the commands, precepts and examples of would bear in mind that they are memthe man Jesus Christ.

We believe in the thorough office work of the Holy Spirit, justifying, sanctifying, and glorifying the believer who abides in Christ, We believe that man has fallen, and that

man being liable to fall we may full.

We believe that man has risen, and that man may rise; and that the power to rise being attainable to man, we hope to rise.

We believe that the reward offered to man, is life, life everlasting, life eternal, insuring the possession and enjoyment of, peace, content, happiness and never failing joy; as an inducement to become good, wise, virtuous, humble, and noble; and to engage in the emancipation of his fellow man from thralldom to sin.

That men are culpable for committing That as man commits evil he departs from the protection of God. As he does good he establishes him self nearer and nearer to God; and that if, after once having enjoyed the favor of God, man disobeys, he voluntarily resigns that favor and is in imminent danger of entire expulsion from the grace of God.

Believing this, we exhort the elders to preach the word continually, and only declaring that which they were sent to proclaim-Repentance and its results.

The wise man will pay heed to this advice, while the fool will say in his heart, This man knoweth not the mysteries, so that none being taught shall be wiser than himself.

CONFERENCES.

Annual Conference.

Minutes of the Annual Conference of the Church of J. C. of L. D. S., held at Keokuk, Lee Co., lowa, April 6, 7, 1867.

Conference assembled at 11, A. M., April 6, at Burress Hall, and organized by electing President Joseph Smith to preside, Mark H. Forscutt to act as Clerk, and Charles Hall as Assistant Clerk. The minutes of the last Conference

were read and approved.

The President then addressed the Conference in a brief but interesting manner, in which he urged a unity of sentiment the past. There had been some little dis-

bers of one family, and as such, exercise their privileges in expressing themselves, either verbally or by vote, without restraint to themselves, or an illiberal feeling towards others, that all might be done in the spirit of brotherly love. The spirit of love and courtesy will as surely beget love and courtesy in return, as harshness begets harshness or contention begets contention. The grand object for which the Conference had convened, and for which we were all laboring, was the redemption of Zion and the perfecting of the body of Christ; the Conference must therefore guard against every thing of a hature calculated to produce any other differences than those which can be maintained in the unity of the Spirit, and the bonds of love. So far as he was able to judge, the work generally was on the increase. There might be some local matters involving difficultes presented for adjustment, and if so, he desired all personalities to be avoided, and wise deliberations to be made that no injustice might be done, no unnecessary offence given. In the representation of districts, he desired both presidents and representatives to avoid as much as possible all unnecessary personal allusions, and give as briefly and clearly as possible the reports of their districts in a general sense. AFTERNOON SESSION.

The reports of districts being called for,

the following representations were made: The St. Louis District, by Bro. Wm. Hazeldine, who said that he had been prevented, by important church duties in his district, from carrying out a purpose he had formed of attending the last General Conference. The district is in good condition, although the saints have been op-posed by the powers of darkness. The cause was onward, although there had not been continual sunshine, and there was a prospect of a good work being accomplished in a short time.

Resolved, That all reports given in during this Conference shall be considered accepted unless valid objections be raised

Bro. R. Lambert reported his labors as President of the Nauvoo District, and said that although there had been no increase, and had not been without their difficulties, he believed the ministry had done their best. The exercise of still more energy might be encouraged, and hoped for greater results in future than in and action, and desired that all present affection towards him, and if it was afteemed wise, he desired to be released Germany-who can leave his family self-

from the Presidency.

Bro. David Williams, Delegate from the First District of Illinois, reported very The District desired him to present a request that a tract be written, showing the difference between the true church and the Brighamite faction. They had distributed a greatenumber of tracts, and hoped that good might result from them. He was also requested to urge a more complete system of forms for representation, and in order to facilitate the matter, submitted some of his device.

Bro. Josiah Ells represented the Pittsburgh District as giving evident signs of an early increase. A good spirit prewailed, and an abiding and tangible interest in the work was manifested by the contribution of upwards of five hundred (\$500) dollars in aid of the cause. The Herald was well sustained, and a liberal effort for the New Translation had been One, an old president of a put forth. branch that had been dissolved, desired that preaching should again take place Wheeling, Va., where he lived. In the saints are building a house for public worship. Quite a commotion existed throughout Western Virginia, created by the Campbellites' labors, and in the midst of it there is a great call for the preaching of the gospel in its purity and fulness.

