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rid the usual Y. M. and Y. L. M. L.A. onference on Sunday econing. The conference was adjourned for mee months, to meet at Monticello. three PETER ALLAN, Stake Clerk.

Hum Councilor Allem R. Catley act-ed as master of ecromonics, and the following program was reindered General reception from 10:20 to 11:30 in m. the anademy band discoursed inu-nic while the people were assembling. At 11:20 the conground the same the hymn, "Praise to the man who com-mained with Johovah" Desyne by High Connector John F. SNOWFLAKE STAKE

ayer by High Councilor John E

Tauble quartet, "School thy feelings," An address of welcome was delivered by President George C. Parkinsus, who inviewed briefly the work that had been done in the 25 years since the organi-action of the stake, and spoke of the valuant men and women that had taken part in the development and growth of the stake, referred to the changes that had takien place and the conditions which now surround the people. A banny response was given by Bish-op Denous's Jenson of Miakereek ward. Mate quartet by members of the acad-emy finelity and students. President Joseph S. Geddes spoke on "The Ouesda Stake as a Missionary," and reviewed the tausionary work done at home by the presidency of the stake. Double quartet, "School thy feelings.

ONEIDA STAKE REUNION

Stake and Ward Officers Meet and Celebrate Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Of Organization of Sude-

the stake house at Presidu, Idaho, Fub 20, 1909, to evidente the 25th antiver-

ary of the organization of the Onelda stake of Zion, about 250 people were in attendance and every organization in

High Councilor Allen R. Cutler and

the stake was represented.

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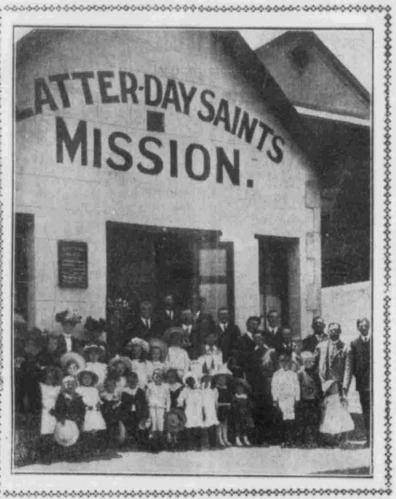
A stake officers' remnion was buil of

At norms by the presidency of the stake, by the stake high council, home unis-dionaries, after which he took up the work of the eiders in foreign missions and submitted the following summary which he had made from the Church records. The Onishia stake has furnish-d attrainstoperess to ze upon forder records. The Onalda stake has furnish-ed 635 missionaries to no upon forder missions during the 25 years from 1584 to 1968. It has been represented in 13 nations, and in 17 Church missions and among her elders it represents 17 Jan-guages spoken. It has had an average of 50 elders constantly in the field since 1584 who have accountished the fol-lowing labors, conservatively estimat-ed.

Miles traveled to and from the mission field, 5.812,000; miles traveled whiles in the mission service, 2.132,500; families traveled while in the mission service, 2.132,500; families visited, 5.826,600; tracts distributed, 5.826,600; testimonies borne, 4.655,200; services entertainment and rejected, 6.556, rejused entertainment and rejected, 6.556,000; traces insists without shelter, 1.250. Treaded interesting sketch of the stake his tory as follows: The Oneida stake was organized in the surface of 1.855, the stake had grown to 15 wards, when the Malad stake was organized, which had a stake was organized. In 1865, the Baker of the stake had grown to 18 wards, when the Malad stake was organized, which had a stake or and Northwestern blasion, which included the states of oregon, Washington and Baker, of the stake baker of the stake of the distake, and in 1855, the Oregon and Northwestern blasion, which included the states of oregon, Washington and Baker of the states of oregon, Washington and Baker of the states of oregon, Washington and Baker of the states of oregon, by this time the Baker bratch had been organized into a ward, so that in 1858, the stake had grown to 24 wards and 3 branch at 1950. grown to 24 wards and 3 branches, when it was again divided and 13 wards taken into the Baumock and divided and U when it Poratelio stakes, leaving us again with but II words. In 1890 the mission was placed in charge of President Bram-well and in 1990 the Baker word you put into the Union stake. Notwith-standing these divisions, the Oneida make be mere divisions, the Oneida take has maintained an average pop-The two of 5,355 would, Either Matthins F. Cowley delivered an address, in which he reviewed the growth of the stake, he having been areas lated with the presidency from 1888 to 1897; he size groke of the mislass to issi? he also apore of the inte-sionary work that had been done by the tracida atake missionaries, and the yast field for work that now rests upon the Latter-day Saints. Song and churus, "Hard times come

