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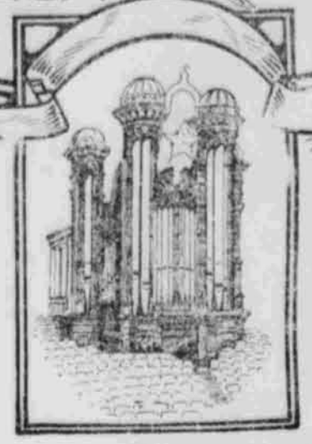

DEDICATION OF WAYNE STAKE TABERNACLE

The visit of President Smith and party in Loa on Oct. 22 to 24, 1909, who came to hold stake conference and dedicate the beautiful stake tabernacle just completed at a cost of $27,000, was a red letter event in Wayne stake. They were met on entering the town Friday, Oct. 22, by Sunday schoolchildren and officers from every Sunday school in the stake, 500 strong, who formed a triangle as the party drove up and greeted the president by singing "We thank Thee, O God, for a prophet." President Smith made a short address expressive of the appreciation he felt for the honor shown him, and blessed the assembled children and parents.

At 3 o'clock p. m., Oct. 22, the first priesthood meeting was held in the stake tabernacle, President Smith presiding, and Stake President Gearsen S. Bastian conducting the exercises. There was a good attendance and the report made by President Bastian and the words of commendation for the good work performed in the erection of a splendid tabernacle; the teachings, counsels and admonitions to all holding the priesthood offered by Apostle Smith, President Seymour B. Young, Bishop Smith and President Joseph F. Smith, thrilled the hearts of all present with inspiration and joy.

The first meeting of conference commenced at 10 o'clock a. m., Oct. 23, 1909. There were present of the general authorities of the Church President Joseph F. Smith, Elder Hyrum M. Smith of the council of twelve, President Seymour B. Young of the first council of seventies and David A. Smith of the presiding bishopric, Gearsen S. Bastian, Joseph Eckersley and John R. Stewart of the stake presidency, a large number of stake and ward officers, and Wm. H. Seegmiller and Jos. S. Horne of the Sevier stake presidency, and many other visitors from nearby stakes.

President Joseph F. Smith presided and President Gearsen S. Bastian conducted the exercises. A very excellent musical program was provided for each session of conference by the stake choir, consisting of singers from the several wards who had been in training under the able management of Prof. John Hood of Richfield for two weeks. The anthems composed for the dedicatory services of the Salt Lake temple, Copenhagen meetinghouse, and other anthems were rendered with good effect, and the musical program rendered by the children at the Sunday school session of conference conducted by Prof. Hood was especially pleasing. The singing throughout was an inspiration to the conference.

President Gearsen S. Bastian gave a good report of the condition of the stake and explained the many difficulties encountered in the building of the tabernacle. He expressed gratitude to all who had assisted in any way towards the erection of the building and was especially thankful for the help given by the president and trustee-in-trust, and was pleased to be able to state that the tabernacle committee was able to pay off all obligations in full. He felt to sympathize for the people of Giles and Calneville who were obliged to abandon their farms and desert their homes that had taken them nearly a lifetime to build, in consequence of the recent floods and washouts, but he believed they would find good homes in the settlements of Fremont or Rabbit valley, and that from this day Wayne county would begin to develop and grow as it had never done before.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith first congratulated the people on the privilege of meeting in a house erected for the worship of God. He then delivered an excellent discourse upon the value of Scripture reading.

