

him to "discern the signs of the times!"

### CONFERENCE IN KENTUCKY.

Centre, Ky., Dec. 17, 1897.

On the 10th of the present month the forty-nine Elders of the Kentucky conference, including three local Elders, met with the Saints and friends at the Junction Latter-day Saints' meeting house in the capacity of a special conference.

We were favored with the presence of Elders F. M. Lyman and Mathias F. Cowley, of the Apostles' quorum, as well as our mission president, Elder Elias S. Kimball and Elder John Woodmansee from the headquarters at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On Saturday, Dec. 11th, the meeting was called to order by the conference president, who made a few remarks, and was followed by Elders Thomas Martin and E. J. Merrill.

Others of the Elders then spoke as the "Spirit gave them utterance," being allotted five minutes each. The Apostles also made instructive remarks.

The afternoon meeting was conducted in about the same manner. On Sunday morning Elder Elias S. Kimball and Elder Woodmansee occupied a portion of the time.

In the afternoon on Sunday the Apostles delivered the final sermons, at which time the church was filled to overflowing.

The council meeting of the Elders was held in the meeting house from 9:45 a. m. until about 4:30 p. m. without intermission, the time being occupied principally by Elder Lyman in giving instructions to the Elders. The statistical report of the conference and the report of labors done was also rendered by the conference president, and the Sunday school work was represented by Superintendent Wm. King. Elders Cowley and Kimball each spoke a short time.

Council meeting reconvened on Tuesday at 10 a. m. without the presence of Elders Kimball and Woodmansee, as they went back to the office.

This interesting and beneficial meeting closed early in the afternoon so that the Apostles could start for the railroad.

A business meeting was held on Wednesday for the purpose of regulating the work for the winter, after which a general hand-shaking was commenced, prior to the separation and departure of the Elders for their several fields of labor. Every one seemed to be filled, as it were, with "a new heart and a new spirit."

The Saints of the Junction Branch performed a noble part in showing their hospitality to the Elders and the visiting Saints and friends.

Following is the list of Elders and their postoffice addresses:

Jno. F. Wakefield Jr. and Jno. M. Bunker, Owensboro, Daviess Co., Ky.  
Thomas Martin and N. Martineau, Danville, Boyle Co., Ky.  
E. J. Merrill and D. J. Blake, Owensboro, Daviess Co., Ky.  
Wm. King and F. F. Ballam, Danville, Boyle Co., Ky.  
J. J. Bowen and C. A. Udy, Bardwell, Carlisle Co., Ky.  
Alvin Ipson and Wister Wallace, Hopkinsville, Christian Co., Ky.  
Jos. T. Pond and P. P. Eldredge, Fulton, Hickman Co., Ky.  
Raymond Partridge and new companion, Elkton, Todd Co., Ky.  
A. R. Whitehead and David Smith, Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., Ky.  
H. E. Jensen and Martin P. Brown, Henderson, Henderson Co., Ky.  
J. J. Croshaw and Wm. B. Hall, Cadiz, Trigg Co., Ky.  
J. J. Tanner and I. C. Canfield, Clinton, Hickman Co., Ky.

L. B. Pace and U. B. Wallace, Princeton, Caldwell Co., Ky.

D. G. Miller and B. B. Wallace, Madisonville, Hopkins Co., Ky.

G. A. Pincock and P. A. Autzen, Hawsville, Hancock Co., Ky.

D. E. Jones and Wm. E. Stoddard, Eddyville, Lyon Co., Ky.

Wm. Anderson and P. A. Rodgers, Marion, Crittenden Co., Ky.

G. E. Miles and R. M. Owen, Mayfield, Graves Co., Ky.

C. A. Cobby and Jos. Later, Smithland, Livingston Co., Ky.

Willard Hansen and Jno. N. Jensen, Benton, Marshall Co., Ky.

Wm. Crosby and Barton Brough, Morganfield, Union Co., Ky.

Josiah Call and Wm. Petty, Murray, Calloway Co., Ky.

Jas. R. Bodily and P. T. Bateman, Owensboro, Daviess Co., Ky.

M. E. Roundy and F. R. Hayes, Paduka, McCracken Co., Ky.

D. A. Affleck and Alma Peterson, Wickliffe, Ballard Co., Ky.

Thanks for receipt of the "News."  
JNO. F. WAKEFIELD JR.,  
President Kentucky Conference.

### UTAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The organization of the State Historical Society of Utah, which has been under way since the midsummer Jubilee, was effected at a meeting held late Tuesday afternoon. The meeting occurred in the counting room of the Deseret National Bank, and assembled in response to a call from the temporary chairman, Mr. Jerrold R. Letcher. The by-laws of the society were adopted and the articles of incorporation signed, after which officers were chosen as follows:

Franklin D. Richards, president.  
Isabel Cameron-Brown, vice-president.

Jerrold R. Letcher, recording secretary.

James T. Hammond, corresponding secretary.

Lewis S. Hills, treasurer.  
Antoniette B. Kinney, librarian.

