

officials, for their free and voluntary help in this second effort to secure a quantity of fish food for the deserving poor of this city.

Very respectfully,

A. MILTON MUSSER,
Territorial Fish and Game Commis-
sioner.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

LAKE CITY, Williamsburg, Co.,
South Carolina, Oct. 29, 1895.

The South Carolina conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints held its annual conference near Lake City, October, 26th, 27th and 28th, 1895. The regular meetings were held under a spacious bowery. This may seem rather airy to our Northern friends, but to those assembled it was very pleasant as the weather was all that could be desired. This region is usually very swampy, but the long drouth has made the roads dry so that Saints and friends who came more than a seventy miles had a pleasant journey.

Conference began Saturday, October 26th, at 10 a.m. Elder F. L. Beattie called the meeting to order and in a brief and appropriate speech welcomed those who had assembled and extended an invitation to all who desired to know the Gospel.

Singing, "Truth reflects upon the senses," etc. Prayer by Elder G. L. Braley. Singing, "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation," etc.

Elder G. L. Braley spoke on the necessity of faith and what constitutes truth faith. He was followed by Elder Job H. Whitney, who showed that all sciences were built upon some foundation principles. As theology is the science of all sciences it must have foundation principles. It has, and they are faith, repentance, baptism and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. The speaker defined faith; said we were to have faith in the Father, who created all things, and His Son, who redeemed us. Thales H. Haskell gave reasons why we should have faith in God, the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ. Elder Nepht Tarbet spoke on the subject of repentance and its relation to faith. Elder Adelbert Kay taught why we should repent. Elder T. J. Yates spoke on how to repent and of what to repent. Elder Geo. A. Varney showed that the Gospel taught by the Latter-day Saints is the same as taught formerly and that that is the only true plan of salvation. Elder John H. Glenn spoke on the mode of baptism. Elder John Bond proved from the Scriptures the origin of baptism, also its object. Elder C. G. Patterson said it was necessary to obey the commandments of God, and showed that baptism was a commandment; also spoke of the object and mode of baptism.

Singing—"The time is far spent," etc. Prayer by Elder F. L. Beattie.

The afternoon session began about two o'clock. Meeting opened by singing "What was witnessed in the heavens," etc. Prayer was offered by Elder Henry Turner. Singing "Think gently of the erring one," etc.

Elder John A. Fortie reviewed the subjects faith, repentance and baptism; spoke on who are subjects for baptism. He was followed by Elder A. W. Buckwalter, whose subject was the

works of the Holy Ghost. Elder F. L. Beattie explained the necessity of, who shall receive the Holy Ghost, and how it shall be received. Elder Levi A. Phillips exhorted all to diligence in seeking the kingdom of God, and to faith and works after it is found. Elder Jas. W. Parker asked where is the Gospel, the organization, the Apostles and Prophets? They were in the true Church, and must be now. Elder Samuel P. Oldham compared the kingdom of God to seeds—must be perfect.

A quartet—"Earth with her ten thousand flowers," etc., was rendered by Elders Whitney, Wright, Wilcox and Guyman.

Elder Don C. Woodward exhorted all to search diligently after righteousness.

Singing—"Know this that every soul is free," etc. Prayer by Elder Elias S. Kimball.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 1895.—Meeting called to order by Elder Beattie; prayer by Elder John Bond; singing, "O my Father," etc.

Elder Henry H. Turner admonished all to follow the speakers closely; for if they taught according "to the law and the testimony," and the teachings are rejected, condemnation is sure to follow. Elder Elias S. Kimball called all to repent; said when God reveals a law to a people and they reject it, they will be damned; referred to the destruction in the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah as examples; said every man who comes into the world has the Spirit of God with him; if he follows his teachings it will lead him to glory, if not it will leave him to an extent and the powers of Satan will take his place; God never destroys a people until they are warned; He has set His hand to redeem the righteous and destroy the wicked and this is a day of salvation to those who will accept the Gospel. The speaker related the labors of Elijah the Prophet, showing his faith and zeal and the opposition with which he met.

