

man who was very loud in defense of polygamy. He denounced the Josephites as apostates.

From there I came here. On last Saturday and Sunday, we had good meetings. The saints were edified, and built up in the most holy faith. One honest-looking man stated that he could not hold his peace. He said he was no speaker, but he wanted to tell us that he felt well with us. He had been in the church of Brigham, in Utah, ten years; but this was the first time he had ever seen the Savior's promise fulfilled, "these signs shall follow them that believe." Many believe, but are forbidden to go to our meetings. I pray to God for the elders, that we may use all the wisdom that God has given us to preach the word of God.

May God bless every effort to redeem his people, is the prayer of

F. C. WARNKY.

FARMINGTON, Iowa.

The cause seems to be on the march here. Br. J. H. Lake has just closed a series of meetings, which lasted two weeks. The meetings were attended by people of various denominations, and the very best of order and attention were had during the entire lectures. Br. Lake's leading text was, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Many are now carefully searching the Bible to see if these things are true, and we have the assurance that the "bread is floating upon the waters."

Our meetings were attended by several respectable citizens of Missouri, who cordially requested Br. Lake to go there to preach, and an appointment was sent for the second Sunday in February.

F. REYNOLDS.

WHEN a man has feathered his nest, you will generally find that he also plumes himself upon it. How true it is, therefore that "riches take unto themselves wings!"

BETTER untaught than ill taught.

Annual General Conference.

The Annual General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, convened in Saints' meeting house, Plano, Illinois, April 6th, 1871, at 10 a. m., and organized by electing as President, Joseph Smith; as Secretary, *Ex-officio*, Mark H. Forscutt; as Assistant Secretary, Edwin Stafford; as Reporter, Jesse Broadbent; as Chorister, Norman W. Smith; as Deacons, Silas Cook, Thomas E. Lloyd, Nathaniel Kennedy, and Joseph Scott. The officers elect took their places, and meeting was opened by singing. Prayer was offered by the President in an earnest and comprehensive manner.

Minutes of Semi-Annual Conference read, and approved, after a correction was made to the effect that Elder Patterson's report was a written, instead of a verbal one.

The President opened the business with instructions on the rendering of reports. Names of delegates present were called for, and the following announced:

Josiah Ells, representing the Pittsburgh, Massachusetts, and Maine Districts.

John S. Patterson, the Kewanee District.

John H. Lake, the String Prairie and Nauvoo District.

Wm Redfield, the Fremont District.

Calvin Beebe, the Pottawatomie District.

H. A. Stebbins, the Northern Illinois District.

J. S. Snively, the Canada District.

G. E. Deuel, the Des Moines District.

E. C. Briggs, the Michigan District.

L. W. Babbitt, the Pittsfield, (Illinois), District.

Thos. Dobson, the Galland's Grove District.

Written reports were received from E. C. Brand, of the Utah District; and Wm. Summerfield, of the North West Missouri District.

RESOLUTIONS.

By *J. S. Patterson*. That we receive and approve of all reports not objected to, without further motion.

By *E. Banta*. That resolutions offered during this conference be written and signed by the mover.

By *M. H. Forscutt*. That the resolution just passed, governing resolutions to be offered, shall not affect simple motions, which may be made without reducing them to writing.

By *E. Banta*. That we have preaching

on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Amendment by *I. Sheen* to strike out Thursday evening, lost—original motion carried—one negative.

REPORTS OF DISTRICTS.

UTAH, by E. C. Brand.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,

March 30, 1871.

President Joseph Smith and brethren in Conference assembled; greeting.—I beg to hand you, by letter, report of our conference just ended, which may perhaps be the best report I can give of the Utah mission.

As far as the cause of Christ is concerned, it is decidedly onward in Utah. We have been blessed this winter with the labors of Mrs. Alex. T. McCord and Chatburn; they are well liked. Elder Wood returned sick. Three branches have been opened up south, and many new preaching places. A greater spirit of freedom obtains, and the prospects for the future are bright. The principal block in our wheels is the need of a suitable place to meet in in Salt Lake City. We have been dependent from the first on our Gentile friends. We have a hall on Sunday afternoon; but no place for morning or evening worship, no place for Sabbath school, no place to hold conference. Last year we had to take out of doors for it, and this time held it in two places. As you will see, we have "Resolved to build a house, and now like them of old, cry out to come to Macedonia and help us." We earnestly solicit help, and we hope to obtain it speedily, that we may hold our next conference in our own house. E. C. Brand, President.

NORTH WESTERN MISSOURI, by A. J. Blodgett, in writing.

According to resolution passed at our last District Conference, I send the report of the North Western Missouri District.

Fifteen branches; 1 seventy, 54 elders, 12 priests, 7 teachers, 9 deacons, 194 lay members; total 277 members.

Increase since April 6th, 1870, 7 branches, 143 members.

As far as known, all are in good standing. The spirit with the members and officials is on the increase, and the work progressing in the district. Wm. Summerfield, President; A. J. Blodgett, Clerk.

KEWANEE, by J. S. Patterson, in person, 12 branches, 87 officials, 349 lay members, total 436. Thirty baptized, 2 expelled. Condition of district, prosperous. J. S. Patterson, President; E. Stafford, Sec'y.

STRING PRAIRIE AND NAUVOO, by J. H.

Lake, in person, 6 branches, 52 officials, 166 lay members, total 218. Condition of work, tolerably good and onward. J. H. Lake, President; B. F. Durfee, Clerk. Benediction by President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the opening services, prayer was offered by Elder E. C. Briggs.

Extracts from Senate Bill, No. 216, of the State of Illinois, were then read by the Secretary, in which were found provisions under which the Board of Publication will be able to properly organize, should it pass, and become a law of the State.

The General Church Recorder's Report was then read, embodying 129 branches which reported to him for December 31st, 1870; but in examining the *Heralds* he found the names of 74 other branches from which he had not received any report. Those reported to him, and the aggregate of those the names of which he had found, and the figures for which he had taken according to their last published report, make a total of 6,326 members enrolled in branch organizations. The names of those reported to him are incorporated with and are in the Secretary's Report.

The Church Librarian's Report was read showing the number of books in the Church Library to be thirty-three only. The names of the books on hand are here given, that those who are desirous of contributing towards creating for the church a respectable library, may see what books we have, and supply some we have not.

Latter Day Saints' Church Library.

- 1 Dr. Butler's Atlas of Ancient Geography.
- 2 Manual of Parliamentary Practice.
- 3 Geological Survey of Illinois vol. 1.
- 4 " " " " 2.
- 5 Series of Discourses on the Christian Revelation. By Thomas Chalmers.
- 6 Moral and Intellectual Science. By Geo. Combe.
- 7 History of Religious Denominations.
- 8 American Conflict. By H. Greely.
- 9 Hallam's Middle Ages.
- 10 History of the Books of the Bible. By Stowe.
- 11 Book of Mormon.
- 12 Book of Doctrine and Covenants.
- 13 True Latter Day Saints' Herald, volume 1-6.
- 14 True Latter Day Saints' Herald, volume 7-10.
- 15 True Latter Day Saints' Herald, volume 11-16.
- 16 Restorer.

- 17 Millennial Star, volume 1, 2.
 18 " " " 4, 5.
 19 " " " 7.
 20 " " " 9.
 21 " " " 13, 14.
 22 " " " 15.
 23 Times and Seasons, volume 5.
 24 Series of Pamphlets. By O. Pratt.
 25 " " " "
 26 Western Missions. By P. J. De Smet.
 27 Protestant Church of France. By J. G. Lorimer.
 28 Popery as it was and is. By Wm. Hogan.
 29 The End. By John Cumming.
 30 Salt Lake City Directory.
 31 The Koran.
 32 The Voter's Text Book.
 33 Mormonism. By John Hyde.

DISTRICT REPORTS.

FREMONT District, by Wm Redfield, in person, 55 officials, 209 lay members, total 264. Increase during the year 76. Condition, prosperous. Wm. Redfield, President; J. R. Badham, Clerk.

GALLAND'S GROVE District, by Thos. Dobson, in person. About 300 members. The work is looking up, additions in several branches. A remarkable case of healing, in which an infant given up to die, whom the physicians had given up, and for whom the grave-clothes were made, had been restored, was reported. T. Dobson, President; R. Jenkins, Clerk.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS District, by H. A. Stebbins, in person. Twelve branches, 94 officials, 399 lay members, total 493. Increase 63, loss 12. Prospects and general condition of the work, good. One new branch not reported. H. A. Stebbins, President; V. White, Clerk.

