

[Concluded from last number.]

Br. Pulsipher said that a part of the first Twelve Apostles that were chosen apostatized, because they did not do the work of God; but ceased to be humble, and turned to merchandizing. How will it be with the present Twelve? will they apostatize? They will not, if they do their duty. Br. Woodruff says, if they perform their duties faithfully, they will never have time to apostatize.

We cannot get our reward, if we do not work and hold out faithful unto the end. If we had not done our duty, and kept the commandments of God, we should not be prepared to go into the presence of God. We should begin a heaven on earth; we should begin it in our own houses; we should have peace in our own hearts and habitations.

I want to see a reformation in Tooele city, and throughout this Territory. I have always upheld the people in Tooele city; I want this people to be blessed, and to feel the spirit and power of their calling. Every man that is righteous is a patriarch over his own family; and every man should be in the faith and Spirit, enough to lay on hands and heal his own family, and bless them when sick; but they must all stop doing wickedly, before they can claim this blessing.

We have all kinds in the church. One man receives the work because he thinks he can do better than in the world; but all should receive the truth for the truth's sake.

O, how we ought to rejoice before God, that we have as good men to lead us as we have, and to build up the kingdom of God on the earth. The prophets that first laid the foundation of this church and kingdom, lived upon the earth as long as it was necessary, and those that now lead us are governed by the same power, spirit and wisdom that they were; and all that have the Spirit of God can see it; but all that are drunken with the cares of this life, or darkened in their minds, they think all others are the same. But I can say, woe unto that man or woman that will not stand by the Presidency of this Church—they will go to destruction.

All should pray and bow their knees before God. There shall no man dwell in my family, but what shall bow the knee in prayer time before the Lord. We should become teachers in the church of God; we are not the First Presidency, but we are sent out by the Presidency to teach the people; and I would say, let the people be one; and I will say that there will not any people prosper, who do not uphold those whom God has set to preside over them. I do not speak against my brethren or their families; if I do see any thing that does not exactly suit me, I hold my tongue, and leave it in the hands of God, and not speak evil of my neighbors.

Thomas B. Marsh apostatized from half a pint of stripplings; and we should all be careful that we do not let so small a thing overthrow us, but we should watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation.

I pray the Lord may give us his Holy Spirit, that we may be led to do his will, and be saved in his kingdom, for Christ's sake. Amen.

The people again assembled at 3 o'clock.

Meeting opened by prayer by Elder E. B. Kelsey.

Elder W. Woodruff spoke and said:—

I feel disposed to occupy a little time in speaking to you this afternoon. I will take for a text the forepart of the Lord's Prayer: "May thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

We have all been taught to use this prayer from our childhood up to manhood, by the traditions of our fathers; but neither parents nor children understand the meaning of those words made use of in that prayer, which Jesus taught his disciples to offer up to their Father in heaven.

There is no doubt in my mind but that the apostles had a correct idea of what it took to compose the kingdom of God, for they were taught by the Great School-master, even Jesus himself, concerning the things of the kingdom of God, who would teach correct doctrine; and for teaching and maintaining the principles of this very kingdom, it cost both Jesus and the apostles their lives.

The apostles once asked Jesus if he would restore at this time the kingdom to Israel; but Jesus informed them that it was not given to them to know the times and seasons, which the Father had reserved unto himself, to be revealed in the last times.

Many of us, who are now members of the kingdom of God on earth, had our minds deeply exercised concerning that kingdom at the commencement and rising of this generation, and before the righteousness of God was revealed, or his salvation came forth, or in other words the fullness of the gospel given to man on earth in our day.

Our minds were led to this by the reading of the scriptures and prayer, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit upon us. When our minds were enlightened by the Spirit of God, we could see by the reading of the scriptures what it took to compose the kingdom of God in ancient days, and we could not find that kingdom on earth or among men. Hence many of us were led to call indignantly upon the Lord for that kingdom to come, and that we might live to behold it; and some of us did receive a promise and testimony from the Lord, that our prayers should be answered, and that we should live to see the kingdom of God established upon the earth, with its blessings, gifts and graces, but we did not know in what way.

