

# CHURCH NEWS

## FROM FAR AND NEAR

conference, which convened on the 21st and 22nd of May at Yantus, Logan Co., West Va.

Elder G. H. Robinson presided. Elder J. G. McQuarrie of New York City was in attendance. During the two days, four meetings were held. People came from far and near to hear the testimonies of the Elders. On Sunday the schoolhouse was crowded to its utter capacity, and many could not gain admittance.

During our concluding session, God

ling set apart for his office by President Henry Ballard. Faithfulness has characterized all Brother Ellis' labors in the cause which he espoused 57 years ago. Never did he waver in his allegiance to the truth, and the testimony within him became brighter from day to day. For many years no storm, no bodily fatigue, no mental worry could keep him from the meetings where he greatest pleasure was to be found. Even when his health began to fail, and he became unable to get about as

### Asthma Sufferers Should Know This.

Foley's Honey and Tar has cured many cases of asthma that were considered hopeless. Mrs. Adolph Buehling, 30 West Third St., Davenport, Iowa, writes: "A severe cold contracted twelve years ago was neglected until it finally grew into asthma. The best medical skill available could not give me more than temporary relief. Foley's Honey and Tar was recommended and one bottle entirely cured me of asthma which had been growing on me for twelve years, and if I had taken it at the start I would have been saved years of suffering." F. Hill Drug Co.

Duce of the presidency of Alberta stake occupied the time. The instructions given throughout were very spirited, full of light and intelligence, and in keeping with the spirit of the times, and were highly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The general and stake authorities were present on Sunday afternoon and unanimously sustained the singing under the leadership of J. K. was also excellent, and indeed the entire conference was a time of joy and refreshment.

J. U. STUCKI, Clerk.

### ST. JOHNS STAKE.

#### Report of the Quarterly Conference Held at That Place.

St. Johns, Arizona, June 4.—Another very interesting conference of the St. Johns stake of Zion has just convened at St. Johns. All of the stake presidency, nine High Councilors and alternate High Councilors, and a few of the Saints from outside settlements were in attendance. The small attendance from outside wards was due partially to the continued drought, which necessitates the men folk leaving their homes to seek employment.

A. Elk wore in attendance. The Mercur choir was also here and very ably assisted our own singers.

Good reports were given from the different wards of the stake. Brother Jensen spoke on Sunday afternoon in regard to the new meetinghouse in Stockholm, Sweden, and it was arranged that the bishops of the different wards in the stake appoint committees to receive subscriptions for that purpose.

The funeral services over the remains of the 3-year-old son of Brother Samuel Johnson, who was accidentally killed last Friday evening, were held during the afternoon services. Apostle Lyman spoke words of comfort and hope to the bereaved parents and friends.

This death is made all the more and by the fact that the little fellow was the only son of his parents.

During conference a change was made in the stake presidency. Brother Charles L. Anderson, of Graniteville, first counselor to President Gowans, was released on account of ill health, and Brother George F. Richards was ordained in his place. Bishop Alvin C. Orme of Elva was appointed second counselor in the stake presidency.

RHODA MARSHALL.

and Southern Illinois and Wisconsin conferences were his fields of operation, in which the Gospel work is making fair progress among the intelligent people of the states named.

Elder Simon R. Stetter, of Cove, Hancock Co., Idaho, returned June 2, from the Central States mission, where he has been laboring in the Missouri conference for nearly 27 months. The work of the Lord in this conference is progressing nicely. Many friends are melting away, and the outlook is bright for the future. Elder Stetter labored as a canvassing Elder eleven months and a half, and the balance of last time as president of the Missouri conference.

Elder Jens C. Jensen of Provo, Utah Co., arrived home June 2, from a mission to Scandinavia, to which he was assigned Jan. 9, 1902. He labored in the Aarhus and Aalborg conferences in Denmark, with gratifying success, and much joy. He writes of the work in Denmark: "Sectarian ministers and newspapers are working hard against the Elders, and some people refuse to receive the Gospel tracts, but we find also good, intelligent and honest people, who study our doctrines and are sincerely baptized into the fold of Christ from time to time. The work of the Lord is progressing, especially in Aarhus, where the Latter-day Saints have bought a new house, in which they hold Gospel meetings."

