

spoken from the heavens and restored the Gospel and the authority to officiate in the ordinances thereof.

On Monday morning, March 28th, the Apostles and President Parkinson met with the Elders, eighteen in number, three having been released to return home. They were assigned to their respective fields of labor, after which the following instructions were given: Elders should be kind and considerate to their companions, exemplary in their lives, prayerful both in private and public; study the scriptures, and other good books and become informed on all topics; trust to the inspiration of the Holy Ghost to dictate what they shall speak; beware of lewd women and give no opportunity for temptation or criticism, and lastly this injunction was given: "Be ye clean that bear the message of the Lord."

On Monday afternoon there was a Primary conference of the Baker branch, at which Sister Carrie C. Goaslind, one of the Stake presidency, and Sister Joseph A. West, one of the general board, were present and gave appropriate instructions to the children and officers of the branch. President Parkinson also gave some very excellent and spirited advice to the children.

On Monday evening a meeting was held at which Elder Chas. A. Goaslind, superintendent of religion classes of the Oneida Stake, explained the origin, object and mission of the organization. At all of the meetings that were held during the conference there was a good attendance of both Saints and strangers, and all were very much interested.

Great praise is due to the presidency and Saints of the Baker branch for their unlimited kindness and hospitality which they so generously bestowed upon the Elders and visiting friends, and to the choir and South Baker quartet for the sweet singing which they furnished for the conference, and to the managers of the Sumpter Valley Railway for their kind consideration in furnishing transportation to and from the railroad station in Baker City for the Elders and visiting friends; for all of their favors and privileges in behalf of the Stake presidency we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

The Spirit of the Lord was manifest, and our conference was a grand success in every respect.

C. D. GOASLIND, Clerk.

The Elders were assigned as follows:

Elder Brigham A. Hindricks, president of the Washington conference, with headquarters at Walla Walla, and the following named gentlemen as traveling Elders: James Maughan, Geo. Z. Lamb, Amos Hatch, John O. Gooch, Willard Larsen.

Elder James S. Geddes, president of the Oregon conference, with headquarters at Baker City Oregon, and the following named gentlemen as traveling Elders: James A. Lewis, Walter P. Monson, George C. Peck, Benjamin D. Jensen, William J. Barnes.

Elder Thomas Preston, president of the Idaho conference, with headquarters at Nampa, Idaho, with the following named gentlemen as traveling Elders: R. V. Call, James R. Smurthwaite, Samuel B. Warner, George H. Carver, Arthur Chadwick.

ELDER JOSEPH H. JENSON'S DEATH

Goteborg, Sweden, March 17, 1898.

Once more the angel of death has claimed a son of Zion while laboring in the grandest cause known to the children of men, teaching his fellow men how to attain eternal life. This time it was a young man in the prime of manhood who was called to lay down his life in a foreign land. The death of our beloved brother and fel-

low laborer Joseph H. Jenson of Union, Salt Lake county, Utah, occurred in this city a week ago.

Brother Jenson left his dear mountain home May 23, 1896, for a mission to Scandinavia. Arriving at Copenhagen, he was assigned by Elder C. N. Lund to labor in the Goteburg conference. At the fall conference he was appointed to Halmstad branch in company with Elder Nephi Anderson of Vernon, and here they labored together nearly a year. At our last conference held here October 19, 1897, Elder Jenson was appointed to labor in Trouhattan branch with Elder Aug E. Rose of Morgan. November 12th he was called to take charge of the Westerviks branch. Here he labored in company with Elder Aaron Lundberg of Logan until Christmas when they were reinforced by Elder Adolph T. Elggren of Hooper and Chas. M. Olson of Park Valley. A new location for headquarters was selected and missionary work prosecuted with vigor.

