

ident was released to return home, and W. B. Stark was appointed in his place; also Jas M. Brower, who had labored two years in this conference, was released, he having been sick the greater part of the last six months.

Conference again convened at 7 p.m. The house was well filled, the weather being more favorable. E. Hoff, Wm. T. Wagment, Geo. S. Bunker, Wm. B. Stark and A. P. Kesler addressed the congregation. Good attention was paid by all present, and the speakers seemed to enjoy the Spirit of the Lord. At the close of the meeting suitable accommodations were provided for the Elders, by the many friends present, and we were again permitted to partake of the hospitalities of a generous people.

Sunday at 10:30 a. m. conference reconvened. There were a goodly number of people in attendance, some having come nearly one hundred miles to be present at the meetings. After the opening services the Gospel was presented by the following speakers: Wm. Anderson, Geo. W. Worthen and A. P. Kesler, who explained the same in a very clear and comprehensive manner.

At 2 p. m. the house was again filled. The first speaker was Clarence Gardner, followed by J. A. Bld, Jas. M. Brower and A. P. Kesler, speaking principally upon the gifts and blessings of the Spirit. The time of the evening services was principally occupied by Elders Geo. W. Worthen and A. P. Kesler, all taking great interest in what was said. Thus closed one of the most successful conferences held in this state. And we feel a great deal of good has been sown in the way of allaying prejudice.

Most of the Elders, including Elder A. P. Kesler, remained until after the evening services.

Wm. B. STARK, president.
GEO. S. BUNKER,
Secretary of Conference.

Conference in Norway.

Our fall conference convened Sept. 3 and 4, in the Norwegian capital, under the most auspicious circumstances. Even nature, which had been frowning all summer, seemed to brighten up and become "all smiles" for the occasion, by giving us a week of the grandest weather of the season. At the opening meeting our profusely decorated assembly rooms were filled to their utmost capacity (a rare occurrence for the first meeting).

At this service, after the reports of the missionaries, Brother George Christensen, mission president from Copenhagen, addressed us. He began his sermon by saying that he brought a message that would sadden the heart of each Latter-day Saint. From that moment all listened with eager attention, while the speaker related briefly the history of the Church, and demonstrated that through all its struggles and trials, God had always been near to guide and direct it, and would continue to do so. Brother Christensen concluded by imparting to us the sad intelligence that our beloved Prophet and President, Wilford Woodruff, was dead. That this was indeed a sad message to the Latter-day Saints could be discerned by glancing over the audience and seeing the tear-dimmed eyes and pained countenances, of both old and young assembled. But we knew that God was at the helm and were comforted. At the succeeding meetings of the session, the speakers were abundantly blessed with the divine Spirit, and thus we were edified by the able and powerful testimonies of Joseph W. McMurrin of the European missions, presiding, Geo. Christensen, C. W. Petersen and others, also the beautiful music rendered by the choir contributed in a great measure to make the conference enjoyable. Another pleasing and encouraging fea-

ture was the continued large attendance.

Taken all in all, this conference was a great success in every way. And all things indicate a most prosperous year for the Lord's work in this vineyard of the north.

PARLEY P. JENSON,
JENS P. FUGAL.
Nygaard Bon Norway, Sept. 27, 1898.

From Southern California.

According to appointment, the Elders and Saints of the Southern California conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints met in Los Angeles on the 15th and 16th of October, to hold a two days' conference.

Elder E. H. Nye, president of the California mission, and wife, were present, having come from the northern portion of the state to take part in the spiritual feast.

Elder Jas. A. Eldredge of the southern conference presided.

On Saturday at 10 a.m. the services began. Eldredge first set forth to the people the object of our assembling together and also gave a general report of the work done the past six months.

The general Church authorities, mission and conference presidents, and local Priesthood were presented to the conference and unanimously sustained.

The remainder of the forenoon was occupied by Elders Hsay Athay, Parley Magleby and G. G. Hendricks. The subjects, "The Godhead, or the first article of our faith," faith and repentance were explained by the speakers.

The afternoon session began with a large number in attendance. Elder Edwin Stott spoke on the subject of baptism, showing that that ordinance had a part in the Gospel plan. Elder George R. Chaffin followed, treating the theme, The Holy Ghost and His workings among the children of men. Elder J. I. Hatch spoke on Divine authority and bore a strong testimony to the divine mission of Joseph Smith. Elder L. A. Merrill spoke on faith and works, showing that faith without works is a mockery in the sight of God.