The first conference of the Church of sease Christ of Latter-day Saints in onth Africa Inside 40 years was held if the Woodstock Musican Hull, 23 Jurob street, Woodstock, Caje Colony, a the 5th and 10th of January Inst, readiant Henry L. Steed presiding, he minist meeting was held at 7.20 p. 1. on the 8th ult. After the usual auning exercises President Steed ex-ended a hearty welcome to the elfers, after-day Saints, he said, are looked por by the world as a peculiar people. We fifter from all other redigious bodies in and we are a peculiar people. We iffer from all other religious bodies in but we believe that God reveals His sind and will to chosen servants to-ay the same as He did in former mes. The Lord has not changed but copie have. They have lest faith in film They do not pray for Divine reve-tion, consequently they do not receive exause they do not ask. He exhorted is congregation to search the Holy riptures. By so doing their faith in HIPP CONFERENCE

The regular quarterly conference of Scriptures. By so doing their faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ would be increased. In studying the Scriptures we should pray for the light of



L. D. S. SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WOODSTOCK, CAPE COLONY, S. A.

ings were very well attended. 28 per cont of the stake population being present at the last meeting. This is a good attendance when we consider be discussed only by the Spirit of Elder George M. Cannon, Jr., sere-

L. D. S. MISSIONARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Names reading from left to right, top row-James G. McKay, Alma T Jones, Charles I, Grow; second row-C. Perry Rockwood, Austin Houtz, Samuel N. Alger, Jr., third row-Orson M. Rogers, George M. Cannon, Jr., Charles E. Steed, Thomas R. Wilks, Owen L. Brough; fourth row-Albert B. Foulger, President H. L. Steed, George W. Simons and Mrs. H. L. Steed.

NORTHWESTERN STATES

Portland, Or., Feb. 17 -- At the wind

ing up of the business of the North

western States mission for the year

1908 we find some interesting data

f Boose states towards us and the memory of truth which we bear. At the cod of the year 1907 the total

At the 1.1d of the year 1997 the total souls in the mission was 1.660, while at the end of the year just passed they number, 1.362. This is a gain of 362 sculs made up of people received from wards in the stakes of Zion and from other branches and places, and from these converted and baptized into the Church during the year.

was pronounced by Elder George H. , at the mission headquarters on the 14th al the mission hendquarters on the 14th Inst. for work, and have been assigned as follows: John H. Hammond, Black-foot Ida., to Minnesota; Oscar M. Pope, Jr., McCammon, Ida., Northern Indiana, George F.Oison, Fairvlew, Utab, North-ern Illinois: Wallace B. Peterson, Lehi, Utab, Minnesota; Herbert Taylor, Lehi, Utab, South Indiana, and Arza C. Page, Payson, Utab, Northern Illinois. Walters

The following day a priorthood meet-ing, which justed four and a half hours, was held. It was a apiritual reast, and will long be remembered by the eiders. President Steed gave much good coun-sel to the brethren.

set to the brethren. A number of the fields of labor in this far-off hand are 500 miles apart, and some of them are 1,000 miles. Twelve of the missionaries traveled in the aggregate 5,700 miles by rail to at-tend the conference, and they express-ed themselves as being fully compen-sated for the time and means spini. The Spirit of the Lord was present at all the services, and a time of great re-joicing was experienced. Joicing was experienced. GEORGE M. CANNON, JR.

