



CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES

Crowded Meetings Necessitate a Larger Meeting House.

Elder Geo. E. Fowler writes from Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 5, as follows: The Los Angeles conference was held Dec. 4, 1904, at the beautifully located Little meetinghouse, 425 West Third street. Elder Geo. E. Fowler, president of the conference, presiding. The conference was the most successful ever held here, the meetinghouse being crowded to the doors at all three sessions, 10 a. m., 2 and 7:30 p. m. From the rapid growth of the work in this land it is evident that the Church should have a larger and more commodious assembly hall of its own.

At the morning service, President Jos. E. Robinson of the California mission, opened the conference with an address of welcome to our friends and encouragement to the Saints. Elders A. R. Weston, S. E. Brimhall, of San Bernardino, C. M. Egan and C. E. Burton of San Diego were the speakers, dwelling principally upon the first principles of the Gospel.

In the afternoon Elder J. Geo. Barnes of San Bernardino, president of the assembly, addressed the assembly a few moments, and the remainder of the evening was occupied in a very able manner by President Robinson, who spoke for over an hour on the beauties of the Gospel restored to the Prophet Joseph Smith, showing how it is changing and has modified all the different creeds of the various sects of Christianity since 1830.

During the services Miss Minnie Callender of Salt Lake and Miss Alpha Lund of Los Angeles sang several solos each, and a quartet was rendered under the direction of A. R. Weston, composed by himself. Chas. W. Hill, Alpha Lund and Lige Anderson rendered sweet music in abundance.

Monday, Dec. 5, 1904, at 10 a. m., President Robinson convened a Priesthood meeting. All the Elders gave reports of their labors during the past half year. Timely instructions were given by the president, and the Elders were assigned as follows: Elder John G. Watt as president of the Los Angeles conference, with Elders A. R. Weston, S. E. Brimhall, Wilford Norris, J. C. Wells and C. R. Lowberry to labor in Los Angeles. Elders Geo. E. Fowler and J. P. Thompson, J. W. Rodhouse and J. Geo. Barnes at San Diego, and Elders C. E. Burton and O. W. Badger at San Bernardino.

East Pennsylvania Conference.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—The East Pennsylvania conference convened in Columbia hall 1235 Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, Dec. 17, 1904.

During the day three services were held, at 11 a. m., 2 and 8 p. m. There were present President John G. McQuarrie of the Eastern States conference, President Seth C. Jones and eight Elders, R. P. Hyde, H. D. Roper, W. S. Paine, William B. Martin, D. C. Seemiller and Fred Campbell, who have been and are at the present time laboring in Philadelphia, and Elders L. H. Reid and Ben Nield who are laboring in Baltimore.

After the opening exercises President McQuarrie extended a hearty welcome to all present.

The general authorities were presented by President McQuarrie, Elder Seth C. Jones' name was presented as conference president. The name of Elder Paine as superintendent of Sunday schools and musical instructor, and Miss Lillie Orr and Myrtle Rowan as aids were unanimously sustained. The conference then turned into testimony bearing, all present responded and some very strong testimonies were given by both Elders and Saints.

At the afternoon session, Elders Nield and Reid spoke on various principles of the Gospel.

President McQuarrie occupied the remaining time in an instructive Gospel discourse.

At the evening session President Jones was the first speaker, and expressed the wish that all the people would look into the hearts and lives of the Elders and know the sincerity and purpose therein.

Ray Irvine and Fred Clark, medical students from Utah, next spoke, showing why the world must be reformed and how necessary it is to enjoy it to build up the kingdom of God and keep out diversities of opinion.

A solo was rendered by Elder Paine, "My Shepherd."

President McQuarrie closed the conference in an interesting address on the value of a testimony to the truth, and of the knowledge of the existence of God.

On Monday evening the Elders, Saints and friends met in a social gathering where a very interesting program was rendered and all present enjoyed themselves as having had a very enjoyable time.

R. P. HYDE, Clerk of Conference.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

North Sanpete Stake.

The quarterly conference of the North Sanpete stake was held at Moroni Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11, 1904. It was a time of genuine enjoyment, the meetings being well attended.

Stake President C. N. Lund, who presided at the meeting, made a brief opening address. The following brethren occupied the time Saturday morning: Elder John R. Baxter of Spring City, Bishop L. O. Larsen and Bishop James Larsen.

In the afternoon Elder P. Matson of the stake presidency read from the book of Doctrine and Covenants the word of the Lord, admonishing the Saints to seek wisdom and eternal life rather than the riches of the world, which perish.

Upon request of Elder Hyrum M. Smith the following brethren gave brief reports of their wards: C. Christensen of Chester, James C. Peterson of Fairview, C. J. Christensen of Fountain Green, Hyrum Seely of Indianola, J. W. Stewart of Milburn, Orlando Bradley of Moroni. The reports showed favorable conditions existing in the wards, and various organizations in full working order.

Elder Schindler of Spring City, a missionary companion of Apostle Smith bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith then illus-



Illustration of a person in a suit, possibly a speaker or leader.

trated in a very interesting discourse the altruistic mission work of the Latter-day Saints.

A conference of the Y. M. and Y. W. M. A. of the stake was held at 7:30 p. m. A short program was rendered and the various societies presented by Elder Smith upon timely topics.

After a brief session of the Sunday school, conference reconvened at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Bishops Daniel Bunker and Joseph P. Henshaw of North ward and W. R. Davis of Wales reported briefly conditions in their respective wards.

