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# MINUTES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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The forty-second Annual Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, being also the sixty-fourth year of the church established in 1830, convened at Lamoni, Iowa, at ten o'clock on Friday, April 6, 1894.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6.

## ORGANIZATION.

President Joseph Smith was chosen to preside over the conference, and his counselor, Pres. W. W. Blair, and the president of the Quorum of the Twelve, Bro. Alex. H. Smith, were chosen to assist in presiding.

The Church Secretary, Bro. H. A. Stebbins, was chosen as secretary of the conference, and he selected Bro. J. S. Parrish as his assistant. Bro. T. A. Hougas was chosen as chorister, and Bro. E. C. Lindsey and Sr. Belle B. Robinson as shorthand reporters, to take verbatim reports of all the proceedings of the conference.

After singing "Redeemer of Israel," prayer was offered by the president.

As a committee on credentials the chair appointed Brn. C. H. Porter, Henry Kemp, H. E. Moler, Hubert Case, and J. B. Roush, who retired to attend to their duties.

Following this the remainder of the forenoon was used by various brethren in making addresses upon the progress and merits of the latter-day work, as represented by the Reorganized Church. President Joseph Smith was followed by Brn. W. W. Blair, A. H. Smith, E. L. Kelley, I. L. Rogers, R. J. Anthony, J. F. Burton, J. H. Lake, J. H. Thomas, G. H. Hilliard, R. E. Grant, F. G. Pitt, Ethan Barrows, T. W. Chatburn, and J. T. Davis; also by Srs. Mary Hawley and Rachael Leeka; all feeling cheerful in the present and hopeful for the future, notwithstanding more or less trials, and unpleasant experiences, and some misunderstandings. All were glad in the assurance they felt that these things will *all* be overcome in time, and a complete victory and full success be had.

The hymn, "This God is the God we adore," was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. A. H. Smith.

At half past one o'clock, the conference sung, "Shout the tidings of salvation," and Bro. E. L. Kelley offered prayer. Bro. A. H. Smith in the chair.

## DELEGATES AND DELEGATE CREDENTIALS.

The committee on credentials reported as follows:—

As your committee we report that Bro. H. A. Stebbins has prepared a list of districts, names of delegates, and number of votes they are entitled to, which has greatly lessened our work. We have examined his lists and find them correct save in two figures, which we corrected. Number of delegates 294; number of votes 812. J. J. Cornish claims to represent Northern Michigan, and J. W. Peterson Western Wisconsin, but no credentials have been sent in.

(Signed)

C. H. PORTER,  
H. E. MOLER,  
HENRY KEMP,  
J. B. ROUSH,  
HUBERT CASE.

The report was adopted, and the committee was continued.

The following list of districts and roll of delegates was read by Secretary Stebbins:—

		4 delegates	10 votes.	
Australia.	Forster district.....	4	10	
	Victoria district.....	3	5	
England.	London branch.....	1	1	
Canada.	Chatham district.....	1	20	
	London district.....	2	45	
California.	Southern district.....	2	20	
	Northern district.....	4	24	
Colorado.	Denver branch.....	1	1	
Indian Territory.	Standley branch.....	1	1	
Idaho.	Idaho district.....	1	5	
Illinois.	Northern district.....	7	35	
	Kewanee district.....	6	14	
	Southeastern district.....	1	21	
	Nauvoo and String Prairie dist.	6	20	
Indiana.	Southern district.....	9	12	
	Iowa.	Decatur district.....	65	65
Iowa.	Des Moines district.....	8	25	
	Eastern district.....	2	9	
	Fremont district.....	8	21	
	Galland's Grove district.....	9	32	
	Little Sioux district.....	18	45	
	Pottawattamie district.....	4	26	
	Kansas.	Northeastern district.....	1	10
	Northwestern district.....	1	10	
Ky. and Tenn.	Kentucky and Tennessee dist..	1	6	
Mass. and R. I.	Massachusetts district.....	7	28	
	Michigan.	Eastern district.....	8	35
Missouri.	Southern district.....	16	21	
	Clinton district.....	5	23	
	Far West district.....	19	33	
	Independence district.....	32	50	
	Nodaway district.....	4	9	
	Northeastern district.....	2	12	
Nebraska.	St. Louis district.....	3	21	
	Southern district.....	1	9	
	Northern district.....	1	18	
	Southern district.....	12	24	
Ohio.	Southeastern district.....	4	16	
Ohio and Pa.	Pittsburg and Kirtland dist...	10	23	
Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia district.....	2	8	
Texas.	Western district.....	1	8	
	Red River branch.....	1	1	

## ROLL OF DELEGATES.

AUSTRALIA.—Forster district: J. W. Wight, T. W. Smith, J. F. Burton, J. W. Gillen.

Victoria district: J. W. Wight, T. W. Smith, J. W. Gillen.

CANADA.—Chatham district: J. H. Lake.

Southern California district: Heman C. Smith, J. F. Burton.

Denver branch, Colorado: J. W. Gillen.

Idaho district: H. O. Smith.

ILLINOIS.—Northern district: C. D. Carter, F. G. Pitt, A. J. Keck, J. B. Roush, I. L. Rogers, C. Danielson, J. S. Kier.

Kewanee district: F. G. Pitt, John Chisnall, E. E. Wheeler, J. D. Jones, J. H. Hopkins, Ellen Chisnall.

Southeastern Illinois: Emsley Curtis.

Nauvoo and String Prairie: James McKiernan, J. C. Crabb, Wm. Waterman, Catherine Salisbury, C. Swenson, C. N. Craig.

Southern Indiana: I. P. Baggerly, M. T. Short, L. F. Daniel, James Knox, V. D. Baggerly, J. G. Scott, J. M. Scott, J. T. King, A. C. Barmore.

IOWA.—Decatur District: James McDuffett, Sarah Scott, S. V. Bailey, Horace Bartlett, F. D. Young, D. Campbell, J. R. Lambert, Joseph Smith, W. T. Shakespeare, A. H. Smith, Elijah Sparks, A. C. Geer, H. A. Stebbins, A. S. Cochran, M. M. Turpen, Isaac Phillips, Anna Stedman, Callie B. Stebbins, Lewis Gault, Henry C. Smith, F. M. Weld, Edwin Stafford, Sr., John Traxler, E. L. Kelley, Esther Traxler, J. A. Gunsolley, O. J. Bailey, H. N. Snively, J. S. Snively, Lyman Little, J. R. Evans, Charles Butler, William Anderson, John Hatcher, George Brown, E. J. Robinson, Price McPeak, Evangeline Denio, David Wight, Ebenezer Keeler, Samuel Shakespeare, Ebenezer Nixon, C. H. Jones, George Derry, James Whitehead, David Dancer, A. K. Anderson, Benj. Anderson, David Archibald, Thomas France, W. N. Ray, Nephi Lovell, S. Ackerley, E. A. Stedman, Wm. Thompson, A. D. Greer, F. A. Smith, Robert White, Elizabeth Blair, Minnie Nicholson, Peter Harris, Columbus Scott, Myron Haskins, Flora L. Scott, S. D. Shippy.

Des Moines: D. M. Rudd, O. B. Thomas, F. A. Smith, Henry McKinney, J. S. Roth, Geo. Shimel, C. E. Hand, H. Lyke.

Eastern Iowa: J. S. Roth, J. B. Roush.

Fremont: Henry Kemp, Daniel Hougas, T. A. Hougas, Emma Hougas, W. D. Leadingham, Wm. Leeka, Rachael Leeka, Roxana Gaylord.

Galland's Grove: C. E. Butterworth, C. J. Hunt, John Pett, W. W. Whiting, M. W. Hartshorn, Geo. Hawley, Benan Salisbury, Mary Hawley, Nellie M. Rudd.

Little Sioux: David Chambers, Hubert Case, Joseph Seddon, W. D. Bullard, J. F. Mintun, W. T. Fallon, A. M. Fyrando, Alice E. Cobb, Sarah Hoffman, Geo. Montague, Oscar Case, Jas. Donaldson, G. M. Scott, Nellie Kennedy, Nellie Ballentyne, J. H. Parker, Alice Askwith, Bessie Blair.

Pottawattamie: Charles Derry, T. W. Williams, J. P. Carlile, C. A. Beebe.

Northeastern Kansas: J. T. Davis.

Northwestern Kansas: J. T. Davis.

Kentucky and Tennessee: T. C. Kelley.

Massachusetts district: A. H. Smith, W. H. Kelley, F. M. Sheehy, G. W. Robley, John Smith, M. C. Fisher, G. H. Gates.

Eastern Michigan: E. C. Briggs, R. E. Grant, J. A. Grant, Andrew Barr, Wm. Davis, Wm. Dowker, F. C. Smith, Levi Phelps.

Southern Michigan: E. A. Blakeslee, Leonard Scott, W. J. Smith, I. M. Smith, Thos. Horton, George McClintock, Bradford Corless, Ann E. Corless, Wm. Lockerby, E. M. McElhenie, John Shook, H. A. Richardson, J. B. Prettyman, John Erter, Ella Houseman, Hiram Rathbun.

MISSOURI.—Clinton: J. C. Foss, D. C. White, J. H. Thomas, C. R. Duncan, R. T. Walters.

Far West: T. W. Chatburn, J. T. Kinnaman, C. P. Faul, J. M. Terry, Robert Winning, Wm. Lewis, Wm. Summerfield, Ann Summerfield, John Rounds, D. J. Powell, Wm. Haden, A. W. Head, M. J. Head, L. L. Babbitt, C. Householder, H. C. Bronson, J. S. Constance, B. J. Dice, A. J. Cato.

Independence: Roderick May, J. H. Wells, Geo. Hicklin, W. T. Bezarth, H. H. Robinson, J. S. Wagner, Arthur Allen, J. A. Robinson, W. N. Robinson, Sr. J. A. Robinson, Belle Robinson, Joseph Luff, William Crick, Geo. Harrington, Wm. Newton, Wm. Bushnell, O. L. James, Geo. Hidy, Abbie Horton, W. S. Loar, J. C. Foss, I. N. White, J. W. Brackenbury, A. L. Newton, R. Etzenhouser, T. W. Smith, A. H. Mills, Joseph Emmett, W. H. Pease, Jennie Murphy, J. H. Thomas, Carrie Cook.

Nodaway: M. P. Madison, John Hawley, James Thomas, William Powell.

Northeastern Missouri: D. E. Tucker, Alice Thorburn.

Saint Louis: Joseph Luff, W. T. Bezarth, C. H. Jones.

Southern Missouri: I. N. White.

Northern Nebraska: G. M. L. Whitman.

Southern Nebraska: C. H. Porter, James Caffall, W. M. Self, J. W. Waldsmith, F. J. Chatburn, J. L. Diefendorf, Thomas Nutt, W. E. Peak, J. Armstrong, C. E. Blodgett, S. Broliar, E. T. Bryant.

Southeastern Ohio: W. H. Kelley, James Moler, S. J. Jeffers, H. R. Harder.

Pittsburg and Kirtland: G. T. Griffiths, Frank Criley, W. H. Kelley, M. H. Bond, L. W. Powell, J. S. Parrish, Jacob Reese, W. H. Garrett, L. D. Ullom, Francis Ebeling.

Philadelphia: W. H. Kelley, A. H. Parsons.

Western Texas: A. B. Moore.

Red River branch: A. J. Moore.

London district, Ontario: R. C. Evans, John Shields.

Northern California: G. E. Deuel, J. F. Burton, J. S. Julian, J. W. Wight.

London branch, England: G. T. Griffiths.

Standley branch: Ellis Short.

The secretary stated that there were no credentials from Northern Michigan, Eastern and Western Maine, nor Western Wisconsin. Bro. A. C. Hart said that he was appointed from the Spring River district. Bro. G. T. Griffiths said that he and Bro. J. R. Evans were appointed from Eastern and Western Wales.

On motion, these brethren were permitted to furnish published reports, and the committee were authorized to recognize such, if they prove satisfactory.

#### REPORT OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

The following report of the First Presidency was read:—

*The Presidency, to the Elders and brethren in conference assembled; Greeting:—*

1. There being now no rule by which any specified number or majority is required in ordering the "previous question," we recommend, that for and during the present session, at the earliest practicable moment, a rule be adopted to the effect that a majority of two thirds of those present and voting shall be requisite to the ordering of the "previous question."

2. That localities where branches or any considerable number of members exist, the organization of them into districts or conferences, and the placing of high priests to preside over them be ordered and provided for.

3. We take pleasure in stating that, so far as known to us, other than issues now pending and likely to be settled at this session, there now exists no division of sentiment or interest on the public policy, doctrine, church law, and procedure of such magnitude or importance as to prevent, on the part of the Presidency, the best of sympathy and coöperation in the work of the church, with the active forces of the missionary quorums, and those in the field, or likely to be placed there this session.

The Presidency has tried to avoid any improper interference in the labor, or charge of either quorum, or individuals of the force; and if any friction has occurred, it was not sought, or purposely provoked by us; nor do we

hold ourselves responsible for any misapprehension and consequent misapplication of what we have done or said in this regard, if any has occurred.

4. The decision of the cause, *The Queen vs. Dickhout*, in the courts of Canada, in which the identity and Christian character of the Reorganized Church, and its right to legal existence and to do business in the Queen's American dominions, were fully considered and determined in our favor; and the opinion and decision of Judge J. F. Philips, in the pending suit, *The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints vs. "The Church of Christ,"* in the United States Circuit Court, at Kansas City, Missouri, have been of incalculable benefit in strengthening the eldership at home and abroad, and in giving heightened force to the moral tone of both the elders and the members, in their attitude towards the outside world.

The effect of the opinion of the court in the last named case, on the Utah people, remains to be disclosed; however, developments seem to warrant the conclusion that one result may be that, at some time not far removed there will be discussion of the claims of the respective bodies, for which every member of the ministerial force, local and in the field, should seek to be prepared. If upon a proper showing theirs proves to be the better cause, we should be honest enough to accept the situation; but of that we have not the faintest fear.

So far the present condition of the suit does not put the church in possession of the Temple Lot. Notice has been given by "The Church of Christ," the Defendants, that the cause would be taken to the Court of Appeals; and it is expected to come on for trial at Minneapolis, in June next. The decision awarding the lot to the Reorganized Church may be reversed in that court, in which case it will be for us to either appeal to the Supreme Court, or accept the situation and acquiesce in such reversal.

Under these considerations, we deem it to be the better part of wisdom for the elders and members to acquaint themselves with the situation in all its bearings so far as they can, and avoid any ostentatious boasting or display, leaving the matter to run its course in quiet, respectful submission to the will of God, as becometh those who have hope in him as Saints.

5. The events of the conference year just past, as the same are shown in the reports of the elders of the missionary and local force, justify the assurance that, with unity of faith and concert of effort, there will be such development and progress the year now beginning as have not been witnessed since the organization began. And for this, we, as your fellow-servants and coworkers, most earnestly pray.

JOSEPH SMITH.  
W. W. BLAIR.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 6, 1894.

### QUORUM OF TWELVE REPORT.

A report from the Quorum of Twelve was read:—

*To the General Conference; Greeting:—*

The Quorum of the Twelve convened at Lamoni, Iowa, at the call of the President on March 26, and have been in session each day since. We have held twenty sessions for business, and one devoted exclusively to prayer. We have our business well in hand, so that though we have much more to do, we think we will be at liberty to give due attention to the business of the conference.

The following items we hereby submit to the body:—

1. Whereas charges embodying unbecoming and undignified deportment and the use of tobacco have been preferred against Bro. J. W. Gillen by the President of the Manchester district of the British mission, and,

Whereas, the evidence before us (embracing admissions of the brother) have convinced us of his guilt,—

Resolved that we express our disapproval of his course in these matters by withdrawing from him our support, thus suspending him from official privilege with this quorum until by upright and holy deportment he shall have warranted us in restoring him.

2. Upon the petition of a building committee chosen by the Saints of London, England, for aid in building a suitable chapel in London for meet-

ings, it is our judgment, after consideration of the matter, that it would be to the interests of the work in England to erect such chapel as is proposed by the Saints as soon as practicable; and that we recommend that the Bishop furnish the loan on the terms proposed to the amount of £200 as soon as this amount can be spared from the treasury for this purpose. We also advise that no work of building be entered upon until they are notified by the Bishop that the money is ready.

3. Whereas, high priests, elders, and priests are local or standing ministers to the church, (D. C. 107: 42; 120: 3; 17: 10, 25; 83: 22,) and,—

Whereas, the local ministry are not under the law subject to appointment as general missionaries, and,—

Whereas, the law says that "it is the duty of the Traveling High Council to call upon the Seventy, when they need assistance to fill the several calls for preaching and administering the gospel, instead of any others," (D. C. 104: 16,) and,—

Whereas, the law provides for as many traveling ministers as "the labor in the vineyard of necessity requires," (D. C. 104: 43; 120: 3,) and,—

Whereas, we deem it unwise that the Twelve should be burdened with anything more than that which is necessary in order to fulfill the duties of their calling, and,—

Whereas, we believe that the church has reached that juncture in the progress of the work which will enable us now, or very soon to more fully harmonize with and carry out these provisions of Divine law, Therefore be it,

Resolved by this council that we take this method of notifying this conference and the whole church, that at the next convening of the General Conference we shall expect to appoint in harmony with the above statements and the law cited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

HEMAN C. SMITH,  
Secretary of Quorum.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 6, 1894.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY AND RECORDER.

Bro. H. A. Stebbins, General Church Secretary and Recorder, read his report as follows:—

Of the work pertaining to the Recorder's office done during the past year I make the following report:—

Since making one year ago the usual report of church statistics for the preceding year I have placed upon the general church record of names two thousand four hundred and twenty-seven (2,427) persons that have never been upon the church records before, being new baptisms, the majority of them having been baptized during the past year. This is the largest number of baptisms ever recorded in any one year of the Reorganized Church.

In order to show what changes have taken place by persons taking letters of removal I will also mention that there were received into branches by such letters, or by vote upon previous membership, a total of one thousand one hundred and thirty-six (1,136) persons, making a total of three thousand five hundred and sixty-three names that had to be recorded, with their items of birth, baptism, confirmation, and ordination; also being the largest number ever placed on the record in one year. By this it will be seen that there has been much removing from branch to branch, as also by the organization of new branches many names have been gathered up that were formerly upon record.

To offset a large portion of this gain there were one thousand one hundred and fourteen (1,114) persons given letters of removal during the year, the most of whom are included in the above number received and thus again recorded. Many of these are recorded again in the same district, State, or country; but to keep the balance correct I record and report all removed and received, no matter where they unite again. It also shows the migrations of the members of the church up to chief places and large branches, as well as to smaller ones.



The expulsion of one hundred and seventeen (117) members has been reported and the facts recorded; also the death of three hundred and sixty-nine (369) members.

These losses by letter, death, and expulsion subtracted from the total gain leaves a net gain of one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three (1,963) members, which is also the largest net gain of any one year since the beginning of the Reorganized Church, being nearly two thousand gain, and making the present total on record of thirty thousand four hundred and eighty-nine (30,489) names. Last year the total was twenty-eight thousand five hundred and twenty-six (28,526) names.

So much matter came in during the winter that many of the March reports could not be recorded in time for me to do my preparatory work for the General Conference, as Church Secretary. Consequently this work will need to be done hereafter. If more of the districts would hold their sessions in February instead of in March, it would give a better opportunity both for districts, secretaries, and the General Recorder and Secretary to do their work in time. To my mind it is better to have three conferences per year than four, and that they be held in February, June, and October, as more favorable times; also on account of weather and farm work. This would give time between them and the General Conferences for a less hurried and a more complete preparation of all business connecting the two together.

For the totals of baptisms, of received, removed, expelled, died, and of new ordinations and changes of name by marriage, I refer you to my Annual Statistical Table. It will be seen that Missouri leads again with 458 baptized, Iowa following with 435, Michigan 171, Canada 121, Society Islands 120, Nebraska 115, Kansas 108, etc., etc.

Of the smallness of the figures for England, will say that the Zion's Hope (of London) and the Birmingham branches have been the only ones from which reports have been received since last April. A statistical report of the Manchester district was received in March from Bro. James Baty, secretary of that district. It presented that thirty-four persons had been baptized therein, but as neither names nor items of birth, baptism, nor confirmation were inclosed, there could nothing be done in making a proper record of it here. Bro. Baty also kindly sent additions and corrections of the Manchester, Farnworth, Sheffield, and Leeds records, in reply to my previous inquiries. He also said that the reports would follow by manuscript post, but up to this day, April 2, they have not arrived. That also still leaves out all of the Birmingham district except Birmingham. For a transcript of the report of that branch I am indebted to Bro. C. H. Caton, secretary of the English mission.

As for Wales, nothing at all was received during the year, and the records here still remain in an imperfect condition, no one in Wales having taken it in hand to correct them.

From Bro. L. R. Devore I learned during the year that Bro. D. M. Pohemiti, the secretary and recorder of the South Sea Islands mission, was laboring faithfully to obtain a more full and correct record than we now have. Bro. T. W. Smith made very full copies of records up to the last year of his work on those islands, but since then very little has been received. Several hundred, perhaps a thousand names have never been sent here for the General Records. It is to be hoped that Bro. Pohemiti will succeed fully in his efforts and soon send the results to the General Recorder.

For six months past nothing has come from Honolulu. The last baptisms recorded here took place last August.

No communication has come from Denmark or from Sweden about the result of missionary work there since the last conference here.

The large number of deaths recorded for Florida was caused by the fact that after many years of neglect those branch records have been recently examined by the kindness of Bro. C. I. Carpenter, who is now living there; and he has discovered that in the lapse of years numbers have died. Since Bro. J. H. Hansen was laboring in that country very few items have been sent up from the Florida records, no one appearing to have any interest in that department of the work.

Thirty branches have been organized or old ones reorganized during the

year, or at least have been placed on record. Others have, no doubt, been organized; but copies of their records have not reached me up to this time. The thirty placed on record are as follows:—

Sydney, Australia; Ngarumaoa, Society Islands; Selkirk and Stratford, Canada; Cedar, Colorado; Milton, Florida; New Harmony, Indiana; Standley, Indian Territory; Grove Hill, Head Grove, Brush Creek, Osterdock, New Glenwood, New Boomer, Clay County, and Missouri Valley, Iowa; Lebanon, Kansas; West Surry, Maine; Baldwin, Maryland (largely composed of the former New Park branch of Pennsylvania); Buchanan, Alpena, and German, Michigan; Cainesville, Burtville, Pleasant View, and Woodside, Missouri; Cottonwood Springs, Nebraska; Memphis, Tennessee; Ogden, Utah; Reed, Wisconsin; in all thirty (30) branches. These thirty branches aggregate now eight hundred and two (802) members.

Two hundred and twenty-six (226) new ordinations have been reported and recorded during the year.

Two hundred and forty-nine (249) changes of name by marriage have been reported and placed upon records and indexes.

By the following balance sheet and table the total membership enrolled can be seen by countries and States, as well as how many were reported as baptized, received, removed, expelled, died, ordained, etc. during the year, with the net gain added to total of last year's report:—

ANNUAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Countries and States.	Totals 1893.	Baptized.	Received.	Removed.	Expelled.	Died.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	New Ordinations.	Marriages.	Totals 1894.
Australia . . . . .	362	17	18	18	2	6	9			4	371
Society Islands . . .	1,176	120			2	8	110		13		1,286
Hawaii . . . . .	78	10		2		1	7			1	85
England . . . . .	816	10	3	4	7	4		2	2	6	814
Wales . . . . .	183			1				1			182
Scotland . . . . .	15										15
Denmark . . . . .	18										18
Switzerland . . . . .	26										26
Canada . . . . .	1,670	121	35	48	1	10	97		13	22	1,767
Manitoba . . . . .	6										6
Nova Scotia . . . . .	51										51
Alabama . . . . .	499	18				2	16			2	515
Arkansas . . . . .	73	28		5			23				96
California . . . . .	1,563	68	42	49	4	29	28		7	20	1,591
Colorado . . . . .	200	27	19	19	1	2	24		2	4	224
Connecticut . . . . .	8										8
Florida . . . . .	247	62	3	10	3	40	12		5	11	259
Idaho . . . . .	158	11	1				12				170
Illinois . . . . .	2,092	101	43	53	4	27	60		14	8	2,152
Indiana . . . . .	395	49	9		3	5	50		6	6	445
Indian Territory . .	51	54	17	13		1	57		4	2	108
Iowa . . . . .	5,791	435	263	252	25	84	337		44	53	6,128
Kansas . . . . .	1,178	108	38	31	5	11	99		11	17	1,277
Kentucky . . . . .	58	14					14		1	2	72
Maine . . . . .	471	29	26	27		11	17		5	7	488
Maryland . . . . .	25	4	16	16			4		2		29
Massachusetts . . .	445	15	14	5	2	10	12		2	1	457
Michigan . . . . .	1,629	171	74	50	8	11	176		9	9	1,805
Minnesota . . . . .	259	31	9	7	1	1	31		3	1	281
Mississippi . . . . .	77	32	1	1			32		2	1	109
Missouri . . . . .	3,800	458	323	322	12	38	409		44	35	4,209
Montana . . . . .	149			2					2		147
Nebraska . . . . .	1,179	115	80	69	5	15	106		6	6	1,285
Nevada . . . . .	106	4	1	1		1	3				109

Countries and States.	Totals 1893.	Baptized.	Received.	Removed.	Expelled.	Died.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	New Ordinations.	Marriages.	Totals 1894.
New Jersey .....	21										21
New Mexico.....	10	5	1				6		1		16
New York.....	132	3					1				133
Ohio.....	736	47	13	12	15	13	20		4	11	756
Oregon.....	106	17				2	15			1	121
Pennsylvania....	377	35	6	3	1	1	36		1	4	413
Rhode Island....	258	11		4		4	3		1		261
South Dakota....	61	3		2	1	1		1			60
Tennessee.....	71	27	4		2		29		2	2	100
Texas.....	504	63	16	15	10	7	47		7	9	551
Utah.....	596	33	50	51		9	23		9	3	619
Virginia.....	40	1				1					40
Washington.....	33	9	1	1			9		1		42
West Virginia....	358	27			3	4	20		2	1	378
Wisconsin.....	364	30	10	21		4	15		3		379
Wyoming.....	14										14
	28,526	2,427	1,136	1,114	117	369	1,969	6	226	249	30,489
		1,136		117			6				
				369							
Gross Gain.....		3,563									
Gross Loss.....		1,600		1,600							
Net Gain.....		1,963					1,963				

I have also prepared for the conference and the inspection of its committee a complete list of the delegates appointed by the various missions and districts, with a schedule of districts and the number of delegate votes that each is entitled to, according to the Rules of Representation. This will expedite the business of the conference.

