

HOME MISSIONS.

Minutes of the Quarterly Conference Held at Farmington, Davis County, Oct. 20, 1855.

SATURDAY, 20th, Morning.—The people assembled at the Bowery—present of the Twelve, P. P. Pratt, O. Pratt, and W. Woodruff; also L. D. Young, Gilbert Clements, John Cook and T. D. Brown of the Missionaries.

The Conference opened by singing—prayer by O. Pratt. All the missionaries present had severe colds and sore throats, and were very hoarse, as was the case with many others, a disease which had made its appearance during the last 24 hours; there had been no apparent change in the weather, nor in the elements to cause the effect.

Elder P. P. Pratt, addressed the people for two hours and a half. He said he felt quite unwell, and had got either to preach or go to bed. He had not intended to preach to-day, but he should have to in order to drive off his cold. He spoke in a very interesting manner upon the birth, life, persecutions and death of Jesus Christ.—He took for his text, the 10 and 11th verses of the 2nd chapter of St. Luke: "And the Angel said unto them, fear not, for behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people; for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord." He said one cause why he took that text was that in a school of small scholars, in Salt Lake City, the teacher asked the question, where was Christ born? and there was not one of the scholars that could tell; and said, there is a neglect among us as a people, in not teaching our children as we should, the Old and New Testaments; the History of the Bible; the prophets and apostles, and of Jesus Christ, as taught in the New Testament. And that it was time the people were taught the simple things of the word of God; and that message of good news is as necessary for that assembly as it was for the people of Judea. He said that we and our children, should read the Bible more than we do; our children should read the Bible, until they can learn where Jesus Christ was born, and understand his history. I wish to come down to the capacity of children, and if they can understand me, their parents can. Perhaps almost every child in these valleys eight years old knows that it is necessary to be baptized at that age, because they have been taught it by their parents or others, but many of them do not know what they are baptized for, but if it was not for the name of Jesus Christ, all our ordinances and administrations, would be in vain, and of no effect, for if we did not baptize in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins would not be remitted, and if we did not lay on hands in the name of Jesus Christ for the gift of the Holy Ghost, or the healing of the sick, the Holy Ghost would not be given, nor the sick be healed; for there is no other name given under heaven, whereby men can be saved. We have no promise of any blessing from God, except thro' and in his name. Then it is very important that we and our children should understand his life and history; some do not know whether he was born in Asia or America.

He spoke of Christ's visit to America—choosing twelve Apostles—his teachings to the people and prophesying of the last days, all written in the Book of Mormon; the people should hear it; people must learn and perceive the gospel in order to be candidates for salvation or damnation; all should get their endowments but if they sin afterwards they will have to pay for it.

At 3 o'clock P. M. Elder Gilbert Clements spoke to the people from the text "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith." He thought people should know, not think merely, that they were in the faith—should not neglect praying upon the plea that we had to go to the canyon or were busy, for the Prophet David prayed three times a day, although he was prime minister of Babylon. A man was in the road to ruin that would lie down and sleep without praying. Spoke of parents and teachers moulding the minds of children; the artist and sculpture presenting their paintings and marble as monuments of greatness for thousands of years, but the impressions made upon the minds of the youth would remain when the canvass was worn to threads and the marble crumbled to dust.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the people were addressed by Elder T. D. Brown, who spoke of his interesting mission among the Lamanites in the south, told interesting anecdotes while among them, the dealing of God with him and them, in their feeding him on bread and wine of their own make, while in the wilderness, some were baptized and tried to imitate our customs; they performed much labor at the first and would plant and sow acres of ground, which they dug up with a stick or paddle.—They were much astonished when they saw the iron plow turn so much ground over. He advised the saints to be united, and live in peace, and not to go to law with each other, but if we have ought against our brother become reconciled.

SUNDAY, Oct. 21, a.m.—Meeting opened by prayer, by T. D. Brown. Brother Lorenzo D. Young addressed the people upon the subject of setting up the Kingdom of God on earth in our day, and the blessings which God will give us; referred to the second coming of Christ in the flesh, and to the Jews who were looking for a king to come and set upon the throne of David; spoke of our trusting in God, and doing our duty, and we would be delivered from our enemies. Thought we ought to pay our debts and not contract any except we had a prospect of paying them. He would divide the last loaf with any man he owed.

