jason W Briggs / John Harrington chosen as clerk.² The Conference was then addressed by Elder Zenas H Gurley - from the Book of Doct & Covenants showing that the Successor of Joseph Smith Jun was to be from his (Seed). Conference then adjourned until 3 Oclock in the P M Pursuant to adjournment Conference Opened by Prayer by Elder Albert White. Elder J W Briggs then addressed the Conference from the 1st Chapt of John, remarks by Elder Albert White Sunday Eld J W Briggs & Zenas H Gurley Conference adjourned until ~~Monday~~ the 13th at 10 Clock A M Conference closed by Benediction by Elder Silas Briggs - -

¹Wisconsin interpolated in different handwriting

²John Harrington chosen as clerk interpolated in different handwriting

At half past 9 Ocl the A M Sunday the 13th The Elders met in Council to consider concerning writing a pamphlet to the scattered Saints, motioned and Seconded & addopted (sic) That a Pamphlet be written to the scattered Saints also that a committee of three be appointed to write said Pamphlet - - Council adjourned sine die

Conference met 10 Oclock the A M pursuant to adjournment Op(e)ned by Prayer by Elder J W Briggs, Elder Silas Briggs then addressed the Conference from the 10th Ch of Hebrews, remarks by Eld J W Briggs, Conference adjourned¹ P
/ until 2 Oclock in the A M benediction by Elder Zenas H Gurley During intermission the People were addressed by Elder Silas Briggs concerning the Land of (Zion)

Conference met in the P M pursuant to adjournment Elder J W Briggs opened the conference by Prayer The Conference was then addressed by Elders J W Briggs & Zenas H Gurley. The following resolutions was then brought before the Conference separate and addopted (sic), They were motioned by Elder Z H Gurley & seccoded (sic) by Elder David Powell

first, That this Conference regard the pretentions of Brigham Young, James J Strang, James Colan(sic) Brewster, / Wm McLellin² (via) Joseph & James Woods Joint claim to the Leadership

¹ The word adjourned was inserted

² Wm McLellin was inserted above in different handwriting

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints as an assumption of Power ~~not-warranted-by~~ in violation of the Law of God & consequently we disclaim all connexion (sic) & fellowship with them.

2nd Resolved that the Succession of Joseph Smith Jun as the Presiding High Priest in the Melchisedec Priesthood must of necessity be the Seed of Josep(h) Smith Jun in fulfil(1)ment of the Law and Promises of God.

3d Resolved That as the office of First President of the Church grows out of the authority of the Presiding High Priest, in the High Priesthood no person can legally lay claim to the office of First President of the Church without a previous Ordination to the Presidency of the High Priesthood

4th That we recognize the validity of all legal ordinations in this Church and will Fellowship all such as have been ordained while acting within the purview of such authority

5th Resolved That we believe that the Church of ^{Christ} ~~Jesus~~ organized on the 6th of April A. D. 1830 exists as on that day wherever six or more Saints are Organized according to

the Pattern in the Book of Doct & Covenants - -

6th Resolved That the Whole law of the Church of Jesus Christ is contained in the Bible Book of Mormon & Book / ^{Doctrine 1} of Covenants -

7th Resolved That in the opinion of this Conference there is no Stake to which the Saints on this Continent are commanded to gather at the present time, but that the Saints on all other lands, are commanded to gather to this land preparatory to the reestablishment of the Church in Zion. When the scatter(e)d Saints on this land will also be commanded to gather & return to Zion & to their inheritances, in fulfillment of the promises of God. And it is the duty of the Saints to turn their hearts & their faces towards Zion and sup(p)licate the Lord God for such deliverance

8th That we will to the extent of our ability & means, communicate to all the scattered Saints the sentiments contained in the foregoing resolutions

9th Resolved That this conference believes it the duty of the Elders of this Church who have been leggally(sic) Ordained to cry repentance & remission of sins to this gene-

¹ The word Doctrine was inserted in original handwriting

ration through Obedience to the Gospel as revealed in the record of the Jews, Book of Mormon & Doctrine & Covenants and not to faint in the discharge of duty. After which, in pursuances of the 8th resolution, it was motioned seconded & carried unanimously that a Committee of three be appointed to write a Pamphlet based upon the foregoing resolutions entitled "A Word of Consolation to the Scattered Saints."¹ Whereupon Elders Jason W Briggs Zenas H Gurley & John Harrington were appointed said Committee Motioned by Eld Z H Gurley seconded by Eld Silas Briggs That Elders be instructed to gather means in their respective Branches & forward the same to the Committee also that a Copy of the proce(e)dings of this Conference be forwarded to the adjacent Branches. Eld Z H Gurley then addressed the Conference concerning(sic) Prayer & Trials

It was then motioned by Z H Gurley & seconded by Eld David Powell that the Conference adjourn to the 6th of Oct next to be held at the ^{branch²} Yellow Stone / carried unanimously

Signed J W Briggs Pres
John Harrington Clerk

1 Quotes, capital A, and underlining done in other handwriting

2 The word branch was inserted in different handwriting

Minutes of A Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
held at Yellow Stone Oct the 6th 1852

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & Opened by Singing & Prayer
On Motion Jason W Briggs was unanimously chosen President of the Conference
On Motion Samuel Blair was unanimously chosen clerk of the Conference

Preaching commenced by Eld J W Briggs & followed by Harrington Deam
and Others, Conference adjourned to ten Oclock A M the 7th

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & Op(e)ned by Singin(g) & Prayer
Preaching commenced by Eld J W Briggs & followed by Eld Z H Gurley &
Harrington and Deam¹ ~~The following~~ Conference then adjourned until the
8th 11 Oclock A M

Conference met pursuant to adjournment and was Opened by Singing &
Prayer The following resolution with the anexed(sic) amendment was then
presented to the Conference & unanimously adopted (sic)

Resolved that in the Opinion of this Conference the one holding the
Highest Priesthood in the Church of God is to preside & represent the
rightful Heir to the Presidency of the High Priesthood

¹The words and Deam were inserted in different ~~ways~~ www.LatterDayTruth.org

Ammendment Resolved that the Highest authority among the Priesthood represents the Legitamate (sic) President as a presiding authority
The cobby (sic) of a Pamphlet was then read on Motion the Conference Ordered the same to be printed On motion J W Briggs was appointed to contract for the Printing said Pamphlet, On motion that this Conference appoint a Generaral (sic) Church recorder On Motion Samuel Blair was chosen General Church recorder On Motion this Conference authorizes the renewal of the Licences (sic) of the Elders On Motion this Conference recommend to the world the Elders of this Church On Motion this Conference instruct the Elders of this Church to Preach where ever a doors may open to them - -
On Motion this Conference ~~adjourn~~ order 2000 Coppys (sic) of the Pamphlet to be printed On motion this conference adjourn to the sixth of April
1853

Jason W Briggs Pres

Sam Blair Clerk

Minutes of A General Conference held at Zarahemla Lafayette County
Wis on the 6th 7th 8th days April A D 1853

On Motion Jason W Briggs was called to preside On motion H H Deam
was called to act as clerk of the Conference Conference Opened by Sing-
ing Prayer by Jason W Briggs The Conference was then addressed by J W
Briggs on the subject of chosing (sic) & Calling followed by Br Z H
Gurley On Motion Br Daniel Razy¹ was ordained an Elder On Motion ~~that~~
all the Officers in the Church ^{were} ~~be~~ sustained in their respective Offices.
On Motion the Conference adjourned to meet in Prayer Meeting on Ap(r)il
7th Conference met pursuant to adjournment in which the Spirit of
Prophecy Revelation Vision & the administrations of Angels was manifest.

