



## FROM DENMARK.

## Report of a Recent Conference At Aarhus.

Elder N. P. Sørensen, in a letter dated Aarhus, Dec. 2, says in part:

Our semi-annual conference was held here in our hall, Borgsgade 14, beginning Saturday evening at 8 p. m. Nov. 21. The president over the Scandinavian mission, Elder Anton L. Skanvich, and the following Elders were present: Adam L. Petersen, president of Aarhus conference; Henry E. Helsen, Brigham Nielsen, William E. Backer, Ole Hansen, Moroni K. Petersen, Joseph H. Olsen, James C. Johnson, Niels P. Andersen, Erastus W. Mortensen, David Lee, Louis E. Johnson, Niels Mikkelsen, Christian Fossbeck, Joseph W. Poulsen, Niels Nielsen, Nils C. Christensen, Niels Erickson, Hjalmar E. Lund, Alma E. Rasmussen, and myself. After the opening exercises Elder Adam L. Petersen bade all welcome. The presiding Elders over the different branches represented the condition in each branch. The choir sang and Elder Anton L. Skanvich spoke the remainder of the session.

Our Sunday school conference began Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. The different classes were represented and made a very good showing. At 2 p. m. our conference continued, the attendance was good and the time was occupied by the different Elders who bore a strong testimony of the work of the Sunday evening session was still better attended. Elder N. P. Sørensen spoke upon "Organization of the Church." Elder Adam L. Petersen and Anton L. Skanvich then occupied the time.

Monday at 10 a. m. all the Elders assembled in Priesthood meeting. Relief society conference convened Monday evening at 8 p. m. Sister Maria Samuelsen, president of the society, bade all welcome. Sisters Karen Nielsen, first counselor, and Vilhelmina Christensen, second counselor, bore their testimony. A report was also given of the Randers and Odense Relief societies, by representatives. Elder Skanvich occupied the greater portion of the time. Elder Adam L. Petersen made the closing remarks.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock we held our third Priesthood meeting. A ward meeting was held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, at which all the Church Authorities were unanimously sustained and the Elders assigned their different fields of labor. During conference the Elders were bountifully fed by the Saints and friends. A bazaar was held Wednesday evening at the Relief society at which the sum of about 100 kroner was gathered to be used in assisting the poor.

The "News" and Era are a great assistance to the Elders.

## THE ICELAND MISSION.

## The Gospel Favorably Impresses A Leader Among Men.

The following items are sent by Elder John Thorgeirsen from Thistle, Dec. 16: An interesting incident connected with the Icelandic mission is this: Rev. Matthias Jockumson, one of the leading European poets, is a native of Iceland. He appears several times a week, to have become favorably influenced by the teachings of the gospel. Three years ago or more, because of the true tenure of his sermons, he was assured that he would receive a lifelong pension, if he would only resign the post which he held. He understood that whenever Elder Johannesson, recently returned from the mission, visited him, the poet was always ready and willing to assist him, telling him that he was doing a good work, and that God would bless him. I am informed that Mr. Jockumson's sister-in-law is baptized into the Church, and that her husband, who is a lighthouse-keeper on the east coast of Iceland, is also a firm believer in the Gospel.

Mr. Jockumson has written several volumes of poems, dramas and tragedies, etc., and has translated several of Shakespeare's plays, and "Fidèle Sœur," an interesting poem by the Swedish poet Eneas Tegner. Among the latest of his original productions is a great poem entitled "Grettir's Lullaby." Grettir is the hero, poet and philosopher of the Icelandic republic.

## IN NEUCHÂTEL.

## Six Elders Laboring There With Good Results.

The following is a letter from Elder J. Fred Evans, dated Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, Nov. 18, 1903: No doubt there are many people in the United States and Europe who wonder why so few French-speaking people have accepted the true and everlasting Gospel. From my little experience, I think that the fault lies in the fact that there have been few missionaries here to preach to them and to give the people a chance to show what they can do. True, there have been missionaries in the French part of Switzerland but not nearly as many as the comparative population of the other demands and for this reason the Saints are few and scattered, but those which have embraced the Gospel are true and steadfast to the cause.