P. M.—Elder O. Pratt addressed the people, clothed with the spirit of the Lord; his teachings were very interesting to all who heard them. He referred to the discourse of P. P. Pratt, upon the life, death, and persecution of the Savior; had formerly wished that he had lived in that day, but now had much rather live in this dispensation, as there were greater works to be performed. He then took up the Book of Mormon and linked all the prophecies together, which are to take place until the coming of Christ, the redemption of the Lamanites; the preaching the gospel unto all nations; the building the New Jerusalem and Temple in Jackson county, the cloud and pillar of fire over the dwelling places; the opening of the seals; the pouring out of the plagues; blowing of the trumpets; the persecutions of the saints; and the ascension of the New Jerusalem into the clouds with its inhabitants, there

to remain until the wicked were destroyed, then to descend and reign a thousand years. He portrayed the joy, grandeur and glory of the saints, during these events, and the consternation, sorrow and misery of the wicked.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the people again assembled, and were addressed by W. Woodruff, who expressed much satisfaction at what he had heard during this conference, was glad to be associated with some of the Twelve Apostles and others in a mission to this Territory. The Prophets and Apostles who were leading us, are the Apostles and prophets of God, or else our faith and works are in vain and we have not the kingdom of God with us and we are yet in our sins, but we know they are of God and the kingdom of God is with us. Therefore we are under obligation to receive their teachings and follow their counsel, and by so doing we shall be blessed. Recommended the Bible, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants, as reading books for our children, instead of novels, for whatever seed was sown in their minds would be apt to produce the same kind of fruit. Spoke of the great importance of parents giving their children a good education, and of improving well their time during the period allotted them for that purpose, that they may be well prepared for the work which they will live to perform in future years.

The conference was then adjourned for three months. W. WOODRUFF, Reporter.

Minutes of a Quarterly Conference held at Tooele City, Nov. 10, 1855.

The people assembled at the School house, on Saturday, Nov. 10, and conference opened by singing and prayer by Elder John Lyon.

W. Woodruff spoke a few moments and said:— I am glad to meet you in the capacity of a quarterly conference, and to visit you in the capacity of a missionary, in connection with so many other missionaries. We know it is necessary for you to have the Spirit of the Lord, in order to be benefited by our teaching, and it is necessary for us to have the Spirit of the Lord, as missionaries, in order to teach to your edification and benefit.

The Lord has much to communicate to this people, and we have much to learn and practise, before we are prepared to dwell in the presence of God; so I wish you to obtain the Spirit of God, that you may be edified, and that you may by faith draw forth those things from the Lord which is his will to communicate unto you through his servants who may address you.

Elder John Lyon followed with an address to the people. He said:—

I feel very weak; I did so in the old country, but much more so in this, where there is so much of the priesthood around me. I have wished that what I had learned in the world was taken from me, for I have thought that it had done me more hurt than good. I have seen many that had enjoyed the gifts of God, that have apostatized, and said it was all a delusion. Some are in the faith when the sun shines, but when the grasshoppers eat up their grain and all they planted, they feel as though they want to leave, and try to find a better place. When we have the Spirit of God we feel well, and are blessed; but when we do not have it, we do not know what to do, and we do not prosper temporally nor spiritually.

Meeting opened by prayer by Elder Z. Pulsipher. Prest. Joseph Young addressed the people and said:— I am unwell, but I hope I shall not feel the worse for speaking. I feel to give God the gratitude of my heart that our lives have been preserved, and that we have been chastened, for that is a sign that we are not forgotten; for whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth.

The Lord has permitted our crops to fail this year for our good and salvation; the Lord has begun to prepare the kingdom of God for the coming of the great Bridegroom. He has raised up a prophet to lead his people, and has as much interest in his kingdom now as he had in the beginning.