CANADA District, by J. S. Snively, in person. Fifteen or 20 baptized, 23 children blessed. A good spirit manifested, and prospects encouraging. G. Cleveland, President; C. Shippy, Clerk.

DES MOINES District, by G. E. Deuel, in person. Four branches, 22 officials, 73 members, total 95. Increase in the last four months 19. Prejudice giving way, many ready to accept the gospel, cause onward and upward. W. Nirk, President; I. N. White, Clerk.

MICHIGAN, by E. C. Briggs, in person. Five branches, 26 officials, 109 lay members, total 135. Baptized 15, general condition of the work, good. E. C. Briggs, President; A. Cochran, Clerk.

PITTSFIELD (Illinois), District, by L. W. Babbitt, in person. Four branches, 8 offi-

cial, 66 members. L. W. Babbitt, President; T. Williams, Clerk.

St. Louis Sub-District No. 2, by G. Hicklin. One hundred and ten members, including officers. Twelve baptized. G. Hicklin, President; G. Kinghorn, Clerk. (This Sub-District is represented in St. Louis District report; but the delegate from St. Louis not having arrived, Sub-District report was called for.)

MAINE, PITTSBURGH AND MASSACHUSETTS Districts, by J. Ells. Maine District divided into two, Eastern, and Western. Pittsburgh District, preaching out of doors, great energy by the ministry. Massachusetts District, great interest for hearing manifested. Prospects in all the districts, good. No official statistics furnished.

Benediction by Elder J. Ells.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened at 7:30 p. m. with singing. Prayer by Elder Landers. The President desiring Conference to elect a speaker for the evening, on motion of Elder Forscutt Elder E. C. Briggs was called to the stand. His subject was a broad and interesting one, from the Savior's caution, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Benediction by the President.

APRIL 7TH.

MORNING SESSION.

Opened at 10 a. m. by singing. Prayer was offered by J. S. Patterson. Minutes of previous day read by Secretary, corrected and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

By J. S. Patterson. That in the discussion of all questions laid before this body, members shall be limited to once speaking, and in point of time to ten minutes—further extension of time or privilege to be granted only by the consent of the body. Seconded by Elder Banta—carried, two negative votes.

By H. A. Stebbins. Whereas the first Quorum of Elders being full, and it being necessary and desirable to organize a Second Quorum, therefore be it Resolved that the President of the First Quorum has the right to appoint a President *pro tem.*, to the Second Quorum, who with the aid of the First Quorum shall proceed to fill and organize the Second Quorum. Seconded by J. S. Patterson.

Elder I. Sheen argued against the motion as an innovation upon old and established usages, and as having no basis of authority in the law. His time having expired, on motion of Elder Lake, further time was

granted. He argued that the number ninety-six elders was the minimum number of this quorum.

Elder L. W. Babbitt thought it the introduction of something new, and could not sustain it, without further evidence. Quite a number of others took part in the debate, *pro* and *con*, and on motion of Elder Banta, the President gave his views on the question, endorsing it, and arguing in favor of the number ninety-six being the maximum number. He quoted Book of Covenants, Sec. 104, par. 31, and 41; and Sec. 107, par. 46.

On motion of Elder I. Sheen, President Marks gave his views on the question, and in doing so favored the resolution, and concurred in the views of President Smith. A number of others spoke on the subject, when on motion of J. S. Patterson the previous question was voted for, and on presenting the main question, the resolution obtained.

Elder Sheen called for a division of the house, which resulted in affirming the resolution by a vote of 36 to 7.

REPORTS OF DISTRICTS.

POTTAWATOMIE District, by C. Beebe, in person. Seven branches, 78 officials, 241 lay members, members in District unassigned to any branch 52, increase 31, decrease 20. Condition of District, improving, and prospects good.

CENTRAL NEBRASKA District, by H. J. Hudson, by letter. District healthy, growing, onward and determined. Order being restored out of chaos. Openings for preaching wide and important. Some elders have co-operated with him effectively; others have promises to do so unredeemed. He paid a noble eulogium to Elder Charles Derry, whom he highly and strongly recommends. One branch, the Florence, has been absorbed by others. His duties in the halls of the State legislature prevented his personal attendance.

SOUTHERN NEBRASKA District, by R. M. Elvin, by letter. Two branches, 20 officials, 125 lay members, total 145. Condition of District, not good. One branch lacks interest and action, the other in confusion. One John M. Burton had organized a new church, called the church of Christ, which some of the members have joined.

Benediction by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In opening services, 2 p. m., prayer was offered by Elder. Wm. Redfield. The General Church Secretary's Report was

then read, in which the following items were represented.

Branches that have reported to both Church Secretary and Church Recorder according to instructions.

The first number is that sent to the Secretary, the second is that sent to the Recorder. The branches who find by this that their lists of names and statistical reports do not agree, are requested to endeavor to rectify the mistake as early as possible.

Atchison, Kansas,	33	34
Amboy, Illinois,	61	61
Boyer Valley, Iowa,	30	39
Brooksville, Maine,	25	25
Burlington, Wisconsin,	33	32
Boone County, Illinois,	18	18
Batavia, Illinois,	22	22
Bevier, (Welsh), Missouri,	30	30
Brush Creek, Illinois,	46	45
Carson City, Nevada,	35	36
Columbus, Nebraska,	60	61
Coldwater, Michigan,	31	31
Cache Valley, Utah,	8	8
Clinton, Missouri,	6	6
Council Bluffs, Iowa,	109	90
Cameron, Missouri,	10	12
Crotan, Iowa,	19	19
De Soto, Nebraska,	70	40
De Kalb, Missouri,	17	17
Davenport, Iowa,	29	25
Dry Fork, Illinois,	22	22
Deer Creek, Illinois,	11	11
Elm River, Illinois,	11	11
Elm Creek, Iowa,	16	16
Ephraim, Utah,	46	44
Farm Creek, Iowa,	32	32
Fox River, Illinois,	53	54
Forest City, Missouri,	11	11
Gartsides, Missouri,	11	16
Hopkins, Michigan,	34	35
Hannibal, Missouri,	9	9
Hyde Park, Pennsylvania,	13	15
Independence, Iowa,	18	18
Kewanee, Illinois,	101	101
Lawrence, Michigan,	19	19
Little Sioux, Iowa,	103	103
Llanely, Wales,	36	41
Little River, Iowa,	70	69
Mission, Illinois,	68	67
Marengo, Illinois,	28	34
Magnolia, Iowa,	16	26
Montrose, Iowa,	45	38
Mound Valley, Kansas,	24	24
Newton, Iowa,	27	27
New Canton, Illinois,	13	13
Ogden, Utah,	27	62
Omaha, (Scandinavian), Neb.,	22	22
Omaha, (English), Nebraska,	73	71
Princeville, Illinois,	18	22
Plano, Illinois,	118	123

Pittsfield, Illinois,	22	22
Pittsfield, Wisconsin,	22	19
Rock Creek, Illinois,	29	29
Raglan, Iowa,	29	29
Rochelle, Illinois,	10	10
Sandwich, Illinois,	42	40
Starfield, Missouri,	31	32
San Bernardino, California,	284	285
Stockton, California,	48	48
Sacramento, California,	48	21
St. Louis, Missouri,	243	225
St. Joseph, Missouri,	16	16
Twelve Mile Grove, Iowa,	12	12
Tarkeo, Kansas,	16	16
Union, Iowa,	36	27
Volcano, California,	23	22
White Cloud, Kansas,	15	15
Waconda, Missouri,	34	34
Willow, Wisconsin,	28	35
	<u>2775</u>	<u>2744</u>

Branches that have sent in a report to the Church Secretary; but have failed to send a Record of Names to the Church Recorder.

