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### CREATES INTEREST.

The Washington Investigation Aiding the Missionaries.

The following is an extract from a letter dated Rapidus Ph., Louisiana, May 3, 1904, and signed by Elder John A. Forsyth.

The Smoot case is the cause of our getting into a great many conversations, which we otherwise would not have. And I firmly believe that this investigation will cause a great many people to investigate the faith of the Latter-day Saints.

Elder B. B. Seely and myself have been laboring in Rapidus Parish since Feb. 10. We have met with good success. In fact, we have met more friends and less opposition than in any other parish in the state.

We have had the pleasure of meeting a few ministers, and one in particular, Rev. H. P. Killens, pastor of the New Hope Baptist church. He refused us the use of his church; but we were lucky enough to get a schoolhouse on the same ground. We gave out an appointment to preach there on a Saturday night. Mr. Killens preached at 11 a. m. the same day. We were sleeping with a Mr. Bennett, about a mile from the schoolhouse, and, of course, we attended the meeting at 11 o'clock. Before meeting commenced we got in a conversation with the pastor.

During the short time we have been in this part we have held a great many meetings. We have three different families residing the Book of Mormon, and they have acknowledged the book to be something more than man could write.

The prospects for the future are bright, and "Mormonism" is spreading.

### SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Report of an Interesting Gathering in the Field.

In a letter dated Peel, Ark., May 10, Elder Isaac W. Pierce says:

The Elders met in their semi-annual conference at this place May 7 and 8, 1904. Elder James G. Duffin of the Central States mission, and the following Elders were present: Anthony Bates, Isaac W. Pierce, Joseph H. Crowther, Thomas J. Morley, Richard T. Hanson, Dudley H. Leavitt, Thomas L. Page, Daniel P. Stephenson, Thomas J. Adair, James H. Park, Samuel T. Bennion and Daniel E. Densley.

There were six public and two Priesthood meetings held, and notwithstanding the very inclement condition of the weather. The schoolhouse we occupied, so kindly given for our use by the people of this community, was filled to overflowing at every meeting.

One extra meeting was held Friday evening, May 6, in which Elder James G. Duffin delivered a very interesting discourse upon the agency of man, and what the Gospel teaches.

The morning session of Saturday's meetings was taken up by Elders Richard T. Hanson and Anthony Bates.

During the meeting a quartet was rendered by Elders Duffin, Isaac W. Pierce, Joseph H. Crowther and Thomas J. Morley.

The evening session was occupied by Elder Duffin.

Our meeting convened again Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Elder D. H. Leavitt took up the necessity of revelation. Elder Thomas J. Morley followed, showing the necessity of abiding in the same form of doctrine as was delivered at first through the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the afternoon meeting Elder Duffin again addressed the congregation. At the closing session he portrayed the sufferings of the Saints in building up the arid west, that they might worship God according to the dictates of their conscience and accomplish the purposes of His work here upon earth.

One feature worthy of mention is that the Rev. James A. Rose, representing the "Christian" faith, who was present at our meetings, and notwithstanding he had appointments to preach in the building used by us, he manifested a very liberal and generous spirit, freely giving us the advantage of the time, and further encouraged the people to attend our meetings and said: "If we together cannot go away agreeing, we can at least go away loving each other." And he impressed it upon the minds of all the Elders that his door was open to them, if their mission was to carry out the instructions given to them by Elder Joseph G. Duffin in the Priesthood meeting.

At our Priesthood meeting held Sunday morning Elder Anthony Bates, the president of this conference, was released to return home, and Elder Isaac W. Pierce was sustained to succeed him.

Elder Thomas J. Morley was sustained to act as his counselor; also as superintendent of the Sunday schools in this conference, succeeding Elder Pierce in this position.

Elder Joseph H. Crowther was also released to return home.

The Elders gave in their reports. Sixteen persons have obeyed the ordinance of baptism since our last conference, nine of whom have been added this year.

There are seven Sunday schools in good order in this conference, and we feel encouraged in their prosperous outlook.

During conference the Elders were very courteously cared for by the Saints and many kind and hospitable friends.

The "News" and Era are always welcome, and of great assistance to us.

### IN OREGON.

Annual Conference of the Portland Branch.

Portland, Oregon, May 11, 1904.—The annual conference of the Portland branch was held in the Allety building hall, Sunday May 8. Conference President, Elder James M. Kirkham, presiding. It was one of the largest conferences ever held here. At the morning session Elder Jos. E. Robinson, president of the California mission, wel-

come the Saints and friends. Elder James A. Marcell, president of the Stake conference; Frank H. Graham, and G. E. Jenkins addressed the audience.

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THE CONFERENCE HOUSE IN AARHUS, DENMARK.

