

usual way. It is then irrigated with water at a temperature of 140° to 144° F., which has the threefold advantage of destroying microorganisms and increasing the potency of antiseptic substances, of stanching blood, and of helping to compensate for loss of heat from the bleeding. The dead tissue is finally wrapped in antiseptic substances until it has separated from the living, when the surgeon may divide the bone if necessary. Great success is reported, the treatment being much less fatal than amputation, and saving a larger part of the limb if not the whole.

Falcon island, in the Friendly group, was first noted as a shoal in 1867. In 1877 smoke was rising from the sea over the shoal. In October, 1885, an island 3700 meters long and 75 meters high had formed, and a tremendous eruption was in progress. The height was 50 meters in 1887. The ashes have rapidly washed away, leaving a height of about 8 meters in 1892, and the island is fast disappearing.

NORTHERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

The Elders of the Northern Indiana conference met at Logansport, Cass county, Indiana, Saturday, May 1st. There were in attendance, Elder L. A. Kelsch, president of the Northern States mission; Elder E. M. Boyer, president of the conference, and sixteen traveling Elders.

The subjects treated upon were as follows: John H. Stout, faith, as taught in the Bible; Joseph E. Cardon, faith and works; Michael Mauss, Walter F. Mayhew and Hyrum Arnoldson, repentance; D. J. Davis and John L. Parcell, the Holy Ghost; E. M. Boyer, summary of the above-mentioned subjects; William F. Butt, the apostasy; John T. Gabbott, the scattering of Israel; Alfred A. Bramwell, the gathering of Israel; William R. Andrew and John Foote, Church organization; John L. Ellertson, tithing; L. A. Kelsch, What is Mormonism?

The conference, which lasted two days, was poorly attended, except by Elders, on account, partially, of rainy weather, and partially of indisposition on the part of the people of Logansport, although it had been well advertised by hand bills and through local papers.

On Monday morning the Elders met in Priesthood meeting. After opening exercises and administering the Sacrament, Elder Kelsch stated that each Elder was to express himself in regard to the prospects in the field he had just left, as to whether any people were investigating the Gospel. The Elders all expressed a belief that they had allayed much prejudice, and some that they had awakened a spirit of earnest investigation. There were reported a number of cases of persons who wished to be baptized, but were waiting for a husband or a father to consent. Others held back for fear of being thrown out of employment if they accepted the Mormon faith.

Elder Kelsch offered some highly encouraging words, commending the Elders for their faithful labors during the past six months.

The Church authorities were present and unanimously sustained.

A new conference is to be opened up in Ohio, with Elder D. J. Davis as president, and Elders W. F. Mayhew, William F. Butt and Michael Mauss, as traveling Elders.

New appointments in this, the Indiana

conference were as follows: E. M. Boyer, president, headquarters at Logansport, Indiana; John Foote, at Marion, Grant county; Joseph E. Cardon, at Indianapolis; William R. Andrew and John L. Parcell, Lafayette, Tippecanoe county; Hyrum Arnoldson, Muncie; John L. Ellertson and John T. Gabbott, Steam Corner, Fountain county; Alfred A. Bramwell and Jonathan Hale, Kokomo. Elder John H. Stout was released to return home.

Elder Kelsch assured the Elders who start out without companions that they would be alone only for a short time, as new Elders were already en route for this mission, some being destined for this and the Ohio conference.

Brother George H. Wilson, who had been lately baptized in Muncie, desired to be ordained an Elder, which was granted, Elder Kelsch performing the ordination. Brother Wilson embraced the Gospel many years ago in England, and at one time presided over a number of branches. He fell away, since which he has wandered out of the Church. He will be remembered by many of the early English Saints, as the Kendalls, the Middleys, the Parkers and others.

On Tuesday the Elders began to leave for their new fields, sorry at separating from the body of Elders, but determined to go where and how sent, in order to sow the seeds of the everlasting Gospel.

ERNEST M. BOYCE,
President of Conference.
JOHN FOOTE, Secretary.

