

NORTH CAROLINA.

MOUNT OLIVE, North Carolina,
July 24, 1896.

That memorable occasion, our annual conference, to which all Elders look forward with so much fond anticipation, has come, and is now numbered with the history of the past.

No gathering is more highly prized and appreciated than are these conferences where we are permitted to mingle together, renew old acquaintances, recount our successes and varied experiences, and above all to listen to the words of wisdom and instruction as they fall from the lips of our beloved and inspired president.

The North Carolina conference convened two miles north of Mount Olive, Wayne county, July 18 and 19.

A commodious bowery had been erected for the occasion by Elders Harrington and Cole, assisted by our kind friends residing in the neighborhood.

Elder Elias S. Kimball, president of the Southern states mission, and all the Elders of the conference, thirty-four in number, were in attendance.

Saturday morning the lowering clouds brought "falling weather" but through the kindness of Ezekiel Newell, assistant pastor of the Second Adventist church, we were privileged to meet in the Salem church, a large and comfortable building well seated and lighted. Four meetings were held in this building.

On Sunday morning, the weather being more favorable, meeting was held in the bowery, and fully 300 were in attendance, among whom were many prominent people of Wayne and Duplin counties.

In the congregation were Saints, kind friends, earnest investigators and curiosity seekers, all of whom regarded the gathering as one of the most memorable ever held in the county on account of 35 "Mormon" Elders being present.

Some not familiar with our beliefs were on the tip-toe of expectancy, thinking that a new and strange doctrine would be advanced; these at least were disappointed.

Saturday morning conference was called to order at 10 a. m. by Elder D. C. Hubbard, president of the conference. After singing and prayer the following subjects were ably and intelligently treated: The atonement, Elder G. W. Bryan; the Godhead, Elder J. C. Holt; Faith, Elder Ira Baker; Repentance, Elder L. S. Harrington; Baptism, Elder J. A. Freeman.

Although the rain continued to fall throughout the greatest part of the day, the afternoon meeting was well attended by an intelligent audience of about 200, some of whom had driven twenty miles through rain and mud to be present.

After the usual opening exercises, Elders Friday, Greene, Carter, Hubbard and Wright discoursed upon the subjects of baptism, Holy Ghost, personality of God, organization of the Church, and faith.

At Sunday morning's meeting our arbor was filled to its utmost capacity, while many were sitting beneath the shade of the surrounding trees. Elders Kotter and Stohl treated in an able manner the subjects of baptism and

the Holy Ghost. Elder J. C. Winter sang "Nazareth" very beautifully. President Kimball delivered a powerful discourse, referring to the history of the Church, the present condition of our people, and how and by whom the Gospel should be preached.

At the close of meeting a sumptuous lunch was spread and the manner in which it disappeared indicated that the temporal as well as the spiritual man was being cared for.

During the afternoon services Elder Kimball spoke upon the organization of the Church. The subject was handled in a clear, logical and forceful manner.

Sunday evening the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon was skillfully treated by Elder E. C. Robinson. Elders Stohl, Harrington, Friday, Hinton, Winter, Wright, Kotter and King sang Rock of My Refuge, Bowing, and Beautiful Zion. After thanking the people for their kindness and hospitality, Elder Kimball pronounced the benediction.

On Monday we met in council meeting and were instructed by our beloved president. The spirit of the Lord was abundantly poured out upon us, and for several hours we listened with rapt attention to the inspired words of Brother Kimball. We were advised and each agreed to travel strictly without "purse or scrip."

Tuesday morning we again met and received our appointments.

This conference is now in a most flourishing condition, our prospects are very bright, and we anticipate a rich harvest ere the close of the year.

Too much praise can not be given our kind friends in Wayne county for the royal manner in which they entertained us during conference.

The following are the names, fields and addresses of the Elders:

D. C. Hubbard and B. Wright, traveling Elders. 30 Mt. Olive, Wayne county, N. C.

E. C. Robinson and R. W. King to labor in Durham and Orange counties. P. O. Durham, N. C.

F. S. Friday and W. M. Everton, Wilson county. P. O. Wilson, N. C. L. N. Stohl and H. C. Carlisle, to labor in Randolph and Chatham counties. P. O. Riley's store, Randolph county, N. C.

Ira Baker and J. C. Winter, to labor in Person and Caswell counties. P. O. Roxboro, Person county, N. C.

R. C. Savage and J. S. Parkinson, Franklin county. P. O. Lousburg, Franklin county, N. J.

J. D. Kilpack and C. S. Carlston, to labor in Stokes and Rockingham counties. P. O. Benaja, Rockingham county, N. C.

L. S. Harrington and H. W. Stable, Montgomery and Moore counties. P. O. Cameron, Moore county, N. C.

B. Carter and T. M. Hinton, Wayne county. P. O. Fremont, Wayne county, N. C.

H. S. Kotter and Joseph Smedley, Duplin county. P. O. Faison, Duplin county, N. C.

E. J. Robinson and E. R. South, Warren county. P. O. Warrenton, Warren county, N. C.

J. A. Jorgensen and H. Mackay, Stake county. P. O. Eagle Rock, Wayne county, N. C.

G. H. Bryan and C. H. Blake, Halifax county. P. O. Brinkleyville, Halifax county, N. C.

Joseph P. Greene and R. F. Cole, Northampton county. P. O. Jackson, Northampton county, N. C.

John M. Anderson and A. J. Holt, Vance county. P. O. Henderson, Vance county, N. C.

John A. Freeman and J. W. Telford, Nash county. P. O. Nashville, Nash county, N. C.

John C. Holt and W. J. Shipley, Sampson county. P. O. Clinton, Sampson county, N. C.

The News is ever a welcome visitor although it is not received as regularly as we would like.

D. C. HUBBARD,
Pres. North Carolina Conference.
E. C. ROBINSON,
Clerk.

CANNON ON THE ISSUE.

Sir:—Can it be possible that anybody of Republicans in Utah, or any individual holding political authority within the Republican organization, is seeking to exclude from party councils the men who hold to the truth of all the party platforms enunciated in Utah since the establishment of modern Republicanism here? Upon reading the editorial in Saturday morning's issue of the Tribune, and believing that the editor of that paper would not lightly voice so grave an intimation against members of the executive committee, I feel justified in entering a solemn remonstrance against any such suicidal policy as would be the issuance of a call whose letter or spirit should attempt to debar those Republicans who—finding themselves forced to choose between all the State Republican platforms of Utah and all the National Republican platforms of the United States, except one, aggregated on one side; and one coerced, purchased, suborned and falsifying platform of the National Republican party on the other side—shall choose to reject the latter. And for one I take this occasion to declare that by no such action, if taken, and by no such address, if made, by any Republican executive committee of this State shall my Republicanism be judged or limited, nor my attempt to participate in party conventions be controlled.

There is one supreme issue presented to the people of the United States in this year 1896. That is the single gold standard vs. bimetalism in our National finances. Between the two extremes of this issue there is no middle ground. Where once middle ground existed, and where some credulous people affect to believe their still exists a middle ground, is now an impassable chasm. To seek to occupy a middle ground is to seek the impossible. Every vote cast in the United States in this year for the Presidential ticket will be a vote for or against bimetalism. It is not necessary here to rehearse the merits of this question. Six months ago not one per cent of the people of Utah, and no member of the executive committee of this State, would have listened with any degree of patience to the imputation that argument was needed to convince him or her of the cruelty of the single gold standard and the unrighteousness of wilful delay in its abolition. The people have not changed their views within that time. The single gold standard today is as