

house as long as he stayed there. The judge said, "If you will come we will publish it in the paper." I made an appointment to go there on Sunday, the 20th inst, and preach at 11 o'clock. I discover that if I were two Henry P. Tyler's, I could find plenty of calls; more than I could fill. May the Lord bless the seed sown. Your brother,

HENRY P. TYLER.

Conferences.

Semi-Annual Conference.

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Conference held on Mr. Parks' grounds, near Council Bluffs, Iowa.

SEPT. 20th, 1871, 10 A. M.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened by singing. Prayer by the president, who as president of the church was sustained as president of the conference, and M. H. Forscutt as secretary. Elders Davis H. Bays and J. R. Badham were appointed as clerks.

An appropriate address, occupying about forty-five minutes was delivered by the president, on the growth of the church, the causes that had tended once to promote, and those which subsequently had impeded its progress. His encouragements to industry, to faithfulness, to laboring with hand, heart and head, were well received.

Brethren C. Downs, Wm. Redfield, Wm. Strang, G. W. Bays, E. B. Gaylord, E. Knapp, D. Hougas and W. Fletcher, were chosen as marshals and special police to preserve order during the conference.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

Benediction by Elder Wm. W. Blair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by singing hymn 2. Prayer by Bishop I. L. Rogers. Minutes of Annual Conference were read by secretary and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.—*Committee on Hymn Book.*—President Joseph Smith as president of the committee on Hymn Book reported, and asked in behalf of committee that committee be discharged.

Motion to discharge committee was offered and seconded, and amended by motion of Br. Riley Briggs to add that a vote of thanks be extended to committee in pro-

portion to the size of the hymn book.—Carried over one negative vote.

Committee of Publication.—Bishop Israel L. Rogers as president of this committee made his report, in which he stated that it was found impracticable at present to organize according to the law of the State of Illinois; but that committee would do so as soon as practicable, if sustained.

On motion of Br. Holcomb, committee was sustained and continued.

The President appointed Jarius M. Putney, J. Caffal and Ralph Jenkins a committee of reference to consider cases that may arise, or be presented for adjudication.

The following notice was read by the President:

"The Stockholders of 'The First United Order of Enoch' are hereby notified that the payment of the second installment on stock taken, would be very acceptable, as the funds are needed. It being the commencement of the second year of the association, and the proper time for said payments, it is hoped that a successful effort will be made by each stockholder to make this payment. I. L. Rogers, treasurer; and Henry A. Stebbins, secretary, are on the grounds, and will attend to receiving money and giving receipts.

"E. BANTA, *president.*"

Adjourned to half-past seven p.m., for testimony and prayer meeting. Benediction by Br. W. W. Blair.

EVENING SESSION.

Bishop D. M. Gamet presiding. The saints had a prayer and testimony meeting, in which the spirit was given to comfort and cheer.

Adjourned to ten a.m., September 21st.

SEPTEMBER 21st, 10 A. M.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Sung hymn 133. Prayer by Elder D. H. Bays. Sung hymn 147. Pres. Joseph Smith spoke on the agency of man. He had been called to administer where the evil spirit was; but he had often discovered that the evil was the effect of something created by the appetite. He did not wish to complain; but woe to him, if he kept still when the wolf was at the door. If men would examine rightly the cause of evil spirits dwelling in them, they would find the avenue where those spirits enter into their bodies left unguarded. Exercise your agency and you will never be brought under the control of evil spirits. There are many, he was sorry to say; whose sen-

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sibilities are stultified by the use of tobacco, by liquor, by opium, by narcotics. He had been called to administer to those who were supposed to be sick, while the truth, if told, would have shown that they were under the influence of some of these evil habits. Man possesses more power for self-redemption than you suppose, and unless you put forth the power to redeem yourselves, you can never be redeemed. When we talk about the redemption of Zion some of us speak of it as if we expect the soil will change us, and the waters from the streams and springs purify us; this is a mistake. Let us look for redemption by the law of righteousness, and we shall eventually drink freely of the pure water of life.

Minutes of yesterday's business were read and approved.

REPORT OF DISTRICTS.—*Northern Kansas District*: 5 branches, 20 officials, 99 members, total 119; 16 added by baptism, and several by letter.

