CONFERENCE IN NAUVOO, ILLINOIS.

Momentous Gathering of Saints And Elders in Beautiful City of Joseph.

WARM WELCOME FROM CITIZENS

Description of Once Promising Town, Much of it Now a Wilderness And in Ruins.

Nauvoo, Ill., Oct. 3.—Knowing the interest with which the Latter-day Saints read of Nauvoo, we are pleased to write of the very successful conference just held in that city.

The first active missionary work that has been done in Hancock county, since the expulsion of the "Mormons" in 1845, was begun one year ago, and has been continued since that time, but no work has been done in Nauvoo with the exception of a few open air meetings held by visiting Elders, which had a good effect.

Having a reverence for the city of our fathers and the homes of our honored Prophets, it was decided to have the Elders and lady missionaries of this state, which includes those laboring in Northern and Southern Illinois conferences, meet in their full conference in the city of Nauvoo, on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. We were able to procure for our services the large city hall, which stands on the same block and a very few feet from where the Nauvoo Temple once stood, and is partly constructed of rock from the Temple. The Elders were instructed to come to Nauvoo on foot through the country districts, and by Friday evening, Sept. 29, more than forty had arrived, and through the courtesy of the people the Elders were able to secure lodgings in the houses built by the "Mormons." Such houses as Joseph Smith's mansion, Brigham Young's, Heber C. Kimball's, and other houses of historic note were thrown open to the Elders, for the good people seemed glad to see us come back to Nauvoo.

The mayor granted us all the privileges that could be asked for, and on the evening of Sept. 29 the Elders met on Mulholland street and sang a few hymns, and invited the public to our services the two following days.

Our first public service on Saturday evening was well attended. Sunday being the first day of the month, we met in testimony and fast meeting in the Nauvoo House, which stands on the bank of the Mississippi river, and there many faithful testimonies were borne.

The attendance at the services increased until the closing session on Sunday evening, which was overflowing, many rather than stand sought seats in the windows. We can hardly realize that such a friendly feeling exists in this place where once such bitterness held sway, but the Gospel's peaceful influence led numerous friends to open their homes to us, and a kind welcome is now extended to the "Mormons."

There was a most beautiful spirit manifest throughout the entire conference, and the impression made upon the people here is a deep and lasting one. The work will be continued by the leaving of two Elders to labor in this city and neighborhood.

This conference, we believe, is one of the most successful ever held in the history of the Northern States mission, and we feel that before long many will be baptized in this part, and a branch of the Church organized. Already have we been offered several acres of land free of charge as an inducement for our people to return to Nauvoo for the purpose of building a church.

The Lord was mindful of his servants in their speaking and singing during the conference, and a beautiful spirit prevailed, which was felt by the people.

Among other visitors was Brother Lorin Farr of Ogden, who joined the Church in 1833, and therefore assisted in the founding of this once beautiful and thrifty city.

Sister Ellsworth was very ill in the hospital at Chicago, which necessarily shortened the visit of President German E. Ellsworth, and as soon as the closing session had dismissed, though it was near the middle of night, he left Nauvoo, taking a skiff across the Mississippi to Montrose, and caught the first train for Chicago.

Long will the people of Nauvoo remember the first return of the "Mormons" to their city, for all are glad to have us return.

As a closing event of the conference three honest souls were baptized in the Mississippi near the Nauvoo House before a large crowd of interested onlookers.

