

was the case. She refused to listen to a Mormon sermon, but at the appointed hour this lady and her husband were there and listened with interest to what was said, and after the meeting they invited us to come to their place and hold services.

Our conference convened in Gothenburg on Sept. 17th and 18th, with the presence of Elder Jos. W. McMurrin of the presidency of the European mission, and Andrew Peterson, president of the Scandinavian mission, the latter having just arrived from his mountain home in Logan. We had a spiritual feast while listening to the inspired words as they fell from the lips of these brethren.

At this conference your correspondent was changed to Wingoker branch to resume the labor among friends and relatives.

Your brother in the Gospel of Christ,
P. S. OLSON.

New South Wales Conference.

Erskinsville, Sydney,
October 22, 1898.

It is very interesting to read the letters published in the "News," written by Elders who are in different parts of the world laboring for the cause of truth.

The New South Wales conference was held October 2nd in the Erskinsville assembly rooms, Toogood street, Erskinsville, Sydney. The general Church authorities were sustained; also the president of the mission, with Elders and local Priesthood. Many good instructions were given by Elders present, and a good spirit prevailed.

Arrangements had been made for the Queensland conference to convene October 9th, and accordingly Elder F. E. Barker and Elder John M. Ritchie embarked on the steamship Wodonga at Sydney, on October 4th, and after a pleasant voyage reached Brisbane, Queensland, October 6th, and met Elders, Saints and friends, and for a few days enjoyed our associations together.

Conference convened on the 9th. Sunday school met at 9 a.m., at Mission rooms, Old Cleveland road, Elder Wm. S. Fawcett, of Provo, president of the Queensland conference, president. The time was taken up by remarks from Elders Barker, H. S. Woodland and John M. Ritchie, after which, meetings were held in Five-Ways hall at 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30. All the meetings were well attended and a good spirit pervaded the minds of the people. Several investigators were present.

During the conferences, releases and appointments of Elders were made as follows:

Elder Alma E. Hubbard was released from laboring in the New South Wales conference to labor in the Queensland conference.

Elder H. S. Woodland was released from Queensland conference to labor in New South Wales conference.

Elders William S. Fawcett and Alex P. Hamilton were also released from Queensland conference to labor in Melbourne, Victoria.

Elder E. L. Reese was released from Victoria district to labor in Adelaide with Elder Benjamin Clegg;

Elder Rudolph Karth was released from the Adelaide district to labor in the Queensland conference.

Elder A. E. Carr, of Salt Lake City, having spent two and a half years in the field, has been released to return home on the steamship Minowera, November 5th;

Friday, October 14th, Elders H. S. Woodland and John M. Ritchie embarked on the steamship Arawata at Brisbane and landed at Sydney, October 16th. Elder Barker will remain at Brisbane a few weeks and then return to headquarters at Sydney.

The work is slowly advancing in this part of the world. Friends are being

made and prejudice is crumbling to decay.

We pray that the young people at home may awaken to the performance of their duties. Each day's labor causes us to love the Gospel and our country more, as we see the beauties of Zion beaming above the doctrines of men and conditions of the world.

JOHN M. RITCHIE,
President of the New South Wales Conference.

Southern Indiana Conference.

Terra Haute, Ind., Nov. 12th, 1898.

The Southern Indiana conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 7:30 p. m., at Evansville, Indiana. Elder Fred. W. Crockett presiding. As is usual upon these gatherings, the Elders all came in from their various fields of labor.

Elder Fred. W. Crockett, president of the Southern Indiana conference, was the first speaker. He explained the importance of our mission, why we went here, and what we anticipated doing.

Three meetings were held Sunday, at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m., and 7:30 p. m., and were fairly well attended. All the Elders spoke well and with power, centering their remarks mostly upon the first principles of the Gospel. A rich portion of the Holy Spirit was enjoyed and those who came out for truths were fully paid for their coming.

After meeting Sunday morning dinner was prepared at the home of one of our good Saints, Sister McClaner.

Monday, the 7th, at 9 a. m., the Priesthood meeting was held, and after partaking of the Sacrament, the assignment of the Elders was read and, each Elder then related in brief his past experience. After the business of the meeting was finished, Elder Louis A. Kelsch spoke to the Elders in regard to their duties.

