

The constitution consists of six articles, regulating the organization of the "Grand Encampment," which is composed of representatives elected from each subordinate regiment existing in the territory, as hereinafter provided.

"The officers of the Grand Encampment shall consist of a Grand General, Grand Vice General, Grand Quartermaster, Grand Paymaster, Grand Aid, two Grand Sentinels, and Grand Chaplain.

"The Grand Encampment shall make all nominations for Territorial officers at large and immediately after such nominations shall have been made, the Grand General communicate the result to every regiment in the Territory."

The officers of the Grand Encampment are:—

Grand General—Rev. G. W. Hutchinson, Lawrence, Kansas Territory.

Grand Vice General—C. R. Holliday, Topeka, K. T.

Grand Quartermaster—J. K. Goodwin, Lawrence, K. T.

Grand Paymaster—Charles Luby, M. D., Leavenworth, K. T.

By the constitution of the subordinate encampments, the officers of each subordinate regiment shall consist of a Colonel, a Lieutenant Colonel, a Quartermaster, aid and two sentinels. The regiments located in each and every elect on districts shall make nominations for all candidates for offices in their respective districts; but when there shall be two or more regiments in any one election district, of whatever kind, then nominations shall be made by delegates from the respective encampments within said district. The "Ritual" contains the order of business and mode of proceeding in the subordinate encampments, under the following heads:—

1. Reading the minutes by the Quartermaster.
2. Proposals for new recruits.
3. Voting for the same.
4. Initiation of recruits.
5. Reports of committees.
6. Unfinished business appearing on the minutes.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.

The opening ceremony of the subordinate encampments is as follows:—

OPENING CEREMONY.

The Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Quartermaster, Paymaster, Aid and Sentinels being in their respective places, the regiment shall be called to order, and thus addressed by the Colonel:—

Colonel—Fellow-soldiers in the Free State army:—The hour has arrived when we must resume the duties devolving upon us. Let us each with a heart devoted to justice, patriotism and liberty, attend closely to all the regulations laid down for our government and action, each laboring to make this review pleasant and profitable to ourselves and a blessing to our country. And, are the sentinels at their posts with closed doors?

Aid—They are.

Colonel—Aid, you will now review the troops in the regimental passwords.

Aid—(After examination)—I have examined them personally and find each correct.

Colonel—I pronounce this regiment arrayed and ready for service."

Release of Elders.

CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.—Having taken into consideration the wishes of many of our brethren in the ministry in these European countries, to emigrate to Zion, in connexion with the general welfare of the Churches committed to our Presidency, we have, by the counsel and dictation of the Holy Spirit, ordained and determined the following changes and appointments.

ELDERS RELEASED.—John Van Cott, Daniel Tyler, Canute Peterson, George D. Grant, William H. Kimball, Chauncey G. Webb, Edward Bunker, Edward Martin, James G. Willie, Mellin Atwood, James Feign-on, Joseph A. Young, James Marsden, Robert Holt, J. D. T. McAllister, Walter Granger, John Oakley, John Godsall, P. C. Merrill, Thomas Lyon, Moses Clough, Thomas Ord, Nathan T. Porter, Henry A. Squires, Joseph France, Henry E. Bowring, Spicer W. Crandall, Job Welling, John A. Hunt, Edward Frost, Daniel D. McArthur, William Stones, William Woodward, William Heaton, Thomas B. Boderick, Robert Parker, Samuel Hargreaves, John Kelley, Andrew Galloway, David Grant, Charles A. Foster, John McDonald.

CHANGES OF ORGANIZATION.—The Staffordshire and Shropshire Conferences will be attached to the Birmingham Pastoral district, and the Herefordshire Conference be attached to the Worcester and Cheltenham Pastoral district.

The Hull Conference will be attached to the Sheffield Pastoral district.

The Sunderland, Durham, Hartlepool, Northallerton, Coxhoe, Tottingham, Whitton-le-Wear, Stockton, Easington Lane, and Castle Eden Branches of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Conference, will be organized and hereafter known as the Durham Conference.

