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LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA.

Elder W. M. Alvord, writing from Herris, St. Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia, under date of Nov. 22, 1906,

says: Your valuable paper comes duly to hand and is read with much interest by the eders, saints, friends, and investi-gators here in the far-off land of Aus-gators here in the far-off hand of Aus-gators here in the far-off hand of Ausgators here in the far-on fand of Aus-tralia, 5,000 miles from home. I am laboring in the beautiful city of Toolaboring in the beautiful city of Too-woomba, surrounded with grand scen-ery. Toowoomba is inland about 125 miles from the ocean, and has a popula-tion of about 14,000 inhabitants.

is here in this city that Elders jam T. Monk of Spanish Fork, Utah, and myself are trying to spread the truth and preach the plan of life william and salvation to the honest in heart. We are met with storms of opposition from some and especially from the pul-pit, press and street corners. But on But on hand, others treat us very the office mand, others treat as very hadiy and will spend hours listening to what we have to say. The work is graving slowly but surely. We have many good, honest friends here and ve have so many it is impossible for us to find evenings to pay them all a risit. But when we go we are made very welcome and we are looking forto the time when they will be to see the precious truths taught ward to the

in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are making our way like the apostles of old-telling the same old aposities of old-tening the same old story, tramping with the word of God, and we are thankful for our mission. During the past month I have had the privilege of baptizing two good, honest pouls and the future certainly looks ware hright. very bright,

very bright. We have a splendid Sunday school and our Mutual is held at different homes of the saints. Sacrament meet[±] ing is held at the home of Brother rooks and we hold services in the Odd ellows hall. Two Bible classes are held on each Thursday night at differ-ent saints' homes, and they show the fruits of a good work, because we may get some to come to a Bible class who

would not come to hear us preach. On Nov. 10 Elder Ammon Sims of Pima, Ariz, paid us a visit from Brisbane, in company with some Brisbane saints.

The next day being Sunday, in our Sacrament meeting Sister Wick, Wohl-son and Elder Sims - some very interesting and encouraging remarks to our little flock. In the evening Elder Sims delivered a spiendid sermon entitled "The Unbelieving Dead," using for his text I Cor. xv; 29.

On Nov. 12 we held our general Sun-day school picnic. At 5 a. m. a small crowd went and visited one of Too-woomba's pleasure grounds, which bears the name of "Hell Hole." It has water fall and the scenery ficent. We returned to Mr. P magnificent. We returned to Mr. Pil-lau's paddock and joined our crowd. The day was spent playing games, etc. At 12 a. m. I started to the train to meet Elder Alex, Layton, and found him on Ruthwen street, coming in the right direction. He and I soon reached the plenic grounds and we spent the rest of the day playton games. magnificent. of the day playing games. In the evening we all gathered at the

home of Sister Hansen and spent a few pleasant hours singing songs, etc. On Nov. 14 a social was given in honor of Elders Sims and Layton at the home of Mrs. Hill, who resides on Horris street Toowoomba. Man friends and saints were present and all had a very enjoyable time. The rest of the weak was spent in visiting triends. ELDER W. M. ALVORD.



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MISSION ADDRESSES

For the convenience of travel-ers, the Descret News gives here-with 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: New York City-33 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth St. Chicago-149 So. Paulina St. San Francisco-1443 Baker St. Los Angeles-423 West Tenth

Denver-422 West, Sixth Ave. Chattanooga, Tenn.-711 Fair-

lety Ave. Portland -247 Hancock St. Kansas City-1405 Locust St. St. Louis-4265 Easton avenue. Mexico-Calzada Sta. Maria (la rodonda) num. 4 (altos), D. F. Mexico-Calzada Sta. Maria la rodonda) num. 4 (altos). D. F. London, England-97 Farleigh Sond.

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Toronto, Canada-226 Wilton

Netherlands, Rotterdam, Hol-land-Boezemsingel 116.

their fields of labor they were filled with the spirit of the Lord and felt well

every particular; some came long dis-tances to be present. A time long to paid for coming to conference. paid for coming to conference. Elders George A. Smith and B. H. Roberts met with the elders and saints of the South Carolina conference in the Craven hall on Dec. 16. Conference President John H. Gibbs, presiding. be remembered was enjoyed. The membe remembered was enjoyed. The mem-bers returned to their homes and the elders go to their fields of labor en-couraged and strengthened in the work. J. A. BERRETT.

