### DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1904.



### CONFERENCE IN NEBRASKA.

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### Gospel Work Prospering in Howard County.

From Cotesfield, Howard county, Neb., under date of Dec. 5, 1904. Elders Lewis A. Lee and T. O. Howell write

the "News" as follows: We have just closed the second con-ference held in this state this fail, and while the bad weather held many back who would have otherwise come, conference here was very successful. many people coming nine and 10 miles in the bitter cold to attend.

The Elders have been laboring in this county for several months, and several persons have recently been converted to the true faith, while many others are investigating.

Those of the Elders present were Joseph A, McRae and Lewis A. Lee, presidents of the Colorado mission and Nebraska conference respectively, and Elders Thomas O. Howell, Heber Moon Thomas R. Lee, William H. Telford and Brigham Wilson, Five meetings were held, including

Priesthood and a fast meeting. Many faithful testimonies were borne in fast meeting and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to be in our midst in rich abundance in all of the meetings President McRae moke in two of the meetings. The reaction of the time was taken up by Elders Thomas E. Lee, John A. Steele (n. brother reading here) Thomas O. Howell and Lewis A.

The Elders were appointed to labor as follows: Elder Heber Moon and Brigham Wilson will continue the work in Howard county; Elder Howell will go to Buffalo county, there to meet his companion and Elder Telford does the same in Nemaha county, while El-ders Thomas R. and Lewis A. Lee will walk to Omaha, visiting friends and

preach the Gospel on the way. Some sickness has broken in on our work lately, but at present all the missionaries are in excellent condition, and they are still able to labor in the coun try, as the weather continues to be the very best,

### CONFERENCE IN OHIO.

### Pres. Ben E. Rich and Other Elders Talk on Gospel Principles.

Columbus, O., Dec. 14 .- The Elders of Ohlo met in conference Nov. 26 and 27 in the I. O. O. F. ball. Columbus. Eigh-teen of the Elders met in Priesthood meeting the evening of the 26th and each had the privilegr of reporting his past labors and present condition.

President Rich made the concluding As most of our Elders la remarks. bor in cities, they were warned of the temptations of city life and instructed in the spending of means. They were advised to gain knowledge of the great achievements of the cities of the eastto keep themselves pure, and to keep

36, 1904, we have the following from "resident Aaron Call: "We again have" the pleasure of reporting two more baptisms in this conference. The first was at the Swinton Baths, Nottingham, on Saturday evening, Nov. 19, 1904 two honest souls were haptized by Elder Levi J. Hawkley. The other was at Eastwood, Monday evening, Nov. 21, 1994, where five were baptized by Elder Joseph S. Barlow. Through the courtesy of the Baptist people of

Eastwood we had the privilege of us-ing the Baptist chapel font. We were We were also allowed the privilege of holding a meeting in the chapel immediately after the baptism, and President Aaron Call did the speaking."

President Warren H. Lyon writes from Cape Colony under date of Nov. 1964, as follows: "Three more have ibraced the Gospel during the month of October, and one more has applied for baptism. The Saints here are doing remarkably well in providing meeting places, paying tithing, etc. Those that embrace the Gospel are intelligent, energetic people; and we are thankful to say that one of the brightest business men, one of the best musicians, one of the most efficient tradesmen in South Africa are already members of the Church. A fourth member is a very capable young lady school teacher. The Eiders and the Saints feel happy in the

testimonies they have received. A successful district meeting was A successful district meeting was held at Bedford, London conference, Nov. 7, 1994, at the home of Brother John M. Swift. An excellent time was had. Prospects are promising in that part of the field.

cently organized Mutual Improvement association of the Liverpool branch held its first meeting. An excellent program was carried out, and a most njoyable and instructive time was Elders William W. Hardy and Joseph

A. F. Everett write from Darlington under date of Dec. 6, 1904, that they have found two families of Latter-day Saints that have been separated from any organized branch of the Church for many years. During all these years, however, they have been true to their convictions, and are very happy that they are now in touch with the Church. The Elders report encouraging pros-pects in their field of labor. Transfers.-Elder Vernon W. Fair-

