

Interesting Meeting at Hooperville.

EDITOR HERALD:—Our M. I. Associations had a rare treat, yesterday, being visited by Prest. Joseph F. Smith and Elder H. Fowler, from Salt Lake, and a number of the Weber Stake Central Board.

The forenoon was occupied by Elders Angus Wright, E. H. Anderson and W. W. Fife, of Ogden, who encouraged the young brethren to embrace the opportunity now afforded them of preparing themselves for the ministry, and to be the representatives of the Gospel of Christ upon the earth. Their remarks were spirited, and listened to with profound attention.

Meeting was dismissed with singing and prayer.

At 2 p. m. meeting opened with singing and prayer. Elder Henry Fowler made some very interesting remarks, in which he showed the necessity of possessing the good spirit in order to instruct the congregations of the Saints effectively, or indeed to officiate in any of the ordinances of the Gospel. The speaker related some of his experience when out in the world as a missionary; he had had many manifestations of the power of faith in the healing of the sick, and had even seen the elements subdued thereby. We are not the ignorant people the world takes us to be, and it would be difficult to find so large a congregation as ours in the world in one assembly who could compete with them in wisdom and understanding.

Prest. Jos. F. Smith had listened with much interest to the remarks made and was pleased to see the boys preparing themselves for usefulness. The Kingdom of God embraces everything that is true, holy, and good. The plan of salvation was thoroughly understood, even from the creation of the world. Satan was before Adam, but not before Michael. "The Spirit of God lighteth every man that is born into the world," but the Spirit of God is not the gift of the Holy Ghost, otherwise all men would possess it, according to Scripture.

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, it is the power of God by which the world was made, the power by which the world is kept in its orbit, the power of God by which trees grow and perfect their fruit, the power by which the universe is kept in position. The speaker then showed that this Gospel was one of authority and proved the divinity of Joseph Smith's mission, how the Lord had called him and endowed him when yet a boy with the keys of the Holy Priesthood, and endowed him with authority to establish His Kingdom on the earth.

His entire discourse was exceedingly instructive and interesting.

Prest. G. R. Belnap moved that we return Brothers Jos. F. Smith and H. Fowler a vote of thanks, which was unanimously sustained.

The meeting closed with singing and prayer by Bishop G. Belnap.

Respectfully, &c.,

J. R. MESERVY.

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