Congregation sang "Come, come ye saints, no toll nor labor fear, etc. Prayer was offered by Elder M. T. Har-mon. Congregation sang "We thank thee, O God, for a prophet," etc. Conference president John H. Gibbs made the opening remarks of the conthee The quarterly conference of Davis stake convened at Kaysville ference, expressing his love for the gospel. He also welcomed the members gospel. He also welcomed the members and investigators to our meetings. He bore a strong testimony to the gospel as revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith. Elder George A. Smith was the next speaker. The word of wisdom was his theme. He read from the eighty-ninth section of the Doctrine and Covenants, showing forth the will of the Lord in regard to keeping the word of wisdom. He urged the saints to live lives of purity, for, said he, if we defile our bodies. God's spirit will leave us. He instructed the saints to seek for wisdom and knowledge, be-

ance on Saturday was small, consisting almost entirely of stake and ward offi-cers. On Sunday the meetinghouse was filled. On Saturday Presiden Joseph H. Grant reported the stake in excellent condition. President Thomas Steel reported the labors of the presidency of the high priests' seek for wisdom and knowledge, be-cause man is saved no faster than he gains knowledge. Elder B. H. Roberts next addressed he conference. He read from Eph. 4:

The visiting brethren from Salt Lake were Hyrum M. Smith of the quorum of twelve apostles and Joseph W. Mc-Murrin of the First quorum of Seventy. The presidency of the stake were all present and President Franklin S. Bramwell gradided at all of the meet-Bramwell presided at all of the meetngs.

Several of the bishops of the stake reported the condition of their respect-ive wards which showed that the saints were living their religion and enjoying the spirit and blessings of the gospel and as a general rule are prospering. It happens frequently that men and women become dissatisfied and move their families back to their old homes in Utah, Arizona and other places, but as a rule they spend about one season there and return with the statement that this country is good enough for hem

All boards of the stake are fully organized with live, energetic workers who spend a great deal of time in look-ing after their respective associations. President F. S. Bramwell read the names of 18 missionaries who were as-signed to labor in the different words of

Joseph W. Summerhays, the latter a member of the Deseret Union Sunday School board. tendered the visiting conference visit-tors at the Amusement hall Saturday signed to labor in the different wards of the stake visiting the saints in their homes. These brethren were also to act as home missionaries for the three months. The saints were asked to invite the elders to their homes at such a time when it would be convenient for them to get their friends and neigh-bors to come in and listen to the elders explain the principles of the gospel. Elder Hyrum M. Smith gave us many very valuable instructions. Before the

Sacrament was passed on Sunday morning, he cited the saints to several evils that, being practiced, would con-stitute unworthiness to partake of this holy ordinance. Said we are too apt to partake of it as a mere matter of form Kay was the concluding speaker and addressed the meeting on the subject. partake of it as a mere matter of form and ofttimes do it unworthily. We should show to the world by our ac **4** that we have been blessed and bene-fitted by living the gospel. He por-trayed to us the model home-life for a Latter day Saint formity. "The Relation of the Stake Presidents to the Stake." Mrs. Mathilda F, Smith sang "The Last Rose of Summer," after which the ladies served a fine

a Latter-day Saint family. Elder Joseph W. McMurrin said in seeking the things of this world, we should be careful not to do anything that will endanger our own soul's sal-vation. Being true to the work of God means that we are willing to sacrifice means that we are willing to sacrifice houses, lands, wives, children and all else and perform our duty when called upon; also gave some very valuable in-formation in relation to missionary work at home and abroad; said that a person who accepts a call for a mis-sion and feels in his heart that he would sathas he at home or somewhere else sion and feels in his heart that he would rather be at home or somewhere else, had better not go. God does not want such men. He dwelt at some length on the restoration of the gospel. During the conference President F. S. Bramwell and Councilors C. W. Nib-ley and Leonard J. Jordan spoke to the result another gives them in their fully

ople, encouraging them in their faith id bearing testimony to them of the truth of the gospel; also mentioned that it was time for them to think about settling their accounts with the Lord for the year 1906; complimented the saints on their efforts in the past to keep the commandments of God. Five young men who had recently re-

turned from missions each spoke for a short time.

