

A testimony meeting was held previous to conference that all might have a flow of the Spirit of the Lord and after each Elder had given faithful testimony, Elder Wood, filled with the Spirit of the Lord, gave some good instructions to the Elders, advising them to learn their duty and to do it.

Saturday morning, Sept. 17th, a large congregation assembled at the meeting house. Meeting commenced at 8 a. m., Elder Wm. Jeppson presiding. After singing by the choir and opening prayer by a native Elder, Viall, the following subjects were spoken upon. Elder Jeppson upon the proper condition of all in the Kingdom of God. Jos. Quinney Jr., spoke upon the best kind of exhortation to give to the Saints, Timahio next advised the people to seek first the Kingdom of Heaven. He was followed by Fred Kenison, bearing his testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Elder Wood, the last speaker, gave a few remarks of general encouragement to the Saints in preparing for conference. After meeting was dismissed the Elders held Priesthood meeting in which such business was transacted as was necessary for the advancement of the work of the Lord on Samoa.

Afternoon services were held at 3 p. m. in the large bowery built for the occasion with a full attendance. Elder Geo. Burnham presented the names of the authorities in Zion and those who were to labor on Savali with Ed. J. Wood as president of Samoa; all were unanimously sustained. The other speakers were W. S. Worsencroft, Viall and E. J. Wood.

In the evening Elder Geo. Horne performed a baptism and later Elder Wood exhibited his magic lantern views.

Sunday morning, Sept. 18th, meeting commenced at 8 a. m., the house being completely packed. Elders David Kenison Jr., Chas. Warnick, Salausa, Jos. Quinney, Edgar Roberts and Wood were the speakers, speaking upon the first principles of the Gospel.

Sunday school exercises commenced at 10 a. m., in which a program from the different schools was rendered, consisting of songs in concert, recitations, questions and answers on the first conference held at Jerusalem, the conversion of Cornelius, life of Paul, Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, etc., etc.

General Priesthood meeting was held with a full attendance of both local and traveling Elders. One important subject considered was that of erecting a large meeting house at our central school ground at Tuasivi for meeting and school purposes. Not an opposing sentiment was expressed, but all were united in faith and desired that the work be begun immediately. It was the best Priesthood meeting ever held on Savali. A more beautiful spirit of the love for the Gospel never before prevailed. The Elders then received their appointments and will labor as follows: Chas. L. Warnick as president over the island of Savali; Sister Roberts, David Kenison Jr. and Viall at Tuasivi; Edgar T. Roberts, Fred Kenison and Sa at Salelavali; H. D. Hendricks and Salausa at Saleaula; Geo. Horne at Falelma, and Don McBride and Opapo at Fogatuli.

The speakers in the afternoon meeting were Opapo, A. D. Hendricks, W. L. Worsencroft, Geo. Horne and Wood. A good spirit prevailed all through conference.

Sunday evening witnessed the largest meeting ever held on Samoa, and in which a sermon was delivered by Elder Wood on apostasy and restoration of the Gospel, to which the very best of attention was given.

On Monday morning, Sept. 19th, Sacrament meeting was held for the Elders. All partook of the emblems of

our Lord and Savior, and bore their testimony. A marriage ceremony was performed by Elder Jeppson, after which good advice was given to all by our president. This brought our spiritual feast to a close. The afternoon was spent by school examinations and in the distributing of prizes among the children. It is estimated that about 500 people were present on the grounds. Thursday morning all separated for their different destinations with God's blessings for each other and feeling that we had all come to more of a unity of the faith.

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#### The Gospel in Sweden.

On the 17th and 18th of September our conference was held at Gothenborg, when we were favored with the presence of Elder Joseph McMurrin of the Liverpool office, and Elder Andreas Peterson of the Scandinavian mission from Copenhagen, from whom we received excellent encouragement and counsel.

The Gothenborg conference consists of eight branches, all of which reported in good condition and progressing favorably by the presiding Elders. An excellent work has been accomplished. Gospel seeds have been sown and many souls have been added to the fold of Christ. The future is even more promising than the past has been. The Elders have received their new appointments and have returned to their respective fields of labor, having received so much encouragement.

