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Discourse Delivered at the Seventy-Fifth

Semi-Annual Conference of the Church

Of Jesus Christ of Latter- day Saints, in the

Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday,

ELDER REED SMOOT.



Kansas-Large Sale of Books.

Kansas Large safe of Books. Kansas City, Feb. 20.—East Kansas conference meetings were held at Jay, Leavenworth Co., Kansas, Feb. 11 and 12, 1905. Notwithstanding the intense cold the majority of the Saints at that place were in attendance and all par-tok of the peaceful spirit which char-consider these gatherings no matter these gatherings no matter

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Kirkham, James H. Millard, Heber C. Butler, Jesse N. Perkins, Joseph D. Shakespeare and Rolla R. Reading. All the Elders and many of the Saints met Saturday at 8:30 a. m. in the ca-met Saturday at 8:30 a. m. in the ca-det James G. Duffin presiding. Four other Priesthood meetings were held, and much valuable instruction given. During the last two years President pufin reported that 9:500 copies of the Book of Mormon have been disposed of Duffin reported that 9,500 copies of the Book of Mormon have been disposed of in the Central States mission. The largest work, in this regard, that has been accomplished in the Church in the same length of time.

me length of time. The first general meeting of the con-rence was held at 10 a.m., Saturday Eight Elders spoke encouragingly to the Saints and presented some of the principles of the Gospel.

rinciples of the Gospel. Three other public meetings were ald in which time Presidents Duffin and Elsworth and other Elders encour-ged the Saints and Elders in the rand work they are engaged in. A quarter composed of Elders Jno. P. Bricham F. Duffin Jr. Smith. Jr., Brigham F. Duffin Jr., Smith. Jr., Brigham J. Duffin Jr., James H. Millard and Jesse N Perkins, rendered a song at two of the public

The Joy branch of the Church is in a prosperous condition and many hum-ble people live at that place who very much enjoyed the conference and hos-plably entertained the Elders.

pltably entertained the Elders. Elder Heber C. Butler was trans-ferred to the Arkansas conference to act as president of that conference. On account of the snow drifting some of the trains were stranded in drafts aut caused 18 Elders, including president James G. Duffin and German E. Elsworth to tramp five and a half else through a blizzard along the L. E. Elseventh to trainp rive and a nait miles through a blizzard along the L. K. & W. tracks to a station on the Santa Fe. Many drifts were encoun-tered but the trip was made in good

JNO. P. SMITH, JR., Clerk of Conference. 1405 Locust St., Kansas City, Mo. TEXAS COLONY PROGRESSING Sixty-Two Families Now Settled

In Lone Star State.

Keisey, Tex., Feb. 21 .- This colony is Keisey, Tex., Feb. 21.—This colony is . rowing. We now have 62 families, with rospects for more when the weather moderates. Our coldest was 2 degrees hove zero, with an inch of snow, the



We feel that Hazen, Jr., officiating. the Lord is blessing our labors, as there are bright prospects in other of our are bright prospects in other of our branches, and we hope soon to see more enter the fold. We rejoice in our labors in preaching the Gospel, and it is a source of satisfaction when we see the work progressing in our conference, as well as in other parts of the Lord's vineyard."

REPORT FROM THE NETHER-LANDS.

President Williard T. Cannon of the Netherlands mission sends the following

report: "During January there were distributed in the mission 7,697 tracts (an average of 197 per Elder), and 213 books. Two hundred twenty-three houses were visited by first invitation, being one first visit for every 35 tracts distributed. One thousend five hundred distributed. One thousand five hundred and four Gospel conversations were held, being an average of 39 per Elder. Seven baptisms were performed and tithes to the amount of \$369 were collected

"'A Brief History of the Church,' by Edward H. Anderson, was translated into Dutch, and an edition was issued The first of the year. We have long felt the want of such a book, and I feel sure that it will accomplish much good among the Salnts and our friends. Oth-er publications by the mission lately, in addition to our tracts, were a hymn book containing all of the hymns at present in use in the mission, without music, and the Sunday School (Gallines for 1905.) We have used printed Sunday School Outlines for the past two years, and the effect has been very good. They are substantially the same are gotten up on substantially the same lines as those issued by the Deseret Sunday School Union."