Elder Smith followed by giving an outline of the principal points which Bishops' reports in conference should contain, that from them a proper idea may be obtained concerning conditions as they actually exist in the wards; the increase or decrease in population; the number of conversions made and baptisms performed; how the work of God is advancing generally. In this manner the actual progress of the Church may be shown, which would give information to the stranger and satisfaction to the authorities and people.

At the opening of the afternoon session the Priesthood of Moroni ward administered the Sacrament.

Supt. A. Merz of the stake religion classes reported that organization in a prosperous condition.

The general and stake authorities of the Church were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder George Christensen of the stake presidency, passed through the city which they owe to the Lord and he hoped that since he had showed temporal and spiritual blessings upon the Saints they would remember him in the days of his prosperity.

A beautiful solo was feelingly sung by Sister Ella Bradley and was much appreciated by the audience.

An instructive discourse was then delivered by Elder Smith on the subject of free agency which the people of God and all men in common enjoy, but in the exercise of which all men must be responsible for their own acts.

The speaker admonished all to faithfulness in prayer, in the payment of tithing, and the partaking of the Sacrament worthily, promising that those who would faithfully observe these laws would never go astray or fall by the way.

A. MERZ, Clerk.

Malad Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Malad stake convened in the Pleading Hall on the 24th and 25th inst. President Milton H. Welling in charge.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith was present during the services on the 24th inst. On account of the storm the hall was not used.

President Milton H. Welling reported the stake presidency as being united, holding their council meetings regularly once a week. The High Council were united with the stake presidency. The presidency of the stake has visited every ward during the past three months. The High Priests and auxiliary organizations are doing efficient work.

Elder William H. Gibbs and Moroni Ward spoke in praise of the efforts of the Saints in the fielding ward in the erection of their assembly hall. On Feb. 3, 1904, the building committee was chosen and organized and at a special meeting \$4,000 subscribed; at the end of three weeks, all the brick, lime, sand and rock were hauled, and the land marked. Set for site on Dec. 2 the first entertainment was held and on Dec. 24 and 25, 1904, the stake quarterly conference was held in the hall. The building cost in the neighborhood of \$7,500 on Dec. 23, 35 per cent of the \$4,000 subscribed was received.

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The general authorities of the Church and stake were unanimously sustained.

A number of the auxiliary organizations were reported.

J. EDWARD GIBBS, Stake Clerk.

Conference at Pueblo.

Pueblo, Colorado, Dec. 14.—The following as an account of the Pueblo conference held in the Pueblo meetinghouse, Dec. 10 and 11, President Joseph A. Morone presiding. Elder Robert W. Bunting, the conference president, was sick and not able to attend. The following traveling Elders were present: John M. Smith, John K. Keddington, Ezra Barrus, Richard A. Brower, Joseph W. Barrus, Arthur G. Taylor, Elsie Darnon and Jedediah M. Hess, Jr.

President Joseph A. Morone met with the Elders in the Priesthood meeting at 1 o'clock Saturday, Dec. 10, and heard their reports, which were encouraging to all. Some baptisms have been performed since last conference. The Elders have made many friends throughout the conference, and a good many are investigating the Gospel.

The Elders received good instructions and encouragement from President Morone, who also met with the local Priesthood of the Pueblo branch at 8 o'clock Saturday and listened to the testimony of the brethren.

Sunday morning, Dec. 12, all the Elders met with the Sunday school. A good spiritual feast was held at 2 o'clock. President W. A. Coleman of the Pueblo branch, presiding. Hymns were rendered by the Pueblo choir under the direction of Elder Jedediah M. Hess, Jr. Elders Jos. W. Blake, Ezra Barrus and Pres. Morone.

Conference was continued at 7:30 with a good attendance of the Saints. After the opening exercises the following Elders spoke on the principles of the Gospel: J. R. Keddington, Arthur G. Taylor, Elder Elsie Darnon, President Jos. A. Morone spoke of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

A good spirit prevailed throughout the conference. All enjoyed the gathering, especially did the Elders rejoice in meeting together.

The remaining Elders received appointments as follows: Elder Elsie Darnon and Joseph W. Blake to Sugar City, Otero county; Elders Jedediah M. Hess and Arthur G. Taylor to Proctor county; Elders Ezra Barrus and Richard A. Brower to New Mexico. Conference President Robert W. Bunting will remain in Pueblo till his strength is regained, where he also will leave for the country.

The "News" and Era are welcome visitors to both Elders and Saints, and are the means of doing much good among the people.

JEDEDIAH M. HESS, JR.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder J. M. Christensen of Fountain Green, passed through the city Dec. 20, 1904, on his return from the Eastern States mission, where he has been laboring since Sept. 16, 1902, in the North West Virginia conference.

He reports in excellent condition the branches where he labored, the same is also true of the mission in general. The work is slowly but effectually progressing, and considerable success crowning the work of the Elders.

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Elder William H. Reader, Jr., of Ogden, Weber county, returned Jan. 2, 1905, from the German and Swiss mission, for which he was set apart April 12, 1904. The conferences of Switzerland and Hamburg were his fields of labor. He reports in excellent condition the branches where he labored, the same is also true of the mission in general. The work is slowly but effectually progressing, and considerable success crowning the work of the Elders.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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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 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, of 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, 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 continent, 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 worshiping 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 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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