Elders Israel Evans and Benjamin Ashby are reserved for another field of labor, and their appointments will be noticed at a proper time.

Elder William C. Dunbar is appointed to succeed Elder Kimball in the Pastoral charge of the London, Reading, Kent, and Essex Conferences.

Elder Charles R. Dana is appointed to succeed Elder Grant in the Pastoral charge of the Manchester, Liverpool, and Preston Conferences.

Elder James P. Park is appointed to succeed Elder Edward Bunker in the Pastoral charge of the Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, and Kilmarnock Conferences.

Elder William G. Young is appointed to succeed Elder Webb in the Pastoral charge of the Sheffield, Bradford, and Lincolnshire Conferences.

Elder John C. Hall is appointed to succeed Elder Willie in the Pastoral charge of the Southampton, and Dorsetshire Conferences.

Elder Jesse B. Martin is appointed to succeed Elder Atwood in the Pastoral charge of the South, Wiltshire, and Lands-end Conferences.

Elder Henry Lunt is appointed to succeed Elder Martin in the Pastoral charge of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Carlisle Conferences.

Elder John Croston is appointed to succeed Elder John Hargreaves in the Presidency of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Conference.

Elder Oliver G. Workman is appointed to the Presidency of the Durham Conference.

Elder John Scott is appointed to succeed Elder Ferguson in the Pastoral charge of the Dublin and Belfast Conferences, Ireland.

Elder James McGhie is appointed to succeed Elder McAllister in the Presidency of the Belfast Conference.

Elder Thomas H. Rutledge is appointed to succeed Elder Bowring in the Presidency of the Dublin Conference.

Elder G. D. Keaton is appointed to succeed Elder Dunbar in the Pastoral charge of the Channel Islands, and Havre de Grace Conferences, and the scattering Branches of the Church in the north of France.

Elder James D. Ross is appointed to succeed Elder James Marsden in the Presidency of the London Conference.

Elder John M. Browne is appointed to succeed Elder Broderick in the Presidency of the Kent Conference.

Elder John Hyde, sen., is appointed to succeed Elder France in the Presidency of the Reading Conference.

Elder Daniel Davis is appointed to succeed Elder Squires in the Presidency of the Essex Conference.

Elder William S. Muir is appointed to succeed Elder Holt in the Presidency of the Manchester Conference.

Elder John Kay is appointed to succeed Elder Crandall in the Presidency of the Liverpool Conference.

Elder James Craig is appointed to succeed Elder Parker in the Presidency of the Preston Conference.

Elder John Pym is appointed to succeed Elder Grainger in the Presidency of the Glasgow Conference.

Elder John McComie is appointed to succeed Elder Heaton in the Presidency of the Edinburgh Conference.

Elder Joseph Chalmers is appointed to succeed Elder McArthur in the Presidency of the Dundee Conference.

Elder Francis Kirby is appointed to succeed Elder Frost in the Presidency of the Sheffield Conference.

Elder David A. Curtis is appointed to succeed Elder Joseph A. Young in the Presidency of the Bradford Conference.

Elder Joseph Burrows is appointed to succeed Elder Oakley in the Presidency of the Lincolnshire Conference.

Elder Lorenzo D. Rudd is appointed to succeed Elder Lyon in the Presidency of the Hull Conference.

Elder Charles Jones is appointed to succeed Elder Godsall in the Presidency of the Birmingham Conference.

Elder John Toone is appointed to succeed Elder Hunt in the Presidency of the Warwickshire Conference.

Elder George Thurston is appointed to succeed Elder William G. Young in the Presidency of the Staffordshire Conference.

Elder Albert P. Tyler is appointed to succeed Elder Park in the Presidency of the Shropshire Conference.

Elder John Cook is appointed to succeed Elder Stones in the Presidency of the Nottinghamshire Conference.

Elder James Bond is appointed to succeed Elder Ord in the Presidency of the Leicestershire Conference.