short time. The music for the conference was furnished by the La Grande ward choir and the Imperial quartet, composed of C. P. Ferrin, H. M. Monson. William K. Davis and Frank C. Bramwell, C. P. FERRIN, Clerk.

TETON STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Te-ton stake of Zion convened in the new stake house at Driggs, Idaho,

new stake house at Driggs, Idaho, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18. The dedication of the Ricks acade-my at Rexburg, Nov. 12, having been attended by members of the stake presidency and of the high council, was talked of by these brethren, and their remarks were richly seasoned with the high minipal of the Davis stake convened at Kaysville on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 22 and 23, 1906, President Joseph H. Grant presiding. Elder George Teasdale of the council of the apostles was present during conference. Elder George Reywith the high spiritual influence which prevailed in abundance at that nolds of the first council of seventies was present on Saturday. The attenddedication. In connection with the foregoing ideas the subjects of charity, iberality and assisting in the erec-tion of church buildings, was dwelt on by the speakers during the confer-ence, applied particularly to complet-ing payments of the cost of the stake house recently crected. On Saturday President

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MARICOPA STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Maricopa stake of Zion convened in

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Church and stake were all sustained by a unanimous vote, there being but a few changes in the organizations since the last conference. The changes were in the presidency of the elders'

uorum, that quorum having been lisorganized when the many mem-

bers were taken out to fill up the seventies' quorum. The new officers were sustained as follows: G. E.

Phelps, president; Marini Holiiday, first counselor; Frank Ellsworth, sec-

retary. The new organization according to the second counselor and Leo Hibbert, sec-retary. The new organization has adopted Bro, Keeler's "Lesser Priest-hood and Church Government," as a text book, has elected a class leader,

and will hold semi-weekly meetings. Great enthusiasm is manifested and it

is believed that a great work will be accomplished by them.

Sunday evening the Y. M. and Y. M. M. J. A. met in conjoint meeting and rendered a splendid program. The

lectures by Mrs. Mamie Hibbert on "Conversation" and James W. Leseuer

on "Habit" were excellent and the singing and other features were well appreciated. The young people's or-

POCATELLO STAKE.

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Elder Mark C. Holbrook of Bountiful

bove named conference.

A. Hyde acted as master of cerlmon-les. The latter delivered an address Elder Charles M. Beil of Dempey, Bahnock county, Idaho, arrived in this city Dec. 19. from the British mis-sion, for which he was set apart April 19,1905. The Norwich conference was his fields of labor. About three months ago he was attacked with typhoid fe-ver which left him suffering with pains in his lungs, but he is improving mice-ly. He was honorably released to re-turn home, at this time on account of his health. "The Mission of a Church Worke on "The Mission of a Church Worker." Miss Elitha Tubbs sang a solo entitled "Sing Mc to Sleep," Elder Summer-hays delivered a discourse on "The Value of a Soul., A male chorus, led by Ward Chorister H. Spillman, ren dered, "The Hour of Prayer." Bishop Ephraim Ralphs of Rockland gave a talk on "How I Would Like My Ward to Be." Mr. William H. Lovesey gave a humorous reading entitled. "The a humorous reading entitled, "The Negro Lecturer," Elder David O. Mc The sis health.