Elder Jenson's enthusiasm for the spread of the Gospel was continually increasing and he was not satisfied, unless he was out among the people spreading tracts and bearing his testimony. On the ninth of February he was out tracting and while very warm drank a glass of ice water. He afterwards declared that he immediately felt evil effects from it but, although he occasionally vomited, he kept at work for another week. On the 15th and 16th he walked thirteen miles per day to attend meetings. After the second meeting he felt very tired and concluded to stay at headquarters awhile. In spite of repeated warnings he kept on drinking immense quantities of cold water. At his request he was administered to and got so much better that on the 18th he was left with Brother Lundberg attending him, while his two other companions went off for a week's trip. On their return they were dismayed to find him worse and his lungs affected. March 2nd Elder Olson proposed taking him to Goteburg and as he got no better they left Wimmerby on the fourth and on the fifth arrived here having spent a night with Elders Rose and Anderson in Jankoping. At the station Brother Soderberg and I met him with a carriage and he was taken direct to the former's comfortable home, where he received the best possible care and two skilled physicians attended him. The 6th was Fast day and many earnest prayers were sent to the throne of grace in Brother Jenson's behalf. In the evening we administered to him again. He had been nearly blind but now received his sight and brightened up to such an extent that we fondly believed he would recover. Monday night he was taken with pains in the left side. In meeting that evening the Saints, according to my proposition, decided to fast and pray on Tuesday in his behalf. About midnight he prayed several times and asked the by-standers to pray for him. Shortly afterwards the pain ceased, but it had entirely exhausted his vitality and at 4:30 he peacefully passed away, retaining consciousness to the very last.

The doctor said it was bleeding of the lungs and inflammation of the bowels that caused his death. I immediately telegraphed Elder Lund and began making arrangements for the funeral. We desired to bury him by the side of Elder John A. Quist, who died in this conference eight years ago, but on account of the grave lot belonging to Elder Quist's brother, only relatives could be buried there. Then we tried to purchase a lot, but a foreigner cannot do this in Goteburg. However, with the assistance of Brother Soderberg, who cheerfully placed his entire time at my disposal, we finally secured a well located corner lot in Sanna cemetery and also the privilege

of moving Brother Quist's remains to the same lot, so now these two faithful servants of God repose side by side. Brother Jenson was buried on the 11th. Elder C. N. Lund, from Copenhagen, was present and gave valuable instructions in regard to the resurrection. The funeral was largely attended. The Saints in Copenhagen sent a beautiful wreath and the remains were carried from the hearse to their last resting place by six Elders from Zion. We buried him with the usual ceremonies and no sectarian priest officiated.

Elder Jenson was twenty-seven years of age. He leaves parents, three brothers and a sister to mourn the loss. He dreaded the thoughts of going to a hospital and Brother and Sister Soderberg deserve great praise for making his last hours so comfortable in their home. Brother Joseph was a good, faithful Elder, and performed an honorable mission.

Yours truly,
H. M. PEARSON.

SOUTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Seale, Ala., March 29, 1898.

In our travels here in Alabama we are often led to reflect upon the days of the past and compare the advantages as enjoyed now by the Elders with those of former times. I dare say if our brethren who labored here a few years ago were to return and see what has been achieved they could not help seeing a most wonderful change.

The work is becoming more pleasant; the people more friendly, and the Elders, comprehending more fully the duties resting upon them, are laboring more intelligently and with more zeal. One cannot but notice the different spirit shown among people of influence now and three years ago. True, some opposition stares us in the face, but when you look around and see what has been accomplished in such a short time you are reminded of the words of the Lord to the effect that He will cut His work short in righteousness.

In thinking upon this subject I call to mind an instance where nearly three years ago myself and companion were reviled, abused and threatened with violence by people who since that time have become friendly, some of them having embraced the Gospel, and in the immediate vicinity we now have a branch of the Church and two Sunday schools.

Some of our Elders having been released to return home, four to labor in the newly organized conference in Georgia, and Wayne H. Redd, our first counselor, having been called to South Carolina to preside over that conference, weakens our conference materially. Still we feel what is our loss in particular is gain to the cause of the Lord in general. The spirit manifested by the Elders is good, and speaking generally, their health is good.

We have had a very light winter, very little cold weather, and comparatively no rain. The farmers are through planting corn and beginning to plant cotton. The warm weather has come, causing nature to adorn herself in colors of varied hue.

D. H. THOMAS, President.

The death of Martin Pickinich, at St. Mary's hospital, San Francisco, on Monday was reported to the coroner and the police. Pickinich was a waiter in a restaurant on Brannan street, near First. A short time ago an unknown man left the restaurant without paying for his meal. Pickinich followed him. A fight took place, and the man hit the waiter on the head with a stone, fracturing his skull. The fracture proved fatal. There is no clew to the identity of the murderer.