Following is a list of the Elders and other Saints here, as they registered at Riverside mansion Sunday morning: Jacob Teeples, Goshen, Idaho; Geo. E. Hemphill, American Fork, Utah; J. C. Dyer, Effingham, Ill.; P. S. Durney, Victor, Idaho; John Westwood, Circleville, Utah; James Grant, Thurber, Utah; Seth V. Henderson, Clifton, Idaho; A. C. Hull, Whitney, Idaho; Thomas Howells, Keokuk, Ia.; Jos. S. Amussen, Logan, Utah; Lorin Farr, Ogden, Utah; German E. Ellsworth, Chicago; S. T. Leigh, Cedar City, Utah; E. M. Burr, Emery, Utah; Cornelius S. Green, Calder, Utah; Hyrum Lancaster, Crescent, Utah; Parley P. Christenson, Nephi, Utah; Ira J. McKell, Spanish Fork, Utah; Martha Amussen, Logan, Utah; W. L. Wickham, Franklin, Idaho; Walter S. Atwood, Murray, Utah; Thomas C. Palmer, Preston, Idaho; C. E. Booth, St. Charles, Idaho; Carl Madsen, Jr., Riverton, Utah; Edward H. Hale, Oakley, Idaho; Geo. M. Smith, Lincoln, Utah; John P. Brockbank, Huntington, Utah; A. E. Hodge, Hord, Ill.; G. A. Startup, Provo, Utah; Chas. Sill, Layton, Utah; Amos E. Jensen, Sandy City, Utah; C. C. D. Hahn, Providence, Utah; John Christensen, Richfield, Utah; John M. Holdaway, Provo, Utah; Horace Woffinden, Lehi, Utah; Alice Osborne, Warsaw, Ill.; Anthony Rasmussen, Redmond, Utah; Anton C. Christensen, Hooper, Utah; B. G. Webb, Lehi, Utah; Francis M. Mortensen, Sanford, Colo.; S. E. Howard, Alfred Phelps and J. T. Phelps, Niota, Ill.; H. Osthund, Sterling, Alberta, Canada; Elmer Cremer, Oakley, Idaho; Mrs. Julia P. Ervin, Carthage, Ill.; O. H. Hickenbower, View, Utah; C. C. Hackett, Alpine, Utah; A. L. Davis, Heber City, Utah; Orson Olson, Millville, Utah; Walter D. Cafferty, Fairview, Idaho; J. O. Duke, Heber City, Utah; T. R. Hebden, Thayne, Wyo.; Alice Frank, Rock Island, Ill.; Florence and Minnie Berg, Davenport, Ia.; Jane and Maud Fraze, Murray, Utah; Orson Manwaring, Mapleton, Utah; Nathan Clayson, Lake Shore, Utah; Jennie V. Romney, Emmeline McMaster, M. M. Bywater, G. A. Gamble, Mary E. Gamble and C. H. Erickson, Salt Lake City, Utah.

C. E. BOOTH, President.
G. M. BURR, Clerk.

The following descriptive notes of the recent conference held in Nauvoo, and of the present condition of the city, are furnished by Elder George A. Startup of Provo, now in the east on business:

For the first time in 60 years, with nature and the angels as an audience, the glorious songs of Zion were today floated on the breeze in this deserted city by a throng of enthusiastic and earnest Latter-day Saints. Upwards of 100 Elders and visiting Saints assembled here in conference, the first of such meetings to be held here since the driving out of the founders, and builders of this once beautiful city, over 60 years ago. I said "this deserted city," and this is meant in its literal sense, for that part of the city once occupied by the industrious and leading citizens, has been literally and completely deserted so far as industry is concerned. Many of the old homes stand empty, sheltering only rats and insects.

DESOLATION REIGNS.

In many cases, even where the homes are occupied by strangers, not a nail has been driven, a stone or brick replaced, nor a fence repaired in all the years that have elapsed since that terrible event which blackens the history of American civilization. I have heard others speak of the fate of this historic spot, but it has heretofore been impossible to conceive of its true condition. And even now that I have seen with my own eyes, in view of my knowledge of the intelligence and idustry of the America people generally, it seems almost like a dream to be forced to know and realize that here, on a spot of ground more suited to the building of a great city than perhaps any other point on the Mississippi river, the foundations and beginning of a great center of activity have been allowed to crumble and decay and to be wrapped in the folds of wild vegetation. It is, however, pleasing to note that most of the buildings erected by the toil of those early martyrs have withstood the action of the elements through all these years in a remarkable, almost supernatural manner, considering this damp climate, and today stand as material monuments to the true character and industry of their builders. There are some very nice people occupying some of the old "Mormon" homes, and here and there a home built since the Saints left can be seen, but for the most part the houses seemed to be only those which were left behind by the devoted Saints, who knew no treasure except the blessings of God in reward for doing duty and suffering the trials necessary for their development.