Northern Illinois District, by Henry A. Stebbins: 2 first presidency, 4 apostles, 1 bishop, 10 high priests, 8 seventies, 46 elders, 8 priests, 10 teachers, 8 deacons, members 453, total 520.

Des Moines, I. N. White: 4 branches, 15 elders, 4 priests, 3 teachers, 1 deacon, total 102; baptized 11, 1 died, 2 children blessed.

Southern Nebraska, by James Kemp: 3 branches, 128 members, elders 16, priests 4, teachers 2, deacons 2, total 152; about 13 added by baptism.

Decatur, by A. W. Moffatt: 1 organized branch of 81 members. In district, high priests 2, seventies 2, elders 9, priests 3, teachers 2; deacons 1, 25 added by certificate of removal, 3 added by baptism; loss,—5 removed, 1 disfellowshipped; total membership 100.

North-Western Missouri, by J. D. Craven: 13 branches, 1 seventy, 60 elders, 11 priests, 12 teachers, 7 deacons, 241 members, total 332; died 3, gain 55.

Central Nebraska, by Thos. J. Smith: 5 branches; about 8 baptized.

Fremont District, by Wm. Redfield: 8 branches, 4 high priests, 2 seventies, 31 elders, 9 priests, 10 teachers, 4 deacons, total 288; increase 27.

Galland's Grove, by Thomas Dobson: numerical strength about 300, gain about 31; there are 7 branches in the district.

Pottawattomie District: 7 branches, one organized and one disorganized; members 380, 2 high priests, 5 seventies, 61 elders; increase 25 by baptism and otherwise.

South-west Missouri and South-east Kansas, by B. V. Springer: 6 branches, seventy 1, elders 25, priests 6, teachers 6, deacons 5, total officers and members 193.

Kewanee: J. S. Patterson reported by letter; 12 branches, 8 only reported; 2 high priests, 2 seventies, 35 elders, 9 priests 9 teachers, 5 deacons; gain,—by baptism 22, by letter 6, by vote 5; loss,—by death 1, cut off 5; total 341.

Little Sioux, by Elder Crabb: no official statistical report.

Adjourned to two p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sang hymn 58. Prayer by Elder W. W. Blair. Sang hymn 196.

REPORTS OF MISSIONS.—Elder Thos. H. Lloyd was laboring in Pennsylvania, under the direction of Br. J. Ells.

Elder Thomas Nutt had baptized eight, and blessed several children.

A. H. Smith and D. H. Smith are laboring in the String Prairie and Nauvoo District. They had been appointed to labor in Utah, but circumstances had prevented their going. They have been laboring in their district to the best of their ability. The latter had been chosen president of the Olive branch, at Nauvoo, and effected its reorganization. They express a desire to labor for the cause of Zion.

C. W. Lange had labored some in the Northern Illinois District.

Jesse Broadbent reports his mission in Southern Illinois; had preached forty times, blessed three children, and done all that he could. He had baptized two since he returned, but one had been drawn away again.

J. Snively is now laboring in Canada.

Hans Anderson has labored in Northern Illinois.

L. W. Babbitt in Pike County, Illinois.

A. M. Wilsey is laboring in Pennsylvania, preaching with good effect.

W. W. Blair had lately returned from the Pacific Mission. His mission was assigned him nearly eighteen months ago. He had baptized some thirty or forty in Southern Indiana and Michigan before starting. He did not baptize many in Utah—Br. Brand was the man to do the baptizing there. Utah is a hard district to labor in, owing to the fact that the people are not privileged to think for themselves. However, the net gathered some good and some bad—and thousands in Utah are favorable. They have been looking for their deliverance, and were glad. Many wonders had been performed by the power of God. D. S. Mills had been re-

markably healed, after he had been given up by the best physicians. A daughter of L. Clapp had had the measles settle in her eyes, who was healed immediately. After his mission to California, he returned to Utah, and found great changes had taken place there. Spiritualism and infidelity prevail there; but the people are freer. I wish this conference would send half a dozen, or a score, to Utah.

E. C. Brand had baptized thirty. He had met with much opposition, but the Lord had stood by him.

T. W. Smith, reported by the President, has been preaching in Southern Alabama; he expects to visit Texas.

G. W. Conyers, reported in person that he had not done any public preaching; but had been to Tennessee, visited his friends, and talked by their firesides.

C. G. Lanphear reported by Pres. J. Smith as laboring in connection with T. W. Smith.

E. C. Briggs is preaching in Michigan with good success.

E. L. Kelly had been preaching with Br. E. C. Briggs, and is now laboring with Br. H. S. Dille.

J. H. Lake is now laboring in Canada. J. Chatburn had endeavored to fill his mission to Utah, and had a happy season while there.

Alex. McCord reports having been to Utah. He arrived on the last of September, and traveled and preached wherever he could. He wants to have J. Smith go there, and others too. He had baptized four.

J. Landers reported being so old that he could not prosecute a mission in the winter. He was anxious to do the will of the Lord. He gave the conference an inspiring exhortation to faithfulness.

Of the above named brethren, Elders A. H. Smith, D. H. Smith, C. W. Lange, Jos. Snively, H. Anderson, L. W. Babbitt, A. M. Wilsey, T. W. Smith, C. G. Lanphear, E. C. Briggs, E. L. Kelly, and J. H. Lake were reported by President J. Smith.

On motion of Elder E. Banta, *Resolved* that the filling the mission to Great Britain be left with the First Presidency.

On motion of E. C. Brand and E. B. Gaylord, C. G. Lanphear was released from the presidency of the Southern Mission, and T. W. Smith sustained therein under the direction of the First Presidency.

On motion of E. C. Brand, W. W. Blair was released from the presidency of the Pacific Slope Mission, and A. McCord, J. Chatburn, and S. Wood from Utah Mission.

On motion of Br. Halliday, all missions before given, from which those assigned are not released by this conference, are hereby sustained.

On motion of M. H. Forscutt, Elders Z. S. Martin and J. J. Stafford were appointed to a mission to Ohio and Indiana.

Nephi Caudle and John S. Weeks volunteered for a mission, and were assigned to Wm. W. Blair for appointment.

Elder E. C. Brand was released from the Utah Mission, and Elder Chas. Derry from the Western Iowa Mission.

On motion of Elders Blair and Forscutt, *Resolved* that all persons wishing to take missions beyond their respective districts, apply to the First Presidency, or members of the Quorum of the Twelve.

Benediction by W. W. Blair.

EVENING SESSION.

President J. Smith preached in the city at night, and the saints had a fellowship meeting on the conference ground, J. M. Putney presiding. The gifts were enjoyed.

SEPTEMBER 22nd, 10 A. M.

MORNING SESSION.

Opening service: prayer by Elder P. Cadwell.

The Utah Mission was introduced by the President for the consideration of the conference, as a committee of the whole.

Elder W. W. Blair urged the importance of the Utah Mission, and thought that the brothers of the President, Alexander H. and David H. Smith should take that mission, and that if the President himself were to go, it would result in great benefit to the cause. He also stated that it was reported in Utah that the President of the Reorganized Church received a salary,—some said of \$3,000, and others of different sums up to \$30,000 per year for his services. (The audience looked amused.)

The President stated that if he had this three or this thirty thousand a year, he would try and set some of the Elders to work.

Quite a number of the brethren spoke on the subject of the Utah Mission, and urged strongly that the members of the church should be more self-sacrificing, in order to provide means for the temporal support of the families of the ministry, that the ministry might be free to labor.

Elder Blair thought that an effort should be made by the entire church to erect a meeting-house in Salt Lake City, as the brethren there will soon have no place for public worship. Friends of the cause

there, and liberal-minded unbelievers too, will assist.

On motion of Br. J. Caffal, *Resolved* that a telegram be sent to Bros. A. H. and D. H. Smith, to ascertain whether they will go to Utah, if appointed.

After the resolution had passed, some remarks were made by Elder W. W. Blair on Utah affairs, when it was

Resolved that we reconsider the motion concerning the telegram.

The question was discussed by Elders Banta, Caffal, Derry and McIntosh, and on again presenting the motion for telegram, it was lost.

Benediction by W. W. Blair.

Adjourned to two p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Services opened by singing. Prayer by Br. J. A. McIntosh.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read, corrected and approved.

Utah Mission again taken up, and the following was presented by Elder W. W. Blair, and obtained:

Resolved that the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve provide a ministry and printed matter for the Utah Mission.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.—The following resolutions were presented:

By Elders Forscutt and Cadwell, and adopted by a hearty and almost unanimous vote, after a vigorous opposition led by Elders Riley W. Briggs, J. Hansen, and others, and a defense of it by Elders Forscutt, Banta, Lewis and others,

Resolved that this conference appoint and authorize a committee on music to compile a tune book for the use of the church, adapted to the hymns and anthems in Saint's Harp; that said committee consist of members, to be nominated by the President of this conference, who shall collect or write music, and forward it to the president of the committee; that two years from the date of their appointment shall be given for the compilation of the work; that the money expended for music-paper, postage stamps, and necessary stationary, for the carrying out of this resolution, not exceeding \$50, be advanced by the Bishop from the general church funds, and returned from the sales of books; that the committee report progress through its president at each General Conference until the work be completed; and that it then be at the disposal of the Publishing Committee of the Church, or the next ensuing General Conference.

The President appointed the following

brethren as said committee: as president, Mark H. Forscutt; as members, Norman W. Smith, David H. Smith, J. A. Scott, William Kinneman, Wm. Roberts, Phineas Cadwell.

By Elders Forscutt and Bays, *Resolved* that a committee of three be appointed by this Conference to prepare a book of by-laws, rules and regulations to govern the church in all its legislative assemblies; that said book when prepared, be presented to the president of and each Quorum of the church, and if accepted by them, be published at as early a date as possible.

The object of this resolution was explained by Elder Forscutt; opposed by Elders R. W. Briggs, Blair, Derry, Weeks, and others; defended by several of the elders.

A motion to "Lay it on the table" was moved by J. S. Weeks, opposed by Elder Forscutt, defended by R. W. Briggs, and lost.

An amendment was offered by Bros. R. W. Briggs and J. Hansen to authorize a committee to ascertain what Jefferson's Manual could be purchased for, with a view to its adoption, but was ruled out of order by the President as subversive of the motion before the conference.

The original resolution was then put upon its passage and lost.

Adjourned to half-past seven p.m.

Benediction by W. W. Blair.

At the close of session eleven persons were baptized by President Joseph Smith.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30. Preaching by the President, J. Smith, on the Conference ground, and by the Secretary, Mark H. Forscutt, in the city.

SEPTEMBER 23rd, 10 A. M.

MORNING SESSION.

In the opening service, prayer was offered by Elder J. M. Putney.

Those baptized the previous evening were confirmed by Elders Wm. Britain, J. Landers, D. M. Gamet, J. Chatburn, and J. Caffal.

Minutes of previous day read, and after some correction, approved.

The following resolution, presented at the Annual Conference by Elder Josiah Ells, was read by the Secretary, and its adoption moved by Elder W. W. Blair, who supported the resolution very strongly.

Resolved that this Conference does hereby re-affirm the decree of the Grand Council held in Kirtland, Ohio, in 1835, Joseph Smith, jr., presiding, which council asser-

ted the exclusive jurisdiction of all branches, regarding the right to labor only by permission within their own recognized limits, and which rule, so re-affirmed, as a sequence, applies with equal force to Districts also.

On motion of Elder Forscutt, that this resolution be amended by striking out all that follows the word "limits," the amendment obtained, and the resolution so amended was sustained unanimously.

The following resolutions from the Northern Illinois District were moved by Elders Forscutt and Gaylord, and adopted.

"To the saints in General Conference assembled at Council Bluffs, Iowa, September, 1871, greeting:

The following resolutions were adopted at a Quarterly Conference of the Northern District of Illinois, in session at Batavia, Illinois, August 26th, 1871:

"Resolved, That all baptisms, confirmations, ordinations, and blessings, which may be attended to in this district outside of branches, should be reported to the next ensuing district conference thereafter, so that they may be recorded in the General Church Record.

"Resolved, That the above resolution be recommended to the consideration of the next General Conference for adoption as a rule to govern the various branches and districts of the church.

"Respectfully submitted,

"HENRY A. STEBBINS, *Pres.*;

"JOSEPH SMITH, *Clerk, pro tem.*"

On motion of Elders Forscutt and Woods, it was Resolved that a Third Quorum of Elders be organized, and that the President of the First Quorum preside over said Third Quorum until a president shall be elected and ordained.

On motion of Elders Forscutt and Bays, the following was offered, debated by Elders Forscutt, Banta, Brand, Blair, and others in its support, and by Elders Derry, Weeks and others in opposition to it; and carried by a large majority vote.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this conference the law of the Lord does not authorize the administration of the ordinance for the healing of the sick to be performed by any person in the church, except those holding the Melchisedec Priesthood, and that any officer teaching otherwise should be and is hereby reprov'd and instructed to teach only what the word of God commands according to the spirit and letter of the passage. "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the ELDERS of the church."

On motion of Elders Weeks and Forscutt, the following was presented, and passed without discussion.

Resolved, That when a person, already a member of the church, is baptized to satisfy the demands of his conscience, or because of informality in the first baptism, his membership and his priesthood, if he hold any priesthood, should be again confirmed upon him by the laying on of hands.

On motion of Elder Crabb, the following was entertained.

Whereas Br. John Shippy has apologized for his contempt of conference, and whereas the brethren where he now resides certify to his recent good conduct and faithfulness, it is hereby Resolved that his license as an elder be restored to him.

Pending the discussion of this question, conference adjourned to 2 p. m.

Benediction by Elder W. W. Blair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m. Opening service. Prayer by Elder J. Caffal.

Resolution respecting restoring Elder's License to John Shippy was again brought up. Quite a number of the elders took part in the discussion. The secretary asked leave to present some documentary evidence—granted by motion. He then read action of General Conference, action of Canada Conference, and quotations from a letter written by J. Shippy on the subject, when the resolution was put upon its passage, and carried by a vote of 71 to 35.

On motion of Elders Forscutt and Blair, the following was offered, and adopted.

Whereas a diversity of opinion exists among the spiritual authorities of the church in relation to a resolution which passed at the Annual Conference of 1869, which reads:

"Resolved, That it is not the true policy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, that the Twelve shall control the funds of the church in the hands of the Bishop, but that the Bishop shall be amenable to the General Conference alone;" it is hereby Resolved that this conference reconsider that resolution.

On motion of Elders Forscutt and D. H. Bays, the following was presented and carried.

Resolved, That the resolution of General Annual Conferencs of 1869, respecting the authority of the Twelve, in relation to tithing, be and is hereby repealed.

On motion of Elders Forscutt and J. Caffal, the following was offered and adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That this conference does

hereby affirm the appendix to the Epistle of the Quorum of the Twelve, given Oct. 7th, 1861, which reads: "In order to place the church in a position to carry on the promulgation of the gospel, and as a means of fulfilling the law, 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 the purposes of self-aggrandizement by any one, be he whomsoever he may be.

"As I live, saith the Lord, in the manner ye execute this matter, so shall ye be judged in the day of judgment," and recommend to the Twelve and Presiding Bishop the issuing of such instructions as they may deem proper for the more perfect execution of this law.

The following circular and letter from Elder I. Sheen, Church Recorder, were then read by the Secretary.

[CIRCULAR LETTER.]

"RECORDER'S OFFICE,

"Of the Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints.

"Having made several appeals to 'the several churches composing the Church of Christ' to endeavor to show them their 'duty' as it is taught in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, sec. 17, par. 25, and having only very imperfectly succeeded, I now appeal to them again, hoping that they will perform their duty 'so that a regular list of all the names of the whole church may be kept in a book,' which is there described as the 'General Church Record of names.'

"In the performance of this duty each branch should

"1st.—Send a full list of all the names of all the members of their branches.

"2nd.—To make the record of names distinct and plain, the first name of each member should be written as full as the last name.

"3rd.—With each name, when it can be done, time and place of birth, baptism, confirmation, ordination, and the name of the baptizer, confirmer, and ordainer should be reported.

"4th.—A list of new members in every branch with particulars (and showing whether they were received by baptism or otherwise) should be reported to every District Conference.

"5th.—The loss of any members by death, expulsion, or letters of removal

should be reported with dates.

"6th.—District Conferences should always send the Branch Reports of names of members to the General Church Recorder, otherwise 'a regular list of all the names of the whole church' cannot be kept in the 'General Church Record of names.'

"It is only by the co-operation of all the branches and conferences of the church that this 'duty' can be faithfully and thoroughly performed, and this is what I am now trying to persuade all concerned to do, and that by an appeal to the law.

"ISAAC SHEEN,

General Church Recorder.

"Plano, Ill., Sep. 15, 1871."