#### LOSSES FROM QUORUMS.

Upon going through the General Quorum Record kept by me I find that the following losses have occurred during the year, so far as reported:—

From the High Priests' Quorum, Daniel S. Mills and William B. Smith by death.

From the First Quorum of Elders, Mad Madison by death, and Ephraim Thomas by expulsion. There are three vacancies in that quorum.

From the Second Quorum of Elders, E. C. Brown, James Brown, J. X. Davis, Moses Houghton, W. G. Harris, and Samuel Longbottom by death. There are eight vacancies in this quorum.

From the Third Quorum of Elders, Charles Brindley, James Steele, Mitchell Stephens, and Robert Young by death. There are seven vacancies in this quorum.

From the Fourth Quorum of Elders, John Gallup by death. There is one vacancy in this quorum.

According to my record the Fifth Quorum of Elders is full.

From the First Quorum of Priests, W. H. Kelley and C. P. Paul have been ordained to the eldership. There are five vacancies in this quorum.

From the Second Quorum of Priests, Alex Greer, M. F. Gowell, W. B. Weston, and J. A. Tanner have been ordained elders. There are four vacancies in this quorum.

From the Third Quorum of Priests, C. C. Holcomb, J. B. Roush, T. E. Thompson, F. M. Weld, J. A. Grant, Joseph Ward, and A. C. Barmore have been ordained elders. There are seven vacancies in this quorum.

The First Quorum of Teachers has lost Joseph Hammer by death, B. J. Scott by ordination as an elder, and George Edwards as a priest. There are four vacancies.

The Second Quorum of Teachers has lost none and is full.

The First Quorum of Deacons has but six names on its record.

#### FOR ENROLLMENT IN QUORUMS.

The following named elders, priests, teachers, and deacons have made application for enrollment in quorums. Some of these applications have been on file for two or three years, and some are new. Their names are as follows:—

**ELDERS.**—C. L. Albertson, Levi Annett, R. Archibald, Sen., A. C. Barmore, N. L. Blakely, C. M. Bootman, Richard Bullard, Thomas Burt, A. Carmichael, T. D. P. Cheney, M. W. Culbertson, F. W. Curtis, F. J. Curtis, H. P. Curtis, R. W. Davis, E. W. Depue, J. G. Dickenson, J. A. Donaldson, E. H. Durand, C. W. Earl, E. A. Erwin, F. A. Evans, P. C. Fisher, C. M. Fulks, Daniel Garner, G. H. Gates, G. H. Godby, J. B. Gouldsmith, F. C. Graham, M. F. Gowell, John Harris, John Heide, A. H. Herke, R. B. Howlett, David Hopkins, James Huff, R. W. Hugill, D. A. Hutchins, William J. F. Jaques, Jamison, Thomas Jenkins, A. J. Keck, J. W. Kent, A. B. Kirken-dall, James Knox, Edward McGurk, R. M. Maloney, L. D. Morgan, J. W. Morgan, W. P. Pickering, J. R. Pearce, P. W. Premo, J. A. Read, D. F. Richards, J. E. Rogerson, B. J. Scott, H. B. Sterrett, J. R. Sutton, A. Tab-bitt, J. A. Tanner, T. E. Thompson, David Thomas, James Thomas, Owen Thomas, S. W. Tomlinson, R. B. Turnbow, W. H. Vincent, Joseph Ward, John Wahlstrom, G. J. Waller, G. E. Ward, G. R. Wells, J. L. Williams, John Wilson, J. B. Roush, and Hubert Case,—76.

**PRIESTS.**—Baronet Beal, J. P. Brannon, A. W. Buchanan, C. I. Carpenter, William Chapman, R. B. Campbell, H. T. Curtis, E. G. Culver, J. G. Depue, D. J. Dierks, James England, William Farley, William Fligg, George Hampshire, R. F. Hill, Thos. Hopkins, William Johnson, Abram Jones, A. E. Jones, Zacharia Kalai, Evan W. Lloyd, Samuel Lovett, J. T. McDonald, M. O. Matthews, T. H. Moore, C. H. Myers, D. L. Palsgrove, G. W. Parks, Thomas M. Parr, Philemon Pement, D. H. Proper, James Prothero, S. J. Roberts, Joseph Schmutz, M. R. Scott, Jun., Ellis Short, J. I. Spencer, Thomas L. Strange, J. H. Tyrrell, T. L. Veale, G. F. Walling, Jacob Waltenbaugh, James Wilkenson, R. W. Tarzewell,—44.

**TEACHERS.**—J. N. Ames, John Butler, J. L. Butterworth, D. S. Condit, Ebenezer Curry, E. M. Davis, T. W. Davis, Morgan Davis, D. E. Dutcher, T. K. Ferrell, W. C. Fetter, L. E. Hutchings, J. A. Kemp, W. H. Kepley, J. F. McKenna, A. E. Madison, J. M. Mills, C. L. Monroe, E. B. Monroe, F. W. J. Ode, E. A. Pratt, W. J. Rainey, J. T. Richards, James Richardson, G. H. Shearer, Thomas Shepherd, William Talbot, A. R. Wilcox, S. D. Wilson, G. W. Wilcox, David Tarzewell,—31.

**DEACONS.**—Edwin S. Allen, John Bass, C. F. Church, R. R. Gaither, A. G. Heineman, Geo. Houghton, M. R. Nelson, Henry T. McClain, William Nabb, G. K. Poepoe, T. D. Raper, B. F. Renfroe, T. L. Rider, T. J. Simp-son, J. H. Smith, L. D. Sperry, G. J. Whitehead, J. T. Williams,—18.

I have in hand eight petitions addressed to the conference for the return or the appointment of ministers to various fields.

There is also in hand the annual report of the auditing committee upon the Bishop's books and Board of Publication matters; a petition from the St. Louis district concerning its boundaries; the resignation of a committee upon Church History; a resolution from the Youngstown, Ohio, branch concerning action on Church History; a resolution concerning the use of the word "Mormon;" the resignation of J. M. Poepoe (of Honolulu) as an elder and missionary; and the request of the Independence branch and district that the conference of 1895 be held with the Independence branch; also an appeal from Bro. E. C. Mayhew.

In anticipation either of resigning, or of being released from the office of Church Recorder, I suggest and urge that a competent young man be put in to learn the details and methods of that department. He should be one having both an adaptation and a love for this branch of the work, one who loves to do things correctly and to give his whole attention to what he has in hand.

This report and the documents referred to herein are respectfully sub-mitted to the conference.

H. A. STEBBINS,

General Church Secretary and Recorder.

Upon motion the recommendation of the First Presidency that a two thirds vote be required in ordering the previous question, was adopted.

### BISHOP'S REPORT.

The financial summary of Bishop E. L. Kelley, as presented by the auditing committee, was read:—

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT OF BISHOP'S OFFICE.

We the undersigned, your committee duly chosen at the Annual General Conference of 1893, beg leave to report that we have carefully and faithfully performed our duty, and submit the following as an exhibit of Receipts and Expenditures from April 1, 1893, to March 10, 1894:—

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance due Bishop.....	\$1,478 28	
Received as tithes and offerings.....	8,894 68	
“ Herald Office account.....	1,924 85	
		<u>\$12,297 81</u>
Received from Bishop's agents.....	\$7,283 67	
“ “ bills receivable.....	325 30	
“ “ individual loans.....	2,980 00	
		<u>\$10,588 97</u>
Received from interest.....	\$ 397 50	
“ “ real estate rents.....	117 71	
“ “ sales of Abstract Temple Lot case.....	242 75	
“ “ Conference donation to cyclone sufferers.....	121 16	
Balance due Bishop March 10, 1894.....	3,507 56	
		<u>\$4,386 68</u>
Aggregate.....		<u>\$27,273 46</u>

##### EXPENDITURES.

Balance due Bishop April 1, 1893.....	\$1,478 28	
Paid records for Bishop's office.....	59 75	
“ book-keeper and secretary in Bishop's office.....	314 00	
“ Bishop's expense.....	106 10	
		<u>\$1,958 13</u>
Paid elders' families.....	\$11,038 55	
“ “ expense.....	3,619 06	
“ Bishop's agents for families.....	4,936 22	
“ poor.....	632 62	
		<u>\$20,226 45</u>
“ foreign missions.....	\$2,492 88	
“ bills and accounts payable.....	757 95	
“ Chicago mission hall rent.....	70 00	
		<u>\$3,320 83</u>
“ cyclone sufferers.....	100 00	
“ expense Temple Lot suit.....	1,157 09	
		<u>\$1,257 09</u>
“ Davis will case.....	112 54	
“ real estate.....	316 31	
“ furniture First Presidency office.....	82 11	
		<u>\$510 96</u>
Aggregate.....		<u>\$27,273 46</u>

##### ACCOUNT WITH AGENTS.

###### RECEIVED.

Balance in hands of agents April 1.....	\$4,325 82
Wm. Lewis, Far West, Missouri, district.....	181 10

Albert Page, Central California district.....	10 00	
Book in excess of auditor's report for 1893.....	5 90	
		<u>\$4,522 82</u>
Received in tithes and offerings.....	\$34,312 76	
"    from Bishop.....	4,976 22	
"    "    agents overpaid.....	239 57	
Total received during the year.....		<u>\$39,528 55</u>
Total amount collected by agents.....		<u>\$44,051 37</u>

## EXPENDED BY AGENTS.

To elders, elders' families.....	\$32,779 36	
Remitted to Bishop.....	7,283 67	
Due agents overpaid.....	239 57	
Balance due church.....	3,748 77	
Total received and on hand.....		<u>\$44,051 37</u>

## ACCOUNT WITH GEO. H. HILLIARD, COUNSELOR.

On hand last report.....	\$ 9 50	
Received tithes and offerings.....	986 07	
"    from Bishop.....	322 86	
Total on hand and received.....		<u>\$1,318 43</u>

## EXPENDED.

To elders' families.....	\$ 736 75	
Remitted.....	175 00	
Traveling and other expenses.....	256 04	
To elders' expenses.....	35 50	
Balance due church.....	115 14	
Total expended and on hand.....		<u>\$1,318 43</u>

## ELDERS' INDIVIDUAL REPORT.

not including moneys received from the Bishop or his agents.		
Offerings paid to elders.....	\$ 7,577 73	
Furnished by the church or by elders themselves....	5,186 69	
Total amount received.....		<u>\$12,764 42</u>

## EXPENDED.

For traveling expense and clothing.....	\$12,533 14	
Balance in hands of elders.....	231 28	
Total expended and on hand.....		<u>\$12,764 42</u>

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total received by Bishop for year.....	\$23,765 90	
"    cash in hands of agents 1893.....	4,522 82	
"    received by agents for year.....	39,288 98	
"    "    "    G. H. Hilliard, counselor.....	1,318 43	
"    "    "    elders for year.....	12,764 42	
Due agents overpaid.....	239 57	
"    Bishop overpaid.....	3,507 56	
Total amount of receipts.....		<u>\$85,407 68</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Expended by Bishop.....	\$27,273 46	
"    "    agents.....	40,302 60	
"    "    G. H. Hilliard.....	1,203 29	
"    "    elders.....	12,533 14	
Due church by agents.....	3,748 77	
"    "    "    G. H. Hilliard.....	115 14	
"    "    "    elders.....	231 28	
Total amount expended.....		<u>\$85,407 68</u>

## ASSETS.

Real estate, (not including churches and lots for churches.) per 1893 report.....	\$28,780 00
Addition by balance account H. C. Smith.....	200 00

Four lots by George Haywood.....	755 22	
One hundred and sixty acres of land by J. D. Flanders.....	200 00	
House and two lots by Briggs Alden will.....	500 00	
		<u>\$30,435 22</u>
Bills receivable.....	\$8,899 87	
Abstracts of Evidence.....	484 32	
Cash in hands of agents.....	3,748 77	
“ “ “ “ G. H. Hilliard.....	115 14	
“ “ “ “ elders.....	231 28	
Judgment account, costs.....	3,000 00	
		<u>\$16,479 38</u>
Total amount of assets.....		<u>\$46,914 60</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Due agents.....	239 57	
Bills payable { \$1,200 with interest } { \$1,600 no interest }.....	2,800 00	
Due Bishop.....	3,507 56	
Net assets.....	40,287 47	
Total.....		<u>\$46,834 60</u>

## RESERVE AND SAINTS' HOME FUND.

Amount to last report.....	8,014 72	
Receipts during year of land, cash, and building material.....	4,153 30	
Due from Independence church reserve fund.....	1,283 24	
Total amount received.....		<u>\$13,451 26</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Land donated, D. Dancer.....	\$ 3,200 00	
“ purchased, D. Dancer.....	1,775 00	
For building material.....	405 39	
Balance on hand.....	8,070 87	
Total expended and on hand.....		<u>\$13,451 26</u>

## INDEPENDENCE CHURCH AND RESERVE FUND.

Received in donations.....	\$ 1,283 24	
“ loans without interest.....	1,533 90	
Due church.....	340 79	
Total amount received and advanced.....		<u>\$3,157 93</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid note on Independence church.....	\$ 3,000 00	
“ interest on note.....	157 93	
Total amount expended.....		<u>\$3,157 93</u>

## SOCIETY ISLANDS BOAT FUND.

There has been donated and now in the hands of the Bishop and Herald Office.....		<u>\$1,970 74</u>
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## CONSECRATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE TEMPLE FUND.

April 8, 1892, Sr. Martha A. Warnock.....	\$ 5 00	
May, 1892, Sr. Mary Jane Williams.....	10 00	
Nov. 4, 1892, Anna Porter.....	30 00	
Feb. 4, 1893, Bro. A. A. Reywas.....	07	
Aug. 6, 1893, Wm. O. Thomas.....	1,000 00	
Total amount received.....		<u>\$1,045 07</u>

## CASH RECEIPTS.

By the Bishop.....	\$ 8,894 64
“ the Bishop's agents.....	34,312 76
“ G. H. Hilliard, Counselor.....	986 07

" the elders in the field .....	7,577 73	
" Herald Office.....	1,924 85	
Actual total cash received during the year.....		<u>\$53,696 05</u>

STATEMENT.

Net assets .....	\$40,287 40	
Reserve fund .....	8,070 47	
Society Islands boat fund.....	1,970 07	
Independence temple fund.....	1,045 07	
Furniture and stock in Bishop's office.....	322 91	
" Presidency's office.....	93 31	
" Secretary's office.....	82 13	
Net total cash and cash available.....		<u>\$51,871 36</u>
Statement of 1894.....	\$51,871 36	
" 1893.....	50,311 85	
Net gain during the year.....		<u>\$1,559 51</u>

CHECKS.

We found the following checks issued on the Lamoni State Bank by the Bishop, but not entered upon his books:—

May 18, 1893, No. 504, G. O. Sellers.....	\$ 25 00	
" 19, " " 505, Mrs. Susan Alden.....	10 00	
" " " " 506, E. DeLong.....	16 66	
" 20, " " 508, John S. Parrish.....	10 00	
Total.....		<u>\$61 66</u>
These checks will increase the amount due the Bishop to.....		<u>\$3,569 22</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. ELVIN, }  
 DUNCAN CAMPBELL, } Auditing Committee.  
 JOHN SCOTT, }

LAMONI, Iowa, March 30th, 1894.

HERALD OFFICE REPORT.

The Auditing Committee also presented their report upon the Herald Office books and plant:—

We your committee duly appointed at the General Conference of 1893, to audit the Herald Office books and accounts, beg leave to submit the result of our labors. Our examination includes all accounts from March 1, 1893, to February 28, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 1, 1893.....	\$ 222 91	
From publishing and bindery departments.....	9,349 07	
" accounts current.....	15,098 93	
" bills payable.....	6,227 34	
" bills receivable.....	362 84	
Total, former balance and receipts for the fiscal year.....		<u>\$31,261 09</u>

EXPENDITURES

Wages paid by week.....	\$4,783 05	
Wages paid by month.....	4,622 82	
		<u>\$9,405 87</u>
Stamps.....	742 65	
Mail account.....	386 87	
Freight and express.....	331 84	
		<u>\$1,461 36</u>
Repairs and incidentals.....	795 33	
Fuel account.....	422 45	
Paper ".....	2,827 79	
Printers supplies.....	189 65	
		<u>\$4,235 22</u>



Bindery implements and material.....	1,352 93	
Wages paid in bindery.....	2,444 70	
		<b>\$3,797 63</b>
Interest account.....	278 47	
Merchandise account.....	466 39	
Bills payable.....	934 50	
Sundry account.....	10,275 41	
Cash on hand February 28, 1894,.....	406 24	
		<b>\$12,361 01</b>
Total of expended and cash on hand.....		<b>\$31,261 09</b>

## ASSETS (PRESENT VALUE.)

In editorial department.....	\$ 404 44	
“ book-keeper’s “.....	353 85	
“ press “.....	16,565 67	
“ store “.....	3,538 55	
Printers’ supplies, paper and ink.....	524 97	
		<b>\$21,387 48</b>
In bindery, machinery.....	\$1,473 38	
“ “ stock and material.....	435 81	
“ “ printed sheets for binding.....	1,058 46	
		<b>\$2,967 65</b>
Real estate.....	\$8,617 86	
Bills receivable.....	201 34	
Accounts receivable.....	4,038 21	
Cash on hand February 28, 1894.....	406 24	
		<b>\$13,263 65</b>
Total value of assets.....		<b>\$37,618 78</b>

## LIABILITIES.

Due to bills payable.....	\$7,596 53	
“ “ accounts payable.....	3,827 92	
Total amount of liabilities.....		<b>\$11,424 45</b>
Net value of assets above liabilities.....		<b>\$26,194 33</b>

## NET LOSS FOR PAST FISCAL YEAR.

Assets above liabilities 1893.....	\$28,495 63	
“ “ “ 1894.....	26,194 33	
Net loss.....		<b>\$2,301 30</b>

We congratulate the church that the Herald Office has withstood the financial strain that has prevailed during the past fiscal year.

Shortly after the invoice of 1893, the leading books of the church; viz. Holy Scriptures, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Harps, and Harmony were reduced in price about twenty per cent.

The receipts were \$4,422.71 less than for the year ending February 28, 1893, while the wages paid to employees are \$1,158.67 more than paid for the year ending February 28, 1893.

The intrinsic value of the Herald Office plant is more than equal to what it was a year ago.

We your committee would recommend, that one member at least of the committee who shall be appointed to audit the office for 1895, shall in connection with the employees of the Herald Office, take the invoice on the first day of March.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. M. ELVIN,

DUNCAN CAMPBELL,

JOHN SCOTT,

} Auditing committee.

LAMONI, Decatur Co., Iowa, March 22, 1894.

## BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication made the following report:—

The Board of Publication would respectfully report that at a meeting

of the Board held April 17, 1893, the following was adopted: "Resolved that we accept and respect the instructions of the General Conference as embodied in the resolution relating to the payment of general church ministers in the employ of the Board." The employees who could in any sense be termed general church ministers were requested to appear before us, which they did, as well as those who could not be so classed. The former expressed themselves as being willing to engage with us for the year and work in harmony with the resolution, and others consented to a small reduction in their wages, by which arrangement the office has been saved the sum of one hundred dollars per month, from May 1 to the close of the fiscal year, March 1 last.

The following was also moved and adopted: "Resolved that the President and Business Manager be authorized to reduce the price of publications if found practicable." Acting upon this resolution and the oft-repeated statement from the patrons of the office that if the price of the publications was reduced the sale would be increased in quantity, they ordered that a reduction of twenty-five cents per copy be made on all of the leading books, such as Holy Scriptures, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Harmony, and Harp, and even more than that on the Harmony which has the music and words combined; also a liberal reduction on price of Rules of Order, Christian Sabbath, and tracts. This reduction would undoubtedly have produced the results anticipated had it not been for the financial crisis that has so materially affected the business interests of the country generally. The result has been that the sale of books and tracts has been \$6,023.57 against \$7,446.92 for the previous year. The practice of issuing a supplement containing a sermon with the *Herald* every other week, adopted in October, 1892, has been continued the year just past, and much additional matter has been crowded into the *Herald* and cover. As a result the cost of type setting, paper, and press work amounts to \$316.96 more the last year than for the previous one. And while the number of subscribers to whom the *Herald* has been sent has not materially changed, the actual receipts for subscriptions have been \$1,176.36 less than the previous year, and by actual count we find that subscription is due from 310 more persons at the present time than there was a year ago, and many from whom money was due last year now owe an additional year's subscription. None of the unpaid and overdue subscriptions for either *Herald* or *Hope* have ever been counted as assets of the office until received. We submit the foregoing facts for the purpose of showing why the office is not enabled to show a gain as heretofore.

We would also report that during the year we have purchased the plates for the book, "What is Man," written by Elder J. R. Lambert; and also published a work written by him, entitled, "Objections to the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants Answered and Refuted," and Elder G. T. Griffiths' book, "The Instructor," and have published "Abstract of Evidence in the Temple Lot Suit," with the briefs of attorneys, and Opinion of the Court, for the church, in addition to the usual work of the office.

We are pleased to report that the bindery department has paid its way, and in addition thereto has paid a discount of five per cent on investment for machinery and has a balance of gain of \$81.15. The character of work can scarcely be excelled, and has saved the office quite an amount by way of freight, which we would have been obliged to have paid if the work had been sent to Chicago or elsewhere. Read before and adopted as the report of the Board, April 5, 1894.

ASA S. COCHRAN, Sec.

President Blair here took the chair and presided.

The following resolution from the Eastern Iowa district was read:—

#### RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was passed by the Eastern Iowa district conference held at Amber, Jones county, Iowa, March 17, 18, 1894: "Resolved that this the Eastern Iowa district does hereby discountenance the use of the term "Mormon" as applied to the Reorganized Church of Latter Day

Saints, and do hereby petition General Conference to take some action in having the term forbidden use in the church publications when applied to this church; and that the use of said term be discountenanced in our district, and we the members be hereby directed to the law which says, 'If it be called in the name of a man, then it be the church of a man.'—Book of Nephi 12: 3."

J. B. ROUSH, Sec., *pro tem.*

AMBER, Iowa, March 17, 1894.

On motion it was referred to a committee of three to examine and report. Brn. J. W. Wight, J. J. Cornish, and James McKiernan were appointed as said committee.

#### ST. LOUIS DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

A petition from the St. Louis district conference was read. They asked the General Conference to define the boundaries of that district. Signed by C. H. Jones, president and J. G. Smith, clerk of said district.

It was moved that this petition be referred to the Quorum of Twelve, but a substitute was moved that it be referred to a committee of three. This substitute prevailed, and Brn. O. B. Thomas, D. E. Tucker, and F. A. Smith were appointed as said committee.

#### HISTORY OF JOSEPH SMITH.

The resignation of the committee on the History of Joseph Smith was read as follows:—

*To the Conference Assembled:*—In 1877 the Board of Publication reported that there was a need of the History of Joseph Smith, the Seer, in revised form, and Joseph Smith, W. W. Blair, and H. A. Stebbins were appointed by conference to prepare such a history. That committee reported in 1891, and was continued. In 1892 the Board again reported the need of an "authentic history," and a committee of examination and revision was ordered, and J. Smith, W. H. Kelley, C. Derry, J. R. Lambert, and Board of Publication were so appointed. In 1893, by action of conference, a resolution of distrust was thrown upon the church history open to the research of the committee.