Last May President Levi Young of the Swiss mission determined to give the French speaking people another chance, so accordingly, he sent Elder Muir of Salt Lake and Elder Arubischer of Logan to Neuchâtel, a beautiful city of 35,000 and situated upon a lake of the same name. These Elders being in their native land, were to pave the way for others to follow. Their efforts were quickly rewarded by Saints being found in many towns round about, and a very fine branch was quickly formed and now frequent, well attended meetings are being held in Neuchâtel itself, a city which formerly had the reputation of treating the Elders rather roughly but now is very friendly towards us.

Soon Elders James Thornton and Joseph Thurler of Pinto and Richfield,

respectively, came to swell the ranks of the workers and a month afterwards Elder Leroy Gardner of Pinto was arrived and I quickly followed him. So now there are six Elders laboring in the French part of this beautiful land. Elder Young has been with us frequently and through his energetic aid we are to have some new French tracts that would be a credit to any mission. We are also to have the Voice of Warning printed in attractive style, being bound in blue cloth lettered in gold. The revised edition of the Book of Mormon in French will soon follow to swell the list of our tools and with these we hope to carry on God's work with a vim. Already friends are being found on every hand and our hearts are being made rejoicing because of our success among this polite people, for we feel that God is indeed with us.

## MISSION IN AUSTRALIA.

## Report of a Recent Conference Held at Brisbane.

Elder George B. Barker writes, from Pittsworth, Queensland, Australia, Nov. 29:

The semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the Queensland conference, convened in the Alliance hall, Woolongah, Brisbane, Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903, at 2 and 7 p. m. respectively. Elder Robert D. Young presiding.

The following Elders, representing their several fields of labor were in attendance: Wm. Hoare, Albert Merrill and Martin S. Reeder, of Woolongah; Chas. A. Sperry and Geo. S. Barker, of Puddington; Caleb M. Marriott and John B. Stephenson of Toowoomba.

The conference opened with a good representation of the Saints present. The sacrament was administered, after which the general authorities of the Church, president of the mission and conference, traveling Elders, local officers and Priesthood were sustained. Elder Wm. Hoare reported the Brisbane branch as being in a flourishing condition. Sister Alice Hoare reported the condition of the Relief society. Elder Barker spoke with reference to the work in the Puddington district, and said a spirit of investigation was manifest by many in that part. Reference was also made to the Mutual Improvement work. The Brisbane association was reported in being in a flourishing condition.

A quarter composed of Elders Sperry and Marriott and Bros. Hoare and Dean rendered "O my Father."

Elder Marriott gave a brief report of the Toowoomba district. There are at the present time 34 baptized members in that locality, all of whom were feeling well.

Elder Young said the work throughout the Queensland conference was in a prosperous condition. The prospects were never brighter than at the present. He testified concerning the spirit of unity and good will which existed among the Elders.

Aside from the excellent spirit which prevailed and the good instructions given, from the standpoint of attendance evening meeting was a grand success. The conference had previously been announced through the daily papers, hence, was well advertised. Many strangers, friends and investigators, besides a goodly number of Saints were present. Two representatives of the press were also noted in the congregation. They subsequently gave us quite a write-up under the heading "The Mormon Movement, Saints at the Gabb."

Elder Merrill was the first speaker of the evening. Elders Reeder and Stephenson followed.

Immediately after conference Elders Marriott and Barker left for their new field of labor, having been called to open a new field in and about the town of Pittsworth. The results of their labors, in these parts, have thus far been encouraging. People have received them well, generally speaking, and notwithstanding the fact that the population has a heavy leaning towards the Catholic profession, many are reading our literature and investigating the "glad tidings of great joy."

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

## ST. JOSEPH STAKE.

## Interesting Conferences Held at Thatcher, Arizona.

Elder Andrew Kimball, writing from Thatcher, Ariz., Dec. 1, reports as follows:

St. Joseph stake conference was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 4th, 5th and 6th inst.

Friday Relief society conference was held in central ward meetinghouse, President David K. Uvall, and wife from St. John stake, and his sister, Sister Tenny, from Dublin, Mexico, as visitors were present.

Elder Andrew Kimball and William O. Johnson, and other leading members of the stake took part. Sister Elizabeth Layton presided. The stake board, ward officers and a good representative number of relief workers were in attendance. Reports from the various organizations showed good work being done throughout the stake.