President Joseph F. Smith said he was much gratified to meet so many of the saints on the occasion of his first visit to the stake. He congratulated the president of the stake, his associates and all who had labored for the erection of the tabernacle, which he said was substantial, commodious, beautiful and well adapted for all purposes needed. He hoped that the building of this house would have a tendency to quiet the spirit of unrest that had been with many of the people living in Wayne stake in the past, and that they would be contented with their homes in this rigid but healthy climate and labor diligently to bring substantial growth and development along all lines of temporal improvement. He knew that God would enrich and bless all who had donated freely towards the building of a house for his worship. He spoke of the many and varied blessings the Lord has conferred upon his children and showed that we should appreciate the same by a manifestation of faith in God and devotion to his service. He pointed out that all blessings men enjoy are the gift of God, notwithstanding they may labor for them; God gives the power and ability to men to perform all that is or ever will be accomplished by them. He commended Brother John Hood and the choir for the beautiful singing. He closed by pointing the way to life eternal by acceptance of the principles of repentance and baptism and the living of an upright and godly life. After the singing of an anthem, "Song of the Redeemed," President John R. Stewart offered prayer.

William H. Seegmiller of the Sevier stake was the first speaker of the afternoon session. He referred to the time when Wayne stake was a part of the Sevier stake and it was his pleasure to preside and minister among the people. He delighted in the growth that had been made in the development of the resources of these valleys and always took a kindly interest in the people over whom he once presided. This splendid tabernacle, he said, was a credit to the people and would be an ornament in any of the stakes of Zion. He related some very interesting events in the settlement of Rabbit valley and showed the power of God as manifested in revelations given to the children of Laman for the preservation and safety of his latter-day Israel in these valleys. He hoped the people of Wayne stake would give heed to counsel, stay with and make beautiful their homes and surroundings and be contented to labor where the Lord had planted them. It matters little where we live so long as we are engaged in God's service.

The choir sang the anthem: "In Our Redeemer's name."

President Seymour B. Young said he rejoiced in the counsels of the Lord, and commended the people for their integrity in maintaining the settlements of this stake in face of all the trying ordeals through which they had passed. He then spoke at some length upon the necessity for proper sanitary regulations so that the people living in these settlements might enjoy the pure air and water that it is their right and privilege to enjoy as dispensed to them without adulteration from above. He sought by words of earnest counsel to teach the people to be physically strong that they may be spiritually useful and capable of doing valuable service for the Lord.

Brother John Hood sang a solo.

President Joseph S. Horne of Sevier stake said he was pleased to meet for the first time with the people of Wayne stake. He spoke of the great blessings that are enjoyed by those who assist in the erection of meetinghouses, temples, and structures for learning. All such feel that themselves and families have a right and interest in these sacred places. Now is the time for work and to serve the Lord. All who hold the priesthood should prize it and work in it, and they will have great joy in the performance of every good work.

Bishop David A. Smith said he was pleased to return to Wayne stake. It was the first stake visited by him after being called to labor in the presiding bishopric and he always feels kindly towards the people for the support they have given him in his calling. He hoped that we would all learn to help each other and make life's burdens light. The Lord has directed that his saints should store their minds with useful knowledge, and especially does this apply to the priesthood. They should always be prepared to explain the truths of the gospel and if necessary defend the principles of righteousness. He was pleased with the substantial and useful building the saints had erected here for purposes of worship and amusement, and hoped they would greatly enjoy the fruits of their labor. The choir sang the anthem "Lord now let us depart in peace." Prayer was offered by Elder Wm. I. Callahan.

There was a large attendance at the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. conference held in the evening. After reports made by Supt. Ephraim Blackburn and Rosa M. Lazenby, Elder Hyrum M. Smith and President Joseph F. Smith spoke in plainness and power to the youth assembled, making plain the essential elements that go to make up a true lady and gentleman. They explained the origin and purpose of life, and pointed the way to celestial happiness and glory, showed the anxiety God cherished for his children, that all might come unto him and partake of his glory. All present were deeply impressed with the words of truth and life spoken. A solo by Mrs. W. H. Robinson, "Love divine," and a duet by Maggie Blackburn and Nettie Brian, "Come Holy Spirit," were well rendered and the singing of the choir was appreciated.

