

conference convened, and was called to order by Elder Henry S. Tanner, president of the mission. After the opening exercises Elder Willard Scowcroft was appointed, and sustained by the Saints as President of the conference and the meeting was given into his charge.

Reports from the three organized branches of this conference were called for, and read, showing an aggregate membership of ninety-four members, about twenty-five of whom have been added to the fold since last conference. Besides the branches reported there are several fields in which missionary work has been done. In these fields some converts already have been made, many people are now sincerely investigating. The prejudice once so prevalent here is fast vanishing away, friends to the Elders and to the cause are numerous, and we hope to see in the near future good results from the seed sown in such fields.

After hearing the reports, the morning and afternoon sessions were spent in listening to the Elders as they were called on by the president. Owing to the brevity of the time the discourses were necessarily short, but they were enthusiastic and much appreciated by those in attendance. Though the discourses were numerous there was a logical sequence in the subjects and a unity in the remarks such as comes from the spirit of inspiration. The different speakers of the morning and afternoon sessions spoke principally upon the elementary principles of the Gospel.

In the evening Elder Tanner addressed a large and attentive audience upon the text: "What is man that thou art mindful of him and the son of man that thou visitest him?" From the Scriptures it was proven in the discourse that man is spiritually a child of Deity and inherited the attributes of his divine Parent and that man existed spiritually as an organized entity before being born of his earthly parents into mortality. It was stated that mortality was bequeathed upon man that he might obtain a body of flesh and bones and by obedience to the Gospel develop the attributes and powers inherited from a heavenly parentage, that man may ultimately become perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect.

On Monday afternoon an Elders' meeting was held. In this meeting President Tanner gave timely instruction to the Elders concerning their department, and their labors in the fields to which they were about to be appointed. New means of forwarding the cause and promoting the work of the ministry were discussed as suggested by the Elders from their observation and experiences of the past. Appointments to future fields of labor were made by the mission and conference presidents as follows:

J. A. Loveless and W. E. Hawkins, Eldorado and Amador Counties, Headquarters at Satrobe.

W. N. Woodland and W. E. Stoker, Lake and Sonoma Counties. Headquarters, Healdsburg, Sonoma County.

F. C. Parkinson, H. D. Brown, J. L. Stott, and B. Bennett San Jose and vicinity. Headquarters room 20, The Grand.

N. A. Tanner, F. F. Trane, V. S. Raymond, J. H. Davis, Sacramento and vicinity. Headquarters No. 1315—7th Street.

Henry Peterson, P. E. Anderson and J. H. Yearley, San Francisco, Head-

quarters No. 612 Van Ness Avenue. Elders A. N. Murdock and Charles Brown will be sent in the near future to the southern conference.

We kindly solicit the correspondence of the Saints at home who have friends in this state. Such correspondence has been gratefully received in the past and often resulted in much good.

HENRY PETERSON,
Clerk of Conference

IN NORTHERN MISSOURI.

ROCKPORT, Atchison County, Missouri.
October 1st, 1896.

Thinking perhaps a few lines from here would be of interest to some of the many readers of your valuable paper, we herewith give a short account of our labors in this county. We commenced our labor in this county on May 14th, making our headquarters with Sister Lydia Lewis a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, whose home always has been open to our Elders while traveling as ambassadors of truth.

Our labor has consisted of visiting from house to house; leaving our tracts; conversing with the people and holding meetings in the churches and school houses, when opportunity afforded. We have been treated with respect and plenty with a few exceptions. We have made many friends and removed mountains of prejudice that had been growing in the minds of the people for years, and hope that we have left some honest souls investigating the Gospel. Our last month has been spent in visiting and holding meetings where our Elders have been before, and we believe there are some here who are convinced of the Gospel as we teach it; but the word "Mormonism" has such a terrible significance attached to it in the eyes of the world that their faith is not strong enough to accept the name and the ridicule it sometimes brings upon them.

Our last week out we made a visit to the McKisic Island where we found a community of forty or fifty families of industrious and hospitable people, mostly Adventists and Methodists. As the Gospel never had been preached to this people we made arrangements to hold three meetings in their school house; they were well attended. While among them we were well treated and made many friends, and we trust that some of the seed we have sown in this county has fallen upon good soil, and in due time will bring forth fruit worthy of repentance. But we can only plant; God gives the increase.

We will say that while we have been in this county we have visited and left the Gospel with 1,400 families and in doing so we have walked 1,372 miles and held forty-nine meetings among the people. We are enjoying good health.

GEORGE W. BADGER.
THOMAS LOYND.

A MISSIONARY IN INDIANA.

MILL CREEK, La Porte Co., Indiana.
October 5th, 1896.

I left my home in Salt Lake County for a mission to the Northern States on the 18th of last June, and have been in this new field of labor for a little over three months. Elder Walter F. Mayhew my partner, and I have tracted a portion of farming country about ten miles square. During our travels we have

met some very respectable people, who have treated us with much kindness. We have met a few who have but little respect for us. I have had the chance of witnessing many sights that can only be comprehended on being seen. It will take too long to mention all of them. I miss the mountains very much, but the woods are a novelty to me—looking between the trunks of oak, beech, maple, hickory, and sassafras where you can see the sky on the other side, it appears as a lake.

The corn crop is very good this year. Some ears are about fifteen inches long and two inches in diameter at the large end. Some farmers use the corn-binder; it cuts one row at once and binds the foddered corn into bundles. They shock the bundles up by hand. Other farmers cut the tassel off just above the ear and use the tassel for feed, and husk the corn and throw it into a wagon and haul it to the bin, and leaving the stalks upon the field. Still others cut their corn as we do.

The oats and wheat average about ten to fifteen bushels to an acre. The rainstorms during the hot weather caused some of it to rot and sprout before the people could get it thrashed; some are feeding it to their hogs.

The fruits raised are huckle-berries, straw-berries and currants. Melons and many cucumbers are raised and the pickle factories are well supplied.

The climate is very changeable and the air is very damp. There is considerable marsh land.

I can say I am glad I responded to the call made upon me, although I feel very weak in attempting to explain the Gospel unto the people as I had studied the scriptures too little when at home. The youth of Zion do not miss the advantages they have until they are called away, and then they can see for themselves what they have lost by not living up to the opportunities within their reach. I can say my faith has been strengthened since I left home and I have been greatly blessed with health, and with the Spirit of God to lead me in the paths of right doing. My desire is to grow in goodness toward God, perform an honorable mission, and live worthy of the Lord's blessings at all times.

JOHN T. GABBOTT.

THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

Arrivals.—The following named Elders arrived in Liverpool this morning per American line steamer Pennland: For the British mission—Thos. E. Green, Hyrum B. Calder, Mill Creek; Wm. H. Stott Jr., John Gull, Meadow; John Norrie, Sugar House; George R. Baker, Brighton; Alfred Saxey Jr., Provo. For the Swiss and German mission—Rasmus E. Jones, Provo; George C. Gardner, St. George. Appointments.—George R. Baker and Alfred Saxey Jr. have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the London conference.

John Norrie and John Gull have been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Norwich conference.

Hyrum B. Calder has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Scottish conference.

W. H. Stott Jr. has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Leeds conference.

Thos. E. Green has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference.