

without such engravings, the notice was removed.

Notwithstanding the threats, our meetings passed off without even so much as a semblance of trouble. The conference, in answer to prayer, was blessed with an unusual outpouring of the Spirit of God, to such a marked extent that all who addressed the congregations spoke with great power, and the spirit of peace was in the heart of every person in attendance. It will be remembered by those who participated as one of the grandest ever attended. Most delectable lunches were served on the grounds by the good sisters, so that in very deed it was a feast for the soul.

There were present at the conference the president of the conference, Elder George H. Wallace; also Elders R. H. Fife, William Cutler, Orson S. Taylor, Ezra Bingham, M. Thomas, R. J. Bischoff, H. M. Bohney Jr., W. W. Huffaker, S. Jackson, Huber W. Beckstrand, N. W. Kimball Jr., Alexander Adams, D. R. Mathews, C. W. Nibley Jr., W. K. Burnham, George H. Webb, Austin Hollingsworth, Rufus Day and William D. Dixon; President E. S. Kimball arriving on Saturday evening, very much exhausted from his recent trip to Zion but withal giving us joy in being privileged to enjoy his presence and listen to his counsel.

On Saturday the subject of faith was discoursed upon by Elders Taylor, Huffaker and Day; repentance by Elders Bohney and Fife; baptism by Elders Bingham, Beckstead and Kimball; the Holy Ghost by Elders Cutler and Webb; church organization by Elder Jackson, and Elder Wallace closed the service with a very thorough and logical discourse upon the text, Ephesians 1: 8 and 9.

Sunday opened clear and fine. There was a good attendance, with the following speakers: Elders Matthews and Hollingsworth upon faith; Elder Nibley on authority; Elders Bischoff and Dixon on the Gospel, and Elder Thomas on the Book of Mormon, its divine authenticity and the Gospel restoration.

In the afternoon Elders Burnham and Adams continued the Gospel discourse, and Elder Wallace gave a summary of the sermons, dealing especially upon the mission of the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Elder Elias S. Kimball then spoke of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph. The Spirit of God rested upon the speakers and they bore faithful testimony to the truth of the Gospel. It was truly a time of rejoicing.

On Monday evening, a meeting of the Saints was held at the residence of Bro. W. H. Ferguson, when they were addressed by Elder Kimball on Tithing; Elder Wallace on the Word of Wisdom; Elder Taylor on Hygiene; Elder Thomas on Prayer.

The Priesthood meetings were rich in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and as the reports for the past year were given, the general testimony was one of thankfulness in being permitted to act as emissaries of God, and each of the brethren expressed a great desire to live nearer to the commands of the Lord.

An idea can be had—and only an idea, for many at home do not compre-

hend the magnitude of the missionary labor—of our last year's work in the state of Virginia, from the following:

Counties canvassed and closed, 29.

Tracts distributed, over 19,000.

Meetings held, about 135.

Baptisms, 53.

Three Sunday schools have been organized, making a total of five, now in the conference. There have been 24 children blessed among the families of the Saints. There were also distributed about 200 copies of the Voice of Warning, and several copies of the Book of Mormon.

Last year there were about twelve Elders in the conference; the number was increased to fourteen before Christmas. Since May we have had twenty active and faithful Elders engaged in the ministry.

Elder John G. Ellis was released from the presidency to return home March 1, 1895. Elder Ellis was the pioneer of city canvassing in the mission and under the able leadership of Elder J. Golden and Elias S. Kimball he did a great work in advancing the labor in Virginia. He was succeeded by Elder George H. Wallace, who will soon return home to Zion, having completed an honorable mission in the "Old Dominion." Elders Ivis and Giles were honorably released last October; Elders DeMill and Allred in June and July respectively.

The past year has been productive of good results, as the Elders have been successful in allaying a great deal of prejudice and in setting the true condition of Utah and her people before the world. Compared with the pentecostal labors of the Elders formerly, the number of baptisms seems small; at the same time there is more actual labor done among the people than formerly. Much credit is due Elders J. Golden and Elias S. Kimball, who under the inspiration of the Almighty have done so much for the spread of truth and righteousness in the Southern States and for the successful method of canvass now adopted.

Our conference has been remarkably blessed in good health, for which we thank God; although two of our brethren (Elders John Carlisle, of Heter, and S. B. Thatcher, of Logan,) returned home on account of sickness—the former after a labor of one month's duration suffering from an affliction of long standing; Elder Thatcher succumbed to the terrific heat we had a few weeks since. His illness was sudden and severe and after being in the field about four months he left for home in July.

There is not an Elder in this field but is proud to have the privilege of laboring in the cause of truth and we think we have the grandest mission on the face of the earth. To all our friends and brethren throughout the world we send greeting.

Your Brethren,
GEO. H. WALLACE,
Pres. of Conference.
M. THOMAS, Clerk of Conference.

SAN JUAN CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake was held at Monticello, San Juan county, Utah, Saturday, Aug. 24, 1895. Elders Brigham Young and George Reynolds were present, also Pres. F. A. Hammond

and council and most of the High Council and Bishops and a goodly turn-out of Saints. By the reports given at the conference the Stake is in a very prosperous condition. Elder Young discoursed upon the principles of faith and works, and Elder Reynolds in the interest of Sabbath schools.

The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained. There was only one day of conference on account of the Sabbath school conference, which was held Sunday, the 25th.

Good crops have been raised in this Stake this season. There are quite a number of improvements going on, and the Saints are improving both spiritually and temporally.

CHAS. E. WALTON,
Stake Clerk.

A NEW BISHOPRIC

HARRISVILLE, Weber Co., Utah,
Sept. 1, 1895.

The Harrisville ward conference of the Weber Stake of Zion was held today, Sunday, September 1, 1895, and as the occasion was one of more than usual interest, I thought some lines might be of interest to your numerous readers.

There were present from Ogden Elder F. D. Richards of the Apostles, Elders Shurtliff, Middleton and Flygare of the Stake presidency, also Elders John Pincock and Charles Welsh, besides a goodly number from Far West ward, which latter ward used to be a part of Harrisville, and a full representation of the members of this ward.

The morning meeting, 10 a. m., was opened with the usual services, after which Counselor Middleton illustrated the Lord's plan of selecting the watchmen upon the towers of Zion, and the duty of the people in sustaining those selected officers. He said it was not within the province of the people to select and then call upon the Lord to sustain their selection, but the Lord and His inspired servants were the ones to select and the people the ones to sustain the selection, in this way proving to themselves one with the father and His inspired servants. He concluded his powerful reasoning with the necessity of the payment of tithes and offerings and the observance of the Word of Wisdom. He also treated of the sin of ignorance when light was within reach.

He was followed by Counselor Flygare upon the same subjects, Bishop P. G. Taylor closing with a report showing the good condition of the ward.

The afternoon meeting taxed the house to its fullest capacity to seat the people. After the opening exercises and the administering of the Sacrament, Elder L. W. Shurtliff made a few remarks, and said Bishop Taylor had spoken to him on several occasions relative to being released from his labors as Bishop of the ward. The matter had been laid before the Presidency of the Church, and after mature deliberation it was deemed advisable to honorably release him and ordain him a Patriarch in the Church. Elder Shurtliff related the close associations existing between him and Bishop Taylor both of whom were identified with the first settlers of the place, be-