

Elder Heber C. Anderson was the first speaker. He deemed it a great privilege to have the opportunity of again addressing the Saints and people of Manard, and bearing his testimony. Said the cause of truth was progressing in this part of the Lord's vineyard, through the earnest labors of the Elders in visiting and holding meetings wherever opportunity presented itself, and in conversing upon the principles of the Gospel he bore a strong testimony to the divinity of the Gospel; touched lightly on the first principles, showing the necessity of complying with the laws and ordinances which were established by our Savior, that we may be led back into the presence of our Creator.

Elder William E. Newman was the next speaker, and took for his subject, "What is man?" He read the hymn, "Oh my Father thou that dwellest, and went on to illustrate man's origin, proving from the scriptures, that we had dwelt in a pre-existent state, and were the children of God. He then exhorted all under the sound of his voice, to avoid procrastination, and accept the word of the Lord today, as promulgated by His servants; he went on to show that all were responsible for their own salvation, in choosing their own course. He spoke upon the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, salvation of the dead, and up on the persecutions which the prophets and Saints have endured in these days, as well as in the days of the Savior; also the blessings that the Saints are enjoying now, through obedience to divine laws.

Benediction by Brother Henry Bergdorf.

Afternoon services commenced by singing; Prayer by Elder W. H. Green, singing, "The time is far spent." Elder W. D. Bowring being called upon said he was pleased to be with his brothers and sisters and friends of the Cherokee nation, and to grasp the hand of fellowship. Reviewed the remarks of Elder Newman, which were delivered in the morning, on what is man, and then took up the subject of revelation from the Adamic dispensation down to the dispensation of the meridian of time in which the birth of Christ proving that every dispensation was ushered in by direct revelation from God. He then quoted scripture to prove that man has no authority to take from or add to the words of the book, but that that did not prevent God from giving more revelation for the guidance of mankind. He exhorted all to investigate the principles of the Gospel.

Elder P. H. Margetts president of the conference, took up the subject of the divinity of the Bible. He showed that it was necessary for all to understand the scriptures, to thoroughly realize their own positions, and also that they might satisfy themselves, that the Book of Mormon was the record that should come for them in the last days, and be joined with the Jewish record for the perfecting of the spread of the truth.

Benediction by Elder P. M. Oldroyd. We then held a short priesthood meeting Elder W. D. Bowring instructing the Elders upon the temporal and spiritual affairs of the mission. He gave some good advice pertaining to traveling, health and sickness. The Elders all bore their testimony as to the good work in which they were engaged, and after a hearty hand shake, separated to meet again on the 16th of the month at Blackgum conference.

May 16th 1896—Conference convened this morning at Blackgum settlement. Opened by singing; Prayer by Elder W. H. Green; singing Elder P. H. Margetts gave an opening address.

D. T. Hawkey was the next speaker, upon the subject of Faith.

Elder W. D. Bowring followed treating upon the principles of revelation, and education.

Meeting adjourned until three o'clock. Afternoon services opened by singing; prayer by Elder Oldroyd; singing.

Elder W. A. Turner bore his testimony to the work in which he was engaged.

J. A. Eardley then spoke upon the apostasy.

Brother H. W. Noble spoke at some length upon the divinity of the Book of Mormon. He related how the angel revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith, the place where the plates of the Book of Mormon were buried, and detailed its history from that time to the time it was translated.

Meeting adjourned until Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, singing. Benediction by Elder William Spillman.

Just before services commenced, Elder P. H. Margetts was called upon to unite in the bonds of wedlock Mr. James Henry Hughes and Mrs. Louisa Tilitha Robertson, which ceremony he performed with all the dignity of an old hand, and sent the happy couple away rejoicing, amid the congratulations of friends.

Sunday morning our conference convened; after singing and prayer, meeting was addressed by Elder Newman, who dwelt briefly upon the first principles of the Gospel, and then spoke of the apostasy from the primitive church. The way Elder Newman handled the subject, proved that he was dictated by the spirit of inspiration.

At the close of the services, Elder Margetts invited all who had questions to ask to do so. A minister arose and denied that the healing power that existed with the primitive Church, was on the earth today, and called upon those who had received any benefits from the ministrations of the Mormon Elders, to stand up. There were five or six arose and bore a strong testimony to the ordinance; not one of them was a member of the Church. This demonstration under the existing circumstances, was a great testimony. After our meeting we were called upon for tracts, and information, which was given to the satisfaction of all. Benediction by Elder Richardson.

Afternoon services opened by singing; prayer was offered by Elder William Spillman.

Elder P. H. Margetts being the first speaker, dwelt for some time upon the dispensation, ushered in by the Savior, and the miracles He performed, and spoke upon His mission to the earth, which was to redeem that which was lost by Adam and to restore laws and ordinances, which it lived up to would eventually lead back into the presence of our Heavenly Father. He then bore a strong testimony as to the divinity of the work that we were engaged in, also bade the people adieu, as he was about to leave to labor in another part of the vineyard.

Elder Green was the next speaker, said that he was pleased to be able to bear his testimony in this part of the country. He spoke upon authority to act in the name of the Lord.

Mr. John Davis was then asked to speak for a short time and said that he had been traveling around in different parts of the United States lecturing upon the precious truths contained in Holy writ. Told how he became acquainted with the Mormon Elders, and said that the gift of healing was with the household of faith. He said he expected in the near future to become initiated into the Church.

Elder W. D. Bowring made a few closing remarks and bore a strong testimony to the truthfulness of the things which had been spoken during our short stay here. He spoke for a short time on the first principles of the Gospel, and thanked the people for the kindness extended to the Elders during conference. Benediction was pronounced by Elder Heber C. Anderson, thus closing one of the most enjoyable gatherings experienced here.

All Elders will now repair to their respective fields to continue their labors. Ever praying for the cause in which we are engaged, and the further success of your valuable paper, we are your brethren in the truth.

P. H. MARGETTS, President.
WILLIAM SPILLMAN, Secretary.
Cherokee Conference.

NEWS NOTES.

The Hanford, Cal., Sentinel says three young men have located a coal mine near ArCADE and are making an average of \$7 per day taking out coal.

Complaint is very general from sections dependent for irrigation water on the summer flow of streams of a south supply in Southern California.

The Fraser river is rising at New Westminster, B. C., the snow melting rapidly in the present warm weather. Great quantities of driftwood are being carried down the river.

James Kirkendall, of Leland, Idaho, was drowned in the Clearwater river on Monday. He was out on a raft which was caught in an eddy and submerged.

A sheep herder on the Upper Sespe, near Ventura, Cal., was caught by a grizzly bear last Monday night and badly mauled before aid reached him. The man was taken to Cuyama and the bear escaped.

Up to June 1st there had been shipped from Ontario, Cal., for the season 117,184 boxes of oranges, and 17,757 boxes of lemons. The orange season is practically wound up, only a few carloads of Valencia lemons remaining.

The Pomona, Cal., Fruit Exchange distributed its sixth dividend the other day, and is about ready to declare another. The management has called in all the oranges now on hand, and in a few days more the season's packing and shipping will be ended.

Passengers on a San Jose, Cal., street car were shocked Sunday afternoon to see a man fall off the car dead. He was removed to the morgue and identified as John Campbell, one of a firm in the wood, hay and grocery business in the city.

At Molano, Idaho, on Saturday evening, Mrs. L.asure, a woman who had taken a dislike to Governor McCool, threw an egg at the governor as his carriage was passing her house.