



## CONFERENCE IN IOWA.

Mountay, Ia., July 25.—The elders of Iowa held special conference at Afton, Union county, July 21-3, under the direction of President German E. Ellsworth, the Northern States mission president.

On Saturday afternoon, July 21, the elders met in priesthood meeting, where they received instructions from President Ellsworth and rejoiced in hearing each elder bear his testimony.

The first public meeting was held Saturday evening in the park, Conference President Thos. O. Stokes presiding.

After singing and prayer, President Stokes made a short address of welcome, explained the purpose of our meetings and encouraged the public to attend.

Elders Arthur McKinnon and R. H. Wilson sang "O my Father."

President Ellsworth then delivered a stirring address on the "Restoration of the Gospel."

The elders met again Sunday morning in priesthood meeting to partake of the Sacrament and receive further instructions from President Stokes.

The next public meeting was held at 2 p.m. Sunday. R. J. Alder had been transferred from Wisconsin to Iowa, explained some of the principles of the gospel and bore strong testimony to the truthfulness thereof.

Elder D. G. Edmunds then spoke of the "Restoration of the Gospel" and how the Church of Jesus Christ was organized. The elders then sang "High on the mountain tops."

President Ellsworth delivered a very interesting discourse on the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Immediately after the afternoon meeting the elders met and received their assignments as follows: President Thomas O. Stokes and Elder R. J. Alder, Council Bluffs; F. M. Felt and J. L. Baugh, Elkhorn; President commandy, C. E. Smith and G. P. Basbom, Clarinda; Page county; J. B. Woolsey, Jr., and R. H. Wilson, Bedford, Taylor county; Arthur McKinnon and D. G. Edmunds, Mountay, Ringgold county; Lorenzo Hartle and C. M. Peterson, Corning, Adams county; C. H. Fogg and J. C. Chadwick, Winterset, Madison county; Jos. H. Taylor and F. O. Green, Greenfield, Adair county; H. W. Cooley and Irvin Branch, Atlantic, Cass county; D. F. Jones and Jacob G. Page, Des Moines.

Sunday witnessed another interesting meeting, many attending who had not been there before. After singing and prayer, Elders Stokes and C. E. Smith bore their testimonies. Elder Arthur McKinnon, R. H. Wilson, Jos. H. Taylor and Lorenzo Harris sang "Bountiful Zion," which was received with great enthusiasm.

Monday morning the elders met again after receiving further instructions from President Stokes, a number of them departing for their new fields of labor.

The others remaining to hold the last public meeting, Monday evening, which had a larger attendance than the previous ones, as those who had attended before brought some of their friends with them.

After the regular opening exercises Elder Lorenzo Harris spoke very interestingly on the first principles of the gospel. Elder R. H. Wilson then sang "Let us oft speak kind words to each other," with the other elders joining in the chorus. President Stokes then made the final discourse on the origin of the Book of Mormon, also of the history of the pioneers after leaving Nauvoo and showed that the Lord had been with them all through their trials. At the close of the meeting a number of Books of Mormon were disposed of, and our literature was widely distributed.

The work is prospering in this vicinity, and while we meet with much opposition, we feel that much good is being accomplished here. The "News" and Era are greatly appreciated by the elders.

THOS. O. STOKES,  
Conference President.

ARTHUR MCKINNON,  
Secretary.

## WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Branchland, West Virginia, July 24.—The south, West Virginia midsummer conference convened at the home of Bro. Otto Sharp on Four Mile, at 10 a.m., July 21, and continued until 5 p.m., July 22. The time on Saturday was occupied by the elders, all of whom bore faithful testimonies to the truth of the gospel.

Sunday forenoon was largely taken up by members. Elders Harmon Maynard and Thomas Sharp spoke a short time and bore their testimonies, but what touched the hearts of all assembled was the talk of Bro. Joseph Stump, a confederate soldier, who had visited Utah and was baptized there. He gave a description as near as he could of country, people and facilities, giving the people to understand that what he was telling them was

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MISSION ADDRESSES

For the convenience of travelers, the Deseret News gives herewith the addresses of the various missions of the Church, where this paper will always be found on file, and where travelers will receive courteous attention:

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Chicago—149 So. Paulina St.  
San Francisco—142 Baker St.  
Los Angeles—422 West Tenth St.