banks is transferred from the Scottish conference to the Liverpool office: El-der George W. Tolley is transferred from the Irish to the Leeds conference Elder John S. Boyer, Jr., is transferred from the Irish to the Norwich confer-The Swiss and German mission reports fifteen baptisms during the month of Novembe President Aaron Call sends the following from Nottingham: "On Thursday evening, Dec. 8, a social tea was given at Swadlincote, in their new hall, for the benefit of the newly organized Relief society of that branch. The tea was provided by Sister Whetton, who is president of the new organization. and the prosperity of the work of the Lord in that branch was in evidence in the attendance of about forty strangers. The whole organization is a model of enthusiasm, every member of The whole organization is a the branch being a tithe-payer." Elders Needham and Parkinson, la-boring in Watford, write under date of Dec. 12, 1904: "Last week we organized a Primary association of twenty-five children, with Sister Annie Willis as president. All of the little ones seem to take a great interest in the same. We find that this is a great help to them, especially in laying a solid Elder Condie spoke on the restoration foundation for the future. Most of of the Gospel. these children attended our Mutual, but they were unable to comprehend the lessons; therefore, seeing we had so many of them, we thought it wise to organize this association." Arrivals.-The following missionaries arrived in Liverpool per S. S. Winifredian, Dec. 10, 1904: For the Swiss and German mission-Paul Henning, Jesse R. Pettit, Salt Lake City; Henry T. Darley, Wellsville; J. W. Morrell, Lo-gan; J. E. Evans, Ogden; Jacob Brag-For Great Britain-T. L. Schoffeld, La Grande, Oregon; Wilford Day, Parowan; Charles Pocock, Tooele: Edgar E. Hill, Murray; Edward C. Thompson, Elwood; John W. B. Young, Forest Dale. For Scandinavia-James Schow, Charles Ohran, Lehl; Lars K. Larson, Hyrum; Carl P. Anderson, Clarkston; Lars J. Carlson, Logan; Ne-phi Peterson, View; J. P. L. Breinholt, Alfred Peterson, Ephralm; Niels L. Lund, Mayfield; Niels A. Peterson, Hy-rum C. Christensen, Elwood; Carl W. South Cottonwood; Enoch Jachsen, Gillen, Murray: Herman A. Andelin Cedar; N. Chris. Simonson, Lars H. Larson, Orson J. Olsen, Brigham City; Julius Nelson, Honeyville; Peter N. Christiansen, Mink Creek; Abel John-Peter N. son, Sandy: James C. Jensen, Hibbord; James Erickson, Ogden; Daniel Jen-sen, Spring City; Sister Ida Petersen, Huntsville

the clock of the conference, showing 105,879 tracts, and 3,078 books distrib-

uted: 3,172 Gospel conversations; 35 baptisms. Elder Warren W. McCarty spoke on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and testified that we enjoy them the same to-day as did the early Christian Saints. Elder Frederick G. Baker spoke briefy on the unity of the Latter-day Saints. President Heber J. Grant occupied the remainder of the time and compared

the Church today with the Church primitively; said the teachings of the Church are above reproach, and that we want people to believe the Bible; be-cause if they do they will believe "Mormonlam," as their teachings are iden-tical. The only way to receive a tes-timony of the same is to goek for it. At the afternoon session Elder George

A. S. Smith spoke briefly on the restoration of the Gospel and bore testimony of the same. Elder John A. Leishman spoke of the beauties of the Gospel as revealed in our day.

A quartet, "See the Mighty Angel Flying," was rendered in a pleasing manner by Elders Eccles and Max-Brothers Cook and Newbigging. Elder Nephi Anderson spoke of the meness of the spirit which the Latterday Saints enjoy. Showed the reason for this was because they all had obeyed the same Gospel, and were members of the true Church of Christ. President Grant pointed out the examples of loye for their fellowmen which the Latter-day Saints are showing to the world, in that they are will

ing to give their time, their talents, and ven their lives if necessary to bring the Gospel truths to those who know I not. He portrayed eloquently the sac rifices which the Saints have made for the Gospel.

Elder Edward F. Thompson spoke at some length on the apostasy from the Gospel, quoting very freely from the Scriptures to substantiate the claims of the Later-day Saints. The song, "Zion prospers, all is well," was rendered by the quartet.

President Grant spoke on the beauties n that part of the field. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, the re- of Great Price which every man should

seek. He bore a strong testimony to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph.Smith, and to the divinity of the Book of Mormon.

There was a marked increase in at-tendance over the last conference, and good spirit prevailed at all the meet-Inga.

At the Priesthood meeting held on Saturday, President Grant gave some valuable and timely instructions. GEORGE A. S. SMITH,

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### The Liverpool Conference.

The semi-annual Liverpool confernce was held in the Blackburn assembly rooms, Blackburn, England, Dec. 11, 1904. Three meetings were held, which were well attended. President Brinton made a few remarks, after the usual opening exercises, extending a hearty welcome to The general and local Church authorities were presented and unanimously sustained. The statistical report showed an average per month per Elder of 729 tracts distributed, 156 houses visted, 42 Gospel conversations, 27 books sold. There are 10 branches, with a total of 329 souls. There have been 41

NEWS: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1904. Mormon. fined his remarks to a text taken from the 12th chupter of Corinthians. He amplified logically upon organization and the fruits of the Spirit. Elder J. S. Boyer, Jr., exhorted the Saints to obey the sacred principles taught them by their parents, and to strive to bring

about the universal brotherhood of mankind Elder J. S. Colbert spoke of the love of Christ. He emphasized his testi-mony with a brief rehearsal of incldents in his Gospel life of some two score years. Eder Robert H. Moyes alled attention to the spiritual dargnegs now spread over the earth. President Grant encouraged all to

cherish fidelity to truth, and eloquently portrayed the pleasures which come from self-sacrifics,

During the evening meeting Elder George A. Smith briefly touched on organization and expressed his satisfaction in the poisession of the Priest-hood. Elder Edward M. Rowe spoke on the blessings enjoyed by the obedient believer, and corroborated his statements by personal experiences which he recounted, Elder Myron E. Wade gave utterance to an earnest testimony of the divinity of the Gospel.

