



WANTS ELDERS TO WRITE.

Floridian Writes of Conditions in Land of Flowers.

W. H. Mayo of Bruce, Fla., writes the "News" under date of Oct. 28, 1904, as follows: "If you will allow space in your valuable paper for a few notes from the far off land of flowers, the same may perchance interest some of your readers. The weather here very dry at this writing; the Choctawhatchee river is lower than it has been since the civil war. However, the water courses are not falling in this part of the land near like they are elsewhere. Crops the past summer, at least cotton and corn, were very good, sugar cane and potatoes have been cut off considerably on account of dry weather. Politicians seem deeply enthused. I think this is the warmest campaign the south has ever witnessed. It is probable that more Republicans have been elected in Florida than ever before in her history as a state. However there are a good many zealous Parker men at work. The writer firmly believes that it will only be a question of time until the south will be as much divided as any part of our Union, and this is the only apparent solution of the question of breaking up many so-called political rings of the south, by which means the predominating party has succeeded in working many schemes in franchises laws and many other things that could be mentioned. The writer would be pleased to hear from any of the Elders that have ever labored in this state, whether personally acquainted or not, and would cheerfully answer all communications, and asks especially that those who have been closely associated with him write. I do not know where they are at present."

Conferences in Groningen, Holland.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, 1904, the semi-annual conference was held at Groningen, Holland. The following missionaries were present: President William T. Cannon, of the Netherlands mission; President Nicholas G. Smith of the Amsterdam conference; President Charles H. Dudley of the Amsterdam conference; Charles F. E. Veenendaal, Jr., of the Rotterdam conference, as also all the Elders laboring in the Groningen conference. President Elder J. Webb presided at the meeting. The first meeting commenced at 10 a. m. by the congregation then singing the hymn, "Hallelujah, Hallelujah." Elder Joseph M. Woodland offered the opening prayer, after which the congregation sang: "This Spirit of God like a fire is burning." The sacrament was administered by Elders Charles H. Dudley and Joseph Webb, after Elder Dudley had offered a few appropriate remarks concerning this holy ordinance. During the administration of the sacrament, the Groningen branch choir rendered the selection, "I Have a Redeemer." The presiding officer then presented for the vote of the conference the General Authorities of the Church and mission, as also the following missionaries laboring in the Groningen conference: As president and traveling Elder, Decker Koldewyn, Herman J. Westbroek, Guy W. Wilson, Jens Tingen and Joseph M. Woodland, and further the local Priesthood of the Groningen conference. All were unanimously sustained in their callings.

Presidents Dudley, Cannon and Smith were the speakers. They spoke on the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith, and on the truths made known to the world through him, on individual responsibility, divine authority and other Gospel topics. EVENING SESSION. This session was held in the concert hall in the Poelstraat, and opened by the choir singing the hymn, "O what is this?" Prayer was offered by Elder Jens Tingen, after which the choir sang the hymn, "Come O Thou King of Kings." Elder Weening spoke on the subject of the Gospel as it was in the days of Christ and the Apostles, the Gospel during the dark ages, the so-called Reformation and apostasy, the Reformation or restoration of the Gospel. The choir then rendered the selection in English, "High on the mountain top." Elder Guy A. Wilson also spoke on the restoration of the Gospel, and advised all to earnestly investigate it. The last speaker was Elder Koldewyn, who spoke on the necessity of works as well as faith to obtain salvation. He further explained the true meaning of the words: "By grace are ye saved." The meeting was concluded by the choir and congregation singing. We thank Thee O God for a prophet, Benefactor, was pronounced by Elder Joseph M. Woodland. In both sessions a good spirit prevailed, many of the Saints from the outside branches having come, some of them walking 15 miles. At the evening meeting there were about 400 persons present. The weather which looked somewhat unfavorable in the morning, cleared up about 10 o'clock and we had good weather the rest of the day. We believe that this conference will bring forth fruits in the near future. The regular Priesthood meeting of the Elders was held on Monday, Oct. 10. On Tuesday, Oct. 11, a special meeting was held in Leeuwarden in the hall "The Oudekerke." The meeting was conducted by Elder Guy A. Wilson. About 225 persons were present, and a good spirit prevailed. The speakers were Elder Weening and Brother B. Timmerman, a local brother. The prospects in this part of the Lord's Vineyard are also very encouraging. DERK KOLDEWYN, Secy.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

South Sanpete Stake.