A MISSIONARY INCIDENT. Elder George H. Thomas of the Bir-mingham conference sends the follow-inging interesting incident: "Some tims ago while going to a new district to be-gin tracting. I was passing a point in the road where I used to turn to my former district, when the still small voice of the Spirit told me to call and see a family that I had visited a few days before. I obeyed the prompting, knocked at the door, and was invited into the house, where I was introduce? to the scripture reader of the church which the family were members of, and who had heard of my visits to the home. He immediately characterized the 'Mormon' Elders as robbers of churches, perverters of Scripture, etc. I then began to explain our mission, when he became angry, snatched his hat, and was about to rush out of the house. I extended my hand, which be took with considerable reluctance. I shook it heartily, and asked him to kind-ity and earnealty read and study the A MISSIONARY INCIDENT. took with considerable reluctance. I shook it heartily, and asked him to kind-ly and earnestly read and study the tracts I gave him. He then went out without saying a word to the people he came to visit. The lady told me that a few minutes before I came he had expressed a wish to see me. 'I will tell him a thing or two,' he had said. He had no sooner said it than I knocked at the door. I was invited to call again

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Eider Wm. Lozena Apgood of Oakley, Summit county, passed through this city Feb. 24, 1995, on his return from the Southern States mission. Since his ca.l. May 30, 1900, he has been laboring in the Ohio conference of the Southern States mission, which, he says, is now in a flourishing condition. During his ministry Elder Apgood sold 500 books, 20 Books of Mormon and baptized 14 people.

Elder John W. Johnson of Salern, Utah county, returned Feb. 27, 19:5, from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart Aug. 5, 1902. The Gospel work in the middle Transsee confer-ence, where he labored is progressing nicely. There have not been many bap-tisms but there have been a great many triends made and the prospects are good for a great work in the future.

Elder Carl I. Arnoldus of the Fourth ward, Salt Lake City, returned Feb. 24, 1905, from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart Sept. 1, 1903. The conferences of Ohio and Georgia were his fields of labor. The work is progress-ing in the south. In Georgia nearly dou-ble the number of people were added to the fold in the past year than the year previous. previous

Eider G. B. McAllister of Kanab, Kane county, passed through this city Feb. 24, 1965, on his return from the Southern States mission, where he has been labor-ing in the Georgia conference since Aug. 4, 1903. The work is progressing in Georgia and at present the Eiders are meeting with fairly good success.

Filder Phillip E. Dance of Thomas, Bing-ham county, Ida., passed through this city Feb. 27, 1855, on his return from the Southern States mission, to which he was assigned Aug. 5, 1992. The Middle Ten-nessee conference was his field of labor. Elder Diance reports that the work of the Lord' is progressing very nicely in this field. A great many friends are be-ing made but the baptisms are not very numerous. The people are very indiffer-ent to the Gospel, but as a rule treat the Elders with respect.

Elder Otto J. Monson of Richmond, Cache county, returned Feb. 27, 1905, from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 28, 1902. The Chris-tiania, Norway, conference, was his field of labor, most of the time in the Chris-tiania branch as clerk of conference. The work of the Lord is prospeting in this part of the vineyard. The Elders are earnest and energetic. The Saints as a rule are true and faithful. Some opposi-tion is raised by our Christian (?) friends to our work the or Christian (?) friends to our work the or the saint of the increase the number of investigators and results in good for the cause.

Eider J. Elmer Banks of Lund. Ban-nock county, Ida., reached this city March 2, 1995, on his return from the Northern States mission. for which he was set apart Oct. 7, 1992. The confer-ences of lowa, Minnesota and Illinois were his fields of labor. In all of which the work is prospering. Many friends are being found and a few converts.

being found and a tow ophyerts. Elder Franklin O. Hales of Milburn, Sanpete county, passed through this city March 2, 1906, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 21, 1902. The conference of Sundsvall, Sweden, was his field of labor. The work there, he says. Is pro-gressing nicely. Elder Hales labored as secretary of conference for 15 months, and nevoted much time to choir work, organized two choirs, both of which are doing nicely. He was arrested and fined for preaching the Gospel, but made many friends and baptized a few. at the door. I was invited to call again whenever I was that way, and pros-pects are very favorable with some members of the family." Elder Henry A. Anderson of Ogden. Utah, passed through this city March 3, 1905, on his return from the German mis-sion, for which he was set apar. April 11, 1902. The conference of Frankfort-on-the-Main was his field of labor. Con-ditions there are such that the Elders cannot labor as they would like to, but many are coming to the Church. The mis-sion is in an excellent condition. THE SICK HEALED.

It gives me great pleasure, my dear brethren and sisters, to have the privilege of speaking a few minutes to this vast congregation of Latter-day Saints. I am proud indeed to hear the reports I am proud indeed to hear the reports that have been given and the testi-monies that have been borne this morn-ing by three presidents of missions, and to partake of the Spirit of this confer-ence. I know they are interested in your sons, and in the great missionary work of the Church. I feel to say. your sons, and in the great missionary work of the Church. I feel to say, thank God for them and their labors. Our enemies would very much appre-clate the claim, if it were true, that many of our young people are asham-ed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But the provide among our best of the set ed of the cospei of Jesus Carlst. But in my travels among our people, and in coming in contact with the young people in our meetings, I can testify to you that instead of being ashamed of the great work, they are proud of the fact that they are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are proud of their fath-Saints. They are proud of their fath-ers and of their mothers. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, for I do know that it is the power of God unto salvation; and I hope I may never live long enough to be ashamed of the Gospel, or of the devotion that my father and my moth-er gave to this great work. I only hope that I shall have that same fidelity, that same love, and that same confi-dence in the work of God that they had; that I shall, at all times, have sufficient of the Spirit of God to enable me, if it became necessary, to give all me, if it became necessary, to give all on earth for its advancement, as I on earth for its advancement, as I know that the father and mother who gave me life would have done any minute after they were baptized into this church. There are many things that the Apostles of the Church speak of at the

Apostles of the Church speak of at the different quarterly conferences pertain-ing to the welfare of the people and properly so. As I visit the different sections of our State, and see pros-perity on all hands, I thank our heav-enly Father that the people are so well provided with comfortable homes, happy surroundings, and loving chil-dren, and while I know that there is very little suffering among the Saints of God, yet, as I travel from one end of the state to the other and mingle with the people. I can plainly see in dif-ferent localities that there are many natural advantages that are not made Ing to the welfare of the people and properly so. As I visit the different sections of our State, and see pros-perity on all hands, I thank our heav-enly Father that the people are so well provided with comfortable homes, happy surroundings, and loving chil-dren, and while I know that there is very little suffering among the Saints of God, yet, as I travel from one end of the state to the other and mingle with the people, I can plainly see in dif-ferent localities that there are many natural advantages that are not made the best use of by our people. At the earnest request of the presidency of the St. George stake of Zion, I took a trip rose of seeing I the conditions were fan industry by which a part of the woolen goods used by the southern people could be manufactured at Washington, Utah, This state had for its emblem the beehive, which means in-dustry, frugality gathering for future need. Would that we all might incorporate its meaning into

our lives. In years past that great terested enough to get together, and at ostie of home manufacture, President men who have been blessed of God with our lives. In years past that great arostle of home manufacture, President Brigham Young, taught very strongly from one end of the land to the other, the duty and principle of making what the duty and principle of making what we wear and raising what we eat. You can go into many of our communities and you will find the result of his toachings in different kinds of factories and mills, but I am sorry to say that almost every woolen mill in the state is closed today, with the machinery not only lying idle, but going to rack and ruin. Then again we can go into the different counties of Utah and see hundreds of car loads of fruit rotting and going to waste.