The old homestead of the Prophet Joseph, across the street from the unfinished Nauvoo House, has had no improvement save a renewal of shingles and is occupied by a family which charges 10 cents to each visitor who desires to look upon the final resting place of the first wife of the Prophet Joseph Smith, the grave of Emma Smith Bidamon, and also those of the first wife and children of Jos. Smith, eldest son of the Prophet, in the rear of the old smith homestead. High weeds surround the graves; in fact, the whole surroundings in this neighborhood have a desolate aspect. For many blocks the old paving and curb stones on Main street are still in place, in many places being completely encased in the huge roots of the maple and elm shade trees which, if they could speak, would tell a tale of blended hardship, prosperity, happiness, and diabolical deeds unequalled in the annals of history. Old men, their bodies bent with age, were lads when that terrible event of the exodus shocked righteous men, still walk the streets of Nauvoo, and can relate much of the events of that time.

WANT SAINTS TO RETURN.

The hearty welcome given to the Latter-day Saints by the citizens generally of Nauvoo is remarkable. The mayor and other city officers, bankers and business men, as well as many others, have assured the Elders both in words and actions that they have the utmost confidence in and respect for them and the people they represent, and many have gone so far as to express a strong desire that our people should come back to Nauvoo and build it up again. Some of the Elders and Utah visitors at conference ran out of money and the bankers here willingly cashed their personal checks, without any further identification than that they were Latter-day Saints.

This spirit of confidence when compared with that of a generation ago shows plainly that Providence is preparing the way for the Gospel to spread rapidly and is opening up a mighty field for labor. And I am delighted to report that the men and women devoted to the cause of spreading the Gospel in the Northern States mission are full to overflowing of the spirit of their work. Never in my life have I seen such a band of enthusiastic and energetic workers as assembled here in conference, Saturday and Sunday last.

The occasion was an exceptional one in many ways, and the place and surroundings added much to make the event one of the most pleasant in the lives of all present. Many said that they had experienced nothing in all their lives which had given them such exquisite happiness as this visit to Nauvoo on the occasion to the first conference in 60 years. Many had never before enjoyed such an outpouring of the Spirit of God, and brotherly love as flowed so freely on this occasion.

Many of the Elders walked hundreds of miles, preaching on the way where possible, in order to be here for this conference. The presence of Patriarch Lorin Far of Ogden, who came down from Chicago with a few other Utah visitors, was very timely and added greatly to the interest in the city. Lorin Farr was 26 years old at the time that the Saints were driven from Nauvoo, and passed through all those trying times, but when he spoke to the people here it was truly grand to hear him say that those experiences had been pleasures, as God was trying and preparing His people for the future. He made quite an impression on many people by reason of his great age (86 years), vigor of body, honest testimony and exhibition of the Christ-like example of "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Elder Farr pointed out to the visitors the house which he built just before the driving. His house is empty, like many others, and stands midway between that of his father's and Wilford Woodruff's, a cut of which the "News" published sometime ago. At the mansion house the entire company of Saints and Elders and a few Nauvoo citizens was photographed.

At the mansion house the entire company sang with much vigor and feeling.

At the old Smith homestead, where Emma Bidamon Smith is buried, this very appropriate hymn was sung with a tender memory of loved ones and a deep reverence for the great lives that await the resurrection day: "When first the glorious light of truth."

Saturday evening services were public and quite a number of Nauvoo people attended. The hymns and speeches were very appropriate to the occasion. We first sang "High on the mountain top," and after prayer this beautiful one, "There is beauty all around."

CONVINCING TESTIMONY.

President Ellsworth of the Northern States mission made a convincing talk, calling attention the fact that "Mormonism" has gone on and on, building empires, accomplishing good in the earth and bringing thousands of sincere honest souls to the light of the Gospel and to a temporal salvation on this earth; and also given them an abiding faith in a glorious resurrection, while its traducers and persecutors have sunk into oblivion, and their puny efforts to destroy the work of God has come to naught.

