

the departure from the ordinances of the Gospel, showing up the great disparity existing between modern and ancient Christians; the ushering in of the everlasting Gospel; the coming forth of the Book of Mormon; the murderous element extant in the land; the work of the evil one to overcome the Saints; the judgments of God to be poured out; and the withdrawal of God's spirit. Bore a strong testimony to the truth, calling upon all to repent, obey the Gospel and gather with the Saints.

Elder Pratt bore a faithful testimony to what had been said, and urged the Saints to be diligent in doing their duty lest the judgments of God overtake them.

Meeting adjourned.
Benediction by Elder Harker.

7 p. m.
Testimony meeting held, at which many of the Saints bore their testimony, and spoke of the goodness of God unto them.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Prayer and singing.

Elder S. R. Marks said that in obedience to the Gospel we shall receive of the gift of the Holy Spirit and enjoy the blessings promised. Bore a faithful testimony.

Elder Reuben Farnsworth, said it is necessary to take heed and yield obedience to what had been said in order to have the protecting care of an allwise Providence.

Elder William Harker said that obedience to the laws and requirements of the everlasting Gospel will enable us to escape the judgments of a just God, that are about to be poured out upon the earth. Bore his testimony of the divinity of Joseph Smith's mission.

Prest. Palmer spoke upon the office of the Holy Spirit, the law of adoption, the restoration of the Gospel, the calling of servants, the persecutions of the Saints, the judgments of God that shall come upon the earth, and the building up of Zion on this continent.

Elder M. W. Pratt spoke of the establishment of God's kingdom, the necessity of obeying the warning voices of the servants of God, the gathering of the Saints, and bore his testimony to the truth.

Elder S. R. Marks read a letter written by Apostle Carrington to Wm. Palmer, showing how the work of God was prospering in the British Mission.

2.30 p. m.

Conference convened. Prayer and singing.

The Sacrament was administered by Elders Hawkes and Marks.

Prest. Palmer offered appropriate remarks upon the nature of partaking of the sacrament.

Elder S. R. Marks presented the general authorities of the Church as presented at the general Conference at Salt Lake City, who were unanimously sustained. Also the following officers who received the unanimous approval of the Saints: Wm. M. Palmer as President of the North Western States mission, S. R. Marks as President of the Indiana conference, Elders Nathan Hawkes, Moroni W. Pratt, Wm. Harker, and Reuben Farnsworth as traveling Elders in the Indiana Conference. Elders Eli A. Folland, Sylvester Bradford, D. M. Stephens and J. W. Coons as traveling Elders in the State of Iowa. Elders Jno. B. Thatcher and C. C. Bartlett as traveling Elders in the State of Nebraska. Elder J. R. Johnson as presiding Elder in the Johnsonville branch, and H. N. Johnson as local Elder. J. W. Satterthwaite as Priest Wm. R. Newell as clerk of said Branch and J. R. Johnson as clerk of this Conference.

President Palmer occupied most of the time in comparing the Church anciently with that of the present.

Elder Hawkes testified to the truth of what had been said, and bore a strong testimony. Adjourned.

7 p. m.

Prayer and singing, Elder Nathan Hawkes, said he has been in the Church a long time, testified to the truth of his calling, and the nature of the divine mission of Joseph Smith as a Prophet and servant of God, pertaining to the great latter day work.

Elder Geo. O. Noble, said that God is a rewarder of all who diligently seek him, and keep his commandments; bore his testimony of the divine authenticity of the "Book of Mormon."

President Palmer, spoke of the work of the evil one against God's Kingdom, and commanded all to re-

pent and return unto him the giver of all things.

Sung Hymn 259. Prayer by Elder R. Farnsworth, Conference adjourned *sine die*.

J. R. JOHNSON, Clerk.

P. S.—Suffice it to say that we had a good time during conference, much of the Holy Spirit made manifest—also held other meetings during which discourses were delivered by President Palmer upon the great price of salvation, Elders, Wm. M. Palmer and Geo. O. Noble will leave for Utah with a company of Saints from the N. W. States mission, which leaves Omaha on Oct 17th, President Palmer to stay during the winter and Elder Noble being honorably released by President Palmer to return home.

