

RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder N. Borgeson, of Lowiston Cache county, returned from Europe yesterday. He left Utah for a mission to Scandinavia, October 7th, 1890. On his arrival in Copenhagen he was appointed to labor in Gottenberg conference, Sweden, where most of his time was spent. At least average success attended his labors. He enjoyed good health and excellent spirits and returns in that condition.

We had the pleasure of meeting, last evening, Elder Frederick Dieterle and wife who have just arrived from Haifa, Palestine. Brother Dieterle is well known by all the Elders who have visited the Holy Land during the last years, and they will be pleased to learn about his safe arrival in this country. Elder Dieterle accompanied Brother F. Simmons on a missionary tour to Asia Minor, and was with him at Aintab when he was released from his labors by death. He has always been a true friend to the traveling Elders in Palestine, aiding and assisting them in the difficult work in that country. He brings the news of the death of Mrs. Louise Rhayat, the first lady of Arab origin who ever joined the Church of the Saints. She died faithful notwithstanding much persecution.

Elder P. H. Peters, of Three Mile Creek, Box Elder County, has returned from Indian Territory, where he has been laboring as a missionary. He has been absent about ten months. His return thus early was necessary in consequence of failing health, he having been affected for some time with malarial fever. He is still quite ill and greatly reduced. We hope he will soon recuperate in the purer and more bracing air of his mountain home. His sickness was so serious that he was confined to bed sometime before starting for Utah. He reports the mission in good condition, and the Elders all well except one—Elder H. H. Allen—who is affected with chills and fever. There has been a great deal of sickness in Indian Territory during the past season, owing to the heavy rains, which left pools of water. These stagnant ponds have filled the air with disease-breeding malaria.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

MARICOPA.

The quarterly conference of the Maricopa Stake was held in Mesa, September 18th and 19th. The weather was delightful, and our spacious bowery was filled to overflowing. We had no visiting brethren, but the Stake Presidency and local Elders spoke with freedom upon the true order of the Church of God, the divine calling of Joseph Smith, the necessity for an increase of faith and good works among the people, and the duties the Saints in general.

The reports of the bishops and presidents of the various quorums and associations showed that general health prevailed, crops were excellent and prospects favorable, still the slackness on the part of many was apparent.

President Robson strongly urged an awakening on the part of the slothful, and of those who stand in high places and fail to do their duty. He said they

should reform or hand in their resignations, and let more worthy men fill their places.

The music of our choir was excellent, adding much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

GEO. PASSEY, Clerk.

ST. JOSEPH.

The regular quarterly conference of the St. Joseph Stake was held at Plma on the 11th and 12th of September. President C. Layton being absent on business, Counselor William D. Johnson presided on Sunday. President Layton was present and presided on Monday. The most of the Bishops and High Councilors were present. Patriarch P. C. Merrill, President C. Layton and counselors, Wm. I. Packer, George Cluff, Henry Boyle and S. J. Simms, superintendent of Sunday schools, were among the speakers.

Among the subjects treated were Sunday schools, Church academy, tithing and general education.

The general and local authorities were presented to the people and unanimously sustained.

The conference adjourned sine die, the time of convening to be set by the Apostles.

Benediction by Patriarch Merrill.

J. PERCIVAL LEE, Stake Clerk.

THATCHER, Graham county, A. T., Sept. 16, 1892.

PANGUITCH.

The quarterly conference met at Panguitch on August 28th. There was a large attendance, and a good spirit prevailed. Apostles F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund spoke on sacramental discipline, prayer, forgiveness, Temple work and free will offerings.

The various bishops of the Stake reported their wards in a flourishing condition.

A priesthood meeting was held on Saturday evening, and Apostle Lyman spoke on the word of wisdom and duties of the Priesthood. Apostle Lund also spoke on the Priesthood, and showed the result of example.

On Monday, the 30th, Apostles Lyman and Lund, the Presidency of the Stake and the Bishopric of Panguitch ward went to Hatch's and organized a new ward, to be called Mammoth ward, with Aaron Asay as bishop, with Cornelius Workman and David Hatch as counselors.

GEORGE DODDS,
Stake Clerk.

PAROWAN.

The quarterly conference of this Stake was held in the Cedar City tabernacle September 18th and 19th, 1892. Present on the stand were Apostles F. Lyman and Anton H. Lund; Patriarch James Dailey, Presidents Uriah T. Jones, Morgan Richards, Jr., and Francis Webster, members of the High Council, and Bishops from every ward in the Stake, also Elder Greenwood, of Millard Stake.

Conference opened at 10 a. m. on the 18th, President Uriah T. Jones presiding. After the customary opening exercises President Jones made some remarks and reported briefly the condition of the Stake.

Among those who addressed the conference, besides our visiting brethren and Stake Presidency, were Thomas J. Jones, Charles R. Lyman,

John Middleton, John R. Williams, James Stapley, Jr., and John J. G. Webster, the four last named having just returned from missions to Great Britain. Many subjects were treated upon by the speakers, and much valuable instruction of a spiritual and temporal character was imparted.

The teachings and testimonies of Apostles Lyman and Lund were an interesting feature of our conference, and was greatly enjoyed by those in attendance.

The usual Priesthood meeting was held and business of the Stake transacted.

The general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained, as also the list of home missionaries. The meetings were well attended, and a good spirit prevailed.

Conference adjourned for three months, to meet in Parowan.

WM. H. HOLYOAK,
Stake Clerk.

EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

The East Tennessee Conference convened at the Reynold school house, Madison County, North Carolina on the 17th and 18th of September. Among the Elders present were Alma H. West, R. J. Cutler, Jr., Lewis Adams, Andrew Helm, John H. Koyle, J. Shumway, R. C. Young and T. A. Crowther; also President J. G. Kimball and Clerk M. W. Taylor.

There were four meetings, in which the principles of the Gospel were expounded by all the speakers. The congregations were small on account of other meetings in session close by, but strict attention was given and a good spirit prevailed.

There were several warm-hearted friends present. Among them was Dr. Reynolds, a venerable gentleman who has traveled through Utah and become acquainted with many of its people. Mr. Reynolds declares that the people of Utah are misrepresented in this country. He says he found them a kind, generous-hearted people, and that many of the accusations hurled against them are false. He has been a friend to the Elders ever since they came into this locality. We feel in our hearts to say, "God bless all those who administer to the wants of His servants." If it is no more than "a cup of cold water" they will in no wise lose their reward.

After conference the Elders were assigned their fields of labor for the next year. All enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord and always acknowledge His hand in their labors. There have been several added to the Church during the last year and we trust we may be permitted to show the truth to many more.

T. A. CROWTHER,
Clerk of Conference.

HOT SPRINGS, Madison County, N. C., Sept. 24th, 1892.

DEATHS.

BURBIDGE.—In this city, the Seventeenth ward, September 23, at 12:30 a. m., of apoplexy, James William Burbidge, aged 57 years.

STODDART.—At Spring City, after an illness of ten days, September 22nd, 1892, William Stoddart; born in Wlton, Cumberland, England, June 8th, 1813; emigrated to Utah in 1856; crossed the plains in Captain Ellsworth's hand-cart company. He died as he lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint.