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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jason W. Briggs Pres

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