Miss Vilate Elliott of Provo returned June 3 from a two years' mission to Great Britain. While absent she labored in the London conference, where she reports the work in satisfactory condition, the missionaries having many friends and ample opportunity to preach the Gospel. Open-air work was also being vigorously carried on and last year over 700 street meetings were held by the Latter-day Saints alone. Sister Elliott had good health while away, and enjoyed her labors very much. Returning she visited the world's fair and other points of interest in the East.

Elder Chas. H. Meyers, of Murray, Salt Lake Co., who was set apart April 12, 1902, returned June 4, from the Northern States mission. The Southern and Northern Indiana conferences were his fields of labor. The missionary work in Indiana is progressing nicely, and there are many openings for preaching the Gospel.

Elder J. Lafayette Woods, of Barre, Lincoln Co., Nevada, passed through this city June 4, on his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart April 15, 1902. The city of New York, Brooklyn conference, was where he spent his time principally. He says that the spiritual condition of Elders and Saints is good, and the Lord's word is gradually gaining ground; prejudice is being allayed, friends are being made, and although the field in the Eastern states is seemingly not ripe just now, prospects of a fair harvest of souls are good for the coming season. The outlook for the Brooklyn conference is brighter than ever before.

Sister Martha H. Dunkley, of Whitney, Onida Co., Ida., who was set apart Nov. 25, 1902, passed through this city June 6 on her return from the Central States mission. Her field of labor was the Missouri conference, principally in Kansas City. The Gospel work in this field is making very good progress, many friends are being made and the people are more open of access than formerly. Particularly since the Smoot investigation, which has stirred up a lively interest in "Mormonism." Except for a spell of typhoid fever, Sister Dunkley enjoys good health and has performed a successful and pleasant mission. She assisted in tracting, holding meetings, Sunday schools, etc., and had better success in some districts than the Elders. She left her husband, Elder Dunkley, still in this field.

Elder Leo W. Park, of Wood's Cross, Davis Co., arrived home June 7, from the Northern States mission, whither he was sent March 4, 1902. The first seven months he spent in Minnesota and in northern Illinois. The remainder of the time, he reports the work in these fields in a very prosperous condition.

Elder Frederick A. Jackson, of American Fork, Utah Co., who was assigned April 9, 1902, to the Northern States mission, returned June 7. The Northern Illinois and Michigan conferences were his fields of labor, where, as all the Elders report of their respective missions, he had a very enjoyable time. The work is in a prosperous condition.

Elder Henry Chamberlain, of Orderville, Kane Co., who was sent Jan. 21, 1902, to labor in the Northern States mission, passed through this city June 7, on his return home. The Northern Illinois conference was his field of work, laboring in Chicago practically all the time, as he was connected with the choir work of the branch there. The Elders in that conference are doing very faithful service, but at present are not meeting with a great deal of success, as to the number of converts, but are allaying prejudice and making friends for the truth.

Elder John P. Benson, Jr., of Wood's Cross, Davis Co., was set apart April 9, 1902, and returned June 8, 1904, from the Central States mission. He spent 19 months in North Texas conference, and the remainder of the time in Missouri. He labored the first year in the country tracting, finding a number of good friends and investigators. The past 14 months he spent in the cities of Ft. Worth, Texas, Kansas City, and St. Joseph, Missouri, enjoying his labors greatly. He found the people as a rule liberal and desirous of knowing more about "Mormonism," particularly since the Smoot investigation.

Elder Edward Bischoff, of Geneva, Idaho, was set apart Oct. 29, 1901, for the German mission, and returned June 10 in Berlin and Breslau. His time principally, deriving much joy and satisfaction from his labors. He found many good friends, and the Gospel work is progressing.

Elder John J. Ladle, of Mendon, Cache Co., was sent April 16, 1902, to Great Britain, and returned June 8, 1904. He labored in Nottingham for 24 months, then was transferred to the Norwich conference. He reports having made many friends, and also had the pleasure of leading a few good, honest souls into the waters of baptism. The work of the Lord is growing and the Gospel is spreading in all directions.

Elder Joshua Byron Cook, of Lyman, Wayne Co., who was set apart Sept. 29, 1903, for the Samoan mission, passed through this city June 10, on his way homeward. He labored principally in the Upolu conference. The Gospel work on Samoa is in good shape. It is better on the islands, where the United States rules, as the Elders have more freedom there than they have on German Samoa. The mission is now in need of some German school teachers, as the German schools are doing good among the natives and foreigners.