President Heter J. Burgon called at-tention to the fact that our fellow-Christians in Ireland manifest a hatred for us and for the Gospel we present.

President Grant occupied the remainder of the time in speaking of condi-tions which confront the Elders in Japan, in paying a fitting tribute to the late Karl G. Maeser, and in testifying of divine healing and of the restoration of the Gospel.

The conference was heartily enjoyed by Elders, frierds, and our little colony German Saists.

An interesting Priesthood meeting was held blonday, ec. 5, 1904. The in-structions given by President Grant were decidedly beneficial.

Monday evening President Grant and all the Dublin saints and many friends assembled at the home of Margaretha Coleman, where a dilicious luncheon was served. All present responded promptly with song and story, and ound delight is the social pleasures of he hour. EDWARD M. ROWE, the hour.

Clerk of Conference. -Millennial Star.

# STAKE CONFERENCES.

Benson Stake Conference. The thirteenth quarterly conference

of the Bensen stake of Zion con-vened in the Richmond ward meetinghouse on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 20 and 21, 1904, at which conference we were favored with the presence of our believed presidents, Joseph F. Smith and Anthon H. Lund of the First Presidency, and Elder M. W. Merrill of the Quorum of Apostles.

The fore part of the conference was devoted principally to hearing reports from the stake president, Bishops, and organizations of the stake, which re-ports indicated the stake to be in a prosperous condition both temporally and spiritually.

President Joseph F. Smith in his remarks at the Sinday forenoon meeting said he was peased with the reports given and the union manifested. He irged importance of getting and keeping out of deb and to avoid mortgag-ing our homes or farms except in instances where it becomes necessary in the interest of general public enterprises. He suggested that missionary farms should be used to help mission He suggested that missionary aries' families, and it would be a good thing for wards to own stock in some enterprises and use the dividends accruing therefrom for the support of missions. We must learn the great principle of co-operation and become united in all things. In speaking on the law of tithing, he said: No man has inited in all things. ever apostatized or will ever turn away from the truth while he pays his tithing and is in the line of his duty. President Anthon H. Lund, in the Sunday afternoon meeting, said we should hopor our calling, no matter how small it seems. If we magnify a small office, a greater one will be given us. A Deacon who fills well his position is better than an Apostle who neglects his work. The organization of the Church is a grand one, though it is no new thing, for it has existed all dispensations when the work of the Lord has been on the earth. The Prophet Joseph Smith was the instrument in the hands of the Lord in bringing forth the Book of Mormon, a thing that a boy of his age could not alone have done, but it was given us by the power of God, and we have many evidences in proof of its divinity and twelve men who testify to having seen the plates, which declaration meant nothing to them of a worldly nature but persecution and even death to some of them. President Joseph F. Smith next spoke on the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, and traced the progress of the Church from its organization down to the present time, citing two important revelations given to the Prophet, those regarding baptism for and redemption of the dead, and the sealing ordinances for eternity. Elder M. W. Merrill urged parents of foreign birth to teach their children to speak and write in their native tongues. If this were done, he said, missionaries, for the different nations could be more readily obtained. On Monday afternoon the General and stake authorities were presented and sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference, after which President Smith expressed his pleasure for the heartiness with which hands were upheld to sustain those placed in respon sible positions in the Church, and said they should also be sustained by our faith and prayers, and spoke of the importance of unity existing throughout the Church in all the world. The sessions of the conference were enlivened by beautiful selections rendered by the Richmond choir. The roads were good and the weath-

## Big Horn Stake Conference

The quarterly conference of the Big Horn Stake of Zion convened in Byron Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11.

1964. There were present at the con-ference of all of the stake presidency most of the metabors of the High Council, all of the Bishops, Patriarch Geo. H. Crosby and a good representa-tion of stake and ward officers. President Byron Sessions greeted those ascome to all; reported the people in good health, with good crops and good health, with good erops and the Saints making an effort to live their religion,

Sermons meet for the occasion were delivered by Stake presidency, mem-bers of the High Council, R. G. Lam-bert of Salt Lake City, who is traveling in the interest of the Descret News, and N. P. Johnson of Arizona the latter has come to locate in our midst, being called here by the late Apostle A. O. Woodruff. The general and local authorities were duly presented and sustained by unanimous vote of the conference. The spirit of the Lord was richly poured out during the meeting and the Saints were made happy thereby

At the Priesthood meeting Saturday evening there was a large attendance. The essence of instruction to the people was to become self sustaining, keep out or debt, and preach the Gospel by our example by being honest, to help those in need and pay our tithes and offer-ings, also to keep the Word of Wisdom. The M. I. association meeting Sunday evening was a fitting climax to the successful and interesting conference. EMANUEL THOMAS,

Stake Clerk.

