

## OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

A Time of Profit and a Victory in the Mission.

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There was held at the residence of Elder David Hall, of Marshall, a quiet conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on Sunday, October 8th, 1894, at 7:30 p.m. Elder G. R. Ashton led the meeting to order, there being eight Elders and many Saints present. All joined heartily in the beautiful hymn, "Ye Messengers of Glory." Prayer was offered by Elder W. D. Howling, and then we sang "An Angel Came on High," which caused happy thoughts to penetrate our very souls. Elder J. A. Stephens was very interesting and instructive in his address, and many were moved. After the singing and prayer by Elder J. M. Parham, he spoke at some length upon the authority conferred upon the Prophet Joseph Smith by our Heavenly Father, and gave some suggestions tending to renew our confidence in the word of God. Elder C. W. Atkinson, president of the Society and constituency of the Holy Ghost and had no difficulty in proving from Holy Writ the correctness of his statements. Elder G. R. Ashton followed in a brief review of the history of the Society, and in the meeting, after which we sang, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," etc., and Elder Levi J. Hall offered benediction.

On Monday, October 9th, conference again convened at the home of Elder J. M. McArthur, continuing after singing and prayer by Elder J. M. Feltus, Elders A. N. Wallace, E. M. McArthur, and J. H. Vincent conducted as members of the Church. Elder J. M. McArthur, who has been invited this meeting by Elder George S. Ashton, a pastoral hymn was sung, and the sacrament was administered to the saints. Elder Ashton spoke briefly on the nature of the mission, and made some remarks from Elder Vincent, who said he desired to become more proficient in his duties in God's service, and to take his brother's blessings upon him. Elder McArthur explained why we partake of water in the place of wine in the sacrament, and Brother David Hall closed the meeting by prayer.

Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. conference again convened, the Barr meeting room being crowded with spectators. Here assembled many of the scattered saints, and many friends. Elder McArthur spoke at length on the first principles and good works of the Kingdom. Elder J. D. Howling encouraged the saints by pointing out a time when the Church was in its infancy, and now it had grown until it now numbers in hundreds of thousands. He also spoke of the great trials and tribulations in the desert, which had now grown to great strength and the brethren afforded shelter to all who would obey God's commandments. "Come all ye sons of God" was their motto, and the meeting was punctuated by Elder A. N. Wallace.

At 5:30 P.M. the saints again met at the same meetinghouse. The hall was crowded, many strangers including friends from other states took charge of the meeting, and after singing and prayer, he spoke to us for one hour, laying before the people the first principles of the gospel, and gave great light to our friends upon the subject of baptism. During his entire meeting he directed attention to us, and through such sermons we may expect good results. Elder Ashton drew the comparison between Catholicism, Protestantism, and Mormonism. One who has heard a few days during his course, as it was drawn from the early ages until the present time with great skill and deservement. None could gainsay his words, and yet he gave the true history of Christians denying the very essence of all revealed religion or revelation. All joined in singing "Praise the man who commands with Jehovah's benediction" by Elder Newman.

Wednesday Meeting.—On Monday, the 8th Inst., at 3 p.m., a general Presidium meeting was held at the residence of Elder J. M. Feltus, and Elder A. N. Wallace presiding. Meeting being called to order we sang a hymn, and prayer was offered by Elder Vincent.

Elder Wallace then spoke at some length, pointing out the duties of the elders, and giving a brief explanation respecting the best interests of this mission; who claimed signs among Elder present for any suggestions he might have in order to assist him.

With a general good will and interest, we held our meeting three hours and throughout the spirit of God was poured out abundantly upon all present.

This mission is in a very prosperous condition, and we have several more meetings every week. We are seeking—giving all a chance of being thoroughly converted before we separate them.

Our conference closed after we had held our final meeting at the residence of Brother Hall, in the evening at 8 p.m. Elder Wallace presiding. There were present seventeen persons, and no time was lost in the singing of hymns, and through summer evenings we have been singing every day with them in our Heavenly Father's name, and singing lessons were given by male and female consecrating the voice.

Our conference closed with the singing of hymns, and Saints are enjoying good health and spirits, and we have a bright

future for Zion. In this part of God's extended empire we may have theocratic power of the saints, and that our fathers may be stupendous to our Father.

Tuesday, October 8th. Our Elders were again gathered, and it was truly evident that they were indeed men of God. They were truly and nobly born. In their hearts, as it were, was born a desire to make known the gospel to all nations. "Behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes. Ye shall be forced to leave me, and the gates of the city shall be shut against you. And when they persecute you in this city, flee into another. Verily I say unto you, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against us." Trusting the hands will always pray for our welfare. I remain ever yours,

In the Goodness of the Lord,  
Asaph J. N. Wallace.

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