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≈LOYALTY TO HOME INDUSTRY≈

and going to waste. It seems to me, for want of proper and going to waste. It seems to me, for want of proper care and lack of means to preserve the same, we are neglecting one of the great cardinal principles of prosperity, that has been haught to us by President Young and all of his successors, that of loyalty to home manufactured goods. The trouble is we have forgotten the great principle of co-operation by which the mill and factory in our early his-tory were established. And why is this? I rather think that one of the causes is loss of confidence in one an-other's ability to make money in manu-facturing institutions. Perhaps one reason is because there have been a few fillures and a loss of means in some of the great principle of home manufacture as they were when these institutions were established, not only those which we have in our midst would be randed. If the men associated with the institutions that have been established in the past in different nurs, of Utah, would only the men associated with the institutions that have been established in the past in different parts of Utah, would only get together, and if the men of means would join with them and furnish enough money to resuscitate these in-dustries, and all work upon the princi-ple of sustaining home institutions, I am satisfied, that we would grow in our material interests much faster than we



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men who have been blessed of God with means, utilize their means in starting some kind of industry that will em-ploy our young people. I know that if we will do this and the people be loyal in their support, numerous industries can be established and made a success. It is almost a shame to think of the number of factories that have been started in Utah in the shape of woolen

number of factories that have been started in Utah in the shape of woolen mills and only one running—a mill at Provo, running might and day, and ninety per cent of all its products go-ing to eastern markets! It did not use to be that way, and it should not be now. Many of our people are restless, and some of the younger men, and some of the older ones, too, are moving away in search of new homes, claiming lack of opportunity to make a liv-ing. I tell you that there are just as good advantages and as many of them right within the borders of our own state, if they are only utilized, as you will find most anywhere in this country. Do not get discouraged, and do not leave your homes, but make use of the advantages around you. I have seen lately many who have sold their homes to go to dif-ferent localities, and they have spent who have sold then follow a boot of the money in trying to get most of the money in trying to get located, and now they are coming back to where they went from, not as well of as when they went, and without any home, and most of the means gone.

off as when they went, and when the any home, and most of the means gone. I have in mind now many industries that could be started in different parts of the State, and should be by men who have the interest of the people at heart. I ask the leading men of our communi-ties to take an interest in this par-ticular direction, and see if they cannot find something to do for all our boys, and for the idle men, if there are any. I suggested the other day to the Com-mercial Club of Provo that it would be a very good thing for them to appoint a committee to visit every locality in Utah, and even beyond the borders of our own State, and see what was being done in other localities by way of manu-facturing industies, and returning study the natural resources of our city, and see if they could not be converted into something that we must have and and see if they could not be converted into something that we must have and into something that we must have and for which we are now sending our means out of the State. I believe it would be a good thing, whenever men travel from one place to another, to learn of the successful manufacturing establishments, and perhaps they might find something that would be of ad-vantage to the people where they are located. If these things are looked ofter I believe greater prosperity will located. If these things are looked after, I believe greater prosperity will be brought to the people than they have enjoyed in the past.

My brethren and sisters, I ask God's My orethren and sisters, I ask God's blessings upon us as a people, and upon all that we undertake to do in right-eousness, that we may be successful. That His blessings may ever attend us, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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We have an opening here for a good we have an opening here for a gow up young dector, who wishes to grow up with the country and not wanting to get rich too quick. He might get prac-tise outside, as we are on good terms with our neighbors.

with our neighbors. People coming here must not think their troubles will end when they get here, but expect to grow and improve and help others up the steep hill of life. W. E. READ. Branch Clerk.

FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.

BAPTISMS AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 5, 1905. At the Baths, six honest hearted seekers after truth were added to the Birming-ham branch by baptism, Elder William H. Howard officiating. About 40 Saints In noward omerating. About 40 Seines and riends were in attendance, and a glorious spirit prevailed during the cer-emony, which was extremely impres-sive. The prospects are bright in that district, as many honest souls are in-vestigating the principels of the Gospel as laugh by the Latter-day Saints. as taught by the Latter-day Saints. EFFECT OF "BODY BLOWS" TO

THE CHURCH.