Belleville, St. Louis District, Ills.,	12
Six Mile Grove, Iowa,	19
Syracuse, Ohio,	13
Waltham, Massachusetts	12
Williamsburgh, New York,	8
Whearso, Missouri,	17
Yellow River, Iowa,	4
Platte, Missouri,	32
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	34
Pleasant View, Kansas,	30
Mottsville, Nevada,	19
Crescent City, Iowa,	50
Franktown, Nevada,	21
San Francisco, California,	39
Union Mills, Missouri,	14
Victoria, Illinois,	16
Keokuk, Iowa,	43
Plum Creek, Iowa,	52
Janesville, Wisconsin,	21
Leland, Illinois,	9
Mill Creek, Iowa,	24
Glenwood, Iowa,	27
Pleasant View, Maine,	24

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Branches that have sent a record of names to the Church Recorder; but have failed to send a Statistical Report to the Church Secretary.

Austin, Nevada,	25
Alameda Creek, California,	74
Alma, Illinois,	23
Boston, Massachusetts,	21
Belmont, Ohio,	17

Banksville, Pennsylvania,	10
Birmingham, England,	45
Buckhorn, Ontario,	39
Beaver City, Utah,	9
Botany, Ontario,	9
Beaver Creek, Iowa,	28
Coldwater, Alabama,	61
Centerville, California,	24
Casey, Iowa,	16
Camp Creek, Nebraska,	15
Columbus, Kansas,	9
Dennisport, Massachusetts,	52
Darlington, Wisconsin,	9
Elkhorn, Illinois,	16
Empire, Nevada,	5
Evening Star, Alabama,	10
Freedom, Wisconsin,	14
Farmington, Iowa,	29
Gallatin, Montana,	29
Guildford, Missouri,	32
Hanley, England,	15
Henderson Grove, Illinois,	24
Island, California,	11
Jackson, Iowa,	12
Lindsley, Ontario,	34
London, First, England,	17
London, Second, England,	10
Lowgap, Iowa,	6
Little Cannon Valley, Minnesota,	27
Mount Olive, Florida,	23
Manteno, Iowa,	114
Moingona, Iowa,	16
Manti, Iowa,	64
Millshoals, Illinois,	15
New Tredegar, Wales,	29
North Pigeon, Iowa,	28
Nebraska City, Nebraska,	95
Nortonville, California,	22
Olive, Ontario,	22
Osseo, Wisconsin,	11
Oregon City, California,	14
Providence, Rhode Island,	19
Petaluma, California,	42
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,	68
Provo, Utah,	7
Pittsburgh, Illinois,	8
Sandusky, Wisconsin,	19
Soda Springs, Idaho,	7
String Prairie, Iowa,	48
Santa Rosa, Florida,	26
Spring Valley, Iowa,	41
Unionburgh, Iowa,	42
Volney, Iowa,	4
Wilton, Iowa,	17
Watsonville, California,	52
Wilkesport, Ontario,	17
Woodbine, Iowa,	20
Wood River, Illinois,	9

Sixty-three Branches. 1676

Branches that sent no Report to either Church Secretary or Church Recorder for the year ending December 31st, 1870.

	No. last report.
Aberdare, Wales,	
Aberaman, Wales,	38
Aurora, Missouri,	
Buffalo Prairie, Illinois,	102
Buffalo, Iowa,	27
Beaufort, Wales,	
Bear Isle, Maine,	18
Bevier, (English), Missouri,	21
Brookfield, Ohio,	40
Boomer, Iowa,	24
Benton, Kansas,	7
Beaver Creek, Iowa,	
Butternut Grove, Iowa,	27
Buckeye, Pennsylvania,	15
Coal Hollow, Illinois,	
Church Hill, Pennsylvania,	10
Cwmavon, Wales,	9
Deer Isle, Maine,	19
Des Moines, Iowa,	24
Dry Hill, Missouri,	36
Fall River, Massachusetts,	42
Fairview, Pennsylvania,	23
Galien, Michigan,	34
Genoa, Nevada,	15
Green's Landing, Maine,	34
Gravois, Missouri,	58
Hennifer, Utah,	50
Harlan, Iowa,	
Humboldt, California	
Harris Grove, Iowa,	13
Little Deer Isle, Maine,	21
Little Kennebec, Maine,	35
Lamoine, Illinois,	28
Llanvalion, Wales,	6
Llanvasson, Wales,	6
Lone Star, Florida,	82
Mont Diablo, California,	15
Moriston, Wales,	10
Morning Star, Florida,	
Malad City, Idaho,	68
Mason's Bay, Maine,	27
Merthyr, Wales,	31
Masons's Grove, Iowa,	57
Nephi, Iowa,	12
North Star, Iowa,	26
New Bedford, Massachusetts,	8
North Coon, Iowa,	9
Puce River, Ontario,	14
Providence, Utah,	
Pendarron, Wales,	33
Pleasant View, Maine,	
Quincy, Illinois,	
Salt Lake City, Utah,	117
St. David, Illinois,	62
Saltsburgh, Pennsylvania,	12
Union Grove, Iowa,	50
Union, Utah,	7

Union Fort, Utah,	
Virginia City, Nevada,	9
Wilton, Iowa,	18
Willow Creek, Montana,	33
Wolf River, Kansas,	20
Waynesburgh, Pennsylvania,	8
Wheeler's Grove, Iowa,	
Ystradgyrlaes, Wales,	8
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	1518
13 branches averaging 24,	312
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63 branches.	1830

Summary from Statistical Reports.

Of First Presidency,	2
Of Quorum of Twelve,	3
Of High Priests,	21
Of Bishops,	2
Of Seventies,	27
Of Elders,	453
Of Priests,	117
Of Teachers,	101
Of Deacons,	68
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Total Officers,	794
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Of Members,	2521
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Aggregate,	3588

Summary from Church Recorder and Herald Reports.

Church Recorder,	1676
Herald,	2005
Scattered,	82
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Aggregate,	3763

By this report it will be seen that less than one-half the church has been reported to the Secretary; but little more than one-half to the Recorder; while nearly one-third is unreported to either.

Of those reported to the Secretary, a little more than one-fourth, nearly 4 1-5, are officers; allowing the same proportion to officers among those who have not sent any statistical report as among those who have, we have about 1690 official members authorized to teach the doctrines of Christ, over 1,000 authorized to administer in the ordinances of the gospel.

The increase by baptism among those who have reported to me for 1870, is 549; by vote 41, total 590,—a gain of about 21½ per cent. during the year. If the same rate of increase has attended those who have not reported, the church has increased by about twelve hundred and seventy members during the year.

The statistics of those reported to me show a decrease of 71 by disfellowshipping them, and of ninety-seven by deaths. The same rate of decrease for those not reported, will give a total loss of about 363, leaving the church an actual gainer, over and above her loss, of about 907 during the year 1870.

The status of the church on the first day of January, 1871, according to the following summary, is 220 branches, 6,903 members, to wit:

	Branches.	Members.
Reported to both Sec'y and Rec.	69	2775
Reported to Sec'y but not to Rec.	23	540
Reported to Rec. but not to Sec'y.	63	1676
Reported in Herald, but to neither Secretary nor Recorder,	65	1830
Reported to Recorder, Scattered Members,		82
TOTAL.....	220	6903

All of which is respectfully submitted,
 MARK H. FORSCUTT,
General Church Secretary.

In presenting his report the Secretary acknowledged his gratification at receiving so complete a report as he had done, and urged upon the attention of District and Branch Officers the necessity of a more complete and accurate report than had before been sent.

The Church Recorder, Elder Sheen, followed with an endorsement of the Secretary's instructions, and further urged the importance of the law of God being honored by forwarding to him from every conference, the names of all new members, and the names of all expelled.

REPORT OF MISSIONS.

Elder *J. Parsons*, in person. He had been blessed of the Lord in his mission—had seen the manifestation of God's power and goodness, and organized one branch.

Elder *H. J. Hudson*, by letter. He reported favorably of the work, and his willingness to continue in earnest labor for its progress.

Elder *T. Nutt*, in person. He had preached 101 times, baptized and confirmed 25. Had been witness of the miraculous power of God in his ministry. Had been prevented from going on his mission to England by pecuniary embarrassment, though he had received \$55 towards his expenses. But he lacked clothing, and had purchased some. His report was objected to by Elder Calvin Beebe on the ground that the saints had contributed for his mission, and he had used the money otherwise. Elder Sheen argued in favor

of receiving his report, and on his motion, it was carried with but one negative vote.

Elder *R. J. Anthony*, by letter. He had not been able to fill the mission assigned him by last General Conference through pecuniary embarrassment—from circumstances unforeseen at the time of his accepting the mission.