### Davis Stake Conference.

A quarterly conference of the Davis stake was held at Kaysville on Sunday, Dec. 25, 1904. There were present Elder Rudger Clawson of the Council of Aposties, Elder Keisch, President of the Stake Joseph H. Grant and his counselors, James A. Eldredge and Jesse M/ Smith, a fair representation of High Councilors, Bishops and ocner presid. Being Christmas day, Hicers. and the weather very inclement the congregation was small. President Joseph H. Grant gave a brief report of the condition of the stake. Presidency of the stake were united in their labors. union existed in the High Council, also in the Bishoprics of the various wards. All stake organizations were complete and doing a good work. Elders James A. Eldredge and Jesse M. Smith testiand fied to the truth of the Gospel, and ex-pressed their desire to magnify the positions to which they had been called. Elders John W. Woolley, John Walsh, Henry H. Blood and Elder Kelsch addressed the Saints. Elder Clawson de-livered two excellent discourses, one in the morning and the other at the af-

ternoon services. The subjects dwelt upen by Elder Clawson and the other speakers were the birth and life of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the birth and life of the Prophet Joseph Smith. A good spirit prevailed in both meetings. The Kayeville choir did its part in making the conference enjoyable, the

music and singing being excellent. It being Christmas time no conference was held on Monday. JOHN J. SMITH, Clerk.

## Tooele Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of Tooele

stake convened at the Tooele ward meetinghouse Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3 and 4, 1904, President Hugh S. Gowans, presiding. President Francis M. Lyman of the quorum of the Apos-

conference, and all pronounce the conrerence one of the most profitable at-tended. ARTHUR F. MILES, Stake Clerk.

#### Kanab Stake Conference.

The Kanab stake quarterly conference was held in Orderville, Dec. 10 and alost of the representative brethren and sisters of the stake were present, and the meetings well attend-ed by people from the Long Valley dis-The brethren of the Priesthood were brought more closely together, and there is a unanimity of feeling existing between the brethren of the Priesthood that is most gratifying. A greater desire and determination to magnify the callings of the Priesthood

was manifested. The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained, and a more thorough organization of the Elders' quorum was completed, as fol-lows: Henry C. Esplin was sustained as president, with Israel H. Heaton and Jacob Crosby as his counsciers; Israel Espiln as secretary.

- There was also a reorganization of the Y. L. M. I. A. Sisters Abigail Cox and Emma Seegmiller were honorably released. The stake officers of the Y. L. M. I. A. were sustained as follows: Sister Josephine Adair, president; with Elia Carroll and Louis Lamb counsel-Kez, h Esplin, secretary,

The principal subjects treated upon at conference were duties in the Priest-hood, humility, love for one another, and a number of faithful testimonies

Meetings of the High Priests, Seventies and associations were features during the time of our conference.

FRANCIS L. PORTER, Stake Clerk.

### RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder George A. Anderson of Fountain Green, Sanpele county, passed through this city Dec. 20, 1904, on his return from the Eastern and Middle States missions, for which he was set apart Oct. 14, 1902. The conferences of South Ohlo and West Virginia were his fields of labor. The first month he la-bored in Ohio; he found the people to be very prejudiced; but in West Virginia they are more indifferent than prejudiced, but are very kind and hospit-able to the Elders.' Elder Anderson traveled mostly without purse or scrip, and always found entertainment.

Elder John H. Barlow, Jr., of Bountle ful, Davis county, returned Dec. 1904, from the British mission, where he has been laboring in the London con-ference since Oct. 14, 1902. The London conference is in a flourishing condition at present, with very bright prospects for the future. A great many warm friends are being found, and much prejudice is being allayed through them. Besides traveling much in England, he also traveled through France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Helgium. The Gospel is making slow but sure progress in most of these countries.

Elder Kimble Bascom of Naples, county, arrived home De-2, 1904, from Great Britain, Uintah county, cember . where he has been performing a mission in the Birmingham conference since Aug. 6, 1902. He reports that the work of the Lord is progressing nicely in that field. Many sincere people are being made acquainted with the truth and receiving the Gospel

Elder Joseph F. Stephens of Ogden, Weber county, who returned Nov. 26, 1904 from the Colorado mission, was set apart Nov. 24, 1904, not being able int of an affection of the lungs. The Nebrasconference was his field of labor, which he reports in a prosperous condition.

is being allayed, many triends and b. vestigators are being made. Numeron chances have been given to get us Cospel before the people, especially the last six or eight months. The oppor-tune, time scenes to have come as tune time seems to have come, the Elders are making good use of the The people as a rule are to hospitable and a great many of us, are coming to look upon the May mon" missionaries with favor.