On Motion Conference adjourned to meet 9 Oclock on the 8th A M April
8th Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was Opened by Singing by
the Choir & Prayer by J W Briggs Br Briggs then addressed the Conference
on the subject of Ordination & Organization followed by Zenas H Gurley
& others

On Motion Br Ethan Griffith Wm Cline & Cyrus Newkirk were app-
ointed a Committee to Select Seven men to be Ordained ~~Apostles~~ in to
the Quorum

¹Razy is spelled Rasey in Church History

of the twelve Apostles - -

On Motion Br Samuel Blair was sustained in the Office of General Church Recorder - -

On Motion Jason W Briggs was chosen Church Historian. On Motion Conference adjourned to meet at 2 Oclock P M Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was Opened by Singing by the Choir Prayer by Z H Gurley

The Committee of three Chosen to select seven men to be Ordained in to the Quorum of Apostles Report having selected the following persons to fill that Station Zenas H. Gurley, Henry H. Deam, Jason W Briggs, Daniel B Razy¹ - John Cunningham George White, Reuben Newkirk On Motion the Above named Persons was Ordained Apostles On Motion A Stake of Zion was established in the Town of Argyle County of ~~Layette~~ Layfayette (sic) & State of Wisconsin Called the Stake of Zarahemla On Motion Br Wm Cline was chosen & ordained President of the Stake On Motion Bro Cyrus Newkirk & Isaac Butterfield were Ordained Councilors (sic) of the President of the Stake

On Motion the following persons was Ordained Elders into the Quorum of Seventys

David Newkirk	Wm Newkirk
Ira Guilford	Wm Cline Jun S ²
George Godfrey	Wm Smith

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Wm Hartshorn

Horace H. Ovitt

Wm White

Edwin Wildermuth

Benjamin R Tatum

John S Newberry

Ethan Griffith

Major Godfrey

Samuel Blair

Wm Griffith

George W Harlow

John Butterfield

Isaiah Harlow

Wm Harlow

On Motioned Conference adjourned to Meet at Zarahemla on the 6th
of Oct A D 1853

Henry H Deam
Clerk of the Conference

Jason W Briggs Pres

Samuel Blair General
Church recorder

Proceedings of a General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Saints held at Zarahemla Lafayette County Wisconsin Oct
6th 7th & 8th A D 1853

The Conference met & was called to order by the President of the
Stake On motion Br Jason W Briggs was called to preside On motion
Br Samuel Blair was called to act as clerk of the Conference After
Singing & Prayer the Conference was addressed Br J W Briggs on the
Subject of false doctrines

On Motion Conference adjourned to meet at half past 2 O'clock PM

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was Op(e)ned by Singing & Prayer The subject of false Doctrines continued by Br Briggs & Zenas H Gurley On motion Conference adjourned to meet at ~~the~~ 10 Oclock on the 7th AM

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was Open(e)d by Singing & Prayer the Conference was then addressed by Br Gurley & Others on the testimony & other things conected (sic) with the Organization On Motion Jason W Briggs Zenas H Gurley Henry H Deam Daniel B Razy, John Cunningham, George White, & Reuben Newkirk was sustained in the Office of Apostles The hand of fellowship having been withdrawn from Brs Major & George Godfrey at some previous Meeting they were restored to Fellowship On motion the following persons were sustained as Mem- bers of the Quorum of Seventys

David Newkirk

Ira Guilford

George Godfrey

Wm Newkirk

Wm S Smith

Wm Hartshorn

Wm White

Benjamin R Tatum

Horace H Ovitt

Edwin Wildermuth

John S Newberry

Ethan Griffith

Major Godfrey

Samuel Blair

Wm Griffith

John A Butterfield

On motion Conference adjourned to meet 10 Oclock AM on the 8th

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was Op(e)ned by Singing & Prayer Addressed by Br Briggs on the subject of Reccord (sic) & Book of Genealoge's (sic) then followed the transaction of the following Business.

On Motion that this Conference uphold & sustain Br Ethan Griffith in the jurisdiction of the State of Pennsylvania On Motion that this Conference uphold & sustain Br Samuel Blair in a Mission to the State of Pennsylvania

On Motion that this Conference uphold & sustain Br Alfred White in the Jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin

On motion that this Conference uphold & sustain Br Henry B. Lowe in a Mission to the northern part of the State of Wisconsin On Motion Br Henry B Lowe was Ordained in to the Quorum of Seventy

On Motion that this Conference uphold & sustain Br George Godfrey in Mission to the Northern Part of Wisconsin On motion that Conference uphold & sustain Br Benjamin R Tatum in a /^{mission¹} to the State of Ohio On Motion that this Conference uphold & sustain Br Demming in the Jurisdiction of that portion of the State of New York where he resides On motion Sister Sarah Grinnel was received in full fellowship On motion Br Thomas Carrico was received as a High Priest

¹The word Mission was interpolated in different handwriting

On motion that this Conference uphold & sustain Br Thomas Carrico in the Jurisdiction of Jo Davis County Ill. On motion that the Apostles as far as their circumstances will permitt(sic) go fourth (sic) to preach the Gospel On motion that Brs. Zenas H Gurley & Daniel B Razy be sustained in the Jurisdiction of Spring Dale & vicinity

On motion that Henry H Deam Geo White & John Cunningham be sustained in the Jurisdiction of Green Prarie(sic) On Motion that Br Briggs be sustained in a mission through the Eastern part of Wisconsin On Motion that this Conference obtain in a record sufficient to contain the Genealogys of the Church

On Motion Br Wm White was Ordained & sustained a Councillor(sic) to the President of the Stake / Occasioned by the removal of Isaac Butterfield¹ On Motion Br J W Briggs was authorized to publish a Pamphlet the title to be "The Voice of the Captives assembled at Zarahemla to their Brethren Scattered Abroad."²

On motion that the Elders receive contributions for publishing the same and forward the same to Br Briggs,

On motion that Br Samuel Blair select & Publish A Hymn Book suited to the doctrines of the Church

On Motion Conference adjourned

¹Occasioned by the removal of Isaac Butterfield interpolated in different handwriting

²Quotes added in different handwriting

to meet at Zarahemla on the 6th day of April A D 1854

Briggs¹
J W / President

Samuel Elair general
Church recorder (sic)

April 6th April 1854

Conference Met / pursuant to adjournment & Open(e)d by Prayer &
J W Briggs presiding, Samuel Elair clerk

Singing / The following resolution was presented to the Conference &
on 8th

adopted / Resolved that this conference authorize The twelve holding
the highest authority in the Priesthood Assembled at Zarahemla as a
Council to try to examine all Revelation & manifestations. That has or
may come through any member of this Church Male or Female & That such
revelation or Manifestations, after having been examined by this Council,
& declared to be the word of God, may be taught as such untill (sic) the
next General Conference shall reject or receive it as the Law & if any
Member of the Church assumes to teach as law or doctrine any Revelation
or Manifestation before being presented to this Council Shall be considered
a transgressor of the Law & proceeded against as such - -

was authorized to

On motion that this Council / send copys of all Revelations &
Manifestations to the several Branches On motion J W Briggs was
sustained in the Office of President of the twelve & Legal representative
On motion the twelve

¹Name Briggs was inserted above in different handwriting

²April 6th inserted in pencil

³J W Briggs presiding, Samuel Blair close in different handwriting

⁴Was authorized to interpolated in same handwriting as 1,2,3

were separately sustained On motion The President of the Stake and Council were sustained On motion the Seventys were sustained as a Quorum On motion Conference adjourned to meet at Zarahemla on the 6th of Oct 1854

J W Briggs Pres

S Blair Clerk

Oct 1854¹

Conference met / pursuant to adjournment & called to order by Br Cline Br J W Briggs was chosen by the voice of the Conf to preside Over said Conference -