Elder O. A. Penrod, who has been laboring in the Southern Indiana conference, having filled his mission honorably was released to return home.

Appointments are as follows:

Fred W. Crockett, Ira D. McMullin, James Peterson and Willmer Bronson, No. 519 Mulberry St., Evansville, Ind.

A. L. Hale, Preston C. Lewis, James Anderson and E. M. Mortensen, 645 North 6 St., Terra Haute, Ind.

J. W. Wilcox, A. Hebbert, A. P. Elhasen and I. D. Zundell, New Albany, Ind.

Albert Mabry and O. H. Packard, Jeffersonville, Ind.

T. A. Whitby and Jesse Pay, Mount Vernon, Ind.

The Elders are all feeling well, and for myself I can say that the happiest part of my life has been spent in the missionary field.

Your brother in the cause of truth,

PRESTON C. LEWIS,
Clerk of Conference.

Washington Conference.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 17, 1898.

Our labors during the summer months have been confined to the eastern part of the state, laboring in both country and city, the latter being such as Walla Walla and Spokane.

The Elders are now laboring in the country exclusively, but as the winter months are coming on and the country generally being thinly settled, owing to so many farms being owned by companies, and large land holders, it is disagreeable for outside work.

Although the people treat us kindly they are quite indifferent as to religion. As for example, I called on a trustee in a certain district asking permission to speak in their school house. He said, yes, the people would be pleased to hear our doctrine, and would treat us kindly, for it was one of the best communities he had ever been in, and there was not

a man in the district that knew how to pray. Many have come from the East with the view of making a fortune, then returning home to live, and so we find more serving "mammon" rather than the "God of Israel."

I reached Tacoma last Thursday, and as yet having done but little work, I do not know what our reception will be. The city is nicely situated on Puget Sound and has a lovely climate. Local steamers run daily from here to Olympia, Seattle and various places along the sound, affording rare opportunities for outings. Steamers and sail ships from foreign lands also visit this port, taking back with them lumber, wheat, etc.

Our conference is yet young, but the Elders are laboring earnestly to place the Gospel before the people, and occasionally we find the seeds of "life eternal" taking root.

Should any of your readers have relatives, or friends living either here, in Olympia, Seattle, or in the adjacent country, and would like the Elders to call upon them, please address us here, as to their whereabouts, and we shall gladly call on them.

The Elders are all enjoying good health and the work is progressing nicely.

Your brethren in the cause of truth,

B. A. HENDRICKS,
A. D. MILLER JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

For some days great interest has been manifested in the convention of Sunday school workers, which sat today. Hundreds of delegates from the several Stakes of Zion far and near, are in attendance and the gathering promises much for the benefit of Sabbath school work throughout the Church.

The first meeting of the convention was held this, Monday, forenoon, in Assembly Hall. The body of the house was filled with delegates, who were admitted thereto by badge. It was a splendid assemblage of men and women who manifested great interest in the proceedings. Persons who were not delegates to the convention, yet who desired to witness its proceedings, were seated in the gallery, which was well filled.

There were present on the stand, of the general authorities of the Deseret Sunday School Union the following: Gen. Supt. Geo. Q. Cannon, First Assistant General Supt. George Goddard; Second Assistant Gen. Supt. Karl G. Maeser; members of the general board and aids; Stake Sunday school superintendents, and many others prominently connected with Sunday school work; also Elders F. M. Lyman, H. J. Grant and George Teasdale of the Twelve Apostles.

At 9:30 a.m. the convention was called to order by Elder George Goddard. The first exercise was a singing practice of half an hour, which was led by Elder George D. Pyper, the entire assemblage rising and participating. The pieces rendered were selected from the Deseret Sunday School Union song book. Professors McClellan and Held accompanied on the organ and cornet respectively.

The opening prayer was offered by Elder George Teasdale.

Singing by the congregation standing, Come Along.

General Superintendent George Q. Cannon then delivered to the convention an address of welcome. He expressed his pleasure at the large attendance at the convention and welcomed the delegates with all his heart. He hoped they would enjoy themselves during the sitting of the convention and profit by its exercises. It had long been felt that something should be done to give a renewed impetus to Sunday school work, and correct a ten-