Executive committee—George W. Thatcher, Logan; Joseph Geoghegan, Salt Lake; Lewis W. Shurtliff, Ogden; Joseph B. Kingsbury, Salt Lake; Electa Bullock, Provo; John T. Caine, Salt Lake; Robert C. Lund, St. George; Charles C. Goodwin, Salt Lake; Henry W. Lawrence, Salt Lake.

The objects for which the society is organized are given as follows:

The objects for which this society is organized are: "The encouragement of historical research and inquiry, by the exploration and investigation of aboriginal monuments and remains; the collection of such material as may serve to illustrate the growth, development and resources of Utah and the intermountain region; the preservation of manuscripts, papers, documents and tracts of value, especially narratives of the adventures of early explorers and pioneers; the establishment and maintenance of a public library and museum; the cultivation of science, literature and the liberal arts; the holding of meetings at stated intervals for the interchange of views and criticisms."

The society has the following for its charter members:

Charles Adams, Parowan; Caleb R. Barratt, Robert N. Baskin, Charles W. Bennett, Alexander C. Bishop, Nat M. Brigham, Isabel Cameron-Brown, Salt Lake; Electa Bullock, Provo; John T. Caine, Angus M. Cannon, John Q. Cannon, Spencer Clawson, Edward F. Colborn, George Q. Coray, Benjamin F. Cummings Jr., Chris Diehl, John E. Dooly, Willard Done, Ellen B. Ferguson, Salt Lake; James X. Ferguson, Helper; Charles C. Goodwin, Joseph Geoghegan, Heber J. Grant, Salt Lake; James T. Hammond, Logan; Harry C.

Hill, Tidelia Marie Belcher Hamilton, Lewis S. Hills, Salt Lake; John Horton, American Fork; William Howard, Huntington; Hadley D. Johnson, Andrew Jensen, Joseph T. Kingsbury, Antoniette B. Kinney, Clesson S. Kinney, Eurithe K. La Barthe, Henry Lawrence, Salt Lake; William A. Lee, Ogden; Jerrold R. Letcher, Salt Lake; Robert C. Lund, St. George; John T. Lynch, Thomas Marshall, Salt Lake; Jacob F. Miller, Farmington; Elias Morris, William S. McCornick, Salt Lake; Harry F. McCune, Nephi; Emma J. McVicker, Salt Lake; Aquila Nebeker, Laketown; John Parry, Cedar; Orlando W. Powers, Charles W. Penrose, Arthur Pratt, Salt Lake; Franklin D. Richards, Ogden; Franklin S. Richards, Morris L. Ritchie, Charles R. Savage, Salt Lake; Lewis W. Shurtliff, Ogden; Elias A. Smith, Grant H. Smith, John Henry Smith, Salt Lake; Joseph D. Smith, Logan; Abraham O. Smoot, Provo; George W. Thatcher, Logan; Mat Thomas, Farmington; Emmeline B. Wells, Salt Lake; Barry Wride, Provo; Heber M. Wells, Horace G. Whitney, Orson F. Whitney, Everett W. Wilson, Parley L. Williams, John R. Winder, Alfalfa Young, Richard W. Young, Charles S. Zane, Salt Lake.

Following is a list of the incorporators:

Franklin D. Richards, Orlando W. Powers, C. R. Savage, B. F. Cummings, Jr., Heber J. Grant, Emma J. McVicker, Alfalfa Young, Robert N. Baskin, Christopher Diehl, Henry W. Lawrence, E. W. Wilson, Charles S. Zane, Caleb R. Barratt, Grant H. Smith, Horace G. Whitney, William S. McCornick, Charles W. Penrose, Ellen B. Ferguson, F. S. Richards, W. A. Lee, P. L. Williams, A. C. Bishop, J. T. Hammond, John Henry Smith, John E. Dooly, Elias A. Smith, Heber M. Wells, Arthur Pratt, Elias Morris, James Geoghegan, John Q. Cannon, Antoniette Brown Kinney, Tidelia M. B. Hamilton, Richard W. Young, Lewis S. Hills, John R. Winder, Clesson S. Kinney, C. C. Goodwin, Isabel Cameron-Brown, Andrew Jensen, John T. Caine, Angus M. Cannon, Jerrold R. Letcher.

The by-laws are signed by the president and secretary. Regarding membership they provide:

Section 1. Any person of good moral character who is interested in the work of this society may be eligible to membership upon complying with the conditions prescribed in these by-laws.

Section 2. Active members shall consist of residents of the State of Utah. Life members shall consist of such residents of the State as may contribute not less than \$50 to the endowment fund of the society. Corresponding members shall consist of non-residents of the State, of literary and historical attainments. Honorary members may consist of explorers and pioneers, or persons distinguished for literary or scientific work, particularly in the line of American history, who are non-residents of the State.

Section 3. Applications for membership shall be endorsed by not less than three active members in good standing and presented to the board of control, and, in the case of active and life members, must be accompanied by the initiation fee.

Section 4. Life, corresponding and honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues and assessments.

Section 5. Members shall be chosen by a majority vote of the board of control—except honorary members—who shall be elected at the annual meetings of the society.

Section 6. Any member may be expelled for cause by the board of control, upon charges duly preferred, and after a hearing, subject to the right of appeal to the society at the next ensuing annual meeting; provided, that a failure to pay any dues or assessments