President Lyon of the South African mission reports that the Smoot investi-gation at Washington, U. S. A., is stir-ring up the people of the Cape to an interest in the message of the Latterring up the people of the Cape to an interest in the message of the Latter-day Saints Elders. He writes, "I won-der what those who boasted they would five a 'body blow' to the Church in connection with the Smoot investigation will think when they see the work of the Lord move on without a perceptible jar and watch our Elders going away from home as usual to preach the Gos-pel."

LARGE MEETING AT NOTTING-HAM.

HAM. President Aaron Call sends from Not-tingham the following: "On Monday evening, Jan. 30, the Saints of the Not-lingham branch gave a farewell social in honor of Elder S. M. Woolley, who departed for home Feb. 4. We were very much encouraged at the attend-ance, there being the largest number of non-members present we have had in the last two years. The hall was filled above its seating capacity. An enjoyable program was rendered by Sainis and friends, and prosperity was in evi-dence for the work of the Lord."

MIDDLESBRO' SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The Sunday school of Middlesbr." The Sunday school of Middlesbr." branch heid anniversary exercises on Sunday, Jan. 29, 1906. There was a large attendance at the two meetings held, and a most interesting program was carried out. Four years ago this school was organized with 15 members. At present it has an enrollment of 83. The parants of many of these children do not belong to the Church, but they ex-press themselves as being delighted not belong to the Church, but they ex-press themselves as being delighted with the teaching and training which their children are receiving. The cele-bration concluded Monday evening by the children, their parents, and friends assembling in the Temperance hall, at a oclock, when lunch was served and a varied program rendered.

THRTEEN MORE BAPTISMS IN NEWCASTLE CONFERENCE.
President George E. Wilkins writes of Feb. 7, 1905: "We are pleased to re-port that we are having quite encourag-ing results in some of our branches, souls were recently added to the Pei-baptized into the fold in Middlesbro', 10 of whom were adults, Elder Robert
Notwithstanding the extreem cold weather, the meetings were well at-tended. The singing was excellent; in deed, the leader and the mombers justly deserve the compliments paid them. The general authorities were sub-authorities of the stake with the fol-towing additions:
Elders David G. Eames and Lorin Mendenhall were subtained as members of the board of aids in the Y. M. M. I. A. of the stake; Sister Elize B. Alder was sustained as music director of the made many friends among them.

THE SICK HEALED. Elder Ira J. Boyce wr. es from North Walsham, under date of Jan. 26, 1905: "A few testimonies from this part of the world may be of interest to others. One of our Saints, Sister Loads, had been ill for many years. When she received the Gospel she was blessed, and ever since-a year or over-she has been well. She says it is nothing but the goodness of the Lord towards her that she is well now. Sister Pilgrim, who was able to walk but a little way at a time, now testifies that through Elder Geo. Alfred Alder of Whitney. Ida., passed through this city Feb. 34, 1955, on his return from the German mis-sion, for which he was set apart in Sep-tember, 1902. The conference of Le pelg was his field of labor. The work is mak-ing progress in Saxony despite the efforts of those who are opposed to it, and the seeds that are sown are sure to bring forth fruit. at a time, now testifies that through the power of the Gospel she has gained strength to walk to our meetings, which is a distance of three miles. Some Sun-days she makes two trips, making in all 12 miles during the day. On the 3rd of September last, Sister Clitherce was baptized. During the meeting she asked

Elder Dudley H. Leavitt of Bunker-ville, Lincola county, Nev., passed through this city Feb. 25, 4905, on his way home from the Central States mis-sion, for which he was set spart jan. 13, 1986, The Arkansas conference was his field of labor. The mission work in Arkansas is progressing nice! Many friends are being made as well as inves-tigators. The people treat the Elders well. to be administered to for a pain in her neck and shoulder, which had greatly annoyed her for some years; and from the time the Elders got through admin-istering to her until the present, the pain has never bothered her. One or