### THE MEXICAN MISSION.

#### A Party of Distinguished Visitors—Good Prospects.

Elder Alonzo S. Taylor reports as follows in a letter dated Mexico City, May 25:

During the past 10 days the Elders of the Mexican mission and the native Saints have enjoyed a great spiritual feast. We were honored with the presence of Apostle A. C. Woodruff and wife, President A. W. Ivins and wife, also five young ladies, Anna and Florence Ivins, Katy Spilsbury, Eliza Clayson of Colonia Juarez, and Miss Levana Taylor of Salt Lake City. On the 14th of May the above named party arrived in Cuernavaca, and in the evening a meeting was held with the Elders and visiting brethren and sisters from the north. At this meeting Elder H. S. Harris, who has had immediate charge of the mission for over a year, was honorably released, and Elder Talma E. Pomeroy was unanimously sustained to succeed him. The weather was perfect for our conference. The usual heat of this time of year was changed to cool, cloudy days, and showers at night. The meetinghouse and mission headquarters were elaborately decorated by the native Saints under the direction of Elder H. L. Hall.

On Sunday two meetings were held, at which instructions were given by Elders Woodruff and Ivins, as well as by some of the Elders. In the evening a general testimonial meeting was held and there was scarcely time enough for the native Saints to bear as many testimonies as they desired. Monday was spent in holding a general meeting in the morning and Priesthood and Relief society in the afternoon. To finish up the conference a social reunion was held in the mission headquarters. There were about 25 American brethren and sisters and perhaps double that number of native Saints in attendance. The program consisted of singing, music and speeches in English and Spanish.

On the 21st and 22nd another conference was held in the other conference of the mission, situated in the vicinity of Cuernavaca, at the foot of the huge volcano Popocatepetl. Here a large number of native Saints attended the two days' conference. In addition to the number that were in attendance at Cuernavaca, three new Elders joined our ranks. They were: Elders Ernest Aord, Jesse N. Rowley and H. E. Bowman Jr.

The native Saints seemed much animated and the holding of a double conference was no doubt a source of much good to our work here. The prospects for future work here are very encouraging, and all who were here a year ago can see a marked improvement in the condition of the people and the mission in general. The following Elders are now laboring in this mission: T. E. Pomeroy, James Jackson, Alonzo S. Taylor, H. L. Hall, Samuel G. Lake, Joseph H. Parry, Jr., P. S. Williams, Ernest Aord, James Mayblin, Paul Johnson, S. M. Foster, Jesse N. Rowley and H. E. Bowman Jr.

### NORTH WEST VIRGINIA.

#### Change of Headquarters of That Conference.

Elder H. S. Welling writes from Clarkburg, W. Va., on Sunday, May 23:

Our semi-annual conference was held at Parkburg, W. Va., on Sunday, May 23. It was to have been held in the Newport schoolhouse, in the outskirts of town, but through the untiring efforts of the local clergy, or at least some of them, the trustees were induced to allow their consent to our use of the schoolhouse, and we were obliged to meet in the auditorium of the city building. On account of extensive advertising under the auspices of the local clergy, we were placed in an embarrassing position by the sudden change, which was only two days before our meeting, but we met the difficulty as best we might, and our success was not a brilliant success, as we were far from a future.

The Elders arrived at conference headquarters from their various fields Friday, May 13, all in excellent spirits and good health. Elder McQuarrie arrived Friday evening and was with us until the next Thursday.

Our first public meeting was held at 2 p. m. Sunday. The speakers at which meeting were Elders McQuarrie, who spoke very interestingly on the first principles of the Gospel, and Ezra F. Woolley, who spoke on the subject of authority. There were about 15 at the meeting, most of whom were entire strangers.

Another meeting was held on the street corner in the evening, at which Elder McQuarrie spoke with great power on the principle of faith. The speakers at the hall meeting were Elders H. S. Welling and McQuarrie. A friendship meeting was held Monday, May 16, at which the business of the conference was attended to. Elder Ezra F. Woolley was unanimously chosen as our conference president, with Elders H. S. Welling and W. M. Allred as first and second counselors. The Elders began to disperse Thursday, feeling amply paid for their long journey.