As the age-beat form of Lorin Farr, with his white locks and honest countenance raised up before the people, there was intense silence, and his testimony that our work is one of love and sacrifice was received with much respect. He has been in the Church 74 years. He said he did not believe in quarrels and would not quarrel with any man, but would walk away and leave a quarrelsome person. When the people here became quarrelsome and abusive the Latter-day Saints went away from them. Bro. Farr's testimony of the divine mission of Joseph Smith was strong, and rang with a tone of one who knew. The addresses of the young Elders were also much appreciated, and were teeming with sincerity and telling arguments. It was a happy coincidence that a great many of the Elders attending the conference were sons of men who were driven out of Nauvoo 60 years ago.

The first public meeting was closed with singing with much emphasis the hymn, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

GRAND SPIRITUAL FEAST.

The second day of the conference being Oct. 1, fast meeting was held. Through the courtesy of Mr. Bidamon, son of second husband of Emma Smith, who now owns the Nauvoo house, the Elders and visiting Saints assembled in this historic building Sunday morning. Nature sent a beautiful shower the night before, clearing the atmosphere and laying the dust, so that on Sunday morning all nature was in its most inspiring condition. That beautiful picture the Saints saw as they gazed upon the sparkling and placid waters of the Mississippi, with the old Nauvoo house standing upon its banks, still majestic and in a state of preservation simply marvelous, will never be effaced from their memories. The grandeur of nature was only typical of that spiritual feast which awaited them in the upper southwest room of the building in which the Prophet of the last days communed with his Father in Heaven. The testimonies and prayers at this fast meeting were so full of devotion and earnestness, and displayed the spirit of God in such abundance, that many were moved to tears of joy. The holy influence was of that peculiar character known only to those who have been trained by prayer and devotion to recognize it. Some spoke with much vigor, others in solemn, quiet tones, while some big strong men could not give more than a few words of expression on account of the emotion produced by the occasion. All in all, this prayer and fast meeting was pronounced by all present as one of the most complete spiritual feasts they had ever enjoyed. Many inspiring hymns echoed through the rooms of the old mansion from the throats of these "peculiar" people, such as "Come, Come, Ye Saints," "O My Father," "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is burning," "How firm a foundation," "We thank the, O God, for a Prophet," "Come let us anew, our journey persue," and all arose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," also "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah." Testimonies of recent wonderful healings and other manifestations were numerous.

At the close of this fast meeting all those present signed their name and address on a sheet, to be preserved as a matter of history of the first meeting of Saints in this place for 60 years.

The afternoon public service in the town hall was well attended by the people of Nauvoo, where they heard some very able preaching, and many for the first time heard the Gospel of Jesus as taught by His authorized servants. There was a happy combination of simple, earnest, testimony bearing, forceful arguments and pleasing oratory. There are many very fine speakers among the Elders of this mission. A quartet of Elders sang "School thy feelings, O my brother."

President Ellsworth during his remarks, made the following prophesy: "You people will be abundantly blessed for your courtesy and kindness to the servants of God, and you may write this promise down it will come."

The closing session of the conference, Sunday evening, was attended by about 400 people, the hall being crowded to its fullest capacity. The whole congregation arose and the hymn "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah" was sang with much vigor, producing a thrill of joy, enthusiasm and inexpressible happiness to the Elders and Saints, as they realized that they were actually singing this hymn to the inhabitants of the city from which he was taken and murdered, and also that it was the largest audience they had been able to get together anywhere in this part of the country. To, in a measure, partake of the spirit of the occasion the reader should read or sing this whole hymn as he reads this. All the hymns sung during this conference seemed to have been made for the occasion, and were selected impromptu and on the spur of the moment.

STRONG CATHOLIC TOWN.

This is now a strong Catholic town, there being two Catholic schools and a convent and church. Fully one-third of the population of the city are of the Catholic faith. The Elders preaching on the apostasy and restoration were therefore doubly appropriate. Nauvoo was likened to Jerusalem, and the prophesy of old that not one stone of the temple would be left standing upon another, was literally fulfilled in the case of Nauvoo as well as Jerusalem.