For the foregoing reasons we, of the committee of 1877 and 1891, resign from our positions thereon, and desire to be released.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH SMITH,  
W. W. BLAIR,  
H. A. STEBBINS.

LAMONI, Iowa, March 26, 1894.

On motion the resignation was accepted.

The resignation of Elder J. M. Poepoe, of Honolulu, as a minister and missionary was read, and referred to the Quorum of the Twelve.

The following document from the Youngstown branch, Ohio, was read:—

*To the Brethren assembled at General Conference at Lamoni; Greeting:*—

Whereas, the last General Conference adopted the following resolution, "That in our judgment much of the Church History contained in the *Millennial Star* and also in *Times and Seasons* is of extremely doubtful character, and cannot be safely relied upon; therefore it should not be employed as authority in matters affecting the government of the church"—

Resolved, that we as members of the Youngstown, Ohio, branch of the Pittsburg and Kirtland district consider said resolution too sweeping in its character for to adopt such a measure, before giving the members of the branches in general an opportunity to vote and to act upon such an important matter, therefore favor its repeal.

Passed unanimously in branch meeting held in Youngstown, Ohio, February 18, 1894.

SR. F. E. RICHARDSON,

Branch Secretary.

HUBBARD, Ohio, March 9, 1894.

On motion it was laid upon the table.

A request from the branch at Independence, Missouri, that the conference of 1895 be held there, was read; and action was deferred until the subject shall come up for consideration.

President Smith here took the chair and presented some petitions for ministers to be sent to various cities and regions:

One from Chicago, Illinois; one from Northern Illinois district; one from Brooklyn, New York; one from the Northeastern Missouri district; one from the Eastern Iowa district; one from the Denver branch, Colorado; one from Texas; one from St. Louis, Missouri; one from Knox, Indiana; and one from Harlan, Iowa.

These were referred to the Quorum of the Twelve for consideration, as well as a letter from Bro. Z. S. Martin, stating that he was ready to take the field.

The secretary made a statement concerning certain reports of the ministry which by mistake were not published in the supplement before the conference convened; and on motion it was ordered that these be published with the minutes of the conference.

A petition from Canada that Bro. J. H. Lake be returned to that field was referred to the First Presidency.

An appeal from Bro. E. C. Mayhew was presented. On motion it was referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the body, and Brn. J. F. Burton, R. J. Anthony, and J. T. Davis were chosen as said committee.

The recommendation contained in the report of the Quorum of the Twelve, in relation to the building of a chapel in London, England, was read, and its adoption was moved. It was spoken upon by Brn. Heman C. Smith and G. T. Griffiths in explanation; by Brn. R. S. Salyards, Elijah Sparks, J. S. Keir, C. H. Porter, E. L. Kelley, Charles Derry, George Hicklin, and T. W. Williams in favor; and by Brn. M. T. Short and J. W. Wight against said motion; and further action upon it was deferred until to-morrow.

Brn. J. A. Gunsolley and F. G. Pitt were chosen as assistant choristers.

The chair appointed Brn. F. M. Weld, J. M. Baggerly, Israel A. Smith, C. F. Church, A. C. Geer, Oscar Case, Elbert A. Smith, and O. L. Ferguson as ushers.

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### SATURDAY, APRIL 7.

The committee on credentials reported as to two certificates having been handed in, and other evidences being given of delegate appointment, as follows:—

We your committee on credentials report further as follows:—

We find Brn. J. R. Evans and G. T. Griffiths duly authorized to represent Eastern and Western Wales and entitled to 7 votes; James Caffall duly chosen to represent Central Nebraska district and entitled to 6 votes; Brn. A. L. Whiteaker, W. A. McDowell, Frank Hackett, J. W. Peterson, E. M. Wildermuth, W. S. Pender, C. H. Burr, and H. P. Curtis duly appointed to represent the Western Wisconsin district and entitled to 8 votes; and Bro. A. C. Hart duly appointed to represent the Spring River district, Missouri, and entitled to 20 votes. The names of Alma Hawley, Eber Hawley, and J. L. Gunsolley we find to belong to the delegation from the Nodaway district, and they should be enrolled.

We also find Brn. J. H. Peters and J. J. Cornish entitled to represent the Northern Michigan district and entitled to 15 votes.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. PORTER, Chairman,

JOHN B. ROUSH, Sec. *pro tem.*,

HENRY KEMP,

HUBERT CASE,

H. E. MOLER,

} Committee.

LAMONT, Iowa, April 7, 1894.

The committee on petition from the Eastern Iowa district reported as follows:—

We your committee appointed to examine the resolution of the Eastern Iowa district relating to the term "Mormon," beg to report: That in view of the fact that the church has already officially placed itself on record as to name, designation, or title, and by incorporation in the States of both Illinois and Iowa has the stamp of legality affixed thereto, we see no necessity for this conference to take other action than to discourage the use of such term in both writing and speaking.

J. W. WIGHT,

J. J. CORNISH,

JAMES MCKIERNAN,

} Committee.

The report was adopted.

The following report of the Bishopric was read:—

*To the Conference.*—1. The Bishopric, the last year, have had to contend in their work against the press of the close times, meet an increased foreign missionary expense, an increased home expense in prosecuting the Church case, and defending in two other cases. By the goodness and blessing of the Lord, the increased faithfulness and sacrifice of the Saints, all the emergencies have been fairly met, however; and although most or nearly all have felt the pressure of the times, none have been called from the field for want of the necessities demanded in the law. The credit belongs to the Master, who promised that his ministry should not lack, and to the faithful Saints who have been watchful of their duties and have striven to perform them as directed in the law of Christ.

2. The work of the Bishopric has also been burdened the year just past by reason of the prosecution of the Temple Lot suit, according to the appointment of the church in 1891. In this work we have been greatly aided by the advice and counsel of the Presidency, and President Smith made two trips to Illinois, two to Kansas City, and one to Western Iowa, in the interest of the church in this connection. We are glad to be able to report to the body that the rights and equities in the case have been decided by the Federal Court to be with the Reorganized Church, and although notice of appeal has been given by the Defendants, we are confident of the rightful claims of the Reorganized Church in the premises and have little fear of the results when it shall have reached the Court of Appeals.

3. The work of locating and establishing a Saints' Home for the comfort and care of those needing such of the church, we have proceeded with as directed by the General Conference of 1892 and as outlined in our report of one year ago.

Having met with such propositions as we deemed fair and reasonable,

we made choice of the site just north and adjoining the town of Lamoni, after examination and counsel with the First Presidency, and the President of the Quorum of the Twelve, and others. As has been shown by former reports, the church has sixty acres of land set apart for the purposes of this home; a portion of the building material has also been placed upon the ground with the expectation of pushing the work to completion during the present spring and summer.

4. Pursuant to the direction of the General Conference of 1889 authorizing the Bishopric to take such measures as might be deemed proper to aid the church at Independence, Missouri, with its building indebtedness, and finding that the local church there must lose the building unless aided, we made the effort and raised during the year, by solicitation of donations and otherwise, sufficient to take up the note the most pressing, and arranged for an extension of the remaining \$5,000 to such time as we think may be readily met without loss or injury. The Saints generally, and the Independence Saints particularly, have readily and faithfully aided in this work. The Saints at Oakland and San Francisco, California, have also specially aided by a loan of their funds without interest, and we trust their good motives and kindly deeds in this will not be forgotten by the Saints.

5. In the early part of the year the Bishopric, after advising with the Presidency, selected from plans and specifications supplied by Bro. G. J. Waller, Bishop's agent at Honolulu, and Elder J. C. Clapp, missionary there, a boat for the Society Islands mission and made a \$500 payment upon the same. We also submitted the letters and plans to Bro. Forscutt, in charge of that mission, and Brn. Wm. Newton and J. W. Gilbert, missionaries. Bro. Forscutt, after thinking over the matter, doubtless concluded the boat too small and frail for their work and sent a letter to this effect, to Bro. Waller. Upon this Bro. Waller refused to send the vessel unless ordered to do so by the Bishop; this we did not feel proper to do in the face of objections made by those who were expected to use the boat, until further correspondence with them, and by the time we got satisfactory returns from Bro. Forscutt and direction from him to send on the vessel from Honolulu, it was February of the present year.

In the meantime the money advanced on the Honolulu boat we had been permitted to withdraw, and in consultation with the Presidency and Bro. Dancer it was decided that the Bishop should go to the coast and procure or have built a suitable vessel and send at once to the Islands. It was impossible to do this, however, in March, on account of other pressing work and so was postponed till the close of the conference session. Unless the conference shall decide otherwise, it is hoped that the vessel may be forwarded at a very early date and placed at the disposal of the missionaries on the islands.

We simply give the facts touching the securing of the boat without attaching blame or credit to anyone, as doubtless all have done their duty according to their best judgment in the matter.

6. During the year Bro. George H. Hilliard, as counselor, has traveled almost constantly, working in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, California, Utah, and Iowa, teaching particularly in this and generally in the spiritual department of church work. Counselor Blakeslee has been engaged in work, when at liberty to do so, that was more local and also in the general Sunday school work. We make this reference to special work because under the change of rules in ministerial reporting no individual report has been sent in by us, except the financial report of the Bishop.

7. The work of the year has been a close and trying one upon the department in some ways, but we have not lost faith or confidence in the work, neither the brethren with whom we have been called to work and deal, nor the body of the Saints of the household of faith.

Very respectfully submitted,

E. L. KELLEY,  
G. H. HILLIARD,  
E. A. BLAKESLEE.

The committee on matter for encyclopedias reported its work as follows:—

We your committee appointed at last conference to make correction of errors concerning us as a church in encyclopedias, histories, and other publications, offer the following:—

We have examined many of such works, especially the encyclopedias, and have arranged for completing work on the lines leading to the end contemplated in our appointment. Much of our work is in an incomplete state, as time and opportunity have not been sufficient for us to complete it as per our plans. We have, however, succeeded in getting an article into the annual edition of Appleton's American Encyclopedia, which will be published this month, the proof sheet of which is in our possession, together with a letter from the editor assuring us of the publication of our article. Our report therefore is one of progress.

Respectfully,

E. L. KELLEY,  
F. M. SHEEHY,  
U. W. GREENE.

Bro. E. L. Kelley made a statement regarding the article that has been prepared and accepted; namely, that it is not to be published abroad until it first appears in the encyclopedia. Bro. F. M. Sheehy also spoke in relation to the article.

On motion the committee was continued.

A petition for the appointment of a minister to South Dakota was presented and referred to the quorum having charge of missions.

The society called "The Daughters of Zion" made request that the conference allow them an evening during the session that the society may present the nature of its work through an address by one of the elders. Signed by Sr. C. B. Kelley, chairman. The request was granted.

Taking up the matter that was pending at the hour of adjournment on yesterday, the secretary read section 2 of the report of the Twelve, and the chair read the names of those who spoke upon the subject yesterday. Bro. W. W. Blair presided during the discussion of this question.

This request of the Saints of London, England, for a loan to aid them in the building of a chapel was spoken upon by Bro. Henry Kemp, who favored adopting the recommendation of the Twelve.

Then it was moved that this request be referred to the High Council and the Bishopric.

This was discussed during the most of the afternoon, being favored by Brn. J. W. Wight, R. M. Elvin, and John Smith; and opposed by Brn. A. H. Smith, E. L. Kelley, R. E. Grant, John Hawley, J. H. Wells, J. R. Lambert, R. S. Salyards, and Joseph Luff.

An effort was made to adjourn, but it was defeated. The previous question upon the subject in hand was moved and prevailed, and the vote being taken upon the motion to refer it was defeated by a vote of 132 to 14. The original motion was then placed before the house and it was adopted.

President Smith said that the quorums of High Priests, Twelve, and First Presidency held a council meeting one year ago, and they then agreed that during the year they would, as quorums, draft statements of their understandings of their respective duties, rights, and powers, and during this confer-

ence these views were to be presented to a committee chosen by this council of its own members, who are to report a consensus of these opinions. This council is to meet as soon as all are ready for it.

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### MONDAY, APRIL 9.

The following was moved:—

Whereas, the officers and members of the church ought to be well informed about what is upon the church record with regard to definitions of the law by the acts of General Conference from time to time; and Whereas, provisions for the publishing of the acts of General Conference by former conferences has been provided for; be it Resolved, that we earnestly request the Board of Publication to take into serious advisement for so publishing the above acts of General Conference at as early a date as practicable.

This was discussed and explanations made by Brn. E. L. Kelley, H. A. Stebbins, John Smith, and T. W. Williams.

It was then moved as a substitute that Brn. E. L. Kelley, R. S. Salyards, and H. A. Stebbins be appointed to revise the acts of General Conferences that have already been compiled, and make them ready for publication, and report to this body.

Bro. E. L. Kelley moved to strike out his name and insert the name of Bro. Heman C. Smith. The amendment was voted upon and defeated. Brn. Kelley and Salyards spoke upon the matter further, and the resolution was adopted.

The committee appointed to consider and recommend the proper boundaries of the St. Louis district made report upon the matter, which was spoken upon by Brn. Blair, McKiernan, Hilliard, O. B. Thomas, Tucker, I. N. Roberts, and Short. It was moved to strike out the words "Pike county, Illinois." This was spoken upon by Brn. O. B. Thomas, W. W. Blair, Joseph Smith, Heman C. Smith, B. F. Durfee, and G. H. Hilliard; and Bro. Stebbins made a statement as to the former Pittsfield district. It was moved to refer back to the committee for further consideration. This prevailed.

It was moved that a committee of five be appointed, consisting of E. L. Kelley of Lamoni, Iowa, C. A. Beebe of Omaha, John Burlington and William Lewis of St. Joseph, and W. N. Robinson of Kansas City, to procure railway rates for the next General Conference. On motion the name of Bro. H. A. Stebbins was inserted in the place of Bro. E. L. Kelley.

Then it was ordered that further consideration of this matter be deferred until it is decided when and where the next General Conference shall be held.

The recommendation of the Hope branch of Indiana that Bro. James M. Baggerly be ordained to the office of a priest was taken up, and it was moved to refer the matter to the Southern Indiana district. This was favored by Brn. M. T. Short, T. W. Chatburn, C. Scott, and J. H. Wells, and opposed by Brn. E. L. Kelley and J. W. Wight. Bro. Emsley Curtis also spoke upon it. The previous question being called for the motion to refer was lost.



It was then moved that the recommendation be adopted and his ordination be provided for. This was discussed by Brn. Heman C. Smith, J. S. Snively, F. G. Pitt, William Anderson, T. W. Williams, R. E. Grant, C. Scott, J. R. Lambert, I. P. Baggerly, and J. W. Waldsmith. An effort was then made to refer it to the First Presidency, and speeches were made by Brn. W. H. Kelley, R. E. Grant, R. S. Salyards, and Heman C. Smith. A motion for the previous question prevailed, and the motion to refer was lost, and the vote to ordain was adopted.

The resolution from the Independence district that the Conference of 1895 be held there was taken up, and it was moved that the request be granted. Moved to amend to strike out the time. This proposition was discussed and finally the whole subject as to time and place was deferred to Friday afternoon next for consideration.

It was moved that the petition of the Youngstown branch, that was laid on the table on the 6th instant, be taken up. This was advocated by Bro. J. S. Parrish, but did not meet with favor, and the effort to take up was defeated by a standing vote of 31 for to 107 against.

#### DISTRICTS AND HIGH PRIESTS.

The following recommendation in the report of the First Presidency, as read on the 6th instant, was again read, and its adoption was moved:—

That localities where branches, or any considerable number of members exist, the organization of them into districts, or conferences, and the placing of high priests to preside over them be ordered and provided for.

The Presidency answered questions and the motion to adopt was favored by Brn. J. H. Lake, A. J. Moore, James Thomas, C. Scott, R. M. Elvin, J. H. Wells, John Smith, and J. F. Burton. Previous question was called for but defeated.

Pending the further discussion of this the conference adjourned.

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#### TUESDAY, APRIL 10.

The matter pending at adjournment in relation to the organization of districts, and the stationing of high priests over them, was taken up. Bro. J. W. Wight asked a question. Then the following was moved and adopted:—

Whereas, the duties and prerogatives of high priests, in connection with that of other officers, are under consideration by a joint council,

Resolved that the matter now pending be deferred until the joint council concludes its work.

#### ST. LOUIS BOUNDARY LINES.

The report of the committee on the boundary lines of the St. Louis district was read as follows:—

To the brethren in conference assembled:—We your committee upon the boundary lines of the St. Louis district respectfully submit the following report: That whereas the county lines in that portion of the St. Louis district lying in Missouri are so very irregular that it is difficult to define the

limits of that portion of the district by other method than that of naming the counties to be included, we recommend that the counties so included be designated as Lincoln, Montgomery, Warren, St. Charles, St. Louis, Franklin, Gasconade, Osage, Maries, Phelps, Crawford, Washington, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, Perry, and Jefferson.

These counties include all the branches that have been regarded as belonging and reporting to that district, and none that hitherto reported to the Southern Missouri, or Northeastern Missouri, or Independence districts. We find that in Illinois the Illinois Central railroad line is already the eastern boundary of the St. Louis district, and we recommend that the northern boundaries of the following counties; to wit, Christian, Sangamon, and Morgan be the northern boundary of the St. Louis district from the Illinois Central railroad line west to the Illinois River, and that the Illinois River be the western boundary of the district south to the southern boundary of Pike county, and thence the southern boundary of Pike county form the northern boundary to the Mississippi River.

Correction; We further recommend that all that part of Illinois lying west of the Illinois Central railroad line and south of the northern boundary herein defined be included in the St. Louis district

O. B. THOMAS,	} Committee.
D. E. TUCKER,	
FRED A. SMITH,	

The report and its recommendations were adopted as the decision of the conference.

The following resolution was duly presented and moved:—

Whereas the Lord, in his law, in Doctrine and Covenants, section 23: 3; 27: 2; 43: 2; 87: 2, 5; etc., has appointed the President of the church to be the chief teacher and leader thereof, and has made him the first officer in setting in order and regulating all the affairs of the church and kingdom of Christ on earth.—

And whereas, we do not fully understand the law regarding our duties, rights, and privileges as officers in the church.—

Therefore, Resolved, that this conference does hereby express its confidence in the order ordained of God, and also in the authority, ability, and worthiness of President Joseph Smith.

And be it further Resolved, That this conference respectfully request the President to proceed at an early hour during this conference, in one or more speeches or sermons as thought wise by him, to teach, expound, and explain the law and order of God in regard to the duties and responsibilities of the leading officers, quorums, and councils of the church, that we may all learn the will and order of God, and that we may be in perfect unity with each other, to labor in harmony for the progress of the beautiful gospel of Christ and work of God on earth.

(Signed)

J. J. CORNISH,  
J. F. MINTUN.

Bro. A. H. Smith took the chair to preside.

It was resolved that action upon this be also deferred until after a decision has been reached by the joint council that is now considering the matters that are spoken of in this resolution.

A letter from Bro. Olesen, of Independence, Missouri, was read by President Smith. It advocated the establishing of a mission in Iceland, the native country of this brother. It was resolved that it be not published. The following was adopted:—

Resolved that the printed reports of the elders be approved.

On motion the question upon the duties and rights of the High Council, as deferred from the conference of 1893, was taken up. It reads as follows:—

Resolved that it is the judgment of this quorum that the High Council was appointed by revelation for the purpose of settling important difficulties which could not be settled by the church or the Bishop's council to the satisfaction of the parties. It is therefore an appellate court, and has no jurisdiction in original cases. (See Doctrine and Covenants page 272, par. 1; p. 295, par 35; Book of Rules p. 135, par. 5.)

The amendment moved at last conference was to add the words, "except as provided in the law."

This deferred matter was spoken upon by Brn. Salyards and Elvin, and then it was moved that this subject be deferred and taken up in its order after the other matters that have already been deferred this afternoon.

This was discussed by Brn. W. H. Kelley, James Thomas, J. R. Lambert, and E. L. Kelley.

It was then resolved that the matter under consideration be referred to the High Council, for an expression of their views as to their duties, powers, and privileges, they to report the same to this body.

The following was moved:—

Resolved that the joint council, of which mention has been made, be requested to report to this body.

This was discussed by Brn. J. McKiernan, J. W. Gillen, H. H. Robinson, James Thomas, and C. Scott, and adopted.

A request from the Western Wisconsin district in relation to the dividing of Wisconsin into two districts was presented, reading as follows:—

*Resolved,* That we request the next General Conference to disorganize the Western Wisconsin district and divide the State into a northern and a southern district, the line dividing the two districts being the parallel which forms the Southern boundary of Monroe county, and extending from the Mississippi River to Lake Michigan; and that the Southern district include the branches in Wisconsin which now form a part of the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin district.

The above resolution was adopted by the Western Wisconsin district conference which met January 21, at Valley Junction, Wisconsin. We therefore present it, as instructed by the conference to do.

(Signed,)

W. S. PENDER,  
W. A. McDOWELL,  
J. W. PEPERSON.

On motion it was referred to a committee of three consisting of Brn. I. M. Smith, T. C. Kelley, and Henry Southwick.

A resolution in regard to the next conference being held in Kirtland was placed upon the table subject to action.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.

### MAYHEW APPEAL.

The committee appointed to consider the appeal of Bro. E. C. Mayhew reported, and it was adopted, reading as follows:—

The petition sets forth the following:—

1. This case has been pending since 1883.
2. During this time it has been referred to arbitration, to the civil courts, to a branch court of elders, to the Bishop's court, and on three separate appeals presented for hearing before the High Council.
3. The presidents of the High Council each time refusing to present the

case to the High Council for reasons deemed by them sufficient, as set forth in the petition.

4. The request of the petitioner is that this conference shall "proceed at once to call the High Council of the Church to hear the matters alleged" in the petition.

5. Your committee believes that unless some act of injustice has clearly been done to the appellant, by the presidents of the High Council in refusing to entertain his appeal, which act does not appear in the petition to have been done, this conference is debarred from granting the petition by reason of the law in section 99, paragraph 14 of Doctrine and Covenants, which says: "The president or presidents of the seat of the First Presidency of the church shall have power to determine whether any such case, as may be appealed, is justly entitled to a rehearing, after examining the appeal and the evidences and statements accompanying it, therefore,

6. Your committee do recommend that this conference do not entertain the petition.

J. F. BURTON,  
R. J. ANTHONY, } Committee.  
J. T. DAVIS, }

LAMONI, Iowa, April 11, 1894.

The committee on the request to divide Wisconsin into two districts made report and recommended as follows:—

That their petition be granted and the organization of said districts be provided for; that the northern boundaries of Vernon, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Washington, and Ozaukee counties be the dividing line between the two districts.

(Signed,)

ISAAC M. SMITH,  
HENRY SOUTHWICK, } Committee.  
T. C. KELLEY, }

On motion it was made the action of the body.

#### ORDINATION OF SEVENTY.

The Second Quorum of Seventy presented the following request for the ordination of the brethren named:—

Report of Second Quorum of Seventy:—At a meeting held by the Second Quorum of Seventy on Wednesday, April 11, one of the special items of business transacted and of interest to the body was the approval of the following names presented by the Presidents of Seventy for ordination to the office of seventy; and we request that their ordinations be provided for. The names are: 1 John Davis, 2 Edward De Long, 3 V. D. Baggerly, 4 H. E. Moler, 5 Samuel Brown, 6 L. F. Daniel, 7 John Shields, 8 C. H. Burr, 9 F. C. Keck, 10 J. W. Jackson, 11 E. A. Stedman, 12 S. W. Simmons, 13 William Thompson, 14 Alma M. Fyrando, 15 Henry Sparling, 16 James M. Scott, 17 C. J. Hunt, 18 F. J. Chatburn, 19 Fred A. Smith, 20 R. E. Grant, 21 J. B. Roush.

Respectfully submitted,

C. SCOTT, President,  
T. W. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

It was moved to adopt the report and provide for the ordinations, the names to be separately considered.

Upon so considering the following named brethren were approved for ordination for elders of the Seventy:

John Davis, Edward De Long, H. E. Moler, Samuel Brown, L. F. Daniel, John Shields, C. H. Burr, J. W. Jackson, F. C. Keck, E. A. Stedman, William Thompson, Henry Sparling, J. M. Scott, C. J. Hunt, F. J. Chatburn, F. A. Smith, R. E. Grant, and J. B. Roush.

The names of V. D. Baggerly, S. W. Simmons, and A. M. Fyrando were referred back to the Presidents of the Seventy for further consideration.