### SOUTH WEST VIRGINIA.

#### An Enjoyable Gathering Held in That Conference.

Elder G. A. Anderson reports as follows in a communication being dated Huntington, W. Va., May 26:

In south West Virginia a very happy time for the Elders, Saints and friends was enjoyed during our semi-annual



THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' CHOIR, CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY.

This is said to be the largest Church choir outside the valleys of the mountains, and perhaps the largest and best trained choir for religious services in Christiania, a city of more than 200,000 inhabitants. Mr. Hendrickson of Logan, who presided over the Christiania conference at the time the photograph was taken, occupies a place in the group, and will be readily recognized by his many friends.

blessed us abundantly with His Holy Spirit. Brother G. W. Ferrell bore a very strong testimony to the divinity of the work of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Elder G. H. Robinson explained the risks of the Church, and the persecutions of the Saints. Elder J. G. McQuarrie followed with a discussion upon the authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

Monday, the 22nd, all the Elders, numbering thirteen, were courteously entertained by Solomon Adams and family, where the Priesthood meeting convened at 1 p. m. The Elders received valuable instructions from Elder McQuarrie. The General Church authorities were unanimously sustained, and also J. G. McQuarrie as president of the Eastern States mission, with G. H. Robinson as president of the South West Virginia conference, and J. R. Reeves and S. L. Effe as counselors.

Elder E. J. Williams was honorably released, after laboring twenty-eight months in West Virginia.

The Elders were assigned their different fields of labor.

Monday evening a social was held at Brother Adams' home, where songs and recitations were rendered.

Tuesday evening the Elders were entertained by Brother Kemron Perrell and family, where another social was given.

Wednesday the Elders left for their various fields of labor.

The people of West Virginia are very hospitable, and words are very weak in expressing the gratitude of the Elders to them.

Thursday, May 26, and Era are welcome visitors. Many of the Saints and friends in West Virginia say the "News" is the best newspaper they ever read.

If there are any who have any friends in West Virginia they wish visited, our address is: P. O. Box No. 24, Huntington, W. Va.

### DEATH OF GEORGE ELLIS.

#### Well Known London Church Worker Passes Away.

At London, E. C., on Wednesday, May 11, 1904, after a lingering illness, George Ellis died in the 67th years of his age.

To the hearts of thousands of Saints and hundreds of Elders far and away Utah, the few lines that announce the death of Brother George Ellis, late president of the North London branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will bring a pang of sorrow, and regret that the kindly voice and the cheerful smile has passed from this earthly scene of action.

The life of Brother Ellis is the history of the latter-day work in the great metropolis. He was born in London, March 1, 1837, and the Gospel was brought to that great city of Helen C. Kimball, Wilford Woodruff and George A. Smith, Aug. 18, 1840. The message of salvation was accepted by Brother Ellis' parents, and when he was about 10 years of age he was baptized. When a youth he learned the trade of a safe maker, and that was the principal occupation of his life. In July 18, 1863, he married Annie Wilkinson, by whom he has had 11 children, five of whom survive him. He has also had 15 grandchildren, nine of whom are living at present.

Throughout his long and useful career, Brother Ellis was steadfast in his faith and in his testimony of the Gospel. As a young man, when there were more branches of the Church in London than there are at present, his membership was in the eastern portion of the city; but for many years past he has been actively identified with the North London branch, over which he was called to preside 16 years ago, be-

### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

#### Of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, faith in the Lord; 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.

10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the ten tribes, that Zion will be built upon this earth, and that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.

11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may.

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.

"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.

President Lyman desired the Latter-day Saints to tender the free use of our churches to the Christian ministers traveling in our stake. And come out to their meetings and listen to their doctrines. He said: "If our friends, the Christian ministers, can convert those among us whom we are unable to save, they are welcome to do so."

Elders G. A. Anderson, of Meadow and John M. Wright of Hinckley, returned missionaries from the northern states, and Francis M. Peterson of Hinckley, from the Southwestern States missions, reported their labors and experiences. The reports of Bishops showed a spirit of general improvement with a greater interest in behalf of the young men and boys, bringing together the service in the wards. The material prospects were reported to be much better than for several years past.