Past reports of the various conferences of the Scandinavian mission show that considering the number of missionaries in the field, Scandinavia compares favorably with any of our missionary fields. Notwithstanding the fact that a large per cent of the Elders come here unacquainted with the language and have to labor from six months to a year under great disadvantage.

We have sought with humility the spirit of our calling and have always rejoiced in our labors. We have traveled hundreds of miles on foot under the heat of a scorching sun, also through torrents of rain, and have been hungry, footsore and tired. We have been refused food and lodging many times, notwithstanding we had a limited amount of money to pay our way and have been compelled to sleep in straw stacks without bedding, in old buildings and elsewhere, or travel part, or even the whole, night in order to reach a place of welcome and rest. We have never been offered any hospitality too simple to accept with thankfulness. We offer these statements for publication in the "News," because we believe the Elders of the European mission have at times been unjustly criticised. We hope that such modifications in the laws of the nations may be brought about that the servants of the Lord can, here as elsewhere, travel without purse and scrip without being in danger of fines and imprisonment.

We are making a systematic canvass of the cities of this branch, and distributing tracts from door to door. We recognize the value of the Spirit of the Lord, and rejoice in the testimony that we have of the Gospel.

Should any of the readers of your valuable paper have relatives or friends in this branch whom they should like us to visit, we will be pleased to do so, if they will forward their names and addresses.

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#### IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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Arrivals—The following missionaries from Zion arrived at Southampton per American Line S. S. Beigelmand on Oct. 6, 1898: For the British Mission—John R. Hindley and Sister Liza Chipman of American Fork, and Moroni S. Leave of Eureka. For the Scandinavian Mission—Soren Rasmussen, Draper; Thorwald S. Jensen, Salt Lake City; and Ola Olson, Millville.

Elder A. R. Lochelt, of Sugar House, was with the company, but as he did not go to London with the others, it is supposed he went directly from Southampton to his field of labor in Germany.

Along with the company were Mr. Thomas Pilkington and wife, who have been visiting friends in Utah.

Releases and Appointments—The following named Elders are released to return home on November 5, 1898: Mark Austin and Wm. J. Panter, traveling Elders in the London conference; Thos. Leishman, traveling Elder in the Scottish conference; W. H. Toone, traveling Elder in the Liverpool conference.

Sisters Panter and Austin, who came over a few months ago to meet their husbands, will accompany them home.

George W. Fairbourne, traveling Elder in the Leeds conference, is released to return home on October 22, 1898.

John R. Hindley has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the London conference, Moroni S. Leave has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference, Sister Liza Chipman has been appointed to labor in the London conference.

#### RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder J. J. Paul of the Twenty-first ward reported at this office during the week. He returned from a mission to Great Britain on October 22, 1898, having been absent from Salt Lake City since Sept. 5, 1896, during which time he labored in the Norwich conference on the east coast of England. He enjoyed his mission and the work in the field, his only regret being that the Saints were handicapped by having inconvenient places of worship in the poorer districts of the mission.

Visitors to the London conference during the last two years will remember genial Elder George R. Baker, through whose indefatigable instrumentality the Penton street choir has been brought to its present state of efficiency. He returned home last Saturday after being absent in the British mission for twenty-five months. His labors embraced the fields of Southampton, Brighton and London, including every phase of mission life. He feels he has gained an experience that no money could purchase.

Elder Geo. M. White dropped into the "News" a couple of days ago. He has been laboring in the Eastern States and during the latter part of his mission solely in the Maryland conference. He left home September 29, 1896, to set foot once more on Utah's soil October 23, 1898. He reports splendid results accomplished and to be in sight, and that the work of the Lord is spreading to a gratifying extent.

Elder W. E. Hawkins of Benjamin, Utah county, has been in Golden California ever since April 8, 1896, engaged in disseminating nuggets of truth. He spent eighteen months in Northern California and one year in Southern California engaged in the labor of love. Great interest is manifested in the state regarding the tenets of Mormonism and the Church is spreading on all sides. In the city of Los Angeles alone there is a young earnest branch of