Yours in the covenant,
J. R. JOHNSON.

BOX ELDER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of Box Elder Stake convened in the Tabernacle at Brigham City, at 10 a. m., Oct. 28, 1882.

The forenoon and afternoon meetings were chiefly occupied by Bishops of the different wards in bearing testimony and exhorting the Saints to diligence in all their duties, to rely on the all-sustaining arm of Jehovah, and to walk in truth and uprightness before him. The statistical report was read.

29th, 10 a. m.

A large portion of the meeting was occupied by Apostle L. Snow. He commenced by reading Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream; "And in the days of these kings," etc., "the dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure." He counseled the Saints to preserve their inheritance from pollution, and contrasted the happy condition of the Saints here as compared with some cities, where this counsel had not been so strictly observed.

In the afternoon the sacrament was administered.

The General Authorities of the Church, and the authorities of the Stake were presented and sustained.

Prest. O. G. Snow desired the Saints to assist in raising the necessary amount of means required for the completion of the Logan Temple.

Apostle L. Snow said to raise the amount it is required that each person in the Stake pay fifty cents, and as much more as they may choose.

After singing and benediction, Conference was adjourned for three months.

JAMES BYWATER, Clerk.

LAIE SANDWICH ISLANDS CONFERENCE.

The Semi-annual Conference held at Laie Oahu Hawaiian Islands was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 6th, 7th, and 8th, 1882, convened Oct. 6th at 10 a. m.

Present on the stand, President Edward Partridge and fourteen Utah Elders.

After the usual opening exercises, President Partridge addressed the conference for a short time, in the native language saying, that it had been over 24 years since he had had the privilege of meeting with the saints of the Sandwich Islands in conference, therefore he was very pleased to do so at that time. The Elders from Utah who had been traveling upon the different Islands then gave an account of their labors as also did some of the native Elders who had been traveling with them, meeting was then adjourned until 2 p. m.

2 p. m.

After the usual opening exercises, the time was taken up by the native Elders. Adjourned until Saturday 10 a. m.

Saturday, 10 a. m.

Meeting having opened, the Statistical reports of the several Islands were read showing: No. of Saints 8001.—new Baptism in the last 6 months, 82, children blessed 473, making a total no. of 3474 souls belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints upon the Sandwich Islands.

Prest. Partridge, with others of the foreign Elders, occupied the remainder of the forenoon, exhorting the people to work with their might, mind and strength in helping to build up God's Kingdom upon this earth.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

2 p. m.
The President and his counselors from Kula, a branch on the Island of Maui, a Priest with one Counselor from the Island of Hawaii, an Elder from the Island of Molokai, another from Lanai and Presidents and Elders from the different branches upon this Island, Oahu, all reported their branches to be in a flourishing condition.

A letter written by our ex-President H. H. Cluff to a native was then read, and the news contained therein was received with many demonstrations of thanks from the natives as well as the Elders.

Adjourned till Sunday at 10 a. m.

Sunday 10 a. m.

After opening exercises Prest. Partridge explained some of the principles of the Gospel to the native Saints.

The clerk then read the report of the new meeting house that is being erected at Laie, showing: estimated cost of material, \$4,514.85; amount received, \$2,984.85; amount expended, \$1,644.40; amount on hand, \$1,320.45; amount still needed to complete the house, \$1,550; also the report of the missionary fund, established in the year 1879, to defray the expenses of the traveling Elders showing the amount on hand at the present time to be \$112.86.

The rest of the time until 12 o'clock was taken up by three natives from branches upon this island, who reported "all well. Adjourned until 2 p. m."

2 p. m.

Meeting opened by singing by the Utah Elders "Up, awake ye defenders of Zion" Prayer by a native Elder; singing "Weep, weep not for me Zion."

The authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were then presented and unanimously sustained, as also was President Partridge together with the Elders from Utah and all officers of the various branches upon these islands. After which the Elders were appointed to their several fields of labor as follows:

S. A. Coray and M. E. Pack, to one side of the island of Hawaii; Samuel Gentry and a native Elder, to the other side; F. W. Marchant with a native Elder, to the island of Maui, and Wm. G. Farrell, to the island of Kaula, and Carl Anderson and two native Elders upon the island of Oahu.