Elder *T. Dobson*, in person. He and Br. *John A. McIntosh* had labored in Gal-land's Grove district with good success—the work is onward.

Elder *J. S. Snively*, in person. In his mission in Canada, he had been very much blest. Had preached 137 times, baptized 26, organized two branches and assisted in organizing a third. He related a remarkable case of healing, in the Trafalgar branch, for which he praised the Lord.

Elder *W. W. Blair*, by letter. His report is of such general interest to the church that we publish it entire.

FRANKTOWN, Nevada,

March 27, 1871.

Br. M. H. Forscutt, Church Secretary; I herewith send you a report of the "Pacific Mission," that you may present the same to the Annual Conference of the Church of J. C. of L. D. Saints, for 1871, for their consideration.

First, as regards the Utah District. There has been a fair increase in numbers during the last year, and up to the present time, when we consider the bitter opposition, both public and private, which is waged against the ministrations of the elders.

It was thought advisable, during 1869, and till August, 1870, to counsel those uniting with the Reorganized church, to emigrate to Iowa, Illinois, or North Western Missouri, and for them to there make settlement "in the regions round about" the land of Zion. Six companies were sent back by the U. P. R. R. during the last spring, summer and fall, under the management of Elder E. C. Brand; and I take pleasure in saying that Elder Brand has been faithful, judicious, and efficient in this department of his labors.

Owing to the political, religious, and business changes that are rapidly taking place throughout the entire Territory,—changes that are highly important, and which promise to be permanent,—we have thought best to advise our membership to remain in Utah for the present, if at all consistent with other spiritual and business interests.

They, by the aid of their personal influ-

ence, can assist greatly in advancing the work of God, both in resisting and overcoming the prevailing social, political, and spiritual bondage of Utah; and, in propagating the principles of life and salvation.

Prospects are highly encouraging for the speedy emancipation of the masses from the thralldom of priestcraft, and for the rapid and successful spread of the principles taught by the Reorganized church.

God is manifestly working the confusion and utter overthrow of the false leaders of the Utah systems.

The tormenting fears under which the people have so long suffered at the hands of their rulers, are being taken from the people and put upon the oppressors.

Utah needs a number more of faithful, intelligent, experienced, and spiritual ministers. The demand is urgent, and it should be supplied at once.

Those laboring there at the present are doing well, all things considered; but they greatly need many fellow-helpers,—men of purity of life,—men of holiness and spiritual power.

Those who have never been to Utah, as members of the Brighamite church, are the least objectionable to the people, though persons who have had experience in the peculiarities of the Brighamite system are in many instances the most efficient.

None would be more acceptable as ministers in Utah, by all classes of the truth-loving, than Brs. A. H. and D. H. Smith, except, perhaps, our beloved President, Joseph Smith.

Their faithful labors could not fail of being crowned with great success.

The interests of the church of God in all places, and the interests of a common humanity, demand that the mission in Utah be well strengthened, and ably sustained, both as to its laboring ministry, as also with regard to suitable printed matter for distribution.

God has committed to the Reorganized Church the high and responsible trust, of bringing deliverance and salvation to the captive children of Zion, and it remains to be seen how faithfully and wisely they will accomplish the work.

A suitable room in which to hold religious services in Salt Lake City is greatly needed. At present our people are dependent upon those not of our faith for a room (Independence Hall) in which to hold afternoon services on Sundays.

I am confident that with wise manage-

ment a suitable house could be erected during the present summer and fall, that would answer both for religious services, and for Sunday School, and week-day school purposes.

Active efforts to this end should be put forth at an early day.

The branches in Idaho are in a healthful and rather encouraging condition; so also are those in Montana.

The Nevada district, though backward, rather, for the past few months, is now prospering fairly, and prospects are good for its future progress.

Additions are being made by baptism in some of the branches; and I have been permitted, by God's blessing, to baptize twelve persons, mostly adults and heads of families, since February 18th.

As for the California and Oregon Districts, I am prepared to say but little, though I learn by letters that in some places there is an increase by baptism, and that the saints are rejoicing in the light, and peace, and comfort of the Holy Spirit, and that the indications for the future progress of the work are encouraging.

I now intend to labor in California till the last of June, and then return to Nevada, to remain from six to eight weeks, when I shall expect to go on to Idaho, Montana and Utah; and then home if the Lord will, by October 1st to 15th.

In conclusion, I will say, I have had many precious evidences of the kindly watch care, the tender mercies, the blessed guidings, the merciful providences, and the spiritual power of our Heavenly Father, since I entered upon the duties of my calling in the Pacific mission.

Praying for the welfare of the conference, and of the Lord's work everywhere; and asking an interest in the prayers of the conference, and of all the saints, I remain your fellow servant in Christ.

W. W. BLAIR.

Elder *E. C. Brand*, by letter. I have preached in North Willow Creek, Ogden Valley, Ogden City, Kaysville, Henneferville, Salt Lake City, Union Fort, Battle Creek, Provo, Payson, Santa Quin, Chicken Creek, Filmore, Beaver City, Minersville, etc., etc., resulting in the baptism of eight at Salt Lake City; Union Fort, one; Minersville, one; Beaver City, nine; Santa Quin, five; Battle Creek, five; Farmington, two; Kayward, four; Ogden, two; E T City, one. Total thirty-eight. In Kaysville and in Spanish Fork expect soon to have branches.

Elder *B. V. Springer*, North Western Missouri, by letter. He had preached 54 times, baptized 21 persons, all new members, and prospects are good for several more. Saints united, local elders energetic.

Elder *R. G. Eccles*, Minnesota, by letter. Had travelled since October, 1870, a distance of twelve hundred miles, preached 115 times to audiences averaging 100. Had delivered from one to fifteen discourses in a place, and held two debates lasting seventeen evenings. Had baptized and confirmed eight, seven of whom had not heard the gospel before. Many are believing.

Elder *C. G. Lanphear*, Southern States, by letter. Had preached between forty and fifty times, besides attending five conferences and six two days' meetings, where he had assisted. He and Br. T. W. Smith are now laboring together in the Southern States. Six had been baptized, two by Elder G. R. Scogin, and four by Elder T. W. Smith. Great calls for preaching.

Elder *A. M. Wilsey*, Plano, in person. Had travelled and preached with Elders Patterson and Groom, in the Kewanee district, and with Elder Forscutt in the Northern Illinois district.

On motion by Elder *J. Ells*, it was Resolved that the President have the appointing power for evening preaching meetings. After singing, the President delivered a Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

In evening session, prayer was offered by Elder *J. Broadbent*, and conference was addressed by Elders *David H. Smith*, of Nauvoo, and *E. Hulmes*, of Pittsburgh. The subject of Br. *David* was "Light," and his text, *Genesis i. 6*, *Inspired Translation*, "And I, God, said, let there be light, and there was light," coupled with the statement concerning *Christ, John i. 9*, "Which was the true light, which lighteth every man who cometh into the world."

The illustrations of the subject were very beautiful—no one could gather a clear idea of the luster of the rich gems that sparkled in the speaker's chain of thought, without having seen them as the speaker held them to view before his delighted audience.

Elder *Hulmes* reasoned briefly but with good effect upon the Savior's prayer, "Sanctify them through thy truth thy word is truth."

The closing hymn was followed with Benediction by the President.

APRIL 8TH.

MORNING SESSION.

In opening services, 10 a. m., prayer was offered by Elder *Geo. Blakeslee*.

Minutes of preceding day were read, corrected and adopted.

A resolution was offered by Elder *E. Banta* that this conference requires all resolutions designed for its action during the present term to be presented to the Secretary by noon of to-day. Adopted, two voting in the negative.

Elder *Wm. Hazzledine*, delegate from *St. Louis District*, having arrived after the representation of Districts was through, having been detained by sickness in his family, was requested to report.

The *St. Louis District* embraces four Sub-Districts, having seventeen branches, official members, ninety-eight, lay members 448, total 546. Taking the District as a whole, its condition is good. *Wm. Hazzledine*, President; *S. Blackie*, Clerk.

WILTON CENTRE UNION Branch Report, the branch not yet having been incorporated with the *Northern Illinois District*, it being newly organized, was presented and read by the Secretary. *E. C. Briggs*, President.