Elder Thos. J. Marley of Moroni,Su pete Co., arrived at his home Dec p 1964, from the Central States mission for which he was set apart Oct 1962. Arkansas conference was h lield of labor during his absence. first 18 months as a traveling Elder and Mhe remainder of the time as counsely in the conference presidency, and a perintendent of Sunday schools. is some opposition met with, but & Elders are generally well treated, and the work is progressing nicely,

Elder Silas L. Fish of Snowfiake, Ari. zona, returned to his home Dec. 20, 194 from the Samoan mission, for white he was set apart Dec. 28, 1900. In reporting his return by letter, Elder Field porting ins return by letter, Elder Field writes: I very greatly enjoyed my labors in the mission field, and learnst to love the natives of Samoa, amongu whom I labored. Those who have ac-cepted the Gospel are very faithful in their offects to live up to live the their efforts to live up to its teach-ings. I labored in various capacities and in different parts of the island of Jpolu, but whatever my calling or field of labor, I found pleasure in performing my duty therein. The work en Samoa is in a prosperous condition, and the Elders are laboring faithfully for Its continual advancement

Elder Geo, A. Martineau, of Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, who was set apart Aug. 21, 1992, at his home to fill a mission in the Central states, was released to return home Dec. 25, 194 The East Kansas conference was his principal field of labor, where he presided during the last eight months. He reports that he enjoyed his labors very much, and found the people in general very hospitable and kind, and the Elgeneral ders are having good success in the spread of truth.

## Elder William R. Smith of Kamas,

Furnit county, returned Oct. 6, 199 earlier than usual on account of fi earner than usual on account of ill health, from the South African mission, for which he was set apart June 2, 1903. The city of Port Ellzabeth, South Africa, was his field of labor. Report-ing conditions in South Africa Elder Smith says: "We have made a good many friends in Africa and baptized five before I left. I have labored alone since last February. Elder Simking since last February. Elder Simkins was sent from east London to take my place at Port Elizabeth and reports three more baptisms since I left. I spent a few days with President Lyon at Cape Town while on my way home: everything looks promising in that see tion, there are several investigators of the Gospel and at present it looks like there will be a good work done there Elders Simkins and Griffiths also send encouraging reports from East London Times are very bad in that sountry and food is high."

Elder William C. Hubbard of Wilard, Boxelder county, 1 sturned Nov. 14, 1904, from the German mission, for which he was set apart April 29, 1902. The conferences of Berlin, Stuttgart and Zurich were his fields of labor. Elder Hubbard reports that be was banished from four provinces, but the work of the Lord is progressing in Germany, notwithstanding these hindances.

> Elder Peter Miller Peterson of Holon account of illness, from the Scand mayian mission, for which he was a apart, Oct. 20, 1903. The conference Trondhjem, Norway, was his field o labor, the most northern district o the European mission. He La hine much of the time in the town of Vardo. in sight of Russia, among Finiander and Laplanders. Meetings which he and his companion held were well at-tended and the prospects for proselytes are very promising. A great many are earnestly investigating the Gospel truths.

Elders L. Fisher and C. H. Erickson were unanimously sustained as counselors to President C. A. Wright of this conference.

Three public meetings were held Sunday with all the Elders and a number

of friends in attendance. Elder N. F. Hearns, now laboring in Columbus, was the first speaker at the morning session. Elders Louis Howen, W. L. Apgood and Jos. Beck also spoke on various Gospel topics. President Rich occupied the remaining time.

At the afternoon meeting Elders Jos. Lake and Percival Winter bore strong testimonies to the truthfulness of the Gospel, and President Rich gave clear and forceful explanation of the pre-existence of spirits.

At the evening and concluding meeting, Elders L. Fisher, C. H. Erickson and President Wright spoke of the breadth of the Gospel, the faith of the Saints and the persecutions they had gone through for the truth.

Rich was the concluding President speaker. He contrasted the teachings of modern Christianity with those of Christ, and gave strong testimony of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

The meetings were not largely attended, but those of our friends who came were there for instruction rather than to satisfy curiosity.

Spiritually the conference was a glo-rious success. The Elders have gone into their new fields filled with energy and determined to keep busy. C: A. WRIGHT.

Box 126, Columbus.

### CONFERENCE IN IOWA.

### An Eujoyable Gathering at Des Moines-Progress of Work.

Elder Charles Bingham wr'tes the "News" of a two-days' conference held in Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 12 and 13. meetings being held at 10, 2 and 7:30 o'clock each day. The meetings were attended and a good feeling prevalled. The assemblies were addressed by Elder German E. Eilsworth, president of the Northern States mission, and by the following missionaries la-boring in Iowa: Elders J. F. Lloyd, pering in lowa; Eiders J. F. Lloyd,
president of the Iowa conference; H.
P. Sorenson, J. F. Brockbank, L. G.
Bowen, Clifford Cook, L. C. Peterson,
Thos. Stokes, L. M. Boyce, Chas.
Bingham, Sister Cortery, G. W. Nich-ols, W. H. Richardson, C. J. Peterson,
H. C. Webb, Eiders J. P. Brockbank, G.
W. Nichols, and W. H. Richardson,
Brother and Sister G. A. Gamble, and Brother and Sister G. A. Gamble and Sister Edward Hall.