## THIRD QUORUM OF PRIESTS.

The Third Quorum of Priests reported that they had chosen Bro. W. T. Shakespeare as president, and Brn. J. A. Gunsolley and F. E. Cochran as counselors, and they respectfully ask that these brethren be ordained to the offices named. On motion the request was granted, and the ordinations were ordered.

## SECOND QUORUM OF DEACONS.

The following report of the organization of the Second Quorum of Deacons was read:—

*To the assembled General Conference:*

We the following named deacons, Charles F. Church, Joseph T. Williams, Morgan D. Lewis, George V. Brown, G. V. Wallace, Thomas L. Rider, J. A. Evans, and Ed. Weedmark met at the residence of Charles F. Church for the purpose of being organized into a quorum. Bro. E. A. Blakeslee of the Bishopric presiding. Bro. Charles F. Church was chosen president, Ed. Weedmark and George V. Brown counselors; J. A. Evans was chosen secretary.

It was moved and supported that we ask General Conference to recognize this, the Second Quorum of Deacons, and authorize the ordination of the president and his counselors as soon as practicable. Adjourned to meet at eight o'clock, Thursday morning at the house of Bro. Charles F. Church.

J. A. EVANS, Sec.

LAMONI, IOWA, April 10, 1894.

On motion the request was granted and the ordinations ordered.

## AMERICAN ARCHÆOLOGY.

The following was moved:—

Resolved that a committee on American Archæology be appointed, who shall report their labors to the General Conference, and as they deem necessary through the *Herald*, so that the church can have the benefit of their labors; that said committee be composed of five, three of whom shall be appointed by this conference, the remaining two to be selected by the committee at their discretion.

This was spoken to by Brn. F. M. Sheehy, E. L. Kelley, James Thomas, W. H. Kelley, J. W. Peterson, R. Etzenhouser, R. E. Grant, and adopted.

Proceeding to nominations, Brn. F. M. Sheehy, William Woodhead, C. D. Carter, W. H. Kelley, M. H. Forscutt, H. A. Stebbins, R. Etzenhouser, D. F. Lambert, and R. M. Elvin were named. Brn. Stebbins and Lambert declining, a standing vote was taken upon the other names, resulting in a choice of Brn. Sheehy, Kelley, and Woodhead as said committee, which choice was made unanimous.

Upon motion it was ordered that no new business be introduced after three o'clock on Thursday.

A resolution was read providing that priests, teachers, and deacons in organized quorums should have ex officio privileges, in conference, but it was declared to be out of order, because it would be in the nature of an amendment to the Rules of Representation, and they provide that notice of amendment thereto must be published two months prior to action thereon.

A resolution from the Fourth Quorum of Elders concerning blank ministry reports, and a resolution upon the subject of

marriage were read and laid upon the table subject to call.

Bro. E. L. Kelley gave notice concerning the latter that he would move to strike out certain portion, or portions.

Adjourned by singing, "We bless thee, Lord, that we have met," and benediction by President Blair.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12.

The following report was presented by the General Sunday School Association:—

*To the Saints in conference assembled; Greeting:—*

The following is the report of the General Sunday School Association, which we respectfully present for your indorsement and publication in the conference minutes.

On Wednesday morning, April 4, 1894, at nine a. m., the association met in business session in the Lamoni chapel for its third annual meeting. It continued in various sessions during that day and the 5th, in all of which the utmost enthusiasm and harmony prevailed. As a result of these meetings all who attended go away strengthened in the Sunday school work.

During the year just past, consent having been granted by those in charge, the church missionaries were earnestly urged to coöperate in this work, and willing responses came from all parts of their fields. A number of these missionary reports were read, showing that they were in hearty accord with this onward movement.

The association has decided to arrange the dates of the "Quarterlies" to correspond with the regular divisions of the year, and also to arrange for the publication of "primary lessons."

The present corps of officers were reëlected; viz., E. A. Blakeslee superintendent, Sr. M. Walker assistant superintendent, Sr. C. B. Kelley treasurer, and W. N. Robinson secretary.

Since the last report to your body there have been added to the General Association four districts, and two schools not in districts. The present number of districts in this association is twenty-five, nineteen of which were represented in this meeting, and of schools not in districts, eight, three of which were represented here.

The association numbers a total of 152 schools with an enrollment of 7,112 or a gain of 33 schools and 1,676 members within the past year, and is to-day out of debt and has a balance in the treasury.

E. A. BLAKESLEE, Superintendent,  
W. N. ROBINSON, Secretary.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 9, 1894.

The Quorum of the Twelve presented the following notice:—

The Quorum of the Twelve hereby gives notice that it will present for the consideration of the conference the questions involved in the subjects now before the joint council, unless such action on its part shall be made unnecessary by general agreement on the part of said joint council.

Signed, A. H. SMITH, President of Quorum.

The action of yesterday providing that three o'clock to-day should be the limit of time for the introduction of new business was repealed, and it was moved to fix Monday next at three o'clock as the date for the limit. A substitute was moved that Saturday be the day instead of Monday. This was defeated, and the motion for Monday prevailed by a vote of 98 to 63.

The following was moved:—

That this body take some action in regard to furnishing speakers for the several reunions during the coming conference year.

By vote this was laid on the table.

The following preamble and resolution were moved:—

Whereas the following language as found in section 101, paragraph 2, page 280, Doctrine and Covenants: "Therefore if any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, according to the law of my gospel, unto the poor and the needy, he shall, with the wicked, lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment," has been used in teaching the law of tithing,

Resolved, as the sense of this conference, that said section in its entirety was given for the establishment and direction of the Order of Enoch, and pertains to that order, and not necessarily to the body of the church; promising as it does a "multiplicity of blessings" to those faithful to their covenants in the order, and cursings if not faithful; and hence should not be used in teaching the law of tithing.

A motion was then made that it be referred to the Twelve and the Bishopric, which was followed by another to refer it to the High Council of the church. It was discussed by Brn. E. L. Kelley, James Thomas, John Shippy, Robert Winning, J. J. Cornish, J. R. Lambert, G. H. Hilliard, and James Whitehead. Then the previous question was ordered, and the effort to refer it to the High Council was defeated, as was also the effort to refer it to the Twelve and the Bishopric. Then the vote was taken upon the original resolution and it was defeated.

The adoption of the following was moved:—

1. Resolved, that hereafter all financial agents of the church in whatever capacity employed shall give bond for the faithful execution of their respective trusts, in such amounts as may be appointed by the High Council of the church, said bonds to be obtained from some responsible security company, to be approved by said council.

2. Resolved, that to each financial agent of the church a salary allowance shall be made sufficient at least to cover the expense of his bond.

3. Resolved, that each financial agent of the church be required to deposit all moneys received by him, in some bank to his credit as such financial agent and that the amounts disbursed by him, shall be altogether by check on said bank account.

A motion was made to lay it on the table and postpone indefinitely, but this effort was defeated. Following there were speeches by Brn. R. Winning and J. H. Wells. It was then ordered that the clauses be examined separately. It was moved that before the words "High Council," in the first paragraph, there be inserted the word "traveling." This amendment was spoken to by Brn. S. V. Bailey, C. H. Porter, W. A. McDowell, T. W. Williams, Arthur Allen, George Hicklin, Emsley Curtis, James McKiernan, James Thomas, T. W. Chatburn, B. F. Duffee, R. C. Evans, and J. W. Waldsmith. It was moved to refer this whole matter to a committee to examine, revise, and report, but this proposition was denied by vote, and the proposed amendment was also defeated. Then the first clause, as originally presented, was acted upon and declared lost.

The second clause was then taken up, and, on motion it was struck out. The third clause was considered and it was moved to amend by inserting after the word, "bank," the words, "or safe depository." This was discussed, and the previous question being ordered the amendment was defeated, as was also the original clause itself.

## REPORT OF JOINT COUNCIL.

According to the request of the conference made on the 10th the joint council of the First Presidency, Twelve, and High Priests, which has been holding sessions during this conference, made report, reading:—

*To the Conference:*—The Joint Council, in compliance with your request, presents the following report, which embraces what has been agreed upon.

1. Office in the Church of Christ is not conferred to distinguish, or glorify, or increase the importance of the person on whom it is conferred.

2. Office in the church is conferred for the purpose of accomplishing certain results designed in the instituting and establishing the church.

3. All offices in the church come properly under the head of the priesthood. Under this general head all the officers are arranged, there being two orders of priesthood; the Melchisedek and the Aaronic.

4. The scope of the present council is confined to an inquiry into the calling, duties, and prerogatives of the First Presidency, Twelve, and the Quorum of High Priests.

5. The President of the church is primarily appointed by revelation.

6. This appointment is confirmed by the vote of the church properly taken.

7. That the Presidency is the leading quorum in the church. That the duty of presiding over the church devolves on that quorum. That it is the prerogative of the President to preside over the whole church, to bear the responsibility of the care and oversight of the work of the church, in all its different departments, and through the constituted officers of the church in their various callings, according to the laws, rules, and regulations in force and recognized by the church.

8. That it is the prerogative of the President to receive revelations from God and give them to the church for the direction and government of the affairs of the church.

9. That the members of the Presidency are leading interpreters and teachers of the laws and revelations of God, and are of right presidents of the General Assemblies of the church.

10. That the members of the Presidency are to preside over the High Council, and in the exercise of this duty to render decisions on important causes submitted to that council.

11. That it is the prerogative of the Presidency, to receive revelations from God through the President and present them to the church.

12. That the Presidency are the counselors of the Twelve and exercise the right of presidency by direction and council to that Quorum.

13. That the calling and duties of the High Priests are those of standing or local presidency of branches, districts, conferences, or stakes, to the presidency of which they may be called, or appointed by the constituted authorities of the church, in accordance to the law.

14. That "the Twelve" are the second quorum in authority and importance in the general work of the church; and is the leading missionary body of laborers, under the direction and council of the Presidency, whose duty it is to preach the gospel, win souls to Christ, administer in the rites of the gospel, carry the gospel to this and every other nation, take charge of and direct other missionaries; and to do any work within their calling, which the necessities of the work and general welfare of the church may demand.

JOSEPH SMITH, President of Council,  
HEMAN C. SMITH,  
HENRY A. STEBBINS, } Secretaries of Council.

A motion that this report be adopted prevailed unanimously. Resolutions from the Fourth and Fifth Quorums of Elders about providing blanks for certain uses were read.

It was ordered that they be referred to a committee of three, and Brn. T. W. Williams, D. M. Rudd, and F. J. Chatburn were appointed as said committee.



## FRIDAY, APRIL 13.

Bro. E. A. Blakeslee entered his protest against the action of yesterday whereby the report of the joint council was adopted.

## THIRD QUORUM OF ELDERS.

A report from the Third Quorum of Elders was read:—

The Third Quorum of Elders has held three very peaceful sessions. Reports were read from 47 of the brethren indicating 1,922 sermons, 159 baptisms, 146 children blessed, 18 marriages solemnized, and 1,764 administrations to sick.

On motion Bro. John Hawley was recommended as a suitable man for a mission, he to go self-supporting, and desiring a mission to Texas.

The following was passed: Whereas, we feel a great need of a map, locating cities and travels in Book of Mormon times, to aid in studying said book; therefore be it resolved, that we the members of the Third Quorum of Elders ask General Conference now in session to appoint a committee to make and have such a map printed at as early a date as practicable.

J. M. TERRY, Secretary.

The recommendation for Bro. Hawley to have a mission appointment was referred to the Quorum of Twelve, and the request about the map was referred to the committee on archaeology.

## FIRST QUORUM OF PRIESTS.

The First Quorum of Priests reported:—

The First Quorum of Priests met in the Church Secretary's office, April 11, 1894; Bro. G. H. Hilliard in the chair, C. P. Faul secretary. M. W. Hartshorn, Samuel Broliar, D. F. Crane, Ellis Short, and David J. Krahl were enrolled as members. Reports were read from C. H. Derry, George F. Weston, L. F. Johnson, Lewis C. Donaldson, John Allison, and O. H. Brown. Members present reporting: L. Fowler, E. Sparks, Ellis Short, Samuel Broliar, M. W. Hartshorn, D. F. Crane, Robert White, and William Crick. David J. Krahl was elected president, and the quorum asks that his ordination be provided for; L. F. Johnson secretary. Treasurer reported having received \$7.50, expended \$2.85, on hand \$4.65. L. F. Johnson was chosen treasurer. Adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

C. P. FAUL, Secretary *pro tem*.

The ordination asked for was approved and ordered.

## HIGH COUNCIL REPORT.

The following from the High Council was read:—

*To the General Conference, Greeting:—*

We herewith report that at the meeting of the High Council this forenoon, the resignation of Councilor Winthrop H. Blair, on account of poor health, advanced age, and deafness was accepted; and we further report that the Presidency nominated High Priest John Chisnall to fill vacancy caused by such resignation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. ELVIN, Secretary.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 13, 1894.

A motion to adopt was discussed and prevailed, the ordination to be provided for.

An invitation that the church hold a reunion at Pertel Springs, Missouri, was read to call attention to the offer.

A request from the Daughters of Zion was read as follows:—

At a meeting of the Daughters of Zion, held April 11, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved that we request all elders and missionaries of the church to assist in introducing the work of the Daughters of Zion wherever their labors may call them. (Signed,) CALLIE B. STEBBINS,  
Secretary of Daughters of Zion.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the subject of further blank forms for the use of the church was read but no action was taken upon it.

Preamble and resolution upon the subject of marriage and divorce was read:—

Whereas there exists in the church no definite and positive understanding on the law governing marital relations, therefore be it resolved that there be a committee of three appointed to draft a statement of the law together with an explanation thereof governing the relationship of husband and wife, touching the following features:—

1. Justifiable causes for separation of husband and wife.
  2. On what conditions can husband or wife whose companion is still living be privileged to marry again.
  3. The lawfulness or unlawfulness of receiving individuals into the church when having one or more companions living from whom they have been separated.
  4. The lawfulness or unlawfulness of expelling members from the church for separating from companions.
  5. As to whether we as a church should recognize that the divorce law of the land separates and frees in a gospel sense.
- Said committee to report to the next conference.

J. M. TERRY.

It was moved to amend by striking out the words, "marital relations," and insert the word, "divorcement."

The subject matter was spoken upon by Brn. James Thomas, J. M. Terry, M. T. Short, J. H. Wells, T. W. Williams, I. P. Baggerly, B. F. Durfee, and W. H. Kelley. Then the amendment was adopted. Afterwards it was moved that the document be referred to the First Presidency and Bishop as the committee referred to in the resolution, they to report at the next conference if unable to report at this. This was adopted.

A message from the First Presidency concerning the ordination of high priests was read:—

*To the Conference Assembled:*—The First Presidency reports the following named persons for ordination to the office of high priest; viz., 1. James Moler, Limerick, Ohio; 2. Alma Fyrando, Magnolia, Iowa; 3. Hans N. Hansen, Weston, Iowa; 4. John P. Carlile, Underwood, Iowa; 5. E. W. Nunley, Cook's Point, Texas; 6. A. J. Moore, Lamoni, Iowa; 7. James M. Baker, Dow City, Iowa; 8. Temme Hinderks, Stewartville, Missouri; 9. William Lewis, St. Joseph, Missouri; 10. Robt. Winning, St. Joseph, Missouri; 11. J. M. Terry, St. Joseph, Missouri; 12. J. R. Evans, Lucas, Iowa; 13. George Green, Appledore, Canada; 14. Robt. Longhurst, Vanessa, Canada; 15. Roderick May, Independence, Missouri; 16. George Montague, Moorhead, Iowa; 17. William C. Nirk, Rhodes, Iowa; 18. John T. Davis, Netawaka, Kansas; 19. R. J. Anthony, Pleasant Grove, Utah; 20. I. N. White, Independence, Missouri; 21. C. H. Porter, Wilber, Nebraska; 22. Jos. F. Burton, San Benito, California; 23. Joseph Dewsnap, Manchester, England; 24. J. H. Wells, Knobnoster, Missouri; 25. C. H. Jones, Pawnee, Missouri; 26. Wentworth Vickery, Plano, Illinois; 27. F. M. Sheehy, Boston, Massachusetts; 28. I. S. Snively, Lamoni, Iowa.

JOSEPH SMITH, }  
W. W. BLAIR, } First Presidency.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 13, 1894.

## HIGH COUNCIL REPORT.

The following report from the High Council, made in accordance with the request of the conference, was read:—

LAMONI, Iowa, April 13, 1894.

The conference on yesterday by resolution submitted the resolution touching the jurisdiction of the High Council, deferred from last April session, to the High Council, asking that Council to take the matter into consideration and to report an expression of their views as to their duties, powers, and privileges. In compliance with such resolution and request the following is presented:—

## THE HIGH COUNCIL.

1. The High Council of the church is a body composed of twelve High Priests chosen from among the high priesthood, and set apart to this calling by ordination, by direction of a High Council or General Conference, and presided over by the First Presidency of the church. (D. C. 17: 17; 99: 1; 104: 35.)

2. The object of the instituting this council was to provide a tribunal in the church for the definitive and final settlement of matters of importance upon which differences of opinion might arise, either as disputes between members of the church, officers or otherwise, or between the church in matters of discipline and individuals in transgression in spiritual or temporal things; and in deciding questions of doctrine and principle upon which controversies may arise. (D. C. 99: 1-15; 104: 15, 35, 36.)

3. In the exercise of the functions of their office the High Council may have jurisdiction in matters of disagreement between members desiring to comply with the law of tithing and the Bishop, on the question of the proper amount to be paid by the member. (Letter of First Presidency of July 2, 1833. *Times and Seasons*, Vol. 6, page 801. And official instruction of Joseph Smith, President, before his death.)

4. The High Council has also joint jurisdiction with the Bishopric in matters of the care of the poor and the relief of the necessities of officers and members of the church, within their mutual fields of care and responsibility; especially in the prosecution of affairs in which the conferences and assemblies have directed work to be done; the Bishop and his councilors being the direct administrators, and acting in their own office and calling. (D. C. 42: 10; 19; 41: 3; 72; 58: 12. *Times and Seasons*, Vol. 1, pages 92, 93, etc.)

5. The High Council has concurrent jurisdiction with elders' courts, the Bishop's Court, and committees from either district or General Conferences, in matters of business, doctrine, and principle that may be deemed of sufficient importance to be submitted to it upon statements made by the parties, or by agreement, without there having been first an inquiry, or adjudication before other tribunals in the church. (D. C. 99; 104: 35, and general usage of church.)

6. The High Council has also concurrent jurisdiction with high councils organized abroad by the Traveling High Council, and Councils of the traveling High Priests, and General Conferences in directing and providing for the ordination of a president of the high priesthood, (or presiding elder,) High Counselor and High Priest. (D. C. 17: 17; 99: 4, 11.)

7. The High Council has original jurisdiction and may receive and proceed to hear and determine causes, in cases where a Bishop, or High Priest who is acting as Counselor to a Bishop, is accused of transgression. (D. C. 68: 3; 104: 35, 36, 37.) See Note 1.

8. The High Council has appellate jurisdiction in all cases tried in the ordinary courts and councils of the church, including elders' courts, Bishops' Courts, councils; (except the Traveling High Council) Committees of district or General Conferences, upon the decisions of either of which several tribunals there may not be satisfaction to both parties, and which may be appealed to such High Council; such appeals to be taken in accordance with the rules and usages of the church in such cases made, provided, and obtaining. (D. C. 99; 104: 35, 36, 37. Book of Rules, chapter 13.)

Note 1.—It is evident that the Lawgiver intended that there should be in

the church such a distribution and equipoise of authority (right to act) and powers, that the people, the membership, the mass of the believing body of the church should be afforded ample safeguards against such assumption of right to dominate and dictate as would result in leading the church into unrighteousness, sin, bondage, and destruction.

For this purpose, the leading quorums of the church hold check and countercheck on each other, holding equal authority in decision, subject to the decision of the whole array of quorums in General Assembly; such equal decisions, however, having relations to such subjects of consideration and determination as belong to their co-equal jurisdiction and action; matters which lie within the immediate sphere of each quorum respectively, being free from the interference and domination of the others.

This care of equalization of powers runs, also, into the relation of separate branch, district, and stake authorities, where immediate jurisdiction lies with local councils, in local affairs, thus preventing injury from an undue dictation on the part of separate general church authorities, as is clearly shown in the sections of the law cited as authority in this paper.

It also appears that the same careful provision has been exercised in creating the tribunals in the church before which transgressors against the faith, doctrines, principles of right, and the governmental discipline of the church may be brought upon accusation, and tried and punished according to the magnitude of the wrong done. For common misdemeanors and minor offenses, against the church, persons, or property, the common councils of elders' courts, the Bishop's Courts, and committees of inquiry by district, or General Conferences; for major offences the quorums, councils of High Priests, and the High Council of the church.

In apparent harmony with the equalization of powers in the ministerial quorums of the church there was an equipoise established between tribunals in such way that no officer or member of the body is permitted by reason of his office, or position, to escape answering for wrongs to his compeers, or the church.

Of this character are the two provisions: by one of which the Presidency, though a part of the High Council and ex officio presidents of it, cannot be tried by it, but are made amenable to the Bishop's Council assisted by High Priests, compeers of the Presidency; and the other, that by which neither the Bishop nor either of his counselors, if a High Priest, may be tried before an elders' or Bishop's Court, but is made amenable to the Presidency and his council, the High Council, before which tribunal these named officers may be properly arraigned and receive penalty for transgression or wrongdoing if found guilty.

This is in accordance with the far-reaching prescience of the Lawgiver, compatible with his attributes as we understand them, giving assurance and steadfast confidence to the people that no mistake in the law affords a loophole of escape for an offender, whether he be high in office or humble in rank among the people.

There is no part of the law that warrants the conclusion that the Presidency, of itself, is a court to try an offender: but the two clauses, 68:3 and 104:35, 36, (with 37, as a negative explanation,) do warrant the conclusion that the Presidency and the Twelve Councilors do constitute the Court of the Church before whom the Bishop and his high priest Councilors may be tried.

Nor is there anything that warrants the conclusion that any quorum of the church may arraign and try as an offender, any one of its own members, and pass sentence in judgment upon him for an infringement of the law of the church by which he may, if convicted, be deprived of his membership; all must answer to the tribunals instituted in the law.

It is true that it has been conceded in usage that quorums might take notice of charges made against one of its members, and institute inquiry thereon; and if such inquiry resulted in finding the accused one guilty, the quorum dropped such offender from its quorum rolls of membership, or expelled him, taking his license to act for the church, in his quorum calling, from him. This usage has grown up from courtesy; but is not provided for in the law that we have learned as yet.

From a consideration of 104:37, it may be inquired whether the words "a

president of the High Priesthood," may and ought not to have a wider application than to the members of the First Presidency alone, which it is manifest are certainly meant. If so, do not the members of the Quorum of the Twelve, as being presidents, a traveling presiding High Council (as individuals not as a quorum) become subject to the rule? And will not the same provision apply to High Priests when acting as presidents of missions, districts, or stakes? If they do, then as in the case of the Presidency, the tribunal before which they may be called to answer, is specifically provided; if not, is the inference wrong in principle or in fact that clause thirty-six (36) applies, and they are amenable to the High Council? the highest council in the church, from which no one is exempt, either in concurrent or exclusive jurisdiction; to the elders' courts, or High Council on matters of doctrine and principle; to the Bishop's Court or High Council for matters of personal conduct and infringement of the moral law and discipline of the church? We incline to the position of concurrent jurisdiction, the one being the shorter, the other the longer process to secure the application of law and the punishment of the guilty or the exculpation of the innocent from suspicion and accusation.

JOSEPH SMITH, }  
W. W. BLAIR, } Presidency.  
ROBT. M. ELVIN, Secretary.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 13, 1894.

It was ordered that this document be printed and a copy thereof furnished to each member of the conference, and that this subject be made the special order for to-morrow afternoon.

The request of the Independence district and branch that the conference of 1895 be held in Independence was read, it being the order of the day that this matter should now be considered. It was moved that the request be granted and that Independence be the place for holding the next session.

Then the following was moved by Brn. G. T. Griffiths and J. H. Lake:—

Whereas, the conferences have been held in Lamoni and Independence for a series of years, and whereas, the General Conferences hitherto held at Kirtland have been of much benefit to the church, as well as a convenience to those not privileged to come so far west as Lamoni to attend a conference, therefore be it,

Resolved, that when this conference adjourns it does so to meet at Kirtland, Ohio.

After various brethren had spoken, either in favor of one of these places or the other, the vote by yeas and nays was ordered.

The secretary proceeded to call the roll of districts, delegates, and *ex officio* members, with the following results:—

#### FOR INDEPENDENCE.

##### DISTRICTS AND BRANCHES.

Australia, Forster 10, Victoria 5.	Fremont 21, Galland's Grove 32, Little Sioux 45, Pottawattamie 26.
Colorado, Denver branch 1.	Kansas, Spring River 8.
Indian Territory, Standley branch 1.	Kentucky and Tennessee 6.
Illinois, Northern 35, Kewanee 14, Southeastern 20, Nauvoo and Spring Prairie 20.	Missouri, Clinton 23, Far West 33, Independence 50, Nodaway 9, Northeastern 12, St. Louis 12,
Iowa, Decatur 52, Des Moines 25, Eastern 9,	

Missouri, Southern 9.  
Nebraska, Northern 18,  
Southern 24.