The Sunday school session of conference was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. Sunday Oct. 25. The children's choir under the direction of Prof. Hood furnished the singing. After the usual opening exercises and administration of the sacrament, "Let us gather up the sunbeams" was sung by Miss Okerlund accompanied by the choir. Solo: "Joel's Sweet Story" was sung by Brother John Hood. Claud Blackburn gave a recitation. The children's choir sang "The Holy City."

Elder Young said he was very pleased with the excellent program rendered. He then gave some very good suggestions for Sunday school workers and children, and thanked Brother Hood for the interest taken in teaching the children to sing so sweetly.

Bishop Smith spoke pleasingly to the children and in story form exemplified the love and unity that existed in the home and with the family of the prophet of the Lord. He admonished the children to practise the lessons taught in the Sunday schools and honor and obey their earthly and heavenly parents.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith explained in language that the children could understand the revelation of the Father and the Son, the restoration of the gospel and the way back to the Father's presence.

President Smith read from the Doctrine and Covenants relative to the obligations all parents are under to teach their children the principles of the gospel and train them in the way of truth and life. He explained that no parent, who by their neglect to teach children were responsible for their departure from the ways of purity and righteousness, could enter their exaltation until they had brought their children to repentance and salvation and they were ready to enter with them. He explained that true men and women cannot be driven or forced to do anything. We must teach and govern by kindness and love. He spoke words of love and truth to the children and blessed them in the name of the Lord.

At the closing session of conference Sunday afternoon the general and stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained by the people.

President Joseph F. Smith counseled the congregation to calm their feelings and make preparations to offer the labor of their hands in the erection of the tabernacle to the Lord. He explained that he would make the offering on behalf of the people. The basement or first floor to be set apart for purposes of wholesome amusements and recreation, the second floor or main room in which the congregation has been assembled, to be set apart for the worship of the Lord. The room in the tower to be consecrated and dedicated for prayer. He then spoke in earnest and impressive words relative to the sacredness in which we should hold this house and every department thereof and that no word or act should ever be tolerated within the sacred precincts of the building that would be in any way offensive to God or man. All that the speaker possessed, he said was dedicated to the service of the Lord, and all Latter-day Saints should be willing to dedicate their substance for the service of God. He then offered the dedicatory prayer, which, inspired by the spirit of God, brought joy and peace unspeakable to the assembled saints. The choir sang the anthem "Hosannah."

Elder Hyrum M. Smith discoursed upon the penalties attached to the committing of the greater sins and showed that all sins could be repented of excepting murder for which there is no forgiveness. He pointed out that no man with a rebellious spirit could ever be saved and that all persons must learn to be subject to laws and the authorities who are called to administer the law in matters civil and spiritual before they can enjoy salvation and rest in this life or in the life to come.

After President Young and Bishop Smith had made brief addresses and borne testimony to the truth, President Bastian thanked all who had helped to make the conference and dedicatory services a success. He was especially grateful for the visit of President Smith and party, and expressed appreciation of the faithful labors of Brother John Hood and the choir. After singing "God be with us till we meet again" the benediction was pronounced by President Joseph Eckersley.

The meetings were the largest that have ever been attended in the history of Wayne stake, ranging from 450 to 700 souls. The weather was ideal, and the people were blest and comforted, and encouraged and renewed in their determination to labor for the growth of the kingdom of God in the Wayne stake of Zion.

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY,
Stake Clerk.

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Middle row: Franklin J. Adams, Lorenzo Sargent, George F. Grover, Joseph S. Parkinson, William H. Allan, Lester C. Kearl, David Hyde, Clement L. Rawlins, Mark F. Strong, Robert W. Brown, Joseph A. Vance, Elisha Peck, Jr., Archibald B. Gunnell, Delsel G. Selman, Laurence G. Cobbridge, Frank T. Griffin, Joseph M. Ogden, James Palmer, Alma Buttcane, Ernest C. Sutton.