The Elders made favorable reports, showing bright prospects for the gathering of many converts in the near fu-ture. Especially was it gratifying to note the prestige we have gained among the heretofore indifferent classes. The Smoot case, or better known here as the Church investigation, has assisted us materially.

The Elders were assigned to labor as East Des Moines, L. G. Howen and Charles Bingham; West Des Moines, H. C. Webb and C. J. Peterson; Des Valley Junction, L. M. Boyce and Geo. Nichols: Boone, J. E. Crosby and C. Cook: Council Bluffs, H. P. SorenBou and Thomas Stokes: Waterloo, L. C. Peterson and J. P. Brockbank.

the home of Brother and Sister Gamble, 1314 High street, a very dainty nunch and a splendid program was had, consisting of songs, speeches, games and farewell addresses.

### FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.

Last Thursday, the American Thanksgiving Day, the Elders of the Liverpool conference met in Priesthood meeting at Bluckburn. After the meeting, President Brinton invited all to a Thanks-giving dinner in a nearby dining parlor, where a most substantial and tasty dinner was served. Afterwards, expressions of thanks and encouragement were given, as also toasts, recitations, and music. A most enjoyable time was had, one long to be remembered by all

Appointments .--- The Elders who arrived for Great Britain. Dec. 10, 1904, appointed to labor in the following conferences) Thomas L. Schofield, Sheffield; Edgar E. Hill and Edward C. Thompson, Irish; Wilford Day, Charles Pocock, and John W. B. Young,

Elder David Andrew writes from Chapet End. Atherstone, under date of "After many discour-Dec. 12, 1904: aging attempts in several villages to secure a hall, our efforts were finally blessed in obtaining the National schools in Hartshill, for one evening,

Bristol

where a successful district meeting was held Sunday, Dec. 11, 1904, Birmingham conference, President William O. Creer, and others of Birmingham, were present. There have been no Saints in the neighborhood for forty years, but since A very fitting climax to a good time had at conference was the sociable at in being witnesses to the conversation of some, and to the many others

### The Scottish Conference.

The semi-annual Scottish conference convened at the Masonic Hall, 100 West Regent street, Glasgow, Sunday, Nov. 27, commencing at 10:30 a. m. There were present President Heber J. Grant of the Europetan Mission, Elder Nephi Anderson of the Liverpool office, President Stewart Eccles and 19 Elders of the Scottish conference.

After the usual opening exercises, President Eccles welcomed all present. and said he was pleased to see so many at the morning session. The general authorities of the Church and traveling From Nottingham, under date of Nov. | Elders were presented and unanimously

baptized since April 1, 1904. Elder Wallace Calder said that the laws of God were given for a fixed purpose, and that if we would reap the blessings predicated upon these laws we must obey them. Elder Wright was pleased to note that forty-one souls, at least, in the Liverpool conference, were "not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Elder Robson briefly explained the du-ties of the various officers that had been sustained. Elder Jeffs bore a strong

testimony to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. meeting Elder At the afternoon Brough said that the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints was the same as taught by Christ and His apostles.

President Grant said the Latter-day Saints were giving the world the Gos-pel in a way that no other religion on earth was doing, in that they up all that is dear to them and preached without hope of earthly reward. He explained how the Later-day Saints have a knowledge of the divine mission of Joseph Smith.

In the evening Elder McAllister, of the Liverpool office, spoke on the per-sonality of God. Elder Carrigan contrasted the conditions, from a missionary standpoint, of England and Illinois, U. S. A. President Grant then spoke of the

evidences that science and learning were unknowingly giving to the world to establish the divine mission of Joseph Smith; told of his experiences in preaching the Gospei in Japan; and bore a strong testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel. Sister Turner of Burnley, and Sister

Watson of Rishton, each gave a vocal solo, as did also Brother Watson of Rishton, in their usual spindid style, and Sister Nellie Footh and company sang a quartet, which added materially to the success of the conference. A good spirit prevailed throughout

the day, marred only by the inability of President Grant to be present at the forenoon meeting, through illness. President Grant, not being well, re-

turned home after the evening meeting. and therefore did not meet with the El ders in Priesthood meeting, held the According to the reports at next day. that meeting the Liverpool conference

is progressing. WILLIAM S. WILLES,

Clerk of Conference. -Millennial Star.

### The Irish Conference.

The semi-annual Irish conference was held in the Lauder hall, 45 Lower Sackville street, Dublin, 45 Sunday, Dec. 4, 1904, services commenc-ing at 16:30 a. m. Among those pres-ent were President Heber J. Grant of Smith of the Scottish conference, Presi-

users a select J. Burgon, and 13 Elders of the Irish conference. After the devotional exercises President Burgon welcomed all present in words of kindly greeting. He presented the general and local authorities of the Church, who were unanimously sus-tained, and then read the statistical report for the five months ending Nov. 30. Elder J. M. Grant, Jr., encouraged the Saints to diligence in the Gospel.