"PLANO, Ill., Sep. 18, 1871.

"To the Semi-Annual Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

"Brethren and sisters:—As it is desirable that 'the General Church Record of names' should contain 'a regular list of all the names of the whole church,' and as 'a regular list' can not be obtained without the co-operation of the whole church, I do hereby petition your honorable body, hoping that you will endorse and recommend to the whole church a strict observance of the rules which are contained in the Circular Letter of the General Church Recorder, dated September 15, 1871. I do also hereby ask for an appropriation whereby a new book can be purchased which may contain 'a regular list of all the names of the whole church' as the Lord has commanded. Your brother in the New Covenant.

"ISAAC SHEEN."

On motion of Elders Forscutt and Blair, Resolved that this conference does hereby endorse this circular, and recommend to all the branches of the church the carrying out of its provisions as nearly to the letter as possible.

Sister Henrietta Gallup made application to be received on her original baptism. She was received by vote—two voting feebly in the negative.

The following was then moved by Bros. John Hansen and A. J. Field; and after some debate was lost—twenty only voting in favor of it.

Resolved, That hereafter we do not receive any person on his or her original baptism, unless he or she presents a certificate of baptism, or one or more eye witnesses to that fact.

President Smith requested the saints to consider the propriety of the church pro-

viding a place where the poor may be cared for at the expense of the church; but no action was taken.

On motion of Elders Banta and Forscutt it was Resolved that when this conference adjourns, it do so to meet at St. Louis, Mo., on April 6th, 1872.

Elder John Avondet's name was presented for a foreign mission, and referred to the Quorum of the Twelve.

Adjourned to seven p. m.

Benediction by Elder M. H. Forscutt.

EVENING SESSION.

7 p. m. The conference was addressed by Elders C. Derry and G. Sweet.

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 10 A. M.

MORNING SESSION.

Opening service. Prayer by Elder J. Landers.

On motion of Elder Forscutt, Resolved that Br. John Eames be ordained to the office of an Elder.

On motion of Elder Holcomb, Resolved that Brother Robert S. Wood be ordained to the office of an Elder.

These brethren were ordained, J. Eames by Elder J. Caffal; R. S. Wood, by Elder D. H. Bays.

Elder Blair preached on the Divinity of the Bible, to an immense audience; followed with a few eloquent remarks by Br. Derry.

Benediction by C. Derry.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m. Prayer by Bishop D. M. Gamet. President J. Smith preached—subject, "The Gospel." Congregation estimated at from five thousand to six thousand persons.

Committee on cases for trial reported as follows: "To the President and Brethren in Conference assembled; we, your committee on cases that might be presented for us to adjudicate, beg leave to report that the Secretary of the church presented before us the evidence in the case of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints *versus* Granville Hedrick, and finding no evidence that Granville Hedrick ever united with said church, as a member, we declare he is not a member thereof.

"J. M. PUTNEY, *Chairman.*"

On motion, it was Resolved that we receive and endorse the report of committee in the case of Granville Hedrick, and that the committee be discharged.

On separate motions, the following named brethren were sustained in their offices.

Joseph Smith as President of the church, and Editor of *Herald* and *Zion's Hope*.

Wm. Marks as Counsellor to the President.

Jason W. Briggs as President, Wm. W. Blair, Samuel Powers, E. C. Briggs, and Josiah Ells as members of the Quorum of the Twelve.

Reuben Newkirk's name was presented as a member of the Quorum; but failed to receive support.

Isaac Sheen was sustained as President of the High Priests' Quorum, Joseph Parsons as his counsellor.

A. M. Wilsey was sustained as President of the Seventys' Quorum.

E. Banta as President of the First Elders' Quorum, and J. S. Patterson as his counsellor.

D. H. Smith as President of the Second Elder's Quorum, and P. Cadwell as his counsellor.

Israel L. Rogers as Presiding Bishop, and Wm. Aldrich, on condition of his being ordained to that office, as his counsellor.

Mark H. Forscutt was sustained as General Church Secretary, and Assistant Editor of the *Herald* and *Zion's Hope*.

Isaac Sheen as General Church Recorder. Adjourned to seven p. m., for prayer and testimony meeting on conference ground, and preaching in the city by R. W. Briggs.

Benediction by W. W. Blair.

After dismissal, four were baptized by Elder J. R. Badham.