Texas, Red River branch 1.  
Wisconsin, Western 8.

Total 538.

EX OFFICIOS.

A. H. Smith,  
J. W. Gillen,  
I. L. Rogers,  
A. S. Cochran,  
R. M. Elvin,  
H. A. Stebbins,  
John Chisnall,  
R. J. Anthony,  
I. A. Bogue,  
J. F. Mintun,  
Henry Kemp,  
J. W. Wight,  
H. O. Smith,  
J. R. Lambert,  
Charles Derry,  
George Derry,  
J. W. Waldsmith,  
C. E. Butterworth,  
J. A. Robinson,  
Duncan Campbell,  
J. C. Foss,  
I. N. Roberts,  
W. T. Bozarth,  
J. Arthur Davis,  
W. E. Peak,  
E. D. Morgan,  
Joseph Luff,  
James Whitehead,  
David Dancer,  
F. G. Pitt,  
E. L. Kelley,  
William Anderson,  
I. N. White,  
James McKiernan,  
M. T. Short,  
A. J. Moore,  
H. H. Robinson,

O. B. Thomas,  
W. S. Pender,  
T. W. Chatburn,  
J. W. Peterson,  
George Montague,  
J. S. Roth,  
O. J. Bailey,  
George Hicklin,  
Stephen Wood,  
Robert Lyle,  
Samuel Ackerley,  
William Thompson,  
W. N. Abbott,  
A. C. Hart,  
E. L. Page,  
J. M. Brown,  
Lewis Gaultier,  
J. H. Wells,  
Hubert Case,  
G. H. Hilliard,  
John Rounds,  
Charles Perry,  
L. L. Babbitt,  
William Summerfield,  
D. Hougas,  
Myron Haskins,  
C. D. Carter,  
D. E. Tucker,  
W. A. McDowell,  
T. C. Kelley,  
J. Alfred Davis,  
Horace Bartlett,  
J. S. Snively,  
M. McHarness,  
H. N. Snively,  
B. F. Durfee,  
Arthur Allen,

George Kemp,  
C. J. Hunt,  
John Shippy,  
F. J. Chatburn,  
N. Stamm,  
C. H. Burr,  
J. Armstrong,  
J. S. Keir,  
W. A. Moore,  
George Hawley,  
R. May,  
B. Salisbury,  
Thomas Nutt,  
Alma Kent,  
C. H. Porter,  
Emsley Curtis,  
J. L. Bear,  
E. E. Wheeler,  
J. D. Bennett,  
V. White,  
Henry C. Smith,  
Marcus Shaw,  
J. M. Terry,  
John Hawley,  
E. J. Robinson,  
C. J. Anderson,  
Fred A. Smith,  
William Waterman,  
J. B. Roush,  
C. P. Faul,  
L. L. Wight,  
G. E. Deuel,  
W. O. Thomas,  
A. D. Bullard,  
Fred Hanson,  
A. W. Head,  
Hans Peterson,  
Total 111; aggregate 649.

FOR KIRTLAND.

DISTRICTS AND BRANCHES.

England, London branch 1.  
Canada, Chatham 20,  
London 40.  
California, Southern 20,  
Northern 24.  
Idaho 5.  
Iowa, Decatur 13.  
Massachusetts 28.  
Michigan, Eastern 35,  
Northern 15,

Michigan, Southern 21.  
Nebraska, Central 1.)  
Ohio 16.  
Pennsylvania, Pittsburg and Kirtland 23.  
Philadelphia 8.  
Texas, Western 8.  
Wales, Eastern and Western 7.  
West Virginia 8.

Total 293.

EX OFFICIO.

Joseph Smith,  
J. H. Lake,  
Heman C. Smith,  
David Chambers,  
A. H. Parsons,  
R. C. Evans,  
James Moore,  
J. J. Cornish,

W. W. Blair,  
James Caffall,  
W. H. Kelley,  
C. Scott,  
M. H. Bond,  
J. F. Burton,  
R. Etzenhouser,  
R. S. Salyards,

E. C. Briggs,  
G. T. Griffiths,  
J. H. Peters,  
J. F. McDowell,  
F. M. Sheehy,  
M. M. Turpen,  
J. R. Evans,  
D. M. Rudd,

I. P. Baggerly,  
 J. H. Thomas,  
 A. B. Moore,  
 J. T. Kinnaman,  
 A. D. Closson,  
 H. E. Moler,  
 R. E. Grant,  
 J. P. Carlile,

T. W. Williams,  
 S. V. Bailey,  
 E. A. Blakeslee,  
 H. R. Harder,  
 E. A. Stedman,  
 Alex. Greer,  
 John Smith,

I. M. Smith,  
 James Thomas,  
 J. S. Parrish,  
 Jacob Reese,  
 John Shields,  
 F. M. Weld,  
 William Lewis.

Total *ex officio* 46; aggregate 339.

On motion the vote for Independence was made unanimous.

## SECOND QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The Second Quorum of Elders reported:—

*To the General Conference:—*

We have held six meetings, with twelve of our members present; 64 of our number have reported. Number of sermons preached 1,935, General Conference appointees 5; presidents of districts 4; Bishop's agents 6; presidents of branches 25; superintendent of Sunday school 1; baptized 142; confirmed 209; ordinations 26; blessed 143 children; administered to sick 1,012 times, solemnized 30 marriages. During the past year E. C. Brown, James Brown, W. G. Harris, Moses Houghton, Samuel Longbottom, and John X. Davis have been removed by death. John J. Conyers, William J. Cook, William R. Durfey, David R. Evans, Samuel Ferris, William H. Hart, Charles Howery, Richard Hughes, John H. Hunt, Daniel F. Lambert, Richard Lambert, James W. Newberry, William Owen, and Solomon J. Salisbury have been dropped from our quorum for failing to report for two succeeding years. We have received the following as members: John Wahlstrom, D. A. Hutchings, B. J. Scott, James A. Reed, Francis A. Evans, William Jaques, H. B. Sterrett, W. P. Pickering, J. W. Morgan, Frank Izatt, M. W. Culbertson, J. E. Rogerson, F. J. Curtis, C. M. Fulks, Fred Johnson, C. W. Earle, J. R. Pearce, R. B. Howlett, G. E. Ward, Joseph Ward, John Wilson, T. E. Thompson, Franklin Rudd, and S. D. Payne. There is now but one vacancy in our quorum.

The following were adopted by the quorum:—

Whereas death has entered into our midst and removed from this the second quorum of elders the following named brethren, Moses Houghton, John X. Davis, James Brown, Samuel Longbottom, W. G. Harris, Elisha C. Brown, and John Matthews, therefore be it resolved that we do hereby express our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends thus called to mourn. We regret this loss sincerely, but bow submissively to the overruling providence of Him who "doeth all things well;" and while our hearts are made sad by the loss thus sustained, a joy comes with the thought that in the death of the faithful comes victory.

Resolved that we do not take anyone into our quorum who uses tobacco or intoxicating drinks, and that any member using either of these at next conference their names shall be dropped.

Resolved that it is the sense of this the Second Quorum of Elders that all of its members shall comply with instruction of high officials of the church, in confining themselves to their several fields of labor.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 14.

The subject of the appointment of a committee on railway rates for the conference of 1895, as deferred on the 9th inst., was taken up and the following, after discussion, was adopted:—

Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed, consisting of H. A. Stebbins of Lamoni, C. A. Beebe of Omaha, John Burlington and William Lewis of St. Joseph, and W. N. Robinson of Kansas City, to procure railroad rates to the next General Conference.

Preambles and resolutions from the Quorum of Twelve were read, in which request was made for a day of fasting and prayer to be appointed, that the mind and will of the Lord may be obtained upon the points wherein differences of view exist. In this request the Presidency and High Priests, as parties with the Twelve in the joint council, unite with the Twelve, and an invitation extended to the Seventy, the Bishopric, the Elders, and all the Saints who will to take part in such service of devotion and sacrifice.

Following this it was resolved that the discussion of the subject of the views of the High Council, as to its powers and rights, be deferred till next Monday afternoon, and be made the special order of the day.

The report of the committee on blank forms was again taken up and read:—

*To the Presidency and Brethren; Greeting:—*We your committee appointed to consider the advisability of revising and preparing blank forms, report as follows: That in our judgment there is no necessity for complaint or appeal blanks, but think it advisable that the present ministry blank be revised to read as follows:—

MINISTRY REPORT.

.....189....  
*To the Presidency and Brethren:—*During the past year I have preached.. times; presided over...other meetings; baptized....; confirmed....; assisted...times; ordained....; assisted...times; blessed...children; assisted...times; administered....times; organized....districts; .... branches; ....Sunday schools. Have acted as.....

REMARKS.

And further; we recommend that a summons to appear blank be printed. We suggest the following:—

.....189....  
 .....(Name)  
 You are hereby notified to appear before an elders' court composed of ....., ....., ....., to be held at ....., on ....., 189...., to answer to the following charges, ....., preferred by.....

....., Secretary.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 T. W. WILLIAMS,  
 F. J. CHATBURN,  
 D. M. RUDD.

It was moved that it be adopted and referred to the Board of Publication to furnish the forms. Discussion followed from Brn. W. H. Kelley, J. H. Wells, T. W. Williams, James Thomas, C. H. Porter, D. M. Rudd, and F. J. Chatburn, and then adopted. Division being called, resulted in a standing vote of 96 for and 34 against.

An additional few items were reported by the Second Quorum of Elders, which are incorporated with previous report.

FOURTH QUORUM OF ELDERS.

Report of the Fourth Quorum of Elders was read:—

The Fourth Quorum of Elders has held five sessions, over which Elder Fred A. Smith has presided *pro. tem.* President Andrew Barr and his counselor, S. J. Jeffers, being absent.



Reports were received from 38 members, aggregating 1,643 sermons, 150 baptisms, 220 confirmations, 16 ordinations, 66 children blessed, 400 administrations to the sick.

From the membership 30 names have been dropped and for the causes named; viz., Hanson Ingvert, W. H. Gordon, Edgar R. Lampher, and Joshua B. Prettyman, from death; Samuel Crum expelled; Hiram Rathbun ordained high priest; D. D. Babcock, W. S. Cowlshaw, John Conyer, Oliver E. Cleveland, John Gallop, J. H. Givens, J. C. Hardman, Joseph P. Knox, Alexander Kennedy, B. L. Lewis, Dorman Lewis, E. B. Morgan, Marion Outhouse, James L. Ritchey, Prior L. Stephenson, George C. Smith, E. E. Sherman, H. P. Sherrard, Henry Stevens, William Smith, Nicholas F. Taylor, George F. Waterman, Levi Wilson, and Richard Preator for failing to report as required in the law governing.

There have been added at this session, twenty-two new members as follows; viz., E. W. Depue, Russel Archibald, Sr., G. H. Gates, Richard Bullard, James R. Sutton, C. L. Albertson, R. A. Marchant, J. A. Tanner, F. A. Evans, Richard W. Davis, W. P. Pickering, Daniel Garner, R. M. Maloney, R. E. Grant, Hubert Case, P. W. Premo, R. W. Hugill, Jacob F. Jamison, Alonzo Whiting, W. H. Vincent, Thomas Jenkins, Fred W. Curtis.

The present status of the quorum indicates greater harmony and more activity in the work, with a marked growth in spirituality than in the past, evidencing that the quorum is now in position to take up the work and carry it on energetically.

EDWARD L. PAGE, Clerk.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 14, 1894.

### THIRD QUORUM OF PRIESTS.

The following report of the Third Quorum of Priests was read:—

The Third Quorum of Priests has held two sessions; eight members present; 33 reports read, showing a total of 679 sermons, 80 baptisms, administered sacrament 120 times, presided over 310 prayer meetings, 12 marriages performed, ordained 1, besides a large amount of branch labor not itemized. During the year 7 were ordained elders, including president of the quorum. The following were received to fill vacancies in quorum: E. W. Lloyd, James England, Thomas Hopkins, E. D. Bailey, E. S. Fannon, Ras Lorenson, and D. J. Dierks.

At Independence, Missouri, April 13, 1892, this quorum passed the following resolution: "Resolved that no priest be licensed a member of this quorum who is addicted to the use of tobacco, and that those holding licenses who are now addicted to its use will at the next meeting of the quorum be expected to surrender their license or cease its use."

In harmony with this resolution, Bro. E. E. Marshall was dropped from the quorum.

F. E. COCHRAN, Secretary.

### SECOND QUORUM OF TEACHERS.

The Second Quorum of Teachers reported:—

We have held four meetings; ten members present. Five reported by letter and nine in person as trying to do duty as best they could. Number at last report twenty-four; present number twenty-three, one having been ordained a priest; namely, Bro. W. N. Booth. One was received to fill the quorum; namely, Isaac Carlile, Jr. Present number twenty-four.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN W. SMITH, President,  
THOMAS STUART, Secretary.

The recommend from the First Presidency for the ordination of brethren named to the office of high priest was taken up and an effort made to defer its consideration until after action is had upon the subject of the High Council and its claims. But instead there prevailed a motion that it be referred to the Quo-

rums of the Twelve, the High Priests, and the Seventy, they to separately consider the matter and report.

#### COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

President Smith reported the resignation of Bro. Israel L. Rogers as a member of the college committee. On motion and after Bro. Rogers had expressed his desire to be released, his resignation was accepted. Bro. David Dancer also asked to be released, but by vote the conference refused to accept it and he was retained. To supply the vacancy of one there were put in nomination the names of Brn. Daniel Anderson, Henry C. Smith, William Anderson, Ellis Short, and J. H. Peters. Brn. Smith and William Anderson declined to serve, and the vote being taken finally resulted in the choice of Bro. Ellis Short as one of the college committee, which choice was made unanimous.

Owing to the probable continuance of the conference beyond the 17th, Secretary Stebbins was authorized to telegraph and see what arrangements could be made for an extension of time on the railway certificates.

The following on doctrinal teaching was taken up and moved:—

Whereas, there is a disposition on the part of some to go beyond the beaten tracks of the church in doctrine and precept and thus advocating speculative theories which may or may not be true, and—

Whereas, the Lord demands that his ministry shall “say nothing but repentance” (the gospel) to this generation (D. C. 5: 4; 10: 4; 18: 2), and to teach the gospel as found in the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants; and as Paul exhorted those under him to “teach no other doctrine” and not to “give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions [engender controversy], rather than godly edifying;” and, “If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself,” and—

Whereas, we believe it detrimental to the progress of this church for any of her representatives to advocate doctrines and ideas which are in direct opposition to the doctrine advocated by the church since its inception, and, further we do not believe it is for the best interests of the church for men to take positions upon questions which the church has not decided and advocate them as doctrine and preaching the same, therefore be it—

Resolved that we discountenance the presentation of anything by the ministry as doctrine upon which there is not an agreement; and while we grant them the privilege of entertaining private views, they are not warranted in *teaching* them while acting as representatives of this church.

It was discussed by Brn. C. H. Porter, J. R. Lambert, J. F. McDowell, C. Scott, J. W. Wight, T. W. Williams, J. A. Robinson, John Shippy, Charles Derry, Joseph Smith, Joseph Luff, E. L. Kelley, and T. W. Chatburn, and the following was moved as a substitute:—

That it is the sense of this conference that our ministry should confine themselves to the preaching of the gospel, and that they desist from preaching that which cannot be fully sustained by the standard works of the church.

Speeches were made by Brn. M. H. Bond, J. F. Burton, and W. S. Pender, and this substitute was adopted.

In the announcements for meetings for to-morrow (Sunday) it was provided by vote that the ordinations heretofore ordered be attended to at the afternoon prayer meeting.

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### SUNDAY, APRIL 15.

In the lower room was held an ordination service in charge of Bro. Alex. H. Smith. Bro. John Chisnall was ordained a High Councilor, Bro. James M. Baggerly a priest, Bro. W. T. Shakespeare as President and Brn. J. A. Gunsolley and F. E. Cochran as counselors in the Third Quorum of Priests, and Brn. C. F. Church as President and Edward Weedmark and G. V. Brown as counselors in the Second Quorum of Deacons.

Also Brn. C. J. Hunt, H. E. Moler, J. B. Roush, John Shields, E. A. Stedman, F. A. Smith, and William Thompson were ordained to the office of seventy in the Second Quorum. Brn. A. H. Smith, E. C. Briggs, J. Caffall, J. H. Lake, C. Derry, E. L. Kelley, G. H. Hilliard, and James McKiernan officiated. Also four were confirmed by Brn. A. S. Cochran and R. M. Elvin.

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### MONDAY, APRIL 16.

The time for the introduction of new business was extended for twenty-four hours.

#### THIRD QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The second report of the Third Quorum of Elders was read:—

The names of Brn. John Rounds, A. W. Head, C. P. Faul, and Geo. W. Hobart were received as members of the quorum, and the names of Brn. W. D. Leadingham, Ira A. Goff, and Robt. R. Montgomery were also dropped for failure to report. Reports were received from three brethren, indicating 233 sermons, 15 baptisms, 19 confirmed, 9 children blessed, 179 administrations to sick.

The president and secretary were sustained. The president nominated Bro. John Hawley as first counselor to fill vacancy occasioned by the removal of Bro. C. J. Hunt, ordained a Seventy, and we ask conference to provide for his ordination.

The meetings throughout were peaceful, and a strong desire was manifested to do more for the glorious cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TERRY, Secretary.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 16, 1894.

#### SECOND QUORUM OF PRIESTS.

The Second Quorum of Priests reported:—

This quorum has held four meetings, filled four vacancies, which are as follows: Brn. Charles A. Bacus of St. Joseph, Missouri, Thomas Scott, Underwood, Iowa, Alvin Knisley, Selkirk, Ontario, and James Baggerly of Lamoni, Iowa. Twenty-four reports were received, 11 of which have given definite report of their labors, which are as follows: 146 sermons, 7 baptisms, 4 marriages, presided over 146 other meetings.

Resolved that each member do all he can in the coming year, for the advancement of the cause, and to report their labors to the secretary of the

quorum at next General Conference. Upon application to the secretary, Bro. G. E. Harrington, Independence, Missouri, a report blank will be furnished each member.

The following resolution was adopted: Whereas, it is our understanding that the priests in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are regularly ordained ministers, authorized to officiate in all the ordinances belonging to the Aaronic priesthood, and inasmuch as God has commanded his servants who bear the vessels of the Lord to be clean in bodies and clothing and of a sober character, avoiding the use of tobacco, and not addicted to strong drink in any form, that their counsel may be temperate, and be made effectual by their example (D. C. 119:3), therefore be it resolved that all members belonging to the Second Quorum of Priests who are addicted to the habit named in the revelation referred to be requested to abstain from said habit.

S. K. SORENSEN, Secretary *pro tem*.

President Smith announced that in reply to the supplications of God's people the will of the Lord had been revealed for the benefit of the church, and that copies of it were ready for the consideration of the various quorums. Following this it was resolved that the conference adjourn subject to the regular order of things, and, after singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," the quorums of both the higher and the lesser priesthoods retired to read and act upon the word of the Lord received.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 17.

### THE HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM REPORT.

The High Priests' Quorum made the following report:—

*To the Conference:*—The High Priests' Quorum hereby reports that it has held several meetings and transacted business. Among others the work of formulating a paper in relation to the rights, duties, and privileges of the high priests, this quorum being a party in the joint effort to bring about a harmony of view upon matters involved in doubt or dispute. We also took part in the joint council meetings to the same end, the result of which has already been presented to this conference.

The quorum voted that copies of "In Memoriam" should be issued to the families of Brn. Daniel S. Mills and William B. Smith, which brethren have fallen in death during the past year.

We have also approved of the nomination of all those who have been presented by the First Presidency to the conference for ordination to the office of high priest, believing, as we do, that God requires of the body of high priests just as faithful and as able a work as he does of any other quorum in the church; and therefore that we should be prepared to occupy the fields of labor that the Lord designs high priests to occupy, whatever that work may be in his sight and by his command.

The following synopsis of labor by high priests is presented for publication, as an evidence of what has been done by our limited number:—

*James Whitehead* has labored chiefly in visiting the sick and the feeble, comforting and strengthening them, his advanced age and infirmities preventing further work, except a few times preaching and assisting in confirming those baptized.

*I. L. Rogers* presides over the Sandwich branch (Illinois), and tries to instruct the Saints in the way of eternal life, as well as to live for it himself.

*W. H. Blair* abides in the faith of the gospel that he accepted many years ago, but has done no ministry labor.

*C. G. McIntosh* has preached thirty times in Honey Creek and in Crescent, Iowa, and tried to build up the cause of truth.

*R. C. Elvin* has preached twenty-eight times, confirmed four persons, blessed seven children, and administered to the sick twenty-two times.

*George Sweet* presides over the Salem, Iowa, branch, and although he is in his eighty-second year yet he tries to do what he can.

*H. J. Hudson* has preached 45 times, blessed 8 children, married 3 couples, and administered to the sick many times. Presides over the Columbus branch (Nebraska), and superintends the Sunday school.

*P. Cadwell* has acted as branch priest and as branch president. Labored as one of the reunion committee in fall of 1893, and has done all that he could.

*J. W. Chatburn* has preached 25 or 30 times, ordained one teacher, married two couple, and administered to the sick; also acted as one of the committee at Logan reunion.

*James Anderson* has worked for the cause in various ways, both in the Armstrong branch, Kansas, and at Pomeroy, preaching and otherwise officiating.

*Hiram Rathbun* has labored solely in Lansing, Michigan, his home: for his wife was made a cripple for life by a fall, and a son and daughter are also very ill, so that he has been unable to go anywhere to work.

*J. M. Putney* has preached in Hollister, Mulberry, San Jose, Santa Cruz, and Dos Palos, California.

*G. S. Lincoln* continues as president of the San Francisco branch. Preaches whenever some one else is not present to occupy. Has baptized one, confirmed three, and blessed five children. Has written articles in defense of the truth.

*G. M. Scott* presides over the Little Sioux branch, Iowa, and is superintendent of the Sunday school. He finds plenty to do in the work.

*J. H. Peters* presides over the Coleman branch, and is Bishop's agent in Northern Michigan district. Has preached, confirmed, and ordained, has also labored largely in the erection of the Coleman house of worship.

*J. A. Robinson* is president of the Independence branch, Missouri, and his chief efforts are for its advancement and increase in the ways of righteousness.

*E. L. Kelley's* work as the Bishop of the church has taken all his time, preaching in connection therewith as occasion offered. Much time and attention was required in the Temple Lot suit as it is called. He has baptized 1, confirmed 3, and blessed 2 children.

*G. W. Harlow* has charge of the Sacramento branch, California, and has labored to the best of his ability. His branch is doing well.

*Thomas Taylor* is president of the Birmingham branch, England, and has also traveled a little. Has baptized 5 persons, and assisted in confirming, ordaining, and administering to the sick.

*H. A. Stebbins* has been engaged mostly in his office as secretary and recorder, but has also preached in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois, baptized 23 persons, confirmed 20, blessed 6 children, officiated in marriage 6 times, and administered to the sick 210 times.

*David Chambers* has been active as president of the Little Sioux district, also as Bishop's agent therein. Preached about 50 times, ordained 8 to the ministry, administered to the sick about 40 times.

*George Derry* has officiated in services when called upon to do so, and endeavors to be faithful.

*David Dancer* labors as Bishop's agent and Business Manager of the Herald Office.

*John Chisnall* presides over the Kewanee branch, Illinois, and acts as agent for the Bishop and president of that district.

*A. S. Cochran* is president of the Lamoni branch, secretary of the Board of Publication, and has also preached at a few places in Iowa and Missouri.

As the reports of Charles Derry, M. H. Forscutt, C. G. Lanphear, J. C. Crabb, F. G. Pitt, R. M. Elvin, C. E. Butterworth, J. W. Waldsmith, and Wm. Anderson are given among the reports of missionaries and published in the *Herald* supplement, they are not repeated in this report of the quorum.

CHARLES DERRY, President,  
H. A. STEBBINS, Secretary.

The report of the Quorum of Twelve upon the proposed ordination of high priests was read:—

*To the Conference.*—The Quorum of Twelve hereby present their action on the names nominated for high priests which were referred to them on the 14th.

1. Resolved, that we as a quorum place ourselves upon record as disapproving of taking active men from the quorums of Seventy and ordaining them high priests, except by direct revelation from God.

2. The name of A. M. Fyrando was passed because the body had referred him to the Presidents of Seventy who have not reported upon him, but the quorum expresses entire confidence in him in whatever capacity he may be chosen to serve.