Elder Alex Lindsay told of his receiving the Gospel in New Zealand. He said he had made more friends in 17 months n Zion than during his 26 years' so journ in the far off isle of the Pacific, where his friends are numerous.

President Grant then spoke of the leasure he experiences in offering prayer through the hymns he sings. He commented on the hymn, "Come, come ye Saints," and recounted some of the trying incidents in the hour of peril during the Nauvoo exodus.

At the afternoon session Elder Alon-

er fair, and the house was filled to overflowing, and a heavenly influence prevailed throughout the conference. C. JACOBSON, Clerk.

### Teton Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Te-ton stake of Zion was held at Victor. Ida., Sunday and Monday, Nov. 20, and We were favored with the presence

of Elders George Albert Smith of the counsel of Apostles and J. Golden Kimball of the presidents of Seventies.

The reports showed an increase of tithing and offerings; the work of auxillary organizations and of the Priesthood yourums was somewhat behind. Stake Slpt. J. F. Griggs solicited bet-

support for the Sunday schools. Elder George Albert Smith occupied a short time urging punctuality and close attention to Sunday school and other Church duties.

Stake President D. C. Driggs reported that the saloons in the valley were acompanied by their usual evil influences so detrimental to the morals of the young, and to which many parents seemed blind. He urged the parents to arouse themselves and support the Sunday schools and Mutuals.

Elder J. G. Kimball referred to the missionary work of the Church, foreign and local, urging that this work is the life mission of the Latter-day Saints rather than to strive for earthly goods, wealth and riches. He urged the Priesthood to honor its duties and responsibilities.

Elder Smith exhorted the parents to guard the moral welfare of their children. Fathers should not support sachildren. He urged the need of greater fidelity to duty and loyalty to the Priesthood. The remarks of the speakers were Priesthood and to take steps to labor

tles, attended the conference on Sunday. Sister Minnie L. Snow of Salt Lake City was present in the interest of the Y. L. M. I. associations. Every ward in the stake was represented by its Bishop or counselor, who reported their wards in good working order, and the Saints generally striving to live up

to the requirements of the Gospel. Sunday morning at 10 the Sunday school session of the conference was held. Assistant Stake Sunday School Otto Johnson reported the Supt. schools of the stake in good condition. President Lyman adressed the children, encouraging them in the ways of light and truth.

Sister Naomi Gillett, having moved to Idaho, was honorably released as the state superintendent of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations of Tooele stake. Sister Minnie L. Snow then presented the officers selected in the reorganization of the Y. L. M. I. association of the Tooele stake, Ellen Park, superintendent. to wit: Annie Bowen and Jennie B. Huffaker assistants; Mary Alice Tate, secretary; Nettle Anderson, assistsant secretary Jessie Huffaker, treasurer; Ada Nel-son, Ilbrarian; Edna Nelson, singing director; Rebecca Atkin, organist; director; Rebecca Atkin. organist; Annie Parkinson and Rachel E. Woolley, aids.

Elder Samuel E. Woolley of the Sandwich Island mission, spoke of the work of the Lord, in that part of the world.

President Lyman admonishing the people to live up to the duties and requirements of the Gospel, warning the Saints not to deceive themselves by thinking that by merely obeying the Gospel in theory, and not in practise, will result in eternal life and a complete salvation for such cannot be. There is a great field for missionary work both at home and abroad to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. but the greatest field he thought was in the cities of the Saints, among strangers

and among the youth of Zion. The conference was very well attend-ed by the people from all parts of the stake, a good spirit prevailed throughout all the meetings. The singing was excellent and the people were much edified and encouraged in the great Latter-day work.

JOHN W. TATE, Clerk.

### St. George Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference convened at St. George on Saturday the 17th of December, at 10 a. m., the weather being cold the attendance at the first meeting was slight, but a good meeting was held in spite of this, though for once we had none of the leading brethren from the north with us.

At the afternoon session Elder Wil-liam A. Morton of the Deseret Sunday School Union board was with us and gave some very inspiring and interesting remarks, among which was his advice to parents urging them not to send their daughters away from home to make typewriters of them, but rather tosteach them to become good wives and mothers.

President Snow and others of the speakers spoke of the Smoot investiga-tion now being conducted at Washing-

ton and felt that through this the Gospel was being preached in places and to men that otherwise never would have been reached. The case was likoned to the occasion when Peter and John were taken before the council, reproved and beaten and commanded to preach the risen Christ no more, and of Gamaliel's good counsel at that time, and the thought was expressed that if some modern Gamallel would arise and give similar counsel and it could be acted upon that good would result. The temporal welfare of the stake received considerable attention and many good suggestions were offered as to the establishment of some home industries among us and thus prevent the sending away of our boys to obtain employment The extensive culture of the raisin grape and of honey was strongly urged as both of these industries are eminent-

Elder Peter Nordquist of Ogden, Weber county, returned Dec. 4, 1904, from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Sept. 30, 1902. Stockholm conference, Sweden, was his field of labor. He reports a very successful mission.