I believe that thousands have had their minds moved upon by the Holy Spirit, to prepare them for the kingdom of God, when it came upon earth; the blessings which God has promised should come upon Israel in the last days, which promises were made through the apostles and prophets. But the Lord has said, "for all these blessings he would be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do these things for them."

We have lived to receive the answer of our prayers; we have lived to see the promises of God fulfilled; we have lived to see the kingdom of God come. It is set up upon the earth, to be thrown down no more forever. It is given unto the children of men, with all its gifts, graces, blessings, ordinances, commandments, priesthood, keys and powers; with all its attendant work and effects, which will increase until the winding up scene and the coming of Christ.

The magnitude of this kingdom is a thousand times greater than ever entered into our hearts to conceive of, even if we were earnestly praying with all our hearts for the kingdom of God to come.

Now, brethren, this part of our prayer is answered:—

the kingdom of God has come; if it were not so, you would not now be occupying these valleys of the Rocky mountains. It is by the gospel and priesthood of that kingdom, that you have been gathered from many nations to these valleys of the everlasting hills.

Now, the second part of our prayer and text is to be fulfilled, "May thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

The will of God is done in heaven most perfectly; all bow to his will, all keep his commandments, all obey his counsel; all are of one heart and mind; all pay their tithing and offerings without complaining; all consecrate all they possess unto the Lord, and are willing that the Lord should hold the keys of, and control all that the heavens contain. Neither is there any sin committed or permitted in heaven; there is no lying, stealing, blasphemy, bearing false witness, committing adultery, or worshipping any other gods but the living and true God, nor doing any manner of evil; and in consequence of this order of things, all heaven is filled with peace, joy, happiness, union, light, truth and glory, which reign through all the celestial kingdoms of our God. There are no tears, sorrow, pain or crying, but all are happy and appreciate their blessings, acknowledge the hand of God in all things, give God all the glory and honor which belongeth unto him.

Now, let me ask, is the will of God done on earth as it is done in heaven? I think not. But when the Lord sent Moroni to visit Joseph Smith, the prophet, and revealed unto him the Book of Mormon; ordained him unto the priesthood, and organized this church and kingdom on earth; then he began to prepare and teach the people the first principles of salvation; and from that day to this, he has continued to give line upon line, principle upon principle, revelation upon revelation, law upon law, and will continue to do this until we get a fullness of his will and mind; at least enough, so that we can become sanctified, and holy, and prepared to do his will on earth as it is done in heaven.

Therefore, brethren, let us prepare our minds to receive and obey every law, commandment and principle which God may see fit to reveal unto us from this time henceforth and for ever. But as long as we have lying, swearing, stealing, profaning the name of God, committing adultery, worshipping things except the God of heaven, or are afraid to pay our tithing, or to consecrate all that we have unto God, that the Lord or his servants may hold the keys to all there is in Zion, or permit any other evil to dwell in Zion, we may know that we are far from permitting the will of God to be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

If we were to go to-day into heaven where God dwells, and see the order of heaven and the way the will of God is done there, or visit the city of Enoch and see the customs of that city and compare it with the Zion in our midst, we would see a great contrast and difference; we would plainly see that the will of God is not done on earth as it is done in heaven. The Latter Day Saints have got to come to these things before they are prepared to enjoy a celestial glory, or partake of the blessings of the city of Enoch; and we need not think it strange if many new things are revealed for us, to receive and practice before we are prepared for that great glory.

The spirit and power of God has attended this conference and inspired his servants to teach good things, as has been the case in all the conferences since our appointment. I pray that the Lord will make the labors of all the missionaries a blessing unto the people in the name of Jesus Christ: Amen.

Elder Pack followed with a few remarks, and bore testimony to the truth of what he had heard, and of the work of God.

The people again assembled at 6 o'clock.

Prayer by Lorenzo D. Young.

