

mocked that the "Mormons" had a right to a place in the Christian household. The stone rejected by these would-be builders would yet be known as the head of the corner.

The choir sang the anthem:

"From afar gracious, Lord Thou, hast gathered Thy flock."

The benediction was pronounced by Elder W. C. Dunbar.

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

This conference convened on Saturday, April 25th, at Mount Liberty, Barbour County, West Virginia. President O. H. Randall presided. Present, local President O. H. Randall, Elders George Skinner and David Sudworth, of the New York and Canada district, Elder Eleazer Asay, of the New Jersey field, Elders Freeman, Waite, Hunter and Thomas of the West Virginia field, and Elders J. H. Denio and H. C. Keetch, late arrivals from Zion.

Meeting was opened at 10 a. m. with singing and prayer. President George Randall spoke of the temporal and spiritual blessings received by obedience to the Gospel, and read the articles of faith of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a text for the speakers during conference. He read from St. John xvii, 3, and Hebrews xi, 6, refuted the general idea that the Father and Son are one, and showed that they are not only separate and distinct entities, but tangible, and that the prevailing doctrines were a result of a departure from the Gospel as taught by inspired Apostles.

Elder E. Asay quoted Matthew vi, 33, wherein great promises are made, predicated on the fact that we obey the injunction of the Savior to "seek first the kingdom of God." He briefly alluded to the principles of the kingdom, and said that obedience to divine laws brought the promised blessings.

Elder Joseph Waite said no man should attempt to speak of the things of God if destitute of the Spirit. "Mormonism," so-called, was built upon pillars of truth. He also dwelt upon the necessity of revelation.

At 2 p. m. the Elders present were joined by President Charles W. Stayner.

Elder George Skinner read from Romans i, 16, 17; and also from James, chapter 2, to show that the Gospel not only comprehends a belief, but works as well. He dwelt at some length upon the first principles of the Gospel, putting them forth as laws of God, and said it was necessary to observe them in order to receive blessings of God.

Elder W. H. Freeman corroborated the testimony of Elder Skinner and gave further evidence concerning the restoration of the Gospel.

President C. W. Stayner said an error had crept into modern christianity—that of educating ministers. He was himself a friend of education; but the most marked power in the Gospel had been held by men of little learning. In order that the world might be left without excuse, God would send them educated as well as uneducated men. A wall of prejudice had been built between the world and the Latter-day Saints which had been used to defend us, and lies had been circulated for our disadvantage.

He hoped the people would not be deceived.

Conference adjourned to meet at the residence of Mr. Ketchen, Union, Barbour county.

At the evening service Elder Denio addressed the congregation on first principles, especially on baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost. He quoted from Mark 16, and Corinthians 12, to show their essentiality. We must go on to perfection if we wish to obtain eternal life.

President Stayner spoke of our previous existence and the necessity for tabernacled here in order to test our capability of immortal life. The keys of revelation were necessary to unlock the mysteries of the kingdom. The Latter-day Saints had better hopes at the thought of Christ's second coming than had the world.

At the morning meeting on April 26 Elder S. W. D. Hunter was the first speaker. He was followed by Elder David Sudworth, who claimed that the Latter-day Saints advocated the principles of the true Gospel. The same promises made to former Saints had been made to us, and would follow believers.

President Stayner testified to the conditions necessary for the remission of sins, and to the truth of the existence of gifts, blessings, etc., belonging to the Church today.

At 2 p. m. on Sunday Elder H. F. Thomas spoke upon the necessity of repentance, which should be regarded by those who are and who are not members as it was taught, as a law of God, and as Paul taught—"that all have come short of the glory of God."

Elder Asay did not consider it a Christian act to persecute a man holding views contrary to himself. He felt sorry for those who rejected the Elder's testimony, but did not hate them for it. He had himself accepted the Gospel as preached by the Latter-day Saints, finding it to be true, and had been blessed with the signs promised to believers.