NORTHERN STATES **MISSION NOTES**

West Iowa Conference-President Louis Fugal, 723 W. Broadway, Coulett Bluffs, Ia.-President Fugal relates the ollowing pleasant experience:

following pleasant experience: "While Elder Huffaker and I were tracting one afternoon in Sioux City, we called at the home of a person who had been sick with a fever. We intro-duced ourselves to him and he bade us be seated. We began talking to him, but he said, 'Just walt a moment, I want all to hear,' so be told his two lady stenographers to rease work and come into the parfor; then called for his sister, who was visiting from New York, and also his wife and drughter. The gentleman Interrupted us with questions and the ladies followed suit; one question was asked. This was con-tinue til he time arrived for the sten-ographers to depart. We were then ographers to depart. We were then urgently requested to ramain to supper, which we did. When the girls were about to leave the gentleman sold: 'Now, haven't you all learned some-thing." hing

"We gave the stenographers a Lia-hona, which they received and before we fairly had time to give them a plan they requested one. The sister from New York scemed to be somewhat oped and a opeared to think she kno ill about us and several times wanted to tell what she knew, but the kind gentleman would say. 'Now hold on, gentleman would say, later; you have heard one side, just sten to the other." When the sons came home from When the sons came none from work our host introduced us and Gook special pains to tell them how we were working and how it was expected of every male member of the Church to devote two or more years of their time to the Church preaching the gespel. "After supper we conversed and un-worse questions an hour or so. When yo were about to leave we received a ressing invitation to return. We left term a Cowley's Talk on Doctrine and a Book of Mormon. Summary of West Iowa Conference Summary of West Iowa Conference, 1908-We had an average of 15 elders in the West Iowa conference during the year 1908 and they distributed 2,601 Books of Mormon, 24 other standard works, 3,799 other books, 50,527 tracts; 2,884 copies of Liabona; and received 110 Liabona subscriptions; 36,021 fam-lies were visited; 2,955 families revisit-ed; spent 13,102 hours tracting, and 14,113 hours in gespel conversations; 4.313 hours in gospel conversations; 519 hours with saints; 49.598 gospet con-versations; held 101 meetings, 59 priest. noed meetings; 21 fast meetings and six hildren blossed. There was no baptising during the car 1805, but prospects are very bright or a good bacyest in the spring. We spow we shall go ahead of our last know we shall go ahead of our last your's reacord in some three and have been successful in meeting the people of West lows, especially the more intelli-gent and thinking portion: the business much are beginning to realize there is something in Mormonism and are wil-burn to be an od obtain are literature. something in Mormonism and are wit-ling to listen and obtain our literature. We relate in the past year's work and feel to thank our beavenly Falter for the bleasings bestowed upon us. We greatly relate that we have been able to place as many Books of Mormon in the homes of the good people of this conference as they will result in much good.

no, as follows under recent date: "I reel that our grand success to-sether with the blessings of the Lord has not nor could not be made known to you through our weekly reports, as our distribution of tracts and books has been comparatively small, and al-through no baptimus are reported I feel it the most affectual of all our labors. "Since setting off at the Evergreen station Aug 24, we haven't spent a coul for food of transportation, and have been entertained at the best hotels and nicest of bonnes in the hot.

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"Our method has been to arrange to hold meetings at a settlement and announce it in the schools and public places and take no thought as to where we should stay until at the close of the meeting, and then an-nounce our methods of traveling and state that as invitation to the home of any one would be thankfully re-ceived, and during our stay, which has been from two to seven days at a place, our time has been spent in vis-titing with those who invited us to what them, and by distributing tracts after the meetings every one had a chance to read of Mormonism. "On three different occasions we have been refused the churches to speak in.

"Third was here at Ola. After get-ting consent of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church on Satu-day last, the minister came and held a meeting on Sunday, at which we were present. He ignored the trustees, and refused us the house. This created such a disturbance among the congre-gation, nine-tenth of whom were in sympsthy with us, that they rustled lamps and made ready for us to hold meetings in the schoolhouse. The ex-tin disturbance as in both previous occusions resulted in a large crowd and tomorrow is our last of six meet-

been equally as good, and they have fust arrives at Boise, where they will do a little work, visiting newly bap-tized members and investigators, bewhich indicates the general condition are tacy so out to complete the coun-ry work between Nampa and Caldof the mission, shows its growth and development, the spirit by which the olders are working, and gives a gen-eral idea of the feelings of the people