Elder Jesse Griffin is appointed to succeed Elder Israel Evans in the Presidency of the Derbyshire Conference.

Elder Robert F. Neslin is appointed to succeed Elder Kelley in the Presidency of the Cheltenham Conference.

Elder J. H. Latex is appointed to succeed Elder Porter in the Presidency of the Worcestershire Conference.

Elder Thomas W. Russell is appointed to succeed Elder Galloway in the Presidency of Herefordshire Conference.

Elder Thomas Phillips is appointed to succeed Elder Lunt in the Presidency of the South Conference.

Elder Edward Hanham is appointed to succeed Elder Jesse B. Martin in the Presidency of the Wiltshire Conference.

Elder Joseph Taylor is appointed to succeed Elder Toone in the Presidency of the Lands-end Conference.

Elder William Baylis is appointed to succeed Elder Wolcott in the Presidency of the Bedfordshire Conference.

Elder W. G. Gregg is appointed to succeed Elder Clough in the Presidency of the Cambridge-shire Conference.

Elder John Coggle is appointed to succeed Elder Welling in the Presidency of the Southampton Conference.

Elder Edward Harding is appointed to succeed Elder Woodward in the Presidency of the Dorsetshire Conference.—[Millennial Star.

Texas.

INDIANOLA, March 7, 1856.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—

Dear Sir—I have deemed that it might be of interest for me to jot down the particulars of an event which recently transpired in a town named Powderhorn, situated on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. On Saturday the 1st inst., Elder J. Ostler and myself traveled from Clinton to meet Elder Preston Thomas and the saints from St. Louis, with their wagons &c., preparatory to our journey to the peaceful valleys of the mountains.

A merchant having kindly offered us his upper room to preach in, a series of lectures were delivered by Elder Ostler on the Faith, Doctrines and Practices of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Lord was with him and gave him words of burning truth, which fell with the demonstration of the Spirit and with power upon the people. But Satan, that old serpent, knowing that many honest in heart were seeking for light, and fearing lest some might burst asunder the fetters of sectarianism and escape from Babylon, stirred up one of his agents to strive to stay the progress of the great work we were engaged in.

On the 5th, about 8 p. m., just as Elder Ostler commenced, one of Lucifer's gentlemen named Henry Jones came up to the stand and ordered br. O. to stop preaching, and having announced his determination to tar and feather him, he threatened death to any one who should

oppose him. He stated that he had paid for the barrel of tar, and swore that into the tar barrel the preacher must go. He then smashed away with a slung shot at the water pitcher and glasses, till the audience seemed to feel that the ruffian would do as he had said. At this juncture another man came forward and declared himself a representative of the citizens of Indianola, (a town 3 miles distant) and in the name of that people ordered us to quit the country by 8 a. m., on the next day.

How we realized the force of the scripture, "In the world ye shall have tribulation. If ye were of the world the world would love its own, but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world will hate you."

Elder O. gave me his books, &c., and walked to the appointed place with the meekness of a lamb, firmly relying upon the strong arm of Him who said, "Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver you." What was in reserve for me I knew not, but expected also to suffer from the hands of those who thirsted for the blood of the saints.

I prayed mentally that Jesus would be as a wall of fire round about us and deliver us, for false witnesses had risen up against us, and those who breathed out cruelty. Blessed be his holy name, he heard us, and not a hair of our heads was touched.

In the midst of the confusion, while one was knocking in the head of the tar barrel, br. Ostler was not there. He could hear their savage yells, but he was praising God on his knees in the prairie afar off.

As he arose the house of a widow stood before him, he knocked at the door, she opened it and invited him in, like Rahab who concealed the spies that were sent out by Joshua.

When I called on her to say farewell, she expressed a strong desire to go up to Zion with us; may he who owns the silver and the gold, with the cattle upon a thousand hills, grant her the desires of her heart; may she be saved by her works, may salvation come to her house.

