

# NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

CULLER, Stokes Co., N. C.,  
September 16, 1884.

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The following is the report of the North Carolina Conference which convened at Ebenezer Church's, Stokes Co., N. C., on the 14th and 15th of September, 1884.

Utah Elders present: Charles M. Nokes, President of North Carolina Conference; Jos. Belknap, Alexander Bills, Amos Cook, E. G. Farmer, C. F. Christianson, John S. Willie, Alma U. Hobson, C. P. Ostler, B. F. McKinney, W. T. Garner and John E. Roueche.

Prest. C. M. Nokes presided.

Conference convened at 10 o'clock a.m.

Singing. Prayer by Joseph Belnap.

Singing.

Prest. C. M. Nokes made appropriate opening remarks.

Elder Amos Cook spoke at some length upon the principles of faith, repentance, baptism for the remission of sins and laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Brother Joseph Belnap reported his field; said he had labored since last conference in Carroll, Patrick and Grayson counties of Virginia; made a great many friends, also baptized a great many as well as blessed a number of children. Could hardly fill the demand of the people for holding meetings.

Brother C. F. Christensen reported his field. He had labored since last conference in Mitchell and Yancey counties, N. C., also in the edge of Tennessee. Had been treated very kindly as a general thing, but had received some persecution, most of which had come from the ecclesiastical authorities. Where they had received the greatest persecution they had done the most good. Had witnessed some remarkable cases of healing.

Brother E. G. Farmer reported the Wilkes County field. Had made many friends; always had been provided for. Had received some persecution; had met with some success, and been instrumental in bringing some into the fold of Christ. Bore his testimony.

Conference was adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m.

Singing. Benediction by C. M. Nokes.

2 o'clock p.m.

Singing. Prayer by C. P. Ostler.

Singing.

President C. W. Nokes said:—As is customary we are about to partake of the Lord's Supper or Sacrament. Quoted from 1 Cor., 11, showing how necessary it is to partake of these emblems worthily, etc.

Sacrament was administered by Bros. Cook and Bills.

Brother C. F. Christensen spoke at some length of the "Ancient Order of the Kingdom of God."

Brother B. F. McKinney spoke upon the "Universal Apostacy from the Primative Church," also the "Restoration of the Gospel" in this dispensation.

Conference was adjourned till 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Notice was given that the funeral sermon of Mr. L. A. King and his daughter Virginia Elizabeth would be preached on the morrow.

Singing. Benediction by B. F. McKinney.

Sept. 15, 10 a. m.

Singing.

Prayer by Alexander Bills.

Singing.

Prest. C. M. Nokes said: We have assembled to pay our last tribute of respect to John Quincy Adams King, son of Thomas B. and Elizabeth King, born Dec. 19, 1833, died Sept. 2, 1882, in Stokes County, N. C.; also Virginia Elizabeth King, daughter of John Q. A. and Charity King, born July 28th, 1864, died May 13, 1883, in Stokes County, N. C. He spoke at some length upon the plan of salvation which is prepared for those who pass away without the opportunity of embracing the gospel; also upon the resurrection.

Brother Alexander Bills reported his field. Had traveled in several counties since last Conference. About the last of October was advised to travel in Burke County and open up a new field in the adjoining counties. Had received very poor encouragement, as he found but few who were willing to listen to the gospel. Bore his testimony to the truth of the gospel.

Meeting adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m.

Singing.

Benediction by B. F. McKinney.

2 o'clock p. m.

Singing.

Prayer by E. G. Farmer.

Singing.

President Nokes said we would attend to the funeral services of Joseph Lawson, as requested by his widow.

Brother C. F. Christensen discoursed at some length upon principles appropriate to the occasion.

Brother John S. Willie reported his field of labor. Had been traveling in Virginia till about the middle of May, when he came to travel in Stokes and Forsyth Counties; had been holding meetings and doing some good; bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

President C. M. Nokes thanked the people for their kind attention and bore his testimony to the truth of the principles which had been advanced.

Brother Amos Cook bore his testimony, as did also Brother C. P. Ostler.

The general authorities of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were sustained as they were at the last General Conference in Salt Lake City, U. T.

President C. M. Nokes, Alexander Bills and B. F. McKinney were honorably released to return home.

Brother Amos Cook was sustained as President of the North Carolina Conference.

Many thanks are due to the Saints and their friends who entertained the Elders and provided for their wants and necessities and made them comfortable during the Conference.

JOHN E. ROUECHE,  
Clerk of Conference.