

to meet them. When, after seeing him, all their sorrow was turned into joy, and all their former hopes were suddenly revived, they were no longer to cry, the kingdom of heaven is at hand, but were to tarry at Jerusalem, until the kingdom was established, and they prepared to unlock the door of the kingdom, and to adopt strangers and foreigners into it as legal citizens, by administering certain laws and ordinances, which were invariably the laws of adoption; without which no man could ever become a citizen.— Having ascended up on high, and having been crowned with all powers in heaven and on earth, he again comes to his disciples and gives them their authority, saying unto them, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned: and these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.”—Mark xvi., 15, 16, 17, 18.

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TIMES AND SEASONS.

COMMERCE, ILL. APRIL, 1840.

We have several lengthy communications, and numerous extracts, which for want of room we are under the necessity of omitting in this No. but they will appear in our next.

We are happy however, to be able to state that the cause of truth is gaining ground very rapidly in almost every State in the Union; hundreds are embracing the gospel both at home and abroad almost daily; the East are listening to the proclamation of truth with intense interest, and hundreds are yielding obedience to the requirements of the gospel, and are rejoicing in its gifts and

blessings: the South is contributing no small share of the honest in heart as candidates for the celestial kingdom of our God; and the west and north are “not keeping back,” but are following the glorious example: Finally the great wheel has rolled with such velocity, that it has crossed the mighty deep, and the “Old country” is now listening with interest to the gospel of the Redeemer, and his kingdom is rising in majesty, not only in England, but Scotland is beginning to rejoice in the heavenly principles; yes, Edinburgh, the seat of science and literature are now being made acquainted with the gospel, and some are obeying its precepts.— Thus the cause of truth rolls on, and priests, people, mobs nor the devil cannot hinder it in its decreed course; therefore, O Lord! arm thy servants with power, wisdom and grace, according to the greatness of the dispensation which thou hast committed to them: O give them thy Spirit, that they may rightly divide the word of truth, that they may be clad with righteousness as with a garment, and “shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” and go forth among all nations proclaiming the words of eternal life, until Israel shall be gathered, and the heavens shall “reveal the Son of God in flaming fire” to the utter consumation of the wicked, and the glorious establishment of the principles of righteousness upon the face of the whole earth, is the prayer of thy servants: Amen.

WANTED, One thousand dollars, to be appropriated to book printing, on a loan of six and twelve months, for which real estate or personal property will be given for security.

ROBINSON & SMITH.

Commerce, April, 1840.

CONFERENCE MINUTES.

At a general conference of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, held at the town of Nauvoo, Hancock county, Illinois, on the sixth day of April A. D. 1840, agreeable to previous appointment.

Joseph Smith, jr. was called upon to preside over the conference, and Robert B. Thompson to be Clerk.

The meeting was then opened by an address to the Throne of Grace, by Elder J. E. Page.

The president rose and made some observations on the business of the conference; exhorted the brethren who had charges to bring against any individual to be charitable; and made some very appropriate remarks respecting "pulling out the beam in their own eyes, that they might see clearly the mote which was in their brothers eye.

A letter was read from presidents of the seventies, wishing for an explanation of the steps, which the high council had taken, in removing Elder F. G. Bishop, from the quorum of the seventies, to that of the High Priest, without any other ordination than he had when in the seventies, and wished to know, whither, those ordained into the seventies at the same time F. G. Bishop was, had a right to the High Priesthood, or not. After observations on the case by different individuals, the president gave a statement of the authority of the seventies, and stated that they were Elders and not High Priests, and consequently brother F. G. Bishop had no claim to that office. It was then unanimously resolved that Elder F. G. Bishop be placed back again into the Quorum of the seventies.

It was then resolved that the conference adjourn until two o'clock P. M.

The conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Joseph Young.

