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\*Queensland Conference, Elders J. H. Burton, D. W. Livingstone, R. H. Bodily and C. S. Crow, Toowong, Queensland, Australia.

\*New South Wales Conference, Elders A. J. Ridges and W. F. Armstrong, G. P. O. Sydney, N. S. W., Australia.

\*Victoria Conference, Elders J. H. Lewis and J. Stevenson, G. P. O. Melbourne, Australia.

\*Tasmania Conference, Elders F. W. Ellis, L. C. Pond and Sister L. Pond, Hobart Town, Tasmania.

Notes.—\*European districts or Elders assigned to European labor.

The first named Elder in each district is President of Conference.

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### MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Mexican Mission was held in Juarez, in the school house on the 25th and 26th of August, 1894. Elder Geo. Teasdale presiding.

On Saturday, at 10 a.m., after remarks by Elder Teasdale, Counselor Jos. H. James of Diaz ward, Bishop Frank Scott of Oaxaca ward, Bishop Winslow Farr of Dublin ward, Bishop J. N. Smith, Jr., of Pacheco ward, and Bishop Geo. W. Sevey of Juarez ward reported the condition of their wards, all of them being in a prosperous condition, Diaz ward being especially blessed this year with grain and abundant fruit crops.

At the afternoon meeting Elder Teasdale announced the death of Elder John Morgan, and spoke of the faithful labors of the deceased. Elders Miles P. Romney, C. Heaton and Franklin Spencer occupied the time.

On Sunday 26th Elders A. F. Macdonald and Henry Lunt occupied the afternoon.

In the afternoon the speakers were Elder W. R. R. Howell, Henry Eyring and Geo. Teasdale.

At 7:30 p. m. Elders John Jacob Walser, Peter A. Dillman, Phillip Hurst and Geo. Teasdale addressed the congregation, and the benediction was by President Geo. Teasdale.

The subjects dwelt upon during the conference were: Faith, unity, charity, home manufacture, and the necessity of good examples by living a Godly life. The spirit of the Lord was enjoyed abundantly by both speakers and hearers, and the result no doubt will be renewed diligence by the Saints in faith and work. The choir was appreciated by all present. J. J. Walser, the leader, is a hard worker, and his choir is considered a credit to the mission. All the societies held their meetings as usual, and were attended by President Teasdale and his counselors.

Fine rains are falling, making the hills green and beautiful, gladdening the hearts of both man and beast; and we who are in Mexico feel that we have much to thank the Lord for in having such peaceful surroundings,

MILES P. ROMNEY,

Clerk of Mission.

Estrup, the ex-minister of state, has been given the highest rank next to the king of Denmark by order of the king himself.

### MORGAN STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The first annual Sunday school conference of Morgan Stake was held in Simmons's Hall at Morgan City, Saturday and Sunday, September 1st and 2nd, 1894, Superintendent John K. Hall presiding.

The singing was by the Sunday school children of the Stake, conducted by Jas. R. Noble, of Morgan, and John Neil, of Croydon; Mrs. White, organist.

Present on the stand were Stake Superintendency J. K. Hall, Jas. R. Stuart and Daniel Heiner, Presidency of the Stake Richard Fry, S. Francis and W. P. Rich, and by appointment from the Union Board, Elders John M. Whitaker, general secretary, and Levi W. Richards, members of the General Sunday School Board, a great number of ward superintendents and assistants, Bishops and Sunday school normal students.

On Saturday there was a slim attendance in the morning. The meeting opened at 10 o'clock by singing. Elder L. H. Durrant offered the opening prayer. Superintendent J. K. Hall delivered a short address of welcome, and excellent exercises were rendered by some of the schools, alternate with the ward superintendents' reports, showing the schools in a progressive condition.

Elder J. M. Whitaker, in his usual cheerful manner, greatly attracted the attention of the S. S. children with his excellent moral stories, and made many lasting impressions for good upon the minds of all present. The instructions exactly suited the occasion.

In the afternoon of Saturday there was a large attendance. After a few reports from ward superintendents, a class exercise was rendered by Morgan school and many questions asked regarding Sunday school work were answered by Elder Whitaker. That gentleman occupied the balance of the time in giving valuable instructions to those present, especially to officers and Sunday school workers.

After this meeting Mayor Daniel Heiner drove Elder Whitaker to Lake Como. There occurred on this visit a peculiar phenomenon. Lake Como is said to contain a large amount of sulphur, and is about 80 deg. Fahr. On the occasion named as the clouds charged with electricity lowered, and as the thunder pealed forth, this body of clear water turned to a milky white. It commenced at one edge of the pond and rushed across the entire sheet as if by a current, then soon regained its placid clearness.

On Sunday morning meeting commenced at 10 o'clock by singing, "Hope of Israel." Prayer was offered by S. Francis, president of the Stake. The congregation joined in singing "Joseph Smith's First Prayer."

Elder James H. Taggart reported his labors in connection with Brother Roswell Heiner in visiting the schools of the Stake as a S. S. missionary, which throughout went to show the advancement of Sunday school work in the Stake. The remainder of the reports of ward superintendents were given alternately with songs, class exercises, recitations, etc., among which was the recitation entitled "Christ and the Earth," excellently

rendered by Miss Annie Smith, of North Morgan.

Elder Levi W. Richards and John M. Whitaker then addressed the conference on Sunday school discipline and work, and the duties of parents to children. Their remarks were greatly appreciated by the Saints of Morgan Stake.

The morning exercises were brought to a close by the choir singing "We Are; Marching; on to Glory;" benediction by Elder W. R. Rich.

At 2 p.m. the meeting convened and opened by the choir and congregation singing "Zion is Growing." After the administration of the Sacrament and sacramental hymn, Elder Fry presented the general Sunday school authorities, which were unanimously sustained.

Elder S. Francis read the instructions, as published in the News, from Sunday School Union board regarding the collection of the fall donation, after which some of the principal teachers gave review exercises of their class. Elder J. M. Whitaker then represented a model Sunday school and spoke upon Sunday school history, government and the keeping of records by the secretary, the Sacrament, and normal training classes.

An evening meeting having been arranged for at 8 o'clock, the Saints gathered and the services were opened by the choir singing "O, My Father;" prayer by Bishop Charles Turner. Singing, "Lo the Mighty God Appearing."

Elder Levi W. Richards delivered an able address on temple work, the necessity of getting our genealogies and keeping complete records.

Prof. James Rawle sang "Hard Times Come Again No More," and the congregation joined in the chorus.

Elder J. M. Whitaker followed, showing how the Lord worked with the inventors and leading men of nations as well as with the Prophets to accomplish His purposes. The speaker made many able remarks adapted to the wants and necessities of the Saints.

Elder R. Fry heartily endorsed what had been said and done during the conference, and spoke of the most excellent spirit that had prevailed.

Assistant Superintendent Daniel Heiner also was much gratified with the proceedings of the conference, and prayed God's blessings upon all Sunday school workers.

The choir sang an anthem and Elder Rawle pronounced the benediction.

W. W. FRANCIS,

Stake Clerk.

### IN IRON COUNTY.

PAROWAN, Sept. 7.—There still continues frequent storms in this region, retarding the agriculturist in his pursuits. These showers are something unusual and new for this season and district of country, yet they have been of almost daily occurrence and appear to come in streaks or patches, and in their track the whole region will be flooded, while a few miles distant there will be no rain, the roads remaining dry and dusty—then another stretch of country where there is a flood, etc. A solitary cloud will sometimes appear, there will be a peal of thunder and down will come the rain.