May God bless all the faithful saints, who with the whole armor of God are doing battle against the powers of darkness. The Lord being my helper, I hope to be in the peaceful valleys by September next, as I purpose starting this month with the saints from Texas.

Yours in the kingdom of patience,

PHILIP W. HOSKING.

Iron County.

PAROWAN, April 27, 1856.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—

As, according to some eastern newspapers—"G. S. L. City is sunk by an earthquake" and the few survivors are floating about on boxes, boards, &c., (not having hardihood sufficient to doubt the statement, coming as it does from so authentic a source) we who live in Parowan naturally feel an intense anxiety to know the full truth at once; and if the survivors of the great famine and aforesaid earthquake feel a reciprocal desire to hear from Iron county a few items may be of interest.

Parowan has not yet sunk, but should the catastrophe occur soon we will send particulars by the OX TELEGRAPH. At the latest dates, Cedar, Paragonah, Harmony, Fort Johnson, Beaver and other settlements were still secure, and the earth is receiving the seed cast upon its fertile and placid bosom, and promises to yield a plentiful increase. All are busily engaged in seeding, and several good drilling machines have been made by brs R. R. Rogers and C. C. Pendl-ton.

The season has been quite backward, and is still cool. The Indians are and have been peaceable and feel anxious to farm; those about Parowan will probably do so at Paragonah.

At Beaver the brethren are at work, 'Mormon' fashion, and doing well. The city was laid out on the 17th inst., it is beautifully located. There is an abundance of range, good timber, plenty of water and excellent land ready to be used by any who lack, affording excellent facilities to such as may not already have good locations.

At Parowan all is prosperity, peace and quiet. Our political atmosphere is serene, but there is a firm and settled feeling in the bosoms of all that the time has arrived for Utah to enjoy her just rights and become a State.

The constitution of the proposed State of Deseret was duly read, at a public meeting of the citizens, and adopted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. F. T. Whitney has suspended operations upon his furnace until seeding time is over. There is an abundance of excellent iron ore near the furnace, and good indications of coal. During the winter he has cast some very handsome brass door handles, latches and other small articles.

Hoping that you are safely beyond the reach of the 'EARTHQUAKE,' I remain, yours truly,

J. H. MARTINEAU.

Swiss Mission.

[From a Letter from Elder John Chislett to Elder W. G. Mills.]

GENEVA, Switzerland,

Nov. 2, 1855.

The publication of the "Darsteller" has continued, in which I have assisted Prest. Tyler. It does not meet with a very extensive circulation as yet, but it is well received by the saints; the sixth number is just out.

I took a trip into the cantons of Vaud and Neuchatel, in the forepart of September, and baptized one man and cheered up the saints. On the 12th of October I left this city to take another trip in the same cantons; I baptized a young man in Cassouay, canton Vaud, and held two meetings; I left some investigating the truth.

We have lately been favored by a visit from Prest. F. D. Richards and Elders W. H. Kimball and John L. Smith: the latter is now here and will succeed br. Tyler in the presidency of these missions. From what I have seen of br. Smith

I like him very much, and believe I shall labor with him with great pleasure.

Provo Conference.

A Special Conference was held in Provo city on the 26th and 27th of April, during which the assemblies were addressed by Elder A. J. Stewart (appointed to Australia), Bishop Aaron Johnson, Bishop L. E. Harrington, Prest James C. Snow, Patriarch Isaac Morley, Bishop E. H. Blackburn, Bishop David Evans, and Prest. David Fullmer.

The conference was well attended, the instructions appropriate, interesting and useful, and an increased degree of attention and union was manifested.

During the afternoon of the 27th the High Council was re-organized by the unanimous election of the following named persons, viz:—

Aaron Johnson, John H. Carter, Joseph Clark, William O. Sperry, Simons P. Curtis, John W. Berry, Elisha Jones, John Mercer, Stephen M. Farnsworth, Benjamin K. Bullock, Amos W. Haws and John L. Ivie.