On motion Zenas H Gurley was appointed Clerk of said Conference Choir then sung an approp(ri)ate Hymn The Conference ~~then~~ was then opened by Prayer by Br J W Briggs - The Choir then sung We know that we know he

The President then read the 15th Chapter 1st Corinthians & in a clear & lucid man(n)er showed that the principles there in inculcated were peculiarly applicable to us and to those to whom it was Originally addressed by the Apostle On Motion Ers. J W Briggs, & R Newkirk were appointed to visit Br George White & ascertain his views, faith & purpose in relation to the Latter Day work In which he as an Apostle is engaged

On Motion of Zenas H Gurley & second by Wm Cline that Henry H
be cut
Dean & John Cunningham / off from the Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for Apostasy & an assumption of authority testimony proving said charges, according to the Law was then produced Whereupon the action of the Church was then taken on said motion & the before named H H Deam & John Cunningham was cut off from the Church On motion the Conference adjourned until early Candle Light for Prayer Meeting

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & spent the evening in Prayer On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 10 O'clock on the 7th AM

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & Opened by Prayer & Singing President then read a part of two Chapters in the New Testament & proceeded to instruct the Church in the Order of the Priesthood showing clearly that the same was the Order of God & in a very impressive manner urged the necessity of its being understood & observed by us as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints - -

On motion Conference adjourned until half past 2 O'clock P M

Conference / ^{met} according to appointment & open(e)d by Prayer & Singing. President then read Revalation (sic) given 1841. On motion Jason W Briggs was sustained as President of the Twelve

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Quorum of the Twelve & the Represen(t)ative of the Legal Heir to the Presidency of the Priesthood

On motion George White, Reuben Newkirk, Daniel B Razy, Zenas H Gurley be sustained as Apostles

On Motion Wm Cline was sustained as President of the Stake of Zarahemla On motion Cyrus Newkirk was sustained in his Office of Councilor(sic) to the President of the Stake On Motion Br Wm Cline was White be sustained as second Councilor (sic) to Br Cline On Motion this Conference suspend from the exercise of their Priesthood all holding the same & also disfellowship all such as have departed from the Faith & from the Jurisdiction of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Zarahemla untill they return and make satisfaction On motion Br David Houry was sustained as one of the Seventy On Motion Brs Wm Day & Wm White were Ordained Elders in Quorum of Seventys On Motion all holding Priesthood are sent by the Church to preach the Gospel as the Doors may Open

On motion all belonging to the Church holding Priesthood that have not received their Licenses shall receive them from this Conference

On motion this Conference adjourn untill the 6th of April 1855

Jason W Briggs Pres

Zenas H Gurley Clerk

April 6, 1855¹

Conference met / pursuant to adjournment On motion Br J W Briggs was chosen President of the Conference

On Motion Br Zenas H Gurley was chosen Clerk of the Conference several hours was spent in Praying Singing & Exortation Conference adjourned until 10 Oclock AM the 7

Conference met pursuant to adjournment Opened by Singing & Prayer by Br Briggs

The President then read 2 Section from the Book Covenants and made suitable comments on the same The following business was then transacted On Motion Br Jason W Briggs / as President of the twelve & Representative of the Legal Heir

On Motion Br Daniel B Razy² was sustained as an Apostle remarks * by Er Razy Briggs & Gurley On motion Br Reuben Newkirk was sustained an Apostle Br Razy

1 Interpolated in different handwriting

²Razy spelled Rasey in Church History

made some suitable remarks concerning Br Newkirk On motion Zenas H Gurley was sustained an Apostle Br Razy thought best to try him an other year

On motion Br George White was sustained in the office of an Apostle On motion Br Wm Cline was sustained in his Office On motion Br Cyrus Newkirk was sustained in his Office On motion Brs David Newkirk Samuel Powers David Houry were sustained as Seventys On motion all High Priests, Seventys, Elders, Priests, Teachers, Deacons whose faith is with us who are not present / ^{were} ~~are~~ sustained in their Offices

On motion The following proclamation was to be sent to the world viz, That all Apostles, High Priests, Seventys, Elders, Priests, Deacons, & Teachers whose hearts the Lord has touched for the work of the preparation for the restoration of the Captives of Zion will be requested to report themselves in Person or Otherwise at the next Conference On Motion Zenas H Gurley was appointed Church recorder On motion two dollars was raised to purchase a Church Record On motion Bro. Samuel Powers was appointed to get said record

On motion that this conference fill up the Quorum of the Twelve as far as at the Organization

On motion Ers Wm Cline Cyrus Newkirk, Daniel B Razy, ~~are~~ were appointed to select these men. After their report to the Conference

On motion Samuel Powers David Newkirk were Ordained Apostles

On motion That the reccord(sic.) of each Conference be read at the close of the Conference that it may be approved or disapproved

On motion The minutes of said Conference were recorded

On motion this conference adjourned untill (sic.) the 6th of
Oct 1855

Jason W Briggs Pres

Zenas H Gurley Clerk

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Minutes of A Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
day Saints held at Zarahemla Oct 6th 1855

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & on Motion Br Jason W Briggs
was chosen to preside

On motion Br H B Lowe was chosen clerk of said Conference after
which there was singing by the Choir & Prayer by Br Briggs, Br Briggs
then made some remark(sic) followed by Br Zenas H Gurley

On motion Conference adjourned until 9 O'clock the A M the 7th

Oct 7th Conference met pursuant to adjournment, op(e)ned by sing-
ing & Prayer Br Briggs then read a part of the 54 & a part of the 15
Chapters of Isaiah after which the Choir sung

On motion Br J W Briggs was sustained as President of the twelve
& as the Legal representative of the rightful Heir.

On motion Br Reuben Newkirk was sustained as an Apostle On
motion Br Daniel Razy was sustained as an Apostle

On motion Br George White was sustained an Apostle

On motion Br Samuel Powers was sustained an Apostle

On Motion Br David Newkirk was sustained an Apostle

On motion Br Zenas H Gurley was sustained an Apostle

On motion Br Wm Cline was sustained as President of the Stake of Zarahemla

On motion Br Cyrus Newkirk was sustained as first Counsellor to Bro Cline

On motion all who are ordained to the Office of Seventy, who are fellowshipped by the Church are sustained in their Office

On motion the Elders who are in fellowship with the Church were sustained in their Office

remarks by Br Briggs

Motioned that Samuel H Gurley be ordained in to the Quorum of Seventy

Motioned that Ely Wildermuth be ordained in to the Quorum of Seventy Motioned that Br Isaac Newkirk be ordained in to the Quorum of Seventy Motioned that Br David Cline be ordained one of the Seventy

Choir then sung Prayer by Jason W Briggs Bro Briggs then read the 4th verse of the 5th Chapt of Isaiah then proceeded to show What God had done for his vineyard or his Children here on Earth he then showed how God became the Father of all Spirits

On motion Conference adjourned untill (sic.) 2 Oclock PM

On Motion Conference adjourned until 2 oclock PM

Conference met pursuant to adjournment Open(e)d by Prayer by Br Zenas H Gurley remarks by Br J W Briggs concerning the duty of Elders, also concerning the blessing of Children - Bro Samuel H Gurley, Ely Wildermuth, David Cline, Isaac Newkirk Wm Day Wm White^a were Ordained Elders in the Quorum of Seventys under the hands of Bro J W Briggs, Zenas H Gurley, Reuben Newkirk, & David Newkirk - The following named Children were then presented by their Parents to be blest according to the Commandments of the Lord viz: Ellen Mili(sic) & George White Son & Daughter of Br Wm White Hortense & Elanor Briggs Daughters of Br Jason W Briggs, - Daniel Wildermuth Son of David Wildermuth Some remarks were then made by Sister Polly Briggs, desiring to unite with the Church Br Zenas H Gurley spoke in favor of receiving Br John Cunningham in to the Church (Mistake) Br J Cunningham requested to come back in to the Church before Br Gurley spoke Br Cyrus Newkirk spoke in favor of receiving Br J Cunningham