Bro. Loren W. Babbitt reported the Pittsfield District to be in a good condition. The saints enjoy themselves much in their assemblings, and those in the ministry have manifested laudable desires to do all in their power. The tithing had been taught, and in some instances re-The advocates of Rigdon sponded to. had induced the apostacy of one individual: but, thanks be to God, the increase in return had been fourfold. With the aid of the Spirit of God, though numerically small, the Pittsfield District had nothing to fear

Bro. R. C. Elvin reported the Southern Nebraska District as progressive in its tendency. The officers felt the necessity of increased activity, and were aroused to a spirit of diligence. The sisters, too, had contributed their quota to the good work by the circulation of tracts, and by fireside conversation with their neighbors and friends. He thought that a more efficient man for the presidency than himself should be sent there, and he would for good. Already some are coming into his power to aid such a man. Two breth- brilliant, are good. ren are ready to take the field, one to Bro. Geo. Shaw reported the Canada

supporting-and the other either to England or in America, if any provisions are or may be made for the families of the ministry.

Bro. Mark H. Forscutt, Delegate from the Pottatwatomie District, the Fremont District, and the Central Nebraska Disrict, made the following report:

The Pottawatomie District was in good working condition, well and efficiently officered, and well sustained by the mem-The school houses were open for the brethren, and generally speaking, the brethren seemed desirous of contributing their mite in aid of this great work. Greater energy might be used in preaching the word in the vicinity of the branches, and there were indications that those holding the priesthood were arousing to a sense of their duty in this matter. The increase had not been great; but the work is firmly grounded. Some good and efficient laborers to assist the President in preaching through his extensive field would be acceptable to him, and a blessing to the cause.

The Fremont District had been blest with laborers and the word preached in new openings, where it had commenced to bring forth its fruits, and some baptisms had taken place. In some parts of the district things were dull, and the saints less alive to their duties than they should be; in other places they were alive to their true interests and to the requirements of the work. With judicious management and an able mnistry, much good to the Redeemer's cause might be done in this district.

The Central Nebraska District presented many pleasing features. The officers were diligent, the members united and faithful. One branch had been organized, and a very respectable number of baptisms had taken place. There was still a call for preaching in several places, and but few preachers. A faithful and efficient laborer would be a desirable acquisition to aid the President.

The Delegate knew of no serious difficulty in any of these districts, and could give them no more correct representation than that of doing well.

Bro. Alex. Struthers reported briefly the String Prairie District as, generally speaking, doing tolerably well. Some improvement might, be made, and he hoped gladly resign in favor of and do all in the fold, and the prospects, though not

West District favorably. He had labored ter a hearing at Oakwood before the Town faithfully, and his brethren had done so Council, he was refused the use of the likewise, and not, he hoped, without some Town Hall; but the people were dissatis-

good results.

Bro. Z. H. Gurley reported the 2d Div. of Northern Illinois as being in a good condition, though it had not long since emerged from the sea of trouble. One is ready to take the field from the districtione whom he could recommend. The walk of the saints had been consistent, and their conversation holy, in consequence of which, they had much influence with and are respected by the world. He also reported the work favorably in all this travels.

EVENING SESSION.

Bro. Hall spoke a few moments and was followed by Bro. Forscutt, who preached from 1 John 3: 20, 21. The audience was very attentive and a good feeling prevailed.

SUNDAY.

Minutes of the preceeding day read and

approved.

The President reported the Lone Star Branch, Alabama, and informed the Conference that a mission had been taken to Florida. Some difficulties had occurred between some of the brethren, and the results was a disaffection, into the origin and nature of which the Conference would be probably, led to enquire.