Soon after the above letter written it was thought advisable open up a conference with head-quarters at Great Falls, Montana, and resident Monour and Elder Edward ones were transferred fom the Bolse enformer to Great Eulis, Montana,

those converted and haptized into the Church during the year. The number of our baptisms for the year 1965 inclusive of children of saints, was 78, with an average of 31 elders in the field. This was the greatest num-ber of baptisms which had ever been performed in any other year since the opening up of this mission so far as 1 have been able to learn; in the year just passed, however, 1 am happy to state the number of our baptisms was 117 with an average of 39 elders in the ministry, thus our increase in baptisms ministry, thus our increase in baptians this year over those of 1997 is 55. Tha great majority of the baptisms of the

Jones were transferred form the Bolse conference to Great Falls, Monlam, Elser Monetur to posside. From a letter just received from Elder Monetur we give the following extinuits: "As our reports show our schneits: "As our reports of the schneits: "As our reports show our your generous offer (Mission there is and in the head paid out of their own pockets, and I hope before an-other year has passed to see a self-supporting conference here, and then some. I think we have fully 49 fam-files of friends and investigators, many of which number are sincere and pro-s: sing in their investigation." On account of not having a suffi-cient number of elders I should not have opened up the Great Falls con-ference as early as we did if it had not been for the inspiration of Elder Geo. F. Bichards, who upon passing through that city feit the importance of that move being made and suggest-ed same to me. have opened up the Great Falls con-ference as early as we did if it had not been for the inspiration of Elder frough that city felt the importance of that move being made and suggest-id same to me.

Tresident E. Thomas, Jr., we fearn inather for the theory of the second visiting investigators in Boise City and that they expected to baptize five new members. They had visited Nampa branch and found the people well to health and the agood condition spirit-ually with prospects of baptizing a few new members. Elder Thomas says that the elders at Weis r find consid-erable siekness in that banch and they report to him that they have some in-vestigators about ready for haptism. He reports that the elders in Weiser were happily dissupointed as it had been understood by them that the fa-habitants of that town were very bitter and full of prejudice, instead of which they find them somewhat friendly but wholly indifferent, so much so that where their explanations of the gosp and songs of Zion are listoned to with Interest Elders Holt and Wright have held sitrell attended meetings in o borhood where they are laboring as they say the citizens care for the as though they were their own buy They hope some day to add some s them to the saints in the Missouri reaference A similar report comes from Side Corbett and Dairymple of the man conference, they having held 14 mass ings in one county within the last to months. In that conference E days 0 E. Hulme and Joseph W. Nuttall have aptized two converts since last reholly indifferent, so much so that he elders can sell no books and can Elder Alma Williams has been set alve away comparatively few tracts. They have, however, a few very earnest investigators there and have found about a dozen Saints with whom they have held sacrament mestfrom independent conference to test school at Marlow, Okla, where they is a colony of saints.

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many visitors who call at this history place, in a way that note wis sou under her roof can ever forcal history kindness. Sister Jennie Miller is an played to help her in the kitchen. Sister Phoebe Madsen is the resind and presides in the conference offer and Sister May Green, the size rapher, very ably performs the due of that office. These three sixters ab attend to forwarding the closes and

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MISSION ACTIVITIES

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"On three different occasions we nove been refused the churches to speak in, but it has resulted each time in be-ing a great benefit to us, and a detri-ment to the minister who did it. "First at a place called Vanwyck the Baptist minister refused as in an un-christian way, and the bystanders (non church members) invited us to set originate and our setur down to (non church members) invited is 30 set ourselves and our grips down to rest while they hunded us a place to preach in. After securing us a large hall to speak in during the week we were invited to go home with one of the men who said he was a lover of fair play and a despiser of opposite artions.