On motion of Br. *Ells* to receive the report, enquiry was made by the Secretary if Br. *Briggs* was not reported as a member of the *Sandwich branch*, as well as the *Wilton Centre Union*, Br. *Banta* replying that he was—on presenting Br. *Ells'* motion, it was lost, and the report rejected, with but one dissenting voice.

The following report of *Bishop D. M. Gamet* was read and received.

BISHOP GAMET'S REPORT.

During the past year there has been but very little come into my hands as tithing; thirty dollars is about the full amount. I had on hand only fifteen or twenty dollars at the commencement of the year; that amount has been paid out for the benefit of the poor and the sick, hence I have now on hand the thirty dollars received this year. Last fall it was thought best by the brethren in the *Little Sioux branch* to make an effort to build a house of worship in *Little Sioux*. Steps were accordingly taken, and a committee chosen, myself being one of that committee. We solicited subscriptions, and received the amount of from four hundred and fifty to five hundred dollars. We commenced work, and completed the house last November, at the cost of a little less than one thousand dollars. The remaining over, and above

the amount subscribed, remains still unpaid. There could be offered an apology for the deed not having been delivered to Bishop Rogers before this time, although I do not deem it necessary at this time; but I will say it shall be forth-coming.

D. M. GAMET, Bishop.

The following report of the High Priests' Quorum was read and accepted.

HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM.

This quorum has forty-four members—seventeen of whom have reported at this general conference in person, and two by letter, Bishop James Anderson, of St. Louis, and Henry J. Hudson of Columbus. The High Priest's Quorum recommends that all missions given to its members from which they are not released be continued. Also that Br. T. P. Green, of Wayne Co., Illinois, be recommended to the General Conference for ordination to the office of High Priest.

The greater portion of the members of the Quorum are known to its officers, and a goodly number of them are actively engaged in the ministry. Unity is among them. Isaac Sheen, President; Mark H. Forscutt, Clerk.

OFFICIALS PRESENT.

On motion of Elder Sheen, the number present of those holding the Priesthood was taken, with the following results.

First Presidency 2, Apostles 3, High Priests 17, Seventies 4, Elders 41, Priests 6, Teachers 3, Deacons 2, total 78.

Moved by Elder Forscutt that a suspension of rules be permitted to admit the consideration of miscellaneous matter. Carried.

The Secretary then read a letter from Judah Griffith, expressing a desire to be received into fellowship with the church, and to be received on his original standing as High Priest. Br. Griffith was baptized at Amherst, Ohio, by Elder William Carter in 1831, and ordained a High Priest in 1835; his references were Elders Z. H. Gurley, L. W. Babbitt, and Wm. Redfield, who all testified of his worthiness at the time they were acquainted with him. On motion of Elder I. Sheen, he was received into fellowship on his original standing by an unanimous vote.

The Secretary then read a letter from Sr. S. Tyler, formerly S. Holman, who was baptized in Ohio, Sept. 16th, 1840, and who desired to be received on her original standing. On motion, her request was granted.

(The names of these two are enrolled on the general record; should the parties

desire to become connected with any special branch, they will please apply to the Secretary for a certificate).

Elder E. Banta notified the Elders of the First Quorum to remain in the house after adjournment.

Benediction by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening services, 2 p. m. Prayer by Elder I. Sheen.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Elder *I. Sheen*, That the resolutions presented to the Secretary be read in order, that the conference may know what business is before it. Carried.

By Elder *E. Banta*. That when this conference adjourns, it do so to meet at or near Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the 20th day of September next. The requests of North West Missouri and Kansas Districts that it be held at St. Joseph, Mo.; and of St. Louis District that it be held at St. Louis, Mo., were presented. It was thought that the burden on the few saints at and near St. Joseph would be too onerous; and that the request of St. Louis had better be considered in relation to the spring than to the fall conference, and on the question being called, the motion of Elder Banta was carried unanimously.

By Elder *Geo. Hicklin*. That Br. J. E. Betts be recommended to the April conference for the office of Bishop by No. 2 Sub-District Conference. On motion, consideration deferred.

By Elder *I. Sheen*. That John Shippy has acted contrary to the decision of the last Annual Conference, by preaching and baptizing since that time. On motion of Elder Banta, the case was referred to the Elders' Quorum.

By Bishop *I. L. Rogers*, seconded by Elder P. Wixom. That the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints shall not be counted in good standing who will contract debts without a fair prospect of being able to pay the same. Carried.

By Elder *I. Sheen*, seconded by P. Wixom. That the law of God does not require that a priest should preside in a branch meeting when the president of the branch is absent, if there is a good elder or high priest there who is a member of the branch. Motion by Elder *E. Banta* to table the resolution was lost. The President, expressing a desire to speak on this subject, called Bishop I. L. Rogers to the chair. The discussion of the question was opened and led by Elder Sheen in

support of the resolution, and by President J. Smith in opposition to the resolution. After a lengthy and able debate, on motion of Elder E. C. Briggs, the question was called, and the resolution lost by a strong majority vote against it.

By Elder J. Ells, seconded by I. Sheen. That it is understood by the reading of par. 4, sec. 72, B. of C., that all persons removing are enjoined in every instance to take with them certificates of their standing from the church where they had previously resided. Carried.

Minutes of meeting of organization of 2nd Quorum of Elders were read and approved.

Services closed with benediction by Elder M. H. Forscutt.

EVENING SESSION.

Opening services, 7:30 p. m. Prayer by Elder Isaac Sheen. Elder J. Ells gave an interesting discourse on "The prophetic character of Joseph Smith, the modern Seer."

Meeting for 2d Quorum of Elders announced for Monday, 8 a. m.

Services closed with Benediction by the President.

(To be Continued.)

Miscellaneous.

NOTICE.—Whereas, William Hanks, ordained an Elder in Nebraska City Branch, has left there, and complaint has been entered against him, signed by ten officers and members of the Nebraska City Branch, accompanied by such testimony of his guilt as warrant his being silenced, he is hereby instructed to appear at Nebraska City, to answer before a court of elders to the charges preferred against him.

He is also forbidden to officiate in the priesthood, and to partake of the sacrament of the Lord's supper until he shall so appear, or a proper action be had upon his case.

JOSEPH SMITH, *Pres.*,

MARK H. FORSCUTT, *Sec'y*,

Of the C. of J. C. of L. D. S.

NOTICE.—Whereas Elder John Shippy has been convicted by the Elders' Quorum of violating the order of General Conference of April, 1870, as expressed in a vote concerning him, and whereas the recent General Conference held here, has passed a resolution making it incumbent

upon the President and Secretary of the church to notify the church through the HERALD that Br. Shippy is silenced until a General Conference shall order his license to be restored, we hereby notify the church that we wrote to Br. Shippy on April 12th, demanding his license, and furnishing him with a copy of the resolution authorizing us to do so. We trust that Br. Shippy will respect the will of the Conference in this matter, and that the church in Canada and elsewhere will not request the Brother to act in any official capacity, until there shall be such decision had by another General Conference as shall justify his acceding to their request.

JOSEPH SMITH, *Pres.*

MARK H. FORSCUTT, *Sec'y*,

Of the C. of J. C. of L. D. S.

ERRATUM.—The last published account of the Bishop, page 61, vol. 18 of HERALD, should be corrected so as to read:

T. Hougus	- - - - -	\$20.00
J. Hougus	- - - - -	10.00

MARRIED.

At the house of the bridegroom's father, Jan. 4th, 1871, by Elder James Caffal, THOMAS E. RUD and ANN HANDBURY.

May peace abide with the pair now made one.

At the residence of the bride, Kewanee, Henry county, Ill., on March 25th, 1871, by Elder John S. Patterson, Br. JAMES ROBINSON, Senr., to Sr. SARAH ATKINSON.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Alleghany City, Pa., March 20th, 1871, by Elder Josiah Ells, Br. WILLIAM H. GARRETT to Sr. EMMA HULMES.

May kindness, mercy and peace strew their life's pathway.

At meeting, in the Dry Fork Branch, Wayne Co. Ill., Sunday, April 2d, 1871, by Elder G. H. Hilliard, Br. BENJAMIN H. BALLOWE to Sr. NANCY A. MORRIS.

May their love for each other, be constant and true, And their peace may nothing molest; May their example in life, show all the way through They merit the crown of the blest. G. H. H.

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will please remember my weakness and inexperience. Please excuse me for not writing before the Conference, as I had not then come to this conclusion.