Top row: William L. Parry, William A. Woolford, Scott B. Brown, William Leary, Joseph E. Spendlove, Henry C. James.

SOUTHERN STATES MISSIONARY HISTORY

For Two Weeks Ending October 11, 1909.

Alabama. Elder J. J. Curtis, president, Box No. 90, Montgomery, Ala.—The elders of this conference all report good health. At a baptismal service held on the banks of the Alabama river at Montgomery, two new converts were added to the Church through baptism by Elders J. J. Curtis and A. O. Sioker.

East Kentucky. Elder C. F. Ellsworth, president, Box No. 422, Lexington, Ky.—Elders R. D. Orr and C. O. Strong report holding a series of successful meetings in the Union church at Atterson during the week ending Oct. 7. A series of well attended meetings was also held in Fleming county by Elders R. L. Cook and George A. Parkinson. . . . Two baptisms were performed by Elders J. H. Lofgreen and O. P. Enger at Amba, Oct. 3. . . . While attending a Christian church at Traceford, Elders Bunker and Anderson were invited by the pastor to occupy the pulpit. Their remarks were listened to with interest by the congregation.

Atlanta. Elder O. W. Hyde, president, 3 Connally street, Atlanta, Ga.—Sunday, Oct. 3, two baptisms were performed by Elders John A. Stock and J. J. Cole who are laboring in Chatooga county. These elders held a successful meeting with a company of laborers on the county road during the noon hour Oct. 5. All the laborers accepted literature, and seemed very much interested in the message of the elders. One man attended in all six meetings held by these elders, and purchased a Book of Mormon, a Doctrine and Covenants, a Voice of Warning, a Cowley, and a Pearl of Great Price.

East Tennessee. Elder W. H. Larson, president, 501 Cameron avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.—Six baptisms are reported from this conference during the past week: Two at Knoxville, Oct. 10, by President W. H. Larson, and four by Elder W. M. Hunter in the neighborhood of Irving college.

Florida. Elder L. L. Myers, president, 103 Highway avenue, Jacksonville, Fla.—Brother W. D. Mann of Sanderson has been called to labor as a missionary in this conference, and during the week ending Oct. 14, he performed two baptisms. Ten other baptisms have been reported during the past two weeks—one by Elder Meacham, and seven in Hamilton county by Elder W. M. Jones. . . . Mr. W. H. Chase and Sister Adeline Canova of Jacksonville were united in wedlock Oct. 9, President L. L. Myers officiating. The bride has been a very faithful member of the Church for the past 12 years, and the young couple have the best wishes of the saints and friends of the branch for a happy life. . . . The Sunday school of the Sanderson branch was reorganized Sunday, Oct. 3, with the following officers: H. L. Wester, superintendent; A. C. Arnold, assistant superintendent; J. W. Durham, chorister; Kitty Mann, organist, with Emma Wester as her assistant, and Annie Canova as secretary.

Georgia. Elder A. E. Mortensen, president, 901 Plum street, Macon, Ga.—Sunday, Oct. 3, three well attended meetings were held at Juniper by Elders E. L. Allen and W. K. Granger. These elders also performed two baptisms in the neighborhood of this place. . . . Through the administration of Elders Mortensen and Walker, the power of the Lord was made manifest in the case of a sick lady residing in Augusta—she was instantly relieved of intense suffering. . . . Elders Furniss, Lamont, Green and Humphreys sold 80 small books and two Books of Mormon during the past week.

Kentucky. Elder A. T. Thorup, president, Box 381, Louisville, Ky.—One baptism was performed during the week ending Oct. 7 by Elder J. Alvin Decker. . . . Elders M. J. Tilbury and J. L. Molen, who are laboring in Livingston county, report that applications for holding cottage meetings are coming in so rapidly that they are unable to hold them at all the places where requested. . . . On Sept. 18, Elders M. J. Tilbury and J. L. Molen were called upon to administer to Sister Sarah Ann Snow, who for the past six years had been almost blind, and not able to do any work. On the 28th, the elders revisited her and found her doing her housework, and on visiting her again a few days later she was found sewing.

