The Indiana Conference.

MARION, Williamson County,
Illinois, Sept. 24, 1895.

To the Editor:

I take pleasure in hereby submitting for the benefit of all interested, the report of our conference, which was held on the 14th, 15th and 16th of the present month at the new commodious "Nock" school house, Johnson county, Illinois, about four miles southwest of Vienna. The weather was fine and quite warm, and the roads were in very good condition, thus affording the opportunity for the gathering of the large crowds that were present from a radius of twenty miles in extent.

Saturday at 10 a.m. there were present in their respective places the president of the mission, Elder Joshua R. Clark, and traveling Elders Jos. E. Bradshaw, Thos. L. Allen, D. H. Roberts, Cornelius S. Green, A. H. Telford, Nephi H. Rowe, A. M. Archibald, Levi R. Reynolds, Moses Harris, John H. Sims, John H. Davis, Jos. G. Hauck and Joe Empey.

After the usual opening, Elder Roberts stated briefly the object of the conference and made some remarks upon the principles of faith. Elder Joseph Empey followed upon the gospel and the necessity of obedience thereto. Elder Reynolds followed upon the principles of repentance with illustrations.

While the above named meeting was in progress, a buggy stopped at the door and several men alighted, and they held a brief consultation, when one remarked, "Boys, I know this is the right place, that old fox just the right kind of a ring to it," and then they walked in. They were Elders Stulley D. Cohen, Francis M. Stephenson, Willard E. Cragun, Christian Larsen, Walter C. Humphreys, Niels P. Anderson and Ernest M. Boyer, our brethren who had just arrived from Zion, to assist us in the labor of love.

The noon hours were spent in amply satisfying the inner man with the delicacies prepared and spread out upon the grass by the good sisters, after which there was singing and conversation indulged in until 2 p. m., when meeting was again resumed. Elder Cohen spoke upon the Holy Spirit of promise in connection with the Gospel. Elder Rowe bore testimony to the truth and treated upon baptism. Elder Stout proved the necessity of the laying on of hands as a Gospel ordinance now as in former days. Elder Rogers bore testimony and showed the necessity of works with faith in order to make faith perfect. Elder Clark spoke of the "strange" mission of the Elders, showing the difference between their message and that of the false teachers of the present century, showing also the necessity of listening to the Elders' warning voices and of accepting their teachings; bore strong and explicit testimony to the truth and grandeur of the work. Said that there was a general fast of twenty-four hours proclaimed throughout the Northern States mission beginning that evening as usual, for increased blessings and powers and facilities for the promulgation of the Gospel and the health and strength of the Church servants of the Lord, etc. He desired the blessings of the Lord to be the happy lot of all.

At 7:15 p.m. we met again and Elder Bradshaw showed the simplicity and plainness of the Gospel. Elder Telford took II John 9, 10 and 11 as a text, reminding all that sincere belief in false principles would not make them true.

Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Elder Roberts was called to speak upon the restoration of the Gospel and also briefly referred to the apostacy. Elder Davis compared the truth of primitive times with the truth at present showing the similarity.

The noon hours were spent in song and the pleasant exchange of thought.

At 2 p.m. meeting was called to order and Elder Allen proved the necessity of Church organization and the beauty of salvation for the dead.

Elder Telford proved the divinity of the Book of Mormon from the prophecies contained in the Bible.

At 7:30 p. m. Elder Green took on a summary of the Gospel as treated upon by the Elders, also showing the necessity of Divine authority, touching the unchangeableness and personality of God.

This was the last general meeting of the conference. The Spirit of the Lord was manifest in the truth and power of the words of the Elders. A feast of fat things had been given and our souls were, "as a watered garden."

Monday morning the Elders assembled in Priesthood meeting. A brief report of the work in each field was given, which showed marked advancement in every way desirable which filled each bosom with joy, satisfaction, and thanks to our Father in heaven for his goodness. The following is a synopsis of the work accomplished from March 1st to Sept. 1st, 1895:

Families visited, 2,712; refused entertainment, 289; nights without beds, 7; tracts distributed, 6,981; Voice of Warning distributed, 2,[illegible]; miles walked, 3,877; meetings held, 223; houses refused, 41; appointments called, 28; administrations to the sick, 70; children blessed, 12; baptisms, [illegible]; confirmed, 5; Gospel conversations, 1,[illegible]; Sunday schools in running order, 2; Sunday schools disorganized on account of Saints gathering, 1.

The Elders were appointed to labor in the future addressed as follows:

Elders Samuel G. Spencer and Walter C. Humphreys, Box 165, Marion, Williamson county, Ill.

Elders Enoch Harris and Christian Larsen, Anna, Union county, Ill.

Elders Jos. G. Hauck and Allen M. Archibald, Wyoming, Ill.

Elders Cornelius S. Green and Francis M. Stephenson, Vienna, Johnson county, Ill.