Elder J. Grover presented charges against Bro. D. W. Rogers for compiling an Hymn Book, and selling it as the one selected and published by sister Emma Smith; for writing a letter to N. Y. having reflections in it on elder John P. Green, and derogatory to his character, and likewise for administering medicine, which had a bad effect.

It was resolved, that as Bro. Rogers is not present, the case be laid over until to morrow.

Elder John Lawson then came forward and stated, that in consequence of some difficulty existing in the branch of the church where he resided, respecting the word of wisdom, the church had withdrawn their fellowship from him, & Bro. Thomas S. Edwards. Af-

ter hearing the statements; it was resolved, that John Lawson and Thomas S. Edwards be restored to fellowship.

Elder Orson Hyde addressed the conference and stated that it had some years previous been prophesied of him, that he had a great work to perform among the Jews; and that he had recently been moved upon by the spirit of the Lord to visit that people, and gather up all the information he could from them respecting their movements, expectations &c. and communicate the same to this church and to this nation at large. Stated that he intended to visit the Jews in New York, London, Amsterdam, and then visit Constantinople and the Holy Land.

It was then unanimously resolved that Elder Hyde proceed in his mission, and that his letter of recommendation be signed by the President and Clerk of the conference.

Elder John E. Page then rose, and spoke with much force on the object of Elder Hyde's mission, the gathering together of the Jews, and the restoration of the house of Israel; proving in a short, but convincing manner from the Bible, book of Mormon, and the book of Doctrine and covenants. That these things must take place and that the time had now nearly arrived for their accomplishment.

It was then resolved that the conference adjourn until to morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday morning. Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

A. Hymn was sung by the choir and the meeting was opened by prayer by Elder Caleb Baldwin.

Bro. D. W. Rogers' case was then called up.

Which after some observations and explanations of the different charges.

It was unanimously resolved, that Bro. D. W. Rogers be forgiven and that the hand of fellowship be continued.

The meeting was then adjourned for one hour.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

A Hymn was sung by the choir and prayer was made by Elder R. Cahoon.

The President called upon the Clerk to read the report of the Presidency and High council, with regard to their

proceedings in purchasing lands and securing a place of gathering for the saints. The report having been read, the President made some observations respecting the pecuniary affairs of the church, and requested the brethren to step forward and assist in liquidating the debts on the town plot, so that the poor might have inheritances.

He then gave some account of his mission to Washington city, in company with President Rigdon and Judge Higbee, the treatment they received and the action of the Senate on the memorial which was presented to them.

The meeting then called for the reading of the memorial, and the report of the committee on Judiciary, to whom the same had been referred.—Which was read.

It was then resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to draught resolutions expressive of the sentiments of this conference in reference to the report.

Resolved, that Robert D. Foster, Orson Hyde, John E. Page, Joseph Wood and Robert B. Thompson compose said committee, and report to this conference.

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn until to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

A Hymn was then sung and the meeting was dismissed by Elder John Smith.

Wednesday morning, conference met pursuant to adjournment.

A number were confirmed, who had been baptized the previous evening.

The meeting was then opened with prayer by Elder Marks.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions on the report which was read yesterday, were then called upon to make their report.

Robert B. Thompson of the committee then read the resolutions, as follows.

Whereas, we learn with deep sorrow, regret and disappointment, that the committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial, of the members of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (commonly called Mormons) complaining of the grievances suffered by them in the State of Missouri, have reported unfavorable to our cause, to Justice and humanity.

Therefore,

Resolved 1st. That we consider the report of the committee on Judiciary, unconstitutional, and subversive of the rights of a free people; and justly calls for the disapprobation of all the supporters and lovers of good government and republican principles.

Resolved, 2nd. That the committee state in their report, that our memorial *aggravate* the case of our oppressors, and at the same time say; that they have not examined into the truth or falsehoods of the facts mentioned in said memorial.

Resolved, 3rd. That the memorial does not aggravate the conduct of our oppressors, as every statement set forth in said memorial, was substantiated by indubitable testimony, therefore, we consider the statement of the committee in regard to that part; as false and ungenerous.

