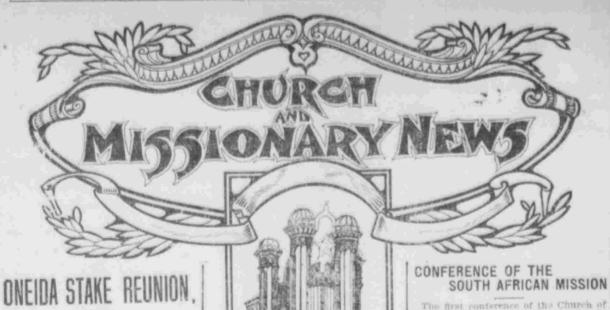
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Stake and Ward Officers Meet and Celebrate Twenty-fifth Anniversary Of Organization of Stake.

A stake officers' reunion was held al the stake house at Preston, Idaho, Feb 20, 1909, to celebrate the 25th annivers ary of the organization of the Ouelds etake of Zion, about 250 people were in attendance and every organization in the stake was represented.

High Councilor Allen R. Cutler act-

High Connellor Allen K. Currier acc-d as master of ceremonies, and the ollowing program was pendered. General reception from 10:20 to 11:30 and the academy band discoursed mu-ic while the people were assembling. At 11:20 the congregation range the ymu, "Praise to the man who com-amed with Johovab." Prayer by High Councilor John E. Jahley.

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Dailey. Double quartet, "School thy feelings." An address of welcome was delivered by President George C. Parkinson, who reviewed briefly the work that had been done in the 25 years since the organi-sation of the stake, and spoke of the value of the stake of the conditions which new surround the people. Anopy response was given by Bish-op Demark Jenson of Minkereek ward. Mate quartet by members of the acad-ent faculty and students. President Joseph S. Geddes spoke on "The Oneida Stake as a Missionary." and reviewed the missionary work done at home by the presidency of the stake, by the stake high council, home nub-sionnities, after which he tools up the work of the eklers in foreign missions and submitted the following summary which he had made from the Church records: The Oneida stake has furnish-ed 625 missionaries to go upon foreign which he had made (700) ins Crunish-records: The Onsida stake has (urnish-ed 625 untasionaries to go upon foreign unissions during the 25 years from 1884 to 1908. It has been represented in 12 nations, and in 17 Church missions and among her elders it represents 17 lan-guages spoken. It has had an average of 50 elders constantly in the field since 1884 who have accomplished the fol-tancies labors, conservatively estimatlowing labors, conservatively estimat-

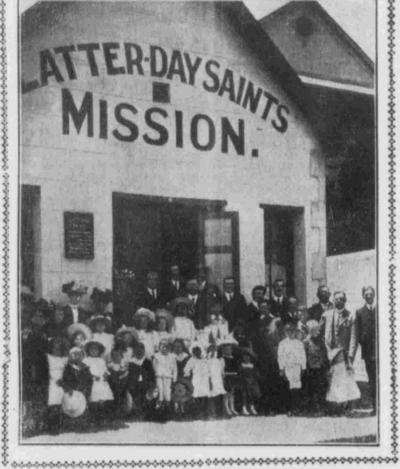
10. Who have an anon-valuely estimation: lowing labors, conservatively estimation: Miles traveled to and from the mis-sion field, 6.812,500; miles traveled while in the mission service, 2,132,500; families visited, 5,425,000; tracts distributed, 5, 850,000; testimonics borno, 4,687,500; ser-mons peached, 93,750; children bleased, 12,750; baptisms performed, 6,250; re-fused entertainment and rejected, 650,-400 times; nights without shelter, 1,250. President Charles D. Goashind save an interesting sketch of the stake his-tory as follows: The Oneida stake was organized in the suring of 1884 and comprised II wards with a popu-lation of 2,288 seuls. By March, 1885, the stake had grown to 15 wards, when took away four of the wards, leaving but II as at first. In 1893 the Baker pranch at Baker City, Oreson, was attached to the Oneida stake, and his position, which included the states of Oregon. Washington and Morthwestern mission, which included the states of Oregon. Washington and Haho, was organized, and the presidency of the oneida stake placed in charge of the mission, by this time the Huker bard, so that in 1885 the state had prown to 24 wards and 3 branc'es, when it was again divided ant IS to 24 wards and 3 STOWNgrown to 39 wards and 13 when it was again divided and 13 wards taken into the Bannock and Pocatello stakes, leaving us again with but II wards. In 1899 the mission was divided and 13 placed in charge of President Bram-well and in 1901 the Baker ward was put into the Union stake. Notwith-standing these divisions, the Oneida stake has maintained an average pop-ulation of 5,305 souls. stake has maintained an average pop-ulation of 5.305 souls. Edder Matthias F. Cowley delivered an address, in which he reviewed the growth of the stake, he having been associated with the presidency from 1858 to 1897; he also spoke of the mis-sionary work that had been done by the Oneida stake missionaries, and the vast field for work that now rests upon the Latter-day Saints. Song and chorus, "Hard times come again no more."



