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IN KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

Buford, Ky June 24th, 1896.

We have come together again in conference, and a happier band of Elders it would be hard to meet. Our meetings were held in a large bowery, the weather being only 98 degrees in the shade on Brother Jewel's place, Buford, where there is a branch of the Church. Our beloved president, E. S. Kimball, of the Southern States mission was with us. At 10 a. m. June 20th, our meetings commenced Elder S. A. Smith presiding. The first four principles of the Gospel were carefully and systematically taken up and explained by the Elders during our four meetings.

Our dinners were like picnics to Liberty Park, Salt Lake City—they were spread on the grass under the trees where there was plenty of shade. We Elders would get stout if we could just have a few conferences like these every month. It was a feast of good things all around.

After our conference meetings were over Elder Kimball gathered all the Elders together and gave them instructions. He advised the Elders to keep on the first principles of the Gospel—faith, repentance, baptism and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost—when holding meetings. Paul says, "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." When the Elders preach the Word to these people they should teach them the foundation principles so that their faith may be like the house that was built on the rock, "and the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock." We cannot hope to instill faith in the hearts of men unless we have faith ourselves.

Elder Kimball read from President Wilford Woodruff's words, where he says when he was preaching the Gospel to the people they believed on him and his sayings. Elder Kimball said, "In this lies the secret. The Holy Ghost testifies to them that you are speaking the truth." He told a beautiful parable about the Elders preaching the Gospel in the world. He said the world is like an immense wheat field in which our one thousand Elders are working. The wheat in some places is ripe and in others yet green—England is ripe, Germany and the United States are ripening, while Russia is yet green.

Our one thousand Elders are now going forth and reaping the harvest; but the time will come when we will have ten thousand Elders out in the field working. He said the Apostles of old preached the Gospel without purse or scrip, and Christ said to them, "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses." He told all the Elders he would like them all to travel among this people entirely without money in their pockets, so that they could depend upon the Lord to raise up friends for them, and if they would do this he prophesied that friends should be raised up to minister to their needs. All the Elders in this conference bore their testimony to the truth of the Gospel and

promised to travel without purse and scrip; so now the Kentucky Elders will travel hereafter absolutely and entirely without money—both in the cities and in the country—depending on the friends they make to minister to their needs.

In this conference we have twenty six bright energetic Elders trying to follow instructions and working as the Apostles of old without purse or scrip. Since last conference there have been sixty-three baptisms, 689 meetings held, and 22,593 tracts distributed. Our desire is to progress. Our conference is like an individual, we learn a little day by day.

Life is made of smallest fragments,
Shade and sunshine, work and play;
So may we with greatest profit,
Learn a little every day.

Elder Orson S. Taylor of the Virginia conference came over to visit relatives in Kentucky, and, on his way home, visited us at conference. He and Elder M. Spencer leave for Utah tomorrow.

The following are the Elders' addresses:

Stephen A. Smith and E. J. Merrill, Hopkinsville, Christian Co., Kentucky.
G. F. Ellsworth and A. Roylance, Henderson, Henderson Co., Kentucky.
F. E. Allred and I. C. Canfield, Canton, Trigg Co., Kentucky.
F. D. Richardson and A. Ipsen, Owensboro, Daviess Co., Kentucky.
D. G. Miller and William Anderson, Brandenburg, Meade Co., Kentucky.
John C. Cutler Jr., and (new Elder to come) Lebanon, Marion Co., Kentucky.
T. Martin and William King, Greensburg, Green Co., Kentucky.
D. J. Blake and L. B. Pace, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky.
J. J. Croshaw and D. E. Jones, Springfield, Washington Co., Kentucky.
J. H. Hanson and N. D. Kartchner, Columbia, Adair Co., Kentucky.
A. W. Platt and G. A. Pincock, Elizabethtown, Hardin Co., Kentucky.
J. J. Tanner and N. Martineau, Campbellsville, Taylor Co., Kentucky.
J. E. Naylor and J. J. Bowen, Hodgenville, Larue Co., Kentucky.

Yours Truly,

STEPHEN A. SMITH, Prest.
JOHN C. CUTLER, JR., Clerk.

WASATCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Minutes of Wasatch Stake Sunday school conference held in the Stake house at Heber, June 13th and 14th. There were present on the stand all of the Stake superintendents, General Secretary J. M. Whitaker and several of the local authorities. Superintendent Jos. H. Lambert presided.

The calling of the Stake roll by the secretary showed a small attendance of officers and teachers, but at the officers' meeting held Sunday there was a large attendance.

After a few opening remarks by Superintendent J. H. Lambert, Wm. Daybell of Charleston and Wm. Lindsay of Heber reported the condition of their respective schools.

Thillie and Annie Clegg of Heber rendered a beautiful duet.

Bishop Thos. Stichen and Stake Secretary L. B. Duke made a few remarks. On account of so few of the superintendents and teachers being present Elder J. M. Whitaker withheld his remarks to them and spoke to the children.

Saturday afternoon session.—After the usual opening exercises Elder Jos.

A. Rasband, recently returned from a three-years mission to the Samoan islands, gave an account of the Sunday school work in that mission; said the pupils are very apt in answering questions from the Bible, Book of Mormon, Church history, etc. They are a great people for believing in and practicing the principle of prayer.

Frankie Peterson, a small boy of Lake creek school, sang Little Robert Reed.

Bishop N. C. Murdock and President T. H. Giler, who had been acquainted with the Sunday school cause from its inception in this Stake, contrasted the pleasant circumstances with which we are surrounded now with those of the commencement and attributing the difference to the blessings of God.

Assistant Superintendent R. Bridge admonished all to take a deeper interest in the training of their children.

Elder J. M. Whitaker commented on the fast day; said it was not intended to take the place of the general fast day but was a privilege, the observance of which had been attended with good results; also spoke of the use of the visiting book; urged the people to cultivate the principle of prayer.

During the progress of the afternoon session General Treasurer Geo. Reynolds arrived. He said the foremost object for which the Sunday schools were established was that the truths of the everlasting Gospel might be instilled in the minds of the children. Warned superintendents and teachers against the growing tendency of introducing district school work in Sunday schools.

Sunday morning service.—Following the devotional exercises the Articles of Faith and the Lord's prayer were repeated in concert by the conference, conducted by John T. Gilles of Heber.

Elder George Reynolds gave many instructions regarding the conduct of Sunday school classes.

Miss Jennie McMullin of Heber gave a lecture on the benefits derived from attending Sunday school.

Assistant Superintendents McMillan and Bridge reported their labors.

Elder John M. Whitaker addressed the meeting on the power of example.

Immediately after the close of the forenoon service an officers' and teachers' meeting was held, at which much valuable instruction was given by the visiting brethren, and several questions were answered.

Sunday afternoon Superintendent Lambert made a report of his labors during the past year, after which the financial and statistical reports of the Stake were given by the Stake secretary, who also presented the general and local authorities.

Elders John M. Whitaker and Geo. Reynolds addressed the meeting.

On account of lack of time all the superintendents did not report their schools but those who did were in the main favorable.

L. B. DUKE, Stake Secretary,
Heber, Wasatch County, Utah.

A little eight-year-old boy named Wirkman has been arrested at Butte, Mont., on a charge of burglary. He walked into a wholesale liquor store, went behind the counter, opened the till, and took out \$2.