

the matron and the cook, the two salaries aggregating \$85 per month. The members of the association have given their time and labor without any remuneration.

A serious injury causing physical inability, prevented the delegate, Mrs. Newman, from being in Washington during this session. Her hoped for recovery will enable her to be present at the coming session and advocate the purpose of the association.

The following is the matron's report to the association:

Total No. of inmates of the Home,	
Sept., 1890.....	9
Total number received during the year.....	19
Applicants not eligible.....	2
Whole number of applicants.....	41

The matron in charge, Mrs. A. L. Ryors, has quietly and faithfully attended to the interests of the Home. Her labors have been untiring and I think have met the approval of the board.

As an association we are grateful for this beautiful Home. We are proud of the thoughtful liberality of our benevolent government in its generous provision; yet from the first grant of Congress to the last, we have been restricted by the conditions of the law. Important amendments have been made, but it is desirable that additional ones be made. It is important that a larger class of those who suffer from the evils consequent upon the practice of polygamy be embraced under the law. From the existing conditions of the family in Utah, they are where they are. They need the instruction and help that only such a Home may offer them.

It has been urged that our Delegate endeavor to secure such amendment by Congress as will permit applicants from all classes of people to receive the benefits of instruction that may be afforded in the several departments of industry on the payment of such tuition as the Utah Commission might sanction, the income from this source to be used in defraying the expenses of the Home. The advantages of such a provision are evident. It would tend to popularize the Home and create interest in its purposes. It would open the door to the orphan and the homeless. The pleading of every mother's heart is—"Let the babies come in." There is room in this building for the aged and helpless, as well as for those who are vigorous and ambitious to become capable of self-support. So far as this can be done to aid in the suppression of polygamy may we expect Congress to continue to maintain the Home.

It is said that polygamy is done away. We have reason to believe that it still exists, and that it will be abolished only so far and so long as they feel the hand of the United States.

This we do know, the needy are all about us. The effects of polygamy are felt throughout the Territory. They will continue for years to come.

I earnestly recommend that there be no diverting of purpose and no failing of interest, that the possibilities of this Home be fully realized.

Therefore we ask that the moderate sum necessary to its maintenance

be continued the coming year. And we further ask that such additional appropriation be granted for industrial training as shall make this an institution of the greatest usefulness to the people of this Territory.

Respectfully submitted,  
JEANNETTE H. FERRY,  
President.

#### SOUTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

This conference was held in Coffee County, Alabama, on Saturday and Sunday, October 25th and 26th. Among those present were President William Spry, of the Southern States Mission, President Henry Gardner, South Alabama Conference, Elders Arthur Maxwell, Peter Flamm, Alfred W. Peterson, and Luman E. Shurtliff.

After the usual opening exercises, President H. Gardner addressed the congregation. His remarks referred chiefly to latter day revelation. He quoted passages of Scripture proving that God would reveal His mind and will to His people in the latter days for their guidance, and that He would plead with them face to face as He did with their fathers in the wilderness.

Elder P. Flamm spoke of the second coming of Christ and the signs of the times, which should precede it.

President Spry spoke upon the state of affairs existing in the world today.

At Sunday morning's service, Elder A. Maxwell dwelt upon the restoration of the Gospel, with all its attendant gifts and blessings.

Elder A. W. Peterson bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

President Spry in the course of his observations touched upon the dealings of God with His people in former ages, and the restoration of the Gospel in this age.

At the afternoon service Elder L. E. Shurtliff spoke upon the first principles of the Gospel, and also gave some useful instructions to the Saints.

President Spry delivered the closing address. He reviewed briefly the history of the Latter-day Saints in the trials and privations endured by them through persecution. They had been accused of disloyalty and treason towards this government, but this was utterly devoid of truth.

President Gardner thanked the trustees for the use of the meeting-house, and the people for their good will and hospitality.

Three council meetings were held, at which the Elders reported their labors of the past year, and received some valuable instructions from President Spry.

Elder Luman E. Shurtliff was appointed President of the Conference, to succeed Elder Henry Gardner; who with Elder Arthur Maxwell is released to return home.

A. W. PETERSON,  
Clerk of Conference.

It is stated that the apportionment of the Territorial school fund will not be ready until some time in December.

#### WASATCH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of this Stake of Zion, convened in the Stake House Nov. 1st and 2nd.

Present on the stand were Apostle Lyman, President A. Hatch and counselors, and a good representation of the local priesthood.

At 11 a. m., after singing, prayer was offered by Patriarch Thomas Hickson, and President T. H. Giles then offered a few remarks. The presidency of the Wasatch Stake, he said, were united, and anxious to do all they could for the benefit of the Stake.

Bishops Van Wagenen and R. S. Duke reported the condition of their wards, after which

Apostle Lyman addressed the congregation. He made some excellent remarks on the duties of the priesthood, and said he considered the High Priests' quorum should be most diligent, because it was made up of presidents, Bishops and their counselors, and others of long experience. The Twelve Apostles met together every two months, prayed together, and related the experience gained in their travels from place to place. He desired the presidency of the Stake to meet often and pray together, and all the various quorums should do the same. When a priesthood meeting is held, the priesthood of this Stake should be there; at least every ward should be well represented. The Bishops should be able to report a little improvement all the time. The presidency of the High Priests' quorum should meet with High Priests in their wards, at least once in three months, and the same should be done by the presidency of the Stake.

Benediction by President J. M. Murdock.

At the afternoon service President Alexander made a few observations, after which Bishops Clegg, Cliff and Fraughton represented their wards as prospering.

Apostle Lyman said he felt pleased with the Bishops' reports, and exhorted the Bishops to visit the various institutions in their wards. This helped to stimulate them in the duties they had to perform.

On Sunday morning prayer was offered by Elder J. Morton.

Bishop Murdock reported the Charleston Ward as being in a prosperous condition.

Superintendent S. J. Wing reported the condition of the Sabbath schools of this Stake, and gave some excellent advice to parents in regard to the training of their children and sending them to the Sabbath schools.

Elders R. Anderson and Elijah Alder gave a good report of the Seventies' quorums.

President J. M. Murdock reported the condition of the High Priests' quorum. He advised all to keep the Word of Wisdom.

The general Church and Stake authorities were presented by the clerk, and unanimously sustained.

Elder George Reynolds, Salt Lake City, made some useful remarks in regard to Church schools.