Bightons. The parameters of Farmington, Edder Heber J. Vanfleet of Farmington, Davis county, returned Feb. 25, 1905, from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 13, 1903. The con-ferences of East Tennessee and Virginia were his fields of labor. The wors in these states is progressing very mice y despite the efforts or those who are op-posing it. Sister Loads' grandchildren had been ill for some time, and had not eaten anything for several days. The child anything for several days. The child was brought to our meeting, and at the close of the service we anointed her with oil after the pattern given to us. In 15 minutes the child began to play, and soon ate a good meal. Since the father has known the cause of the child's recovery he has been quite im-pressed, and acknowledges the power of the Lord in this Church, though he does not profess to be a Christian."—Millen-

Elder Jcs. P. Noble of Woods Cross, Davis county. Utah, roturned Feb. 9, 1995, from the Eastern States miss on, for which he was set apart Jan. 4, 1993. The New England conference was his field of labor, where he says, the work is slow-ly but surely progressing. The Elders are gradually gaining the confidence of the people and thereby succeeding in allaying a great deal of prejudice, but he found the people rather backward in taking up with anything religious.

STAKE CONFERENCES. Oneida Stake.

nial Star.

Elder Charles Teuscher of Montpeller. Bear Lake county, Ida, passed through this city Feb. 29, 1906, on his return from the Turkleh mission, for which he was set part Oct. 29, 1991. Syria and Pales-tine were his fields of labor. He was set apart for the German mission and when he arrived at Liverpool he was called by President Lyman to go to Syria, Turkey where he labored with interest and learned to speak the Arabic language. He found many friends, some investigators, and he thinks the work is progressing there.

there. Elder Warren H. Sweeten of Holbrook, Omeida county, Ida., reached this city Feb. 23, 1905, on his return from the Southern States mission, where he has been laboring in the Maisissippi confer-ence since Sept. 5, 1904, returning at this time on account of sickness.

⁵ Elder Amer E. Hansen of Brigham City. Boxelder county, passed through this city Feb. 23, 1965, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 15, 1902. The conference of Bergen, Norway, which was his field of Inbor, he reports is in a thriving condi-tion. The Elders are energetic in their efforts to spread the truth; many friends are being made, and some are accepting the Gospel.

Elder Shirley M. Woolley of Sait Laka City, returned Feb. 2. 1995, from the British mission, whither he was sent Deo. 12, 1902. Nottingham conference was his field of labor. The following figures show the marked progress of the work in this conference: In comparison with 49 bap-tisms in 1001 and 1902, there were 23 bap-tized in 1993, and 64 in 1994. There has also been an increase of 22 per cent in the tithing for 1994 over 1903, and 48 per cent in gospel conversations. 46 per cent in books distributed and more than 25 per cent in tracts distributed. The future is very promising.





Oneida Stake. The regular quarterly conference of the Oneida stuke was held at the Stake Academy, Preston, on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 12 and 13, President Parkinson presiding. There were pres-ent, besides the stake presidency, Ei-ders Geore A. Smith of the Council of Apostles and Ellas S. Woodruff of Salt Lake; members of the High Council and Bishops. The stake choir recently organized, with Otto E. Johnson as conductor, provided the singing for the conference. conference. The stake was reported in thorough

The stake was reported in thorough working order; all organizations com-plete and the people generally feeling strong in the faith. The visiting breth-ren expressed themselves as being pleased with the conditions they found. In their remarks they admonished the people to be prepared to give a reason for the hope within them and to be missionaries wherever they are, by both precents and example, and teach their missionaries wherever they are, by both precepts and example, and teach their children to fear God. They upheld the hands of President Smith and encour-aged the people to sustain the leaders of the Church.

of the Church. Elder Neeley of Riverdale, Cafferty of Fairview, Lorenzo Hanson of the Pres-ton Second, Elder David G. Eames of the Preston Third, and Elder Hyrum Mecham of the Preston Fourth wards, gave brief reports of their labors as missionaries while in foreign lands preaching the Gospel, and bore strong testimonies to the truth of "Mormon-ism." Notwithstanding the extreem cold