Owing to sickness at home Elder O. D. Allen, according to a letter from the First Presidency, was honorably released to return home after an absence of two years. Leaving to look after the interests of the Church upon this Plantation President Edward Partridge and Elders John Meldrum, H. A. and S. E. Wooley, James H. Gardener, E. M. Hanson and W. C. Partridge.

The Elders that were called to travel arose and expressed their willingness to respond to the calls.

President Partridge then stated that this conference would be adjourned until April 6, 1883. Singing by Utah Elders "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," etc. Benediction by Elder James H. Gardener.

Immediately after the adjournment of the conference the Relief Society met and reported ten organized relief societies upon these Islands. Sister Partridge was elected President, with Sister Carl Anderson and two native sisters as Counselors. The relief societies are in good running order.

The day previous to conference the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. Association met in conference. Having previously arranged the programme it was very creditably carried out, when Elder James H. Gardener was re-elected President of these associations upon this mission, with two native brethren as his Counselors. The reports were read showing that the young of these verdant Isles are taking a great interest in mutual improvement as well as those in Zion.

The Sabbath Schools under the superintendency of Elder C. Anderson are doing their part in preparing the youth for future usefulness.

Take all in all the mission is in a prosperous condition.

Yours respectfully,
WM. G. FARRELL, Clerk.

OAHU CONFERENCE.

The Oahu Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was held at Awalolimu, Honolulu, H. I., on Saturday and

Sunday, 14th and 15th of October, 1882. There were present on the stand Elder Edward Partridge, President of the Hawaiian Mission, Elders Franklin Wm. Marchant, O. D. Allen, S. A. Coray, C. Anderson, S. Gentry, Jas. B. Rhead and W. G. Farrell.

After the usual opening exercises, Elder Coray explained briefly to the assemblage the object of the Conference, and asked for good order, and their faith and prayers, that we might have an abundance of the Spirit to attend us during our meetings. The remainder of the forenoon was occupied by five native Elders, who spoke well; one of whom handled ably the text, "Fishers of men," remarking what great skill and caution it required to become a successful fisher in the various winds and tides, among all kinds of fish and in all depths of water, inferring that in like manner Christ had taught us to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" in fishing for men.

Conference was then adjourned till Sunday, 10 a. m.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Large attendance.
Meeting opened with singing by the Walkiki choir. Prayer by S. Gentry.

Singing.
The reports from the native Elders presiding at the different branches on Oahu were called for. They represented their branches as flourishing, and Elder Coray gave a report of his labors on Oahu and proceeded to answer a charge made against him in a Honolulu paper for attempting to preach "Mormonism" in a Calvinist church. He remarked that they had called him, in connection with Joseph Smith and all his followers, "serpents, liars, devils and enemies to the Church of Christ." He then related some of Joseph's prophecies and cited the people to the fulfillment of the same; spoke of the prophecies that the Elders were continually making to them to "Repent and be baptized and ye shall receive the Holy Ghost," asking the Saints if they had received it, to which all responded, "yes." He then compared Brother Joseph's teachings with those of the Bible; after which was shown on the other hand where the Calvinists did not preach the doctrine of the scriptures. He closed by warning all those who dared to fight against the Lord, saying, "The fierce wrath of an angry God would be upon them;" exhorted the Saints to remember their testimony from above and listen to the whisperings of the Spirit by obeying the laws and commandments of the Lord as fast as they could find them out. He thanked the Saints of Oahu for their kindness during his labors among them; asked for their faith and prayers to attend him and Brother Pack while on their mission to Kohala.

The names of the authorities were then presented and unanimously sustained. The native Elders occupied the remainder of the forenoon, speaking well and bearing a powerful testimony to the truth of the work.

2 p. m.

After the usual opening exercises, Brother Anderson addressed the people, exhorting them to do right and be faithful unto the obtaining of a good reward.