President Ellsworth's closing address was a very timely and able one, dealing with the divine institution of holy marriage, necessity for purity in that relation and fulfilling of the first injunction to man to "multiply and replenish the earth." The grandeur of marriage for eternity as taught by the Latter-day Saints was ably presented, and the audience listened in breathless silence to his condemnation of sexual crimes and comparisons of eternal marriage to the "until death doth you part" kind. Baptism for the dead and many other lofty principles and ambitions of the Latter-day Saints were concisely touched upon, and many left the hall expressing themselves much interested and surprised at the depth of "Mormon" theology.

VISIT TO CARTHAGE.

On Monday morning a company of 15 visiting Saints and Elders drove to Carthage, a distance of 23 miles. Carthage is a very pretty and neat town. Neatly painted homes, paved streets and walks, and beautiful lawns greet the eye in every direction.

The old court house, built in 1837, to which the Prophet was taken just before his martyrdom, is standing just as it was in those momentous days. The selfsame stones which formed the floor then are still there, worn into grooves and ridges by the traffic of nearly a century. The walls are still plastered with old notices and documents, and apparently the signs of "county court," "sheriff's office," etc., over the doors are the selfsame boards that greeted the eyes of the Prophet of God 62 years ago, as they marched to the dictum of as diabolical men as this world ever saw. Heavy clusters of stale, filthy cobwebs form the drapings of the building, extremely typical of the kind of justice that this "hall of justice" meted out in times past, and it is also symbolical of the musty ideas and prejudices of many still living. This building, with badly cracked walls, is still the court house of Hancock county. The visiting "Mormons" had the pleasure of meeting and shaking hands with old Judge Edmonds, who was here when the Prophet was murdered.

Old Carthage jail, where Joseph and Hyrum sealed their testimony with their blood, was visited and a photo of the company taken. An admission fee of 15c each permits visitors to see the room in which the tragedy took place.

BAPTISMS AT NAUVOO.

Returning to Nauvoo today the writer was delighted to find, as a pleasing climax to the conference, that the baptism of the family occupying the Old Mansion house, had been arranged. These people, who have lived in Nauvoo but one year, have entertained the Elders for several months, whenever any have been here, and their home was headquarters for President Ellsworth while here at conference. Monday morning the Elders were informed that they were ready for baptism, and when the time for the ceremony arrived there were over 110 persons present at the river to witness the ceremony. The parents and eldest daughter were baptized. The assembly was very orderly and respectful, and for the most part followed to the home a block away, filling the large parlor, where the new members were confirmed in solemn ceremony.

The newspapers of Nauvoo, Quincy and other towns hereabout gave very favorable reports of the visit of the Latter-day Saints.

In talking with leading citizens here, they all took pains to remind us that they are anxious for us to return and build up the city again.

The writer knows of many earnest investigators of the religion of Jesus as a result of this conference and some Elders will make headquarters here. There are, of course, still many with deep seated prejudices, as was evinced when a lady endeavored to prevent the writer from taking the photo of the home of Elder Lorin Farr, ordering us off the place and otherwise exhibiting a contemptible spirit.

The visit to this historic place was pronounced by both Elders and others as one of the keenest pleasures in their whole lives, and the Elders returning to their fields of labor seemed to go with an extraordinary feeling of joy and confidence.

To illustrate the decadence of the town of Nauvoo I will give as an illustration the rental price of the Old Mansion house. This place is owned by Alexander Smith, son of the Prophet, and contains now eight rooms and five closets, and one acre of land, and rents for $42.50 per year. All other property in the neighborhood is in that proportion.

Nauvoo is just missed by the railroads on all sides and all merchandise and traffic is by boat across the Mississippi river. The great railways of the country run just close enough to Nauvoo to make it an aggravation to its citizens. Many times schemes to run railroads into the town have been thought complete, but so far have never materialized. Carthage, 23 miles distant, has three of the big railways.

