

will live to see the Mighty Deliverer of Judah, while it is my lot to look down upon you from behind the veil; I shall leave Jerusalem on Monday, you remain here until He cometh.

"The most remarkable of all, and what struck me most at this conversation, was that the Chacham-Bashi never asked Sir Moses for his reasons and did not utter one word in reply, as though he understood that it must so be. Sir Moses actually left on the next Monday, to the great disappointment of all the inhabitants of the Holy Land."

Thus far I have given the statements of the correspondent of the "Icri-Anochi," who signs his name "Shomer."

On the 26th of October, 1872, Apostle Lorenzo Snow left Utah for a tour to Palestine. A short time previous to this the Prophet Brigham Young suggested to his First Counselor, President George A. Smith, to select a company for that purpose and go to Jerusalem, the object of which the following passage in President Young's letter, dated Salt Lake, October 15th, 1872, and addressed to President George A. Smith explains. He writes:

When you get to the land of Palestine we wish you to dedicate and consecrate that land to the Lord, that it may be blessed with fruitfulness, preparatory to the return of the Jews, in fulfillment of prophecy and the accomplishment of the purposes of our Heavenly Father.

Before this company of Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints went to the Holy Land, Orson Hyde, also one of the Twelve Apostles, was sent to Jerusalem to dedicate the land and pray for the returning of God's ancient children to the land of their inheritance.

Of Christ's Apostles who have thus been engaged in praying to the Lord upon holy ground for the return of Israel, Orson Hyde and George A. Smith have gone behind the veil; and if they have there visited Sir Moses Montefiore they could testify to him that the Lord God of Abraham had heard and to a considerable extent answered the prayers which they have offered up upon the holy ground of Jerusalem for the Jews. Lorenzo Snow, the Apostle, is still with us. He could testify to Chacham-Bashi, the great rabbi of Jerusalem, that the prayers of the Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have had a great deal to do in connection with the glorious visit he has received of Elijah the Prophet.

DR. ED. ISAACSON.

AMERICAN FORK, Utah, Oct. 9, 1889.

#### IOWA CONFERENCE.

The Iowa Conference was held on Sept. 28th and 29th, in the Stafford County Court House here. There were present of the home Elders J. E. Booth, President of the Northern States Mission; President W. H. Neibaur, of the Iowa Conference, and traveling Elders Wm. A. Taylor, John Dunn, Edwin Mace, Isaac O. Wall and Herman Grether; also

Joseph H. Denia, of Wisconsin, traveling missionary.

Three well attended meetings were held each day. All present listened attentively to the principles of life and truth set forth by the Elders, as also to their testimonies and proof of Joseph Smith's mission and the restoration of the Gospel.

On Monday, the 30th, the Priesthood meeting took place, when the Elders submitted their reports for the last four months, and related their experience. Much valuable instruction was given by President Booth.

The Elders were assigned to their respective fields of labor as follows: Elders Edwin Mace and John Dunn to the northwestern portion of Missouri; H. N. Bird and Anderson to Nebraska and the western portion of Iowa; W. H. Neibaur, J. O. Wall and H. Grether to Kansas.

Elder W. A. Taylor returns home after filling an honorable mission of twenty-three months; likewise Brother Joseph H. Denia, who has completed a mission of two years. He goes to Zion to locate and assist there in helping forward the great Latter-day work. We much regret their departure, as well as that of President Booth, who returns to Utah to occupy a position in the coming session of the legislature.

The Saints here, as well as strangers, deserve much credit for the hospitality which they extended to the Elders during conference.

HERMAN GRETH, Clerk of Conference.

#### EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

This conference convened at Briggs, Unicoi County, Tennessee, on Sept. 21st and 22nd, 1889. Present, President Wm. Spry, J. R. Hindy, J. W. Cook, P. S. Condie, J. A. Spendlove, H. W. Church, J. A. Bird, E. S. Larson, O. E. Baits, Wm. Southwick, and H. E. Curtis. There are no Saints in this part as yet, though the prospects for the near future are good.

The school house was granted for the occasion, and suitably decorated. Everything possible was done for the comfort of the Elders during their stay.

The speakers bore testimony to the truth of the Son of God as restored in the last days through the Prophet Joseph, and adduced many passages of scripture to substantiate their statements.

In the council meetings which were held much valuable advice was given by President Spry, and the Elders assigned to their various fields of labor. Very favorable reports were presented with but few exceptions. The hospitality and kindness of the Southern people among whom the missionaries had labored during the past year were specially referred to.

At the close of the conference a challenge was made by a Rev. Wm. Kent (who is known as "The Disciples") to discuss the subject of the Kingdom of God.

Elder Spry regretted that he could not be present at the time suggested for the discussion, Nov. 10th, but

counseled us to accept the challenge, and go into the subject. The discussion is to be public, and will take place on the 6th and 8th of Nov. If any of our Utah friends wish to run down, they are cordially invited.

We hope to vanquish all who may array themselves against the truths of heaven.

H. E. CURTIS, Clerk of Conference.

#### STAKE CONFERENCES.

##### MARICOPA.

The Quarterly Conference of the Maricopa Stake was held in Mesa, September 22nd and 23rd. C. J. Robson and council presiding. Aside from the usual business of such gatherings, the Stake presidency, Patriarch B. F. Johnson and Elders Geo. Passey, Henry J. Horne, Noah Brimhall, Harry J. Harper and Chas. H. Allen addressed the conference. The reports of the Bishops and the various presiding officers were encouraging. At a meeting of the High Council, held Monday at 1 p. m., the resignation of Oscar M. Stewart as Bishop of the Alma Ward was accepted, and at the afternoon meeting Alex Hunsaker was sustained as Presiding Elder in his stead.

GEO. PASSEY, Clerk.

##### ST. JOSEPH.

The Quarterly Conference of the St. Joseph Stake of Zion was held at Pima, September 15th and 16th, 1889. President C. Layton presiding. There were also present on the stand Counselors Wm. D. Johnson and M. H. Merrill, the Bishops of the various wards and other prominent brethren of the Stake. The attendance was fair; all of the wards being well represented except St. Davis, which, on account of the great distance, was represented only by three Bishops. The speakers during conference were President Layton, Counselors Johnson and Merrill, Bishop Peter A. Lofgreen and Brothers John Holliday and Henry Boyle.

The subjects of repentance and the duties of the Saints were the ones principally spoken upon.

The statistical report showed a total of 1842 souls in the Stake. The Bishops' reports showed that the majority of the Saints in the Stake were striving to perform their duties, while there are some who are dilatory and negligent.

Although this has been the most sickly season for several years, the reports only show seven deaths during the last quarter. Crops have been good and water plentiful on the Gila, but not so good on the San Pedro. Conference was adjourned to meet at Pima three months hence.

THOMAS E. WILLIAMS, Stake Clerk.

##### SAN JUAN.

The Quarterly Conference of the San Juan Stake was held at Moab, Emery County, Utah, on the 29th and 30th of September, 1889, in the meeting-house. Present on the stand: Apostle John H. Smith,