Elders Thomas L. Allen and Nephi N. Rogers, Walpole, Hamilton county, Ill.

Elders Job H. Stout and Levi R. Reynolds, Bloomfield, Greene county, Ind.

Elders Joseph Empey and Wilford R. Clark, Terrell, Clay City county, Ind.

Elders John N. Davis and Niels P. Anderson, Bobtown, Green county, Ind.

Elder Andrew A. Dahle, Mt. Olive, Montgomery county, Ill.

Elders Stulley D. Cohen and Ernest B. Tarbell, Centralia, Marion county, Ill.

Elders Germon Buchanan and David H. Roberts, Murphysboro, Jackson county, Ill.

Elders B. H. Telford and Ernest M. Boyer, Crawfordsville, St. Joseph Co., Ind.

The Elders expressed their feelings and the Spirit of the Lord was manifest in power, and we could commend and appreciate the following words of the poet:

"Ye who firmly stand on God
Your woes of the grave,
Disregarding fear, overcoming ills,
Seek not to be of the world,
Through every danger, ills,
Where love life cannot be dwelling."

"And even now the Lord believes
Here, more than ever, can tell
Of that which I can his presence form:
Yes, brethren, all is well."

Much good and timely instruction was given by the spirit and was exceedingly edified by all as all felt from the lips of Pres. Clark and Elder Green. Meeting closed with singing "Adieu, my dear brethren, adieu."

At 3 p. m. Elders Cohen, Allen, Davis, Stout, Archibald, Rogers, Anderson and Roberts, walked six miles north to Harrisburg, and in the evening held a meeting at Brother Wright's W. Baker home. The remainder of the Elders traveled immediately to Cave Creek, about two miles southwest of the city of Marion, and Elder Green baptized two penitent believing souls.

Tuesday morning we all met in Vienna and saying some than to part we indulged in a warm and social time, spending the time pleasantly. At 6:15 p. m. the northbound Big Four train caused a separation, taking several of the brethren to their respective fields of labor.

The Elders and those interested who came from distances were most heartily welcomed during conference by Mr. Samuel Miller (who also kindly furnished us with an organ) Mr. J. D. Wright and brother, Mr. Hall, Mr. Baker, Andrews, Mr. Wm. Brown, Mr. Geo. Anderson, Mr. Wesley Houlhouser, Mr. Wm. Fra[illegible], Mr. John Williams, Mrs. Roby, Mr. Samuel Fordy, Mr. Logan Bernard, Brothers Wm. H. Hole, Jacob Bernard, Moses Hill, Jerome Coleman, Amos A. Jones and Mr. B. S. Johnson. Their kindness was much appreciated by all, and may the Lord bless them abundantly to all that is righteous.

The success in the material part of the program, which was quite enjoyed, is due largely to the able and noble efforts of Miss Della Johnson, who handled the organ so well and sang soprano, and Miss Marina Johnson who brought the alto part so melodiously forth and Bro. Davis assisting in the tenor, and Bro. [illegible] who was patiently at home with the bass.

There was one rainy, one unpleasant though, and that was, we were deprived of the company of five of our brethren. Our beloved president, S. G. Spencer was just recovering from a very severe attack of typho-malaria with la grippe; Elders Germon Buchanan and Ernest B. Tarbell were also suffering much physically and Elders A. J. Rynearson and A. A. Dahle, (who are laboring in the north of this state), through force of circumstances were unable to meet with us, but the effect of the faith and desires of the Elders and Saints made manifest in the recent rain, may be already vividly noticed in the marvelous manner in which our afflicted brethren have gained strength, all in this conference are now able to resume their labors. It might be well to note also that several who are not members of the Church observed the fast.

In April last Elder S. D. Cohen was honorably released to return home on account of ill-health and Elder Willard Pixton for the same cause in July.

On the 14th of the present month Elders I. K. Bradshaw and A. J. Rynearson were honorably released to return home after patiently performing a noble work. Elder Welby H. Walker returned to his home after laboring two months. The labor and facilities for doing good are increasing. The laborers are few in comparison, yet rapidly increasing in number, and I think that this conference is the largest ever held in the state of Illinois since the great exodus of 1846.

With prayers for the progress of the work in all the world and greeting in love to all the Elders and Saints, I am humbly and sincerely yours in the truth, DAVID H. ROBERTS,

Clerk of Conference.

Murphysboro, Jackson county, Ill.

St. Joseph Stake Conference.

The regular quarterly conference of the St. Joseph Stake of Zion, Arizona, convened in the Pima meeting house at 10 a.m. Sunday, September 15, 1895. Present on the stand were Elders Christopher Layton, Wm. D. Johnson and Morgan H. Merrill, the Stake Presidency; Philemon C. Merrill, Patriarch; members of the High Council, Bishops of all the various wards except St. David, besides other leading and influential men of the Stake.

