## DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1900.

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STAKE CONFERENCES.

Wayne Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Wayne Stake of Zion convened at Loa, Wayne Co., Sunday and Monday, Nov. 11th and 12th. There was a good rep-resentation of all the local authorities and version of all the local authorities

and representative men of the Stake

Present. Elder Willis E. Robison, president of the Stake, presided. The first session was occupied by Elders Willis E. Robi-son, Hans M. Hansen and Gearsen L.

Bastian of the Stake presidency, Elder Parley M. Grigg and Bisnops Hiett E. Maxfield and Walker F. Hanks, who

gave an excellent report of the Stake and the good condition of the work in Fremout and Caneville wards. The fol-lowing subjects were treated by the

speakers: The latter-day judgments; the work of the Holy Ghost; the tem-

poral duties to be performed by the Saints; the reward of the faithful; the

power of unity, and the spreading of the Gospel to the nations.

the Gospel to the nations. At the afternoon session the Sacra-ment was administered, and Patriarch Ellas H. Blackburn spoke at some length upon the divine mission of Jo-seph Smith, and the subject of salvation for the dead. Elder Seth Taft was the next speaker. He discoursed upon the duties devolving upon Lotter.day

duties devolving upon Latter-day Saints in the training of their children,

and spoke of the return of the Saints to Jackson county, Missouri. Elder

John J. Ekker reported the Giles ward in a good condition, and bore a strong

estimony, Bishop Wm. H. Morrell was the first

speaker on Monday morning. He showed the weakness of human nature and the necessity for humility before the Lord.

and explained the various duties of the

Bishop Joshua H. Cook spoke briefly upon the history of Joseph Smith.

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SAMOAN MISSION. respective branches. In the afternoon, as the Elders were standing by the Peace and Prosperity in the Atua Conference. GOOD PROGRESS OF THE WORK Well Pleased with the Work of the Children-Translation of the Book

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Elder Pratt Greer writes from Siupapa, Upolu, Samoa, October 12: The Atua conference embraces the eastern half of the island of Upolu, having about eighty miles sea front, along which are strung many native villages dotted here and there by a lumber house in which resides a halfcast, or a foreign trader. At present there are five Elders and one sister laboring in this district, viz.; G. C. Spils-bury, presiding Elder of conference; John T. Roberts, Warren Longhurst John T. Roberts, Warren Longhurst and wife, Myra Martin Sanders, and the writer; also two Samoan mission-aries, Opapo and losefa.

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For the past year we have been try-ing to centralize our efforts by estab-lishing a central school at Malaela, and, have succeeded, to the textent that there is now an enrollment of forty-five. A meeting house, which would be a credit to many of the wards in Zlon, has also been erected. The different branches aided in its construction as it will also be used for school purposes.

Here, at Malaela, October 5th and 6th, was held the semi-annual conference, there being an attendance of alnety Saints. The number, both of Saints and strangers, was small, as the conference was conducted on a new

Monday morning Priesthood meeting was held. In which the native workers were brought to a realization of the portance of their calling. Immedi-ely after dismissing, the Elders and sisters met in Sacrament meeting and for two hours feasted upon the holy influence of the Spirit of the Lord. Elder Spisbury and Elder Longhurst and wife continue their work with the central school, Elder Sanders also con-tinues his labors at Solosolo, while llders Roberts and Greer will do mainly proselyting work, as two new mis-sionaries will be called to take their

meeting house, we received a call from Governor Solf and other officials, who were on a visiting tour around the islands. After a hearty hand-shake, the governor noticed the girls, who were standing to one side, dressed in their white dresses and red ribbons (the work of the sisters), and made the the work of the sisters), and made the expression, "What beautifully dressed girls!" "Yes," replied Elder Sears, "and we would take pleasure in show-ing you what they can do, if you have time to stop." "We can stop 30 min-utes," replied the governor, "so if you have a Samoan song or a recitation, we would be pleased to hear it." The boys were playing cricket, but it took but a few minutes for them to change their clothes and come, as they would have felt much slighted, had the girls given

the reception without them. A short exercise, songs, recitations, etc., was given, the first being an im-promptu speech of welcome, by one of the boys. The governor seemed much pleased and his pleasure increased as the different pieces were rendered. At the close the governor arose and expressed his thanks to the school and also to the Elders. He stated that he appreciated our labors in helping to raise this people to a higher level, and that the work of the school plainly shows our diligence and patience. We feel that we have a firm friend in the

governor. Tuesday morning the Elders and Saints left for their branches.