Middle Tennessee. Elder I. H. Esplin, president, Box 269, Memphis, Tenn.—Although there is some opposition in this conference, the elders report good success in the distribution of literature and in holding meetings.

Mississippi. Elder Geo. J. Gray, president, 511 Mississippi street, Jackson, Miss.—The reports for the week ending Oct. 7 show that the holding of cottage and hall meetings was a very successful feature of the work for that week. . . . One baptism was performed on the 11th inst. by Elder Osmond Call and one on the 14th by Elders L. P. Green and C. R. Jenkins. . . . Two instances of healing are reported during the week ending Oct. 14: Elders Green and Jenkins report that after administering to a lady who had been almost unable to sleep for several months past, she slept peacefully all the night and seemed much improved the next morning. A gentleman residing in Meridian was administered to by Elders A. S. Johnson and F. A. Gerber, and through the power of the Lord he was immediately healed of a very severe illness. . . . During the week ending Oct. 13, the four elders of company "B" sold 15 Books of Mormon and 60 smaller books.

North Carolina. Elder Robt. Andrus, president, Box 632, Charlotte, N. C.—At a baptismal service held on the banks of a small stream near Kinston, one person was baptized by Elder C. V. Payne. . . . Elder R. J. Bradshaw has been honorably released to return to his home after 23 months of energetic work in the North Carolina conference. . . . Elders C. V. Payne and W. D. Criddle held a baptismal service at Chinquapin during the week ending Oct. 14, at which a large crowd listened attentively to their remarks.

Ohio. Elder C. D. Gray, president, Box 41, station "D," Columbus, O.—The branch at Xenia is flourishing nicely, and at the last fast day many very strong testimonies to the truth of the gospel were borne by the members of that branch. . . . Company "A" reports very good success at the city of Bucyrus during the past week.

South Carolina. Elder L. M. Belknap, president, Box 278, Columbia, S. C.—One baptism was performed at Beaverdam during the week ending Oct. 7 by Elder I. H. Wright. . . . Five children were blessed during this week.

Virginia. Elder R. E. Porter, president, Box 459, Roanoke, Va.—Sunday, Oct. 3, two baptisms were performed at Pearisburg, Giles Co., by Elders A. E. Brotnwell and Thomas A. Arnold. . . . Elders Alma Donaldson and W. I. Brady organized a Sunday school at Howertons, Essex Co., Sunday, Oct. 3, with W. M. Hodges as superintendent, Thomas Covington as secretary, Minnie Burch as assistant secretary, and Vergie Hodges as class teacher. . . . Seven meetings in six days is the report sent in by Elders R. B. Major and Travy Richeson from Danville for the week ending Oct. 7.

R. E. PORTER,
Mission Secretary.

BAPTISMS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The Millennial Star of Oct. 21 records the following baptisms:

A baptismal service was held at the corporation baths, Hanley (Birmingham conference), Sunday, Oct. 10, 1909, at which three members were baptized, the ordinance being performed by Elders R. H. Brown and J. S. Parkinson. The speakers were Elder George H. Lant and President L. H. Durrant. Confirmations at the afternoon services.

Another convert was initiated into the fold of Christ at Blyth (Newcastle conference), Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1909. The baptism was performed by Elder W. L. Edwards, in the North sea, and although the weather was most disagreeable during the forepart of the day, yet in the late afternoon, when the baptism took place, the wind subsided, the sun came out and the sea calmed down so that everything was most favorable for the sacred occasion.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, a baptismal service took place at "Deseret" (London conference), in connection with our conference, when nine persons received that ordinance, Elders William S. Bassett, H. L. Smith, J. H. Eccles and George E. Anderson officiating. Confirmations took place during the interval between afternoon and evening meetings.