Friday opened up cold and disagreeable, a cold blast of wind crossing the country, lasting the two days of conference. Today it beautiful weather, with some rain and snowfall in the distant mountains.

The conference was held in Pima ward. Visitors from St. John stake in connection with the stake authorities and representative body of Saints were in attendance. Generally we are crowded for room to accommodate the multitudes who attend all the sessions of conference, but the cold was too much for many of our people. Saturday the attendance was small. The meetings on Sunday were well attended. In the report of Elder Kimball it was seen that the stake in all its fundamental as well as the auxiliary organizations, were in good condition.

During the noon hour steps were taken to organize a stake Priests' quorum, and more perfectly organize in each ward "anti-saloon leagues," to strengthen the hands of the committee who have in charge the local option campaign. President Uvall felt at home as there are a great many people now members of the St. Joseph stake formerly from under his presidency.

The Pima choir furnished the singing on Saturday and a selected company from the academy choir on Sunday and the latter in full in the conjoint meeting

held in the academy chapel on Sunday evening. Throughout the conference was favored with the Spirit of the Lord and we had a good time.

Monday, Dec. 7, the funeral of Mrs. Kate Carlson of Pima was conducted. The lady died Saturday night, a young woman of about 19, stricken down with typhoid and pneumonia, she leaves a husband and one child.

A reception was tendered Elder Uvall and party. Seventy-two of the stake formerly presided over by President Uvall coming from nearly all the wards in the St. John stake with a good number of newly made friends in the valley, were present.

The times were pleasantly taken up by songs, music and recitations and speeches, reminiscences of old times in the upper country were rehearsed. Applauds were passed around. Before the close the old friends and former people of President Uvall presented him with a gold watch and chain, while Dr. Platt and wife also from under his presidency gave Sister Uvall a like token of their love. It is needless to say our visitors were pleased and surprised.

## Conference of High Priests

Elder George Stratton writes from Logan, Cache Co., Dec. 21:

Conference of the High Priests of Cache stake was held in the Logan tabernacle Sunday, Dec. 20, 1903, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. There were on stand President Edward W. Smith of the High Priests of Cache stake and his second counselor, Benjamin M. Lewis, of the presidency of the stake, Joseph Morrell, Isaac Smith and Willard W. Maughan, three patriarchs and several members of the stake High Priests.

The High Priests of Cache stake, Elder B. M. Lewis made a few opening remarks, after which the presiding teachers of the High Priests of the several wards of the stake reported. Elders W. W. Maughan and Isaac Smith of Cache stake also made remarks.

The speakers at 2 p. m. were Elders Cook, president of the High Priests of the Granite stake; Prof. Willard Done of Salt Lake, and Joseph Morrell of Cache stake.

Elder E. W. Smith made the closing remarks.

## PANGUITCH STAKE.

## Report of the Quarterly Conference at Tropic.

Panguitch, Utah, Dec. 8.—The quarterly conference of the Panguitch Stake of Zion convened Nov. 29 and 30, 1903, at Tropic. There was a fair representation of the stake. The stake presidency, nine High Councilors, two alternates, the stake superintendent of Sunday school, the first assistant of religious classes, and eight Bishops were present.

Elder David Cameron reported the stake in a good condition. The Bishops of the various wards gave their reports.

Elder F. E. Cowley of the Council of Apostles read the fifteenth chapter of St. Luke and gave a very instructive discourse.

Saturday evening the stake Priesthood meeting was held. Sunday morning was given to the Sunday school. After the exercises, Superintendent Bunting and Elder Richards spoke, Patriarch Culbert King gave a general patriarchal blessing to those assembled.

Saturday at 2 p. m. conference reconvened. Sacrament was administered by Elders James R. Ott and Joseph H. Johnson.

The general and local authorities were sustained. Sister Alice Judd was sustained as a member of the stake Sunday School Union board.

President M. M. Steele gave a general outline of the working of the stake here as to spiritual and temporal affairs.

Elder Richards spoke of the advantages and blessing of being humble. After an anthem by the choir, Apostle Cowley addressed the congregation, and the conference adjourned for three months to meet at Panguitch.