and the usual Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. conference on Sunday evening. The conference was adjourned for hree months, to meet at Monticello. nonths, to meet at Monthello. PETER ALLAN, Stake Clark,

SNOWFLAKE STAKE CONFERENCE

hat we believe that God reveals its nind and will to chosen servants to-lay the same as He did in former imcs. The Lord has not changed but wople have. They have lost faith in tim. They do not pray for Divine reve-ation, consequently they do not receive secause they do not ask. He exhorted be conception to same the Hely The regular quarterly conference of Snowthate stake was held on the 15th and 14th of February. A good spirit prevailed from the first, and the meet-



L. D. S. SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WOODSTOCK, CAPE COLONY, S. A.

ings were very well attended, 28 per the Holy Spirit, for the things of God cent of the stake population being are understood only by the Spirit of



L. D. S. MISSIONARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Names reading from left to right, top row-James G. McKay, Alma T. Jones, Charles L Grow; second row-C. Perry Rockwood, Austin Houtz, Samuel N. Alger, Jr., third row-Orson M. Rogers, George M. Cannon, Jr., Charles E. Steed, Thomas R. Wilks, Owen L. Brough: fourth row-Albert B. Foulg r. President H. L. Steed, George W. Simons and Mrs. H. L. Steed,

NORTHWESTERN STATES

Portland, Or., Feb. 17 .- At the wind

ing up of the business of the North-

western States mission for the year

1908 we find some interesting data,

which indicates the general condition

of the mission, shows its growth and

MISSION PROSPECTS

was prenounced by Eider George H. Walters.
The following day a priesthood meeting, which jasted four and a half hours, was held. It was a spiritual feast, and investigation in the president Steed gave much good counsel to the brethren.
A number of the fields of labor in this far-off hand are 500 miles.
at the mission headquarters on the 14th Inst. for work, and have been assigned as follows: John H. Hammond, Blackfoot, Ida., to Minnesota: Oscar M. Pope, Jr., McCammon, Ida., Northern Indiana: George F.Olson, Fairview, Utab, Northern Indiana: Competence of the fields of labor in this far-off hand are 500 miles.
A number of them are 1,000 miles.

President Steed gave much good coun-set to the brethren. A number of the fields of labor in this far-off land are 500 miles apart, and some of them are 1,000 miles. Twelve of the missionaries traveled in the aggregate 5,700 miles by rail to at-tend the conference, and they express-ed themselves as being fully compen-sated for the time and means spont. The Spirit of the Lord was present at all the services, and a time of great re-boleton was experienced. joicing was experienced. GEORGE M. CANNON, JR.

Secretary

## NORTHERN STATES MISSION NOTES

West Iowa Conference-President, Louis Fugal, 733 W. Brondway, Council Bluffs, Ia.-President Fugal relates the following pleasant experie

"While Elder Huffsker and I were tracting one afternoon in Sloux City, we called at the home of a person who had been sick with a fever. We intro-duced ourselves to him and he bade us be seated. We began talking to him, but he said, 'Just wait a moment, I want all to hear,' so he told his two lady stenographers to cease work and come into the parlor; then called for his sister, who was visiting from New York, and also his wife and daughter. The geritleman interrupted us with questions and the ladies followed suit; one question was scarcely answered un-til another was asked. This was con-tinued till the time arrived for the sten-"While Elder Huffaker and I were tinued till the time arrived for the stenographers to depart. We were then urgently requested to remain to suppor, which we did. When the girls were about to leave the gentleman said: Now, haven't you all learned some thing

We gave the stenographers a Liahona, which they received and before we fairly had time to give them a plan they requested one. The sister from seemed to be somewhat or med and appeared to think she all about us and several times wanted gentleman would say, 'Now hold on, sister; you have heard one side, just ton to the other." "When the sons came home from "When the sons came home from work our host introduced us and took special pains to tell them how we were working and how it was expected of every male member of the Church to devote two or more years of their time to the Church preaching the gospel. "After supper we conversed and an-swared questions an hour or so. When we work about to leave we received a pressing invitation to return. We left pressing invitation to return. We left them a Cowley's Talk on Doctrine and a Book of Mormon." Summary of West Iowa Conference, 1908—We had an average of 15 eldets in the West Iowa conference during the year 1908 and they distributed 2,601 Books of Morinon, 24 other standard works, 9,790 other books, 50,527 tracts; 2,814 copies of Liabona; and received the Mahona subscriptions; 36,021 fam-files were visited; 2,955 families revisit-ed; spont 13,102 hours tracting, and 14,112 hours in geospel conversations; 519 hours with saints; 49,598 gospel con-versations; held 101 meetings, 59 priest-hood meetings; 21 fast meetings and six children blessed. There was no haptising during the Summary of West Iowa Conference There was no haptising during the There was no haptising during the year 1808, but prospects are very bright for a good harvest in the spring. We know we shall go abead of our last year's record in some lines and have been mercessful in meeting the people of West lows, especially the more intelli-gent and thinking portion; the business then no beginning to realize there is men air beginning to realize there is something in Mormonism and are wil-Something in Marmonian and are whi-ling to liston and obtain our literature. We relate in the past year's work and feel to thank our heavenly Father for the ulgasings bestowed upon us. We greatly rejoice that we have been able to place so many Books of Mormon on the brokes of the grad people of this the homes of the good people of this inference as they will result in much

Our method has been to arrange

o hold meetings at a settlement and mounce it in the schools and public faces and take no thought as to to hold meetings at a schools and public places and take no thought as to where we should stay until at the close of the meeting, and then an-nounce our methods of traveling and state that an invitation to the home of any one would be thankfully re-ceived, and during our stay, which has been from two to seven days at a place, our time has been spent in vis-ling with those who invited us to visit them, and by distributing tracts after the meetings overy one had a chance to read of Mormoulsm. "On three different occasions we have been refused the churches to speak in, but It has resulted each time in be-ing a great benefit to us, and a dorti-ment to the minister who did it. "First at a place called Vanwyck the Baptist ministor refused us in an un-christian way, and the bystandera (non church members) invited us to yest ourselves and our grips down to preach in. After securing us a large hall to speak in during the week we were invited to go home with one of the men who said he was a lover of fair play and a despiser of opposite ariting. "Next was at Thundre City, where we

"Next was at Thundre City, where we were refused both church and school-house by a man who was the trustee of both. Through the digust of the of both. Through the digust of the better part of the businessmen of the place at such actions and the charity of the proprietor of the Kentucky Home (hote)) we were invited to hold meetings in the parlor of the hotel and to put up there as long as we wished to stay.

"Third was here at Ola. After get-"Third was here at Ola. After get-ting consent of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church on Satur-day last, the minister came and held a meeting on Sunday, at which we were present. He ignored the trustees, and refused us the house. This created such a disturbance among the congre-gation, nine-tenth of whom were in sympathy with us, that they rustled lamps and made ready for us to hold meetings in the schoolhouse. The ex-tra disturbance as in both previous a disturbance as in both previous reasions resulted in a large crowd and tomorrow is our last of six meet-

ngs held here. "We have made many friends and cave Monday en route to Emmett, 20 niles south, but will tract and hold

miles south, but with that expect to meetings on the way and expect to reach Boise soon." From letters and reports o' Elders Thomas and Jones their success has been equally as good, and they have just arrived at Boise, where they will do a little work, visiting newly bap-ting members and investigators, bedo a little work, visiting newly bap-tized members and investigators, beout to complete the counwork between Nampa and Cald-Soon after the above letter