Belder Austin Garr Burton of Farmers ward, eame home Dec, 22, from the Southern States, for which mission he was set apart Jan. 3, 1905. The Florida, Mississippi and Ohio conferences were his fields of labor.
Elder Clarence E. Allred, of Raymond. Alberta, Canada, came to this city Dec. 26, from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart

On Saturday morning Pres. Hyde reported the condition of the Poca-tello stake, which on the whole was improving. The Young Men's mutual

was, if anything, making a better showing than last year. All the organizations are working earnestly. Elder Summerhays felt that this would be a great conference, notwith-standing the light attendance Sat-urday morning. He said it was a mistake to imagine that we are handi-capped by our Church duties. Com-pare the Lader-day Saints with their defamers and we can afford to wait the time when the Savior shall say, "Come hithe

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Elder McKay said all things, can be reduced to a question of value, and dis-cussed on the subject of obtaining salcussed on the subject of obtaining sat-vation at the sacrifice of riches, and related the story of the rich young man who questioned the Savior; also spoke on the trials of Job, who came off victorious from the point of view of salvation. There is no difficulty but says he overcome by perseverance. be overcome by perseverance can be overcome by penerona he sugges-speaking in the afternoon he sugges-ted that the bishop should report the details of their work and the condi-tions of the saints. Bishop Orson M. Christensen of the Condex Creek ward Bishop James F.

Garden Creek ward, Bishop James F. Hunt of Grant ward and Bishop Eph-raim Palphs of the Rockland ward gave reports of the respective on-ditions of their wards. The stake presidency was commended for their faithfulness to duty. Elder McKay spoke on the refining

Ender McKay spoke on the refining influence of sorrow, and pictured Job in his righteousness and power. Elder Summerhays chose his text from Matt: 7th chapter: "Judge not that ye be not judged." He said our mission is a constructive one, one of upbuilding and saving grace. upbuilding and saving grace.

The visiting brethren addressed the children of the Sunday school in a very interesting and forceful manner, the latter on the need of reaching their hearts for good, and the former on the hearts for good, and the former on the nativity of Christ, paraphrasing slight-ly the journey of the wise men of the east. In the afternoon, addresses were-made by Presidents H. S. Pond and Henry S. Woodland. Pres. Hyde pre-sented the general and local authorities which were heartily sustained. A dust was given by Edwin and Leo H. Edg-by, entitled, "Come Unto Me and Reat"

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Elder Thomas T. Mendenhall of Ray-mond, Alberta, Canada, reported in Salt Lake December 24, returning from he Southern States mission, for which he was set apart Dec. 6, 1904. He lawhich bored in the Virginia conference.

Enter Mark C. Holbrock of Hountiful, Davis county, Utah, came home Decem-her 24 from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart on Feb. 14, 1905. The East Pennsylvania confer-ence was his field of labor.

Elder Hyrum Ashley Rands, of Rex-burg, Fremont county, Idaho, reported Dec. 24, on returning from the South-ern States fnission, for which ho was set apart June 28, 1984. The Virginia con-ference was where he labored, the latter out of his mission as president of the art of his mission as president of the

Elder Joseph Duncan Stoddard of Downey, Bannock county, Idaho, passed through this city Dec. 24, on his return from the Southern States mis-sion, for which he was set apart Oct. 18, 1904. The Florida and Ohio confer-ences were his fields of labor.



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April 11, 1906. The North Carolina con-ference was the field where he labored. was released on account of ill Ha

Elder Peter S. Durney of Victor, Fre-mont county, Idaho, passed through this city Dec. 27, on his return from the Northern States mission, for which he was set areart Nov. 8, 1994. The Northern Illinois and Minnerota conferences were his fields of labor.

Elder Jas. Binghan: Wilson of Mid-Elder Jas, Binghant Wilson of Mid-way, Wasatch county, reported Dec. 25, on returning from the Colorado mission for which he was set awart Oct. 18, 1864. He labored in Nebraska, Denver, west and north Colorado conferences. The work is progressing nicely in the above named mission, although some indifference is encouncred. As the peo-ple become acquainted with Mormonism and what it really is they become more and what it really is they become more liberal towards the missionaries.

Elder Edgar E. Hul of Mill Creek, Elder Edgar 6. Full of and Dec. 7. Salt Lake county, came home Dec. 7. from the British mission, for which he was set spart Nov. 19, 1204. He la-bored in the Irish conference.



VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 12.—The Vir-ginla conference was held at Richmond-Va., in Pickett Camp hall, 307 North 7th street, on December 9, 1906, Elders George A. Smith and B. H. Roberts, who december 9, 1906, States and Sta who are making a tour of the south, and President, Ben E. Rich of the Southern States, were the speakers. They gave the elders some very good instruction during the morning and afternoon sessions, which were held at

10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., respectively. The morning priesthood meeting was occupied by the elders, (32 in number) answering the questions asked them by the authorities, and bearing testimony. The general authorities were put be-fore the elders to be sustained, after which Pres. H. A. Pands of the Vir-ginia confers e was ionorably re-leased by common consent of all presleased by common consent of all pres-ent, and Elder E. F. Marshall was sustained to succeed him. Elders D. E. Bishop, George A. Webb, Benjamin Larsen, T. A. Story, T. T. Mendenhall and C. R. Drumiler and wife were also honorably released.

Elder George A. Smith then spoke for some time on the duties of the elders; and that revelation for the whole Church will not come to anyone ex-cept through the president of the Church. He said that every officer has the right to receive revelation pertaining to his own calling and work, and that whoseever is called is the one to receive it, and that there is only one

head at a time in the Lord's work. In the meeting at 2:30 p. m., Elder Grarge A. Smith continued speaking on the duties of the elders: after which President Ben E. Rich followed on the blect, and encouraged the their work. Elder B. H. subject. in Roberts then rendered some very good thoughts as follows: We learn by g, because when we teach we be under a moral obligation ourselves, it is a sacred thing to say you know the Gospel is true; so much is not in obtaining the outer facts as is not in obtaining the outer facts as in waking our inner selves, and that many people know the Gospel is true, but are not conscious of the fact; do not exhaust yourself on any subject, but hold back some strength in re-serve. We are in a bond with God and if we do not break it, God will not; and God will not in the stoper and God will not permit us to be hundled unless it glorifies his work. In the evening at 7:30 the hall was filled to its utmost capacity--members and friends were in attendance. Pres. Ben E. Rich, Elder George A. Smith, Elder B. H. Roberts followed one another upon "Revelation and the Div-ivity of the Book of Mormon."

Elder George A. Smith and Presi-dent Ben E. Rich were also present at the appointment meeting on Mone elders were assigned their fields or counties, and are The leaving the city for them as fast as possible, filled with a renewal of split and energy. The Virginia conference is anticipating great results due to the visit of our presented to the of our prominent spiritual s. E. F. MARSHALL, Conference President. icaders.

SO. CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

So. CARCOLINA CONFERENCE. Writing from Columbia, S. C., under date of Dec. 20, 1906, Eider John H, Gibbs reports a conference recently held there, as follows: I herewith send you a synopsis of our conference, which was held on Dec. 16, 1906. The elders and saints all express themselves to the effect that all express themselves to the effect that it was the best conference over held in South Carolina. The work of the lord is progressing very rapidly. Many new cities are being canvassed, which have heatred and prejudice which once exist-ed is gradually wearing away and the people are becoming more liberal in their views. The elders were given some very good instructions in the priesthood meetings by Brothers Smith and Roberts. When they departed for

11-12, showing very clearly the organ ization of the Church of Christ. H He said the Church was the depository of God's truth. The speaker declared the Church had two great missions to per-form. The one of preaching the gospel in all the world and the other to teach the gaints to conform their lives to the same. He also spoke of the blessing pronounced upon the head of Joseph by his father Jacob.

by his father Jacob. The congregation sang. "Lord dis-miss us with Thy blessings." Benedic-tion by Elder Richard Norwood. Conference convened again at 3 p. m., President John H. Gibbs presiding.