Resolved, 4th. That, that part of the report, referring us to the Justice and magnanimity of the State of Missouri for redress; we deem it a great insult to our good sense, better judgment, and intelligence; when from numerous affidavits which were laid before the committee: Proved, that we could only go into the State of Missouri, contrary to the exterminating order of the Governor, and consequently at the risk of our lives.

Resolved, 5th. That after repeated appeals to the constituted authorities of the State of Missouri for redress, which were in vain; we fondly hoped that in the Congress of the United States, ample justice would have been rendered us; and upon that consideration alone, we pledged ourselves to abide their decision.

Resolved, 6th. That the exterminating order of Governor Bogs, is a direct infraction of the constitution of the U. States, and of the State of Missouri; and the committee in refusing to investigate the proceedings of executive and others of the State of Missouri, and turning a deaf ear, to the cries of widows, orphans, and innocent blood, we deem no less, than secondary the proceedings of that murderous mob, whose deeds are recorded in heaven, and justly calls down upon their heads, the righteous judgments of an offended God.

Resolved, 7th. That the thanks of

this meeting be tendered to the citizens of the State of Illinois, for their kind, liberal, and generous conduct towards us; and that we call upon them, as well as every patriot in this vast republic, to aid us in all lawful endeavors, to obtain redress for the injuries we have sustained.

Resolved, 8th. That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the delegation of Illinois, for their bold, manly, noble and independent course they have taken, in presenting our case before the authorities of the nation, amid misrepresentation, contumely and abuse which characterized us in our suffering condition.

Resolved, 9th. That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to Gov. Carlin of Illinois, Gov. Lucas of Iowa for their sympathy, aid, and protection.— And to all other Honorable Gentlemen who have assisted us in our endeavors to obtain redress.

Resolved, 10th. That Joseph Smith jr. Sidney Rigdon, and Elias Higbee, the delegates appointed by this church, to visit the city of Washington to present our sufferings before the authorities of the nation, accept of the thanks of this meeting, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duty; and that they be requested in the behalf of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, throughout the world, to continue to use their endeavors to obtain redress for a suffering people; and if all hopes of obtaining satisfaction (for the injuries done us) be entirely blasted, that they then appeal our case to the court of Heaven, believing, that the great Jehovah, who rules over the destiny of nations, and who notices the falling sparrow, will undoubtedly redress our wrongs, and ere long avenge us of our adversaries.

It was then resolved, that the report of the committee on Judiciary, as well as the foregoing preamble and resolutions, be published in the Quincy papers.

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to investigate the recommendations, those persons may have, who wish to obtain an ordination to the ministry and to ordain such as may be thought worthy. That elder

Samuel Bent, Joseph Wood and Orson Hyde, compose said committee.

Resolved, That this meeting feel satisfied with the proceedings of the presidency with regard to the sales of town property &c. and that they be requested to continue in their agency.

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn for one hour.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, after singing the President arose and read the 3d chap. of John's Gospel after which prayer was offered by elder Erastus Snow.

The President commenced making observations on the different subjects embraced in the chapter particularly on the 3d, 4th, 5th verses illustrating it with a very beautiful and striking figure, and throwing a flood of light on the subjects which were brought up to review.

He then spoke to the elders respecting their mission, and advised those who went into the world, to preach the gospel, to leave their families provided for, with the necessaries of life; and to teach the gathering as set forth in the Holy scriptures.

That it had been wisdom to, for the greater body of the church to keep on this side of the river, in order that a foundation might be established in this place, but that now, it was the privilege of the saints to occupy the lands in the Iowa, or wherever the spirit might lead them.

That he did not wish to have any political influence, but wished the saints to use their political franchise to the best of their knowledge.

He then stated that since Elder Hyde had been appointed to visit the Jewish people, he had felt an impression that it would be well for Elder John E. Page to accompany him on his mission.