which indicates the general conducts of the mission, shows its growth and development, the spirit by which the elders are working, and gives a giu-eral idea of the feelings of the people of these states towards us and the menage of truth which we bear. At the end of the year 1907 the total south in the mission was 1,060, while at the end of the year just passed they number, 1,362. This is a gain of 302 south in the stakes of Zion and from other branches, and places, and from these converted and baptized into the Church during the year. The number of our baptisms for the year 1907 inclusive of children of saints, was 5, with an average of 31 clears in the field. This was the greatest num-ber of baptisms which had ever been performed in any other year since the opening up of this mission so far as I have been able to learn; in the year just passed, however, I am happy to state the number of our baptisms of the ministry, thus our increase in baptisms this year over those of 1907 is 39. The great majority of the baptisms of the year just closed are new members con-verted in the mission field viz: 90 conwritten it was thought advisable ... open up a conference with head-quarters at Great Falls, Montana, and President Moncur and Elder Edward Jones were transferred four the Bolse conference to Great Falls, Montana,

ther Moneur to preside, From a letter just received from ider Muneur we give the following stracts: "As our reports show out

extracts: "As our reports show our expenses are pretty high here, but I feel that our expense of hall rent and been light in comparison with the accomplished, however, we appres your generous offer (Mission Chered to pay hall rent which the elders up to this time had paid out of their own pockets, and I hope before an-other year has passed to see a self-supporting conference here, and then some. I think we have fully 40 fam-illes of friends and investigators, many of which number are sincere and pro-

of which number are sincere and pro-zi using in their investigation." On account of not having a suffi-cient number of elders I should not have opened up the Great Falls con-ference as early as we did if it had not been for the inspiration of Elder not been for the inspiration of Elder Geo, F. Richards, who upon passing through that city felt the importance of that move being made and suggested same to me.

From a letter dated at Caldwell, dano, Feb. 8, written by Conference President E. Thomas, Jr., we learn Jacobson are having a gos Arkansas. They seldom he President 12. Thomas, dr. we terru that he and Elder Mathews had been visiting investigators in Boise City and that they expected to baptize five new members. They had visited Nampa where their explanations of and songs of Zion are listene interest

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monism growing so preva-be accounted for in any that that the Lord is word matchless nower upon the the people as never bet the people as never by pouring out upon the conv ful testimonies which ca from one source, viz: by power of the Holy Ghos are everywhere following especially in the gift of that most loadsome of which the doctors always cancer of the stomach healed by the power of the administration of the despite the sin and cor-prevalls in the world, and and hate of a hireling. deception and fraud pra the work by editors and rolls majestically along tronger and mightier ng of the years, and s ing of the years, and so will it be til the coming of the Son of God, established It. when its intellig and power will fill the whole of from ocean to ocean and from

to pole. NOITHWESTERN STATES MISSION NEPHI PRATT, President. CENTRAL STATES

MISSION ACTIVITIES Independence, Mo., Feb. your readers would like to know was work is found for young indice to do n the mission field. We have seven a them and will explain briefly.

Sister Lottle Bennion the "mission family." of us now in the mission presides over the domestic and cares for her 'fami many visitors who call at place, in a way that not under her roof can eve kindness. Sister Jennie Mi ployed to help her in the i Sister Phoebe Madsen is i and presides in the conference and Sister May Green, the rapher, very ably performs the of that office. These three siste

tend to forwarding the elders' mariy all of which comes through sister Hilda Prince Is listing de-Liahona office and has as 125 subscriptions a day to a Es anscriptions a day to car Sister Ellis Woodruff is chu rapher in the same office a dated by Sister Lella Tuckna an employe. They also rea able assistance in the editori.

Sisters Phoebe Harding and Hu arstensen are doing missionary m i St. Louis A better idea of wh cannot give than to quote ; cent letter from Sister Hard

"Tell President Bennion ' Sister Madsen: "Tell President Bennion ' were out last Sunday in They are feeling fine. In for exenting our hall was full pict of the Lord was there were very and the tell of the lord was there in the tell of the lord was there

