

meeting, my spirit fails to find utterance. I have been carried back to the time when President Young asked me to come to Provo and take charge of the academy and through the history of the academy. I can speak no more, but I ask God my Heavenly Father to bless the Brigham Young Academy. Amen." Dr. Maeser was very much affected during his brief address and many eyes in the audience were suffused with tears.

President Woodruff next spoke; he was also greeted with applause as he arose. He briefly referred to educational affairs and his young days and now. In 1812, when five years of age, he commenced to attend a district school in Connecticut, walking two miles to school every day, winter and summer. The teacher would appear with a bundle of hickory witch hazel rods and if he did not do considerable whipping he was not respected very highly. President Woodruff was thankful to God that he had been permitted to see the change that had taken place in this State from his arrival in 1847 to the present, and referred to the great blessings the young enjoy in being taught in regard to the great work God has established on the earth in this day. "God bless you; improve the time to the best advantage you can; treasure up this knowledge, it will be worth more to you than gold and silver."

A trio was rendered in excellent style by the Misses Peterson, Jones and Ramsey of the academy vocal class.

Elders Heber J. Grant and Willard Young spoke briefly giving good counsel to the students.

A few words were spoken by President Cliff of the academy, calling attention to the many distinguished visitors present, and to those who were in attendance who had been connected with the academy from the beginning.

After singing by the vocal class, benediction was offered by Elder Edward Partridge of the Stake presidency.

THE MISSION IN NORWAY.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Sept. 26, 1896.—Seeing so many good reports from the various missionary fields in your valuable paper, I thought perhaps a few lines from this part of the Lord's vineyard would be of interest to the many readers of the NEWS.

The 12th and 13th inst. we held our fall conference at this place, Osthougsgade 27. The local brethren and sisters had our large hall decorated very nicely for the occasion. We had with us the president of the European mission, Rulon S. Wells; president of the Scandinavian mission, C. N. Lund; Elder Andrew Jensen and his wife, as well as twenty-two other Elders from Zion.

The conference began Saturday night at 8 o'clock with a full house. The time at the first meeting was principally occupied by hearing reports from the brethren laboring in the various parts of the country. The reports generally were very encouraging. Since last conference which was held in May last fifty persons have been added to the Church by baptism and in the last nine months 128. Dur-

ing the last year not a single hindrance has been placed in the way of the Elders. We can go unmolested from house to house to sell tracts and hold meetings. The Elders laboring in this field are good, faithful and energetic men, who take great pleasure in spreading the gospel truths and are looked upon by the people as exemplary men.

Sunday we held three meetings and the hall was overflowing filled each time, many strangers being present. Monday we held our priesthood meeting and all the Elders bore a strong testimony to the truth of the work of God. The instructions given by the presiding brethren were good and timely.

On Tuesday a feast was prepared by the good brethren and sisters of Christiania and the evening was spent very pleasantly. First at the table were the Utah Elders, then our friends, not members of the Church, which made a very good impression. We had a few songs from our excellent choir, some recitations and speeches, a song by Andrew Jensen in the Hawaiian language, and lastly an expression from President Rulon S. Wells in the Norwegian language: "Mange Tak for Spisen."

Wednesday night Elder Andrew Jensen gave a lecture, his subject being Palestine and the South Sea Islands. He was greeted with a full house of attentive listeners. Thursday, the 17th, the visiting brethren took leave of us for the city of Stockholm, to hold conference there on the 19th and 20th.

The headquarters of the Norwegian mission is in this city, and the conference is divided into eleven "Greps" or branches, each presided over by an Elder from Zion, and he also has one, and sometimes two assistants. Each of the branches send into headquarters a monthly as well as a three monthly report of everything going on in the branch, including tithing and donation reports. Everything is put in shape at the conference office and forwarded to Copenhagen, the headquarters of the Scandinavian mission.

The mission report for the last four months is as follows: 356 meetings held; 4,978 tracts sold and given away; 271 books sold; 1,656 Gospel conversations with strangers; 5,315 families visited. We find that a good way to get people to attend our meetings is to pay them a visit and have a friendly chat with them, hand them a tract with the address at the time of holding meetings stamped upon it. In this way we have succeeded in filling our large hall with a good class of people.

The health of the Elders is excellent and they all send kindly greetings to friends in our beloved "mountain home."

The following Elders are now laboring in Norway: P. Anderson, E. V. Olsen, Hyrum D. Jensen, O. O. O. O.; John G. L. Johnson, M. E. Christensen, Hans C. Hanson, Niels A. Morok, Salt Lake City; Olver L. L. Ranchoy, Logan, Julius Johnson, Preston; Niels C. Nielson, Pleasant Grove, Danie K. Brown, Nephi; C. Knudsen, Lehi; Peder A. Pederson, Salem; Jacob Fikstad, Mant; C. Iverson, John Peterson, Peter Olson, Ephraim; Nephi Anderson, Gunnison; Mathias

Knudson, Fountain Green; Christian Paulson, Orangeville; Henry Peterson, Fairview; Chas. A. Thompson, Oist; Thos. Gauderson, Mill Creek; Edw. Gundersen, Big Cottonwood.

We are always glad to receive the NEWS and devour its contents with pleasure.

Your Brother in the Gospel,
P. ANDERSON,
President of Conference.

IN SOUTHERN UTAH.

KANAB, Kane County.

Oct. 6th, 1896.

I have traveled pretty well over the country in the southern and eastern parts of Utah, below what is known as the "rim of the basin" and find the general appearance and contour much the same in being rough, rude and rugged. A country very much broken up and bearing all the evidence in many places of volcanic activity in times and ages gone by. And as I pass over its mountains, ascend its canyons, feel the powerful rays of the sun on its rocky deserts, and gaze upon its rock-ribbed cliffs I marvel very much when I find a thrifty, active and fairly prosperous people located upon its streams and springs many of them small and far between; and I finally reach this conclusion that nothing short of a people who believed they had a mission and destiny to fulfill, and have a firm belief, nay more, a knowledge that an overruling and kind Providence had aided and sustained them in subduing the desert and waste places in this land could have accomplished a tithe of what has been done in this direction, and the people deserve all praise for their energy and well directed efforts everywhere manifest in this country.

At Pinto the people were thankful for fairly good crops of all kinds. They were much concerned over their Bishop, Robert Suell, who had suffered the partial loss of his speech and the use of the right side of the body; they fondly trusting, however, that good nursing and care would finally bring him all right.

At Grass valley, between Pinto and Pine valley, the people had suffered considerable loss in grain and hay. One farmer named Burgess, who raised 1,800 bushels of grain last year, would not thresh half this amount the present season. This place has an altitude of 7,200 feet, and suffered severely from drought and frost.

Pine valley, lower down, at an altitude of 6,800 feet, had been more favored and had raised fairly good crops of grain and potatoes. At that place I saw the best crop of apples that came under my observation from Milford south to this place. Good vegetables can also be raised in this valley. I saw a cabbage stripped of its outer leaves and yet weighed 21 pounds, and others nearly as large, brought in for tithing. The people depend largely on their potato crop in exchange with their Dixie neighbors for their more favored products. I noticed they had re-shingled their large meeting house and added a new bell tower of very tasty design. The water is very good in this valley and comes largely from springs in the mountains. I was pleased to note that the bishop, Jeter Snow, had utilized