The testimony of the servants of God has been believed from the beginning, and it is remarkable to see how many say, "I believed the testimony that I first heard of this work." All must have a revelation from heaven for themselves that this work is of God, or there is not the confidence for faith and salvation that they should have. No man can know of the spirit that governs him, when he is not in the light of Christ—he is in the dark, and knows not how he walks. No man can know his own tabernacle, except it is by the Spirit of God; and in order to keep the Spirit of God, we should be cleanly and temperate. We should not eat or drink more than is merely necessary to nourish our systems; whatever we take more than this, clogs our minds and stupifies us, and does us an injury.

We should love our tabernacles enough to adorn them and keep them clean and pure, but should not set our hearts upon them. We should love God with all our hearts, and set our affections upon him. If we knew our tabernacles, we should not send for a doctor to give us calomel, or any strong medicines. The cause of much sickness and death is, because we break some law, and the tabernacle suffers by it.

Elder Thomas Grover followed and said:— I am not competent to deliver a discourse as brother Young has, but I must lay a foundation to build upon; I must begin with the apostles and prophets. I want to ask if we have made any covenants with God, or with our brethren; I think we have. We have made a covenant that we would not speak against the Lord's anointed. Well, now, if I am to keep all my covenants, and the commandments of God, I must watch carefully over myself, and so must you.

If the people of this church all did their duty, and came up to their privileges, they could have the heavens opened unto them; but if we do not keep our covenants, we may have to wait a great while before we obtain this blessing. I believe the Lord will try and prove this people, until he is satisfied that they will serve him through life or death; then I believe Joseph and Hyrum, and the righteous of all dispensations, will be engaged for us and to sustain this church and kingdom upon the earth. But if we do not continue faithful unto the end, we shall not get our pay for the privations we have passed through; for we have no promise unless we hold out faithful unto the end. I do not think this nation will prosper as they have done; for if they have their reward for what they have done, they will be visited with evil.

The people again assembled at 6 o'clock in the evening. Prayer by Elder Herriman.

Elder Zera Pulsipher addressed the people. He said:— I have been out of the habit of preaching as much as I used to, but I will say what God puts into my heart. I will take for my text the words of the prophet Joel: "For thus saith the Lord: I will pour out of my Spirit in the last days upon all flesh; your sons shall prophesy; your old men shall dream dreams," &c. The Spirit has been poured out upon the people, and the people as a great whole have rejected it; and now the judgments of God will be poured out upon all nations; but the few who have obeyed the Spirit, have received the gifts of the Spirit, according to the sayings of the prophet. This gospel shall be preached in all the world; then shall the end come.

We have been sent from the spirit world to take tabernacles in this probation. Because we have kept our first estate, we should not trifle with our second estate, but should faithfully keep it, that we may have an exaltation and glory therein.

There has been a great change in the earth. When I was a young man, I never knew of but one thief in the neighborhood where I lived. He stole a horse, was put in prison, and got out, and it made more talk than it would in these valleys if a thousand things were stolen.

The people that profess to be Latter Day Saints should be the last people in the world that should steal or borrow and not return. Many complain that if they lend a tool, they cannot get it again. Confidence has got to be restored among this people; and those that dwell in Zion, must keep the commandments of God.

Jared Carter was the first Mormon I ever saw; I heard him preach, and believed his doctrines. I was a preacher, and I told my people the work was of God, and I should receive it; and I did so, and I have received it from that day to this.

If we do right as a people, and keep the commandments of God, we need not be afraid of all the powers of earth and hell, for they cannot remove us out of our place, if the Lord wishes us to remain; but if we forsake the Lord, it will not take long to do it. I can say, woe be unto that people that come against us to mob us, if we are faithful and trust in God.

Some of the first Twelve and others lost their standing in the church, because they lost their handle, as the Indian said; they lost it too cheap; and we are no better than they were; so we should be upon our guard and be faithful, lest we fall through the same example of unbelief.

If we stand in this great day of calamity which is coming upon the earth, we have got to keep the commandments of God, and obey the counsel of our file leaders.