rolls malestically along and sestions and mightler with the j ing of the years, and so will it he till the coning of the Son of God, established it, when its intellig and power will fill the whole o from ocean to ocean and from to note. actions. "Next was at Thundre City, where we were refused both church and school-house by a man who was the trustee of both. Through the digust of the better part of the businessmen of the place at such actions and the charity of the proprietor of the Kentucky Home (hotel) we were invited to hold meetings in the parlor of the hotel and to put up there as long as we wished to stay. to pole. NOITHWESTERN STATES MISSION NEPHI PRATT, President. CENTRAL STATES Independence, Mo., Feb. 10.--Satue of your readers would like to know waat work is found for young ladies to do in the mission field. We have seven of them and will explain briefly. Sister Lottle Bennion is "nother" of the "mission family." There are eight of us now in the mission home. She presides over the domentic documents

and tomorrow is our last of six meet-ings held here. We have made many friends and leave Monday or route to Emmett, 30 miles south, but will tract and hold MISSION PROSPECTS

needings on the way and expect to each Boise soon." From letters and reports o' Elders 'homas and Jones their success has Sister Hilda Prince is listing cick a Liahona office and has as many a 5 subscriptions a day to care to Sister Ellis Woodruff is chief stand apher in the same office and ated by Sister Lella Tucknista n employe. They also rend-

assistance in the editorial Sisters Phoebe Harding and Hole Sisters Phoebe Harding and H Carstensen are doing missionary of in St. Louis. A better idea of a we cannot give than to quate mo-recent letter from Sister Harding Sister Madsen: "Tell President Bennion our as

were out last Sunday in They are feeling fine. In th versing our hall was full part of the Lord was there i a Yesterday a lady frien

would like us to come an had just lost her baby feeling very badly. Of course and left her feeling better new on my list an old lady Northside Methodist that I ing the gospel, also a Cathol tist, a Spiritualist, a Scientist or four others wh they are; but I know this mul-of them keep me studying au-our heaven! Father for what

ed same to me, From a letter dated at Caldwell, Idaho, Fob. 8, written by Conference President E. Thomas, Jr., we learn for entertainment and find many place

manufes no more

Luncheon was served from 1:20 it

Lancheon was served from 1.20 to 5.20 during which fime appropriate trasts were responded to Prof. Join Joinson acting as tonstructur. Nephi N. Clements is the only one who has held the same office since the erganization of the stake, that of high councilor. President George C. Park-inson has been in the stake presidence since the organization of the stake for the hast 21 years, and has traveled by term in the discharge of his duries in the interests of the stake in the 25 the interests of the stake in the 25 years that he has been connected with the stake 22.000 miles. A social dance for a couple of hours

ancluded the program, when one on he most enjoyable and interestin-eichrations ever hold in the stake wa arought to a close. Patrinych Science Parklassir pronounced the benedi

SAN JUAN CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the San nam Stake of Zion environd at Bluft who in 1999 Although the roads were in had con-

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iontringtions alven by five stale rendences and others during the con-rename write of a very track of in-re. The Word of Windom and du-es of the principlication and du-nate dwe's upor. The action we s five of above and their following in-sector of above wide prohibition in-tab.

L'inh. The general and let at authorities of the Church near sustained, no chang-de being made in the officers of the stake or auxiliary accountation's. Three general conference meetings

were held and sno priesthood meeting

the distance some of the saints mus travel by team to attend conference St. Joseph is 40 miles to the north Woodruff 22 in the same direction north while two of the wards south are about 20 miles away.

The stake has barely held its own in point of numbers until recent years, but this year there is an increase of 92 members, or over 5 per cent. We have 23 missionaries in the field. At this ration for all the Church we would have between 7,000 and 8,000 missionaries in the world. The saints have donated liberally of their time and substance in creeting an addition to the stake academy, \$4,000 having already been subscribed, and disbursed, during 1905, and the tithing report made a good showing.

nithing report made a good showing. In one of the wards a widow has her home by the. The neighbors ubbed together and ruised a purse of r \$500

Aver \$300. The duly Religion class has been organized in all of the wards, in which we have Church members for teachers, and all are doing a good work. The stake needeny under the able opervision of Prof. Moench, is do-ng well, and is a growing institution. Taken all in all, this part of Arizona s int so had. The people as a rule or presenting the clinet of Arizona not so had. The people as a rule prospering, the elimite is healthful mild, and there is planty of room people who know how to work. sople who know how to work. MARTIN IL TANNER, Clerk.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