Elders Marchant, Rhead, Allen, Gentry, Pack and Farrell each bore testimony to the truth of the work, all remarking that they felt well in their labors, and asked for the faith and prayers of the Saints.

President Partridge made the closing speech, saying: that he had been much edified in the remarks of the brethren. Exhorted the people to be faithful and attend to their duties, praying the Lord to bless them in their righteous endeavors at all times. Conference adjourned *sine die*.

KIKENER, Clerk.

VIGOROUS DEFENCE OF THE MORMONS.

TRAVELERS' REST,
COOSA COUNTY, Ala.,
October 17th, 1882.

Editor Deseret News:

About the latter part of July a meeting was called in the north part of this county, for the purpose of passing some resolutions relating to some of our Elders who had preached a few times, but as the mobocrats were divided with regard to the best mode of procedure, no resolutions were passed. Before dismissal, however, the Rev. Mr.

Hasty announced that he was ready at any time to join a party of men and drive the Elders out of the county. If Mr. Hasty's bellows had been strong enough no doubt but that we would have been in torment long ago.

September 17th there was a great excitement about the negroes. It was rumored that at 2 o'clock Sept. 18th, the negroes were going to make a raid on the white people in the south and kill them all off. We were invited by a friend to spend the night of the 17th with him. We accepted the invitation, shortly after arriving the neighbor began to come in, by dark there were no less than 50 persons present. We told the people that there was no danger, but words seemed to have little effect. During the night we sang some hymns and songs which had a good effect. The excitement died away with the dawning of the day.

On the 13th of October two representative candidates for the 48th Congress spoke to the people here, the Hon. Col. Thomas Williams, democrat, and Hon. Rev. Major McCoy, greenbacker. Mr. Williams spoke of what the democratic party had done and what they would do if they had the power, that would be for the good of the people. "My opponent," said Mr. Williams, "professes to be a democrat and is a candidate for the greenback party with a republican blind bridle on. It is hard to tell what he is. To-day he will say one thing to-morrow he will deny it. He brought up several instances of the kind and proved them, thus placing the major in rather an unenviable position. He then spoke of what the Republican party were trying to do and what they had done; this brought him to the question of the day—polygamy. "My opponent," said Mr. Williams, accuses me of voting against the anti-polygamy bill. It was not because I wanted more wives, nor because I was in favor of polygamy; but because I wanted to secure to every man the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. I would not deprive a negro of his right; I would not deprive an Indian of his rights; I would not deprive the devil of his rights, not even my friend here, Major McCoy. There is a people away off in Utah Territory who call themselves polygamists—no "Mormons," but they practice polygamy. This people elected a man to the Forty-seventh Congress by the name of Cannon, a good-looking, intelligent well behaved man as you ever saw, by a majority of 18,000 votes. Mr. Campbell, a radical, received 1,300. The Governor, a radical, gave the certificate of election to Campbell. The seat was contested and referred to a committee. Before the committee made a report the radicals introduced the anti-polygamy bill which deprives the people of the right to hold office or to vote, making it retroactive so as to fix the case of Cannon, and this deprived him of his seat which he had held for ten years. I voted against the measure and would do it again. When my opponent gets up here he will doubtless tell you something about the Mountain Meadow massacre that took place in that Territory 20 or 30 years ago, which I know nothing about. I have, however, talked with as truthful men as there are anywhere who have been to Utah; and they say the Mormon people are a more peaceable, honest, industrious, debt-paying, law-abiding, people than can be found anywhere else in the United States and their land is adorned from one end to the other with school houses and churches. Polygamy is used as a handle to deprive these poor people of their rights, but there is something else, every pup of them are democrats women and all. The women vote in Utah. Other remarks he made upon this subject which will tend to allay much prejudice. I take delight in speaking of this man for men are very scarce who will contend for the rights of the "Mormon" people.

Major McCoy next spoke and as he said the Col. said he would refer to the Mountain Meadow massacre, and religious fanatics, but it was barely a reference, enough however to show that he did not wish to secure to everybody the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. There are already too many men like McCoy and too few like Williams in Congress.

We remain your brethren in the Gospel
J. B. F.
M. A. E.