The music furnished by the Tropic choir was grand, and worthy of praise. The residents on Tropic did themselves justice in the entertainment of the conference visitors.

HANS P. IPSON, Clerk.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

## An Enjoyable Gathering at Cedar City.

Cedar City, Utah, Dec. 26.—The quarterly conference of the Parowan stake of Zion convened in the Tabernacle of this city commencing at 10 a. m. yesterday. Notwithstanding the slight change in the temperature through the recent fall of snow, we had a very fair representation from the various wards of the stake. We were favored during conference with the presence of Apostle Cowley; Elders Ezra Richards, D. H. Coulton, of the St. George Temple and Elder Gardner, the latter laboring in the interest of Religion class work. Saturday's meetings were taken up principally by the various Bishops of this stake who reported improvements in their various wards. At the afternoon session yesterday Elder Gardner gave a very interesting account of his

experience while laboring in the Australian mission, especially while laboring among the Maories, all of which tended to strengthen the faith of his listeners. Elder Cannon's theme was principally in the interest of Temple work. Apostle Cowley and Elder Richards spoke at each of the meetings upon the general duties devolving upon the Saints.

The closing session of the conference was taken up in the presentation of the General Authorities of the Church and officers of the stake, all of which received the hearty support of the assembled Saints. Two vacancies in the High Council of the stake were filled by the appointing of ex-Bishop Adams of Parowan and W. H. Corry of Cedar City to fill said positions; also Elder Joseph T. Wilkinson to be an alternate member of the High Council. After President Cannon and Apostle Cowley delivered very powerful and interesting discourses on the power of the Priesthood.

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## TAYLOR STAKE.

## First Quarterly Conference of That Division of the Church.

Raymond, Alta, Canada, Dec. 8, 1903.—The first quarterly conference of the Taylor Stake of Zion convened in the Raymond town hall, Sunday and Monday, Dec. 6 and 7. The stake presidency, High Council and full representation from all quorums of Priesthood, Bishops of wards and presidents of auxiliary organizations were in attendance.

At 11:30 a. m. Elder H. S. Allen opened by extending a hearty welcome to all.

Elder Mark H. Brimhall, lately returned from the California mission, and Elder O. A. Woolley of the High Priest quorum, spoke of the many blessings obtained through obedience to the principles of the Gospel.

The Bishops reported the wards fully organized and in good condition. Elder T. Brandley spoke of the rapid development of this land. Elders Geo. H. Brimhall and William Palmer spoke of the power of God given to man by the Priesthood.

The superintendents of various organizations reported favorably. Members of the High Council and Sisters of the Relief Society also spoke of the goodness of God in behalf of this people.

The general, stake and local authorities were unanimously sustained. President Joseph F. Smith's editorial "Worship in the Home" (Era, Dec. 1903) was read by Elder George H. Budd, followed by a discourse upon the subject by Elder G. H. Brimhall.

Superintendent P. W. Kirkham of the Y. M. M. I. A. was honorably released on account of leaving here for the winter. Elder Mark H. Brimhall was sustained as stake superintendent of Y. M. M. I. A. with H. C. Jacobs as first counselor and Ellis Henniger as second counselor.

President J. W. Knight said he felt that all that had been sung and said was applied and in harmony with existing conditions.

The Young Men and Young Ladies held their conference Tuesday. Adjourned to meet March 6 and 7 at Margrith.

## DAVIS STAKE.

## Report of the Quarterly Conference at Kaysville.

Centerville, Utah, Dec. 22.—The quarterly conference of the Davis stake was held at Kaysville Sunday and Monday, Dec. 20 and 21. Elder Joseph S. Clark presiding. On Sunday we were favored with the presence of President Joseph F. Smith. President

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From Ogden and intermediate points ..... 9:10 a.m.

From Ogden, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver and San Francisco ..... 4:00 p.m.

From Ogden, Cache Valley, St. Anthony, Portland and San Francisco ..... 6:55 p.m.

DEPART.

For Ogden, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis ..... 6:00 a.m.

For Ogden, Portland, St. Anthony, San Francisco and intermediate points ..... 10:20 a.m.

For Ogden, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and San Francisco ..... 1:40 p.m.

For Ogden, Cache Valley, St. Anthony, Portland and San Francisco ..... 11:45 p.m.

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