The accompanying illustration represents the street side of the property which the local Saints in the city of Aarhus, Denmark, have recently purchased for a conference house and for meeting purposes, writes Andrew Jensen. The property consists of Nos. 12, 13 and 14 B, Borupsgade, and the real estate, on which the buildings stand, embraces 8,800 square feet of land. The purchase price was 35,000 kroner (about \$9,000). Under one of the buildings there is a baptismal font, built within the last few months. Borupsgade is located near the main railway station in the southwestern part of Aarhus. This is a new and respectable part of the city and nearly all the buildings on the street are modern in their construction.

Aarhus is Denmark's second city, and had 51,814 inhabitants in February, 1901; it is pleasantly situated in the midst of a fine agricultural district on the east coast of Jutland, and has a fine harbor. It is the metropolis of Jutland and the seat of one of the seven dioceses of Denmark; one of the Danish cathedrals, a very old building, occupies a central position in the oldest part of the city.

When the "Mormon" Elders commenced their missionary labors in Jutland, Aarhus was one of the first cities visited, and a branch of the Church was organized here in September, 1854. A number of other branches being organized in the adjoining towns and parishes, these, together with the one in the city of Aarhus, were grouped together as a conference, named Aarhus conference, which was organized July 5, 1857. Lars Chr. Goertsen was the first president and Adam L. Petersen of Hunsbo, Utah, now presides. From the time of its organization to the close of the nineteenth century, about 5,000 people were baptized in the conference, and during the same period nearly 3,000 baptized members emigrated to Zion from there. At the present time the conference consists of six organized branches; but 40 years ago it had 13 branches. Altogether 24 branches of the Church have belonged to Aarhus conference at one time or another. When first organized the conference embraced only the central part of Jutland, there being four other conferences in the province; but at the present time it embraces two-thirds of the entire area of Jutland, besides the island of Fyen and a number of smaller islands.

The Aarhus branch, which consists of the Saints residing in the city of Aarhus and vicinity, is one of the largest branches in the Scandinavian mission, and has a splendid choir, a good Sunday school, a Relief society and a Y. M. M. I. A. Since 1876 the Saints have rented part of the property now purchased for meeting and office purposes; hence the Aarhus conference office has been "Borupsgade No. 14" for 28 years. There is great rejoicing among the Elders and local Saints in Aarhus over the fact that the property has now been bought by members of the Church, and though only a small part of the purchase sum has been paid, the prospects are that the whole amount will be paid in a few years; the rate of annual interest is quite low.

day and Sunday, May 7 and 8, Elder William H. Smart presiding. The weather was perfect and aided materially in making the conference a success.

Elder Ruger Clawson, of the Council of the Apostles, and Elder John Smith, Presiding Patriarch to the Church, were present, representing the general authorities. Besides, nearly 100 members of the Church attended the Sunday afternoon session. The stake presidency, High Council seven Patriarchs and a number of other officers were present throughout the conference.

The first session held Saturday morning was devoted to a general officers' meeting, which was largely attended by the various stake and ward officers. The reports from the various departments and from Elder Smart indicated encouraging progress in the work.

The remarks of Elders Clawson and Smith were exceedingly interesting and instructive.

The speakers referred to the manner in which the Lord had preserved His people, bringing them through persecution and trials; as each trial is overcome successfully, the people occupy a higher plane.

The manner in which the Gospel truths are being brought to the attention of representatives through the senate investigation committee was referred to as little less than marvelous. The Lord has said the Gospel must be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and wherein our humble Elders are not able to perform labor, the Lord provides ways and means by which it shall be performed, and today there is scarcely a person in the United States who can read and write, but who knows something of "Mormonism."

One of the subjects touched upon was the large amount of sickness prevailing throughout the stake, and the Saints were admonished to be more faithful in the Gospel, in order to be in a position to ask in confidence for the blessings of the Lord. In this connection the drug habit was dwelt upon, and the Saints warned against encouraging the use of patent medicines containing ingredients of which they know little or nothing. The words of President Smith upon this subject, which were editorially published in the Era some two years ago, were referred to, together with the fact that since that time leading men throughout the nations of America and Europe have given the subject a great deal of attention and the people of these nations are being warned against these poisonous drugs.

JOS. W. MUSSER, Stake Clerk.

### CASSIA STAKE.

Quarterly Conference Held at Oakley, Idaho.

Oakley, Idaho, May 10, 1904.—The quarterly conference of the Cassia

Priesthood from very nearly all over the stake, and many short spirited addresses.

GEORGE A. DAVIS,  
Clerk, pro tem.

### SAN JUAN STAKE.

Quarterly Conference Held at Bluff Ward.

Quarterly conference of the San Juan stake was held in the Bluff ward meetinghouse, May 7 and 8, 1904. There was a good representation of stake and ward officers present.

The weather was most beautiful, just after a splendid downfall of snow and rain.