Yesterday a lady fri sick at the hospital would like us to come n

sito had just lost her baby feeling very badly. Of course and left her feeling batter, now on my list an old lady Northside Methodist that I i ing the gospel, also a Catholi list a Rutringlist a Scientist tist, a Spiritualist, a Scientist or four others who do not is they are: but I know this no

of them keep me studying an our heaven! Father for wi-light so that I may be an ir in His hands in bringing the the gaspel hefore them." The elders in Arkansas and 08

homa have been by rain and high water. Elders K. L. Barton and

Elders Holt and Wright have held b

They hope some day to add so them to the solute in the Missour

A similar report comes from Eld

Corbett and Dairymple of the sal conference, they having hold 24 mm ings in one county within the last 0

onths. In that conference E'd Huime and Joseph W. Nuttall

woll attended meetings is borhood where they are

they say the citizens

Song and thous, find the second second and thouse, find the second secon

councilor. President George C. Park-Inson has been in the stake prosidency since the organization of the stake and had been the president of the stake for the last 21 years, and has traveled by team in the discharge of his duttes in the interests of the stake in the 25 years that he has been connected with the stake 32,000 miles. A social dame for a couple of hours concluded the program, when one of President George C.

concluded the program, when one of the most enjoyable and interesting celebrations ever held in the stake was brought to a close. Putriarch Samue rught to a close. Parkinson pronounced the bened

## SAN JUAN CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the san Jum Stake of Zion convened at Bluff Free, 53, 1699. Although the roads were in had con-dition, there was a very good attend-once of saints from the custors port of the stake, but owing to the deep errors in the vicinity of Montfeeth, that ward and ano Mont. were not repre-sented.

The reports of the history or repr septatives of the yachus wards showed that the satura were in a pro-p-ous condition activitually as a rule. Some of the wards reperied marked improvement is the past few months. The manufal coticon is also bright, as the great amount of snow and rule. Unit have failed in this region sharing the winter means an abundant sup-ply in writer for brightion and good grass so the fances for the moning former.

instructions given by the afake The instructions given at the non-presidences and others during the aim ference were of a very space of the ture. The Word of Wisdom and du-ties of the pricethood fellow the main knyby dwelt upon. The sale is were advised to use all their laffscone in exceed to use all their laffscone in of state-wide prohibition.

The general and letal authorites of The Church were advanted, no shang-es hoing made in the uffices of the stake of auxiliary argunizations. "Minan general conference meetings were held and one priesthood masting

present at the last meeting. c'es, a good attendance when we consider the distance some of the silnts must travel by team to attend conference. St. Joseph is 40 miles to the north, was woodruff 22 in the same direction.

about 20 miles away. about 20 miles away. The stake has barely held its own is point of numbers until recent years, but this year there is an increase of 92 members, or over 5 per cent. We have 23 missionaries in the field. At this ration for all the Church we would have between 7,000 and 8,000 missionaries in the world. The world have donated liberally of

missionaries in the world. The saints have donated liberally of their time and substance in erecting an addition to the stake academy, \$4.000 having already been subscribed, and disbursed, during 1908, and the tithing report made a good showing. In one of the wards a widow lost

In one of the wards a widow lost ar house by fire. The neighbors lubbed together and raised a purse of The da

Chambed togened and raises is parts in over \$50.
The duity Reliation class has been organized in all of the wards, in which we have Church members for toachers, and all are doing a good work.
The stake academy under the able supervision of Prof. Moench, is doing weld, and is a growing institution. Taken all in all, this part of Arlzona is not so had. The pacifie as a rule are prospering, the climate is heatthful and mild, and there is plenty of room for people who know how to work. MARTIN R. TANNER, Clerk.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

89 Whitmore Square, Adela.de, Jan 54, 1929.—The work of the Lord is prorecenting in this part. There are at present six alders laboring in this con-fryence—Elders H. S. Amussen, P. C. Nichon, E. P. Cox, J. H. McBride, E. O. Jamson and Conference President A. R. Holmup, All are enjoying the best of basili.

health. Last your 10 olders labored in this inference, not more than six at a time to held 125 open-air meetings, 52 half scrings, seven cottage meetings, 12 leathcod meetings, 11 fast meetings, similar whools, 50 M, J. A. meetings; structured 42.231 tracks and 1.012 books; of 6.350 gaspel conversitions; visited 355 from the and healtzed 12 conversa 355 from the and healtzed 12 conversa. and have a number of invest-name of when we expect to Prejudice ta gradual using, as the people becom al with the help of the Lord we hop o continue to promulate His goaps mong the searchers after truth A. R. DELANAP.



