

room, the furniture, paintings etc. The decorations were from the Nansen Feast, or welcome to Nansen which had been given two days before our arrival, so everything was at its best. Saturday more Elders arrived, and that evening, September, 12th, 1896, our conference began. On the stand were Elders Rulon S. Wells, Charles Lund, Peter Anderson, Andrew Jenson and twenty other Utah boys. The house was well filled and the choir all in their places. The reports given that evening show that the Norwegian branch of the Scandinavian mission is in a prosperous condition, and as Brother Lund expressed it, "Everything seems to move like well regulated clock-work." Sunday 13th, conference continued, three sessions being held, each of which was very well attended, many strangers meeting with the Saints. The Gospel was preached with power, yet in plainness and simplicity, and the Spirit of God was present in a marked degree. Judging from the expressions heard at the close of meetings, one should say that the testimony of Jesus was burning in the hearts of many.

The Christiania conference includes all of Norway. There are eleven branches with a total membership of 780. Fifty have been baptized and two disfellowshipped during the last four months. All branches were represented at the conference, except Tromsø in the far north. Monday morning at 10 o'clock we assembled in priesthood meeting where we were given timely and spirited instructions. To night Brother Jenson gives a public lecture from his travels, and tomorrow, September 17th, Elders Wells, Lund and Jenson go to Stockholm to attend conference, and the boys scatter to their fields of labor. Following are their addresses for the winter so far as known. These are given in the hope that friends at home will take the hint and write to them occasionally, for one doesn't appreciate the pleasure of hearing from friends at home until he has been away awhile.

P. Andersen, D. K. Brown and Niels C. Nielson, Osterhansgade No. 27 Christiania.

A. E. Olsen, George Johnson, and Einer Christophersen, Stromso, Drammen.

Jacob Fickstad and Ole H. Petersen, Boesgaard, W. Fredrickstad.

H. D. Johnsen and John Petersen, Ny Sandvigsveien No. 16 Bergen.

Thomas Gundersen, cf. Hans Vinter, Kolbjørnsvig, Arendahl.

Peter E. Olsen and Charles Thompson, Avereblansenberg No. 13 A., Stavanger.

L. O. Skancky and Paelsen, Nedre Baklandet No. 12 Trondhjem.

Mathias Knudsen, B. Petersongaard, Tromsø.

P. A. Peterson and Hans C. Hanson, cf. Slagter Niels Torklesen, Aalesund.

Chris Knudsen, Boen Station, Hede marken.

From here I go to Stavanger for about two weeks to visit relatives and to gather genealogy, and then go direct to Copenhagen, Denmark, where I've been appointed to labor. From this part of the globe we send you greeting. All is well.

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WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

METZ, Marion County, West Virginia.
September 29th, 1896

Following is a report of the West Virginia Conference of the Northern States Mission held in the Christian Church near Metz, Marion County, West Virginia, September 26th, 27th and 28th. There were present, Elders Samuel G. Spencer, President of the Mission; Elder Cornelius Richardson President of the Conference and Elders Joseph M. Green, P. R. Gillespie, Joseph Bindrup, Joseph N. Morris, Heber T. Robertson, John Y. Barlow, J. C. Allen, William Hill, Austin M. Brown, John R. Crawford, Joshua Selley; also Elder G. W. Northern, who arrived from Utah September 28th.

Conference commenced Saturday 26th, at 10 a. m. Elder Samuel G. Spencer presiding. Elder Joseph Bindrup was called upon to address the conference on the subject of faith. He spoke of the object of faith in this age of the world and of the necessity of the same kind of faith that was possessed by the apostles of old, that all may obtain the same kind of blessings as they enjoyed. Elder Bindrup bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel which had been restored in this age.

Elder John Y. Barlow addressed the conference on the subject of repentance. Told of the repentance of Saul and said that was the kind of repentance that was acceptable in the sight of God, that godly repentance worketh salvation, but the sorrows of the world worketh death. Elder Barlow bore his testimony to the truth of the work.

At 2 p. m. Elder J. C. Allen spoke on the subject of baptism. He showed clearly, by frequent quotations from the scriptures, that this ordinance was essential to salvation; also showed that mankind could not be saved without complying with this principle. Elder Allen gave his testimony that he knew the work he was engaged in to be the work of God.

Elder John R. Crawford addressed the conference on the fourth principle of the Gospel—the conferring of the Holy Ghost. He quoted from the second and nineteenth chapters of Acts to show the necessity of this ordinance and the blessings to be obtained by receiving the same. Elder Crawford bore his testimony.

Elder P. R. Gillespie also bore his testimony to the work; said he was willing to do all in his power to spread the Gospel.

Elder Cornelius Richardson then addressed the conference, also on the fourth principle of the Gospel. He spoke of the power of the Holy Ghost and the blessings that would follow those who received the same.

Elder Joseph N. Morris bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel of Christ.

At 7 p. m. Elder Joseph M. Green addressed the conference on the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith; made frequent quotations from scripture to prove that prophets should be in these last days; bore his testimony that he knew Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God; urged all to investigate the Gospel.

Elder Heber T. Robertson also bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel and of the knowledge he had that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. He

asked all to listen to the testimony of the humble Elders.

Conference reconvened at 10 a. m. Sunday. Elder William Hill addressed the congregation on the subject of divine authority. He referred to the fifth chapter of Hebrews to prove that a man must be called of God as was Aaron; quoted from fourth chapter of Exodus to show that Aaron was called by God through His Prophet. He urged all to investigate the Gospel without prejudice that they may know of the truth; closed by bearing his testimony.

Elder Austin M. Brown next addressed the conference on the same subject and bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel as revealed in this the latter-days.

At 2 p. m. Elder Joshua Selley spoke on the subject of Church organization, also on the first principles of the Gospel and circumstances leading to the organization of the Church of Christ.

Elder Cornelius Richardson then took up the subject and read a portion of the second chapter of Ephraim to show how Christ organized the church in His day and the officers he placed therein; said it is just as necessary that Prophets and Apostles should be placed over the Church in this day as it was at the time of Christ and His Apostles; quoted from the third chapter of Amos to prove that the Lord would do nothing without first revealing the same to His servants; closed by bearing his testimony.

At 7 p. m. Elder Samuel G. Spencer addressed the conference on the subject of "Can we believe the Bible to be the word of God, and deny the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and Latter-day Revelation?" Selected as a text the twenty-sixth verse tenth chapter St. Matthew; divided his subject into four parts as follows: First: Do you believe the bible? If so, which bible do you believe? Second: Do you believe God knew what He was doing when He revealed himself to the prophets of old, making this plan so plain that way-faring men need not err, or does He need the wisdom of men to help him? Third is it unreasonable that the Lord would reveal himself to His children in this age of the world? Fourth is it unscriptural to believe that God will and does reveal himself to His children in this age of the world? Each part of the subject was handled in a very plain and positive manner.

The audience (quite a large one) was very attentive throughout and expressed themselves as well pleased. By unanimous vote they requested that the services be continued Monday evening.

Monday the 28th at 10 a. m. Priesthood meeting commenced. President Spencer addressed the meeting and gave the Elders instruction regarding their labors. All the Elders felt that these instructions were important and expressed themselves as being willing to follow the same in their future labors.

A feeling of unity and confidence filled every heart. Meeting adjourned at 1 p. m.

At 7 p. m. conference met, quite a large audience being present. After singing and prayer Elder Spencer addressed the conference on the subject of the restitution of all things. The audience gave good attention and was well pleased, many expressed themselves as being satisfied with the doctrine. Elder