

by our Savior were being fulfilled by the present state of the world. The speaker also discoursed upon the resurrection, and quoted from the Corinthians and Revelations for the facts pertaining to the same.

The attributes of the Deity were explained by Elder J. W. Beck, who remarked how glorious and supreme is the God we worship, and how void of scriptural proofs are opinions of such a Being without body, parts and passions.

In our Sacrament meeting which immediately followed the above, Elders J. W. Beck, S. Hutchings, J. A. Rasband, A. Jensen, Brothers Saimasia and Kaisa, Elders W. P. Silver, S. M. Walker and J. C. Knudsen bore testimonies.

We again convened at 3:30 p. m., and Elder J. B. Barton was the first speaker; he referred us to Galatians i, 8, and explained of what that Gospel consisted, urging his hearers to meditate upon the facts, which clearly demonstrated that the truth is within the fold of our religion.

Elder J. W. Beck's subject was the scattering and gathering of the house of Israel. He showed how the Lord was fulfilling His promise to this branch here and instructed all to ever remember the Lord's love bestowed upon them.

Elder A. A. Lemon Jr., was the succeeding speaker. His informed his hearers of the course to pursue in order to obtain a knowledge regarding the truthfulness of the Gospel, making use of our Savior's words as recorded in John vii, 16, 17. He exhorted them to be valiant in the glorious cause of truth.

After our usual closing exercises meeting was dismissed.

Perhaps it would be useless to describe in detail our feeling at our English meeting which we held in the evening commencing at eight o'clock, and which continued until 10:30. All who have been similarly situated can probably better understand us when we remark that our souls, the room, and the surroundings were filled with the spirit of peace. Our hearts beat high with joy while we listened to one another relate experiences, receive instructions from him who has been placed over us in authority, and also while we sing the songs of Zion. Our gathering this night was no exception to others which we have had on like occasions and will have the same effect in influencing us to press forward in the line of our duty wherein there is unbounded joy.

As we intimated in our last report of the bright future which we anticipate, it would probably not be amiss to add that since then twenty-two souls have been ushered into the fold, with excellent prospects for a continual increase. One obstacle in our way, which we trust will soon be overcome, is that most of us are new in the field and our knowledge of the language is therefore limited, but a few more months, we hope, will place us in a good condition in this important particular.

The following will be of interest to many returned Elders who have learned to appreciate the many kind and hospitable acts of F. and D. Kenison, Jr. and wives. They are now members of the true fold of Christ, one having been

baptized previous to conference and the remaining three accepted of the initiatory ordinance on the following morning after the gathering at which they were eager listeners.

Minutes of conference held at Siupapa, Sepa, April 13th and 14th, 1895, whither Elders Beck, Hutchings, Lemon and Sears had journeyed during the week which intervened. Here were assembled, Saints from Tutuila and Siupapa and Saleaamua, Upolu, who belong to the opposite war party than do those who assembled at Tagalii; hence the necessity of a separate gathering.

Our first meeting commenced Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, Elder Beck, president of mission, in charge. After opening exercises, Elder J. W. Sears addressed the congregation, which numbered fifty-two. The third article of faith was dwelt upon, with words of our Savior and the Apostle James quoted to uphold our belief; the Holy Ghost, its use, manner of receiving, etc., also formed part of the sermon.

Elder J. W. Beck reviewed at some length the history of our few years here; how that the prejudice which was to be found on every hand at the commencement had gradually given way as facts had become known, error being supplanted by its fruits. He gave the Saints instructions in regard to their several duties and invoked God's blessings upon them.

Sunday morning, eight o'clock. The same speakers in the same order occupied the time. Their subjects were authority and resurrection, respectively. On the former important subject the writings of Paul were read and explained. Regarding the latter Elder B. detailed the different degrees of glory to be obtained by individuals, governed by acts done here in this probation. All were admonished to have a high aim and labor faithfully to reach it.

In the Sacrament meeting held at the close of this meeting the Elders and Ifopo, Teo, Uiali, and Iuli bore spirited testimonies.

At noon we held Sunday school with thirteen children. The time was occupied with questions and answers from our catechism (just printed) and stories were related by the Elders.

We held another meeting at half-past three p. m., when Elder A. A. Lemon, Jr., first spoke. He informed his hearers of the responsibility of our callings, also of our aims to benefit and direct them aright; explained the derivation of the true name of our Gospel and also remarked that ordinances of the true faith had been changed by man—a very apparent but nevertheless incorrect procedure.

Speaking upon the same subject, Elder S. Hutchings mentioned the baptism of infants, and showed the fallacy of such acts. He exhorted all to live lives of purity and obey the commands of the Almighty.

Elder J. W. Beck made closing remarks about the Millennium, also of the gathering of the children of promise, and asked all to assist with their might to further the purposes of Jehovah.

With the usual closing hymn and prayer, our brief but enjoyable conference was brought to a close.

W. G. SEARS, Clerk.

STAR VALLEY STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Star Valley Stake convened in Afton meeting house, Wyoming, on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, 1895.

Saturday morning. — Choir sang, "High on the mountain top." Prayer was offered by Elder John C. Dewey.

Elder George Osmond, president of the Star Valley Stake, spoke of the many blessings the Saints were receiving day by day.

Bishops Jas. Jensen, John C. Dewey, Wm. Parsons and Osborne Low reported their wards in good condition, the different organizations, such as the Sunday schools, Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual and Primary associations, having done a good work during the past winter.

Counselors Thomas F. Burton, of Afton, and Hans J. Hemmert, of Glencoe, reported their wards, whose reports were also good.

Elder A. U. Call spoke on improving our homes and making our settlements attractive. His remarks were very appropriate.

Saturday afternoon, Elders A. Gardner, Marvin Alfred, O. H. Eggleston and Thomas W. Lee occupied the time, exhorting the people to be diligent in discharging their duties, in observing the Word of Wisdom, paying their tithes in the proper season; and of ever being ready for any call that might be made of them by those having authority.

Sunday, 10 a. m. — After opening exercises, Bishop Herman Hyde gave a good report of the Auburn ward.

Elder B. H. Alfred Jr. spoke a short time to the youth, urging them to study diligently and make themselves acquainted with the principles of the Gospel.

Elder Geo. Osmond occupied a little more time exhorting the Saints to make substantial improvements. Counselled all to study how they could accomplish the most good. Referred to assisting the missionaries in their labors; also on educational affairs, and being publicspirited for the advancement of the work of God.

Sunday afternoon after the usual exercises and Sacrament, Superintendent Edmund McLachlan gave a very good report of the Sunday schools of the Stake.

Patriarch C. D. Cazler spoke on prophecy being fulfilled continually. He denounced the patronizing of saloons and advised the Saints to shun evil of every description.

Elder A. C. Vail then presented the general authorities, as also the Stake authorities, which were unanimously sustained by the conference. He gave out appointments for ward conferences and gave a short sketch of his missionary labors.

A good spirit prevailed during conference and judging from the large congregation the Saints appeared anxious to hear the word of God.

The health of the people is remarkably good. The weather is delightful and the farmers have taken advantage of the early spring and put in a larger acreage of grain than any previous year since Star valley was settled.

WM. H. KENNINGTON,
Stake Clerk.