President Stayner remarked that God Almighty had revealed His mind and will through Joseph Smith to declare His Gospel to the world, commissioning men to go forth and preach the Gospel. He described the Kingdom which Nebuchadnezzar saw in vision and interpreted by Daniel the Prophet, depicting vividly the breaking up of the power of different kingdoms, the delivery of the same unto their successors, and the setting up of the Kingdom of God, in the days of ten kings, which would consist of a reign of righteousness and peace "from the rivers unto the ends of the earth."

At the evening service Elder Heber C. Keetch, President O. H. Randall and President Stayner bore their testimony to the truth of the great Latter-day work.

A Priesthood meeting convened at 9 a. m. on April 27th. The Elders made verbal reports of their labors for the past six months, showing the meetings held, the number of baptisms, and the general condition of their respective districts. Their testimony showed that there is a growing inclination for Church literature, that many friends are being gained, and that the people are investing the Gospel in many instances. Instructions on the manner of ordinations, confirmations, etc., were

given by President Stayner, who announced the release of Elders Randall and Hunter, and the following appointments were made:

Elder W. H. Freeman to preside over the conference and travel in this county and vicinity.

Elder H. F. Thomas to act as clerk of the conference and travel in connection with Elder J. H. Denio in New Jersey and New York districts.

Elders George Skinner and Heber C. Keetch to travel in Wetzel and Tyler counties.

Elders Joseph Waite and David Sudworth to travel in Calhoun county and vicinity.

President Randall thanked the Elders for their kindness toward himself and their willingness to labor in the fields designated.

The spirit of peace prevailed throughout the conference, and all separated with the most kindly feelings.

H. F. THOMAS,
Clerk of Conference.

PHILIPPI, Barbour Co., W. Va.,
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CHRONOLOGY FOR 1889.

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ABBREVIATIONS.—Unl. coh., unlawful cohabitation; Utah Pen., Utah Penitentiary.

JANUARY.

This month was the coldest January known for years in Utah.—Germans were reported to have committed outrages on the Samoan Islands and attacked Austrian interests.

Tu. 1.—P. W. Cook released from the Utah Pen.—A total solar eclipse afforded astronomers fine opportunities for astronomical observations in the Western Territories.—A destructive fire visited St. Louis, Mo.

Wed. 2.—Thomas Barratt, of American Fork, Utah Co., released from the Utah Pen.—In the U. S. Senate, Senator Edmunds introduced a remonstrance from Gentile women in Utah against Utah's admission into the Union as a State.—An enabling act for the admission of Arizona and Idaho into the Union as States was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Springer.

Thurs. 3.—In the First District Court, at Ogden, William H. Maughan, of Wellsville, Cache Co., was sentenced to 2½ years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$200 and costs, for alleged adultery and unl. coh.

Fri. 4.—Jesse Gardner, of Springville, Utah Co., released from the Utah Pen.

Sat. 5.—Clara Decker Young, wife of the late President Brigham Young and one of the three Pioneer women of 1847, died in Salt Lake City.—Elder William C. Morris, of Salt Lake City, died in New York from the effects of inhaling gas.—A riot took place at Seattle, Washington Ter., between Miners' Union and Knights of Labor.

Sun. 6.—E. J. Wetherill, the husband of the renowned singer, Emma Abbott, died in Denver, Col.

Mon. 7.—In the First District Court, at Ogden, Bishop Sanford Bingham, of Riverdale, Weber Co., was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and \$100 fine and costs, for unl. coh.—Thomas Brown killed by a "cave" in a mine in Pleasant Valley, Utah.—C. P. Nielsen, of Moroni, released from the Utah Pen.

Tu. 8.—In the First District Court, at Ogden, Charles S. Hall, of Portage, was sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment and costs for adultery and unl. coh., and Frederick G. Ralph to four months and costs, for unl. coh.—Alley Thatcher, relict of the late Hezekiah Thatcher, and mother of Apostle Moses Thatcher, died in Salt Lake City.—An attempt was made to blow up the Royal Palace at Madrid, Spain, by dynamite.

Wed. 9.—A terrible cyclone at Reading