IN ANOTHER PART OF THE FIELD. Elder Clair W. Reid sends this from

Pesega, Samoa, Oct. 27th: The conference season is on again and the second one has just been held at this place. For several months previous we were bending all our energies and talents to the preparation of our respective schools for Sunday school conference

and the conjoint concert it has become customary to give on Saturday night of the occasion. Most of the work is done in English and one need only atpt to learn a verse in tongue to appreciate the labor re-quired to train these little ones to recite and sing a dozen or so recitations and songs, for each must have something to do as the parents are very sensitively, if not quite wisely aware of the slightest show of partiality. When I say we, I refer to Brothers Smart and Goats at Tiftiff, Brother Sanders at Solosolo, Brothers Stewart Tomlinson at Laulli, Brother and Rhead at Matautu and myself. There is one other branch in this conference -Siumu-but it is presided over by the native Elder, Elisala.

Progress Reported in the Southern Part of

# Some Statistics - Large Attends

In a communication, dated Maimo, Sweden, Oct. 21, Elder Ola Larson writes:

As we have had our semi-annual conference here in the southern part of Sweden, I send you a few items.

Skone conference was held in Mal-mo, the 20th and 21st of October. The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers for the occasion. There were present Elder An-lreas Peterson, president of the Scandinavian mission; Elder A. G. Lund-strom, president of Skone conference, and Elders August Mineer, B. P. Tex-torius, E. J. Isancson, C. D. Ahistrom, fortus, E. J. Issacson, C. D. Anistrom, Olof Olson, John Pearson, S. W. Nil-son, Oke Oberg, S. J. Nilson, Ola Lar-son, P. V. Bunderson, Wm. Olson, Al-mar O. Larson, John A. Pearson and Martin Johnson.

One meeting was held Saturday night in which some of the Elders gave their reports. At the 10 o'clock session Sunday morning the Authorities of the 'hurch were sustained and in the af-ernoon and evening the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Elder Peterson spoke on the Ten Commandments, and as listened to with marked attention On Monday at 10 o'clock a Priest-hood meeting was held where we re-ceived a great deal of good instructions. Skone conference consists of five branches. There are laboring three High Priests, thirteen Seventies, Local Priesthood. Ten Kiders, sixteen Priests, eighteen Teachers and seven Deacons. There are 275 members, or 326 officers and members. There are 41xtyive children under eight years; total of

ouls, 397 Missionaries have distributed 8,066 racts and 151 books; visited 5,339 rouses; had 1.817 conversations; held 285 meetings; 50 Sunday schools and 25 Relief Societies; haptized 12 persons, and blessed 3 children; 15 persons have emigrated, 8 died and 2 have been excommunicated.

### REPORT FROM TENNESSEE.

Elders' Escape from Mobbing-Satisfactory Progress of the Work.

Elder J. Walter Harris writes from Sparta, White Co., Tenn., Nov. 14th: One year ago, I left my home in Cave, Bannock Co., Idaho, to fill a mission in the Southern States. I was first as-signed to labor in the Middle Tennessee nference. On the 9th and 10th of ec., our conference convened at Dec., our conference convened at Nashville. At the council meeting I was assigned to labor, with Wm. P. Murray, of Wellsville, Cache Co., Utah, We remained together until Jan. 29, this year, but I was sick some of the time. By the faith and prayers of the Elders I was restored to health, and elders that time I have anioved to health, since that time I have enjoyed the best

of health In the month of March my compan-

waii, British Columbia and San Franother Sunday school has been organized

with six members, it fills a long-felt want among the Saints and friends as Elder William Loveday, of this city, returned on the 14th of this month from a mission. He was set apart about two years ago for a mission to Europe, and to preach the Gospel on the high sens, and wherever an op-portunity might present itself. He says he has succeeded well in many instances and hopes the seed he has been sowing will not be without fruit. He has seen many friends and rela-tives while or his mission. want among the Saints and Friends as the children can be instructed in the principles of the Gospel, to much bet-ter advantage, and people can see that our intentions are for good. Our school is not graded as they have them in Zion as we have but two plasmes. We scale from our taxt books classes. We read from our text books and then ask questions on the lessons. A lesson statement is also given, and one of the students gives a reading, and singing practice by the school is part of our usual program each Sunday. tives while on his mission. The progress of the work here is slow a account of the prejudice which ex-