Elder Herriman followed and said:—

I am thankful that I have the privilege of preaching to you. I have seen many turning away from the holy commandments of God. I want to try to keep the work of God with me. It is no small thing for me to stand up to teach the saints of God; but I mean to do the best I can. I think it my duty to try to strengthen the faith of the Saints.

If I have not yet got the spirit of my mission, I hope I shall get it soon. We have got to build up Zion, and build up a Temple, but we cannot do it without means; and we have got to be of one heart and one mind more than we are now, in order to do what is required of us in an acceptable manner before God.

We should make the best use of our means that God has given us, so that we can build up temples and sustain the work of God, and our reward will be sure; for the word of God is as sure and steadfast as the everlasting hills. If we ever get a celestial glory, we shall come up through great tribulations; you may depend upon that.

If we do right, God will manifest his wisdom in us. We have got to do right, and not do one thing wrong, but trust to the God of heaven in all things, and do our duty, and God will bless us. The trial of our faith is more precious than gold. I hope we shall be prepared for the coming of Christ, and the great things which are coming upon the earth; for all that God has spoken will come to pass, as God lives.

SUNDAY MORNING, Nov. 11.

The missionaries all met at 8 o'clock, at the School house, and made their appointments for quarterly conferences and other meetings through the districts for the next three months.

The public meeting was opened at 10 o'clock.

Singing and prayer by Elder John Pack.

Elder Horace S. Eldredge addressed the people, and said:—

I will speak for a short time. I feel as if this people had the greatest reason to rejoice of any people on earth. I think that we have great reason to rejoice for the living oracles, to lead and teach us the things of the kingdom of God.

We began to think, when we first received this work, that all was done that we had to do; but we have found out that this is not the case. I have found that I have something yet to do; I have an abundance of labor to perform, and so have all this people.

We see imperfections in men; but when the main aim of people is to do right, we should be willing to overlook their imperfections. I feel that we ought to give thanks to God for what he has given us, and we should make a right improvement of it. We should take pains to educate our children, and to learn them the scriptures, so that they may have an understanding of the history of Christ; at least, as has already been said, they should know where the Savior was born.

Elder E. T. Benson then addressed the people, and said:—

I am called upon to make a few remarks. My mind has been edified in listening to the teaching of my brethren. It is well to teach our children the Bible and all good books, and store their minds with useful knowledge. The Lord has sent his servants among us to teach us the things of the Kingdom of God; if we will give diligent heed to their counsel. It shows that the Lord is remembering us. I am glad the Lord has sent his servants to labor among us, so that we may not forget our religion.

Where our treasures are, there will be our hearts also. If our hearts are upon our farms and cattle, and this world's goods, they cannot be in heaven, or upon the things of the kingdom of God. No man can see the king-

dom of God, unless he is born of the Spirit. We have all kinds in the Kingdom of God now; and we are told that the tares must grow with the wheat until the harvest, lest, by pulling up the tares, we root out the wheat also. But I shall be glad when the separation comes between the righteous and the wicked.

I have no fears of a mob from Carthage, or the United States; but it is the apostates that are in our midst, that have been the cause of most of our troubles, even those that are in our families and cities.

I will say that God will bless all that do their duty. I want you to have confidence in the missionaries, and listen to what they say. All must have their time of trial. Who knows but what God has raised some in this place to try and tempt you, but you should not curse and blaspheme because of it. I had a large piece of beef and tallow in my cellar a few days since; some one came and stole it all, and did not leave enough for my breakfast. I did not curse or swear, but I knelt down and attended to my morning prayers, as though nothing had happened.

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DIED:

In this city on the 21st inst., SAMUEL, son of Samuel and Eunice S. Moore, aged 4 years, 7 months, 3 days. His sickness was a sudden attack of chill and fever.

MARRIED:

In this city, on the 2d inst., by Prest. Bishop Edw. Hunter, Mr. FREDERICK HEATH and Miss HARRIET BUTCHER, both of this city.

By the same, on the 16th inst., Mr. WM. PERKS and Miss ANN YOUNG, all of this city.

By the same, on the 20th inst., Mr. MATTHEW G. D. PHILLIPS and Miss SUSAN JAKES, late of St. Johns, New Brunswick.

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