Elder F. B. Hammond was chosen and set apart as superintendent of the Y. M. M. I. A. of the San Juan stake, filling the vacancy caused by the death of our beloved brother, Hans Joseph Nielsen.

Elder Wm. Davenport of Mancos was called and set apart as president of the Elders' quorum of this stake.

President Walter C. Lyman reported the condition of the stake as being splendid.

Elder Wm. Halls spoke interestingly and gave valuable instructions.

Elder W. H. Redd said he felt to welcome and congratulate the Saints who had come so far over the bad roads to attend this conference. He spoke of the duties of parents to their children.

The reports of the Bishops were good. Our brethren bore strong testimonies and gave excellent counsel.

L. H. REID, Stake Clerk.

### RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder David H. Madsen of Provo, Utah county, arrived home May 1 from the Hawaiian Islands, where he has been doing successful missionary work since Oct. 24, 1900. He labored in Kauai conference 18 months; Hilo conference, one year, and in the Honolulu conference one year. He enjoyed perfect health during his mission and had a glorious experience. Spent his whole time among the natives and learned to love them. They are a good, kindhearted people and appreciate the Gospel and its blessings.

Elder Walter J. Willes of Paradise, Cache county, arrived home May 4, from the Northern States mission,

where he has been laboring since Nov. 25, 1902, in the Minnesota conference. In consequence of suffering with poor health all winter he was released thus early to come home. He spent six months last summer in the counties of Martin and Scott, traveling without purse or scrip, and had a very good time, traveling on foot 1,200 miles, and visiting 1,600 families. The balance of the time, was spent in the cities.

Elder Orson W. Jones of Murray, Salt Lake county, returned May 9 from the German mission, whither he was sent Oct. 23, 1901. The Berlin and Hamburg conferences were his fields of operation. He enjoyed his labors very much and met with fairly good success in both districts.

Elder Joseph S. Clark, Jr., of Farmington, Davis county, who has been laboring in the British mission since Oct. 15, 1901, returned May 10. The past 17 months he presided over the Liverpool conference. The Elders are working hard, but the harvest is over, and gleanings have been in process for years.

Elder Warren Burraston of Goshen, Utah county, who was set apart in January, 1902, for the Southwestern (now Central) States mission, returned May 12. The Louisiana conference was his field of labor, where he presided during the last six months. The Elders in Louisiana are meeting with good success in their work; they are receiving invitations from many of the people to visit them and continue their preaching, and people regret to see the Elders leave them. Occasionally the Elders are mobbed but as a general thing they receive kind treatment from the Southern people.

Elder David Johnson of Provo, Utah Co., who has sent April 11, 1900, to the Sandwich Islands mission, returned May 14. He labored with excellent success in the conferences of North Hawaii, Hilo and West Maui. The work of the Lord is in good condition in that mission. Many new converts

which islands is generally in a flourishing condition; from 200 to 300 baptisms per year are performed, and our people generally are full of faith for the work.

Elder Joseph H. Crowther of Logan, Utah county, returned May 16 from the Central States mission, whither he was sent as a missionary April 22, 1902. The work in the Arkansas conference, in which he labored, is in a fine condition. The Elders, as a rule, are treated well, are making many friends and causing many to see the light of the Gospel.

Elder Anthony Bates of Salt Lake City, who was set apart Feb. 4, 1902, for the Central States mission, returned May 16. The Arkansas conference was his field of labor. He reports the conference in very good condition, the worst feature is the emigrating of so many members to other colonies. Elder Bates labored as canvassing Elder for a year afterwards presiding over the conference.

Elder William A. Wetzel, Jr., of the Sixth ward, Salt Lake City, returned May 16 from the German mission to which he was sent Jan. 22, 1901. He labored first in Hamburg and later in Hungary. He reports the Gospel work progressing nicely. The first year of ministrations has been the most successful the mission has even had. There are a good number of investigators in southern Hungary.

Elder Joseph Leroy Alvord, of West Weber, Weber county, was set apart April 28, 1902, returned May 17, from the Netherlands mission, where he has been laboring since Feb. 4, 1902. The Rotterdam and Groningen. The work in Holland is prospering. Many are receiving the Gospel, and the mission is in need of more Elders.

Elder Francis M. Peterson of Hinckley, Millard county, passed through this city May 19 on his return from the Central States mission, where he has been laboring since Feb. 4, 1902. The Arkansas and Louisiana conferences were his fields of labor, where he says the Elders are doing a great work and are generally well received, though occasionally mobbed and ill-treated.

Elder Elias Wm. Crane, Jr., of Sallina, Sevier county, who was set apart March 13, 1902 for the British mission, passed through this city on his return homeward, May 10. He labored in the Liverpool conference, where he says the Elders and Saints are working diligently for the spread of truth among the hospitable people of Lancashire.

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