It was resolved, that Elder John E. Page be appointed to accompany Elder Orson Hyde on his mission, and that he have proper credentials given him.

It was then resolved, that as a great part of the time of the conference had been taken up with charges against individuals which might have been settled by the different authorities of the church that in future no such cases be brought before the conferences.

The committee on ordination, reported that they had ordained thirty one

persons, to be elders in the church; who were ordained under the hands of Alpheus Gifford, and Stephen Perry.

Which report was accepted.

F. G. Williams presented himself on the stand and humbly asked forgiveness for his conduct and expressed his determination to do the will of God in future: his case was presented to the conference by President Hyrum Smith, when it was unanimously resolved, that F. G. Williams be forgiven, and be received into the fellowship of the church.

It was reported, that seventy five persons had been baptized during the conference, and that upwards of fifty had been received into the quorum of the seventies.

President Hyrum Smith, was called upon to dismiss the assembly.

After he had made a few observations, the conference was closed under the blessings of the Presidency. Until the first Friday in October next.

JOSEPH SMITH, jr. *Pres't.*

ROBERT B. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*

Obituary.

DIED.—Near Warsaw, Hancock co. Ill. John W. Clark, aged 31 years, formerly from Hadam, Middle sex co. Connecticut.

—On the 21st of Aug. Harriet, eldest daughter of John W. and Mariah Clark, aged 11 years.

—On the 27th of Aug. Alpheus, eldest son of John W. and Mariah Clark, aged 9 years.

—On Bear Creek, Hancock co. Ill. on the 30 of Sept. last, Aaron C. Lyon, aged 58 years.

—In Will co Ill. on the 3rd of March, Wicar Leavitt, aged 53 years.

—In Warsaw, Hancock co. Ill. on the 27th day of October, William J. Halseclaw, aged 21 years 9 months and 12 days.

—Near Carthage, at the house of Noah Packard, on the 16th of Oct. Miss Caroline Rogers, formerly from McDonough co. N. Y. aged about 22 years.

—In Quincy, Ill. on the 17th of Oct. last, Melvin L. Wilber son of Melvin and Eunice Wilber aged 11 years 1 month and 15 days.

—In Quincy on the 25th of July last, Elder Michael Barkdull, aged 40 years,

—In Quincy, on the 6th of Nov. last, Eunice Alloizey, daughter of Thomas and Mary Gordon aged 14 years and six months. Also on the 17th of January, Joseph Nathaniel Gordon, aged 2 years, 8 months.

—In this place Sept. 24th Abner, son of Laban and Ester L. Morrill, aged 10 months and 27 days.

—In Pittsfield, Pike co. Ill. on the 12th of Feb. Clarissa, consort of Daniel Carter aged 26 years.

—In Adams co. Ill. on the 21st of Oct. 1839, Omar son of Abel and Almira Lamb, aged 9 years 6 months and 24 days.

—In Adams county, Ill. Dec. 31st 1839, Betsey, daughter of James and Jemima Powel, aged 3 years 9 months and one day.

—In Quincy Ill, on the 27 of August last, Mary B. consort of Samuel Parker, aged 57 years.

For the Times and Seasons.

A HYMN.

BY E. PARTRIDGE.

We read of the sufferings of saints long ago,

How tyrants destroy'd them without a just cause.

So modern saints too, have their sufferings and woes;

In this land of freedom, religion and laws.

They have been tarr'd, feather'd, and often times whip'd,

Been murder'd, and plunder'd, and robbed, and driv'n;

Their houses destroy'd, till they have been strip'd

Of all earthly wealth, but they've treasures in heav'n.

Tho' we are oppress'd, we will sing and praise God,

For he counts us worthy to bare it for Christs' sake;

All sons must be chast'ned, and prov'd with the rod,

Then let us not murmur, nor his cause forsake.

How long, O my God, shall the enemy reign,

And rob, drive and murder, the saints without cause?

When shall they have power their rights to maintain,