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Elder George M. Cannon, Jr., secre-tary of the mission, presented the gen-eral and local authorities of the Church. All were sustained unani-

The other speakers were Elders Aus-in Houtz and Charles E. Stead, who ad just arrived from Zion, Elders "homas R. Wilks and Orson M. Rogers who hore testimony and spoke upon and principles.

The second session of the conference The second session of the conference commenced at 10 a. m. on the 10th ult. It was devoted almost exclusively to Sunday school work. President Steed resided, and spoke of the great re-possibility resting upon parents and rachers, the responsibility of teach-res and teaching the different is the ng and training the children in the vays of the Lord.

vays of the Lord. Elder George M. Cannon, Jr., read he statistical and labor report of the mission for the year 1908. The work ione by the missionartes reflected great one by the missionaries reneved great, redit upon themi. Owing to the small-ness of towns in South Africa the iders had not been abla to distribute is many tracts as had the brethren in other missions; but the results of heir inhors compared very favorably, ouring the year 89 baptisms had been

During the year 89 haptisms had been performed, making an average of seven for each missionary in the field. A duct, "Away in a Manger," was vary sweethy sung by the Misses Mabel and Doris Martin, after which "The Articles of Faith" were recited by Master Thomas Y. Wilson. Supt. Samuel Martin reported Wood-stock Sunday school. The school was organized April 7, 1967, and has an earoliment at the present time of 67 members. Almost all the classes are pursuing the studies prescribed by the Descret Sunday School union heard, and a good work is being done in them. Eider Thomas R. Wilkes and Brother. H. J. Treleaven also spoken on Sunday J. Treleaven also spoken on Sunday

Elder James G. McKuy reported the unday school at Kimberley. It was gamized March 15, 1908, with 15 men-ers. At present it has an enrollment Wits 44.

The Biosmfontein Sunday school was The Biochitchick Sunday school was cpurted by Eider George W. Simons, is a small school, having only is schools. The school has been handi-apped on account of a number of the upils not understanding the English unguage. For the benefit of these the school have to be intermeted bate esons have to be interpreted into butch. He and Elder O. L. Brough ontemplated organizing a Sunday hool in East London in the near fu-

The children were then entertained th interesting, moral stories, told by iders albert B. Foulger and Charles throw, and after singing, the session based with prayer by Elder Alma T.

At 3 p. m. of the same day the third session of the conference was held. After singing and prayer, the sacra-ment was administered by Elder Owen L. Brough and President George H. iters. The speakers were Elders a. T. Jones, C. Perry Rockwood, rge W. Simons, George M. Cannon, James G. McKay, Charles I. Grow ad Albert B. Foulger who dwelt on the apostney from the ancient faith and the restoration of the gaspel mough the Prophet Joseph Smith, ith its old-time gifts and blessings. After a closing hymn, the benefiction

Northern Illinois Conference-Jos, anothell, president, 146 South Paulina inset, Chicago, Ill.-The selders of Chi-ago bave been visiting in the homes f the investigators holding cottage seetings and making preparations for battismal service, which will be held the near future. inge

near future. Sunday last our monthly griest-meeting of the Chicago branch held. The elders and a large numcan held. of the local priesthood and students

Lincoln's birthday members of the ). Social club gave a sketch entitled lass of Suspension." The house was filled and by the applause and inwell filled and by the applause and in-ternet shown by the applause and in-dence that all appreciated the play. Much credit is due to the ones who took part and feel they should be commend-ed for the excellent way in which they performed their parts. At the conclu-sion of the play Elder Thomas McKay, who is on his way to take charge of the Swins-German mission, was called upon to speak on the life of Abraham Lin-coin, and beautifully toid of his speech at Gettysburg. Many good gens ware given by the audience of the good works of Abraham Lincoin. The following named cliders reported The following named elders reported

Verts, and 27 confident. New branches have been raised up in the following places where none ex-lated before: Weiser, Idaho; Eugene, Oregon, and Big Timber, Montana. New conferences have been opened in December and Grand Falls. Most ozeman and Great Falls, Mont iew missionary districts in Everett facoma, Washington, and in Sa Oregon

year just closed are new members con-verted in the mission field viz: 90 con-verts, and 27 children.

