

wife; Gen. Gordon was of course the most prominent character there.

Began to think we would be unable to hold meeting tonight on account of the rain. However, we went after our books, the rain soon ceased. The seats that had been placed on the street for the governor were right on our corner, so our congregation had seats tonight; but they could not nearly hold all who came to hear. Elder Candiaand spoke first, touching on the organization of the Church. I continued and spoke for over an hour, reading Col. 2: 8. The crowd kept perfect order and many heads were nodding in assent to what was said. We surely enjoyed the Spirit. Sold 24 Voice of Warnings, one man giving us a dollar for one, another 25 cents. In one week we sold 44 books.

Elders Ray Ashworth and F. M. Elderson are now laboring in Atlanta and are meeting with success on every hand, or perhaps making success by the help of the Lord. They are workers.

We are hopeful and cheerful and feel it is good to be here.

Your brother in Christ,

C. O. CHRISTENSEN,
President, Atlanta, Ga.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder Joseph S. Berry of Kamas, Iron county, returned with his family Tuesday from a mission to Southern California. Elder Berry left home July 23, 1896, and went direct to San Diego, where he labored for eight months. He then went to Los Angeles and adjoining counties for six months and from there to Oakland, where he labored the remainder of the time. In April last he was joined by his family, consisting of a wife and two children. The last month they have been visiting relatives and friends in Arizona. Elder Berry says the Southern California mission is in a promising and prosperous condition.

Elder A. L. Cullimore of Pleasant Grove is home from a mission to the Southern States. His labors were confined entirely to the Middle Tennessee conference for which section of the country he left on September 26, 1895. He says he enjoyed himself very much while in the South; that he had the best of health and made many friends, and that the conference is in a pleasant condition.

Elder William E. Jenkins of Newton, Cache county, is back from a Southern States mission. His field of labor was the South Alabama conference for which he departed on September 27, 1895. Mission work is in a thriving condition in South Alabama and barring a brief illness from la grippe Elder Jenkins had a delightful time.

Elder W. H. Norrell of Fremont, Wayne county, Utah, has returned from a mission to the East Kentucky conference. He left home April 15, 1896, and returns in good health. His experience, he says, was both pleasant and profitable.

Elder C. Nielsen of Levan, Juab county, Utah, returned from his second mission to Scandinavia. He left for that section August 1, 1896, and labored in Denmark all of the time. He enjoyed good health and spirits and says the work is progressing nicely.

Elder O. H. Peterson of Fairview, Sanpete county, returned from a mission to Norway for which he left home July 18, 1896. He labored constantly in the Christiania conference

and experienced good health and pleasant times. The conference, he says, is in a flourishing state.

Elder A. R. Lundin, of the Twenty-third ward, this city, returned Saturday from a mission to Scandinavia. He left home May 23, 1896, and returns well pleased with conditions in that section regarding religious matters. He had good health and enjoyed the spirit of his mission.

Elder N. S. Christopherson, of Brigham City, called on the "News" Saturday, having just returned from a mission to Scandinavia. Elder Christopherson left home for his field of labor on the 5th of September, 1896. He traveled principally in Copenhagen and Denmark.

Elder H. C. Hanson of the Eighteenth ward has returned home after a two years' mission to Scandinavia. He labored continuously in the Christiania conference where the work, he says, is progressing rapidly.

Elders Geo. A. Christenson and J. C. Breinholt returned from Denmark, the 19th inst., where they have labored the last two years as missionaries. They enjoyed their labors very well and were glad to return home. They left Salt Lake City the 1st of August, 1896.

SANPETE STAKE CONFERENCE.

Ephraim, Aug. 15, 1898.

The Sanpete Stake conference on the 15th and 14th of August, 1898, was held in the Fairview ward. Conference opened at 10 a. m. on the 13th, Elder Canute Peterson, president of the Stake, presiding. At the opening there were of the authorities present, the Stake presidency and a small representation of the High Council. The wards were represented by the Bishop or counselor. The gathering of the Saints was perhaps not so very large, owing, no doubt, to the pressure of harvest labor and this ward being in the northern end of the valley.