The choir sang, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," etc.; prayer by Elder F. L. Beattie.

Afternoon session: Singing—"Glorious things are sung of Zion," etc.; prayer by Elder Job H. Whitney; singing, "An angel from on high," etc.

Elder Albert Hales proved the divinity of the Book of Mormon from the Bible. Elder Peter N. Guyman desired all to strive to know which is the Gospel of Christ, for every one can know.

Song—"A Mormon Boy"—Elders Kay, Braley, Beattie and Glenn.

Elder D. A. Wilcox taught how to search for the kingdom of God; first by the organization; second by the doctrine. Elder Oliver H. Shumway told how the kingdom of God was established. Elder John B. Green spoke on Church organization. Elder Alex. Wright spoke of the blessings enjoyed by obeying the Gospel. Elder Beattie pointed out the necessity for us to know the Gospel. Elder Kimball said he would prove that spiritual gifts were necessary today as they used to be and not prove it from the Bible; the people would believe Sam Jones rather than Jesus Christ, so he read an extract from a sermon by Sam Jones, also from T. DeWitt Talmage proving the same thing; then bore testimony that

spiritual gifts are necessary today and said: "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established;" he then described the Holy Ghost.

Singing—"Southern Friends Adieu;" benediction by Elder H. H. Turner.

Elder John Glenn then sang "The Fisherman and His Child are Drowned."

In the evening a large company of Saints and friends assembled at Mr. Hugh Gankin's, where they spent a pleasant evening. An impromptu program consisting of speeches, songs and recitations was conducted in true Utah style. It was something new to the Southern people but all enjoyed themselves greatly.

Priesthood meetings were held Saturday morning and Sunday morning before and Sunday evening after regular meetings, at which the Elders reported their labors in order that Elder Kimball might have all day Monday. The Elders reported successful labors and all rejoiced in the blessings that God has so abundantly bestowed upon them. The president's report will show these labors of the Elders from Aug. 26th, 1894, to Oct. 26th, 1895: Miles walked, 25,863; meetings held, 546; families visited, 7,728; families revisited, 4,250; baptisms, 100; tracts distributed, 10,205; counties opened, 11; counties closed, 14; excommunicated, 8; children blessed, 42; Elders died, 1; Elders transferred, 1; Elders released, 7; Elders received, 20.

The Priesthood meeting on Monday was a grand climax to one of the richest spiritual feasts ever enjoyed by those present. The instructions given the Elders by Elder Kimball were forcible and timely. A vein of prophecy coursed through the whole meeting and the six hours, with a few minutes at noon for refreshments, passed so rapidly that all regretted to see the meeting end. After Elder Kimball had closed his remarks, the Elders spoke a short time and the Spirit of God was abundantly bestowed upon all.

In liberality the people of the South have no superiors and never was this more clearly demonstrated than by the many friends who had an ever-open house to provide for the wants of the Elders and visitors who had assembled for conference.

The Elders were assigned to their fields of labor in the following order:

President F. L. Beattie and Elder Don C. Woodward to visit Saints and other Elders.

Elders O. G. Patterson and Chester V. Call, Williamsburg county.

Elders Peter N. Guyman and John H. Glenn, Orangeburg county.

Elders Job H. Whitney and Adrial Wilcox, Aiken county.

Elders Albert Hales and John B. Green, Laurens county.

Elders Henry H. Turner and Jos. J. Stephenson, Georgetown county.

Elders A. W. Buckwalter and Morris Wilson, Colleton county.

Elders Adelbert Kay and Levi A. Phillips, Berkeley county.

Elders John Bond and Alex. W. Wright, Union county.

Elders Nepht Tarbet and Jas. A. Smith, Oconee county.

Elders John A. Fortie and Thales H. Haskell, Hampton county.