I remain your brother in Christ,
JOSEPH R. LAMBERT.

[We will take the brother's offer under advisement].—Ed.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH.

MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30, quite a number repaired to the water, where Mrs. H. Emerson and Mrs. E. Wilson were baptized by President Joseph Smith.

At 10:30, services commenced. Prayer and reading of Scripture by Elder J. Ells. The sisters baptized were then confirmed by President J. Smith and Elder J. Parsons, assisted by Elder Forscutt.

President Smith then delivered the 29th lecture of the series being delivered in Plano, subject "The Three Glories." His lecture was well-conceived and ably delivered. Congregation large. Benediction by Elder Sheen.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30, fellowship and sacrament meeting. Opening services—prayer by Bishop I. L. Rogers. Elder Ells presided over the meeting, and gave an excellent exhortation. An excellent feeling prevailed, and much of the Spirit was felt and manifested—though not in tongues or prophecy. An excellent spirit accompanied the administration of the Sacrament. A child of Br. and Sr. Vermilyea was blessed by Elder Ells, assisted by Brs. A. M. Wilsey and E. Banta.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30, opening services. Prayer by Elder J. Ells. Reading of Scripture by Elder H. A. Stebbins. The 30th and last lecture of the series was delivered by Elder M. H. Forscutt. Subject, "The New Earth." Congregation large.

Benediction by Elder Stebbins.

MONDAY, APRIL 10TH.

MORNING SESSION.

At 10 a. m., opening services. Prayer by Elder A. M. Wilsey. Minutes of Saturday and Sunday's meetings read by Sec-

retary, and after some corrections, approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Elder W. Hazzledine, seconded by Elder Forscutt. That Elder Thomas P. Green, of Wayne Co., Illinois, be ordained to the office of High Priest; this on the recommendation of the High Priests' Quorum. Carried.

By Elder I. Sheen. That H. P. William Hazzledine be authorized and instructed to ordain him.

By Bishop I. L. Rogers, seconded by Elder D. Powell. That this conference send out no elders to labor or represent this church except they are out of debt, or make satisfaction with their creditors, and this to be a precedent to act upon in the future. Carried.

By I. L. Rogers, seconded by P. Wixom. That the Bishops have no right to take accounts from elders who have collected money as tithing, and have used the same without being authorized by the Bishops to do so.

By E. Banta, seconded by J. S. Patterson. That this conference considers it very improper for branches to ordain men not belonging to their branch or district, and more especially when it is done without the knowledge or consent of the branch to which they belong, and that we hereby condemn all such action as unwise, and request all churches to be governed by the spirit of this resolution in the matter of ordinations in the future. Carried.

By Elder J. S. Patterson, seconded by Elder Banta. That an appeal from the decision of a branch to a Quarterly District Conference of which said branch forms a part, is proper, and should be had previous to an appeal to the High Council, and that such appeal gives the District Conference the right to examine, and, if necessary, re-try all questions that may be so appealed. Carried over some negative votes.

The Secretary then read the two following resolutions which he had prepared, and which were moved, seconded, and carried unanimously.

By Elder J. Ells, seconded by Elder J. Parsons. Whereas Granville Hedrick has a name on the record of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and has left the church, and assumed to be the leader of a separate body, having no connection with said church, and opposed to it, be it resolved that this conference does hereby instruct the Secretary to prefer a charge against him for having separated himself from the

church, and notify him to appear before a court of Elders to be appointed at the next Semi-Annual Conference to try such cases as may properly come before them.

By Elder *I. Sheen*, seconded by Elder J. Parsons. Whereas Ebenezer Page has a name on the record of the Reorganized Church, and has left the church, and affiliated himself with Sidney Rigdon, be it hereby Resolved that this conference instruct the Secretary to prefer a charge against him for having so done, and cite him to appear before a council of his quorum at the next Semi-Annual Conference.

The president called Elder J. Ells to the chair, when the following communication from him was read by the Secretary.

Having become responsible to Br. Sam'l Williams and others for means to secure the erection of the meeting house in Plano now belonging to the church, to an amount of nearly \$2,000, a part of which now remains unpaid. I hereby request the conference to take such action as will enable the Bishop to pay such amount as may be found due for such building purposes not exceeding the sum of \$2,000, and at as early a day as possible, out of any church fund, which may properly be so applied.

By Elder *I. Sheen*. That the request be granted. His motion was opposed as not being sufficiently specific, and on being presented was lost. Question laid over for next session.

The Elders of First Quorum were notified to meet at 1 p. m.

Benediction by Elder Ells.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m., J. Ells in the chair. Prayer by Elder J. Snively.

Question affecting debt assumed by President in behalf of church again considered. The resolution of General conference of 1866, authorizing the building of the house was read, and the following offered.

By Bishop *I. L. Rogers*, seconded by Elder M. H. Forscutt. That this conference does hereby authorize the Bishop to liquidate the debt assumed by President Joseph Smith in building the meeting-house at Plano, according to resolution passed at the General Conference of April, 1866, he being personally held liable for said debt. Carried unanimously.

The following report of the Chairman of the committee of Board of Publication was then read by the Secretary, and report received.

To the Saints in Conference assembled greeting:—As Chairman of the committee

on Board of Publication, I submit the following for your consideration:

The Committee having been unable to organize and become incorporated; and knowing that they must be sustained and continued, or discharged, I respectfully ask that the committee be discharged; assigning as my reason therefor, that there is an objection in the minds of some of the committee, one of whom is the chairman, against such part of the resolution under which the committee was appointed, as provides who shall be the President of such Board when incorporated.

Feeling assured that this objection existing will impair to some extent the successful working of said Board when it shall become incorporated; as chairman of the committee chosen by you, I respectfully ask that the committee be discharged: and I would further suggest, if it shall be thought wisdom to perfect the incorporation of a Board of Publication, that the resolution be so far modified or changed as to leave the selecting of the President of the Board to the choice of the committee to be appointed by you at their organization. And as in duty bound, I remain

JOSEPH SMITH,

Chairman of Committee.

April 10, 1871.

By Elder *P. Cadwell*, seconded by E. Banta. That the Committee on Publication be hereby discharged. Carried.

The following report of the Editor of the *Herald and Hope* was read by the Secretary, and report received.

To the Saints in Conference assembled:—As Editor of the *Herald, Hope*, and other publications in charge of the office of publication at Plano, I submit the following:

It was intended to present a statement of condition of office affairs in writing to the Board of Publication which it was expected would take charge of the office ere this, that they might report to you. But owing to failure to organize, such report was not made. I therefore await such organization to turn over all the office affairs, books, papers and fixtures to them, I am

JOSEPH SMITH,

Editor Herald, &c.

The following reports of the 1st and 2nd Quorum of Elders were then presented, and accepted.

To the Saints in Conference assembled:—Secretary's report of the First Quorum of Elders. As far as is known to the Presidency and Secretary of the First Quorum of Elders, there is, with a few ex-

ceptions, at least a satisfactory, and to quite an extent, a healthy and active state throughout the Quorum. Since the assembling of this session of the General Conference, the Quorum has assisted in the permanent organization of a second quorum of ninety-six men, taken from the body of elders.

The Quorum has entertained the subject of the recommendation of suitable members of the Quorum for ordination into the Quorum of Seventy, and herewith present the name of John H. Lake as worthy of such ordination, by the unanimous vote of the Quorum.

The Quorum has also considered the resolution referred to it by the General Conference, said resolution reading:

Resolved, That John Shippy has acted contrary to the decision of the last Annual Conference, by preaching and baptizing.

After some discussion and the examination of evidence pertaining to the above resolution, it was adopted, and also the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, it having been proven to us, that John Shippy has been preaching and baptizing contrary to the instruction given him at the last Annual Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, That we consider him guilty of contempt of said conference, and as such present him to the conference for further action in his case.

The Secretary also presents herewith the names of elders, in the First and Second Quorums, who have given in their names upon the call for men to take missions.

Of the First Quorum—John H. Lake, Thomas Nutt, William Powell.

Of the Second Quorum—D. H. Smith, Carl W. Lang, L. B. Scott, Thomas E. Lloyd and Jesse Broadbent.

The above items of business constitute our report to the conference assembled.