Elder George Woodward spoke to the people:—

He said: I will speak to you a few moments, and I feel thankful for the privilege that I have to stand before so many of the servants of God. We can see the state of Babylon and the confusion that exists in the world. We have a history of the work of God in the days of the Apostles, and also that iniquity began to work in that day, and has continued to increase until now. Wesley and many others attempted a reform, by establishing a new order of things, but the Lord has always his way to set up his kingdom, and that by the administering of angels and revelation, and he has called upon this people to maintain it. Many have asked why God did not choose some great learned man to commence his work, but he choose an unlearned young man to first set up his kingdom. We know how we felt when we first heard this gospel; we felt that we could have laid down all things for this cause, even our lives, and certainly should not lose our interest in it as we advance.

This is the greatest work the Lord has ever established on earth, and it requires the greatest minds, works and means to carry it on or any dispensations yet manifest on earth; and if we cannot receive the servants of God, our brethren, and carry out their counsel, whom we have seen, how can we believe and receive those whom we have not seen?

Elder Lorenzo D. Young followed:—

He remarked, I have sat and heard with feelings of great interest, the teachings of the servants of God to this people; it has been a feast to my soul. I feel that I can say of a truth, that what has been taught since the commencement of this conference, if received and carried out by the people, will lead them into the kingdom of our God. What has been said here has portrayed great things, and it has been spoken by the power of God. I will take the teachings of the apostles, Wilford and Ezra, and their words and obey them, and if I laid down the Bible, I would go straight to glory.

I have been ill in body, but well in mind. I have heard great things to-day, and the same spirit has inspired the speakers that inspired those who wrote the Bible, and the same that has inspired the Apostles and Prophets that have led us in our day. I cannot but rejoice at what I have heard; it brings to my mind the words of Malachi: "Behold, I will send my messenger who shall prepare the way before me, and he shall be as a reaper's sickle and as fuller's soap." I have never yet learned that any people have received this work or felt much interest in it, but the seed of Abraham, they are to have an inheritance, but Abraham has not yet got it, but will obtain it.

I have heard some elders say that this people would be

scattered in four years; this I did not believe. I am willing to allow we have been in the work 25 years, and we have not got established yet. Br. Woodruff gave us a key, so that we can see that we have not got one thing on earth but what the Lord has loaned unto us. We do not know of a man born into the world that descended lower than the Savior, for he was born in a stable and cradled in a manger. He has also been subject to his Father in all things, and through his humility and obedience, he has been exalted above all things. We should take him as an ensample and be subject, not only to our Father in heaven, but to those whom he has placed over us, and we should be thankful for all he lends unto us and acknowledge his hand in all things.

The Lord has given this people great crops at times, but at the same time he said, now take care of all that I give you, and what we have seen this season should teach us a lesson.

Elder Joseph Young made some very appropriate remarks at the close of the meeting; exhorted all to magnify their office and calling; believed the day was at hand when any man who did not do it, would have his office taken from him and given to another.

This conference was adjourned for three months.

All appeared interested and edified, and felt that it was profitable to hold quarterly conferences.

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## HOME MISSIONS.—Minutes of a Quarterly Conference held at Kaysville, Dec. 15 and 16, 1855.

[Taken by Elder G. Clements.]

Saturday, 1 p.m.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Pulsipher. Elder Thomas Grover gave an address on the various officers in the lower priesthood; their duties, qualifications, and responsibilities in magnifying their priesthood by visiting the saints, and rooting out all iniquity from the church.

Elder H. S. Eldredge spoke on the happy and comfortable position of the saints in the peaceful vales in contradistinction to the nations of the earth, that are in turmoil, war, and confusion, and are fast wasting away by the calamities of the last days.

Elder G. Clements made a few remarks on the passage of Scripture, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

6 p.m.

Singing. Prayer by Elder G. Clements.

Elder Pulsipher preached a discourse on the past trials and persecutions of the church, and the future glory that awaits the saints, if they will keep humble and sanctify themselves before the Lord.

Elder G. Clements followed with a short exhortation on the passage "Be one."

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Singing. Prayer by Elder J. L. Heywood.

Elder H. S. Eldredge preached a discourse on the law of consecration, and the necessity of complying with the revelations already given, before looking for more.