On Oct. 16, at the Burnley central baths (Liverpool conference), two men of Nelson were admitted into the Church by baptism at the hands of Elder Richard W. Young, Jr. Confirmations took place at water's edge.

A baptismal service was held Sunday morning, Oct. 17, 1909, at Burnley public baths (Liverpool conference). Three converts were baptized, the ordinance being performed by Elder W. Alma Richins. A number of saints and friends were present.

In the Belfast branch (Irish conference), Oct. 13, two converts were baptized by Elder John G. Sharp. Confirmations took place immediately afterwards.

One member was admitted into the Church (Liverpool conference) by baptism on Thursday, Oct. 14, the ordinance being performed in the river Mersey by Elder Urban Johnson.

CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

The semi-annual conference of the California mission (northern district) was held in San Francisco, Oct. 24, 1909, in Jefferson Square hall, 926 Golden Gate avenue.

Elders and saints from San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and San Jose were present. Services were held at 10 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7 p. m. respectively.

Elder Joseph E. Robinson, president of the California mission, opened the conference and welcomed those present. In a sermon suggested by one of the opening hymns, "For the strength of the hills we bless Thee," President Robinson found his theme and reached the hearts of his hearers. In words both eloquent and peculiarly appealing to the Latter-day Saints he traced the history of the saints' migrations and final exodus to Utah and showed the peace, the rest and the security they found encircled round about by the mountain barriers; showed this was in fulfillment of prophecy recorded in Isaiah and in the Psalms.

Later on in the conference President Robinson enumerated many principles of the gospel and explained their meaning.

Elder George F. Richards of the quorum of the twelve told the saints and friends of the great amount of money spent annually by the elders and the Church in preaching the gospel; admonished all to do missionary work and be representative Latter-day Saints; emphasized the teaching of children mainly through example, and also spoke on spiritual growth.

In the afternoon session the names of the general authorities of the Church, together with those of the mission, were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elders F. T. Christensen, W. B. Farr, S. Hutchinson, L. Morris and N. Murkley also spoke on subjects appropriate to the occasion.

During the conference Elder Alvin Keddington sang several sacred solos among which were the folowing: "In the Realms of Eternity," "Thy Will Be Done," "Beyond the Gates of Paradise," "The Endless Day" and "He Knows the Way."

A priesthood meeting was held on Saturday, Oct. 23, when the elders reported their labors and when they were assigned to new localities.

A social was held Monday evening, Oct. 25, and was attended by many of the saints and friends.

W. W. COLLINS,
Clerk.

CONFERENCE AT LOS ANGELES

Saturday morning, Oct. 16, the semi-annual priesthood meeting of the elders of the Los Angeles conference, the district comprising the southern half of California, convened at 10 o'clock in the church at 425 West Tenth street, Los Angeles, Cal., President Joseph E. Robinson presiding. Of the 15 elders of the conference, 12 were present, one being ill and two having been called to Riverside on account of sickness. There were also present Elder George F. Richards of the council of twelve, the local branch presidency and Elder J. W. Blazzard of the Southern States mission. All the elders reported their labors and bore good testimonies. Elder Richards and President Robinson gave the brethren many valuable instructions and encouraged them in their labors.

Sunday, the 17th, the semi-annual conference of the Los Angeles conference commenced at 10 a. m. and convened again at 2 and 7 p. m., President Joseph E. Robinson presiding at each session. All the elders of the conference were present. President Robinson gave the opening address and reported that conditions throughout the mission were encouraging.

Dr. S. H. Allen of Salt Lake City following, drew attention to the similarity in the way the gospel is received in our own day and in the days of Christ and the apostles.

Elder George F. Richards exhorted the people to faith in Christ and the Father, and to implant it in the hearts of their children.

The speakers at the afternoon session were Conference President Fred S. Critchlow, who brought forth evidence of the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith; Elder Reuben F. Burton, who spoke on "The Transgression and the Fall of Adam and Eve;" and Elder George F. Richards, who discoursed on faith and testified that man has abundant evidence of the existence of God.