Reports of missionaries appointed by

* Bros. Longbottom and Lange reported their joint labors, in which they had been diligent, though not with any very marked results. They had traveled and made their way from Council Bluffs, eastward *to the Missippi River, and been on entire-By new ground. In some places they had met with a great deal of opposition, but it was mainly the result of a misunderstanding as to the real nature of their mission. They needed only to acknowledge the name of Latter Day Saint, or Mormon, to arouse the ire of the people. In some places they were listened to attentively, and wherever this was the case and they had the opportunity to show the people our faith and doctrines in contradistinction to those of the Brighamite faction their prejudices were allayed, and a favorable notice and course of treatment, the result.

Brog John Lake gave an interesting detail of his mission to Canada, in which he recited conversations with ministers, town councils, magistrates and people, in all of whom he had sought to create an impression favorable to his Master's cause. Af-

Conncil, he was refused the use of the Town Hall; but the people were dissatisfied with the refusal, and made such provisions as enabled him to reach them, and to lay before them the glad tidings of salvation. He had found a very strong feeling, prejudicial to the cause, resulting from the classifying of the Reorganized Church with the polygamic fraternity of Utah; but the Lord had aided him to allay the prejudice, and doors for the preaching of the word were opening on every hand. He had gone forth without purse and scrip, but the Lord had opened his way, and he had lacked not. Friends had been raised up for him, and a request from them was tendered that this Conference would send them elders during the summer season.

The Clerk read a letter from Bro. Joseph Boswell, of the English Mission,

which was truly reviving.

Council time having expired with the arrival of public service time, the business was postponed, and meeting opened in the usual manner. President J. Smith then read a portion of the word of God, and preached a soul-stirring discourse on the divine right of Jesus only to prescribe laws for the government of man, and especially of the church. As a synod, an ecclesiastical body, or as a conference, neither this nor any other body has a right to prescribe laws,-they may deliberate upon and prescribe plans for the carrying out of those laws; but they can go no further. Excellent attention was paid, and a calm, holy influence pervaded the assembly. Haros

By request of the Committee of Arrangements a collection was taken up, and \$34,05, was announced as the result.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Officers present: of the First Presidency, 1; of the Quorum of the Twelve, 7; High Priests, 8; Seventies, 8; Elders, 39; Priests, 3; Teachers, 4; Deacons, 2. Total official members, 72.

The President made some remarks relative to the California mission. The troubles reported last Annual Conference are settled. He deemed it necessary that we sustain our representatives abroad, and suggested that an expression of the Conference be taken in relation to them.

The following brethren were then presented, and sustained unanimously:

Bros. Alex. H. Smith and Wm. Anderson as the Presidency of the California Mission.

Bro. Thomas E. Jenkins as President of the Welsh Mission.

Bros. Thos. Job and James W. Gillen as the Presidency of the Utah Mission.

Bro. Wm. Hazeldine as President of the St. Louis Conference.

Bro Loren W. Babbitt as President of

the Pittsfield District. Bro. Alex. Struthers as President of the

String Prairie District, Iowa. Bro. R. Lambert as President of the

Nauvoo District, Ill. Bro. R. C. B. Elvin as President of the

Southern Nebraska District, Neb. Bro. Wheeler Baldwin as President of

the Fremont District, Iowa. Bro. Hiram P. Brown as President of the North Eastern Iowa District, Iowa.

APPOINTMETS.

Bro. James Caffal to labor under the direction of Bro Baldwin in the Fremont and Mills Co. District, Iewa.

Bro. James Kemp to labor under the direction of Bro. R. C. B. Elvin in the Southern Nebraska District, Neb.

Resolved, That the Territories of Utah, Idaho and Montana compose the Utah Mission.

Resolved, That the State of Missouri, and so much of the State of Illinois as lies south of the degree of latitude corresponding to the north line of Madison Co., be united in one district, known as the St. Louis District.

Resolved, That the Counties of Brown, Schuyler, Adams, Pike, Scott and Calhoun, Ill., be united into one district, known as the Pittsfield District.

Resolved, That the Nauvoo District comprise the Counties of Hancock, McDon-

ough and Henderson, Ill.

A request that Bros. J. W. Briggs and W. W. Blair would take the stand in the evening was handed in and read.

EVENING SESSION.