E. BANTA, *Pres. First Quorum*.

H. A. STEBBINS, *Sec'y First Quorum*.
Plano, Illinois, April 10, 1871.

Report of Second Quorum of Elders. The First Quorum of Elders having previously met, and in accordance with a resolution of the General Conference passed April 7th, 1871, the President of the First Quorum having appointed a President *pro tem.* for the Second Quorum, and an enrollment of names having been made for said Second Quorum, there was an adjournment of the Quorum to meet at 1 p. m., April 8th, 1871, to finish their organization.

Quorum met pursuant to adjournment, with Br. J. S. Patterson, President, *pro tem.*, and Henry A. Stebbins, acting Sec'y. Prayer by Br. Thomas France.

The enrollment of names was continued until the number of ninety-six was attained, when the President announced that the Quorum being full, no more names could be received. The next business being the choosing of officers, there was presented for President the names of Br. D. H. Smith, and Phineas Cadwell. On motion it was resolved to make the choice by ballot. The majority of votes were cast for Br. D. H. Smith, as President of the Second Quorum. The President chose Phineas Cadwell as his counselor, which was ratified by the Quorum.

On motion, the Quorum proceeded to ballot for Secretary. Jesse Broadbent was elected.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the officers of the First Quorum for their assistance in helping to organize the Second Quorum.

D. H. SMITH, *President*.

JESSE BROADBENT, *Secretary*.

On motion of Elder Sheen the recommendations made by the Quorums were carried.

Br. John H. Lake desired his name to be stricken out as a volunteer for the missionary field, as his pecuniary liabilities would prevent his filling a mission, under the rulings of the conference in relation to debt. On motion of Elder J. S. Patterson his request was granted.

The case of John Shippy was taken up. A motion to "cut off" failed—ruled as being out of order. A resolution to appoint a committee to correspond with John Shippy in relation to the matter, was made by Br. Dille, seconded by Br. Hicklin, and defeated.

A motion of Br. Ells to defer the consideration of this question till to-morrow morning, was seconded, and defeated.

By Elder *Forscutt*, seconded by Elder E. C. Briggs. Whereas Br. John Shippy has been found guilty of contempt of conference by the Elders' Quorum, it is hereby Resolved that the President of this conference demand his license, and the church be notified through the *Herald*, over the signature of the President and Secretary of the church that Br. John Shippy is silenced as a minister of the church, until a general conference of the church shall otherwise determine.

During the discussion on this resolution, the following substitute,

By Elder *D. H. Smith*, seconded by *H. S. Dille*, was presented. Resolved that *Br. Shippy* be cited to a proper tribunal to answer for contempt of Conference. On calling for the question the substitute was lost. On voting for the original resolution, it was unanimously sustained.

By Bishop *I. L. Rogers*, seconded by Elder *P. Cadwell*. That this conference proceed to appoint a publishing committee of five to carry on the printing and publishing department, and that this committee shall proceed to organize and commence business as speedily as possible, according to the law of the State of Illinois. Carried.

By Elder *J. Ells*. That Bishop *I. L. ROGERS* be one of that committee.

By *Bishop Rogers*. That President *JOSEPH SMITH* be one of that committee. Carried.

By Elder *J. S. Patterson*. That Elder *MARK H. FORSCUTT* be one of that committee.

Elder *Forscutt* desired that instead of the latter nomination the conference would consider the following motion. That President *Joseph Smith* and Bishop *I. L. Rogers*, as the heads of the two departments of the church chiefly concerned, nominate the remainder of the committee. Carried.

By Elder *I. Sheen*. That the resolution passed last Annual Conference touching the Publishing Board be reconsidered. Carried.

By Elder *Forscutt*. That the first resolution of last annual conference as touching the officers of the Board of Publication be amended by striking out the clause in parenthesis, "who shall be the President of the church," leaving the Board to elect its own president. Carried.

By Elder *J. S. Patterson*. That the resolution as amended be affirmed. Carried.

The President requested the brethren elected to the Presidency of the Elders' Quorum to come forward for ordination. A hymn was sung, the President engaged in prayer, and appointed apostles *J. Ells* and *E. C. Briggs*, Presidents *A. M. Wilsey* and *E. Banta* to ordain the brethren. Elder *Ells* then ordained *David H. Smith*, President of the Second Quorum of Elders; and Elder *Briggs* ordained *P. Cadwell* Counselor to the President of the same Quorum.

A young man from *Rochelle* named *Hagar* gave in his name for baptism.—*Br. Powell* was requested to attend to the ordinance. Benediction by the President.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7 p. m., opening service. Prayer by Elder *M. H. Forscutt*. The appointment of the remainder of the committee of Publication was made, the President assigning to Bishop *Rogers* the first right of choice. Bishop *Rogers* then selected *Br. Dancer*; the President selected *John Scott*; the Bishop selected *Elijah Banta*, thus completing the number, and the nominations were all confirmed by vote.

MISSIONS; RELEASES AND APPOINTMENTS.

On motion of Elder *J. S. Patterson*, Elders *J. H. Lake* and *J. S. Snively* were released from the mission assigned them last annual conference.

On motion of Elder *J. Ells*, Elder *Thomas E. Lloyd* was appointed to take a mission under the direction of Elder *J. Ells*.

On motion of Elder *Forscutt*, Elders *T. Nutt* and *Wm. Powell* were released from their appointment to the British mission.

On motion of Elder *Forscutt*, Elders *T. Nutt* was assigned to the *Fremont District*, to labor under the direction of Elder *Wm. Redfield*.

On motion of Elder *Dille*, Elders *Alex. H.* and *David H. Smith* were sustained as laborers in the vineyard under the President's direction.

On motion of *I. Sheen*, Elder *C. W. Lange* was appointed to labor under the direction of the President.

On motion of Elder *Dille*, Elder *Jesse Broadbent* was appointed to labor under the direction of the President.

On motion of Elder *Forscutt*, Elder *J. Snively* was appointed to labor under the direction of the President.

On motion of Elder *Patterson*, Elder *A. M. Wilsey* was released from his *Iowa* mission, and assigned to labor under the direction of Elder *J. Ells*.

On motion of Elder *Sheen*, Priest *Hans Anderson* was appointed to labor under the direction of the First Presidency.

On motion of Elder *Lake*, Elder *L. W. Babbit* was appointed to labor under the direction of the President.

On motion of Elder *Patterson*, all elders appointed by General Conference not released from their missions during this conference, are hereby sustained therein.

On motion of Elder *Forscutt*, Elder *G. M. Rush* was released from his mission to *Scotland*.

On motion of Elder *Forscutt*. The recommendation of *John H. Lake* to the *Seventys' Quorum* from the *Elders' Quorum* was confirmed.

On motion of E. C. Briggs, Elder John H. Lake was appointed to preside over the Canada mission. (Amendment to assign him to Eastern Iowa and North East Missouri failed.)

On motion of Elder A. M. Wilsey, Elder Lake was ordained to the office of a Seventy. He was ordained by Elders E. C. Briggs, J. Ells, and A. M. Wilsey.

The resolution for St. Louis Sub-District, No. 2, recommending Elder J. E. Betts for ordination as Bishop, was called up, and the following substitute for Br. Hicklin's resolution was presented and sustained.

By Elder Sheen. That the ordination of Br. Joseph E. Betts as Bishop of a Sub-District of the St. Louis District, is impracticable, the law in Book of Covenants, sec. 104, par. 8, requiring a Bishop to be "called and set apart and ordained unto this power by the hands of the presidency of the Melchisedec priesthood."

The written report of Elder Wm. Kelly, touching his labors, was then read by the Secretary, and approved.

A letter to the Secretary from Brs. Jas. G., John A., Moses R., Harbert and David Scott, and J. S. Constance, of Scottsville, Indiana, was read by him, in which they urged him to impress upon the conference the necessity of an elder visiting them this summer. The president promised to endeavor to supply the call at the earliest opportunity.

Benediction by the President.

TUESDAY APRIL 12TH.

MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m., opening services. Prayer by Elder Stafford. Minutes of preceding day read, corrected and approved.

On motion of Elder J. Ells, resolved that Br. Edmund L. Kelly be ordained a Priest, and labor under the direction of Elder E. C. Briggs, the Spirit testifying to his call in the ministry.

Br. Kelly was ordained under the hands of Elder E. C. Briggs, I. Sheen and E. Banta.

SUSTAINING OF OFFICERS.

On motion of different brethren, the following names were presented with results specified.