Denver—622 West, Sixth Ave.  
Chattanooga, Tenn.—111 Fairview Ave.

Portland—267 Hancock St.  
Kansas City—160 Locust St.  
Mexico—Calzada Sta. Maria (the rodorial) num. 4 (altos), D. F.  
London, England—37 Farnham Road.

Liverpool, England—10 Holly Road, Fairfield.

Zurich, Switzerland—Hochgasse 68, Munster.

Copenhagen—Kongensgade 11.  
Stockholm, Sweden—Svartensgatan 3.

Honolulu—Punchbowl St.  
Tokyo, Japan—No. 16 Kasumigakemachi, Yotsuya.

Toronto, Canada—226 Wilton Avenue.

Netherlands—Rotterdam, Holland—Boezemsingel 116.

At 8 o'clock the crowd began to assemble and continued to gather until there was not found space for them on the lawn, so arrangements were made to meet the conditions, and seats were provided for many on the sidewalk.

At 8:30 the master of ceremonies, Elder S. O. Benson announced the following program: Singing, "Memories of Galilee"; array, Lt. Vivian Hinckley singing, "America"; address of welcome, Charles H. White; original poem, "The Pioneers"; John A. Lahti ("U.S.A."); "We Love These"; male quartet, organ; singing, Leslie Forester; "God Bless Our Mountain Home"; male quartet; instrumental solo, Mrs. Watt; benediction, W. E. Evans.

After the rendition of the program, refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches, cake, ice cream, fruit and lemonade.

There were present saints, investigators and friends from Kansas City, Kan., Independence, and Kansas City, Mo., all expressing themselves as well pleased with the delightful evening.

The most striking feature of the evening was the oration delivered by President James G. Dunn, which caused much comment, particularly among those who were not invited guests, but had assembled in small crowds in the street to witness the celebration.

We believe much good has been accomplished by our open air celebration, especially among our neighbors.

WM. E. EVANS.

## FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.

## AUDIENCE WITH KING OSCAR.

President Grant and Party Visit the Swedish Monarch at Stockholm.

While attending the conference of Swedish elders held recently in the city of Stockholm, President Grant suggested to a party of Americans who were with him that it would be interesting to call on his majesty, King Oscar II, and grant him pleasure.

"We have heard that the elders talk about Jacob Smith the great prophet. I believe he was. He must have been Tom, addressing himself to Thomas Sharp (an old citizen soldier) or he couldn't have told of the war 28 years before it happened, in which you and I were engaged, trying to kill each other. But, thank God, Tom, we are now friends and have joined the Church of Jesus Christ and will shine forth in the kingdom of God, if we prove faithful."

The feeling manner in which he expressed these sentiments brought tears to the eyes of elders, saints and visitors.

In the afternoon the time was occupied by Elders Amos A. Fuller and John S. Crosby. The first principles of the gospel were explained, giving special emphasis to the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, showing that the Holy Ghost they had anointed is indeed the Spirit of Christ. Christians profess to have now as the latter does not show them things to come.

As an illustration of foreknowledge obtained through the Holy Ghost No. burchmeier's dream, by Daniel and the prophecy to Stephen A. Douglas concerning his aspiration to the presidency, Joseph Smith was given.

After the program refreshments were served the congregation. Then some were desirous of seeing the pole vault and were accommodated by Elder Crosby. Then Elder Wallace played the banjo. Pole vaulting and banjo playing preachers are new things in this country. The people in general seem very well pleased, and much good seed has evidently been sown.

JOHN S. CROSBY.

PIONEER DAY AT KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., July 26.—On the evening of July 24, Pioneer Day was observed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Clegg. The veranda, lawn, and side walk, were beautifully illuminated with Chinese lanterns, as well as being uniquely decorated with flags, pictures, etc.

Good day, gentlemen," said the king.

"Are you all from Utah?"

"Yes, all of us," was the reply.

"Are you all Mormons?" was the next query.

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