The names of the general authorities of the Church and of the mission and conference were presented by President Joseph E. Robinson and unanimously sustained.

At the evening session the speakers were Elders J. W. Blazzard and George F. Richards. At the closing of this session conference adjourned for six months.

The singing was a notable feature of the conference, several solo and quartet selections being rendered in addition to the music by the choir.

Monday evening a dancing party was given, and Tuesday evening a social, both under the direction of the local branch.

We are pleased to report that Elder S. Oliphant, who has been sick with typhoid fever and when recovering suffered a relapse, is getting along nicely and was able to attend part of the conference. We are very sorry, however, that Elder Wilbur Sewards has been obliged to leave us because of ill health. He left this morning, the 22nd, for his home at Manassa, Colo.

R. T. BURTON,
Secretary.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

South Pleasant street, No. 302, Independence, Mo., Oct. 19.—In the two weeks just past there has been some sickness among the missionaries, but we believe all are better except Elder Theodore Johnson, who is quite ill at Little Rock, Ark. He has the close attention of our mission president and several companions, who are with him and the best physician in the city to attend him, so we expect him soon to be up and at his work again.

Our elders and sister missionaries are pushing the work with vigor and are successful in their work. Elder Archie Gardner reports the work in St. Louis as being very prosperous; so does President Mark Hixson the same in San Antonio, Tex., and Elders A. Gordon Kimball and D. George Robison have had a happy week in Kansas City, where they have opened up the work, as they found a goodly number of friends and disposed of much literature.

Elder J. Earl Waite has baptized four and Elder William H. Boyce two in Oklahoma.

Elder J. Ernest Reid has been transferred from Kansas City to St. Louis to labor.

The following elders have come to the mission and received their appointments to the various conferences as follows:

Joseph Passey to North Texas.

Wilford Belliston and Louis Dunyon to St. John.

Christen L. Jensen and George A. Stocking to Arkansas.

Howard Pyle to East Kansas.

Sister Bennion and Burvidge, her boy, have returned from the west, where they have spent the summer, and we are all happy to have our dear little missionary mother with us again.

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CONFERENCE IN COPENHAGEN.

Korsgade 11, Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 2, 1909.—The Copenhagen fall conference was held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25 and 26. In attendance were President Andrew Jenson, Elder O. J. Andersen, writer for the Scandinavian Star, Conference President James J. Larsen, 26 elders, many saints and friends. In the first meeting, which was held Saturday evening, the presiding elders of the various branches gave their reports after which President Jenson spoke upon the influence our doctrines has had upon the principles of the Protestant churches.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Sunday school conference was held. The Copenhagen school rendered a well prepared and interesting program, which was followed by remarks by Elders O. J. Andersen, Henry O. Poulsen and President Andrew Jenson.

In the afternoon session each elder who had not yet spoken, was allowed three minutes in which to bear his testimony. President Jenson then spoke upon the necessity of continuous revelation.

Conference continued in the evening at 7 o'clock. A statistical report for the last six months was given as follows: Tracts distributed, 93,678; books distributed, 2,794; strangers houses visited, 87,457; gospel conversations, 3,898; meetings held, 439; baptisms, 50, and children blessed, 16. The elders were then appointed to labor as follows, the first named presiding: James J. Larsen, president of the conference and presiding elder of the Copenhagen branch; Joseph S. Baird, M. Sorensen, Carl C. Nelsen, Chas. Poulsen, N. P. Jeppesen, James O. Petersen, Hans C. Hansen, Carl Christensen, James Larsen, Orrin P. Rogers and Niels E. Larsen. Northeast Sjaelland: Joseph M. Olsen and H. C. Hansen. Northwest Sjaelland: C. H. Jensen and O. P. Jensen. Southwest Sjaelland: Alfred A. Johnsen and Andrew Larsen: Southeast Sjaelland: John E. Larsen and Joseph E. Nicholes. Lolland and Falster: Hans Mickelsen and Marius Simonsen. Bornholm: Hans P. Andersen and N. P. Jensen. J. G. Hansen and Joseph W. Petersen were released to return home.