Bro. Blair read Matt. 16th chap., and preached a short and interesting discourse from the words contained in the 13-17 verses. He was followed by Bro. J. W. Briggs in his usually pointed and forcible style, on the same subject. audience was large, respectable and attentive.

Resolved, That there be preaching here

to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. APRIL 8.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Resolved, That the publishing of extra tracts be left to the discretion of Bro. Joseph Smith.

agents of districts are responsible to the Bishop of the whole church for all monies or other properties received by them for the church; but they shall make a report to the Quarterly Conferences of their respective districts of the receipts and disbursements of said funds, said report to be examined by an auditing committee of three appointed by said District Conferences

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop shall present, in detail, to each Annual Conference, his accounts with the church, and that an auditing committee of three shall be appointed to examine and report the same, a summary of which shall be published in the church paper. Harridge 988

AFTERNOON SESSION. Resolved, That we sustain all District Presidents not named in the resolutions

of this morning. ti dalaw hi tefat Resolved, That District Conferences have no authority to send missions beyond or outside of their respective limits.

The following appointments were made by resolutions of the Conference: "" 1

Bro. Chas. W. Lange to preach to the Germans in St. Louis, Mo., and Davenport, Iowa, with the privilege of extending his labors.

Bros. Canute Johnson and Frederick Hanson to take a mission to Denmark,

Bro. Andrew Sharer to take a mission in the northern part of Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Bros. Stephen J. Stone, C. J. Lamphere and Thos. W. Smith to labor under the direction of Bro. W. W. Blair.

Resolved. That the mission of Bro. E. C. Briggs be so extended as to embrace the District lately presided over by our deceased brother, James Blakeslee, dentings

Questions of various local import were presented to and answered by the chair, in a wise and satisfactory manner.

Resolved, That all the travelling ministry be under the direction and control of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve. liano

The President decided that all missions previously appointed, and which had neither been reported nor rescinded, would be considered continued; but that all who refuse to exercise their offices in the districts to which they were, or are appointed, should be dealt with, and their cases met in their several districts by the general authorities thereof.

Resolved, That Bros. Revel, Standeven and Boswell be released from the English Mission.

Resolved, That Bros. J. Lake and G. Duel Resolved. That the Bishops or Bishops' be released from their Canada Mission.

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The authorities of the church were then sustained, as follows:

President of the Joseph Smith as Church, with Wm. Marks as his Counsellor. The Quartim of the Twelve. Quorum of tthe High, Priests, Seventies, Elders, Priests, Teachers, Deacons. The High Council. The Bishoppic, with Israel L. Rogers as Presiding Bishop and Wm. Aldrich and P. Howard as his Counsellors.

In answer to an enquiry by Bro. Forscutt, the President gave instructions that persons, professedly members of the church, who have removed from branches to where there is an organized bratich of the church to which they refuse to attach themselves, and whose course of conduct renders them culpable, should be dealt with by the general authorities of the district in which they are located.

APPOINTMENTS.

Resolved, That Bro. Geo. Shaw be appointed to labor in the Nova Scotia District under the Presidency of Bro. John Shippy.

Resolved, That Elder Chas. Hall be appointed to labor in the St. Louis Conference, under the Presidency of Bro Hazel-

Resolved, By request of the President, That Elder Mark H. Forscutt be appointed to labor under the direction of Bro. Joseph

Resolved, That Elder Archibald M. Wilsey be appointed to labor in the region of country east of the Des Moines River, Iowa, running north and south.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft or adopt a set of forms applicable to representation and the general use of the church.

Resolved, That President J. Smith appoint said committee.

Resolved, That said committee report

through the Herald. Various questions were presented to and answered by the President, who gave some excellent instructions on the necessity of a more correct system of representa-tion, and the exercise of more diligence

in this matter.

EVENING SESSION.

The President stated that it would be necessary to appoint a committee of investigation to examine into existing difficulties.

Resolved. That the chair appoint a committee of three to make the necessary

investigation.

The chair selected Bros. W. W. Blair, C. Derry and J. Goodale.