Joseph Smith sustained as President, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator of the Church.

William Marks sustained as Counselor to the President.

Jason W. Briggs sustained as President of the Quorum of Apostles.

Zenos H. Gurley sustained as a member of the Quorum of Apostles.

Wm. W. Blair sustained as a member of the Quorum of Apostles.

Samuel Powers sustained as a member of the Quorum of Apostles.

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

E. C. Briggs sustained as a member of the Quorum of Apostles.

Josiah Ells sustained as a member of the Quorum of Apostles.

Isaac Sheen sustained as President of the High Priests' Quorum.

Joseph Parsons sustained as Counselor of the High Priests' Quorum.

The High Priests' Quorum sustained as a body.

A. M. Wilsey sustained as President of the Seventys' Quorum, and the Quorum as a body.

E. Banta as President, and J. S. Patterson as Counselor of the First Quorum of Elders.

D. H. Smith as President, and P. Cadwell as Counselor of the Second Quorum of Elders.

The Elders as a body were sustained.

Israel L. Rogers sustained as presiding Bishop of the church. Wm. Aldrich sustained as Counselor to the Bishop, and a recommendation passed that he be ordained at the next Annual Conference.

The lesser priesthood as a body, and the members of the church, male and female, were voted to be sustained.

M. H. Forscutt as General Church Sec'y.

I. Sheen as General Church Recorder.

Joseph Smith sustained as Editor and Mark H. Forscutt as Assistant Editor of the *Herald* and *Hope*. The latter tendered his resignation both as Secretary and Assistant Editor, expressing an opinion that contingencies would probably arise that might render it necessary for him to leave the office, and he did not wish to do so unless honorably released. The President thought the contingencies apprehended by the Secretary would not arise, and he hoped the brother would withdraw his resignation; but should they arise, whatever they might be, he felt that all parties would be exonerated in the matter; and with this understanding, he asked the brother to continue. Elder Forscutt expressed willingness to remain under these conditions, and paid a high compliment to the senior Editor with whom he had labored without any misunderstanding and with much satisfaction.

On motion of Br. J. S. Patterson, a vote of thanks was tendered to the brethren and sisters of Plano and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality.

On motion of Br. Lake, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Secretary of the conference and his Assistants.

On motion of Elder E. Hulmes, seconded by Elder Forscutt. Resolved that as the Sunday School Cause forms an important feature in the great work of the last days, the officers and teachers thereof are hereby sustained in their calling to care for the lambs of Israel's fold.

The Secretary presented to the conference the suggestion of Hymn Book Committee that a committee on music be appointed to compose tunes and form a Music Book adapted to the peculiar character of our hymns, which suggestion he recommended to the conference. He also recommended the appointing a committee for the purpose of preparing a Book of By-Laws, Rules and Regulations to govern the church in all its legislative assemblies, that the members might become familiar with the rules proper to govern them, the better expedite the business before them, free the President from the unthankful task of having to so frequently call them to order, themselves the humiliation of being so called, and make of themselves, as Israel, a body of legislators worthy their high destiny.

The following resolution was presented, which, with the recommendation of the Secretary, were, by unanimous vote, ordered to be placed on record for the action of the next General Conference.

By Br. Ellis. Resolved that this conference does hereby reaffirm the decree of the grand council held in Kirtland, in 1835, Joseph Smith, jr., presiding, which council asserted the exclusive jurisdiction of all branches, regarding the right to labor only by permission within their own recognized limits, and which rule, so reaffirmed, as a sequence, applies with equal force to Districts also.

On motion of Elder Banta, Resolved that do now adjourn.

In rising to present the motion, the President took occasion to thank the brethren and the conference generally for their wise and earnest co-operation, and to ask if in his rulings or policy he had in any wise done wrong or hurt the feelings of any, he might be forgiven. His speech was such as the conference had not expected—it made children of men, and taught us all that the Savior's words had found a living

exemplification; that the one highest in station among us was the humblest of all. The brave men wept, the strong men could hardly suppress the sob which the unclosed fountain of the heart's deep well forced upwards and outwards. But not until a motion was presented "That a vote of thanks be tendered to our beloved President for the efficient manner in which he has presided over this conference," and the President arose and meekly said, "Rather give thanks to God," was the climax gained; and when the Secretary put the motion, the response was indeed a witness to God, to the holy messengers in attendance, and to men, how much of gratitude Israel felt that God had again restored to him the house of Joseph.

Hymn 229, of the new Hymn Book was sung, and well indeed did it express the deep feelings of the heart, and the blessed influences surrounding us at the close of our glorious conference.

Benediction was given by the President. The office had printed three hundred copies of a selection of fifty-five hymns from the new Hymn Book, twenty-five of which were original, for the use of the conference, and very efficient help was rendered by the Plano choir, assisted by Mrs. Cadwell, D. H. Smith, T. Lloyd, E. Hulmes and others; Mrs. Norman W. Smith, David H. Smith, and M. H. Forscutt presiding at the organ, or leading the music, as mutually agreed upon by them.

The High Priests' Quorum, the First and the Second Quorum of Elders, each held two sessions during the conference, and it is hoped and believed much good will result.

JOSEPH SMITH, }
WM. MARKS, } *Presidents.*
MARK H. FORSCUTT, *Secretary.*
EDWIN STAFFORD, *Assistant.*
JESSE BROADBENT, *Reporter.*

Question to "Leonidas."

"Hereafter I will not talk much with you. For the Prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."—John 14: 30.

Does this mean Christ, or Satan?
Who is the accuser? S.

WHEN you doubt between words, choose the plainest, the commonest, the most idiomatic. Eschew fine words as you would rouge; love simple ones as you would native roses on your cheeks.

Miscellaneous.

NOTICE!—Special attention of the saints in the Michigan District is called to the conference appointed to convene, Saturday, June 3d, at Galien, Berrien county, Mich. With the help of Brn. E. L. Kelley, Joseph Smith and perhaps others from abroad, it is hoped much may be done for the furtherance of the good work already begun among us, to which may our prayers be directed.

E. C. BRIGGS, *President.*

JOLIET, Ill., May 1st, 1871.

NOTICE TO THE HANLEY BRANCH.—The branch of the church at Hanley, England,

is hereby notified that the course of those who despise authority cannot be recognized. The law of God is paramount in the church, and by it alone, and not opinion, can any difficulty or misunderstanding which may arise be settled. And unless they proceed in the case as they have been directed by the President of the English Mission, they will be disfellowshipped.

JOSIAH ELLS, *of the Twelve.*

CORRECTION.—On page 212, present volume, instead of Evening Star Branch, it should have been Santa Rosa Branch, Florida, as Conference was adjourned to the latter place.

C. G. LANPHEAR, *President.*

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF BISHOP'S ACCOUNT

With the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, given pursuant to a resolution of the April Conference, for 1870.

Church of Jesus Christ in Account with Israel L. Rogers, Bishop of said Church.

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Jan. 1st, 1871.	By Balance, per <i>Herald</i> , January 15th, 1871.	\$585 25
“ 25th, “	“ Sale of Meeting House in Ohio.—Cash remitted by } John Evans	100 00
Feb. 27th, “	“ Tithing from Oliver Hayer	20 00
“ 27th “	“ “ “ John Hougas.	1 00
Mar. 29th, “	“ Offering from Emeline Tucker and Maria Naiden ...	10 00
“ “ “	“ Tithing from Eli Wildermuth	65
Apr. 16th, “	“ “ “ Sr. R. W. Kendall.	3 00
“ “ “	“ Premium on \$250 in gold, received from Br. Stephen Wood, and previously credited.	25 00
“ “ “	“ Premium on \$200 in gold, received from T. J. Andrews, and previously credited.	22 00
“ “ “	“ Premium on \$227 in gold, received from Bro's Kinley, Andrews, Hart, and McClane, previously credited	24 97
“ “ “	“ Error in <i>Herald</i> account, in omission of Christian Anderson	10 00
“ “ “	“ Error in <i>Herald</i> account, in omission of Mad Powlson	5 00
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Jan. 9th, 1871.	To paid J. W. Briggs (English Mission).....	\$75 00
“ 11th, “	“ E. Banta (for poor of Sandwich)	26 00
“ 20th, “	“ W. C. Lanyon	15 00
“ 25th, “	“ T. W. Smith (Southern Mission).....	50 00