Im. Oregon. We have during the year sold: Books f Mormon, 412; Dectrine and Coven-nts, 25; Cowley's Talks, 1061, and olee of Warnings, 889; also other mis-

ellaneous books. We have distributed 65,864 tracts, held gospel conversations to the number of 20.512, visited families in tracting 47,602 and revisited families in tracting, 22,-

42. In the year 1908 we distributed 23,713 more tracts, held 12,209 more gospel movementions, and visited and revisit-d while tracting, 38,166 more families han in the year 1907.

inditions all over the mission have Conditions all over the mission have been improving gradually the past two years. People seem like they are be-coming used to us, and by their very contact with our elders much preju-dice is allayed. I may say truly that in several of the large cities, and a number of the country towns and vil-lages, where formerly indifference was almost universal, the elders now report a lively interest, and an anylous desire most universal, the elders now report lively interest, and an anxious desire a the part of many people to investi-ate our destrine. For instance, in se elty of Portland we baptized 19 uring the year, with 40 to 50 families ow investigating. In Boise, Idaho, ur number of baptisms amounted to , and in the Boise and Payette val-ya 13 more were added to the Church, he elders at Eugene, Oregon, admin-tered the sacred ordinance of ban-The elders at Eugene. Oregon, admin-istered the sacred ordinance of bap-tism to the new members, which so raised the ire and stirred up the gall of the wicked that they blew up the elders' hondquarters with dynamite, doing very little damage, however. In order to give you a fuller knowledge of the feelings of many towards us I linsert extracts from letters received from elders in various parts of the mis-tion, which were received during the

from elders in various parts of the mis-sion, which were received duing the latter part of the year: Elder H. C. Mortensen wrote that while he and Elder Cantwell were out tracting county towns within 100 miles of Seattle, Washington, they, in a few days, give away 600 tracts, sold 29 books, were well received and had many gospel conversations. Elder H. C. Mortensen again writes that himself and companion held n

any gamper conversations. Elder H. C. Mortensen again writes nat hinself and companion hold a ceting in a schoolhouse in a country litage called Roossvelt, they also acted the fown and made personal site and held conversations with all to towns people. This was a new town of there was no church building in it. ne man offered to donate the land a good counter for a church adding and three large susv-fils in the vicinty profered to arnish the lumber and the gentle-an with whom the elders were stay-age offered to donate money for the rection of a church building and sho romised that he would paint it with to understanding that when the house hould be finished it should be for the se of all people irrespective of creed y set. Sevenal of the loading men-poke to the elders begging them to take spoke to the elders begging them to take the lead in planning and erecting it. At that time the elders had many aphad that this do naive country villages had the same clair; upon them this one did, and I advised the elders not to take it In hund but go right on with their work. Elder William Moneur president of

members. They had visited Nampa branch and found the people well in health and in a good condition spirit-ually with prospects of baptizing a faw new members. Elder Thomas says that the elders at Weis r flud consid-erable sickness in that banch and they report to him that they have some in-vestigators about ready for haptism. He reports that the elders in Weiser were happily disapointed as it had been understood by them that the in-habitants of that fown were very hitter and full of prejudice, instead of which they find them somewhat friendly but wholly indifferent, so much so that

hey find them somewhat friendly but hey find them somewhat friendly but the elders can sell no books and can give away comparatively few tracts may have, however, a few very school at Marlow, Okla., where the hey have, however, a few very arnest investigators there and have ound about a dozen Saints with chom they have held aacrament meet-

ing every Sunday. Brother Thomas speaks in the letter here referred to of a couple of small towns between Caldwell and Payette here referred to of a couple of small towns between Caldwell and Payette on the main railroad jine that are just over the Idaho state line into Oregon. He says there are a few saints there who want the eiders to stop off and baptize and bless their children and he says that the saints think there is a good chance for the elders to do some successful missionary work there. I have instructed Elder Thomas that those towns are within the boundaries of his conference and have directed him to minister unto them at his earliest convenience. I might go on with extracts from the letters of other elders from all parts of the mission, showing similar con-ditions to those recited above, were if not that my better has already prown too lengthy. Suffice it to say the interest in the great work of Mor-

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