GROUP OF MORMON ELDERS AND SAINTS AT NAUVOO WITH HISTORIC OLD "MANSION" HOUSE IN THE BACKGROUND.

CHURCH MISSION ADDRESSES

For the convenience of travelers, the Deseret News gives herewith the addresses of the various missions of the Church where this paper will always be found on file, and where travelers will receive courteous attention:

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Copenhagen—Korsgade 11.
Stockholm, Sweden—Svartensgatan 3.
Honolulu—Punchbowl St.
Tokyo, Japan—No. 16 Kasumigaskamachi, Yotsuya.
Toronto, Canada—226 Wilton avenue.

EXILE WELCOMED IN NAUVOO.

Elder Lorin Farr Tells of Visit to Old Home.

Editor Deseret News:

Chicago, Oct. 6, 1905.—I left Ogden Sept. 20 to come out here to visit a few friends in this part of the country. I have found my friends, who are pleased to see me and I have held several meetings with them. Some of them are anxious to know how the Saints or "Mormons" are progressing in Utah. I tell them we are getting on alright, prospering and growing prodigiously. I tell the ministers that their opposition is of no use, for "Mormonism," as it is called, has come to stay.

I embraced the Gospel when but 11 years of age in 1832, when Joseph Smith was but a young man. I lived with him when a boy and after I became a man, and Joseph and Emma (his wife) used to call me their boy. I never knew a man that I thought as much of as I did of him. He was a man who strove to live his religion. I knew him to be a good man, a man of God, notwithstanding all that the ministers said to injure his character. But they did not say any worse things about him than was said about the Savior. But now the whole Christian world applaud and pretend to worship the Savior and persecute Joseph the Prophet, who brought forth the same doctrine and principles that Christ did, for there can be but one plan of salvation. It must be the same in all ages.

I went down to Nauvoo last week, some 240 miles south of this city, where I formerly lived. I had not been there for about 60 years. When I lived there there were about 20,000 inhabitants in the city, now it has but about 1,400. A few of the best houses are still standing; most of the houses which were there 60 years ago are gone, and vineyards occupy the grounds, with some few fine orchards, mostly apples.

But how changed the minds of the people. All that I saw seemed to be pleased to see me, and I was never better treated than by the people of Nauvoo.

The Latter-day Saints held a conference there last Saturday and Sunday. They were furnished a large hall to hold their meetings in and it was not large enough to hold all that came on Sunday. I think there are not more than six of the Latter-day Saints living in the city of Nauvoo, but the people that live there are a good people, and want to do as near right as they know how, and are very friendly to our people.

There were in attendance of the conference about 50 missionaries, mostly from Illinois, some from Wisconsin and Iowa and quite a number of the sisters, some of them missionaries.

We had a splendid meeting on Sunday: it seemed like old times when we used to have our conference in the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith. In fact I never enjoyed a meeting much better than we had there. All of the people I talked with were anxious to have our people come back there and live there. I told them most of the people that were men and women when we left 60 years ago were not living, but I thought some time in the near future many of the Latter-day Saints would come and assist in the building of a beautiful city, as I consider that Nauvoo is one of the prettiest sites or locations for a city lying on the Mississippi river.

I believe the Elders here in the Northern States mission are doing the best they can to preach the Gospel, certainly they are doing a good work.

LORIN FARR.

UTAH MORMONS VISIT NAUVOO.

Hold Conference There First Time Since Their Expulsion, 60 Years Ago.

FRIENDLY NEWSPAPER COMMENT

Citizens of Nauvoo Give Hearty Welcome to Utah Visitors—Crowds Witness Three Baptisms.

The newspapers of Nauvoo give extended notice of the recent conference held there and of the visit of the Elders from Zion. The following is from the Nauvoo Independent of Oct. 6:

It is only within the last few years that the "Mormons" from Utah have been visiting Nauvoo in considerable numbers and that Elders have ventured to preach upon our streets. Before that, it is true, there had been an occasional "Mormon" visitor, but within the last year it might be said that have been many members of the faith visit us. The people here never more them, and on the other hand extend them a kindly welcome. However men may differ in religious belief into people of Nauvoo have never yet found the "Mormon" people to be anything but good people—zealous in their religious beliefs, industrious and exemplary citizens, and minding their own business.