3. Of the other names we approve of the ordination of Brn. J. P. Carlile, J. M. Baker, Temme Hinderks, Wm. Lewis, J. M. Terry, George Green, Robt. Longhurst, Roderick May, W. C. Nirk, Joseph Dewsnup, Sr., W. Vickery, and J. S. Snively.

Respectfully submitted,

HEMAN C. SMITH, Secretary.

### EX OFFICIO RIGHTS OF PRIESTS.

The following notice from the officers of the three quorums of priests, concerning *ex officio* rights, was read:—

Whereas, Section 83:20-22, Doctrine and Covenants makes priests traveling ministers,

Whereas, Our licenses show that we are approved ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ, and

Whereas, We believe that it is our right to be *ex officio* members of General Conference,

Resolved, that we hereby petition the next General Conference to make such provision for *ex officio* membership of priests.

Resolved further, That we hereby give notice that a resolution to this effect will be presented at the next General Conference.

Signed,

First Quorum,	{ E. SPARKS, M. W. HARTSHORN. S. D. SHIPPY,
Second Quorum,	{ S. K. SORENSEN, JAMES M. BAGGERLY.
Third Quorum,	{ W. T. SHAKESPEARE, J. A. GUNSOLLEY.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 17, 1894.

It was asked if all the quorums were ready to report their action upon the matter referred yesterday; namely, about the revelation that had been received. It was learned that all were ready except the First Quorum of Seventy, and on motion that quorum was allowed to retire for further action on their part. During their absence other business was taken up.

A resolution concerning the manner of teaching the resurrection was presented, but by permission the resolution was withdrawn, it being stated that one of the leading quorums of the church had acted upon this.

According to the request of the Third Quorum of Elders made yesterday, the ordination of Bro. John Hawley as first counselor in said quorum was approved and ordered.

The following was moved:—

Whereas, in the prosecution of the Temple Lot Suit, questions and settlement of title and property interests are likely to further arise requiring attention, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Bishopric be authorized and instructed to look after

the same, if found necessary, and to take such steps as shall be deemed necessary for the good of the body and in justice to all parties concerned.

This was discussed by Brn. J. A. Robinson, E. L. Kelley, Joseph Luff, W. W. Blair, J. S. Snively, T. W. Chatburn, David Chambers, R. May, W. H. Kelley, John Smith, C. H. Porter, and J. T. Kinnaman. Then the previous question was ordered by a vote of 86 to 4, and the resolution was adopted.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE FOR 1895.

The subject of appointing a committee to audit the Herald Office affairs and the Bishop's Books in 1895 was taken up and considered. The recommend of the former committee as to one of the new committee being present at the time of taking the annual inventory of the Herald Office was read.

The following nominations were made: Brn. R. M. Elvin, John Scott, D. Campbell, W. N. Robinson, J. M. Terry, F. G. Pitt, F. M. Weld, D. F. Lambert, Heman C. Smith, W. W. Scott, J. A. Gunsolley, J. H. Peters, W. H. Kelley, and V. White. Brn. Terry, Smith, Weld, and Lambert declined to serve, and W. N. Robinson was said to be unavailable on account of other duties. Proceeding to vote upon the other names the result was the choice of Brn. R. M. Elvin, W. W. Scott, and J. H. Peters, which choice was made unanimous by the vote of the conference.

#### ORDINATIONS OF ABSENT BRETHERN.

Bro. J. M. Terry of St. Joseph, was authorized to ordain Bro. D. J. Krahl as president of the First Quorum of Priests.

The subject of the ordination of the brethren named as members of the Second Quorum of the Seventy was now considered, and Bro. J. F. Burton was authorized to provide for the ordination of Bro. John Davis of Washington State. On motion the ordinations of Brn. E. De Long, Samuel Brown, L. F. Daniel, F. C. Keck, J. W. Jackson, Henry Sparling, and J. M. Scott were referred to the missionaries in charge of their respective fields of labor to attend to.

At this juncture the First Quorum of Seventy came in and stated that they were ready to report action regarding the subject which they withdrew to conclude upon. The Presidency relinquished the chair and called Bro. E. L. Kelley to preside.

#### THE REVELATION.

The revelation received was then read by Pres. W. W. Blair, being as follows:—

I was on the fifteenth day of the fourth month, of the year 1894, in fasting and prayer before the Lord, and being commanded of the Spirit I arose from my praying and wrote:—

Thus saith the Spirit unto the Elders and the Church:—

1. My servants have been harsh one with another; and some have not been sufficiently willing to hear those whose duty it is to teach the revelations which my church has already received. Until my people shall hear and heed those who are set in the church to teach the revelations there will be misunderstanding and confusion among the members.

2. The burden of the care of the church is laid on him who is called to preside over the high priesthood of the church, and on those who are called

to be his counselors; and they shall teach according to the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and as they shall be directed by revelation, from time to time.

3. It is the duty of the Twelve to preach the gospel, and administer in the ordinances thereof, as is directed in the Scriptures which ye have received. They are called and set apart to this duty; and are to travel and preach, under the direction and counsel of the Presidency.

4. It is not yet expedient in me that the Quorum of the Presidency, and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shall be filled, for reasons which will be seen and known unto you in due time. My servant David H. Smith is yet in my hand and I will do my will in the time for its accomplishment. Be not troubled or fearful in this matter for it shall be well for my work in the end.

5. When I said unto mine apostles "The Twelve will take measures in connection with the Bishop, to execute the law of tithing; and let them before God see to it, that the temporal means so obtained is truly used for the purposes of the church, and not as a weapon of power in the hands of one man for the oppression of others, or for purposes of self-aggrandizement by anyone, be he whomsoever he may be;" the one whom I had called to preside over the church, had not yet approved himself unto the scattered flock; and I gave this command unto the quorum next in authority in spiritual things that the scattered ones, and those who had been made to suffer might have assurance that I would not suffer that he whom I had called should betray the confidence of the faithful, nor squander the moneys of the treasury for the purposes of self. And for the reason that the law of tithing was but little understood, and would not be observed, unless it should be taught, and enforced by the precepts of the chief missionaries of the church. It was not then intended, nor is it now, to burden them with the duty of looking after the disbursements of the moneys in the treasury, or the management of the properties of the church; except as it may be at times necessary to do so in council with the Presidency, the High Council in case of exigency, the Bishopric, Bishops, or Bishop's agents abroad, or the conferences; and in accordance with the agreement hitherto made. Whatever burden the quorum may have felt rested upon them in this regard, they are now absolved from, the end designed by it having been reached; except that should it become apparent to the quorum that there was abuse in the administration of the temporal affairs of the church, they shall at once make such inquiry and examination through the proper officers of the church as will correct the evil and save the church from injury.

6. And further the Spirit saith unto you, that "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day;" therefore the law given to the church in section forty-two, over the meaning of some parts of which there has been so much controversy is as if it were given to-day; and the Bishop and his counselors, and the High Council, and the Bishop and his council, and the storehouse and the temple and the salvation of my people, are the same to me now that they were in that day when I gave the revelation; nevertheless, that portion of that commandment which made it the duty of the High Council to assist in looking after the poor and needy of the church, was not intended to put the High Council over the Bishop in the administration of the affairs of his office and calling, except as they might do so in an advisory manner, and in such way that no one of the poor and the needy should be neglected; nor was it designed that the High Council should dictate in the matter of purchasing lands, building houses of worship, building up the New Jerusalem, and the gathering of the people, these last named being within the province of the Presidency, the Twelve as a quorum, the councils or other officers of the branches or stakes where houses of worship are to be built, the conferences and the General Assembly of the church, and the direction of the Lord by revelation. The High Council could not in justice dictate to the Bishop in direction in any of these matters and then try and condemn and punish him if he did not obey.

7. The work now lying before the missionary quorums of the church is of such increased magnitude and importance—the field so white unto the



harvest, and the need for laborers so great—that the Twelve and the Seventy under their direction, together with such high priests and elders as can travel and preach as missionaries, shall be free to wait upon their ministry in gospel work, leaving the branches and districts where organization is effected to the care and administration of the standing ministers, high priests, elders, priests, teachers, and deacons, so far as possible; thus freeing these spiritual authorities and leaving them at liberty to push the preaching of the word into the new fields now widening before them; in which work, if they will but now take counsel, saith the Spirit, they shall feel a peace and vigor of mind surpassing what they have enjoyed in the past.

8. That part of the law which says: "It is the duty of the Twelve, also, to ordain and set in order all the other officers of the church," is to be understood by the revelation which went before and in accordance with which it was written; and which follows after it in the book; and when those officers are ordained and set in their order, in the church, they should be left to administer in the things unto which they were ordained, having charge of the affairs over which they are called and set apart to preside; the Twelve and Seventy administering as those prosecuting the work of preaching with a warning voice, baptizing, organizing and setting in order, then pushing their ministry into other fields until the world is warned. It is the will of God that they do this; yea, verily, thus saith the Spirit, if they will now enter upon this work, leaving the burden of care in organized districts, or conferences to the standing ministry, under the Presidency of the church; observing the law already given to ordain and set high priests or elders to preside in large branches and in districts, and also evangelical ministers, then will those officers set in the church be useful and he who gave the law be honored; the differences between the quorums be healed, confidence be restored and good will and peace come to the people as a cherishing fountain.

9. The quorums in respect to authority are designed to take precedence in office as follows: The Presidency, the Twelve, the Seventy in all meetings and gatherings of the membership, where no previous organization has been effected. Where organization has been arranged and officers have been ordained and set in order; the standing ministry in their order; high priests, elders, priests, teachers, and deacons; the parallels are; in the Presidency, the President and his counselors; in the second presidency, the Twelve; in the missionary work, first the Twelve; second, the Seventy; in the standing ministry, the Presidency, second, the high priests; third, the elders, then priests, teachers, and deacons in their order.

10. Should the church fall into disorder, or any portion of it, it is the duty of the several quorums of the church, or any one of them to take measures to correct such disorder; through the advice and direction of the Presidency, the Twelve, the Seventy, or a council of High Priests, in case of emergency; and in case the Presidency is in transgression, the Bishop and his council of High Priests, as provided in the law; and the Presidency and High Council if the Bishop, or his counselors, if high priests, are in transgression. The Scriptures and the church articles and covenants, with the rules adopted by the church, shall govern in procedure.

11. The Spirit saith further: That it is wisdom that the Presidency and Twelve in council together make such appointments as may be necessary to provide for the fields not named in the appointments made by the Presidency and recommended to the Twelve, as may be agreed by them.

12. The Spirit saith further: That Lamoni, Iowa, having been made by the agreement of the church under the law of the land the principal place of business of the church, it is wise and expedient that it should be considered and declared by the conference to be the seat of the Presidency of the church, and in due time be made a stake. In the meantime the district may be left to the care of its district organization subject to the direction of the Presidency, no one of the missionary force being appointed to the charge thereof for the conference year, or longer if it shall be found advisable.

13. The Spirit saith further: The Twelve should remain at Lamoni, and continue in council with the Presidency and the Bishop, and his counselors

if practicable, a sufficient time after the adjournment of conference to counsel together, and agree on the things of the law and the general affairs of the church, so that when the traveling council shall separate for their several fields, there may be no longer reason for distrust, suspicion, or dissension; and if these officers will so counsel together in the spirit of moderation and mutual forbearance and concession, my law will be more perfectly understood by them and a unity of sentiment and purpose will be reached by them. It is the will of your Lord and your God that this should be done. It should have been done before, but the adversary hath hindered, desiring to prevent the success of my work in the earth.

14. For the same reasons in me that it is not expedient to fill the quorums of the First Presidency and the Twelve, who are apostles and high priests, it is not expedient that a Patriarch for the church should be indicated and appointed.

15. My servant Thomas W. Smith is in my hand; and his bishopric shall be continued for a season; if he fully recover he will enter again into the work; if I take him unto myself, another will be appointed in his stead when the quorum is filled.

16. And now I say unto you mine elders, apostles, and high priests of my church, continue ye in the ministry unto which you have been called; and if ye cannot fully agree on all the points of the law, be patient and be not contentious; so far as you can agree work together without heat, confusion, or malice. Ye are equal in worth of position and place in the work of the church; and if in honor ye shall prefer one another, ye will not strive for precedence or place in duty or privilege, and shall be blessed of me.

17. Yea verily, thus saith the Lord, unto the elders of the church; continue in steadfastness and faith. Let nothing separate you from each other and the work whereunto you have been called; and I will be with you by my Spirit and presence of power unto the end. Amen.

JOSEPH SMITH.

Then the several quorums were called upon to state their decisions as to whether they accepted the revelation as the word of God and his law to the church. They made reply as presented in the following papers:—

Joseph Smith and W. W. Blair of the First Presidency:—

Joseph Smith: I have nothing further than to say that so far as I could in answer to the request of the church, I observed the fast ordered or agreed to, and put myself under the hand of God in prayer and supplication, set myself before him, and removed, so far as it is practicable for me, every vestige of reservation or pride of self that I might be ready to receive what he might be pleased to give through his Spirit. I have conscientiously discharged my duty in this respect, and feel myself to accept what he has given.

W. W. Blair: When President Smith presented to me the revelation yesterday morning I read it with carefulness and prayerfulness, critically, not that I had any doubt when I first received it into my hand but what it was ordained of God: and during the reading of it enlightenment and confirmation by the Holy Spirit came to me, and when I presented it likewise to the foreman of the office to be printed, the Holy Spirit bore special testimony that it was a revelation from God. I indorse it: every word of it, every line of it, every sentiment in it, and believe it to have been a gracious granting to the desires and prayers and supplications that have been made in order to obtain this light. I accept it heartily, unreservedly, and rejoice in it as the word of the Lord, becoming a light to our path and a lamp to our feet.

The Quorum of the Twelve submitted the following:—

Resolved, that while we have no special testimony from God, as a quorum, upon the revelation, we cheerfully accept it as a law to govern the church, under the conditions that at present obtain.

The First Quorum of Seventy presented a written statement, as follows:—

The First Quorum of Seventy has examined the revelation presented to this conference and adopted it, believing it to be from God.

The Second Quorum of Seventy made answer as follows:—

*To the Presidency and Brethren in Conference Assembled; Greeting:*—We the members of the Second Quorum of Seventy, after prayerful and as careful examination of the revelation presented to us on the 16th inst., by the President of the Church as we were able to unanimously received and adopted it as a revelation from God and a law to govern the church.

C. SCOTT, President,  
T. W. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

In behalf of the High Priests' Quorum Bro. C. Derry replied:—

I have been authorized to speak for the High Priests' Quorum. I will state when the information came to us as we were in the quorum transacting our quorum business, that the Lord had graciously condescended to reveal his will, we unanimously arose and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." I can say that our hearts were filled with an unspeakable joy and a sweet and holy calm of heaven rested upon our souls; and afterwards when the revelation was presented to us as a quorum, we examined it paragraph by paragraph carefully and prayerfully, passed upon each paragraph until we had examined the whole revelation; then passed upon the whole revelation and we then arose and sang again, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." We received the revelation as from God.

The First, Second, and Fourth Quorums of Elders presented their combined report upon the subject:—

*To the Conference:*—A council consisting of the First, Second, and Fourth Quorums of Elders was held in the basement of the church at 2:30 o'clock of this date to consider the revelation given April 15, 1894. J. S. Snively was chosen chairman and John S. Parrish secretary. After prayer, a full consideration of the revelation was had; and, upon motion, it was unanimously approved and adopted. The following elders were present: Of the First Quorum, J. S. Snively, A. B. Moore, S. V. Bailey, A. Kent, O. J. Bailey, Geo. Hicklin, R. Lyle, Samuel Ackerly, J. S. Keir, Moses McHarness, H. N. Snively, W. A. Moore, Horace Bartlett, S. Woods, M. B. Williams, G. E. Deuel, John D. Bennett, Thomas Nutt, Henry C. Smith, J. Boswell, V. White, D. Hougas, E. Stafford, J. Johnson, James Thomas; of the Second Quorum, E. D. Bullard, C. D. Carter, B. F. Durfee, J. Reese, G. M. L. Whitman, F. Hansen, J. Hatcher, J. S. Parrish; of the Fourth Quorum, R. May, E. L. Page, John Smith, C. J. Anderson, J. M. Brown, H. Case, J. Shippy, R. E. Grant, M. J. Haskins. Also J. H. Hansen.

(Signed) JOSEPH S. SNIVELY, Chairman,  
JOHN S. PARRISH, Secretary.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 16, 1894.

For the Third Quorum of Elders Bro. J. T. Kinnaman made reply:—

I am authorized to state that the Third Quorum received this revelation and met at the house of Bro. I. N. W. Cooper, and the revelation was read carefully and prayerfully after singing and prayer, and paragraph by paragraph was taken and read and examined carefully, compared with the Book of Covenants, and after having accepted each paragraph was adopted as a whole.

We did not think it wise to attach the names of each individual to a slip of paper who voted upon it, because we thought there was enough of the quorum to transact business legally present, and that would be sufficient. One of our quorum, however, was prepared to receive it almost before it came, for he had received a witness of it before he came from his bedroom in the morning, a vision, and it was told before we received the revelation,

and I do not know but that every individual present was prepared to say that they felt the witness of God's Spirit that it was from God.

For the Fifth Quorum of Elders Bro. J. H. Wells spoke:—

Our quorum considered this yesterday evening for something like three hours. We were united as to its divinity and had evidence that it was all right. We intend, with God's help, to stand by the revelation.

The three quorums of priests combined their reports as follows:—

The First, Second, and Third Quorums of Priests met in joint meeting to consider the document submitted by the President of the church. After carefully and prayerfully considering the same, comparing it with the law as best we could, it was by unanimous vote pronounced a revelation of God's will to his church, and accepted as such, seventeen priests being present.

S. D. SHIPPY,  
W. T. SHAKESPEARE, } Presidents,  
J. A. GUNSOLLEY, Secretary.

April 16, 1894.

The Teachers and Deacons made answer together in writing:—

LAMONI, Iowa, April 17, 1894.

*To the General Conference Assembled, Greeting:*—The Teachers and Deacons met in joint session at the house of Bro. David Young, eight Teachers and seven Deacons present, for the purpose of taking into consideration the revelation, and comparing it with other revelations already given to and accepted by the church. Meeting called to order by Norman W. Smith, President Second Quorum of Teachers, who presided. A season of prayer was had, all taking part who felt led so to do. The revelation was read all through three times and upon calls of different members present nearly all the paragraphs were reread a number of times and discussion was had upon each, in which all those present took an active part. After thus making a careful examination of the revelation, clause by clause, and a number having stated the testimonies which they had received concerning it, a vote was called on the following motion by the raising of hands:—

Resolved, That we accept the revelation as having come from God, and that we believe it to be in harmony with the revelations already given to and accepted by the church according to the light given to us and according to our best judgment.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion to so accept as a part of the law to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. CHURCH, Secretary.

The following are the names of those present: Teachers N. W. Smith, A. K. Anderson, David Young, Thomas Stuart, John Harp, J. R. Allen, Samuel Shakespeare, John W. Hollenbeck; Deacons Charles F. Church, E. Weedmark, Joseph T. Williams, T. L. Rider, George V. Wallace, A. S. Parker, George W. Johnson.

Brn. Hilliard and Blakeslee replied in behalf of the Bishopric:—

George H. Hilliard: I would say with regard to the Bishopric, that we received the revelation yesterday and considered it all the afternoon until nearly six o'clock, as best we could. We met again this morning and by invitation we were permitted to go into the room with the Twelve and the President of the church, and after hearing his explanation with regard to some questions therein, we became satisfied and adopted it this morning. So we stand here ready to be bound by it and stand by it, and explain it when called upon to do so.

E. A. Blakeslee: We accepted it in harmony with the explanation offered by the President.

Then it was placed before the remainder of the assembly and

by them was sustained, and finally before the whole body of ministry and members in the conference, and by a standing vote it was unanimously accepted as the voice of the Lord to his people.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18.

### DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION.

From the Quorum of the Twelve was received a preamble and resolution upon teaching the doctrine of the resurrection:—

The following preamble and resolution was adopted by the Quorum of the Twelve:—

Whereas, The Bible, Book of Mormon, and the Book of Doctrine and Covenants teach that the resurrection of the dead is brought to pass without any act of obedience upon our part, and

Whereas, the ministry of the church are sent out to teach the faith and doctrine of the church, and not their own ideas in opposition thereto, therefore be it

Resolved as the opinion of this council, That any minister who teaches that the resurrection is dependent upon our individual obedience to the gospel, is guilty of teaching contrary to the well-established faith and doctrine of the church and is therefore censurable.

Respectfully submitted,

HEMAN C. SMITH, Secretary.

Its adoption was moved, and then an effort was made to defer action upon it until to-morrow. Several discussed this, and it was then moved to defer it until next conference. Bro. W. S. Pender explained and several others discussed the matter of so deferring. After that it was moved that the subject be referred to the First Presidency for their decision with request to report to this body or to the conference of 1895. This was adopted and the matter so referred.

Certain papers in appeal from Bro. W. C. Cadwell were presented by the Presidency, with the statement that they have been unable to consider the things set forth therein; they therefore reported no action would be had at this session.

### MISSIONS OF THE TWELVE.

The First Presidency presented the following report upon the appointments of members of the Quorum of the Twelve to their mission fields:—

LAMONI, Iowa, April 18, 1894.

*To the Conference, in session; Greeting:—*The missions agreed upon by the Presidency, for the Twelve, are as follows:—

1. A. H. Smith, Iowa, (exclusive of Decatur district,) Eastern Nebraska, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

2. James Caffall, European mission, in charge.

3. J. H. Lake, the Canadas.

4. J. R. Lambert. In view of the uncertain state of Bro. Lambert's health we think it advisable that no field in charge be assigned; but that he be left free to occupy such time and in such places as he may feel able and at liberty to do, from time to time, as may be arranged between himself, the Presidency, and those in charge where he may elect to labor; and would recommend Denver, Colorado, as a suitable field, should he choose to occupy there.

5. Joseph Luff, Missouri, Kansas.

6. E. C. Briggs, Michigan, Northern Indiana.

7. Heman C. Smith, the Southern and Southwestern States and Territories, including Indian Territory, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

8. T. W. Smith. In consideration of the continued disability of Bro. T. W. Smith, we deem it unwise to appoint further than that he labor in Missouri and adjoining States as may be agreed upon between himself and those in charge.

9. W. H. Kelley, the Eastern States, including Eastern Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

10. G. T. Griffiths, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH SMITH,  
W. W. BLAIR.

#### OTHER MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE.

The following report of the Presidency and Twelve was presented:—

The First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve met on the 18th of April and in harmony with the recent revelation agreed to the following brethren to have charge in Territory not included in the appointments of the Twelve:—

1. Joseph F. Burton, Pacific Slope mission.
2. R. J. Anthony, Rocky Mountain mission.
3. L. R. Devore, Society Islands mission.
4. G. J. Waller, Sandwich Islands mission.
5. I. P. Baggerly, Southern Indiana.
6. Emsley Curtis, Southern Illinois.
7. C. A. Butterworth, Australasian mission.
8. Northern Illinois and Wisconsin added to A. H. Smith's field.
9. Colorado, West Nebraska, and Eastern Wyoming added to Joseph Luff's field.
10. Decatur district left under charge of the First Presidency.

A. H. SMITH, Pres. of Twelve,  
JOSEPH SMITH, for the Presidency.

These reports and their recommendations were adopted.

#### MISSIONS OF THE SEVENTY.

The Quorum of the Twelve made the following report upon the mission fields of the Seventy:—

The Quorum of Twelve hereby present missions agreed upon for the First Quorum of Seventy as follows:—

1. M. T. Short, Central and Southern Indiana.
2. J. W. Wight, Little Sioux and Galland's Grove districts.
3. Henry Kemp, Nodaway, Missouri, and Fremont, Iowa, districts.
4. James McKiernan, String Prairie and Nauvoo district.
5. O. B. Thomas, Eastern Iowa district.
6. J. F. Mintun, Little Sioux district.
7. George Montague, Little Sioux district, until November 1, then Arkansas and Indian Territory.
8. J. S. Roth, Eastern Iowa district.
9. C. Scott, Des Moines district.
10. I. N. White, Clinton, Independence, and Spring River districts.
11. John Thomas, Southwestern Missouri.
12. C. H. Jones, St. Louis district.
13. Emsley Curtis, Southern Illinois.
14. W. T. Bozarth, St. Louis district.
15. C. R. Duncan, Southwestern Missouri.
16. R. C. Evans, Canada.
17. J. T. Davis, Kansas.
18. J. Alfred Davis, Kansas.
19. W. E. Peak, Nebraska.
20. J. Arthur Davis, Kansas.

