

strong testimony that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God.

At 8 p.m. Elder T. A. Nixon spoke on the first principles of the Gospel, beginning with faith and showing the faith necessary; also the necessity of repentance, the object of baptism, the way the Holy Ghost was conferred, and what it would do for us when so received.

June 2, at 10 a.m., Elder C. D. Adams took for his text "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," showing what constituted the Kingdom of God when it was thoroughly organized. Elder C. W. Rockwood followed on the same subject.

At 2 p.m., Elder Nixon spoke on helps of governments and the mode of settling differences among the Latter-day Saints.

At 8 p.m. President Hyde descended on the Book of Mormon, gave a sketch of what that book contains, and how it was brought forth. Elder R. A. Thorley dwelt upon the different grades and callings of the Priesthood.

At the Priesthood meeting, President C. G. Hyde and Elder C. D. Adams were released to return home. Elder C. W. Rockwood and Yergen Yergensen will travel in Green Lawrence and Monroe County, Indiana, and Elder Joseph H. Armstrong in Southern Illinois. A. Nixon in Crawford and adjoining counties, Indiana; Elder R. A. Thorley in northern Ohio. The last three named Elders will receive their companions from home, probably in the near future. Elder C. W. Rockwood was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the release of President C. G. Hyde.

The Elders feel grateful for the hearty welcome accorded them by the people of Tazewell.

C. W. ROCKWOOD,
Clerk of Indiana Conference.

ITEMS FROM ENGLAND.

All the Elders in this conference are in excellent health. As we meet with each other in our monthly council meetings, and listen to the reports from the various districts, we are reminded of the unselfish devotion to the cause of truth manifested by their untiring labors in the face of the many and varied forces which oppose them.

It is singular that so-called Christians who are philanthropic in deeds of charity and profess to be the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus should reject the message of eternal truth as given to them by the servants of God. It is gratifying to us, however, as authorized ambassadors of the truth, to find some few who are willing to treat the subject of future salvation with earnest consideration. We have had the satisfaction of baptizing some in each district of this conference during the past winter, and there is good prospect for more baptisms soon.

One of the most effective methods that could be adopted by those who have been privileged to gather to the land of Zion would be for them to open up and maintain a correspondence with their friends and ac-

quaintances here. Their letters would doubtless be gratefully received by many who have been left behind, and apparently forgotten by those who have gone to the home of the Saints. Among others I could name are parents who have made many sacrifices in order to send their children out. If this matter of correspondence could be properly sensed by the Latter-day Saints of Utah, the labors of the missionaries would be very much lightened, and a great deal more good could be accomplished in preaching the word. I wish all those who have friends in this conference would try the experiment, for I have no doubt that much good would result therefrom.

Some time ago, in a Buckinghamshire village, some of the Elders were preaching in the public street. In a schoolhouse a number of children were met for recreative purposes, the minister being in charge. His feelings were so wrought upon by the knowledge that the truth was being made plain by the servants of God, that he requested the children to surround the Elders and make all the noise possible in order to disturb and annoy the speakers. Many such stories could be told.

As we follow in the News the development of the issues of the day regarding "Mormonism," a prayer of thankfulness goes up from our hearts that we have leaders so wisely inspired by God, and that the Latter-day Saints are generally so willing to listen to their admonitions.

This is no time for weakening. The triumph may seem to be with the ungodly just now, but the arm of Jehovah is not shortened and His ways are not as man's ways. We can well afford to await the result of His purposes, feeling assured that right will finally triumph.

W. G. BICKLEY.

BIRMINGHAM, England, May 28.

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council met in regular session June 10th, Acting Mayor Parsons presiding.

The following protest was read:

SALT LAKE CITY, June 10, 1890.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Salt Lake City:

Gentlemen—The undersigned, residents of Salt Lake City, respectfully and earnestly protest against the sale or other disposition by your honorable body, to any private corporation or person, of any of the water controlled by Salt Lake City, or any of the waterworks, canals or other appliances by which the same is or has been diverted from its natural channel, and distributed to the citizens thereof, for the reason that said water is not and never has been the property of the city, but belongs to the citizens who have previously appropriated and used the same, and any transfer, sale or lease thereof would endanger the rights of the citizens and leave them at the mercy of speculators and soulless corporations.

For these and many other good and sufficient reasons that might be enumerated, we respectfully ask that the prayers of the several petitioners who are seeking to obtain control of the city water, canals and waterworks, or any part thereof, be not granted. And your petitioners will ever pray.

This petition was signed by Walker Brothers, W. W. Riter, Grant Brothers, Elijah Sells, L. S.

Hills, and 4949 others. It was referred to the committee on water-works.

A second petition of a similar nature, with about 2000 signatures, was also presented, and referred to the same committee.

F. L. Corwin, superintendent of the Utah division of the Oregon Short Line and Utah & Northern, stated that there had been a misunderstanding in regard to a switch on Third West Street, across Eighth South Street, and asked that a franchise be granted for the same to Mr. Ditman's premises. Referred to the committee on streets.

The Salt Lake City railway asked for a franchise from the corner of Ninth South and Seventh East streets to the city limits, and west to Roper Street. Referred to the committee on streets.

Emily Platts and other residents on Apricot Street asked that that street be made full width. Referred to the committee on streets.

Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Ferguson, residents of Second Street asked that a wall, promised by the former council, to protect their property, be completed. Referred to the committee on streets.

Fred Kesler and other residents of First North Street, east (including all the property owners except Mr. Baskin and Mr. Hall, the latter declining to sign as he was a member of the Council) protested against changing the grade as asked by Mr. Baskin, for the reason that it would be a detriment to their property. Filed.

C. and G. Buckle asked permission to run a refreshment stand at Liberty Park on July 4th. Referred to the mayor.

O. H. Pettit and others asked the city to remit special taxes on school and church property.

Col. Merritt said the city could not remit such taxes.

The petition was tabled.

T. H. Atkins and about 300 others asked that the old ditch on Seventh West Street, near First South, be filled, and the street repaired. Referred to the committee on streets.

Henry Barney and others asked to lease two acres of land in section 25. The petition was tabled, as all of section 25 is disposed of.

Haddock & Coon asked permission to scrape sand from the Jordan River north of White bridge. Referred to the committee on irrigation.

Dr. C. W. Higgins asked that the city sell him the Warm Springs for \$50,000, and promising to improve the same. Referred to the committee on public grounds.

Joseph Stanford, of the Capitol Grounds commission, stated that it had been agreed to proceed with the cementing of the reservoir and laying of the water pipes, and asked that the city confer with the commission. Referred to the committee on improvements, who were to meet the commission today.

L. C. Pitts and others asked for the removal of the dairy at the corner of Fourth South and Seventh East streets. Referred to the sanitary committee.

Orson Rogers stated that several