The pilgrims who have visited our city during the past few days have found that the people here have no animosity toward them. They have a friendly feeling for the people, for they believe in the spirit of the brotherhood of man. Therefore they concluded to come back, and accordingly the union of the Northern and Southern Illinois conferences was held here. There were Elders here from not only Illinois, but from Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and Iowa. There were 68 Elders and Saints here, and two lady missionaries. The conference was held in the city hall, and several private meetings were held. Public meetings were held Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon and evening, which were well attended, and especially Sunday evening was there a large attendance. At each meeting several Elders delivered sermons, giving testimony of their faith and that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of God, etc. The addresses were very good and interesting and perhaps from a biblical standpoint were as strong as could be given. Most of the Elders are young men and it is perhaps impossible in any other sect to find a body of such young men, some of them not old enough to vote, better versed in the Bible and Scriptures and with the ability to speak so excellently. They are indeed very sincere and great believers in their religion. They received the close attention of the audience at each meeting.

Lorin Farr, who joined the Church in 1833, and is the second oldest member of the Church in point of membership, spoke Saturday evening, and related his experiences as a Saint. He is 86 years of age. He resided here during the "Mormon" days. He related many interesting reminiscences.

German E. Ellsworth of Chicago is presiding Elder of the conference. He made several very splendid talks.

On Sunday morning the Elders and others held fast and prayer services in the Riverside mansion.

The Elders were highly pleased with their visit here and especially with the treatment received. They went away with joy in their hearts and with the hope that they will be privileged to come again at no distant date.

Elders Antone C. Christensen and Bernard G. Webb were left here as workers in the field. They will remain here at least one month, perhaps during the winter, and will be glad to explain their religion to anyone desiring to know more about it.

During their stay here the Elders made three converts. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimes and daughter Sylvia who reside in the old mansion house. They were baptized by immersion in the river at the foot of Main street, opposite the Riverside mansion, yesterday afternoon. Eight Elders were present. Quite a crowd witnessed the baptism.

The Nauvoo Rustler of Oct. 3 makes the following kindly comments of the conference in that historic town:

Sixty-five Elders of the Utah "Mormon" faith were in Nauvoo the past several days, holding a conference. Services were conducted at the city hall Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon and evening. There was some excellent speaking and singing. The Elders were doing missionary work throughout Illinois, when they received word to go to Nauvoo to meet in conference on Saturday, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1, and they immediately set out for the "Beautiful City" in the Mississippi valley, preaching on the way, some of them coming many miles. They were a fine appearing body of men. Report has it that the Utah "Mormon" Church intends purchasing property in Nauvoo, as was done in Carthage, Ill., and Independence, Mo. Looks like the Utah "Mormons" intend returning to the beautiful land. The Elders who were here the past several days do missionary work as the Apostles of old, without money, and some of them meet with a warm reception in different parts of Illinois, where there is considerable prejudice against the "Mormon" Church. Among the visitors was Lorin Farr, who joined the Church in 1833 and who was one of the early settlers of Nauvoo. He built the brick house, located just north of Mrs. B. R. Hamilton's home, which he owned and which he still holds the deed for, but the property is now owned by Mrs. J. J. Rheinberger. Mr. Farr went to Utah in 1847. Several of our older people remember him and he met some of them on his visit there. He is 86 years old, but springhtly and keen.

This conference being held in Nauvoo added significance to the occasion, and our people gave them a hearty welcome, one that was extended from the heart. How it was appreciated by the visitors was made manifest by the many kind words uttered by them. They were mostly young men, but their prudence and behavior showed them old in wisdom. The meetings Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon and evening were attended by large crowds. The Rustler is glad to know that every member of this "Mormon" conference was well pleased with the treatment received in Nauvoo. One speaker compared Nauvoo with Jerusalem, saying that as the Jews regarded Jerusalem as the ancient holy city of Judaism, so do the "Mormons" regard Nauvoo as the sacred city of "Mormonism."

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