16 Whitmore Square, Adela de, Jan 14. 1989 .- The work of the Lord or proarcentrig in 1998 part. There are at present alx elders laboring in this con-believe - Elders II. & Amgasen, P. C. Nicholo, E. P. Cox, J. H. McDickle, E. O. Jensen and Centerence President A Belmap. All mor cujuging the best

your 10 alders inhored to this Last year 10 effert inhored in this affinistics, hoi more than six at a time of heid 121 open air mostings, 52 hall cellings, seven cottage mostings, 12 renthood meetings, 12 fast mostings, funding vehoods, 59 M. J. A. meetingst stributed 49,201 reacts and 1.012 books of 6256 group conversations, visited 38, fromilies and haptiged 12 converts. We are continually making new tends and have a another of investi-dents, sector of whom we expect to other, sector of whom we expect to m man. Prejudice is gradually aning, as the people become bette equation of with us and our desiring ad with the hulp of the Lord win hope a continue to protouligate like general houg the secretary after truth. A R. HELNAP.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Boars the Char H. Flitchire Elder George M. Cannon, Jr., secre-tary of the mission, presented the gen-eral and local authorities of the hurch. All were sustained unani-

The other speakers were Elders Aus tin Hontz and Charles E. Steed, who had just arrived from Zion, Elders Thomas R. Wilks and Orson M. Rogers he here testimony and spoke upon uspel principles. The second session of the conference

otherened at 10 a. m. on the 16th ult. t was devoted almost exclusively in sunday school work. President Steed presided, and spoke of the great pe-sponsibility resting upon parents and teachers, the responsibility of teach-ing and training the children in the ways of the Lord. Eilder George M. Cannon, Jr. read

he statistical and inbor report of the mission for the year 1908. The work love by the missionaries reflected great aredit upon them. Owing to the small-ness of towns in South Africa the Iders had not been able to distribute is many tracts as had the brethren n other missions; but the results of heir labors compared very favorably. During the year 89 baptisms had been serformed, making an average of seven or each missionary in the field. A dust, "Away in a Manger," was ery sweetly sung by the Misses Mahel

and Doris Martin, after which "The Articles of Faith" were recited by daster Thomas Y. Wilson.

datter Thomas Y, Wilson. Supt. Samuel Martin reported Wood-tick Sunday school. The school was stganized April 7, 1997, and has an urollment at the present time of members. Almont all the classes are oursuing the studies presented by the besenet Sunday School union heard, and a good work is being done in them. Sider Thomas R. Wilkes and Brother I. J. Treisaven also spoken on Sundag school work.

Elder James G. McKuy reporten the sunday school at Kimberley. It was regulated March 15, 1968, with 15 mem-ers. At present it has an enrollment of 44. 14.

If 44. The Electrofontein Sunday school was spectral by Elder George W. Sumons, I us a small school, having only 15 members. The school has been handl-alped on account of a number of the routils not understanding the English anguage. For the benefit of these the ferrons have to be interpreted into Dutch. He and Elder O. L. Braugh contemplated organizing a Sunday school in East London in the near fu-ince.

The children were then entertained th interesting, moral stories, told by ders Albert B. Foulger and Charles Grow, and after singing, the resulton used with prayer by Elder Alma T.

At 3 p. m. of the same day the third At 8 p. 10: of the same day the third content of the conference was held. After sunging and prayer, the marra-ment was administered by Elder Owen a Brough and President George H. Walters The speakers were Elders Alma T. Jones, C. Perry Rockwood, morge W. Simona George M. Cannan, 6. Janues G. McKay, Charles I. Grow and Albert B. Foulger who dwelt a ne apsellary from the ancient faith old the restoration of the group through the Prophet Joseph Emitta, the delating fifth and bleasings. After a closing hypern, the benediction

Northern Illinois Conference-Jos Chordbell, president, 146 South Paulica Street, Chicago, Ill.—The elders of Chi-sigo have been visiting in the houses of the investigators holding cottage meetings and making preparations for a bartisrual service, which will be held a the near outprethe hear future.