EVENING SESSION.

7 p. m. Fellowship meeting, J. Smith presiding. Three of the four baptized were confirmed by Elders E. B. Gaylord and J. D. Craven.

Conference closed with Benediction by President J. Smith.

During the conference the following estimates of numbers in attendance were made by different parties. Wednesday 2,000, Thursday 2,500, Friday 3,000, Saturday 3,500, Sunday 5,000 to 6,000.

The High Priests' Quorum had one meeting, in which the case of Ebenezer Page, referred to them from last Annual Conference, was considered, and the said E. Page was declared expelled from the church.

During intermission on Saturday, the First United Order of Enoch held a public meeting which was largely attended, and in which the results were attained that are shown in letter of Secretary of the Order published in present number of the *Herald*, under caption of "Notice to Stock-

holders." The general features of the conference were harmony, peace, and good will.

JOSEPH SMITH, *President*.
M. H. FORSCUTT, *Secretary*.

Miscellaneous.

Notice to Stockholders.

FIRST UNITED ORDER OF ENOCH.

According to notification, the Annual Election for Board of Directors of the First United Order of Enoch, was held at Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sept. 23rd 1871. The following are the proceedings at, and result of, said election.

The Stockholders convened at one p.m., upon the Conference grounds. After singing, prayer was offered by Br. D. M. Gamet.

President E. Banta appointed Br. W. W. Blair and R. W. Briggs as tellers.

The Secretary read the names of the Stockholders with the number of votes to which each was entitled.

Proceeding to vote by ballot in person or by proxy, the following result was obtained: Alex. McCord 372, D. M. Gamet 362, Calvin Bebee 359, Phineas Cadwell 342, I. L. Rogers 322, Elijah Banta 307, David Dancer 282, William Hopkins 140, T. J. Andrews 60, Roland Cobb 30, scattering 33. The first seven named were declared elected, and the meeting adjourned with benediction by Pres. J. Smith.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors the former officers were re-elected, namely Elijah Banta, President; David Dancer, Vice President; I. L. Rogers, Treasurer; Henry A. Stebbins, Secretary.

The Board and its officers are now proceeding to perfect the organization, and to take such further measures as the law requires for "Its permanent establishment as a corporate body, and for its effective working *in due time* to the benefit, (according to its constitution), of the skilled, the worthy and the *industrious*."

HENRY A. STEBBINS,
Secretary.

PLANO, Ill.,
Sept. 27th, 1871.

Change of Place.

For important reasons the Massachusetts District Quarterly Conference will be held at Dennisport, Massachusetts, instead of Fall River, on November 25th, 1871, at half-past two o'clock, p.m., by consent of the elders and members of the district.

E. N. WEBSTER,
District President.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the Bride's parents, Kewanee, Henry Co., Illinois, September 25th, 1871, by Elder John Chisnall, Br. JOHN D. JONES to Sr. SELINA CHARLES.

DIED.

Died near Pleasant View, Kansas, on September 3rd, 1871, of Croup, ETHER A. AMES, eldest son of A. J. and Mary Ames, aged four years, 9 months, and twelve days.

Funeral service by B. V. Springer.

At same place, on September 25th, 1871, ALVA B., youngest son of Geo. W. and Alice I. MARTIN, aged 1 year, 1 month, and eight days.

Two more of the little lambs of Zion gone to their rest.

Rest ye in peace, dear little ones
We'll meet again;
We joy to know that ye are free
From care and pain.

In Jack's Valley, Douglas Co., Nevada, September 1st, 1871, Sr. MARY, wife of Daniel E. JONES, aged fifty-three years and six months.

She was born in Neath Abbey, Glamorganshire, South Wales, April 2nd, 1818. Baptized in 1842, went to Salt Lake in 1854, and was baptized into the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, in 1867.

At Nebraska City, September 14th, 1871, CAROLINE PETERSON, aged eight months and eight days.

At Gartsides, St. Clair Co., Illinois, JOSEPH, son of William and Emmaline BOSWELL, aged one year, and twenty-two days.

Funeral services by Elder Geo. Hicklin.

At Marysville, Mo., August 21st, 1871, JOHANNES CARL LARNSON, son of James C. Larnson, aged eleven months, and twenty-nine days.

Blessed by Elders Wm. Woodhead and Ole Madison.

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