Elder Thomas Grover followed on the same subject, and spoke of the improvement in the minds of the people to comply with counsel towards what it was 20 years ago.

2 p.m.

Singing. Prayer by Elder G. Clements.

Elder Pulsipher preached on the redemption of Zion, building up of the great Temple and final victory of the saints.

On motion, conference adjourned till Saturday, March 16, 1856.

16 p.m.

The Home Missionaries held a large meeting at Farmington, at which Elder Thomas Grover preached on the plurality of wives, followed on the same subject by Elder G. Clements.

During the conference, the best of feeling was manifested, and all the meetings were characterized by a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

## GIBRALTER MISSION.

BY ELDER EDWARD STEVENSON.

LETTER NO. 1.

EDITOR OF DESERET NEWS—DEAR SIR:—

Having been appointed at the special conference held in Great Salt Lake City, August 23, 1852, to go on a mission, with Elder N. T. Porter, to Gibraltar, the place of my nativity, on the 10th of September following, we bid adieu to wives, children and friends, and started to join the company of elders that had also been appointed on missions to various parts of the world, at their camp near the Weber river, where they were rendezvousing in order to organize and travel in company together across the plains to the Missouri river.

Our carriage, breaking down just beyond the Little mountains, had to be returned to the city to be repaired, in consequence of which we were detained, and were obliged to take lodgings the first night in Emigration Canyon, with Br. Parsons, sleeping on the floor, having a wagon cover for our bed and a sack of salt for our pillow.

Thinking this a fair beginning for Mormon missionaries, on the 17th, at daylight, we exchanged our well-aided bed for a passage up the canyon. Crossing the Little mountains we found our bed and provisions, which had been left where the carriage broke down, with a buffalo robe over, safe and dry, though the rain had fallen in torrents during the night. We arrived just in time to save them from the grasp of a band of roving Indians, which we considered quite lucky.

Passing over the Great mountain, we camped near the foot of the same, where we much enjoyed our new bed room (carriage), being only disturbed by a large white wolf during the night; but as he only threatened us violence by howling, we concluded if we found no worse wolves in the old world, dressed in sheep's clothing, we should be glad and fare much better than did the disciples of Christ anciently.

On the 18th we camped with and preached to Capt. Smith's company of saints, on their way to Great Salt Lake City; and on the 19th met Elder O. Hyde, en route for Salt Lake City, and arrived at the main camp of elders, in the mouth of Echo canyon, 45 miles from the city.

Our camp, being organized, consisted of 84 souls, 11

being on business to the States, and 73 on mission to various parts of the globe. There were 29 vehicles, 88 horses and mules. Daniel Spencer was captain; Orson Spencer, chaplain, and Elder O. Pratt, general instructor and preacher.

We were in fine spirits, and started the next day, September 20, for the States, distance 1080 miles, where we arrived Nov. 1, without accident, having enjoyed the best of health and spirits. Never did a company cross those plains with more peace, union, and joy, than that band of elders of Israel.

We received much useful instruction at our evening meetings around our camp fires, which were held every evening the weather was suitable.

After crossing the Missouri river, our camp separated, passing through various parts of the States, selling our animals and obtaining means to prosecute our missions.

Nov. 10, we took passage from St. Joseph, Mo., to St. Louis on the steamer El Paso, and arrived on the 15th, distance 591 miles. Several elders were on board, amongst whom were Elders D. and O. Spencer and O. Pratt. The officers treated us kindly, and gave us the privilege to preach in the saloon to numerous passengers. A discussion was the result, between Mr. Shannon, president of the Missouri college, and Elder Pratt, which resulted in doing good, although the plain apostolic gospel restored with its former power, had the usual effect—a desire to overthrow and destroy its bearers. I began to think of human wolves, in sheep's clothing, worse than the one that howled around our carriage in the mountains.

Nov. 17, near sunset, after many promises, we got under way down the Mississippi river, on the splendid steamer Herald.

I forgot to mention that one of the elders, being out of means to get further than St. Louis, while walking the streets, pondering what he should do, picked up a twenty dollar bill, which enabled him to proceed with us.