The remainder of the time was used by Elders J. C. Christofferson, president of Aarhus conference, Henry O. Poulsen, and O. J. Andersen who spoke upon "Apostasy," "Restoration," and "The Life of a Christian," respectively.

Other meetings were held as follows: Monday, at 10 o'clock, priesthood meeting in which elders reported their individual labors and received instructions from President Jenson, President Christofferson and Elder O. J. Andersen; Monday evening, sacramental meeting; Tuesday evening, Relief society conference; Wednesday evening, a lecture on "Utah and Her People," by President Jenson and Elder O. J. Andersen; and Thursday evening a farewell entertainment in honor of the elders. Friday evening, Sept. 24, the choir under the leadership of Elder L. M. Sorensen gave an interesting and well attended concert. The conference was a spiritual feast and the elders returned to their fields with renewed determination and vigor.

HENRY O. POULSEN,
Mission Secretary.

CONFERENCE IN NORRKOPING, SWEDEN

The semi annual conference of Norrkoping, Sweden, was held Oct. 9, 10 and 11. Conference President N. H. Hallstrom in charge. Mission President P. Sundvall and nine traveling elders were also in attendance.

Conference commenced Saturday evening at 8 p. m. in the hall on Nora Kungsgatan 7. President N. H. Hallstrom made the opening address of welcome, after which the following elders reported the respective branches as being in fine condition with encouraging prospects for the future: C. A. Lindstrom, Vingakers; C. P. Larsen, Westervik; J. W. Johnson, Skeninge.

Elders Ephraim Adamson and Alma Monson spoke briefly upon gospel principles.

President N. H. Hallstrom followed with a report of Norrkopings branch and conference and said that a great work had been done during the summer months. President P. Sundvall closed with a brief address.

Conference convened Sunday at 9 a. m. in the Good Templars' hall. Elders Eric A. Karlson, local, and Joel A. Durrell each made a few remarks upon the gospel.

President P. Sundvall explained the Church organization, and dwelt upon the educational advantages of the Latter-day Saints in Utah. He then presented the general authorities of the Church, and assigned the elders of the Norrkoping conference as follows: President of conference and presiding elder of Norrkoping branch N. H. Hallstrom, with J. A. Durrell, James Mattson and C. A. Dahlquist as assistants. Vingaker branch, C. A. Lindstrom and Ephraim Adamson. Westervik branch, C. P. Larsen and Alma Monson. Skeninge branch, Joseph W. Johnson and P. F. Swenson.

At the Sunday afternoon session the speakers were Elder C. A. Dahlquist and President N. H. Hallstrom.

The concluding session commenced at 7 p. m. Elder Joseph W. Johnson spoke upon the apostasy and restoration of the gospel of Christ and was followed by President P. Sundvall who compared the teachings of the Latter-day saints with those of the different sects. He also made brief reference to the first principles of the gospel and to the fact that Mormonism redeems our forefathers by vicarious work in the temples.

Monday morning at 11 a. m. a priesthood meeting was held where all the elders bore their testimonies and expressed great satisfaction in the work of God. President N. H. Hallstrom and Mission President P. Sundvall gave some very good instructions pertaining to the mission work.

In the evening the sisters of the Norrkoping Relief society tendered a pleasant reception to the elders of the Norrkoping conference in the hall on Kungsgatan. The sisters prepared a very tasteful supper, from the best of the season's viands. After the supper an enjoyable program was rendered and all enjoyed the evening's entertainment. A large number of saints and friends were present and showed their appreciation for the elders. All in all this was the best conference ever held in Norrkoping city.

JAMES MONSON,
Secretary, pro tem.