

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### CHICKASAW CONFERENCE.

REPORT OF MEETINGS HELD AT MAS-  
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TION, MAY 11TH AND 12TH.

May 11th ushered in one more notable event in the history of the Indian Territory Mission, by the meeting of Elders, Saints and friends, to participate in the conference of the Chickasaw branch of the Lord's vineyard. A refreshing shower on the night of the 10th had cooled the atmosphere and made the beautiful flowers and green verdure assume their gayest mantle, while the happy birds seemed to be singing their praises to the Giver of all perfect gifts.

There assembled of the Elders, Presiding Elder Ephraim Jeppson, President Henry Kirkman, John A. Stephens, J. C. Lyon, Phillip H. Margetts, Alvin A. Beesley, Albert J. Brown, Heber C. Anderson and Herman E. Campbell, and at 11 a. m. Conference began with President Henry Kirkman in charge. After singing, "The time is far spent," Elder J. C. Lyon offered up the opening prayer; "Come all ye sons of Zion" was well rendered, and Elder Albert J. Brown addressed those assembled on the authority claimed by the Latter-day Saints to administer in the ordinances, gifts and blessings of the Church of Christ, and pointed out the necessity of being particular in finding the proper channel that leads to eternal life and salvation.

Elder Heber C. Anderson then took the stand and set forth the manner in which the Gospel was carried to the people anciently by the Apostles and Seventies of old, and that the Gospel message as borne by the Elders at this present time is the same in its restored purity. He cited all to the necessity of new revelation for the guidance of those in the true Church of Christ.

Elder Alvin A. Beesley addressed the conference upon the Holy Ghost, the fourth principle of the Gospel, and in a clear manner pointed out the various offices, gifts and blessings that can be obtained through this precious Comforter, and referred to the inability of man entering into the Kingdom of God without this gift.

The morning session closed by singing, "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation," and benediction by Elder Phillip H. Margetts.

The afternoon conference convened at the appointed time, with Elder A. Beesley presiding. All joined in singing, "Praise to the man who communed with 'Jehovah,'" and Elder Ephraim Jeppson opened with prayer. "Arise, O Glorious Zion" was sung and Elder Henry Kirkman placed before the people the first four principles of the Gospel, taking each in its order and plainly proving all to be the only principles established by our Savior leading to the goal of salvation; he also drew attention to how these principles had been changed by the cunning craftiness of man.

Elder John A. Stephens treated up-

on the Church of Christ as organized by our Savior and referred to the words of the Apostle Paul, showing the essentiality of every member in the organization, in order to make the body complete. With words of exhortation Brother Stephens cited all to the aid of prayer in divine research.

Elder Phillip H. Margetts spoke in a very forcible manner upon the duties of the parents of the rising generation; how the future destiny of man relied to a great extent upon the course of righteous training received from his parents. A beautiful illustration was given of the future state of the righteous dead compared with that of the disobedient.

"The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning" was the closing hymn, Elder Herman E. Campbell pronouncing the benediction.

A concert for the benefit of the Saints and friends of this place was gotten up by the nine Elders present under the direction of Elder Alvin A. Beesley and at 8 p.m. it was opened with singing and prayer, Elder Ephraim Jeppson conducting the exercises. The meeting house was filled to overflowing and enjoyment depicted on the many faces present proved without a doubt the appreciation of the audience. The concert was a complete success in every particular. The program was carried out by the Elders very creditably and many rounds of applause were heartily given by those present. The program was as follows:

Opening chorus.....	Nine Elders
Prayer.....	Ephraim Jeppson
Song, "Sweet forget-me-not".....	L. O. Lyon
Comic reading.....	Alvin A. Beesley
Song, "Mormon boy".....	Henry Kirkman
Quintette, "Soldier's Farewell".....	Lyon, Brown, Margetts, Kirkman and Beesley.
Guitar solo.....	Herman E. Campbell
Reading.....	J. C. Lyon
Violin Selection.....	P. H. Margetts
Song, "You can't play in our yard".....	Alvin A. Beesley
Comic trio, "Little farm well tilled".....	Margetts, Campbell and Beesley
Reading comic.....	H. C. Anderson
Song comic.....	H. P. Margetts
Song comic.....	H. E. Campbell
Chorus, "Horseshoe".....	Nine Elders
Benediction by John A. Stevens.	

Sunday morning we again assembled in the capacity of conference. Elder J. C. Lyon announced the hymn, "Come all ye sons of Zion," and Elder Albert J. Brown offered the opening prayer, after which "Gode messengers of glory" was sung.

Elder Ephraim Jeppson, with well proven words, followed the course of time, from our Savior to the complete apostasy of man from the Church of Christ established. Many verses of scripture were put forth showing that such would be the case, and also that the restoration of the Gospel would take place in this dispensation, also in what manner it should come to earth again.

Elder J. C. Lyon spoke upon the persecution of the chosen ones of God and compared the Church of Christ in this respect to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He also set forth the divine authority man must have to officiate in the ordinances of the Gospel.

With appropriate singing and prayer

by Elder Henry Kirkman, our morning meeting closed.

Sunday afternoon found quite a number of friends present. Elder John A. Stephens took charge of the meeting and all joined in singing "Praise ye the Lord." Prayer by Elder Heber C. Anderson. The sacramental hymn "O God, the Eternal Father" was sung, and Elders Albert Brown and Alvin A. Beesley administered the Sacrament.

Elder Herman E. Campbell addressed the conference upon salvation for the dead.

All took part in singing the closing hymn, and one more most enjoyable conference was brought to a close by Elder P. H. Margetts offering the closing prayer.

Words cannot express the gratitude of all the Elders towards our dear sister, Grandma Griffiths, whose home is the headquarters of the Elders, and whose untiring efforts in ministering to the health and happiness of the traveling ministry place her near and dear in the hearts of the missionaries.

The Elders are now pressing onward, bearing the precious truths to the nations, obeying the divine command that our Savior gave the Apostles of old, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

HERMAN E. CAMPBELL,  
Secretary of Indian Territory Mission.

### THE YOST BRANCH.

Yost, Utah, May 15, 1895.

In this remote corner of Utah everything is looking well and quite a number of the fruit trees are out in bloom.

The health of the people is good out here. No sickness.

Joe F. Tracy has now got the saw-mill going.

We are having some excellent weather. A good rain would do good just now.

The boys expect to go sheepshearing in a few days.

We had a very pleasant visit from the Stake authorities today, President O. D. Haight, Sister Haigh, president of the Relief Society of the Stake, with her counselor, Sister Tuttle, and Sister Worthington, president of the Primary association, all of Cassia Stake of Zion. In the morning the Relief Society had a meeting. Sister M. Chapman, president of the branch of the Relief Society, called the meeting to order and it was opened in the usual way. The first speaker was Sister Haight, of Oakley. She said she had traveled a long way to meet with the people and could assure them that she felt well paid for her journey, and rejoiced to see so many present. She spoke very pointedly on the necessity of the sisters being united. If they had done anything wrong, or hurt any of their sisters' feelings, they should not rest until they have made the wrong right. She gave very good advice to the teachers of the Society. Sister Tuttle encouraged the Society put by for a rainy day, and then if they have any poor among them they would be able to provide for them. Told the sisters to take care of their children; to take their sons and daughters into their confidence and encourage them to love