21. Peter Anderson, Scandinavia.
22. M. M. Turpen, Southeastern mission.
23. A. J. Moore, Southwestern mission.
24. F. M. Cooper, Michigan.
25. W. J. Smith, Michigan.
26. I. M. Smith, Michigan and Northern Indiana district.
27. Levi Phelps, Michigan and Northern Indiana district.
28. J. L. Bear, Eastern Michigan district.
29. J. A. Carpenter, Northern Michigan district.
30. J. J. Cornish, Pittsburg and Kirtland and Ohio districts.
31. Arthur Leverton, Canada, as circumstances permit.
32. C. A. Butterworth, Australia.
33. John Kaler, Australia.
34. Thomas Daly, Northern California and Nevada.
35. H. L. Holt, Oregon and Washington.
36. Joseph F. Burton, Pacific Slope mission.
37. H. N. Hansen, Rocky Mountain mission.
38. H. O. Smith, Rocky Mountain mission.
39. R. J. Anthony, Rocky Mountain mission.
40. J. C. Clapp, Pacific Slope mission.
41. F. M. Sheehy, Eastern mission.
42. L. W. Powell, Pittsburg and Kirtland and Ohio districts.
43. M. H. Bond, Pittsburg and Kirtland and Ohio districts.
44. Thomas Matthews, Ohio and West Virginia districts, as circumstances permit.
45. A. H. Parsons, Eastern mission.
46. James Moler, Ohio district and Virginias.
47. H. H. Robinson, Eastern mission.
48. U. W. Greene, Maine.
49. John Smith, Massachusetts district, as circumstances permit.
50. J. C. Foss, Western Maine.
51. L. R. Devore, Society Islands.
52. W. S. Pender, Wisconsin.
53. E. M. Wildermuth, Wisconsin.
54. I. N. Roberts, Minnesota and Dakota.
55. J. F. McDowell, Galland's Grove district.
56. Joseph Lakeman, Maine, as circumstances permit.
57. J. B. Lytle, Colorado, as circumstances permit.
58. J. R. Evans, Fremont Iowa and Nodaway Missouri districts.
59. E. B. Morgan, referred to missionary in charge of European mission and Bishopric.
60. R. Etzenhouser, Ohio and West Virginia districts.

H. C. SMITH, Secretary of Quorum.

#### SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

1. T. C. Kelley, Kentucky and Tennessee.
2. J. D. Erwin, Northeastern Texas, Arkansas, and Indian Territory.
3. M. P. Madison, Nodaway, Missouri, and Fremont, Iowa, districts.
4. D. M. Rudd, Des Moines district.
5. I. P. Baggerly, Southern Indiana.
6. T. W. Williams, Pottawattamie district with Council Bluffs objective point.
7. T. W. Chatburn, Far West district.
8. E. E. Wheeler, Kewanee district.
9. D. E. Tucker, Northeastern Missouri district.
10. D. L. Shinn, referred to missionary in charge and Bishopric.
11. G. W. Shute, Nebraska.
12. C. H. Porter, Nebraska.
13. W. A. McDowell, Wisconsin.
14. J. W. Peterson, Wisconsin.
15. S. W. L. Scott, Michigan and Northern Indiana district.
16. H. E. Moler, Ohio district.
17. John Shields, Canada.
18. E. De Long, Canada.

19. Samuel Brown, Canada.
20. C. H. Burr, Wisconsin.
21. Fred A. Smith, Des Moines district.
22. E. A. Stedman, Minnesota.
23. J. M. Scott, Southern Indiana.
24. L. F. Daniel, Central Indiana.
25. C. J. Hunt, Galland's Grove district.
26. Wm. Thompson, Decatur district, to enter the field August 1.
27. F. J. Chatburn, Denver, Colorado.
28. F. C. Keck, Southwestern Missouri.
29. J. B. Roush, Northern Illinois.
30. John Davis, Oregon and Washington.
31. J. W. Jackson, Arkansas.
32. Henry Sparling, Southwestern Missouri.
33. R. E. Grant, Eastern Michigan district.

HEMAN C. SMITH, Secretary.

On motion the report and its recommendations were adopted:—

#### PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY REPORT.

A report from the Presidents of Seventy was read:—

The Presidents of Seventy have held five sessions, during which the Spirit of peace and light was enjoyed while transacting the business before us.

We desire to express our regret that Bro. J. T. Davis, one of our number, was suddenly called home at an early stage of the conference, because of the serious illness of his wife, and, thereby we were deprived of his aid and counsel.

A number of names of elders were considered, and recommended by us for ordination to the office of Seventy, to be numbered with the Second Quorum of Seventy.

They have been reported to the body, their calling concurred in, and their ordination provided for, except three, whose names were referred back to us for reconsideration.

Those selected, who are or have been present, have been ordained, except one, Elder R. E. Grant, who desired to defer his ordination for reasons by him assigned.

Of the names referred back to us for reconsideration, we recommend that the ordination of Elder S. W. Simmons be deferred for one year.

We hereby renew the recommendation for the ordination of Elder V. D. Baggerly.

We also recommend anew, the ordination of Bro. A. M. Fyrando; provided he is willing to accept of it.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, Pres.,  
C. SCOTT, Sec.

It was adopted with its recommendations, and the ordinations of Brn. Baggerly and Fyrando were referred to the missionaries in charge of their respective fields to provide for, if they accept.

#### SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

A report from the Second Quorum of Seventy was read:—

Friday, April 13, the Second Quorum of Seventy held a meeting at 8:30 a. m. Two of the Twelve, E. C. Briggs and G. T. Griffiths, met with us. During the meeting the brethren of the Twelve gave the quorum such counsel as they felt led, and then Bro. C. H. Burr was ordained to the office of Seventy by E. C. Briggs, G. T. Griffiths, and C. Scott, and F. J. Chatburn by G. T. Griffiths, E. C. Briggs and C. Scott.

C. SCOTT, President.



## FIFTH QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The Fifth Quorum of Elders reported as follows:—

*To the Presidency and Brethren in Conference assembled:*—The fifth Quorum of Elders has held seven meetings characterized by a spirit of love and zeal, the average attendance being about eleven. During the past year we have preached 4,047 sermons, baptized 218, confirmed 183, administered to 1,923 sick, blessed 157 children, married 93 couples, ordained 28. Seventeen of our number are presidents of branches, 8 are district presidents, 7 district secretaries, 6 Bishop's agents, 5 superintendents of Sunday schools, 1 superintendent of district Sunday school association, 1 member of Board of Publication. Eighty-six have reported, the most of whom pay their tithing and all seem disposed to strive lawfully. The following names were dropped for not reporting according to quorum rules: Thos. Worrall, John Larson, James Houston, T. N. Fields, C. E. Aldrich, and C. J. Hawkins. Brethren Chas. I. Shallbetter, J. B. Roush, Gomer Wells, H. P. Curtis, J. B. Heide, and A. D. Greer. were received to fill the vacancies: Twelve of the brethren were selected for the Second Quorum of Seventy; viz., Jno. Davis, E. De Long, H. E. Moler, Samuel Brown, L. F. Daniel, Jno. Shields, C. H. Burr, F. C. Keck, J. W. Jackson, E. A. Stedman, J. B. Roush, and V. D. Baggerly. The vacancies were filled by the following names: M. F. Gowell, A. C. Barmore, A. J. Keck, F. M. Weld, John Heide, A. Carmichel, Levi Annett, M. F. Derby, David W. Wight, W. H. Kephart, Geo. Hampshire, D. F. Richards. We regret losing these efficient men (chosen for Seventy). Our association with them has been pleasant and profitable but we are gratified that they have been counted worthy to take upon them greater responsibilities, and we trust that the labor and discipline of this quorum will bring forward many more men of worth to take rank in the higher quorums of the church. Bro. T. J. Bell has been chosen first counselor (he has been second). Bro. F. M. Weld is nominated as second counselor and his ordination is asked for. Thirty-seven of our number have been recommended for General Conference appointment this year. We are thankful that our heavenly Father has not permitted death to assail our ranks the last three years, and that the health of our members has been good. We hereby desire as a quorum to express our thanks to God for the "light and truth" given to his people in this last revelation, and that we may all be willing to thrust in our sickles and reap the ripened grain in the "widening harvest fields." Also Bro. George Green has been chosen to be ordained a High Priest, therefore Bro. Charles Hoague has been selected to fill the vacancy in our quorum.

J. H. WELLS, President,  
WM. WATERMAN, Secretary.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 18, 1894.

## SECOND QUORUM OF DEACONS.

The following from the Second Quorum of Deacons was read:—

The quorum has held three sessions including the one in which it was organized. The following names, upon separate motions, were enrolled to fill up the quorum: Brn. Edwin S. Allen, Chicago, Illinois, Walter W. Head, Stewartsville, Missouri, Gilbert J. Whitehead, St. Joseph, Missouri, and Thomas J. Simpson, Montrose, Iowa. In addition to instructions and advice given by Bro. E. A. Blakeslee, discussion was had concerning the duties and callings of our office. A good feeling was manifest, and all expressed willingness to labor in their respective places to the best of their ability. Most of the members of the quorum are acting as branch officers in one way or another.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. CHURCH, President.

## HIGH COUNCIL REPORT.

The report of the High Council, deferred on the 14th, was taken up, and the report was referred back to the High Coun-

cil, they to make a report to the next conference in accordance with the late revelation.

#### COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

Bro. David Dancer presented his resignation as a member of the college committee, and it was accepted. Proceeding to nominations to fill the vacancy, Brn. Daniel Anderson, J. H. Peters, Henry C. Smith, E. A. Blakeslee, R. M. Elvin, J. A. Gunsolley, and F. M. Weld were named. The final result was the choice of E. A. Blakeslee to supply the vacancy.

#### ORDINATION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

The First Quorum of Seventy presented the following concerning the ordination of some of their number as high priests:—

We have adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved that we disapprove of the selection of active seventies for ordination to the office of high priest, as interfering with the discharge of the important responsibilities and duties of the quorums of Seventy, and detrimental to the general interests of the work; however, we are willing to indorse the nomination of any of this quorum who may be designated by the spirit of revelation for ordination to the office of high priest.

Signed, D. CAMPBELL, President,  
R. S. SALYARDS, Secretary.

It was then moved that the nominations made by the First Presidency for the ordination of high priests be approved. This was discussed by Brn. R. M. Elvin, C. Scott, W. W. Blair, and E. L. Kelley; after which the President announced adjournment until to-morrow.

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#### THURSDAY, APRIL 19.

Business session. The following report of the First Presidency upon the matter referred to them was read and adopted:—

LAMONI, Iowa, April 19, 1894.

*To the Conference; Greeting:*—The Presidency to whom the resolution on the subject of the resurrection was referred, report:—

That, while we are of the opinion that the standard books of the church clearly teach the unconditional resurrection of man, we believe it to be of doubtful propriety for the church to put unnecessary restrictions upon the ministry as to the manner of their teaching those doctrines and matters of faith which are of secondary importance; for, while possible injury may accrue to individuals, here and there, who may be inquiring for the word, from the advocacy of individual views held by some of the laborers in the field; we think such injury less hurtful to the general work than that which would result from the creation of a creed, or the putting restrictions upon the ministry in the form of resolutions restraining the liberty of inquiry and investigation, and censuring those who may venture into such investigation, upon what seems to them to be fair grounds.

We therefore recommend that the conference go no further than to say that it is the belief of the church that the doctrine of the resurrection provides for the rising from the dead, of all men, each in his own order, through the atonement wrought by Jesus Christ.

We cite from the Scriptures such passages as may be aids to understand

ing upon the subject: Doctrine and Covenants 28:7, 8; 43:5; 45:10; 63:13; 76:3, 4, 7; 85:6, 29. Book of Mormon, 2 Nephi 6:4, 6; Mosiah 8:9; 11:16. Alma 8:10; 9:3; 19:4. Book of Nephi 11:7; Book of Mormon 4:6. Bible, John 5:28; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:21, 22, 23, 25, 26; Rev. 20:5, 12, 13; 21:8; 22:15.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH SMITH, }  
W. W. BLAIR, } Presidency.

On motion the words, "and decision," were stricken out of the resolution presented by the Twelve on this subject.

#### MISSIONS OF HIGH PRIESTS, ELDERS, AND PRIESTS.

The list of nominations of the high priests, elders, and priests for missions was read as follows:—

*To the Conference; Greeting:*—The Quorum of the Twelve hereby report the missions of the High Priests as follows:—

1. R. M. Elvin, released.
2. William Anderson, Decatur district, self-sustaining.
3. Charles Derry, Pottawattamie district, with the privilege of laboring near home when poor health renders it necessary.
4. C. E. Butterworth, Galland's Grove district.
5. J. C. Crabb, String Prairie and Nauvoo district, including Pike and Brown counties, Illinois.
6. F. G. Pitt, Northern Illinois.
7. C. G. Lanphear, Northern Illinois, as circumstances permit.
8. Thomas Taylor, England.
9. J. W. Waldsmith, Nebraska.

The missions of elders and priests are presented as follows:—

(For want of time they are not arranged by quorums, but presented in the order of their appointment.)

1. J. A. Currie, Jr., released.
2. A. E. Mortimer, released.
3. James Thomas, released.
4. F. M. Weld, Galland's Grove district in connection with C. J. Hunt.
5. M. R. Scott, Sr., released.
6. W. H. Kelley, Southern Indiana, as circumstances permit.
7. W. H. Kephart, Eastern Iowa district.
8. Senterlow Butler, Pottawattamie district.
9. M. R. Scott, Jr., Southern Indiana, as circumstances permit.
10. Henry C. Smith, Eastern mission.
11. J. B. Heide, Fremont and Nodaway districts.
12. J. S. Snively, referred to the Presidency and Bishopric.
13. William Waterman, Kentucky and Tennessee.
14. C. E. Hand, Des Moines district, as circumstances permit.
15. A. V. Closson, Wisconsin, as circumstances permit.
16. George Jenkins, Southern Indiana.
17. V. D. Baggerly, Southern Indiana.
18. J. R. Sutton, Eastern Iowa district, to enter field in September.
19. Joshua Carlile, Pottawattamie district.
20. Joseph Ward, Southwestern Missouri.
21. Charles J. Spurlock, Southwestern Missouri.
22. W. S. Macrae, Oklahoma.
23. R. M. Maloney, Oklahoma.
24. John R. Wedlock, Southwestern Missouri, as circumstances permit.
25. J. H. Wells, Independence district.
26. B. A. Atwell, Southwestern Missouri, as circumstances permit.
27. A. J. Keck, Northern Illinois, as circumstances permit.
28. Henry Southwick, Southern Wisconsin, as circumstances permit.
29. I. A. Morris, Southeastern Illinois.
30. F. M. Slover, Southeastern Illinois.

31. J. M. Terry, St. Joseph, Missouri.
- ✓ 32. S. J. Madden, Southwestern Missouri, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 33. D. F. Winn, Northeastern Missouri district, as circumstances permit.
34. William Summerfield, Far West district.
- ✓ 35. John S. Keir, Northern Illinois, self-sustaining.
36. E. K. Evans, Canada.
37. Samuel Tomlinson, Canada.
38. James L. Mortimer, Canada.
39. Fred Gregory, Canada.
40. Alvin Knisley, Canada.
41. G. M. L. Whitman, Nebraska.
42. R. H. Davis, Kansas.
43. R. L. Ware, Northwestern Kansas.
44. S. D. Payne, Western Nebraska.
45. James Kemp, Colorado.
46. M. Sorensen, Scandinavia.
47. A. Edwards, Wales.
- ✓ 48. C. H. Caton, Birmingham district, England, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 49. Joseph Dewsnap, Manchester district, England, as circumstances permit.
50. S. Warren, England.
- ✓ 51. P. B. Seaton, Tennessee and Kentucky, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 52. W. H. Griffin, Tennessee and Kentucky, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 53. G. T. Chute, Southeastern mission.
- ✓ 54. A. D. Greer, Southeastern mission, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 55. W. J. Booker, Alabama, as circumstances permit.
56. Charles Snow, Kentucky and Tennessee.
- ✓ 57. James Adair, Kentucky and Tennessee, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 58. F. P. Scarcliff, Mississippi, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 59. T. J. Smith, Oklahoma, as circumstances permit.
60. E. W. Nunley, Texas.
61. S. W. Simmons, Texas and Indian Territory.
62. L. L. Wight, Central and Southern Texas.
63. T. J. Sheppard, Texas and Indian Territory.
64. A. B. Moore, Northern Texas.
65. A. C. Hart, Indian Territory.
- ✓ 66. Peter Adamson, Indian Territory and Arkansas, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 67. E. J. Goodenough, Michigan and Northern Indiana, as circumstances permit.
68. John Glazier, referred to missionary in charge and Bishopric.
- ✓ 69. William Dowker, Eastern Michigan district, as circumstances permit.
70. Andrew Barr, Eastern Michigan district.
71. F. C. Smith, Eastern Michigan district.
72. David Smith, Northern and Eastern Michigan districts.
73. J. A. Grant, Eastern Michigan district.
74. William Davis, Eastern Michigan district.
75. A. L. Whiteaker, Wisconsin.
76. E. P. Curtis, Wisconsin.
77. Joshua Hackett, Wisconsin.
78. Swen Swensen, Minnesota.
- ✓ 79. J. W. Bryan, Eastern Texas, as circumstances permit.
80. William Gibson, Southern California.
81. D. L. Harris, Southern California.
82. Charles Baly, Southern California.
83. R. R. Dana, Southern California.
84. Albert Haws, Central California.
- ✓ 85. J. H. Lawn, Central California, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 86. Daniel Brown, Central California, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 87. J. S. Lee, Utah, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 88. A. J. Layland, Idaho, as circumstances permit.

- / 89. Joshua Armstrong, Nebraska, as circumstances permit.
- / 90. C. E. Blodgett, Nebraska, as circumstances permit.
- / 91. J. M. Stubbart, Western Nebraska, as circumstances permit.
- 92. H. J. Davison, Eastern mission.
- 93. G. H. Godbey, West Virginia and Northeastern Kentucky.
- 94. Geo. Robley, Eastern mission.
- 95. H. R. Harder, Ohio district.
- 96. W. W. Blanchard, Eastern mission.
- 97. J. S. Parrish, referred to missionary in charge and Bishopric.
- 98. M. F. Gowell, Maine.
- 99. J. L. Goodrich, referred to missionary in charge and Bishopric.
- / 100. G. W. Eaton, Maine, as circumstances permit.
- / 101. C. P. Faul, Far West district, as circumstances permit.
- / 102. Ben Dice, Far West district, as circumstances permit.
- 103. William Newton, Society Islands.
- 104. J. W. Gilbert, Society Islands.
- / 105. Gomer Reese, Montana, as circumstances permit.
- / 106. George Green, Canada self-sustaining.
- / 107. John Hawley, Texas, self-sustaining.
- / 108. Hans Peterson, referred to the Presidency and Bishopric for the Scandinavian mission, if practicable.
- 109. J. J. Christenson, referred to Presidency and Bishopric for Scandinavian mission, if practicable.
- / 110. George Ballard, Australia, self-sustaining.
- / 111. C. Avery, New South Wales, as circumstances permit.
- / 112. D. McIntosh, Victoria, as circumstances permit.
- 113. Gomer Wells, Australia.
- / 114. James M. Baggerly, Southern Indiana with I. P. Baggerly.
- / 115. J. W. Moore, West Virginia, self-sustaining.

Respectfully submitted,

HEMAN C. SMITH, Secretary.

### FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

A report from the First Quorum of Seventy was read:—

Resolved that we disapprove of the selection of active seventies for ordination to the office of high priest as interfering with the discharge of the important responsibilities and duties of the quorums of seventy and detrimental to the general interests of the work; however, we are willing to indorse the nomination of any of this quorum who may be designated by the Spirit of revelation for ordination to the office of high priest.

Resolved that we request President Joseph Smith to insert in section 121 Doctrine and Covenants a statement of the instruction given to the Seventy in 1885—that directing them to choose presidents of Seventy and instructing the presidents thus chosen to choose other Seventy—that it may be preserved with other important instruction given to the church and published in that section.

On motion their request was granted.

An effort was also made to add to the Doctrine and Covenants the instruction given by the Spirit in April, 1888, in regard to the High Council and other matters, but it was ruled out as being new business.

It was moved that Bro. R. M. Elvin labor under the direction of the Presidency, as soon as he is able to leave home, but this was defeated.

President Smith reported that after consultation with the Bishop and Bro. Peter Anderson it was decided to release Bro. Wahlstrom from the Swedish mission.

## SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

A report from the Second Quorum of Seventy was read:—

*To the Presidency and Brethren in Conference Assembled; Greeting:*—The Second Quorum of Seventy has held several sessions alone, in which the Spirit of God has been markedly felt, especially in the consideration and acceptance of the Revelation. We have met in joint sessions with the First Quorum of Seventy. Have also issued licenses to the brethren ordained at this conference. The summary of work done by the fifteen members during the year is as follows: Sermons preached 2,214, baptized 208, confirmed 147, ordained 12, blessed 65 children; making an average of 148 sermons preached, 14 baptized, 10 confirmations, 1 ordination, and 4 children blessed.

We express our gratitude to God for his kind and gracious acknowledgment in answer to our petitions, and are resolved to manifest our appreciation by seeking to comply with the instruction so imparted.

C. SCOTT, President,  
T. W. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

## FIRST QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The First Quorum of Elders reported:—

We have held six sessions with an attendance of from 12 to 27 members present. Have received 79 reports showing the number of sermons preached to be 1,966, baptisms 117, confirmations 158, ordinations 17, children blessed 174, administrations to sick 1,469, marriages performed 52, number of members acting as branch presidents 14, as district presidents 4, Bishop's agents 4, district and general missionaries 6, one as Superintendent of the General Sunday School Association, and one as superintendent of a district Sunday school association, also district secretary of church. A large amount of labor was reported not being specified by numbers. A majority of those reporting expressed a desire to increase their labors in the future so as to be able to give a more extensive report to the General Conference of 1895.

The quorum is in fair condition considering the advanced ages of a number of its members. Since last report there have two vacancies occurred, one by the death of Bro. Mad Madison and the other by the expulsion of Ephraim Thomas from the church. These vacancies were filled by the enrollment of Brn. F. C. and David Smith as members of the quorum. By request of Brn. J. D. Bennet and Geo. Hicklin to be recommended for missionary work they were referred to the Quorum of the Twelve.

A resolution was adopted requiring all members of the quorum to abstain from the use of tobacco and intoxicating liquors; and that those indulging in the use of the same, shall, at the expiration of one year from the date of said resolution, be expelled from the quorum.

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions of respect and condolence in regard to the death of Bro. Mad Madison, and that the same be spread upon the records of this quorum; also that a copy of the same be presented to the family of the deceased.

There being no other business done that would be of any interest to the body we respectfully submit this as our report.

E. A. BLAKESLEE, First Counselor, and President *pro tem.*

V. WHITE, Secretary.

Brn. F. G. Pitt and Ellis Short desired to be released from the college committee, because of their living so far away from the scene of action, but the conference refused to accept their resignations, the motion to release being defeated.

The following was moved and adopted:—

Resolved that Lamoni, Iowa, be considered and declared to be the seat of the First Presidency of the church.

It was moved that the late revelation be printed with the Book of Covenants as section 122 of said book, but this was succeeded by a motion that this matter be deferred for one year, which motion prevailed by a vote of 52 to 37 in favor of deferring.

#### ADDITIONAL HIGH PRIESTS.

It was moved that the conference authorize the ordination of the brethren who have been approved by the Twelve to be ordained as high priests. Under this motion the names were taken up singly and the conference ordered that Brn. J. P. Carlile, J. M. Baker, Temme Henderks, William Lewis, J. M. Terry, George Green, Robert Longhurst, Roderick May, W. C. Nirk, Joseph Dewsnup, Sen., Wentworth Vickery, and J. S. Snively be so ordained, providing they accept such nomination. Also Brn. G. Hilliard and G. H. Hulmes were chosen to be ordained high priests. Then it was provided that Bro. A. M. Fyrando be also ordained to that office, if he shall receive witness and accept the call.

It was then moved that the subject of the ordination of members of the Seventy as high priests, as recommended by the Presidency, be deferred one year. The names were read and those present were called upon to state their views as to accepting. The most of them declined. By vote upon the others the subject of their ordination was deferred.

The recommendation and request that Brn. T. J. Bell and F. M. Weld be ordained as counselors in Fifth Quorum of Elders was taken up and approved by the conference. It was also provided that the ordination of those chosen to the office of high priest, but who are not present at the conference, be seen to and provided for by the missionaries in charge of the regions where these brethren dwell.

By the usual process the quorums of the church were sustained by the vote of the assembly, in their order, the First Presidency, the Twelve, the High Priests, the Bishopric, the two quorums of Seventy, the five quorums of Elders, the three quorums of Priests, the two of Teachers, and the two of Deacons; also the Church Secretary and Recorder, the Church Librarian, the Board of Publication, the Daughters of Zion, the Sunday School Association, the Religio-Literary Society, and the college committee.