Congregation sang, Redeemer of Israel our only delight," etc. Prayer was offered by Elder Joseph Nielson. Congregation then sang "The spirit of God like a fire is burning.

like a fire is burning." Elder B. H. Roberts was the first speaker. He began his remarks by reading Matt. 22: 37-38. He spoke of man's relationship to Deity, declaring that Christ is our elder brother, that as Christ received a fulness of the glory of the Father so also will man by of the Father, so also will man by

as Christ received a futness of the glory of the Father, so also will man by obeying the gospel. Elder Geo. A. Smith made a few closing remarks on pre-existence, read-ing from the 98rd section of the Doc-trine and Covenants. Congregation sang "High on the mountain top a banner is unfurled," etc. Benediction by Elder C. N. Motes. Services began at 7:30 p. m., with President Rich also in attendance, he having arrived in the evening from Chattanooga, Tenn., Conference Pres-ident John H. Gibbs presided. Con-gregation sang, "Weary not," Prayer was offered by Elder John H. Cook. Congregation sang, "Let us all press on in the work of the Lord." etc. President Ben E. Rich was the first speaker. He delivered a discourse on the apostasy and restoration of the gos-pel. Elder Geo. A. Smith was the next speaker. He spoke of the com-ing forth of the Book of Mormon, bear-

pel. Elder Geo. A. He spoke of the com-ing forth of the Book of Mormon, bear-ing testimony to the divinity of the same. Congregation same, "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," etc. Benediction by Elder B. H. Roberts. The conference was a grand success.

Benediction by Elder B. H. Roberts. The conference was a grand success, which was very gratifying to the elders and visiting brethren. The people of Columbia were very kind, especially the newspapers in publishing notices of conference. Much prejudice has been allayed and the people are be-ginning to investigate the message of life and salvation. On Dec, 8 the elders held priesthood meeting and were assigned their fields

Iffe and salvation.
On Dec. 8 the elders held priesthood meeting and were assigned their fields of labor as follows: Prosident John H. Gibbs and Elder Joseph Nielson, Co-lumbia: Joshua Finlinson and James L. Oman, Charleston; Melvin T. Harmon and La Roy Hopkins, to Orangeburg; Henry I. Mills and W. Riley Lewis, Mt. Pleasant; Le Roy Baker and Jo-seph Anderson, Georgetown; John E. Adams and Albert Curtis, Williams-burg Co.; A. W. Archibaid and R. A. Meeks, Colleton Co.; Roman R. Siepert and Frank Paskett, Bamburg Co.; A. M. Hammon and W. S. Laney, Beau-fort Co.; John H. Cook and J. L. Ford, Barnwell Co.; W. A. Weils and George Perry, Florence: Nephi J. Wadley and J. R. Marundale, Hampton Co. Elder J. W. Allen was transferred to Ohlo and Elder D. A. Gillies was released to return home. The elders all felt well and went forth with renewed deter-mination to further the cause of the Master. JOHN H. GIBBS, Conterence President. Conference President.

CONFERENCE IN NO. CAROLINA. CONFERENCE IN NO. CAROLINA. On the 11th and 12th inst. Elders Geo. A. Smith, B. H. Roberts, and Prest. Ben E. Rich of the Southern States mission, held conference with elders, members and friends; six meetings were held, three of which were public; at 3:30 p.m. of the 11th a priesthood meeting was held in which the condition of the con-ference was reported, all the elders of

He said a large majority of he members of this quorum were acive in their duties.

7 p. m., a public meeting convened; Prest. Rich made a few suitable open-ing remarks and introduced to the congregation, which filled the house. Elders Smith and Roberts.

Elder Roberts was the first speaker, he dwelt upon the practical teachings of Mormonism, devoting considerable time

Mormonism, devoting considerable time to the laws of tithing and fasting, as taught and practiced by the Latter-day Saints, showing frem scriptural and practical standpoints, the benefits and blessings to be obtained by the observance of these laws. He also dwelt

at length upon the race question, set-ting forth the teachings of the Church

regarding the intermingling of the

races in marriage relation, saying it is a law of God, that they must keep sep-

arate and apart in these relations. Elder Geo. A. Smith, spoke of his

Elder Geo. A. Smith, spoke of his early missionary labors in the south-ern States, and of the kindness shown he to him by the people among whom he traveled. He bore testimony to the growth and development of the work of God. On the 12th at 8 a. m. priest-hood meeting again convened. Elder Roberts and Prest. Rich gave timely counsel and instructions. At 10 o'clock the public again assembled, when Prest. Rich spoke upon Pre-existence and

Rich spoke upon Pre-existence and Free Agency. Elder B. H. Roberts, took

for his subject, Our Relationship to God. These brethren then had to leave in

order to meet the train, leaving Elder Smith to continue the meeting. He spoke upon the Plan of Salvation and

Eternal Life. At night another public meeting was held at which Elders W. R. Wightman and James R. Burbldge, testified to the truth of the teachings received during the conference. Elder

A. Bennett, spoke upon Obedience, howing that it was by this principle hat our Savior gained the high osition that He holds. Elder Geo.