Elder J. R. Hindley, of American Fork, Utah county, returned on the lath of this month from the British mission. He was set apart on the 10th of September, 1808. He was asists against us, and our numbers are lew for the amount of work before us, but by persevering, we will be able to surmount the obstacles in our pathsigned to the London conference, where way. The bulk of the people refuse our tracts and would refuse us a hear. he has spent the entire time of his mission. He has felt well in every re-spect during his absence and returns ing, but we find a few who are willing to listen and who are seeking for truth home well pleased with his experience abroad. and willing to read our literature re-gardiess of popular sentiment, or ad-vice from friends to the contrary, and

#### A Village Blacksmith SavedHis Little Son's Life.

people will judge us by our works and not by histories written by avowed ene-Mr. H. H. Black, the well-known vil-lage blacksmith at Grahamsville, Sulli-van Co., N. Y., says: "Our little son, five years old, has always been subject mies, a great work will be accomplished hve years old, has slways been subject to croup, and so bad have the attacks been that we have feared many times that he would die. We have had the doctor and used many medicines, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is now our sole reliance. It seems to dissolve the inclusion and he window feared den to hold street meetings and through the work of ministers, halls through the work of ministers, haus have been closed against them, which makes progress difficult, but then, "where wolves how! know that sheep are nigh." In other parts where the freedom of the city is accorded them and street meetings are held, they meet with very good success and we expect shortly very cood truits as a rethe tough mucus and by giving frequent doses when the croupy symptoms ap-pear we have found that the dreaded expect shortly very good fruits as a recroup is cured before it gets settled." There is no danger in giving this rem-The health of most of the Elders in edy, for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as this mission is good, although some find the climate somewhat trying, but with the blessings of the Lord to at-tend them they will be able to attend confidently to a babe as to an adult.

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plan. Each of the different branches was required to bring its own food, where heretofore the branch of meeting furnished food for all who desired to come. We find bringing food the much better plan, as all who attend do so for the spiritual and not the bodily

strength. Elder W. G. Sears, president of misenth-day Adventist, and wife, were the only visitors. An exhibition with the magic lantern was given Monday even-

Early Saturday morning Elders' meeting was held and reports of the different branches were given, which showed that all is peace and prosperity in the Atua conference. The branch in which Elder Sanders is laboring, Solowhich Ender Sanders is informal, solo-solo, was opened some three months ago, and since then he has baptized two of the chiefs of the village and now has twenty-five pupils in attendance at school. Elder Sears gave some good instructions, showing what it is nec-essary for us to do in order to "rid our garments of the blood of this inform garments of the blood of this sinful generation." Each Elder was inspired with new hopes and new determina-

At 11 a. m., after giving the Saints plenty of time to prepare food, meeting was called. Prayer was offered by Elisala, a native Priest, and Elder Splisbury was the first speaker. He encouraged the Saints to be diligent in their search for truth. their search for truth. Elder Sears was the next speaker, and

related in an interesting manner the first visions of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the delivering of the plates of gold into his hands by the angel Moroni. After a hearty dinner meeting was again called. Elder Sanders was the

first speaker and took for his text "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Elder Sanders was followed by Elisala, who spoke at some length on the apostasy and restoration. Elder John T. Roberts then spoke analyzing the faith of those who desire a sign in order that they believe may

In the evening a concert was given by the different schools, which showed that the children are rapidly fleeing from the onds of ignorance which so long has held firm this benighted people. recitations, songs and dialogues were rendered in such a manner as to be in teresting to the natives, although the were unable to understand. Siste Longhurst also gave several organ selections

The day dawned with all the beauties of a Subbath morning, and a gentle sea breeze cooled the piercing rays of the tropical sun. At 8:30 meeting ways called, Thomas Parcell, a balf-cust holding the office of a Teacher, opened by prayer. Elder Longhurst was the first speaker. He explained the sin against the Holy Ghost.

Sister Longhurst then rendered a musical selection, which was followed by Elder Greer, who spoke from Psalms cxi: 10: "The fear of the Lord is the beglinning of wisdom; a good understand-ing have all they that do His command-ments." Benediction was offered by Elder Sears and meeting was adjourned

until 3 p. m. Soon after breakfast Sunday school was called in which there was an at-tendance of 15 children. The program consisted of lectures, questions and answers on the lives of ancient and lat-ter-day Prophets, recitations and songs, etc. Elder Sears and Prof. Lake also gave words of encouragement to the

Opapo, a native Elder, was the first speaker in the afternoon. He encour-aged the Saints to walk continually in the light of the Gospel, that they might become heirs to the blessings in store for the faithful. Elder Spils-hury then unserved the parmer of the hury then presented the names of the Church authorities: also the names of the Elders of this conference, all of whota were accepted. He then spoke from Hebrews 5.4. A musical selection was rendered, after which Elder Sears took an example from his own experience and outlined the character of those who attack the Church of Christ, | mark a new era in the Samoan mission.