Resolved. That a vote of thanks be tendered the committee of arrangements for their labors in behalf of the Conference. Bro. J. Ells preached from Isa. 60:

1-3, to a very attentive congregation. Five children were then blessed by President J. Smith and Bro. C. Derry.

Resolved. That this Conference adjourn to meet at Union Grove, Harrison Co.,

Iowa, Oct. 6, 1867.

The Conference was not attended by so many as was expected, owing to the lateness of the season and the roughness of the roads. Many anticipated coming who were disappointed, and those who did come incurred much trouble and expense. The organization and filling up of the querums was deferred to a more favorable ofportunity, when a more complete representation of the talent of the church shall be had. The Spirit of the Lord was with the speakers, and in all the deliberations and discussions of questions introduced to the Conference, there was a kindness and courteousness displayed that made every thing pass off pleasantly, and superinduced a feeling of confidence and liberality of sentiment foreign alike to the fractious querulousness of mystery Babylon, and the stickling for honor and precedence, so observable in ambitious aspirants who, forgetting that "he who would be the greatest of all must become the servaant of all," would lord it over the heritage of Peace, union, love and harmony were promoted by the measures adopted; and each felt, or seemed to feel, that the Conference had been productive of good to him, or to her.

The liberality and kindness of the saints in Keokuk and the String Prairie District were displayed in such an abundance of provisions, that after the Conference a great quantity of food remained, and was distributed to the poor.

The people of the city were courteous to the saints, and treated them with much

JOSEPH SMITH, PRESIDENT. MARK H. FORSCUTT, Clerks. CHARLES HALL,

P. S. The Hall being engaged for the week, Bro. Forscutt remained at Keokuk, holding meetings and preaching to the people the principles of eternal life. Many came to hear, several children were brought forward to be blessed, and invitations to visit and converse with the people, poured in on every hand. Many feel convinced of the truth, and it is hoped, will be led to obey.

THE CHURCH OF 1867.	BY WHOM REPORTED	R. C. B. Elvin. Joseph Smith. Z. H. Gurley. C. Dorry. M. H. Porscutt. Wm. Hazeldine. David Williams. J. Ells. L. W. Babbitt. By Letter. """ """ """ """ """ """ """ """ """ "	f., t., t., t., t., t., t., t., t., t., t
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It is believed that not more than one fifth of the branches of the church are represented in the foregoing report. It is very desirable that all the branches should be represented at every General Conference.

miscellaneous.

AN EARTHQUAKE.—On Wednesday, 24th ult., a severe shock of an earthquake was felt through the State of Kansas, and portions of Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. Dispatches from Junction City, Topeka, Lawrence, Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Joseph, Desmoines and Dubuque, represent the shock as severe enough to shake buildings and displace furniture. The Journal says the shock was slightty felt in Chicago.

Bro. R. M. Elvin wrote that in Nebraska City, houses and stores rocked, and that the Court House, High School and other build-

ings were damaged.

From Bro. Thos. H. WADDEL.— I came here in Dec. 1866, and I have been traveling in Conechu Co., and have organized a branch of ten members, including 1 elder, and I have reason to belive that a great many more will obey the truth ere long. The Lord has blessed me, and the people receive me very kindly, and I have more calls than I am able to attend in this county, and if some good elder will volunteer to come down here, there is an open door.

EVERGREEN, Conechu Co., Ala., April 4.

Sr. Louis Notice.—Any person desiring to communicate with any member of the St. Louis District, whose address they do not know, should direct to the care of William Anderson, No. 820, North 7th St., St. Louis,

THE MISSION CONFERENCE of March 16, 17, 1867, resolved that the next Conference for that district be held at Amboy. The time appointed was, by an oversight, the same as that of the Princeville Conference. The Conference at Amboy will, therefore, commence on Friday, June 21, 1867. Z. H. GURLEY.

MARRICED.

By Elder E. C. Brown, March 20, 1867, MILAN SHARPE, of Humbolt Co., Iowa, to the HERALD, should be sent to Isaac AUGUSTA STRONG, of Pocahontas Co., Iowa. SHEEN, Plano, Kendall Co., 111.

DIED.

At Princeville, Ill., March 29, 1867, aged 30 years and 10 days, George Linsley, of consumption.

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