After singing and prayer President Layton made a few opening remarks, alluding to the fact that many farmers have deprived themselves of their last teaspoonful of wheat and at this early hour are around trying to get seed wheat; he felt that the people were a little careless and admonished them to commence plowing their land and prepare for another harvest.

Bishops John Weiler of Layton, Samuel Claridge of Thatcher, Joseph Cluff of Central, John Taylor of Pima and David Stalworth of Mammoth, reported their wards to be in a prosperous condition, both spiritually and temporally. The wards taken as a whole; all had raised a good crop, and in certain instances the yield was above the average; some had not received a great deal of tithing grain but thought it would come in; said they found that those who pay their tithing as they go along were the largest in support. Occasionally there was reported to have been back to the Lamanites, which caused the death of three children, otherwise the health of the people has been good; felt that some had sold too much of their grain; some were interested in attending their meetings, while others were not.

Elder Joseph Fish spoke of the importance of the rising generation; exhorted young men and women to be careful in selecting their companions, and patients to be careful in the training of their children.

At the close of another hymn the Sacrament was administered, after which Elder Thomas E. Whitney spoke; he said at the coming of the Savior he that have done evil will not be able to face him; therefore we should be obedient. He spoke at great length on the subject of education, exhorting parents to watch over their children.

Elder George Cluff continued the subject of education — said it was necessary to be educated in order to succeed and the law of tithing, to be honest, to have faith, to understand the law of baptism—all are the foundation of the Gospel, and then come science, etc.

The subject was continued by Elder Wm. Parker, one of the board of education, who said in the early days of the Church they were on the move, and many had not the privilege of going to school; he exhorted all the young to embrace the golden opportunity that is placed before them.

At 10 o'clock Monday the Stake Room assembled. Bishop Lorenzo M. Olivia, Alma N. Bryce and Geo. Skinner reported their wards as being the same as the other wards, except in organizing; this was owing to them being small and scattered. Elder Benjamin Cluff reported the High Priests quorum; advised the High Priests to attend to their duties and sustain the authorities. Elder Frank Tyler reported the Seventies; some were not doing their duty as they should, we have quite a number of missionaries in the field, and a call for more. Patriarch Philemon C. Merrill reported his labors during the last quarter as home missionary; he spoke of the early rise of the Church in the days of Nauvoo, the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, his personal acquaintance with them, and his being an eye witness to many of their persecution. Elder Taylor said the way would soon come when all who were peaceably organized will be scattered; would be behind the veil. Previous to his death the Prophet asked his friends if they loved him they answered yes; "Would you lay down your lives for me?" "Yes." "Then I will lay down my life for you." We did not think he would be killed, but we was. The speaker said he was with Brother Merrill in the days of Joseph, and Gearn Sidney Rigdon say after the death of Joseph, "If you cannot be united be driven out of the Church," and President Young said "Let the Church not be divided."

At the afternoon meeting the general and local authorities were presented and sustained, also the abolishment of the Stake Presidency. The speakers were the Stake presidency who dwelt upon the various topics discussed during the conference, and added much that was of importance both by way of encouragement and warning. They exhorted the young to prepare themselves to fill the places of their fathers and mothers and said if we enter into a covenant with God and do not keep it we will be cast out.

Meeting adjourned for three months. We had a good conference and a good spirit prevailed.

F. W. MOODY, Clerk.

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OGDEN, UTAH, OCT. 1, 1895.

Junction City Items.

The county's office will be in the First National bank building. Sheriff Wright's office will be at the city jail building. The county clerks office is not yet located.

In the Fourth district court suit was filed by Lee Gibson against Temple Short, C. F. Randall et al to foreclose a mortgage in Weber county for $2,000 and 8 per cent interest since August, 1892.

Harry F. Donaldson and Miss Ella M. Fleming, of Ogden, were married by the Rev. G. M. Jeffery yesterday afternoon.

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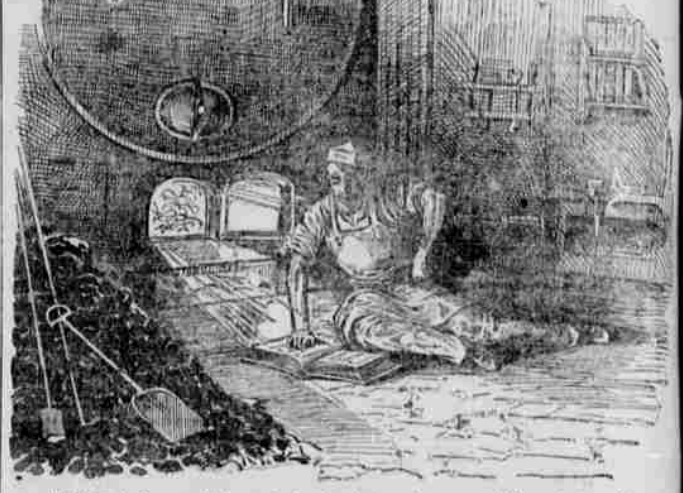

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