Elder Anthon L. Schanchy of Logan, Cache county, reached this city Dec. 27, 1904, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, to preside over which he was set apart April 2, 1901. He reports that the work of the Lord has progressed nicely in Scandinavia during his administration; many have joined the Church, and the Saints are feeling well.

Elder Henry P. McMullin of Heber, Wasatch county, passed through this city Dec. 26, 1904, on his return from the Southern States mission, where he has been laboring in the South Carolina conference since March 2, 1904. The conference is prospering at present better than for some time past, owing to new recruits and health of Elders being much improved. The people of the south are becoming more friendly toward the "Mormon" people, and the Elders are treated very kindly as a

rule.

Elder Peter L. Anderson of Mt. Pleas-ant, Sanpete county, also returned Dec. 1904, from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 14, 1902. The conferences of Sundsvalls, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark, were his fields of labor. He reports the Gospel work prospering in the north country,

Elder Hans J. Hansen of Richfield, Sevier county, returned Dec. 27, 1904, from the Scandinavian mission to which he was sent Nov. 21, 1902. The conferences of Trondhjem, Norway, and Copenhagen, Denmark, were his fields of For 21 months he labored its labor. the first named field with considerable success, the work making good prog-The latter part of his mission he T088. spent among his parents' people in Denmark.

Elder Lars P. Larsen of Cleveland, Emery county, reports by letter that he returned Dec. 27, 1904, from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 21, 1992. The conference of openhagen, Denmark, was his field of labor. He says that the good work is progressing nicely in Denmark, with bright prospects for the future.

Elder James C. Johnson of Logan, Cache Co., returned Dec. 27, 1904, from the Scandinavian mission, whither he was sent Nov. 21, 1902. Aarhus\*conference, Denmark, was his field of labor, which he reports in a very pros-perous condition, the leaven of the perous condition, the leaven Gospel is working and much good is being done.

Elder Conrad Stutznegger of Manti, Sanpete Co., reached this city Dec. 27, 1904, on his return from the German mission, for which he was set apart May 13, 1962. The conferences of Berlin and Dresden were his fields of la-He reports the work progressing bor. nicely in those conferences.

Elder Chas. M. Egan of Woods Cross, Davis Co., Utah, passed through this city Dec. 20, 1904, on his return from the Califorina mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 3, 1963. The conference of Los Angeles was his field of The work in the California labor. in a prosperous condition, mission is and the Elders are very energetic in their work. The greatest drawback in preaching to the people there is their indifference to all things religious.

Elder Lorenzo E. Hansen of Preston,

Elder John Frank Allred of Provo. Utah county, returned Dec. 1, 1904, from missionary labors in Great Britain and Colorado, being set apart Oct, 14, 1902. He labored in the Irish conference 1915 months, when he was transferred, en account of ill health, to the Colorado mission, where he spent the remainder of his mission in the Denver and Pueblo conferences.

Elder James H. Snyder of the Fourth ward, Provo, Utah county, returned home Dec. 3, 1904, from the Eastern States mission, whither he was sent Jan. 3, 1903. Boston and vicinity and western part of the state of Maine were the scenes of his missionary labors, where he found many friends both old and new, and many are investigating the Gospel.

Elder Edwin Cox of Union, Sait Lake county, returned Dec. 15, 1904, from the Firitish mission, for which he was set apart Oct, 28, 1902. The Irish and Ionion conferences were his fields of labor The Gospel work in both fields he says is progressing nicely, many friends being made by the Elders.

Elder Charles O. Saunders of Salt Lake City, arrived home Dec. 19, from the Australian mission whither he was sent Nov. 8, 1901. The conferences of Tasmania and Victoria were his fields of labor. The Gospel seed is being disseminated faithfully by the Elders and much good is being accomplished. The minds of the people are generally open to the Gospel and many are earn-estly seeking the truth, notwithstanding the great opposition by those who pro-fess Christianity or those who claim to be shepherds of Christ. The harvest is great but the laborers are few indeed. Elder Saunders with his companion, Elder F. J. Perry, traveled a few months without purse or scrip and orened up new fields in the northwest-ern part of Tusmania, but on account of scarcity of Elders the field is closed for the pursent. The Inventure offer for the present. The Josephites offer some little opposition as they have said that they are going to fight Elders all they can and see that "Mormonism" is put down, but notwith-standing their feeble efforts the Gospei any of the honest in not is gathering eart. The Saints are striving to live up to the Gospei and are receiving great blessings therefrom.

Elder A. M. Woodbury, of Mesquite Lincoln county, Nev., pussed then this city Dec. 22, 1904, on his return from the Central States mission, Which he was set apart Oct. 7, 1902. The St. John conference, Kansas, was his field of labor. This mission field, he snys, is in a very fair condition, with many friends and some investigators. The Elders, as a rule, receive very good treatment from the people.

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