NEWS FROM SWEDEN.

MOLLTHORP, Skaraborgs Lan,
Sweden, April 28th, 1897.

A finer day could not have been desired than we were favored with on the occasion of the commencement of our semi-annual conference at Gothenburg, on the 24th inst. The weather was balmy, and clear, and sweet. As the different trains would glide into the station of Gothenburg, or canal boats touch at its harbor, each would invariably have one or more Elders on board, coming from his field of labor for conference headquarters. All were in the best of spirits, and our hearts swelled within us in anticipation of the joyful meeting together—an emotion known only to those who have gone out as ambassadors of Christ.

Arriving at the hall, a hearty hand-shaking was indulged in and a welcome extended to two new arrivals to help swell the ranks. There were altogether fifteen brethren from Zion, and two local Elders present. Our visiting guests were Elder C. N. Lund, president of the Scandinavian mission, and Elder George A. Christensen, president of Copenhagen conference.

The hall was tastefully decorated. Immediately above the stand, and extending on either side, were the dear-old Stars and Stripes and the national colors of Sweden, spreading out like a pair of wings; and the words, "Welcome to Conference," in bold relief above.

Promptly at 8 o'clock p. m., conference opened, and verses composed by our worthy president, H. M. Pearson, were read, bidding all greeting. Then presidents of the various branches came forward and read their reports of the work accomplished since last conference; and their assistants bore testimony to the work in which they were engaged.

The nature of the reports was pleasing, showing a large amount of work

done by the diligent Elders in proselyting among the people. Sunday school's flourish in all the branches, and the doors of strangers stand open here and there. The outlook for the future is very encouraging.

At 10 a. m. Sunday, we again assembled. This time our destinations for the next five or six months were determined. The officers of the Church were upheld by unanimous vote.

The Laborers' Union hall had been obtained for the afternoon meeting, selected for its central location and larger capacity. Elders Pearson and Lund occupied the time, dwelling on the subject, "The only way to salvation." It was nicely treated, and a marked interest was noticed among strangers present. Our last conference meeting was held at 8 p. m.

On Monday morning a Priesthood meeting convened, and good instructions were given. All present bore powerful testimonies to the work of God.

All the brethren decided to pay a visit of respect to the grave of Elder John A. Quist, marking the last resting place of that laborer in the cause of truth, who was suddenly called from the vineyard by Him who knoweth all things best. Brother Quist laid his life in the field on the 12th of March, 1890. We climbed the rugged cliffs surrounding the city, and strolled over green knolls toward the Sinna cemetery. Thoughts that words fail to express stole through our minds as we sat on the stone base enclosing the mortal remains of our departed brother. Each plucked a cypress leaf from the ferns growing on the grave. We broke the silence by raising our voices in singing, "O, my Father," in English, and then in Swedish, which awakened the curiosity of those walking inside the churchyard. Then we lowered our heads in grace to our heavenly Father to lend an ear to our petition for His preserving care, and that we might be allowed to fulfill our missions and not lay down our bones in this northern clime, but return in safety to Zion.

In the evening we had an enjoyable time, when the Saints and friends gathered to spend a while in recitations and songs and to bid the missionaries goodbye.

Elder Lund left for Copenhagen at 9:35 a. m. Tuesday.

A few of us went down to the harbor and took the steambot Olga for Klippan, where an old fort was once situated. The scenery was varied and delightful as we stood and watched the steamers lying here and there, and steamboats darting between them, touching now on one side and now calling at the other side of the harbor, ferrying people from one end of the city to another. So you see we had a good time all around during conference, and one that will ever cling to our memory.

The next day the Elders left for all directions of the conference, to work like bees among the flowers, and return next fall laden with tidings of having rolled the little stone still farther, and stored away sheaves in the treasure house of the Lord.

WILLIAM ANDERSON.

INDIAN TERRITORY MISSION

In response to a circular letter sent out to the Elders laboring in the various conferences, apprising them of his re-