Br Samuel Gurley spoke in favor of receiving Br Cunningham. Br Jason W Briggs then spoke some time showing the standing of John Cunningham Br Jason W Briggs & Br Z H Gurley then made some remarks in reply to Br Cunningham & on motion Br John Cunningham might be return to the Church by being Baptized

a Wm White, an American

typist error - the name is Wm White (the name didn't cross in the original): MLC (sic)

Remarks were then made concerning Br Cunninghams case by Br Samuel Gurley, Wm Day J W Briggs, & others

On motion sister Polly Briggs was received in to the Church as a member of the Church at Zarahemla-

Resolved that those ~~holding~~ who were ordained should receive their Licences (sic) Remarks were then made concerning disorderly members Resolved that Br Wm White Br Wm Day labor with those members & report to the Church On motion the minutes of the Conference were received by the Conference On Motion it was resolved that that we record the act of a previous Conference concerning the suspending of Isaac Butterfield omitted at the time

On motion A Resolution adopted at a Conference held at Beloit June 12 & 13th 1852 affirming that the Succession of Joseph Smith must come from his seed he reaffirmed Motion carried. On Motion Conference adjourned untill the 6th of April 1856 at Zarahemla

Jason W Briggs, Pres

Henry B Lowe Clerk

Minutes of A Confer of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints held at Zarahemla April 6th 1856

Conference met pursuant to adjournment on Motion by the President of the Stake Eld Jason W Briggs was chosen President of the Conference

On Motion Eld Samuel H Gurley was chosen clerk of the Conference The Choir then sung after which Prs Briggs then Prayed after which he proceeded to address the Conference on the welfare of Zion & reason Why we meet in Conference & the privilege (sic) each has so assembled - The President then requested Eld Z H Gurley to Preach - who complied & spoke from Malickia(sic) 3 - Chapt 2 & 3 vers Elder Briggs compared the Latter Day Work to the Journeying of the Children of Israel out of Egypt

Conference then adjourned untill 6 Oclock

Conference met pursuant to appointment for Prayer Meeting The Spirit of God was manifest & the best of Brotherly feeling prevailed Conference adjourned untill 1 oclock the 7th inst

Conference met pursuant to adjournment called to Order by Eld J W Briggs Prayer by Daniel Razy remarks were then made by the President on the business necessary there to be attended to by the Conference

On Motion Eld Jason W Briggs was present to the Church to be sustained in his Office as President of the Church & representative of the Legitimate Heir - Motion carried

On motion Eld Daniel Razy was presented to the Church to be sustained as an Apostle Motion carried

On motion Elder Samuel Powers was presented to the Church to be sustained as an Apostle Motion carried

On motion Eld Reuben Newkirk was presented to the Church to be sustained as an Apostle Motion carried

On motion Eld Zenas H Gurley was sustained as an Apostle -

On motion Eld David Newkirk was sustained an Apostle

On Motion Eld George White was presented to the Church to be sustained as an Apostle. It was further added as a clause to that Motion that he be sustained if he receive the admonition that his brethren had previously sent. Motion carried

On Motion Wm Cline was presented to the Church to be sustained as President of the Stake of Zarahemla Motion Carried -

On Motion Cyrus Newkirk was presented to be sustained as Assistant Pres of the Stake at Zarahemla Motion carried

On Motion the Seventy were sustained as a body except Wm Day

Moved and seconded That Br Wm Day be suspended - this amendment was then annexed that he also be Disfellowshipped as a Member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints untill he returns & makes satisfaction

Motion Carried Conference adjourned untill the 6th of Oct 1856

Jason W Briggs Pres

Samuel N Gurley
Clerk of Conference

Zenas H Gurley
Church recorder

Notice of Br Wm Days trial & expulsion which took place near the middle of May following - Br Day demanded a trial where upon an Elders court was called the the President of the Stake & he was tried on the following charges, viz. - Apostasy & unchristian like conduct - After a candid & due examination of several witnesses the court unanimously pronounced him guilty & on the following Day his case was presented to the Church & he was expelled therefrom

Zenas H Gurley

Church recorder

Minutes of a Conference held at Zarahemla Oct 6th 1856

Conference met in pursuance of adjournment & was called to Order by ~~Cyrus-Newkirk~~ the President of the Stake & on motion of Er Cyrus Newkirk Eld Jason W Briggs was chosen to preside over the Conference

Singing & Prayer by J W Briggs after which J W Briggs addressed the Conference on the nature of the work of the Lord in raising the Ensign in Zarahemla

On motion Conference adjourned until 3 0 clock

Conference met pursuant to appointment Prayer by Er Powers, Er Powers made some remarks upon (sic) the necessity of promulgating the gospel

Remarks by J. W. Briggs it was then moved & seconded & adopted that J W Briggs be sustained the President of the Quorum of the twelve & representative of the Legal Heir

Motioned & Secconed (sic) that Z H Garley be sustained as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve On motion Samuel Powers was sustained an Apostle

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On motion Reuben Newkirk was sustained as an Apostle

On motion Daniel Razy was sustained as an Apostle

On motion George White was sustained as an Apostle

On motion David Newkirk was sustained as an Apostle

On motion Wm Cline was sustained as President of the Stake

On motion Cyrus Newkirk was sustained as Councillor (sic) to Br Cline

On Motion Edwin Wildermuth was sustained as one of the Seventy

On motion Samuel H Gurley was sustained as one of the Seventy

On Motion David Clyne was sustained as one of Seventy's

On motion Wm Newkirk was sustained as one of the Seventy

On motion Isaac Newkirk was sustained as one of the Seventy

On motion Ely Wildermuth was sustained as one of the Seventy

On motion all holding the Priesthood were to labor for the cause of God

On motion Henry Low(e) was sustained as one of the Seventy

On Motion all Seventy & Elders & other officers be sustained

Remarks by J W Briggs

On motion Conference adjourned untill early Candle Light

On Motion Edmund Briggs was sustained as an Elder

On motion Samuel Powers was to take a Mission

Resolved that this Conference appoint the Quorum of the Twelve to hold meetings or to Preach in Zarahemla by turns regular when not other where engaged this resolution was Adopted

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On Motion Conference adjourned untill the 6th of April 1857

Jason W Briggs Pres

Z H Gurley clerk

Minutes of a Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ held at
Zarahemla April 6th 1857

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was called to Order by the
President of the Stake

On Motion Elder Jason W Briggs was unanimously chosen president of
the Conference

On Motion Elder Wm Blair was chosen clerk of the Conference

Elder Briggs addressed the throne of Grace & after singing he
proceeded to address the Conference showing the necessity of the Church
Meeting in a Conference capacity

Elder Z H Gurley being called to the Stand by the President proceeded
to address the Conference on the subject of our duty to God - to ourselves
& to all men

Elder J. W. Briggs then spoke at length on the present condition
of the Church showing that wherever there are six members associated
in righteousness, Their(sic) is the Church of the living God Who
may be know(n) by their fruits & the manifold manifestations of the
Spirit

for their comfort & edification

On motion the first 5 resolutions adopted at a conference held at Beloit June 1852 be reaffirmed & readotped (sic)

On Motion Br Edwin Caldwell be received in full Fellowship of the Church & sustained as an Elder

On Motion Jason W Briggs was sustained as President of the Quorum of the twelve & representative of the Legal Heir