In the evening Bro. G. H. Hilliard was ordained a high priest under the hands of Brn. A. H. Smith and C. Derry; Bro. Roderick May to same office by Brn. J. H. Lake and William Anderson, and Bro. J. S. Snively to same office by Brn. W. H. Kelley and C. E. Butterworth; the first-named being the speakers in each case. Also Bro. John Hawley was ordained as first counselor in the Third Quorum of Elders by Brn. A. H. Smith and C. Derry. Also Bro. T. J. Bell as first counselor in the First Quorum of Elders by Brn. J. H. Lake and William Anderson, and Bro. F. M. Weld as second counselor in the

same quorum by Brn. W. H. Kelley and C. E. Butterworth.

On motion Bro. J. M. Brown was appointed a mission in Central Kansas, to labor as his circumstances permit of his doing.

It was resolved that one evening during the conference of 1895 be granted to the Independence branch to hold an entertainment.

On motion the conference adjourned to meet at Independence, Missouri, April 6, 1895.

JOSEPH SMITH, }  
W. W. BLAIR, } Presidents.  
A. H. SMITH, }

H. A. STEBBINS, Secretary,  
J. S. PARRISH, Assistant.

The remainder of the ministry reports not published before the conference are as follows, so far as they have come to hand:—

Mark H. Forscutt, of the High Priests:—

No. 2080 Market Street, SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 1, 1894.

I have preached about 50 times; baptized 11; confirmed a few; ordained 3; blessed 20 children; administered to the sick 35 times; I give a brief account of my labors in the places or regions named, as follows: Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, California, Tahiti, Matavai, Tikahau, Matea, but chiefly at Papeete and suburbs, Taronā (Sharon), and Tiona (Zion).

Sickness has rendered me down, almost literally, in the heated caldron of the tropics, so that, prior to starting back, even the flesh remaining (and flesh vanished more slowly than strength), seemed only like "the scraps" of the former animal. The solids either became concrete, or vanished in the rendering process; but the framework was unimpaired. Since leaving the tropics, and especially since reaching the land of fruitfulness, varied climated California, I have been building up so fast onto the old framework that I am forced to ask, "Is it flesh, real flesh?" and "If so, is it sound flesh?" I hope the stating of the truth will not send all the skeletons here to be clothed; but I have already (less than a month since I arrived) put twenty-six pounds onto the old frame.

If experience shall confirm present hopes, I hope to be ready to go wherever the conference shall wish, whether it be back to the South Seas for *life's final issues*, or anywhere He whom we serve may direct. The reverse of my South Sea experience is, however, my experience here. *There* I lost strength rather than flesh; *here*, I gain flesh, rather than strength. But I hope that a few months on this coast will benefit me physically, in every respect. If no other work shall offer that I can perform, I hope to labor locally. Anything rather than stagnancy. If possible, I would rather die twice as a soldier on duty than live, without danger of death, a life of idleness, and be recreant to duty, and to every obligation.

While on my late mission I often desired death, but he was wary of me; he came near enough to taunt, but not to claim me. His threatenings were strong and more frequent than any knew but myself; but the natives, unwilling that I should leave for awhile, became anxious for my departure. If I could have secured a free passage I should have left before. When I did leave, I left indebted for my transit to church funds; but did not leave without having given due notice to Presidency, Apostleship, and Bishop, through their representative heads.

The South Sea mission cannot be successfully prosecuted without both boat, and literature in the South Sea's languages. I hoped to have been at conference and laid before you the condition and needs of that mission as



you have never yet learned them. Measures are necessary there that would be impracticable elsewhere; and yet, with the right man at the head, with right workers to assist him, and proper means available, I know of no mission field that promises as good returns. He however who goes there without ability to plan and execute, and who will only walk in the old grooves, will do as well there, *perhaps*, as in other new fields, but *he will not convert the natives, nor bring them to a realizing sense of duty when converted.*

The missionaries there are doing all they can. On account of his health, the release of Brother Devore ought to be approved; but as he and Sister Devore can now do more good in one month than they formerly could in six, the conference should request them to remain if health shall permit.

I promised the brethren to go back there in the fall, if my health was renewed, and conference requested me to fill my mission. I shall hold myself to my promise of course. If however conference thinks best to release me, I shall submit without a murmur either way.

That mission needs twenty white laborers; all of whom could be supported there, if they could reach there with their own funds like the Utah missionaries do. I am told that a number more are appointed there, and that they propose to place a white missionary in charge of each island; and with their method of sending young men who go at their own cost, they can do this easier than we. Please do not say that I recommend this plan; I simply name what they are doing. It would be impractical to me; but then I am not a young man. *As a young man*, I so went, believing God would open my way, and he always did. My first three hundred converts were baptized while so traveling, and if I were young and single, I would not hesitate to start anywhere. Whoever you send, *must be virtuous*, and yet not be such stern disciplinarians even on this question as that in judgment they will forget mercy, or they will drive to despair and to ultimate condemnation far more than they will win to repentance, and to the ultimate occupancy of a higher plane of thought, of feeling, and of life.

But for the expense of sending them, three or four married men and their wives should go to settle on populous islands and minister as teachers as well as preachers. They would thus frustrate the foe and build up the cause. But the idea that some advance why all who go there as missionaries should take their wives with them, is one I have no sympathy with. I will only say, lest I say too much, that he who cannot control his own nature and set an example of holiness to all, is neither fitted to represent the Lord Jesus nor his cause.

Pardon the lateness of my report, I could not send it earlier, though I might have made it fuller and better. Though I spake it not, I hoped some way to reach you, but cannot, it seems, this time.

L. R. Devore, of the Seventy:—

#### SOUTH SEA MISSION, ARATUA ISLAND.

December 25, 1893, to January 1, 1894.

*Elder M. H. Forscutt:*—This sultry afternoon finds me still here with the Saints and friends of this lonely isle; lonely because trading vessels do not call here for bufaa; but when the *rahui* is removed for a season from the lake, and the natives are privileged to dive for shells, then the trading vessels put in an appearance frequently. There are but few inhabitants all told living here. Since the great cyclone a number of years ago, which nearly destroyed the island, it has never done much good—the once beautiful city which was swept away has never been rebuilt to any extent worthy of naming. There is a nice little branch here of good, earnest, faithful members. I have been with them since the 17th of November. I have tried to preach 6 times to them in their own tongue, have baptized 1, and held schools almost every night, and, in my extremely blundering way, have tried to do them all the good I could. They hold Sunday schools regularly. I have not found it necessary to suggest any material changes in the organization of branch, have not witnessed any quarrels since coming here. There is much I would like to say to them if I could command a sufficiency of their language to so do, hence must move slowly. I will return to Apataki in a few days, and there remain until after January 6 conference is ended, from there cannot say what my next move will be.

From what I learn or hear from the other division, there are but *very* few people now on Manihi and Takaroa; they are away diving for shells on some distant island. The island of Takapoto, however, (the one general conference will be at in April,) has many people now; so it is thought, as the lake is open for divers. It really seems that there is a greater necessity for labor on Rairoa, Tikahau, and Makatea than in the other division, considering the facilities for getting from place to place now. If I go into the other division before April, it will be to Takapoto, for I know of no means available by which to reach the isles at any great distance in the northeast of the division, such as Taega, Makemo, and Hau; besides I would not like to take another trip so far as that in a small boat, in my present condition of health. However, I hope to get more light by the time the January 6 conference is over, so that I can move elsewhere wisely. There possibly may be further advices from you about that time. I do not wish to aggravate my old affliction much more by long journeys in small boats, as of late it seems to be growing worse; the fact is, I am not in a proper condition to *travel much alone*; and unless I can get some remedy that will relieve me, I must stop traveling altogether ere long. I lack faith to be healed, through administrations, but I desire due patience to bear the affliction with just as little complaining as possible. I want to do what I can to help along the work, let me be where I may; but, henceforth, I must move as I can, and not as I would like.

I trust the work may continue to thrive and grow under your administration, and I believe it will, for the Saints so far as I can learn, have a high regard for you as their presiding officer. I would suggest that you get that article of yours, "Did Peter establish the see of Rome, as claimed by the Fathers of the Church?" published. Already it has prevented some from uniting with the Catholic body. Print it, and scatter it among the isles, and it will be as lead around the necks of the priests in midocean. They must go by and by; that will help to weight them down; for they will have it to meet. I herein report my labors since January 1, 1893: I have labored on the following Islands; viz., Tahiti, Tuboi, Kaukura, Rairoa, Tikahau, Makatea, Niau, Apataki, and Aratua. Have preached 42 times; baptized 52; confirmed 16; administered to 66 sick; blessed 9 children; ordained 2 teachers; tried to preach 16 times in the native tongue.

I rejoice to hear of the prosperity of the work everywhere, and am pleased to learn that some feel a great interest in this mission, with sympathy for the missionaries and pity for the native. The necessary facilities for mission work here are lacking to such a great degree, that the word and work move out but slowly. May means be forthcoming by which to hasten it, is my prayer. May this find you well and all the rest also, as well as my *loving wife*. Your brother and colaborer.

L. R. DEVORE.

John Hawkins, of the Elders:—

TUPUAI, December 28, 1893.

*Dear Bro. Forscutt:*—When we arrived here on the 20th, we were very kindly met by the Saints. The French Governor also arrived here the same day from Tahiti, and on the 23d we were called before him and the native governor at the courthouse. A charge was preferred against the church. It was that our people do too much praying and preaching, and are guilty thereby of breaking the peace of the island. A second charge was that our people are idle, and that they do not plant food for their families, and in proof of this they claim that our members are at church day and night.

I told the governor that I was a man of peace and that I had come to the island to preach the gospel of peace. I also intended to teach as did my brethren that all our members should work and plant food both for their families and for export. As a proof of this being our policy and our intentions, and further, as evidence that I intended to work myself, I had brought with me my Bible, my ax, and my spade. He then said if I would do that, it would give him satisfaction. He then gave me his hand and said he was much pleased with our meeting on that occasion. Here we found that one priest and one sister had left the Reorganization, and had gone over to the Utah Church; but we have baptized two others in their

place. (Report had said that quite a number had been turned to the Utah church.) Dear brother, I thank you for your letter; I am doing my best to sow the seed, and that with care.

The brethren here will soon have their new meetinghouse ready for dedication. Bro. Tapuni has not gone on his mission; but he is doing some good on this island. At Tupuai I preached 57 times; held 20 scriptural question schools; confirmed 1; administered the sacrament once; administered to the sick 3 times; blessed 2 children. We hold two prayer meetings every week. In traveling from branch to branch I have tried to do the best I could, and I have been blessed with better liberty than for years past, that which you promised me in the name of the Lord. I then said, "I hope so;" now I know the Lord was with you. May the good work roll forth under your administration. I am with you.

JOHN HAWKINS.

P. S. November 29. Two Utah elders arrived here.

J. H.

Report of J. W. Gilbert, Elder, from April 6, 1893, to January 9, 1894:—

Since arriving in the Society Islands mission, July 24, 1893, I have labored continuously in the work to the best of my ability. I have preached by interpreter seven times; by use of the Tahitian, four times. Have baptized 8; confirmed 2; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick 32 times. Have attended many meetings, held many Bible schools, taught classes in the same, instructed, admonished, and exhorted as best I could in my broken Tahitian. My main effort has been to learn the language, hence have not done much else.

Before leaving America, I preached twice at Independence, once at Weir City, once at Denver, once at Salt Lake City, once at San Francisco, and three times at Berkley. Administered to the sick a few times.

William Newton, of the Elders:—

MANIHI, December 3, 1893.

*Elder M. H. Forscutt; Dear Brother:*—It is no worse here than I thought it would be; indeed, it is better. My health is good and I am all right up to the present, other than a sore leg, and it is getting better. I hope your health is good; I seem to have no time for anything other than to study the language, and I seem to make very little headway; but I am doing the best I can. I can understand a great deal the natives say, and what I do speak they say I speak plain; but O my, it will be a long time before I shall be able to preach to them in their language. There is a great deal that is not right among them here. I am doing what I can to get rid of some of it, I am getting the branch officers to attend to their duties. We are having fair meetings and doing as well as we can. I have baptized two since I came here; one to-day, and married one couple to-day; they were married by the law of the land first. Now Uncle Mark, it is not very pleasant to be here and have no one to speak to. Jimmey (an interpreter) is not here very much. He goes away on Monday or Tuesday and does not come back until Saturday. He helps me greatly when he is here. He will be able to tell you all the news when he comes, better than I can. I hope that you have lots of mail for me for I have not had any news from my children since the middle of June. Remember me to all the Saints at Tahiti, and Bro. Gilbert, and Bro. Devore. I hope they are doing well.

I have not seen a bit of butter since I left Tahiti, or, I should have said, since I came to this island. The only things that I have to eat are flour and fish, until to-day, the 4th, when a boat called and we got some rice. I hope there will be another boat come soon. I expect to leave here in a few days for Takaroie. I want to go there and do what I can and be back again for the conference which meets on the 6th of January, at Manihi. When you write let me know where Bro. Devore is laboring. I received a letter to-day from Hotu, who is on the Island of Hickueru, with the divers. He states there are about one hundred and fifty people of our people there. He is having meetings every night and there are about fifty that want to be baptized, and he would like some one to come there to baptize them. There is

one Utah Mormon elder there. I would go if I knew it was your wish. There are about fifteen hundred on the island and there are more going in the near future.

M. T. Short, of the Seventy:—

MILLERSBURG, Ill., March 30, 1894.

Bro. H. A. Stebbins:—I got to reflecting on my recent *brief* report to you, and concluded perhaps I had overdone in not doing enough. The Daniel-Denney debate engrossed my time largely; and more, one's environments are to be taken into consideration a trifle. Furthermore, I have chronicled from time to time the major part of those happenings I thought of general note. To speak of a vast amount of circular work, such as obtaining houses to preach in, advertising, opening up, cleaning out, ringing bells, and all such work, is so very common to the average missionary that I sicken at the thought of mentioning those minor details that enter largely into our work. To date back, and review, and bring up I have no heart whatever to do. I never, in all my ardent, active ministerial toil, feel to chide myself a particle for inaction, slothfulness, or lack of intense interest.

Bro. I. P. Baggerley, the sub-missionary in charge, will tell of the needs and demands of the work, so you see I have but little to either say or do in that line. Many places where I introduced in new localities it seems evident the work ought to be pushed to gain additional advantage. The Indiana people are kind to entertain and fairly liberal to aid in many ways. I wrought in ten counties amid cities, towns, villages and rural localities; as also wrote for the secular press and for church papers. Health of the family and self being normal, and so many in the dark caused me to push out and perish in proclaiming. If you can glean a few sentiments to insert in my recent report ere it goes to press, all right, and all right anyway.

H. E. Moler, of the Elders:—

I have preached 168 times; baptized 9 persons; confirmed 8; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 30 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have been trying to do what I could for the advancement of the work of Christ. I have labored in Vinton, Hocking, Jackson, Gallia, Lawrence, and Perry counties in Ohio, and in Wayne, Jackson, Mason, and Putnam counties, West Virginia. Can say that I have been blessed in my labors, the Lord coming to my rescue in every time of need. I have held one discussion in which I felt the Lord perceptibly near me. During the last three or four months I have been more than ever confirmed in this work, and especially in regard to the legality of the claims of the Reorganization. I have met some of the Brighamite elders in my mission and find that they have very weak weapons with which to fight our claims. I believe that I can say the work is onward in Ohio. There is great demand for labor in both Ohio and West Virginia, as well as in Kentucky. I am still willing to continue in the field.

H. R. Harder, of the Elders:—

I have preached 171 times; baptized 29; confirmed 30; ordained 1; blessed 36 children; administered to the sick 61 times; held 30 prayer meetings. I assisted my colaborers in 57 preaching services, attended 2 district conferences, and assisted in 1 debate. Have labored in the Ohio district and find the demand for preaching greater than the supply; in fact, the laborers are few compared with the field. My labors have been confined to Vinton, Jackson, Ross, Athens, Hocking, and Perry counties, which is a small portion of the field. I occupied with the tent about two months, which I find a profitable way of raising the standard of truth. I am still desirous of doing what I can for the spread of the work, and am at the disposal of conference.

C. J. Hunt, of the Elders:—

Have preached 160 times; baptized 11; confirmed 9; administered to the sick 51 times; blessed 4 children. Have labored in the Galland's Grove, Iowa, district; have preached in 31 places in Crawford, Calhoun, Sac, Carroll, Palo Alto, Emmet, Pcahontas, Cherokee, Shelby, Buena Vista, Clay,

and Webster counties. During the summer and early fall I assisted Brn. C. E. Butterworth and J. F. McDowell in conducting meetings in gospel tents. Have sold church books amounting to \$26.25. The Saints and friends have been very kind, supplying my temporal wants. I rejoice in the outlook and hope to be continued in the field.

#### R. E. Grant, of the Elders:—

Have preached 168 times; baptized 30; confirmed 27; ordained 2; blessed 14 children; administered to the sick 12 times; officiated in the marriage service twice. My labors have been strictly in the Eastern Michigan district, being president of said district. I am interested in this great work, and have assisted as best I could to forward it. I have held four discussions during the past year with good results; the last one was with a Baptist minister. I baptized ten during the discussion. The work is alive in Michigan and we are determined that Michiganders must halt and hear the great proclamation of the Savior, "On earth peace, and good will toward men." I hope all the general appointees will be sustained and as many more as possible. I am willing to continue in the field if considered worthy of an appointment.

#### J. A. Grant, of the Elders:—

I have preached 144 times; baptized 11; confirmed a few; blessed a few children; administered to the sick quite a number of times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored in various places in Huron, Sanilac, and St. Clair counties. I also performed some labor in Detroit, Wayne county, and Bay City, Bay county. I attended and assisted in five two-days' meetings, and two district conferences. I have acted as secretary of Eastern Michigan district, and president of Buel Center branch. I have been associated from time to time with Brn. E. C. Briggs, R. E. Grant, and William Davis. Have acted on two elders' courts; held a good many sacrament meetings, and led a number of prayer meetings. Have had much to discourage as well as to encourage; but the way seems clearer for the future.

#### Marce Sorenson, of the Elders:—

I have preached 75 times; baptized 1; confirmed 2; administered to the sick 14 times. I have labored continuously the past year in the Danish mission, a part of the time in company with Bro. Peter Anderson. Of necessity much of our labor has been in a private way; but in all my efforts I have endeavored to keep in harmony with the teachings and doctrines of the church; sickness has hindered me some during the fall and winter, but at present I am well.

I am still willing to remain in the service of the church, and anxious to see the cause of truth spread to my fellow men.

#### A. Haws, of the Elders:—

Assisted in 166 meetings and have preached 108 times; baptized none on account of poor health; there were 13 baptized by others during our meetings; confirmed 10; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 8 times. I preached in San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, San Jose, Windsor, Hollister, San Benito, Watsonville, Hihn's Mills, Santa Cruz, Aptos, Fowler, Oleander, and at Bro. Garner's ranch near Fowler. During the conference year I have been with a tent 155 days, holding 144 preaching meetings and 10 prayer meetings. During that time at 99 of these meetings there was an average attendance of 34, with a total attendance of 3,367. In the other 45 meetings there was an average attendance of 42½ and a total of 1,920. This was done at a cost of less than one dollar per meeting, not counting the prayer meetings nor the many who visited the tent and were visited at their houses. I know from long experience and careful investigation that tents are the most practical and economical means of reaching the people in California, as a tent can be run over seven months in the year by the use of a small stove, and there can be more than 20 people reached to one in any other way. So, brethren in conference, supply and support California tents with means and with two men each that are able to represent the gospel.

I have been blessed in all of my labors. I held a twelve-nights' debate upon the Sabbath question with a Seventh-day Adventist. I want to labor in a tent in California.

W. S. Macrae, of the Elders:—

I have preached 149 times; baptized 15 persons; confirmed and assisted to confirm 35; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 60 times. During the first of the year I labored in Southeastern Kansas, with Columbus branch. This is an old field, and people were hard to rouse, especially where much preaching had been done. Was associated with R. M. Maloney in latter part of June. Together we made new openings in Lawrence and Barry counties, Missouri, where unusual interest was manifest. The work in these places shows a promising outlook in the future. Had not other points in our large field demanded attention we could have profitably spent half the year in those places alone. At different points in Jasper and McDonald counties, Missouri, excellent interest was manifest and many, many calls we were unable to fill. Newton county presents a ripe field. Eight baptisms resulted from a three-weeks' effort there, with many others near. Certainly "the hastening time is on" in Southwestern Missouri. It is impossible for the few missionaries to respond to one tenth the calls. God has abundantly blessed me this year. I have had better liberty in speaking and more sick blessed through administration. My desire is to be ever a faithful soldier on the battle field.

G. M. L. Whitman, of the Elders:—

I have preached 80 times; baptized 8 persons; confirmed 5; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 43 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored in Omaha, Fremont, Sarpy county, at Platsford, Blair, and Decatur. Some little time was spent in procuring tent, and was prevented by sickness from laboring during December, January, and February. My desires are to labor for the good cause as long as life may last. This district is in fair condition, but needs more laborers.

S. W. Tomlinson, of the Elders:—

I have preached 81 times; baptized 2 persons; confirmed 2; assisted to ordain 1; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 49 times. I have labored in Stratford, Wingham, Petrolia, Wyoming, London Road, St. Marys, Teeswater, and in the townships of Morris, McKillop, and Hibbert. I have made ten new openings and assisted to organize Stratford branch and also the Sunday school there. I have administered the sacrament a number of times and assisted my brethren a number of times in preaching. I have ever striven to live a life consistent with the work, and to show the world that this beautiful gospel elevates the human family in this life and in the life to come. My heart is still in the work and I have no other desire than to labor on for my blessed Master until he says it is enough. We have sacrificed much this year for the gospel's sake. Am willing to labor wherever the church sees fit to send me. I solicit the prayers of God's people that I may be kept humble and become a wise master builder in the kingdom of God's dear Son.

G. H. Godbey, of the Elders:—

I entered the missionary work June 1, 1893. Have preached 170 times, almost exclusively in new openings; baptized 7; confirmed 3; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick five times.

E. J. Robinson, of the Elders:—

I was not able to go to my field of labor for causes that I could not change in time to get there and do much labor before General Conference, therefore did not go at all, but think I have them arranged now so that if you see fit to continue me in the same field (self sustaining) I shall be able to go. Think there is some labor for me to perform there yet, for I know there are many honest souls there that love the Lord truly, and if they get to see the true way they will serve him faithfully; therefore am willing to try to show them the way of life. I have tried to speak when called upon. Have

assisted to administer to the sick a good many times, helped to bless some children, acted in connection with courts of elders a number of times. I dislike to give this as a report, but have to be governed by circumstances.

Thomas Wellington, of the Elders:—

I have preached 37 times; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick a few times. I have preached in Blythedale and Canady schoolhouse in Missouri, and Pleasanton, and Terre Haute, and Decatur City in Iowa. I want to do all that I can to help roll on the good work. My faith is in the work and I expect while life lasts to lift up my voice and cry repentance. I have felt the good Spirit when declaring the word.

James L. Mortimer, of the Elders:—

Since last report I have preached 50 times; baptized 3; confirmed 2; administered to sick 8 times; blessed 2 children; married 2 couples. I wish to spend four months, from January 1 to May 1, in the field.

Wm. Dowker, of the Elders:—

I have preached 22 times; baptized 2; confirmed 2; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 8 times. This is a very small report. I would like to have more to report but I have done what I could, and hope to be able to do more in the year to come if I am spared and nothing happens. I tried to make openings that I could reach during the summer months but failed, being very busy at home. Could not get far away during the winter. Have labored near Elkton, Huron county, Michigan. Have officiated in the branch; have been to every meeting in the branch that I could attend. Intend to dispose of my farm if I can, so I can do more in the ministry, the Lord having blessed me in my weak efforts beyond my expectation. I intend by his help to do what I can in his cause.

F. H. Brooks, of the Elders:—

I have preached about 50 times; baptized 34; conducted about 50 prayer meetings, and assisted others. I have also organized 6 Sunday schools. I rejoice in this great work. Shall do all I can for its advancement.

Moses R. Scott, of the Elders:—

During the past two months I have preached 29 times; baptized 1 person; confirmed 1; administered to the sick 5 times. I have preached at Byrnsville, Palymist, and at Galena. Not knowing until of late that I was required to report particulars or times preached, four months out of the six since my appointment will not be reported, as I have not kept the items in full. Can only say that in company with Wm. H. Kelley, Thomas Wheeler, and Elder David Scott held a series of meetings at a point known as Bresh College. As to times preached during the first four months, I do not know. Prejudice in a measure is giving way and there is an increasing desire on the part of the people to hear, and should wisdom be used as to place where and time when, I do not think I am beyond the bounds of reason to say that an ingathering will be had in the near future. With this view in mind and the ultimate salvation of God's elect I shall ever labor and pray.