

closing words were: I have been peculiarly interested in Brother Clawson. He was present at the death of Brother Standing; he expected to die also; he could not reasonably expect anything else. He is a martyr. I am interested in you all. Joseph holds the keys of this dispensation and ever will. I want to be with him in the spirit world. I never found my Father's house until I found the Latter-day Saints. I pray that we may all be true and faithful to the end. God bless you all, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

President Snow proposed that, after singing, the congregation should give the sacred shout of hosanna to God and the Lamb as the closing exercises of the conference.

The singing over, all stood up and joined in the glorious shout with oneness of heart, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! to God and the Lamb. Amen! Amen! Amen!"

JAMES BYWATER, Clerk.

#### ONEIDA.

The quarterly conference of the Oneida Stake of Zion was held at Franklin, October 26th and 27th. There were present of the authorities: President George Q. Cannon and Apostle Mariner W. Merrill; Jacob Gates and Seymour B. Young, of the presidency of Seventies; the presidency of Oneida Stake, Geo. C. Parkinson, Solomon H. Hall and M. F. Cowley; Patriarch Milo Andrews, and members of the High Council. This was the largest gathering of Saints ever known in this Stake.

On Thursday morning the meeting was called to order by President Parkinson. Singing and prayer followed. The opening remarks were made by President Geo. C. Parkinson, who spoke of the excellent condition of affairs in the Stake.

President Seymour B. Young next addressed the conference and said he was glad to hear so favorable a report of the Oneida Stake. The Gospel had been heralded to the nations and many had gathered into these valleys of the mountains in response thereto. The Saints should settle their own difficulties among themselves. They had labored in the building up of temples and the dedication thereof. Holy angels had appeared, and great blessings had been received.

President George Q. Cannon then spoke. He was pleased to meet with the Saints on that occasion. Contending with one another, he said, was not in accordance with the spirit of the Gospel; it was not the teaching of our Savior. The spirit of peace and submission was His. A mark of high courage was to bear patiently the trials and wrongs inflicted upon us. A man possessed of the Spirit will not contend; rather speak kindly and turn away wrath. It was this spirit which prompted the Savior to die for our sins, and we should strive earnestly to follow His great example.

The choir sang an anthem and benediction was pronounced by W. L. Webster.

In the afternoon, after the usual opening exercises and the administration of the sacrament, Apostle Mariner Merrill addressed the conference. To keep ourselves in order, he remarked, required a constant labor. The powers of darkness were in our midst seeking to lead the people astray. We had no time to find fault with each other; there was something more important to be done. We were not here on earth to obtain worldly riches, but to magnify our calling. The Saints in Idaho should be a good, law-abiding people, and the day would soon come when the Latter-day Saints would be sought after for counsel.

President George Q. Cannon said that if the Latter-day Saints could remember the instructions given them they would be a happy people. He could bear his testimony that God had accepted the sacrifices of the Latter-day Saints. Many had gone to prison, into exile, and suffered in various other ways for the Gospel's sake. Though no people, so far as he knew, had endured such persecutions as those through which the Latter-day Saints had passed, yet they were still willing to defend the principles of their religion in the face of the whole world. God had chosen this people and placed His name upon them, and He would deliver them in His own due time and way.

The choir sang an anthem. Benediction by President Jacob Gates.

On Sunday evening a general priesthood meeting was held and excellent remarks were made by the several speakers.

On Monday morning conference was again opened by singing and prayer.

President Jacob Gates addressed the assembly. His remarks were directed principally to the young.

Apostle Mariner W. Merrill next spoke upon the power of prayer. He referred briefly to the academy now in course of erection and said it was a praiseworthy labor on the part of the Saints.

President George Q. Cannon spoke in the interest of the Stake academy. As to the leaflets used in the Sabbath schools, he highly recommended them.

The choir having sung an anthem, President George Q. Cannon pronounced the benediction.

At 2 p. m., after the opening exercises, Counselor M. F. Cowley gave an appropriate address upon the general principles of the Gospel.

President Parkinson presented the general authorities of the Church and of Oneida Stake, all of which were unanimously sustained.

Solomon H. Hale touched for a short time on the history of the Church, the suffering of the Saints, and the blessings which they now enjoy.

President Seymour B. Young dwelt upon the importance of the Priesthood, the education of the young and the observance of the law of tithing.

The choir sang an anthem and benediction was pronounced by President Jacob Gates.

CHARLES D. GOASLIND,  
Clerk of Conference.

#### NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

This conference convened at Fayette Co., Alabama, Oct. 11th and 12th. President David H. Bingham presided. There were among those present, Presidents William Spry and David H. Bingham; traveling Elders Thos. J. Howard, Luman E. Shurtliff, Easton Clement, William C. Brown, Frederick Tanner, John H. Manwaring and Robert H. Hodge.

At the morning service on the first day the opening address was given by President David H. Bingham, who stated the object of the conference.

Elder J. A. Manwaring was the next speaker. He took up the subject of faith, showing that it was necessary to believe in Christ before repentance can be had, and exhorted the Saints to keep God's commandments.

Elder Wm. C. Brown dwelt upon the necessity of our being initiated into the kingdom of God by one having authority, and entreated his hearers to live true to the covenants which they had made with their God.

The meeting closed with the benediction, by Elder T. J. Howard.

At the afternoon service the meeting was addressed by Elder F. Tanner, who took up the subject of faith, without which, he said, it would be impossible to please God. He also testified to the truth of the Gospel.

Elder L. E. Shurtliff touched upon the necessity of a servant of God speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and the fundamental principles of the Gospel.

Elder R. H. Hodge desired to add his testimony to that which had been borne by the brethren. He said that Joseph Smith had been the instrument in these days of establishing the Church of God, and we had been sent into the world to proclaim the same Gospel as was taught by all the ancient prophets. He likewise spoke of the blessings now enjoyed by the Saints, and closed by testifying that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the living God, and that his mission was crowned with the powers of heaven.

President William Spry next offered some excellent remarks and encouraged the Saints to remain true to their covenants.

After singing: "We thank Thee, O God, for a prophet," and benediction by Elder E. Clement, the meeting adjourned.

On Sunday morning, after singing and prayer, Elder E. Clement gave an address chiefly upon the plan of salvation. The speaker referred to the great faith which Noah exercised in the revealed laws of God and Abraham in offering up his son Isaac as a sacrifice, and after dealing with the question of pre-existence, he closed his remarks by exhorting those present to search the scriptures.

Elder T. J. Howard followed, counseling the Saints to continue in the good work in which they were engaged and leave the rest in the hands of the Lord.

Benediction by Elder L. E. Shurtliff.