On Motion Er Reuben Newkirk was sustained as an Apostle

On Motion Br David Newkirk was sustained as an Apostle

On Motion Z H Gurley was sustained as an Apostle

Motioned that Daniel Razy be sustained as an Apostle Motion lost

On Motion George White was sustained on condition of his accepting of the admonition that had been sent by letter to him & be more punctual

On Motion The Conference resolved that it shall be the duty of all who are connected with us holding Priesthood to report themselves personally or by Letter once in six months showing their Faith & Labor in this work

On Motion Br Cline & Newkirk were sustained in their offices

On Motion the Seventys were sustained

On Motion the Elders were sustained in their office

On Motion Br E. C. Briggs was sustained in his mission

On motion John Cunningham was disfellowshipped as a Br.-----

On Motion Br Wm W Blair was ordained a High Priest

On Motion this conference adjourned untill the 6th of Oct 1857

Jason W Briggs Pres

W W Blair
Secretary of the Conference¹

Zenas H Gurley Clerk

David²
After Conference Br / Fuller was Baptized & Ordained an Elder

¹ Interpolated in different handwriting

²The name David was inserted above in different writing
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Minutes of The Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held Oct 6th 1857 - at Zarahemla (Wis)

Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was Opened by Singing & Prayer Oweing(sic) to the ill health of Br Briggs Er Z H Gurley was chosen President of the Conference

On Motion Br Wm W Elair was chosen Clerk of the Conference

On Motion Brs Owens & Hedrick were received as the representatives of the Saints in Woodford County, Ill. & vicinity & the right hand of Fellowship was given them

Resolved that this Conference raise funds for Printing purposes & the work of the ministry said fund to be at the disposal of the Church & under its controll (sic)

On Motion J. W. Briggs was appointed to cooperate with Br Hedrick in writing out a Pamphlet setting fourth (sic) the true position of our doctrine

= On Motion resolved that in case either of the Persons named in the second resolution shall find it necessary they may chose one to act in their pae

place & assist in carrying out the resolution according to the intent thereof

On motion resolved that the President of this conference appoint persons to circulate a subscription & solicit aid to carry out the designs of these resolutions - accordingly the following persons were appointed viz, J. W. Briggs, Samuel Powers, Edwin Caldwell & Wm W Blair

On motion resolved all the Officers of this Church who are living in the faithful discharge of their duty be sustained in their office & upheld by the Prayer of the Church

On motion resolved that the Church meetin Conference at Crow Creek in Woodford Co (Ill) on Christmas next

On Motion Conference adjourned untill the sixth of April 1858 to meet at Zarahemla

J. W. Briggs Pres

Zenas H Gurley Clerk

W W Blair
Secretary

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Minutes of Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held at Zarahemla Towa(sic) Co (Wis) on the 6 day of April 1858

Conference met at 10, 6th, AM & was opened by Singing & Prayer, after which upon motion Elder J. W. Briggs was chosen President of the Conference & W. W. Blair Secretary The day was occupied by Elders Samuel Powers, James Blakesley, Zenas H Gurley, & J. W. Briggs as speakers. Prayer meeting being appointed for the evening Conference adjourned to meet on Wednesday at 10: ^{6th A.M.} ~~Oct 1858~~

Wednesday April 7th 1858 Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was opened by Singing & Prayer The subject of sending out Elders to hunt up the Saints was freely discussed.

Elder Z H Gurley spoke at length & in a clear manner upon the subject of Gods establishing the Covenant with his People

3d On motion It was resolved that Jason W Briggs be & is truly exonerated from acting in connexion(sic.) with Granville Hedricks of Bloomington, (Ill) in writing out matter for publications

as directed by the Fall Conference previous.

On Motion Resolved that Elder Heuben Newkirk be appointed to travel with Elder Edmund C Briggs in visiting & Preaching to the Scattered Saints & that during his absense(sic.) on said mission we will properly provide for his Famaly(sic.)

On Motion resolved that this Conference do hereby approve of the manner in which Elder Edmund C. Briggs is performing a Mission appointed him at a meeting of the Church on the 20th of November 1856 & we solemnly promise that we will uphold him by our Prayers & Faith untill the final fulfillment of his mission

4th On Motion Walter Kinney was Ordained to the Office of an Elder (See page 44) by request of the Parents. The following Children were blessed by the Elders viz: Linsley(?) Jane Newkirk, Elly Delphine Ervine & Wm Edmund Newkirk

On Motion resolved that this Conference adjourn to meet on the 6th of Oct 1858

W W Blair
Secretary of the
Conference

Jason W Briggs Pres
Z. A. Gurley - Clerk

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints held at Zarahemla Wisconsin Oct 6th, 1858

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock A.M. On motion Jason Briggs was chosen President of the Conference and Walter Kinney Secretary. Conference opened by prayer by Elder Powers after which Elder Blair addressed the Conference on the resurrection.

Oct. 7th Conference met pursuant to adjournment and was opened by prayer by Elder J. Briggs, after which Elder Powers addressed the Conference on the subject of the dispensation of the fulness of times after which Elder J.W. Briggs followed in a very forcible manner. Bro. Cairnes then spoke in connection with what had been said.

Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock remarks by Z.H. Gurley. Motioned by Zenas H. Gurley and seconded by Samuel Powers that Wm. W. Blair be ordained an apostle. On a vote of the church he was ordained an apostle.

On motion of Z. H. Gurley, Bro. Cairnes be received to fellowship as an elder. On motion Z. H. Gurley Bro Cairnes was appointed to go on a mission with James Blakeslee.

On motion a two day's meeting was appointed in Lee County - Illinois, Dec. 26th.

On motion Samuel Powers was appointed to travel with Edmund Briggs. Z. H. Gurley says the Spirit has testified that darkness has come upon the church because the elders have not gone out & cried repentance.

On motion, Jason Briggs was appointed to go on a mission to the north, 50 or 100 miles & around east & south preaching to the saints and Gentiles as he shall deem expedient.

Motioned & carried that Bro. Z. H. Gurley, Wm. Blair & Bro Cadwell be sustained in their mission by the faith and prayers of the church.

Motioned & carried that Reuben Newkirk labor in this vicinity as he may have opportunity.

Motioned & carried that the members of the other Quorums who are living in righteousness be sustained by the faith & prayers of the saints.

Charles Alderman, Mary Alderman, John Cairns & M White having been baptized by Samuel Powers were confirmed members of the church.

On motion Resolved that the Conference adjourn to meet at Beaverton, Boone Co., Ill, April 6th, 1859.

Jason W. Briggs Pres

Note to page 42 .- Walter Kinney, born August 25, 1831 at Mechias, Cataraugus Co. N. York, baptized Oct 7, 1857 by Zenas H. Gurley at Zarahemla, Iowa Co. Wis., confirmed by Z. H. Gurley, ordained an elder April 7, 1858 at Zarahemla by Z. H. Gurley, Wm. W. Blair & James Blakeslee.

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The Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints convened at Beaverton, Boone Co. Ill. April 6th 1859, and organized by choosing Elder Samuel Powers as President & Wm. W. Blair, Clerk, & was opened by singing & prayer.

Elder Wm. W. Blair having been called upon, addressed the Conference from Matt. 13:45, 46, & was followed by Elders John C. Gaylord, Edwin Cadwell, James Blakeslee, Wm. Aldrich, Samuel Powers and others.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A.M. April 7th. Prayer meeting was appointed for the evening at Bro John Randall's.

Thursday April 7th. Conference met pursuant to adjournment and was opened in the usual manner. Elder James Blakeslee then proceeded to address the saints upon "the dispensation of the fulness of times." Conference adjourned till the 8th at 10 o'clock A.M.

