

Spencer bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel and urged all to lay aside prejudice and investigate the truth.

At the conclusion of Elder Spencer's remarks, conference adjourned.

The people of this locality have shown by their hospitality to the Elders that they are good, honest people. Everything that could be done for the comfort of the Elders was done, and nothing can be said that will give this people full credit for their kindness.

After services Sunday night Mrs. Ellen Baker, wife of Mr. Jacob Baker was so anxious to be "born again" that she came forth and was baptized the same hour of the night.

On account of the separation of West Virginia from the Pennsylvania Conference, it became necessary to appoint a president over this conference. Elder Joseph Bindrup was selected and sustained to that position.

The health of the Elders in this conference is generally good.

JOSHUA SELLEY.

Clerk of Conference.

### MARYLAND CONFERENCE.

PRATT, Allegheny County, Md.,  
October 5, 1896.

Following is a report of the Maryland conference of the Northern States mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as held at Pratt, Allegheny county, Maryland, October 3rd, 4th and 5th, at the residence of Brother George Hymes.

Conference commenced October 3rd at 10 a. m. under a large bowery with a good audience in attendance, President Samuel G. Spencer presiding. Elder Cyrus Neft addressed the conference on the first principle of the Gospel, faith. Elder George W. Parrish then addressed the conference on repentance, the second principle of the Gospel and preparatory to baptism. Elder John Y. Barlow then addressed the conference on the first two principles of the Gospel and urged all to think seriously of the humble Elders and their testimony. Elder A. J.

Allen spoke on baptism as the third principle of the Gospel; he made frequent quotations from the Scripture showing that baptism was essential to salvation in the days of the Savior and also was necessary in this age of the world; that baptism is by immersion, and to be effective must also be performed by one having divine authority. Elder A. J. Broderick also spoke on the principle of baptism and the mode thereof. Elder A. M. Palmer addressed the conference and bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel as revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith and promised all that would comply with the proper ordinances that they would obtain a testimony.

Elder Joseph Hansen next addressed the conference briefly on the three principles named and bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Elder Ebenezer Tanner also addressed the conference; spoke of the organization of the Church and of the authority possessed therein.

Sunday at 10 a. m.—Elder Samuel G. Spencer then addressed the conference on Church organization, delivering a powerful and convincing discourse thereon.

At 2 p. m. services Elder Samuel G. Spencer again addressed the meeting on salvation for the dead.

Monday, Oct. 5th, a priesthood meeting was held. Pres. Cornelius Richardson read to the Elders a circular letter from President Spencer, which lays down rules and regulations, and gives instructions and advice to the Elders, all of which was received with satisfaction and pleasure by the Elders. President Spencer gave the Elders the benefit of his experience as a missionary; gave all advice that will help and assist them in their labors. He said he was desirous of hearing from the Elders whether they were willing to travel without purse or scrip. All present expressed themselves as being willing to follow out these instructions. After sacrament was administered meeting closed.

As a result of our conference 'w

more souls were added to the fold of Christ, the ordinance being performed by Elder Joshua Selley. Several others have applied for baptism. The Saints and Elders all feel that they have had a spiritual feast in this conference. No words I can write will give to the good people of this locality the credit they deserve for their kindness and goodness to the Elders and visiting Saints. Everything that could be done for the comfort of the Elders was done.

Elders W. J. Holbrook and Albert J. Allen were honorably released to return home.

Following is a list of Elders laboring in the conference with postoffice address:

President of Maryland conference, Heber F. Robertson and Ebenezer Tanner Jr., Rockville, Montgomery county, Md.

A. J. Brookbank and P. R. Gillespie, Romney, Hampshire county, W. Va.

A. M. Palmer and George M. White, Westminster, Carroll county, Md.

The following Elders were appointed to labor in the state of Pennsylvania:

President Cornelius Richardson, Huntington, Huntington county, Penn.

Elder G. W. Parrish and new companion, Danville, Montour county, Penn.

Elder John Y. Barlow and new companion, Butler, Butler county, Penn.

Elder William Hilt and new companion, Lebanon, Lebanon county, Penn.

Elders Joshua Selley and John R. Crawford, Emporium, Cameron county, Penn.

EBENEZER TANNER JR.,  
Secretary Maryland Conference.

The coroner's jury at Ogden has found that the death of Zion Astill, killed by an Ogden street car on Saturday, was accidental.

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

APPOINTMENTS UNTIL APRIL, 1897.

1896.	DAYS.	1897.	STAKES.
October 17 and 18 (Saturday and Sunday)	January 16 and 17.....	Utah	
October 18 and 19 (Sunday and Monday)	January 17 and 18.....	Weber	
October 25 and 26 (Sunday and Monday)	January 24 and 25.....	Box Elder, Oneida and Tooele	
October 31 and Nov. 1 (Sat. and Sunday)	January 30 and 31.....	Juab and Wasatch	
November 1 and 2 (Sunday and Monday)	January 31 and February 1.....	Cacho	
November 7 and 8 (Saturday and Sunday)	February 6 and 7.....	Bear Lake and Summit	
November 8 and 9 (Sunday and Monday)	February 7 and 8.....	Emery and Uintah	
November 14 and 15 (Saturday and Sunday)	February 13 and 14.....	Sanpete and Star Valley	
November 15 and 16 (Sunday and Monday)	February 14 and 15.....	San Luis and Morgan	
November 21 and 22 (Saturday and Sunday)	February 20 and 21.....	San Juan, Sevier and Juarez	
November 22 and 23 (Sunday and Monday)	February 21 and 22.....	Millard and Cardston	
November 28 and 29 (Saturday and Sunday)	February 27 and 28.....	Wayne	
November 29 and 30 (Sunday and Monday)	February 28 and March 1.....	Panguitch and Snowflake	
December 5 and 6 (Saturday and Sunday)	March 6 and 7.....	Davis, Kanab and Bannock	
December 6 and 7 (Sunday and Monday)	March 7 and 8.....	St. John	
December 12 and 13 (Saturday and Sunday)	March 13 and 14.....	Malad and Bingham	
December 13 and 14 (Sunday and Monday)	March 14 and 15.....	St. George and St. Joseph	
December 20 and 21 (Sunday and Monday)	March 21 and 22.....	Cassia, Parowan and Maricopa	
December 26 and 27 (Saturday and Sunday)	March 20 and 21.....	Beaver	

F. D. RICHARDS.  
JOSEPH F. SMITH.