LUCIUS N. SCOVILL,
Clerk of Conference.

England.

WORCESTER, Nov. 12th, 1855.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—

Sir—I left G. S. L. City, on the 9th day of May, 1854, in company with Elders Clapp, McGaw, Martindale, Toon, and several others, some on missions to the States, and some to England. Brs. Hodgkinson, Toon, James Foster and myself arrived in Liverpool, on the 19th day of August.

I was appointed to labor in the Worcestershire conference, under Pastor John Barker. For about two months I traveled among the saints living in straw thatched cottages among the hills in Worcestershire and Herefordshire.

I told them of the good spirit that prevailed in Zion, and encouraged them as much as I could, and I have felt much blest in so doing.

I was there taken down with pleurisy and inflammation on the lungs, and after I recovered, Prest. F. D. Richards sent me to Cambridge conference, to labor under Pastor C. R. Dana. I labored there about five months, living and working hard, and the God of Israel greatly blest me and increased my strength.

I am now laboring in my native place, Worcestershire conference. I feel well in the work; the city of Worcester is all alive with Mormonism.

Last Sunday I gave a lecture, subject, 'A life among the 'Mormons' in Deseret.' The room was filled to overflowing, and every one seemed glad to hear.

Pastor D. B. Dille and Prest. N. T. Porter, assisted by Prest. C. H. Wheelock, are giving a series of Lectures in this place which are well attended.

James Foster took to his old habits of drinking and lying, and has gone to the Crimea.

The American brethren are generally doing and feeling well, and wish to be remembered to their friends in Zion.

The saints have great anxiety to be gathered, but poverty is in the way and many are looking for their friends in Zion, to redeem them from this place of punishment, for so it is in reality.

Brethren in Deseret, do help your kindred and friends in this land; do not forget that you were once here in poverty. Some are now working for from 30 to 40 cents a day, and have to pay 6 1-2 cents a pound for flour, 16 for meat, 32 and 34 for butter, and 3 for Potatoes, with rent to pay, clothes to buy, &c.

I hope to return next year, and bring many sheaves with me. There are many good saints in England, and I much desire to see them in Deseret. I feel glad that I was sent on this mission, and I pray God to bless all his missionaries.

Yours in the Covenant of Peace.

WILLIAM B. HODGETTS,
a member of the 35th Quorum of Seventies.

A New Kind of Milk Covers.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—

Sir:—It is probably well known that milk will keep sweet longer, and more cream rise, by being set in open pans, hence I recommend the use of the double cover of my own invention, and constructed as follows:—

Let the first cover be made to project three or four inches beyond the edge of the pan, with a hole in it nearly as large as the top of the pan. Let the second cover be made as large as the first, and be placed directly over it, supported by four small pegs, fastening the covers three inches apart. The lower cover, with its projection, will keep mice, &c., from getting into the pans, the upper cover will keep dirt from falling into the milk, and the milk will have free circulation of air, the same as if it were not covered.—Respectfully,
JAMES M. PEIRCE,
Sugar House Ward.

TO RAISE AND KEEP CELERY.—Celery must be sown early in the spring. As soon as the plants are four or six inches high, then dig a trench one foot deep; put in some good barn-yard manure, mixed with good earth; then set in your plants, about nine inches apart; cover them for the first three days through the day; as they grow, keep filling in earth occasionally until the ditch becomes full, and by this means you can bleach it from twelve to fourteen inches in length.

It must be taken up in November, in the new of the moon, and then prepare a box in your cellar, and put in good earth at one end of the box; then lay in your celery, slaughting, in rows; then put in earth, so the tops stick out four inches; so continue on till the box is full; water it occasionally during the winter. By this means it can be kept until spring.—[Prairie Farmer.

Childhood is like a mirror; catching and reflecting images around it. Remember that an impious or profane thought uttered by a parent may operate on the young heart like a careless sprig of water thrown upon polished steel, staining it with rust that no after scouring can efface.—[Ex.