After opening exercises, Elder Canute Peterson made the opening remarks. He said the reason for changing the place for holding the August conference from Mt. Pleasant, was the appearance of diphtheria in Mt. Pleasant, which he was pleased to say is now disappearing. Expressed his pleasure at the great interest manifest by the Elders in carrying the Gospel abroad, and that the blessings of the Lord attend the Saints at home.

Elder John B. Maiben expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Saints in conference, and spoke of the past and present prosperity of the Saints.

Elder Henry Beal occupied a short time. He considered the Saints favored in conference being brought to them.

Bishop Peterson of Fairview said health and peace generally prevail in the ward. The Saints pay their tithing, donations to the poor, and are liberal to missionaries abroad.

2 p. m.—Elders Brigham Young, F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund, of the Apostles, and J. D. T. McAllister arrived. Elder Brigham Young spoke of the necessity of union among the Saints. Wrangling should have no place among them. A prompt discharge of duties as they occur is indispensably necessary, as the duties and labors are many, and all are of the greatest importance to us.

Elder F. M. Lyman said he was pleased to meet the Saints in conference. He advised to surround places of worship with shade trees, said he felt to appreciate this land we inhabit more since he had the privilege to compare it with some other portions of the country he has visited of late; felt

the Latter-day Saints are greatly blessed, but feared that many of them had failed to obtain a testimony of the truth of the Gospel. Men must allow themselves to be drawn by the Holy Spirit, as God will not draw men to Him who rebel against Him.

At 8 a. m. Sunday, meeting of Bishops and High Council members. A circular letter from the First Presidency was read; also a letter of introduction of Elder Allen of Park City. Eldere Peterson urged on the Bishops the necessity of immediately filling out the allotment made for the Brigham Young monument.

Eldere Allen stated the condition of the members of the Church in Park City, said the Sunday school had once numbered 400, the Church members had been 700. Elders Young and Lund advised to assist the Park City branch to rebuild their meeting house.

9 a. m.—Fairview Sunday school convened. Elder Lyman gave instructions to superintendents and teachers in the Sunday schools, by which uniformity in the exercises may obtain in all the Sunday schools of the Stake. Elders Young and Lund also made short addresses to the school.

10 a. m. Sunday—Conference opened by singing of the Mt. Pleasant choir, and prayer by Eldere McAllister.

Elder Lund addressed the conference and related his experience on his late mission to the Holy land and the condition of the Saints in that far off land. He told of their integrity to the Gospel, though left alone so many years. They had been preserved through troublous times and are still full of faith in the Gospel. He thought the contrast very great between their condition and the Saints on this the land of Joseph. They have scarcely anything in the shape of books except the Bible, while we have them to overflow. He thought modern Christianity would suffer to some extent by comparison of its fruits with Mohammedanism.

Eldere Lyman had listened to Elder Lund's remarks with a good deal of interest. He had often wondered, he said, how long it will be before we become as devoted to our religion as the Lord desires us to be. We are professedly a praying people. He then spoke of the necessity of repentance and other important topics.

The choir sang an anthem.

Benediction by Bishop James A. Allred.

2 p. m.—Conference opened by singing and prayer by Bishop W. T. Reid.

Elder Maiben presented for the action of the conference the general and Stake authorities of the Church. The vote thereon was unanimous.

The reading of the statistical report followed. The following list of names was presented and sustained to be ordained High Priests: William H. Adams, John L. Jewkes, W. H. Combs, Parley L. Allred, Wm. Mickleson, Peter Agason, John Nicoli Christensen, Sern Anderson, Ulric Melquist, Antony Metcalf, Peter Peterson, Andrew Olson, Ole Larson, Andrew Larsen, Chas. Bowang, Richard Crowther, Erick Vangelin, Poul H. Jensen.

Elder Peterson gave a report of the condition of the Stake, corroborated by Elders Beal and Maiben.

Elder Young said the Church has passed through many scenes to establish truth in the earth. Many of the congregation are too young to sense many of those circumstances; cited the effort made by Branam and others, to have the Pioneers go on to the Pacific coast; had become quite satisfied had they done so would have been entirely out of place there. Read from the Doctrine and Covenants: "Men should be earnestly engaged in doing good," etc. Everyone should seek to settle his own difficulties and not surrender his agency to the keeping of another by re-