At the close of the meeting Perry Cole, Jeremiah Taylor, Lydia Blakeslee & James Blakeslee offered themselves as candidates for baptism, which was accordingly administered by Elder W. W. Blair. Prayer meeting was held in the evening at Bro. Zenas Whitcomb's where they were confirmed under the hands of Elders Samuel Powers, E. C. Briggs, & Wm. W. Blair.

Friday, April 8th Conference met pursuant to adjournment. was opened by singing & prayer. Elder Samuel Powers spoke during the forenoon upon the first principles of the gospel. Elder Wm. W. Blair occupied the afternoon in preaching upon the subject of the Book of Mormon. Conference adjourned until the 9th at 10 o'clock A.M. At the close of the meeting baptism was administered by Elder Samuel Powers to Royal Stone, Harmon Van Dusen,

Catherine Cole, Harriet Cadwell and Elizabeth Blair. Prayer meeting was held in the evening at Bro. John Randall's where they who were baptized were confirmed, under the hands of Elder E. C. Briggs, James Blakeslee, John Gaylord and Wm. W. Blair.

Saturday, April 9th. In accordance with previous notice, Conference met together and was opened in the usual manner, and then proceeded to organize a Branch in answer to the instruction of the Spirit as given the night before at Bro. Randall's consisting of the following members: Zenas Whitcomb, Sarah Whitcomb, H. W. Pomeroy, Helen Pomeroy, Charles Alderman, Mary Alderman, Sarah C. Randall, Lucina Randall, John Randall, Clarissa Randall, Jeremiah Taylor, Perry Cole, Catherine Cole, Alexander Emery, Geo. Irwin, Elinora Irwin.

Bro. Zenos Whitcomb was chosen by the church and ordained into the Quorum of elders, & to preside over this branch. Bro. Charles Alderman was chosen by the church & ordained a teacher, & to act in that capacity in this Branch. Brother Jeremiah Taylor was chosen by the church, & ordained a deacon & to act in that capacity in this Branch. Bro. Alexander Emery was chosen by the church, & set apart by blessing to act in the capacity of Clerk, in & for this Branch. The above mentioned brethren were ordained & set apart under the hands of Elders James Blakeslee, Edwin Cadwell & Wm. W. Blair.

Brothers, Alexander Emery, Lewis C. Delmon, Perry Cole, James Harvey Blakeslee, & Crowell G. Lanphier were chosen by the Conference, & ordained into the Quorum of Elders.

On motion, Resolved that this Conference sustain & uphold in well doing, by their faith & prayers, all the author

ities of this church who are not present at this Conference.

On motion, Resolved that this Conference receive Bro. John ^G/Gaylord & Wm. Aldrich in full fellowship, & will sustain them in their respective places in the priesthood - Bro. John ^G/Gaylord as a Seventy & Wm. Aldrich as an elder.

On motion, Resolved that this Conference appoint Elder Samuel Powers & Priest, H. W. Pomeroy to visit the scattered saints in Zarahemla & vicinity & get the names of all who desire to continue in membership that their names may be enrolled in the General Church Record.

On motion, Resolved that Elder Samuel Powers and Wm. W. Blair be sustained as apostles, James Blakeslee as a Seventy, Walter Kinney, E. C. Briggs, Edwin Cadwell, James Harvey Blakeslee, Perry Cole, Lewis C. Delmon, Zenos Whitcomb, Alexander Emery & Crowell G. Lamphier as Elders, H. W. Pomeroy as Priest, Charles Alderman as Teacher, Jeremiah Taylor as Deacon & Alexander Emery, Clerk (in this Branch)
Prayer meeting was appointed for the evening at Bro. John Randall's.
Conference adjourned till Sunday, April 10th.

Sunday, April 10th. Conference met pursuant to adjournment & was opened in the usual manner. Elder Wm. W. Blair preached on the subject of the resurrection of the Dead, & was followed by Elder James Blakeslee & Samuel Powers. The afternoon was devoted to administering the Lord's Supper, exhorting & speaking as led by the Spirit. Prayer meeting was appointed at Bro. J. Randall's. On motion, Resolved that this Conference adjourn until June 10th 1859, to meet at that time at Amboy Lee Co. Ill.

Samuel Powers, Pres of Conf.

W. M. Blair, Clerk
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Dated at Beaverton, Boone Co., Ill., April 10th, 1859

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Amboy Ill. June 10th 1859

Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met this day at 10 o'clock A.M. was opened by singing & prayer. After remarks & fellowship by Elder Z. H. Gurley, it was resolved into a prayer / meeting.

The Spirit & power of God was truly with his people promising them if they were faithful in purifying themselves, they would be guided & directed aright. A council was appointed to meet at 9 o'clock A.M. on Saturday the 11th.

Conference adjourned to meet at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 next day.

Saturday - June 11th 1859. Council met agreeable to appointment. Opened by singing & prayer, after which Elder Z. H. Gurley addressed the council on the rise of the present work. The following resolutions were then adopted to be presented before the Conference.

1. Resolved that a Treasurer of this Church be appointed to receive monies & properties for the church, & that said Treasurer give security for the faithful performance of his duty.

2. Resolved that Elder Edwin Cadwell be appointed Church Treasurer.

3. Resolved that Wm. W. Blair be appointed Church Recorder

4. Resolved that this Church pay the balance of E. C. Briggs' board bill at L. C. Bidaman's Nauvoo. (This bill debt was contracted whilst E. C. Briggs was on a mission to Nauvoo)

5. Resolved that the appointment of the Conference to be held at Zarahemla Wis. be withdrawn.

6. Resolved that the Church Treasurer shall give such securities for monies & properties put into his hands as the Church Recorder may require.

7. Resolved that Elders Wm. Marks, Z. H. Gurley & James Blakeslee be appointed a Committee to publish a Hymn Book www.LatterDayTruth.org

8. Resolved that Wm. Marks be received as a high priest, John L. Barthoff & Wm D Morton as elders, O. P. Dunham as a Deacon, & Sister Hannah Aldrich & Sister Lotty Pease be received in fellowship. Adjourned to meet $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 P.M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, was opened by singing & prayer. The business of the Conference was presented, one item at a time, & was unanimously received & adopted, after which the afternoon was occupied in preaching. At the close of meeting, Conference adjourned to meet at the Grove of Mr. E. M. Blair at 10 o'clock A.M. Sunday June 12th.

Sunday June 12th. 1859 Meeting assembled at E. M. Blair's. Preaching commenced at 11 o'clock A.M. & continued with one hour's intermission till 4 o'clock P.M. Elders Z. H. Gurley & Jason Briggs spoke in the forenoon & ^{A.} ~~to~~ Wilsey & A. Cairns in the afternoon. At the close of services, baptism ~~was~~ by Wm. W. Blair was administered to Mary Jane Carey, Sarah Hook, Charlotte Barrett, Mahala Rogers, Jacob Doan, Mrs. Betsey Doan. Adjournment to meet at Schoolhouse at 7 o'clock, where the aforementioned persons were confirmed by Elders, Sam^l. Powers, James Blakeslee, E. C. Briggs, & Wm W. Blair, after which the meeting resolved itself into a prayer & fellowship meeting. Adjourned to meet at Bro. E. Cadwell's Monday the 13th.

Monday June 13th. Conference met pursuant to adjournment, was opened by singing & prayer.

9. On motion Jacob Brown was received as an elder.
10. On motion, Mrs. Sarah Brown & Sylvanus Pease were received as members.
11. On motion, Jotham T. Barrett was received as an elder.
12. On motion, a letter from Isaac Sheen of Cincinnati O. dated May 29th 1859 was read.
13. On motion Wm W. Blair, Church Recorder was appointed

to correspond with Bro. Isaac Sheen, giving him a history thus-far of the reorganization / of the church.