We passed down the Mississippi to the mouth of the Ohio, and then up that beautiful river, cradled by her beautiful orchards, farms, and clean, beautiful towns; the river was shallow, but clean. I had traveled on it previously, when on some of the bars there were only 18 inches of water.

While our steamer was passing through the canal around Louisville falls, we availed ourselves of the opportunity to visit the Kentucky giant, Jos. D. Porter, who is 8 feet in height, and well proportioned.

On the 23rd, we safely arrived at the beautiful city of Cincinnati. On this boat also we had the privilege to preach; the officers were accommodating and kind.

Nov. 3, having visited and preached to the saints, and visited two of my brothers, we took the railway train for New York at 5 p.m., via Cleveland and Dunkirk, and arrived on the 6th at 11 o'clock, a.m., having no sleep only as we took an occasional nap while the train was under way.

Twenty-one of the elders who crossed the plains together, engaged their passage to Liverpool, England, on the splendid sailing packet American Union, 1800 tons burthen.

While in New York, one of the elders who had not quite means enough to pay for his provisions, was asked by a stranger if he was one of those Mormon missionaries; and on his answering in the affirmative, put five dollars into his hand, which supplied the deficiency.

Nov. 17, at 11 a.m., we set sail with a gentle breeze, and with a smile left the land of stars and stripes for proud Britain's shores, where we safely arrived Jan. 5, 1856. We had a rough but quick passage, and enjoyed ourselves first-rate, sea sickness excepted.

On our arrival in Liverpool, I was much diverted at seeing the custom house officer detect a Frenchman smuggling tobacco, baked in a crust resembling a loaf of bread, which cost him £50.

We soon had the pleasure of joining President S. W. Richards at No. 15, Wilton street, where we met with a kind reception and had some good meetings.

Jan. 12, I left Liverpool, in company with Elder Porter, for Gibraltar, via Leicester, London, and Southampton, preaching by the way.

March 28, we took passage from Southampton for Gibraltar, via the coast of Spain and Portugal, on steamship Iberia. While waiting for passages we visited Portsmouth Dockyard and the Isle of Wight, and went on board the Duke of Wellington, a three decker of 131 guns, many of which were very heavy. This splendid ship is propelled by steam and sail, and has been the flag ship of the British fleet in the recent war with Russia. While on the Isle of Wight we were invited to preach in a sectarian chapel; the people were much taken up with our doctrine, not knowing that we were Mormon elders.

After crossing the rough and noted Bay of Biscay, we cast anchor in Vigo Bay, Spain, March 3, 663 miles from Southampton. This is a beautiful bay, and easily defended from the town, situated on a hill, where there is a battery of heavy cannon. Vigo is a Spanish town; and as the people are quite indolent, it looks quite inferior. A variety of fruits grow here in abundance, such as oranges, lemons, figs, grapes, &c. Also, a beautiful variety of fish abound in and about the bay, which afford much of the living of the inhabitants.

On the 4th of March, we left for Oporto, in Portugal, 68 miles from Vigo, where we changed mails without casting anchor. This town is small, and the surrounding country mountainous and rough.

We proceeded along the coast to Lisbon, 172 miles from Oporto, where we arrived next day. Lisbon is situated on the Tagus, two miles above its mouth, and is quite strongly fortified at the entrance of the river on each side; and there are several strong batteries between the entrance and the town. I counted over twenty windmills nearly all in sight at one time. This is a large city, of 450,000 inhabitants, and the residence of the Queen. Her palace shows well at a distance. The inhabitants are generally filthy, and universally Catholics. I visited Gold and Silver streets and the Queen's garden, being the most clean and conspicuous parts of the city; the remaining part being similar to the people, filthy and obnoxious. Gold and Silver streets are only occupied by shops and workmen of each of those materials, exhibiting them in their varied forms of art, which present a beautiful scenery. At the entrance of the garden is a beautiful font, supplied by water thrown into the air from a tube, and which, falling in fine particles, has a delightful appearance.

As we passed up the beautiful walks, well supplied with