

The premier of Sweden has also refused to receive a deputation, but in a different way. In England the government takes the lead in a great work of freedom. A deputation from a minority favoring the oppression asked to be heard by the chief of the government with the object of remonstrating against his reform bill. It is turned away. In Sweden the government assumes a questionable attitude toward a national movement, the suffrage movement. A deputation from the convention of this movement called on the premier.

## NORWAY.

A Mr. Madsen has served as organist at the St. Maria church, Bergen, for sixty years. The occasion brought many prominent visitors to his house. It is reported that he has not neglected his duty a single Sunday.

It is asserted with great emphasis by the liberal papers that the conservative leaders, Stang and Sverdrup, have urged the king to sanction the resolution of the Storting providing for a separate consular service.

The board of trade of Bergen has issued a lengthy manifesto in which it attempts to demonstrate that official consuls are of so little use in modern international commerce that it would not pay for Norway to maintain a separate consular service.

Arne Garborg, who has been a very prolific writer of late will begin "rational farming" at Kalbotten, Osterdalen, where he has spent most of his time for the past few years. He will pay particular attention to stock raising. Hans Seland, another agricultural college graduate will help Mr. Garborg to make a good start.

Premier Steen is a descendant of an old family in Skone, Sweden. His grandfather lived in Skone and was married to a Miss Nykiorch. They had two sons one of whom assumed the name of his mother and took orders. One of his sons is an officer in the Swedish army. Their second son kept the name of his father, Steen, and moved to Norway when he became the father of Premier Steen.

## DENMARK.

The social Democrats of Copenhagen have nominated E. Winblad for member of the common council. They could hardly find a stronger man. He is the brain and the conscience of the social democracy of Denmark. He was born in 1854, and supported himself at an early age. He worked as a journeyman printer a number of years. In 1877 he began to set the types as he composed the reading matter without using manuscript at all. In 1881 he was appointed editor of the *Social Demokraten*. This paper was a sorry affair when he took hold of it, its circulation being in the neighborhood of 2,000, which has since grown to 23,000. Mr. Winblad has been arrested and put in jail every now and then, which fact has only served to extend and intensify his popularity, his offenses being in fact so many outcroppings of many virtue.

A CHESTNUT tree which is 2,000 years old and still flourishing stands at the foot of Mount Etna. Some of the stories coming this way from that venerable smokestack bear the flavor of the tree.

## IOWA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Iowa Conference held in the Huntington hall, over 104 Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 25th and 26th, 1893.

Saturday morning—Elder John E. Lewis presided. Present on the stand, Chas. W. Stayner, president of the N. S. mission; John E. Lewis, president of the Iowa conference; Elders John Christensen, John A. Walker, George T. Marshall Jr., Jas. Cluff, Geo. A. Beal, W. J. Butterworth, also Jos. H. Denio, president of the Pennsylvania conference, who was on his way home.

Elder John E. Lewis said the blessings of the Gospel were obtained in the early ages of the world and in the days of Jesus and the Apostles by obedience to certain principles ordained of God. In the Mosaic dispensation blessings were obtained by offering sacrifices in a certain way commanded of God; in the days of the Apostles people were commanded to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins and receive the laying on of hands for the Holy Ghost. These principles have been again revealed and the authority to administer in these sacred ordinances restored.

Elder John Christensen said we were told of Christ to seek first the Kingdom of God, and he showed in order to do that, it was necessary to comply with the first principles of the Gospel. The speaker dwelt upon these principles in a very pleasing and intelligent manner.

Elder James Cluff gave his testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel.

Elder Chas. W. Stayner made a few closing remarks.

At the afternoon session the speakers were Elders John A. Walder, who began with the first principles of the Gospel, and Joseph H. Denio who gave a sketch of his missionary labors, and dwelt on the necessity of continuing on in the principles we have espoused.

Sunday morning, Elder Geo. T. Marshall Jr. spoke at length on the authority to administer in the holy ordinances, showing clearly that divine authority was essential in these ordinances; that those who accepted the Gospel may be acknowledged of God, as His people.

Elder Geo. A. Beal spoke on the commandments and covenants of God. Further remarks were made by Elder C. W. Stayner.

At the afternoon session Elder W. J. Butterworth gave many encouraging words to the Elders and Saints present, exhorting them to be faithful under all circumstances.

Elder Chas. W. Stayner then delivered a discourse on the mission of Christ, showing clearly the principles upon which He performed His errand, and pointed out the way mankind should perform the mission assigned them.

At the evening session Elder Jos. H. Denio gave a very plain and pointed discourse on prophecy to be fulfilled between the first and second coming of Christ, also the restoration of the Gospel.

Elder Jno. E. Lewis made a few closing remarks, exhorting the Elders to be humble and prayerful.

The conference was fairly attended

and a good feeling was manifested by the Elders and Saints. The conference is in a fair condition.

Geo. T. Marshall Jr., Sec.

## MINUTES OF PRIESTHOOD MEETING

held March 25th at 7 p. m. The Elders gave a report of their labors for the past six months, which was very satisfactory. Elders William West, Fred G. Carroll and Jas. Jenson were unable to attend conference. G. W. Baker was appointed to preside over the St. John branch; Robert J. Huntington was appointed to preside over the Council Bluffs branch and be superintendent of Sabbath schools, with Elizabeth Jones assistant; Mrs. Nellie Halladay was appointed secretary of the branch, Mrs. Mary Huntington treasurer.

The Relief Society was organized with Mary Huntington president, Rebecca A. James and Annie Huntington counselors, and Lillie Halladay secretary.

Robert Halladay and Ernest W. Jones were ordained Deacons. It was also moved that William Brandon of St. John be ordained an Elder.

President Stayner gave some good and timely advice, encouraging the Saints to keep the commandments of God and magnify their callings.

Elder John Christensen having completed his mission was honorably released to return home.

The Elders were assigned to labor as follows: Elders John E. Lewis and George T. Marshall Jr., Iowa—P. O. address 191 Graham avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

William West and Fred G. Carroll, Missouri—P. O. Address Vancleve, Maries county, Mo.

George A. Beal and James Cluff, Nebraska—P. O. address Merom, Dawson county, Neb.

Joseph M. Jenson and Wm. Butterworth, Kansas—P. O. address Saint John, Stafford county, Kas.

John A. Walker was transferred to the Canada mission.

Any one desiring to communicate with the Elders can do so by the addresses given.

The general Church authorities were unanimously sustained; Elder C. W. Stayner was sustained as president of the Northern States mission and John E. Lewis as president of the conference and George T. Marshall Jr. as secretary.

## SUGAR FROM THE LORD.

LOA, Wayne Co., U. T., April 24, 1893.—While attending the dedication of the holy Temple in Salt Lake City, April 6, 1893, my mind reflected on scenes of the forty years past, as I attended the services of laying the foundation stone, April 6, 1853. I well remember some of the remarks made by President Young at that time. He said that the heavenly hosts were watching over us and that we were fulfilling ancient prophecy. I remember the poverty and hardship that the Saints passed through in the fifties, and how the Lord blessed and sustained and caused the sweets of the elements to be given us in Provo. It will be remembered that at that time, 1853, sugar was very scarce and had to be freighted by ox teams over one thousand miles. In the summer of 1855 on Provo river there fell a honey