14. On motion Bro. Alvah Smith was received in fellowship.

15. On motion, Wm. W. Blair was appointed to travel with E. C. Briggs till Oct. Conference on a mission to Nauvoo, Far West, Council Bluffs & vicinity.

16. On motion, Elders Wm. Aldrich, John C. Gaylord & John L. Bartholf were appointed to organize a Branch in their neighborhood, to preach the word & build up the kingdom of God.

17. On motion the labors of Elders, James Blakeslee, Andrew Cairns, Sam L. Powers, Z. H. Gurley, J. W. Briggs, E. C. Briggs & Wm. W. Blair since the last Conference was received.

18. On motion, the report of Sam.¹ Powers & W. H. Pomeroy with regard to their mission to Zarahemla & vicinity was accepted. It was herein stated that all, or nearly all they saw, still desired to retain their membership in the church.

19. On motion, Bro. Amasa & Sister Anne Harrington were received in fellowship.

20. On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay to E. C. Briggs & Wm. W. Blair the monies now in his hands, raised by subscription to defray their expenses to Far West, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs, & also to pay L. C. Biderman. The monies above alluded to were raised as follows: \$37.75 was paid in on subscription & \$25 remains unpaid on subscription to be paid at the Oct. Conference. Bro. Wm. Aldrich advanced 20 dollars to the Church, for which the Recorder gave a receipt, the same to be refunded to him at the Oct. Conference. The following is the subscription list:

Wm. D. Morton, pd. \$6.00	Jacob Brown, pd. \$3.00
John C. Gaylord, pd. 4.00	Wm. Mark Sen. \$2. pd. - 4.00
James Blakeslee, pd. 4.00	S. Pease, pd. 2.00
O. P. Dunham, pd. 6.00	C. G. Lanphier, pd. 1.00
J. L. Bartholf, pd. 3.00	Jer. Taylor 1.00
	" 1.00

R. Stone, pd	\$1.00	Louis Delmon	\$1.00
E. Cadwell	1.00	John Leonard	2.00
S. Powers	3.00	Perry Cole	2.00
Z. Whitcomb	2.00	James Horton	1.00
Jacob Doan	.50	Saul Leonard	1.00
Alvah Smith	.50		
Wm. Aldrich, pd	5.00	\$37.75 pd. in	
A. Cairnes	4.00	25.00 unpaid	
H. W. Pomeroy	2.00	\$62.75 Total	

Elder Wm. Marks gave the Conference some excellent advice with regard to preaching. Remarks upon the same subject were made by Z. H. Gurley. Adjournment till 6 P.M.

Conference met at 7 o'clock P.M. Baptism having been administered by Elder W. Powers to Addison Mead, Annette Lanpheir(sic) & Wm Leonard, & to Winthrop H. Blair by Elder James Blakeslee, they were confirmed by Elders Wm. Marks & Z. H. Gurley. Prayer meeting continued till 11 o'clock when the Conference adjourned to meet at, or near Israel Rogers, 4 miles South East of Sandwich, Illinois. During the entire Conference the Spirit of the Lord seemed present, the gifts of healings, visions, tongues, interpretations, prophecyings etc. The old members present said they never witnessed such powerful manifestations.

June 14th 1859 - This day rec.^d of Edwin Cadwell ch Treasurer \$37.75 the same to be applied in paying a debt to L. C. Bidaman, agreeable to the 4th Resolution & also to defray the expense of sending E. C. Briggs & Wm. W. Blair to Council Bluffs & to assist them in the purchase of some clothes agreeable to the 20th Resolution, for which I gave him a receipt.

Wm. W. Blair, Rec.

The foregoing minutes were copied from the Original by

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 McGahon, 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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Minutes of the Annual Conference of the Church of J. C. of L. D. S. held at Amboy, Lee Co. Ill. from April 6th to the 9th, 1860. The delegates from various Branches of the church, & other elders convened at the Hall in Amboy at 10 o'clock A.M.

On motion Bro. Zenas H. Gurley was chosen President of the Conference & Bro. Wm. Marks, Assistant. Andrew G. Jackson & Isaac Sheen were chosen Clerks. Bro. Gurley as the presiding officer, announced that the forenoon would be devoted to preaching, & he opened the services with appropriate remarks on the rise, progress, apostacy, reorgination(sic.) & restitution of the church, after which Bro. Powers (who was appointed for the occasion) addressed the assembled congregation on the mission of Christ & on the general / & specific characteristics of the gospel with all its gifts & blessings unto all nations, who believe & obey the same among all nations & during all periods of time.

Bro. E. C. Briggs addressed the audience on the angel which John saw was to come in the last days to preach the everlasting gospel.

Voted that we adjourn until 1 o'clock P.M., upon which the President addressed the meeting.

The Conference again assembled in the afternoon at the appointed time, & was opened in the usual manner. Remarks were made by the President on the admission of old members & new converts.

Voted that ⁱⁿ Horace Bartlett, Frederick Squire & Joseph Robertson be admitted to fellowship in this church.

Joseph Smith, son of Joseph Smith, the prophet, seer & revelator, & lineal heir to said office & station, according to the law & order of the holy priesthood was then introduced to the Conference, & he delivered an address explanatory of his views, prin-

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ciples, doctrine & faith. On motion of Isaac Sheen it was resolved that Brother Joseph Smith be chosen prophet, seer & revelator of the Church of Jesus Christ & the Succesor(sic) of his father.

Voted unanimously that Sister Emma Bidaman, the mother of the present prophet Joseph Smith, be received into fellowship.

By unanimous vote, Bro. Joseph Smith was ordained President of the high priesthood of the church by Bros. Z. H. Gurley & Wm. Marks.

It was voted separately & individually that John C. Gaylord, Wm. Aldrich, George Morey, Edwin Cadwell, Calvin Beebee, Jacob Doan, Oliver P Dunham, Zenas Whitcomb¹, Lyman Hewitt, Dwight Webster, Winthrop H. Blair, & A. G. Jackson be ordained a High Council in the Church. Bros. Wm. Marks & Zenas H. Gurley ordained the six first mentioned & Bros W. W. Blair & S. Powers ordained the six last mentioned. O.P. Dunham, W. H. Blair, Jacob Doan & A. G. Jackson were ordained high priests at the same time.

Isaac Sheen was ordained to the presidency of the high priest's quorum under the hands of Bros. Wm. Marks & W. W. Blair.

Bros. James Blakeslee, Edmund C. Briggs, Crowell G. Lanphear, Wm. D. Morton & Archibald M. Wilsee were ordained to the quorum of presidency of seven of the seventies quorum of elders under the hands of Elders, Marks & Gurley. Bros. John A. McIntosh & George Rarick were also chosen to be ordained to the same office & priesthood.

Bro. Stephen J. Stone was chosen & ordained to the presidency of the Elder's Quorum.

Bro. Israel L. Rogers was chosen to be ordained Bishop of the church.

¹born Dec 1810 Washington County; bap. 1839, Wilton, Will co. Ill. by Joel Johnston, Conf. by Johnston & James Adams" Interpolated in different handwriting above the name of Zenas Whitcomb.

Prayer meeting was appointed to be held in the evening. Conference adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Saturday, April 7th, 9 o'clock A.M. Conference again assembled at the Hall. Opened by singing & prayer.

Bro. Israel L. Rogers was ordained Bishop of the church under the hands of Bros. Blair, Gurley, & Powers, who were empowered to perform this ordination by delegated authority from Bro. Joseph Smith, the first presidency not being yet fully organized.