A. Smith delivered a powerful dis-course on the Divinity of the Book of

At 9 a. m. on the 13th the elders again met in Priesthood meeting and

received instructions from Elder Geo. A. Smith, after which they were as-

A. Smith, after which they were as signed companions and their fields of Labor. Elders C. E. Allred of Lehi, Utah, and Wallas Young of Brigham City, Boxelder county, and A. W. An-derson of Emery, Utah have been hon-

orably released to return home. Elder Allred on account of poor health. The conference just held was a success in

STAKE CONFERENCES.

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Elder James A. Eldredge of the stake presidency, exhorted the saints to be faithful in all things, to attend to their duties in the time and season thereof. He also spoke on the keeping of secrets, etc. The most of the time Saturday was occupied by Ele Elders George Teasdale and George Reynolds, /whose insignations and admonitions vere listened to with great interest. On Sunday the services were chiefly f a memorial character. Elder Jesse M. Smith of the stake presidency, spoke of his visit to Sharon, Vermont, one year ago, of the erection and dedi-cation of the monument to the memory Prophet Joseph Smith, of his the visit with the other brethren to the Hill Cumorah and other places of note the history of the Church. Elder las S. Smith, the only living cousin Silas S. graphic sketch of his relationship and acquaintance with the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum. Elders Thomas Steed. Edwin Pace, Horace Thomas Steed. Edwin Pace, Horace Drake and Jacob Miller, who were boys from 14 to 17 years of age, were personally acquainted with the Prophet

Joseph Smith, related many incidents in the life of the prophet, that came in the life of the prophet, that came under their personal observation. El-der George Teasdale delivered an in-teresting discourse on the life and mar-tyrdom of the Prophet Joseph, the restoration of the preschood, and the work for the dead. The general and local authorities of the Church were resconted and unanimously sustained. presented and unanimously sustained. Elder Jacob Miller of Farmington was presented and sustained to be ordained

Joseph

a patriarch. Elder Jonathan D. Wood of Farmington was presented and sustained as an alternate high councilor. These brethren were ordained and set apart to their calling by Elder George Teasdale. An excellent spirit prevailed through conference and the speakers received the earnest attention of all present. The Kaysville choir under the leadership of Elder Lambert Blamires, furnished the music and singing for the conference, which was excellent. Many choice selections were rendered at intervals throughout the excellent four sessions of conference, JOHN J. SMITH, Clerk.

UNION STAKE.

Owing to a very severe snow and windstorm, there was a small attend-ance at the opening of the quarterly conference here Saturday, Dec. 15, but on Sunday our house was well filled.



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Sunday between morning and afteroon session, in which was considered

Elders Summerhays and McKay each the liquidation of the remaining debt of about \$5,000 on the stake building addressed the assembly in a most in-teresting manner, and each expressed himself in commendation of the good and its dedication at our next quarspirit that prevailed at the confer-The stake house was finished, as to