Elder W. W. Lunt dwelt for a short time upon the organization of the Church with its workings in harmony and perfection. Elder Nye occupied the remainder of the time, relating incidents in the life of the late President Woodruff and giving a short account of his death, it having been his privilege to be in attendance during the last hours of the Prophet's illness. Elder Nye also explained the succession of the Presidency in the Church.

The evening services were occupied by Elders W. E. Hawkins and Nye upon the subject of the pre-existence of spirits and the destiny of man. The hall was full and the people listened with marked attention.

Sunday morning services began with everything pleasant to make our hearts rejoice in the Pentecostal feast.

Elder O. F. Nye was the first speaker, treating the question Infidelity vs Christianity. Elder A. C. Chandel followed, speaking upon the restoration of the Gospel. Elder Thomas Culley briefly outlined the principle of salvation for the dead. Elder A. A. Osborne spoke upon the Book of Mormon, giving an idea of how we view its contents, and also gave proofs of its authenticity.

At the afternoon session the hall was again crowded with Saints and investigators. A good spirit prevailed. Elder R. W. Wallantine was the first speaker, taking up the question, Modern Revelation. Elder George J. Fox followed, speaking upon the fulfillment of prophecy, unfolding the vision of Nebuchadnezzar as interpreted by Daniel.

Sisters Hattie M. Nye and Jane J. Eldredge spoke for a short time. They were listened to with marked attention, for they bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel that touched the hearts of the people.

Elder W. S. Raymond spoke of the restoration of the Gospel and the building up of Zion.

Elder J. A. Eldredge bore his testimony of the truths of the Gospel that had been touched upon by the various Elders, and exhorted all to faithfulness.

At the evening services the entire time was given to Elder Nye. Our hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and many strange faces were seen among the Saints. Elder Nye dwelt principally upon the proofs that we have that this latter-day work is of God.

At the Priesthood meeting on Monday, many timely instructions were given to the Elders. Their appointments were received and all seemed to feel that there would be a good work done during the winter.

But before parting we must spend an enjoyable evening together and slightly lift the cares of this world from our shoulders and mingle together in absence of the trials of life. So Monday evening an entertainment was arranged in the Harmony hall. A well-rendered program of music and reciting was listened to, after which dancing was participated in. The ice cream parlor in the adjacent room was no less an attractive feature of the occasion. All had a good time and our friends who were present say we understand the art of enjoying each other's society.

Great credit reflects upon the Saints and friends of Los Angeles for the kind treatment of the Elders and visitors. We feel proud of the branch of the Church that is established in this city.

The following is the appointment of the Elders to their various fields of labor. Any mail addressed to 516 Temple street, Los Angeles, will reach them:

Los Angeles City—J. A. Eldredge, Parley Magleby, U. S. Raymond, O. F. Nye and G. G. Hendricks.
Los Angeles County—J. I. Hatch and A. A. Osborne.

East Los Angeles—Thomas Culley and Edwin Stoll.

San Bernardino and Riverside Counties—G. A. Chandler and G. R. Chaffin.

San Diego City—R. W. Wallentine, L. A. Merrill and Asay Athay.

Elder U. E. Hawkins has been released to return home.

Elders Lunt and Fox go to the northern mission.

JAMES MARSH,
Secretary of Conference.

Conference in Savali, Samoa.

Early Thursday morning, Sept. 15, 1898, as the sun spread its beautiful rays over the waters of the great Pacific, Elders E. J. Wood, Jos. Quinney Jr., W. L. Wosencroft, Edgar T. Roberts and wife, with a young baby four weeks old, Timalo, a native Elder and Ah Nu, our kind Chinaman, a Saint from Pesega left Apia, Upolu, on board a small sailing vessel of Bother Fred Kenison's to attend our conference to be held at Saleula, Savali. After a speedy sail of thirty miles, we arrived at Salelavalu at 12:30 p. m. where we met Elder C. L. Warnick and all the Saints of his branch, who joined us on our trip to Tuasivi. On arriving at Tuasivi we met Elders Wm. Jeppson, Don McBride, and all the Saints there who had prepared a feast for all.

Friday morning, Sept. 16th, found three boat loads of Elders and Saints ready to set sail for Saleaula. Not all being able to ride some few walked the twenty miles. All landed safely at 6 p. m., meeting Elder George S. Burnham, A. D. Hendricks and George W. Horne together with their friends from Talelima and Fogatuli. Of local white Elders present were David and Fred Kenison and their kind wives Taoinusai and Mele.