Sunday last our monthly pricat-meeting of the Chicago branch hold. The elders and a large numtible area or the local priesthood and students te present

Lincoln's birthday members of the D. Social club gave a sketch entitled Case of Suspension." The house was it filled and by the applause and interest shown by the audience was svi-dence that all appreciated the play Much credit is due to the ence who took iri and feel they should be commend-i for the excellent way in which they rformed their parts. At the conclu-on of the play Elder Thomas McKay, he is on his way to take charge of the Swim German mission, was called upor-to speak on the life of Abraham Lin-ein, and beautifully told of his speech at Gettysburg. Many good gens were given by the audence of the good works of Abraham Lincoln. The following named elders reported

New offatories have been raised up in the following places where none ex-leted before: Weiser, Idaho, Eugene, Oregon, and Big Timber, Montana, New conferênces have been opened in Bezeman and Great Falls, Mont., iry districts in Everet and Tucoma, Washington, and in Sa Oregon

year just closed are new members con-verted in the mission field viz: 90 con-verts, and 27 children.

New branches have been raised up

We have during the year sold: Books Mormon, 412; Doctrine and Coven-its, 25; Cowley's Talks, 1,061, and bloc of Warnings, 889; also other misneous books

We have distributed 65,894 tracts, held opped conversations to the number of 0.312, visited families in tracting 47,693 id revisited families in tracting, 22,

In the year 1908 we distributed 23,713 nore tracts, hold 12,209 more gospel onversations, and visited and revisit-I while tracting, 33,165 more families an in the year 1907. Conditions all over the mission have

Conditions all over the mission have been improving gradually the past two years. People seem like they are be-coming used to us, and by their very rontact with our effers much preju-dice is allayed. I may say truly that in saveral of the large citics, and a number of the country towns and vil-lages, where formerly indifference was almost universal, the elders now report a lively interest, and an anxious desire on the part of many people to investiing every Sunday. Brother Thomas speaks in the letter here referred to of a couple of small towns between Caldwell and Payette allowed universail, the elders now report a lively interest, and an anxious desire on the part of many people to investi-gate our destrine. For instance, in the eity of Portland we baptized 19 during the year, with 40 to 50 families now investigating. In Bokes, Idaho, our number of baptizms amounted to 55, and in the Bokes and Payetto val-leys 13 more were added to the Church. The elders at Eugene. Oragon, admin-istered the succed ordinance of bap-tism to nine new members, which so ruled the iro and zirred up the gall of the wicked that they blew up the olders' headquarters with dynamics, doing very little damage, however. In order to give you a fuller knowledge of the feelings of many towards us 1 insert extracts from letters reserved from elders in various parts of the mis-ation, which were meetined damage the latter part of the year:

latter part of the year: Elder 11 C. Mortensen wrote that while he and Elder Cantwell were out tracting county towns within the miles of Peatlie, Washington, they, in a tow days, gave away 600 tracts, sold 29 books, were well received and had

many gospel conversations, Elder H. C. Mortensen again writes Effort H. C. Mortenson again writes at himself and companion held a sating in a schoolhouse in a country linge called Rhousseit, they also acted the town and made personal sits and held conversations, with all to towns people. This was a new town d there was no church building in it, no man offered to donais the land a good corner for a church uilding, and three large nav-like in the visitity profilered to aush the lumber and the gentic-an with whom the elders were stay-would be harber building and also comised that he would paint it with a under that he would paint it with a under that he would paint it with a the church building and also contained it should be for the enderstanding that when the house build be rinksbed it should be for the e of all people irrespective of creed act. Second of the leading mon acts in the siders head many ap-ale in the siders head many ap-In lead in planning and erecting it At that time the elders had many ap, pointments, and many country villagess had the same claim upon them this one did, and 1 advised the elders not to take it in hand but go right on with their work. Elder William Moneur president of

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towns between Caldwell and Parette on the main tailroad tine that are just over the Idaho state line into Gregon. He says there are a few saints there who want the elders to stop off and haptize and bless their children and he says that the saints think there is a good chance for the elders to do some successful missionary work there. I have instructed Elder Thomas that those towns are within the boundaries of his conference and have directed him to minister unto them at his earliest convenience. I might go on with extraots from the letters of other elders from all parts of the ministon zhowing similar con-ditions to those recited above, were it not that my letter has already the internet in the great work of Mor-THE ROSE OF THE RANCIO: the interest in the great work of Mor-

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