The stake noise was finished, as to carpenter work, six months ago, and the painting three months ago. It is adapted for all purposes, and has been highly praised by visiting Church The chief change made was the reorganization, in part, of the Pocatego Sunday School board. First Assistofficials, as almost the most suitable and useful building belonging to the Latter-day Saints. It was unanimously ant Superintendent Edwin D. Harrison was honorably released with a vote of thanks, and was succeeded by Elder Egbert C. Stratford as first asdecided by vote to pay the debt on, and dedicate the stake house, at the and dedicate the stake house, at the stake conference next February. Patriarch John Letham spoke on temple building and temple work. Supt. of Funday Schools James F. Griggs spoke on Sunday school work. Benefits of words and available to ork. sistant and William H. Lovesey as second assistant superintendent, and the new members on the board are: Clarence S. Parkinson, Bert Merrill, Mrs. Zella Merrill, Lester Bishop (of Mrs. Zella Merrill, Lester Bishop (of Inkom) and Miss Margaret Olive. A special stake priesthood meeting was held at 4:20 where valuable instruc-tion was imparted. Among other things mention was made of the pro-per order of interment in family lots, facing the rising sun, the husband's place is in the southeast corner; the others follow in the order of their res-pective seniority. This order of ar-Reports of wards and auxiliary or-ganizations given, showed a good condition of same generally. An appropriate program characterized the M. I. A. session Sunday even-A rich portion of the spirit of the Lord was enjoyed throughout the conference, making it one to be repective seniority. This order of ar-rangement places the head of the family in front and on the right hand side. Elder James William Howell was None of the general Church au-

Elder James William Howell was set apart as second counselor to Bish-op Alfred M. Boyce of McCammon, by Elder David O. McKay, Elder John William Stinger of Garden Creek was also set apart by Elder McKay as first counselor to David Armstrong, presi-dent of the First quorum of elders. The M. I. A. conference was as usual

Maricopa stake of Zion convened in the tabernacle, Saturday and Sunday, Nov, 23 and 24. President J. T. Lesueur presided. Friday and Satur-day a rain fell, just what was needed, but as a result there was a slim at-tendance the first day, but Sunday there was a good turn out and a most contorable spicit was manifest and The M. I. A. conference was as usual held Sunday evening, interspersed, with a nice song program. Miss Nellie Hansen rendered "The Last Rose of Summer" on the new organ, using special organ stops. The rendition was beautiful and both speakers were enjoyable spirit was manifest and those who attended the meetings were was beautiful and both speakers were prompted in their remarks by the inci-dent. Both associations took part in the evening exercises. Pres. Loule K. Pond presided. Elder Summerhays in a serious vein was reminded of the dedication of the Manti temple, and exported the saints to love music and spiritually feasted. The only visitors from outside the stake were Elders J. E. Garner and Clarence Funk, of the California mission, who are laboring in Phoenix as missonaries. They both delivered addresses during the conference. The reports of the bishops and ofexhorted the saints to love music and

exhorted the saints to love music and encourage its spread. Elder McKay related some humor-ous experiences from the mission field, showing the predicament elders sometimes get into by not knowing the first principle relating to song ser-vice. Mrs. Mary Henderson offered the breading and thus ended the ficers of the stake organizations show-ed them to be in splendid condition, both spiritually and temporally. In fact the organizations have done better work this year than ever be-fore, and sall are united in making the benediction, and thus ended the 33rd quarterly conference. H. KAY.



Elder J. A. Lee of Brigham City, Boxelder county, Utah, reported Dec, 23, 1905, returning from the New Zealand mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 5, 1904. The Ngopuhi and apart Feb. 5, 1904. The Ngopuni and Waikato conferences were his fields of labor.

Elder Willard Neeley of Granite, Salt Lake county, Utah, came home Dec. 19, from the British mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 18, 1904. He labored in Newcastle conference.

Elder Ira S. Neeley of Riverdale, Oneida county, Ida., arrived home Dec. 8, from the Central States mission, for which he was set apart Dec. Elder Neeley's return at this time is en account of being troubled matism.

Elder Thomas W. Kerby of Pima, Graham county, Arizona, who was set apart Oct. 26, 1994, for a mission to the Northern states, returned home for Christmas after a very successful mission in Indiana.

Elder Thomas Albert Storey of North Ogden, Weber county, Utah, returned December 24, from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 15, 1994. The Virginia conference was his field of labor.

Pocatello, Idaho. Dec. 17.—The quar-terly conference of the Pocatello stake of Zion convened here yesterday and Sunday, December 15th and 16th, which was largely attended, especial-ly on Sunday. The visiting brethren Elder Clarence C. Nelson of Woods Cross, Utah, came home Nov. 17, from the Eastern States for which mission he was set apart May 1, 1995. He la-



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