The report of the stake presidency showed a healthy and sure growth throughout the stake, and their instructions were characterized by love and an earnest solicitude for the welfare of the people. A pleasing feature of the conference was the beautiful singing of the Scipio ward choir, under the leadership of Brother Thomas Memmott.

The general authorities of the church and the state authorities were present and sustained by unanimous vote of the conference. Altogether our conference was a time of social and spiritual rejoicing, attended by the calm and peaceful Spirit of the Lord.

WM. A. REEVE, Stake Clerk.

### TOOELE STAKE.

#### Quarterly Conference—Funeral Services—Changes Organization.

Tooele City, June 4.—The quarterly stake conference convened here on Saturday morning. Apostle F. M. Lyman, Elder Andrew Jensen and Bishop Carl

### ALBERTA STAKE.

#### The Quarterly Conference Held at Cardston.

Cardston, Alta., Canada, June 2, 1904.—The quarterly conference of the Alberta stake was held at Cardston, May 29 and 30. Apostle Matthias F. Cowley, Elder D. E. Harris of San Juan, Mexico; Sister Hyde of the general presidency of Relief societies, and Sister Lulu G. Richards, were in attendance. All the stake organizations and quorums of the Priesthood were well represented.

After the regular opening exercises of the Sabbath school, Elders Matthias F. Cowley, D. E. Harris and Sisters Hyde and Hardy addressed the children. A vocal duet by the Misses Caldwell and Morgan was one of the beautiful features of the session.

Sister Hyde was the first speaker in the afternoon. She stated that the Prophet Joseph Smith organized the first Relief society March 17, 1842, at Nauvoo. She complimented the local societies for their very efficient work, and suggested that they procure 100 acres of land, from which to obtain revenue for their work of mercy.

Sister L. G. Richards confined her remarks to the rearing of the children in the service of the Lord.

Elder Cowley occupied the remaining time, the Book of Mormon being his subject.

The Mutual Improvement societies held their conference in the evening.

Elder W. O. Lee, stake superintendent of Y. M. M. I. A. was the first speaker on Monday forenoon, the subject of his discourse being "The Scattering of Israel."

Elder Frank Snow addressed the conference, showing how abundantly the Saints are blessed by God.

The last speaker was Elder Matthias F. Cowley, the subject of his discourse being on the manifestations of the Spirit of God to the Saints, acting them to righteousness, to be humble and peaceable.

During the last session of the conference, Elder Thomas Duce reported the Alberta stake. He stated that the stake presidency had visited all the wards since the last conference, and found the Saints united, and all the organizations working harmoniously.

Elder H. S. Allen spoke briefly upon the "Gathering of Israel." Elder E. J. Wood presented the names of the general and local authorities, all of whom were sustained by a unanimous vote.

Patriarchs Hinman and Woolf spoke briefly.

The beautiful musical selections rendered by the choir and others were greatly appreciated. The presence of our visiting brethren and sisters and the conference one of the greatest and most enjoyable in the history of the stake.

E. A. LAW, Clerk.

### STAKE CONFERENCES.

#### Quarterly Conference.

An Enjoyable Gathering Held at Paris, Idaho.

Paris, Ida., June 4.—Our regular quarterly conference convened in the stake tabernacle on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5.

We were favored with fine weather both days, and on Sunday with the presence of Apostle Reed Smoot and President Seymour B. Young of the First Council of Seventies. These brethren desired to meet with us on Saturday at our first meeting, but in consequence of the railroad not making connection at McCammon they were delayed and did not reach here until Saturday evening. Is there not influence enough in Salt Lake to correct this evil? Not only are passengers delayed on account of non-connection of trains, but our mails are constantly from six to 12 hours behind time, and this condition has existed now for a long time. How is this for our progressive age? Our conference was well attended, especially on Sunday.

All the wards, quorums and organizations reported well situated to be in good condition, and as a whole lively and progressive.

The speakers on Saturday were Presidents Wm. Hodge, James H. Hart, Wm. S. Rich, and Bishop W. W. Clark. On Sunday, Apostle Reed Smoot, President S. B. Young, and Elder Thomas

### RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder Frederic M. Abbott, whose home is in Farmington, Davis Co., and who was set apart April 1, 1902, to labor as a missionary in the Northern states, returned May 26, 1904. The Northern

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