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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Samuel Powers, Pres of Conf.

W. M. Blair, Clerk  
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