

man, James E. Fullmer, John H. Vincent and Herman E. Campbell, were in attendance, and fifty-four persons having assembled, our conference opened at 11 a.m. in the school house. A. N. Wallace presiding. The opening hymn, "We're not ashamed to own our Lord," was sung and Elder McArthur offered the opening prayer. "Come all ye sons of Zion and let us praise the Lord," was rendered, when presiding Elder Wallace announced to the assembly the object of the Latter-day Saints Elders' mission in the world. He pointed out the essentiality of every individual knowing for himself whether or not he is in the proper channel, the only road to eternal happiness, and invited all to investigate the principles of divine truth, as they were taught by our Savior and his Apostles anciently, impressing the people that our mission to the world is to present the same truths, which will save those who accept it.

Elder Ephraim Jeppson was the next speaker. He spoke at some length upon the message borne by the Apostles of old to the people in that day, and cited all present to the fact that the Apostles and Elders of Israel in our day are bearing the same glad tidings. For nearly an hour the speaker dwelt upon "general salvation." This plan was fully understood and practiced in ages gone by, and it requires obedience to the same principles now to save man as was required then to save him. Elder Jeppson disputed the idea so prevalent in the world that "the heathen would be eternally lost" by remarks such as, "where little is given little is required." His words seemed to have their proper effect upon the minds of the eager listeners.

Elder Bowring bore his testimony to the truthfulness of the remarks made by Brother Jeppson, and also to the divinity of God's work. He drew the attention of the people to the principle of revelation; said God was just, and would reveal his mind and will to his servants in this day as He has ever done in Gospel dispensations.

With a few words of exhortation, the morning conference closed by singing, "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation," benediction by A. N. Wallace.

At 8 p.m. our conference again convened, Elder Jeppson presiding. The congregation was truly a grand one, the house being well filled. After singing, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," and prayer by Elder Jensen, "O my Father" was well rendered, bringing with its melody many wandering thoughts from the world to Him who reigns on high.

Elder McArthur said he desired the prayers of those present, that his remarks might be dictated of God, for words spoken under the Spirit of Deity carry conviction to the pure in heart. He proved from Scripture that our Savior established the Gospel, one only, not many of them; referred to many passages similar to Paul's saying—"Keep the Gospel pure;" in a plain and concise manner, he impressed his hearers with the fact that any kind of dogmas will not save the human family—the Gospel alone can do that.

"The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," was sung by the nine Elders present, after which Elder Fullmer addressed the congregation. His re-

marks were confined to the first four principles of the Gospel, viz: faith, repentance, baptism and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. Those subjects were placed before the people in plainness.

Our meeting was ended by singing, "How firm a foundation," and closing prayer by William E. Newman.

Monday, April 15th, at 10 a. m. Elder McArthur called the meeting to order. "Joy to the world," was sung, and W. D. Bowring offered the opening prayer. Again we sang one of the Latter-day Saints hymns.

Elder Isaac Jensen was asked to address our assembled friends, but owing to illness, was obliged to leave the meeting, after having borne a faithful testimony to the divinity of the Gospel.

Elder H. E. Campbell was the next speaker, the resurrection was his subject. He brought forth many scriptural points sustaining the belief of the Latter-day Saints. While going verse, by verse, carefully through Paul's teaching to the Corinthians, the congregation gave marked attention, seeming to devour every word uttered, which undoubtedly will bring forth good fruit at an early date.

Elder Newman cited the assembly to the organization of Christ's Church formerly and his Church being precisely the same today; drew the contrast of churches of many, without apostles, prophets, evangelists, etc., impressing his hearers that we have every officer, ordinance and principle formerly indispensable (equally so now) "for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, until we all come to a unity of the faith." A strong testimony as to Joseph Smith being a Prophet of God was borne, after which Elder Newman closed his remarks, invoking heaven's blessings upon all in attendance.

We sang the inspiring hymn, "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," and Elder Vincent closed the meeting by prayer.

The evening session commenced at 8 p. m. Elder Newman read one verse of the hymn, found on page 359 L. D. S. hymn book. Ephraim Jeppson offered prayer; singing, "Our mountain home so dear."

Elder Wallace spoke upon the history of the Israelites and the identity of the Jews being the most perfect of all races; the gathering of Israel, to be soon consummated, Zion to be established and Jerusalem to be rebuilt were also briefly touched upon, also regarding the gathering of the Saints to Jackson county, Mo., and there erecting temples to Jehovah's name. The degrees of glory were explained by the speaker, who said John's predictions while on the Isle of Patmos were being literally fulfilled in our day by the Latter-day Saints.

Elder Vincent bore a faithful testimony. He acknowledged God's hand to have been manifest in his behalf many times; spoke of John's foreseeing the time when the Gospel would be taken from the earth, as the angel had it "in the midst of heaven;" also referred strongly to the time Joseph the Prophet received the Gospel again, making plain to those present that the heavens had been reopened, angels had visited man, and the plan of salvation established in its ancient purity.

Brother Newman announced that owing to the inclemency of the weather conference would now adjourn. He thanked our esteemed friends for the kindness and hospitality shown the Elders during our ministerial labors in their midst. We sang, "Hail to the Prophet." In the closing prayer, among other things, W. D. Bowring asked God's blessings to attend all who had aided us, in holding conference in the "7 C flat," for it was our Gentile brethren and sisters who made it possible for Gospel sermons to be heard here.

W. D. Bowring took charge of our Priesthood meeting, which was held April 16th, in the school house. Elder J. M. Fullmer bore his testimony and was followed by the others as follows: Elders Wallace, Jeppson, Bowring, Vincent, Newman, Campbell. They were paired off as follows: E. Jeppson, A. N. Wallace and E. M. McArthur, to labor in the principal cities, P. O. Seward; H. E. Campbell, W. D. Bowring, P. O. Marshall; I. A. Jensen, Wm. E. Newman, P. O. Hennessey; J. M. Fullmer, Jno. H. Vincent, Chaddick P. O.

Singing, "O My Father" and Elder McArthur pronounced benediction.

Sacramental meeting was held April 16th at 6:45 p. m., with J. H. Vincent in charge. Singing, "What was witnessed in the Heavens," when all united in prayer, led by Elder Jensen. Our Sacramental hymn on page 411 was sung and Sacrament administered by Brothers Jeppson and McArthur. The meeting was then opened for testimonies. A. N. Wallace responding, bore a firm and faithful testimony to the work in which we are engaged. W. D. Bowring read the hymn on page 358, also bore his testimony that God's work would continue, until it fills the earth. Singing, "We thank Thee O God for a Prophet" and H. E. Campbell pronounced the closing prayer.

After closing conference meetings, the presidency concluded to hold more meetings, as the weather is more favorable. At 8 p. m. in the same school-house on April 16th, we again assembled to hear and understand more of the Gospel. Elder McArthur occupied most of the time. His remarks were very conclusive, and every assertion made was clearly proven by Scriptural reference. The speaker was interesting and instructive in his remarks throughout, and his testimony was sound, reasonable and from the heart.

Elder Wallace again thanked the people for their many favors to us, and warned all to take heed of the instructions given. Elder Jeppson offered the benediction after singing had been done.

After services, three persons applied for baptism, and the following day at 2 p. m. was the appointed time for the ceremony. According to appointment many friends assembled with the Elders on the bank of the North Canadian river about one mile north of the "7 C flat" meeting house to witness the ceremony. J. M. Fullmer conducted the services at the water's edge. We sang, "While on the watery bank we stand," after which Elder Campbell offered prayer, and dedicated the water, for the Holy ordinance for which it was soon to be used. Elder Jeppson made very appropriate re-