The conference of the South Sanpete stake was held in Mantli, Nov. 7 and 8, 1904. Elder Lewis Anderson presiding. At the opening meeting Saturday morning President Lewis Anderson, Counselors Joseph Y. Jensen and G. A. Iverson, a fair representation of the High Council, Bishops of wards and President J. D. T. McAllister of the Temple were present. Presidents Anderson, Iverson and Francis M. Lyman arrived for the second meeting of conference. After the opening exercises, President Anderson made a good report of the stake. President J. P. Jensen reported the High Priests' quorum in good condition. C. P. Larsen gave an outline of the labors of the High Council. Presidents J. Y. Jensen and G. A. Iverson made brief addresses. At 2 p. m., after the usual opening exercises, Bishops Dorius of Ephraim, South ward, and Parley Christensen of Mayfield, gave good reports of their wards. Supt. N. E. Noyes made a good re-

In the Y. M. I. A. work; sustained by vote of the conference. GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk of Conference.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Henry E. Heilman of Glenwood, Sevier county, passed through this city Nov. 4, 1904, on his return from the Scandinavian mission for which he was set apart, Oct. 23, 1902. The conference of Aarhus, Denmark, was his field of labor. The work of the Lord is progressing. Meetings are well attended, and many earnest investigators are continually visiting our meetings. There are good prospects for the next few years. Elder C. Clarence Nelson of Salt Lake City arrived home Oct. 29, 1904, on his return from the German mission, for which he was set apart April 12, 1902.

LEAVES FROM OLD ALBUMS.



JOSEPH SMITH TALKING TO THE INDIANS. Historic Incident on the Occasion of the Visit of the Pottawattamie Chiefs to Nauvoo.

The picture in this week's contribution to the "Leaves From Old Albums" department is a rare and interesting one. Only a few of the older members of the Church have copies of it. The one from which the above half-tone is produced is in the possession of John W. Coleman of this city, who kindly loaned it to the Deseret News.

It represents an occurrence at Nauvoo during the summer of 1845, just preceding the era of terrible persecutions which ended in the murder of Joseph and Hyrum Smith and the westward movement of the Church. The Pottawattamie Indians of Iowa had heard from missionaries of the discovery of the Golden Plates containing their history. They learned also of the persecution, similar to that they themselves were undergoing, at the

absent himself from such regular meetings except in case of sickness or important business is not known. President Anthony H. Lund made a few remarks.

At the Sunday morning meeting President McAllister, Elders Henry Beal and John B. Maiben each addressed the Saints, giving a cursory review of the labors of the Saints in the preaching of the Gospel in subduing this land and of the labors yet before the Saints.

At the Sunday afternoon meeting President G. A. Iverson presented the general and stake authorities, who were sustained by unanimous vote. Patriarch John Smith having arrived, addressed the Saints. He urged the boys to study the Gospel, as it must be preached in all the world; they should study the Gospel at home so when they go on missions they may be prepared to go to work at once. The gifts of the Gospel, he said, are to be obtained by prayer.

President Lyman referred to his last visit to Mantli, when he urged the building of the meetinghouses in Mantli and Ephraim, which has been done. He wished the people now to finish the academy as soon as possible, and beautify the grounds around the Temple. Where they have not already done so he urged the Bishops to improve their meetinghouse grounds by planting out trees, seeding to grass, etc.

President Anthony H. Lund called on the people to assist Elder Beal in bearing the load connected with the academy as it is a heavy one to bear. The people should remember that it is the stake stakes academy and sustain it loyally. He suggested to the Bishops to appoint a day for their wards to do Temple work. Persons visiting the Temple to work therein will be strengthened thereby.

President Anderson made a few closing remarks and Elder Iverson presented the name of John L. Parry as an aid

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4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority, to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, namely, Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.
8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also be-

lieve the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

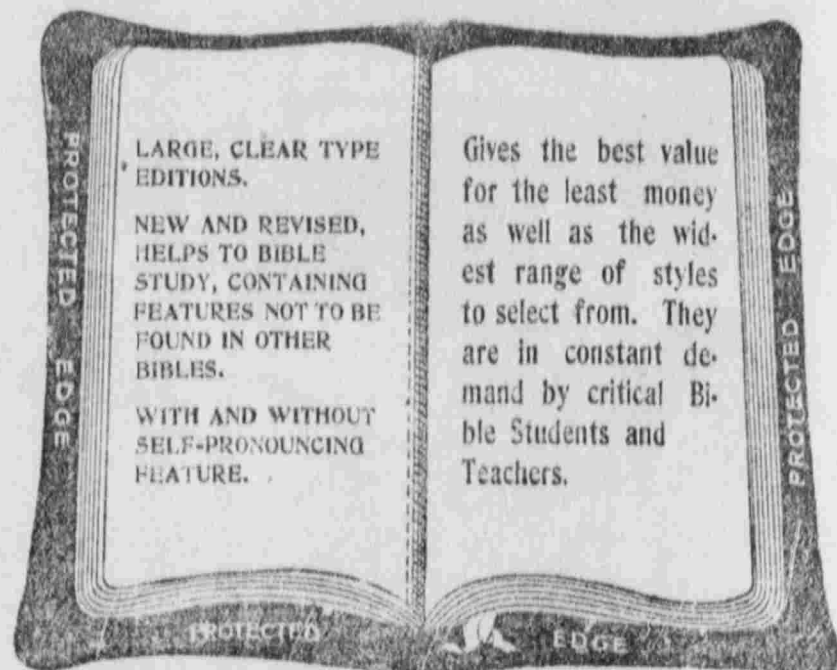
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12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."—Joseph Smith.

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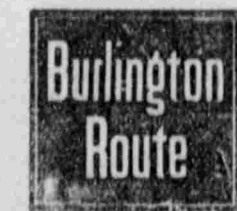
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