

have blankets on the beds. Overcoat and cloaks are worn morning and evening.

Should any of the readers of this article have friends or relatives in this county we would be much pleased to call on them should we get their address.
W. A. BRINGHURST.

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

OMAHA, Nebraska, May 26th, 1897.

I left my home in Chesterfield Bancroft County, Idaho, November 29th, 1896, and took train at Bancroft, Idaho, for Salt Lake City and on the evening of December 3rd, I bid that beautiful city adieu, in company with five other Elders who had been also appointed to labor in the Northern States mission. We enjoyed the journey from Salt Lake City to Denver, where we spent three hours in visiting the city, and again took our journey eastward for Kansas City, Missouri. We arrived there in safety on the evening of December 5th and were met at the depot by Elders Badger and Butt. On the following morning we all took a trip to Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, where we visited the temple lot which was dedicated by the Prophet Joseph Smith for the erection of a Temple to the Most High God. We afterwards made our way to Brother Prentiss, an old member of the Church, where we held meeting, there being fifteen Elders, some Saints and a few investigators present. The Spirit of God was poured out upon us in abundance, and after listening to a discourse on the Gospel delivered by Elder Kelsch, we bid the Saints goodbye and made our way back to Kansas city. We were then assigned to our fields of labor, I being appointed to labor with Elder J. A. Fawson at Omaha, Nebraska, where I have been laboring every since. We labored diligently during the winter, made many friends, led two honest souls into the waters of baptism and also had the privilege of seeing two others baptized on the 4th of April. Our conference was held on the 3rd and 4th of April at which we partook of a spiritual feast and the principles of the Gospel were laid before the people that gathered to hear us. Our Priesthood meeting was held on April 5th and we received some valuable instructions from our worthy president. At this meeting I was appointed to continue my labors in this city in company with Elder R. E. Yeates. We are still laboring among the people here, taking to them the glad tidings of great joy. Many of them receive us with outstretched arms and listen with great interest to the message we bear; but darkness has covered the earth and gross darkness the minds of the people for so many years that it seems very hard for them to understand the Gospel in its fulness. But when the Lord sees fit, he will open their eyes and they will be partakers of the divine truth.

The Elders of this conference are enjoying good health and the blessings of the Lord are attending them in their fields of labor. Following are their addresses.

P. J. Williams, R. E. Yeates, 1439, North 19 Street, Omaha, Nebraska.
Lee S. Robinson and S. C. Jones, Tekamah, Burt county, Nebraska.
J. W. Jones and L. S. Mecham, Hastings Adams county, Nebraska.

J. A. Fawson and W. H. Garner, Beatrice, Gage county, Nebraska.

Your brother,
PETER J. WILLIAMS,
President Nebraska Conference.

SALT LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Stake conference and Priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake was held in the Tabernacle June 12, commencing at 10 a. m. The choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing:

The time is far spent.

Prayer was offered by Patriarch Archibald N. Hill.
Singing:!

How firm a foundation ye Saints of the Lord.

There were present President Joseph F. Smith, Patriarch John Smith, the Stake presidency, Elders Agnes M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, four High Councilors, six Patriarchs, Elders Elias Morris, Geo. B. Wallace and Wm. C. Dunbar, presidency of the High Priests, quorum, twelve presidents of Seventy and thirteen home missionaries. Representatives of all the wards were present, and the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-fifth, quorums of Elders were properly represented. The quorums of the Lesser Priesthood were also well represented. The officers of the Relief Society, Sunday schools, Y. M. M. I. A., Primary associations and the Kindergarten association were in attendance. Fifty-six young men, recommended to be ordained Elders, were endorsed for the position upon their promise to magnify the calling.

Elder C. R. Savage, representing the Old Folks' committee, instructed the officers of the different wards in consideration of the contemplated visit of the old people to the city, on June 21 to 25, to be prepared to entertain them. The appointment of a committee of three in each ward to look after accommodations was recommended.

President Joseph F. Smith addressed the conference, commending to the people of the city the care of the aged visitors. He gave excellent counsel to the young men recommended to the Melchizedek Priesthood, explaining the sacredness of the calling, and urging them to constant vigilance and faithfulness in its exercise.

Choir and congregation sang,

Redeemer of Israel.

Benediction by Elder Wm. C. Dunbar.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing by the choir:

Praise ye the Lord, my heart shall join,
In work so pleasant, so divine.

Prayer by Elder E. F. Sneets.

The choir sang:

Ye simple souls who stray
Far from the paths of peace.

Elder Orson A. Woolley was the first speaker. He expressed great satisfaction in his membership in the Church, and stated that he was thankful for his knowledge of the work of

God as the only true plan of salvation. The one grand principle upon which the validity of the work was founded was the divine inspiration and authorization of the Prophet Joseph Smith; the testimony of the fact of this divine authority possessed by the Latter-day Saints was the greatest blessing vouchsafed to them. Other evidences of the divinity of this mission were referred to; as, the organization of the Church, the perfection of which indicated its divine origin. This knowledge should tend to spur the Saints onward, to the earnest performance of the labors required of them, and to the obtaining of the promised reward.

Elder James W. Ure followed. He testified to the saving power of the principles of the Gospel, but he felt that not many who had taken upon themselves the Priesthood understood to the full the nature of the responsibility thus assumed. But the actions of such should not deter others from doing right and keeping the commandments of God. Notwithstanding the difficulties through which the people had passed, nothing had occurred to disturb the onward progress of the work, and the speaker stated that each one should strive to realize for himself the promise that the Gospel would not be taken away or given to another people. All should seek after individual testimony, and strive to live worthy of their high calling.

He spoke of his experience in Sunday school work at Bingham, and expressed great satisfaction in the work there among people long deprived of Gospel privileges. As president of an Elders quorum he had found many indifferent ones, who required considerable urging to get them to perform their simple duties to the quorum.

A report of the kindergarten work for the past three months was read and ordered filed.

President Joseph F. Smith delivered a discourse, touching on the Gospel principles, as the training of the young in a testimony of the Gospel; the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith; the tendency of the Gospel to make man better; and the beauty of faithfulness to the truth.

The choir sang:

O God, our help in ages past.

Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The choir sang the hymn:

All hail the glorious day.

Prayer was offered by Elder George B. Wallace.

Singing:

High on the mountain top
A banner is unfurled.

Elder C. W. Penrose addressed the congregation. He referred to the valuable instructions given yesterday by President Joseph F. Smith, expressing regret that not more were present to hear them. He urged all to attend to their duties with energy and faithfulness, going to meeting, etc., in order to keep up the spirit of the latter-day work, and make themselves more worthy of its rewards. He regretted the tendency toward technicality and quibbling with reference to passages of Scripture, and without