These Elders and their people arrived here Friday afternoon in a rain-storm that made us unnecessarily fear for the comfort of the days to follow. There were present also Elder and wife, the newly arrived Elders, Mirkley, Cook and Bramwell, and Brother Spilsbury, president of the Afua conference.

Atua conference. The latter brought with him about twenty-five or thirty members of his excellent school at Malaela. They gave concerts in three or four villages along the coast on their way here, and Friday evening was appointed to them

or our entertainment. It is somewhat of a surprise to hear these children sing and recite in Eng-lish with a tongue as pure as the Anhan with a tongue as pure as the Ar-glo-Saxon's own, and somewhat richer through the slightly softened R and the invariable correctness of that A that so few English speaking people use correctly. (There is neither R nor A in the Samoan language.) I say it is a surprise to hear that much from them, but when the songs are sung in four parts, when the songs are sung in four parts, when Mai recites in a style that is fairly artistic from every point of criticism, and Charley approaches oratory, when the boys and girls in the marching song show a grace and ac-curacy of movement that boys and girls at home can hardly excel; when we hear so many things from the different branches that thoroughly charm us-then we wonder what degree of artistic and intellectual development the ancestors of these Samoans arrived the ancestors of these samoabs arrived at and upon what lines we are adjudged civilized or savage. But stop! We have been away from the former condition of society and among the latter, so called, so long and have learned to appreciate and enjoy so many things that would hardly have pleased us at home that perhaps we are not capable now of making a fair estimate of our boys abilities-nevertheless, we and girls

oud of them. conference program was carried

Saturday, Elders' meeting, 6:30 a. m. first general meeting, § a. m., second general meeting, § p. m., conference

Third general meeting, 7:30

a. m., Sunday school conference, II a. m., fourth general meeting, 5 p. m., general Priesthood meeting, 7 p. m. Monday: Elders' meeting, 7:30 a. m. and general dispersion of the Saints and Elders to their different "nuus."

In our Priesthood meeting one native Saint of this branch, and by the way he is the third from here, was set apart to perform a mission in the Atua con-ference. Many returned missionaries

will remember Afatasi. Our final Elders' meeting was a fit-ting close for the conference and will long be remembered by those present. Elder Sears arose after we had partak-en of the Sacrament, and expressed his en of the Sacrament, and expressed his satisfaction with the Elders' labors as evidenced by the presence of the Saints and the work done by the school. After placing the Elders in their fields of labor, he made our hearts rejoice by in-forming us that, with the assistance of Brothers Smart and Spilsbury, who will labor together at Maineia, and Brother Morris, who will be called to Fagalii. (headquarters) he will begin the trans-lation of the Book of Mormon immedi-ately after the conference on Tutulia. The need of this book has long been feit and I doubt not that the advent of the "stick of Ephraim" among this branch of the House of Joseph will mark a new era in the Samoan mission.

on and I were holding a series of ings with fair success. We aroused th lousy of our antagonists and the penousy of our antagonists and they broke our last meeting up, and took us to a mob of about thirty men, to be beaten, but by the grace of God we escaped unharmed. I have had fair success in this greaf work. I have sold many books, held several good meet-ings and had the privilege of leading three souls into the waters of baptism. The work is progressing in this part of The work is progressing in this part of the vineyard. I have seen God's powmade manifest.

'News" is greatly appreciated by Elders, Saints and friends. 'It is removing much prejudice. The editor's page and the Church intelligence are scanned with great interest.

### IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

### People Generally Friendly to the Elders and Some Investigating. Elder Allen Taylor writes from So

ety Hill, Darlington county, S. C. Nov. 9, in part: It is nearly twenty months since 1 bid my mountain home farewell to go on a mission to the fair State of South Carolina. I am now tramping over sandy roads, as many of my colaborers

sandy roads, as many of my consorters have done to proclaim truth on earth, and good will toward all men. I am thankful that I responded to the call of God. I know there was some-thing for me to do, or I would never have been called to this work.