Bro. George Harick was ordained into the presidency of seven, of the Quorum of Seventies, under the hands of Bros. Marks & Gurley.

A number of names were presented to the President for dismemberment by action of the Conference, but Bro. Joseph proposed to extend unto all delinquents the benefit of further forbearance, & further time for consideration stating that we ought to consider the influence & bearing of which disorganization & false doctrine has had upon them & all others of the saints, & that peradventure the love of many will return, when they come to reflect upon the work of this conference & the perfected organization, & of the charity & fervent zeal entertained by the Conference, to have them returned to fellowship & not wander away & be lost, hence the delinquents were not presented for dismemberment & the President was sustained by the Conference in the proposal to exercise further forbearance.

Discourses were then delivered by Bros. Blair & Sheen, on the evidences of the Book of Mormon.

On motion adjourned to 1 o'clock P.M.

1 o'clock P.M. Conference met at the appointed time. Bros. Powers & Gurley preached on the first principles of the gospel with incidental remarks on the restoration.

of ~~all-things~~- Israel & the restitution of all things.

Prayer meeting was appointed to be held in the evening. Conference adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. next day.

Sunday morning April 8th. Conference met & many citizens assembled at he Hall. Bros. Archibald Wilsey & James Blakeslee preached on the need of having the law of God written in the heart by being baptized for the remission of sins & receiving the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands . Conference adjourned till 7 P.M.

In the afternoon baptism was administered to Wm. Livingston & John Robinson by Bro W. W. Elair. A large congregation assembled at the Rail Road bridge to witness the administration of the ordinance, who were preached to by Bro. Jas. Blakeslee on the first principles of the gospel.

7 o'clock P.M. Elders S. Powers & J. Landers preached on the subject of final & universal salvation of all men, but especial & celestial salvation to those who believe & obey now. The meeting was then conducted as a prayer meeting & much instruction was given through the gifts of the Spirit. Those who were baptized in the afternoon were confirmed. Bro. George Blakeslee was ordained an elder. Conference adjourned till 9 o'clock A.M. next day.

April 9th A.M. Conference met. Bro Beebee, delegate from the Farm Creek Branch in Mill's Co. Iowa presented the following report: "Organization of the Farm Creek Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. of Mill Co. Iowa. Were organized on the 16th of Oct. 1859 by giving in their names as follows: Calvin Beebee, Mrs. Submit Beebe, John Smith, Sariah Smith, John Richards, Harriett Richards, Richard Y. Kelley, Sariah E. F. Kelley, Levi Graybill, Patience Graybill, Elxander Liles, Frances M. Liles, Calvin A. Beebe, Angeline C. Beebe, ~~Wesley L. Day, Ruth~~ www.LatterDayTruth.org

Smith, Stephen Smith, William H. Kelley (this day was rebaptized) Henry
Winegar, Mrs. Frances L

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Richards, Mrs. Elizabeth Winegar, Mrs Ann Strong, Sariah A. Flesher, Mrs
Alice Osler, after which they chose Calvin Beebe, President; John Smith, Priest;
Richard Y. Kelley, Deacon.

The following brethren united with the church, Jan. 1, 1860, Isaac Beebe;
March 18th, 1860, Curtis F. Stiles, Mrs. Mary J. Stiles, Wm. R. Briggs, Mrs.
Polly Briggs, united by recommend from the Zarahemla Branch, Wisconsin.

Our beloved sister Submit R. Beebe wife of Calvin Beebe, died Feb. 24th
1860 of Farm Creek Branch - died rejoicing in the faith of the Latter Day work.

Our beloved sister Frances L. Richards of Farm Creek Branch died rejoic-
ing in the Lord, March 19th, 1860.

March 25th 1860. This day Miss Mary J. H. Kelley united with the
church by baptism!

Wilson Sellers' delegate from Union Grove Branch Iowa ~~rep~~ presented the
following report of that Branch:

"Names - the private members of said branch that are in good standing:
Aurilla Peckenpaw, Mercy Jones, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, John Kirkpatrick,
Aaron M. Jones, Mary Wood, Hellen Wood, Sabrina McGahan, Harriet McGahan,
Mary Sellers,² Elizabeth Leland, Sarah P. Gallup, Caroline C. wood, Humphrey
McGahan, Wm. McGahan, Thomas J. Shearer. added by baptism, Jane Shearer,
added by baptism, Elizabeth Smith, Mary Warner added by letter, Jasper
Gallup, Geo. McCracken, John German, Benj¹ L. Leland. The 4 last mentioned
have been added since last represented, the first three by baptism, the
last by letter.

B. L. Leland, Clerk Union Grove Branch
Thos. Sellers, Presiding Elder 3

1 Wm H. Kelley bap March 1860 in Anderson, Mills www.LatterDayTruth.org. Briggs

2 Mary Sellers died years ago says Wm Chambers 1885

3 Died 10/Jan/83 (all three footnotes in different handwriting)

Resolved that a Special Conference be held at Council Bluff City, Iowa on June 1st. 1860, to continue 4 days. Bro. E. C. Briggs reported Belvidere Branch by letter.

Bro. Morey as delegate made a report of Little River Branch, Decatur Co. Iowa, also a report of Franklin Branch in the same county, containing about 18 members. There had been some difficulty there because of the influence of false teachers & claimants. The condition of these Branches remain as last represented, except that Geo. M. Hinkle & wife, A. W. Moffit & wife, & Elizabeth Hartman have withdrawn from the Little River Branch.

The following persons are acknowledged as members in Pottowatomie Co., Iowa: Ed R since deceased, Matilda C. Follet, Catharine A. Follet Amboy Branch, Illinois was reported by Edwin Cadwell as follows: Four added since last Conference viz: John Robbins, Wm. Livingston, Nancy Brown & Deborah Blair. Two were expelled viz: John Leonard & Angeline Leonard.

On motion the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from David Stockwell & James Vinson.

Bro. A. G. Jackson, delegate from the Shelby Branch, Iowa reported 21 members in that Branch including the following new members by first baptism. Elizabeth Thomas, Alexa Black, Milton Linch, Elizabeth Linch, Wm. McCord, Luther McCord, Emeline Miller, Keuben Strong & wife.

Fox River Branch, Kendall Co, Iowa was represented by Geo. Rarick, president. He reported 15 members in good standing.

Resolved that Bro. Wilson Sellers be ordained President of the Priest's Quorum. (died Nov 1878 Born 1831. Rep. 1861 in Harrison Co. Iowa by Wm. W. Ellis) added later

Resolved that Charles Williams be ordained President of the Teachers' Quorum.

Resolved that L. D. Rogers be ordained President of the Deacons' Quorum.

The above mentioned persons were ordained to the offices to which they were appointed, under the hands of Elders Blair and Powers. Resolved that Bro. Archibald Patten take Bros. Z. H. Gurley & E. C. Briggs with himself & mule team to www.LatterDayTruth.org

the June Conference at Council Bluffs.

Resolved that Bro. W. W. Blair go east on a mission to Cincinnati, Kirtland & the surrounding country.

Resolved that Bro. A. M. Wilsey travel & preach in Northern Illinois, Wisconsin & Minnesota.

Resolved that Bro. Powers mission be in the vicinity of Fox river.

Resolved that Bro. Jas Blakeslee accompany Bro. Blair.

The following elders were recommended to preach as circumstances may permit:

C. G. Lanpheir(sic.) G. Rarick, J. A. McIntosh, C. Beebe, J. Landers, A. Cairns.

Resolved that all the elders who are scattered abroad labor in the ministry as their circumstances permit.

Resolved that we adjourn to hold the next Semi-Annual Conference at Bro. Israel L. Rogers' near Sandwich De Kalb Co. Illinois.

Isaac Sheen, Clerk