

course. George Henry Robinson was dispatched post haste to Montpelier for Dr. Hoover to come and attend the sufferer. In the meantime all that can be done is being done to alleviate his pain, and we learn that he is doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. Robinson is a very industrious man, our choir leader and a useful all round worker in the ward in several ways, and has quite a family of little children. He has the sympathy of the whole community and sincere hopes for his recovery. We are at great disadvantage in the event of such a sad occurrence, in being thirty miles from telephonic or telegraphic service, and when we have such unwelcome experience it increases in us the hope that our towns will be connected, at least by telephone, at no distant date.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH IRWIN.

A DISTANT COLONY.

LUNA, Socorro County, N. M., Heber Ward, Oct. 7, 1894.—It having been announced that our esteemed brother and friend, Elder J. D. Lee, who had been called to go on a mission to England would shortly leave us, a committee of eight were voted in to make out a program for the purpose of tendering him a farewell reception, the result of which was that on Friday evening, September 28th, at half past seven o'clock some fifty-six of the brethren and sisters came together in our meeting house, for the purpose of carrying out the program. Bishop G. D. Greer in a short speech announced the reason of our assembling, after which the choir sang, "Yes, my native land, I love thee;" prayer was offered by Counselor M. H. Thompson, and the choir sang "The gallant ship is under way." Brother S. B. Tenney, in charge of the ceremonies, then announced dancing as in order and those present participated in that exercise with an enthusiasm which generally characterizes such occasions. At intervals throughout the dance appropriate songs, recitations and select readings were rendered, some of which gained applause. One nice feature of the occasion was the many written contributions handed in couched both in poetry and prose, expressive of the esteem and friendship in which our brother was held by many who had formed a long acquaintance with him, and the reading of which touched a tender chord in him on this occasion. About half-past ten o'clock it was announced that another important feature was now in order and several of the younger brethren and sisters were called upon to pass around the picnic, a bountiful supply of which had been brought by the participants. After all had partaken it was found on gathering up the fragments there was enough left to supply another such party. Dancing was then resumed and went lively until twelve o'clock. The dancers were now called to order, the choir sang, "When shall we all meet again?" and the closing prayer was offered by Elder J. P. Wimmer, and all returned to their several places of abode. The best music we had was willingly contributed for the occasion free of cost, two of our genial brethren, M. H. Thompson and Abe Adair, taking lead, while Sisters

Ice Lee, Lora B. Tenney and Brother G. D. Greer presided at the organ in turns. The good feeling manifested by all present made it a time long to be remembered by all who participated.

Elder J. D. Lee is the first missionary who has gone from this ward. He is a man well and favorably known all through this section of country, and will be missed here by a great many in various ways during his absence. At the same time we feel that it will be a lasting benefit and blessing to him. He left here by team October 2nd with Brother S. B. Tenney, who accompanied him as far as Holbrook. From there he will go by rail to Salt Lake City and thence to his field of labor.

The weather is warm and pleasant in the day time, the nights somewhat cool and frosty. The health of the people is good, and a more healthy climate is hard to find. I believe the great future of this little valley depends upon what success we have in building reservoirs. We already have one which is well on the way towards completion, and no doubt will prove a great blessing when it is accomplished. We have any amount of as good land as can be found anywhere, but water is scarce. The people are somewhat discouraged in regard to temporal matters, as crops have been more or less of a failure now for three years; but our people have ever been noted for their stick-to-it-iveness, "hay or no hay," until they have eventually made a success. They feel well, however, spiritually, and I believe most if not all are striving to live their religion. The News comes to hand regularly and is a welcome visitor in this far-off land.

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OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

MARSHALL, O. T., October 8, 1894.

There was held at the residence of Elder David Holt, of Marshall, a quarterly conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on Sunday, October 8th, 1894, at 7:30 p.m. Elder Geo. S. Ashton called the meeting to order, there being eight Elders and many Saints present. All joined heartily in the beautiful hymn, "Go Ye Messengers of Glory." Prayer was offered by Elder W. D. Bowring, and then we sang, "An Angel from on High," which caused happy thoughts to penetrate our very souls. Elder J. A. Stephens was very interesting and instructive in his address—subject, apostasy and authority. Elder J. M. Fullmer spoke to us at some length upon the authority conferred upon the Prophet Joseph Smith, by our Heavenly Father, and gave some suggestions long to be remembered by all present. Elder E. M. McArthur pointed out the beauties and essentiality of the Holy Ghost and had no difficulty in proving from Holy Writ the assertions made. Elder Geo. S. Ashton followed in a brief review of what had taken place in this meeting, after which we sang, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," etc., and Elder Levi J. Holt offered benediction.

On Sunday, Oct. 7, 1894, conference again convened at 11:30 a. m., Elder E. M. McArthur presiding. After singing and prayer by Elder J. M. Fullmer, Elders A. N. Wallace, E. M.

McArthur and J. H. Vincent confirmed as members of the Church Brother and Sister Smith, who had been baptized this morning by Elder George S. Ashton. A Sacramental hymn was sung and the Sacrament was administered to the Saints. Elder Ashton spoke briefly on the object of the Sacrament, followed by some remarks from Elder Vincent, who said he desired to become more proficient in his duties in God's service, and invoked heaven's blessings upon Israel everywhere. Elder Wm. Newman gave some reminiscences of his past life in the work of the Lord, which caused great emotion to everyone present. Elder McArthur explained why we partake of water in the place of wine in administering the Sacrament, and Brother David Holt closed the meeting by prayer.

Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. conference again convened, the Barr meeting house being given freely for the purpose. Here assembled many of the scattered Saints, and many friends. Elder McArthur spoke for nearly one hour on the first principles and good order prevailed throughout. Elder W. D. Bowring encouraged the Saints by pointing them to a time when the Church was in its infancy, and how it had grown until it now numbered its hundreds of thousands. He drew by way of comparison a small tree—alone in the desert, which had now grown to great strength and its branches afforded shelter to all who would obey God's commandments. "Come all ye sons of God" was then sung, and benediction was pronounced by Elder A. N. Wallace.

At 7:30 p. m. the Saints again met at the Barr meeting house. The building was crowded, many strangers having congregated. Elder Wallace took charge of the meeting, and after singing and prayer, he spoke to us for one hour, laying before the people the first principles of the Gospel, and also gave great light to our friends upon the apostasy and restoration of the Gospel. During his entire remarks strict attention was given, and through such sermons we may expect good results. Elder Ashton drew the comparison between Catholicism, Protestantism and Mormonism. One could have heard a pin drop during his entire discourse, as it was traced from the dark ages until the present time with great skill and decisiveness. None could have taken exception to his remarks, and yet he gave the true history of Christians denying the very essence of all revealed religion or revelation. All joined in singing "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah;" benediction by Elder Newman.

Priesthood Meeting.—On Monday, the 8th inst., at 3 p. m., a general Priesthood meeting was held at the residence of Brother Holt, Elder A. N. Wallace presiding. Meeting being called to order we sang a hymn, and prayer was offered by Elder Vincent.

Elder Wallace then spoke at some length, pointing out the duties of the Elders, and gave some timely instruction respecting the best interests of this mission; also called upon each Elder present for any suggestions he might have to offer—each one responding, and a general good deliberation of our duties was given. We held our