The people generally are quite friend-ly, and seem to be earnest seekers after truth, although some of the Elders have had to flee for safety, on account of some vile men. I, myself, have passed through such experiences, but have always escaped harm, My companion and I have been la

boring in Chesterfield county, S. C., for the past three months, and have met with fair success, and made many good friends. We have baptized seven. The people are quite friendly toward us Many are investigating the Gospel, and are beginning to see that the "Mor-mons" are teaching the truth.



in the Australian Mission.

#### The Work of the Lord Progressing-The Health of the Elders. Good.

Elder John B. Mathias sends this report of the work in Australia. It is dated Erskineville, Sydney, N. S. W., October 22nd, 1900;

On October 14th a Sunday school anniversary was held in the Sydney branch, being four years since its organization. A program was arranged for and carried out to the credit of each student and satisfaction of the teachers. parents and friends. The Sunday schools in this consilon are doing much to allay prejudice and are the means of spreading the work, which otherwise

of spreading the work, which otherwise would be difficult. The school here in Sydney was or-ganized October 11th, 1896, with fifteen members, and at present it has an en-rollment of thirty-three. Two years previous to this, however, one had been organized at Brisbane with fifteen members, but now has an enrollment of sketty, holing the largest in the wis-

Bishop James Grant exhorted the people to cultivate the spirit of forpeople to cultivate the spirit of for-giveness, and set an example worthy of imitation. He reported the organi-zations of the Thurber ward. Patriarch George Coleman was the next speaker. Bishop George H. Crosby reported the Torrey ward. Elder Heber J. Wilson was the first speaker at the closing ses-sion of conference. He treated briefly, the first principles of the Gospel, and the blessings derived from obedienc-to the law of sacrifice. He reported the Teasdale ward. Elder Gearsen S, Bas-tian presented the General and local autian presented the General and local au thorities of the Church, all of whom were sustained by a unanimous vote.

The speaker then explained the duties and labor of Temple missionaries. Patriarch Benj. F. Brown discoursed upon the gift of inspiration and its power upon the hearts of the children of men. Elder Hans M. Hansen spoke upon the efficacy of prayer. Elder Willis E. Robison, in a forceful address, demonstrated how obedience to the simple every day duties of life leads to perfection and brings exaltation and verlasting life

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY, Stake Clerk.

### Wasatch Stake.

The fall conference of this Stake of Zion convened at Heber, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, November 10. Elder Hatch presiding. Elders Louis Par-cell, Andrew Erickson and Lawrence B. Duke, returned missionaries from the Eastern States and Sweden, gave some of their experiences while in the mission field

Elder John Henry Smith, of the Council of Apostles, having arrived on the morning train, next addressed the conference on missionary work in the world.

Amongst those called to address the Amongst those canred to address the audience was Elder George W. Brown, of Charleston ward. He is the man who plowed the first furrow in Utah after the arrival of the ploneers in 1847. Several other veterans in the Church reaches and here testimonies us to the spoke and bore testimonies as to the truth of the work in which the Latter-

day Saints are engaged. Elder Hatch gave a concise report of the condition of the Stake. All the organizations are complete, and so far organizations are complete, and so far as he was able to judge, there was no cause for the censure of any of them. Elder John Henry Smith dwelt on the subject of correct education. He then referred to the testimony of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon, and and the will of the Lord had hear ful said the will of the Lord had been ful-filled in the acts of these men, who had gone into darkness principally through ambition, but had remained faithful to their testimony throughout their lives. He spoke earnestly on the necessity of observing the Sabbath day and referred to the Hon. W. E. Gladstone as a fitting example of a well balanced man who, although one of the greatest statesmen of his day, yet found time to attend to his religious duties.

Elder John Bond was released from his position as Stake musical director of Sunday schools

A conference of the M. I. associations was held on Sunday evening, at which valuable instructions were given by

Elder Smith and others. The General and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sus-tained. Conference then adjourned till February 9th, 1901.

G. J. HARBOUR, Stake Clerk.

# RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder M. P. Driggs, of Forest Dale previous to this, however, one had been organized at Brisbane with fifteen members, but now has an enrollment of eighty, being the largest in the mis-sion. In our school the Bible and Book of Mormon have been the principal studies; illustrated charts being used in the primary class with good re-sults. At Goulburn, New South Wales, anSoap, made of pure almond oil complexion Delightful for the complexion and war-ranted not to chap the most delicate skin. All of the above toilet preparations are alwayt hear in archiver to be the state of the st always kept in stock and can be had from

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