the body like a lance. I have in my possession some of these clubs, which were presented to me by Dr. Knoblecher.

On the seventeenth of January the expedition left Logwek on its return to Khartoum, the traders having procured all the ivory which the natives had collected since the previous year.

The missionaries were prevented from accomplishing their object by the jealousy of the traders, who persuaded the Bari chiefs that they were magicians, and that if they were allowed to remain, they would bewitch the country, prevent the rains from falling, and destroy the crops of dourra. In consequence of these reports the chiefs and people, who had been on the most friendly terms with Dr. Knoblecher and Padre Angelo, suddenly became shy and suspicious, and refused to allow the latter to take up their residence among them. The design of the mission was thus frustrated, and the Vicar returned with the expedition to Khartoum. He designed leaving for the Bari country in November, 1852, but up to the present moment (July, 1854) no account has been received of the fulfillment of his plans.

The pictures which these recent explorations present to us, add to the stately and sublime associations with which the Nile is invested, and that miraculous flood will lose nothing of his interest when the mystery which veils his origin shall be finally dispelled.

Although in standing upon the threshold of his vast central realms, I felt that I had realized a portion of my dream, I could not turn away from the vision of those untrodden solitudes, crowned by the flashing snows of Kilimandjaro, the monarch of African mountains, without a keen pang of regret.

Since Columbus first looked upon San Salvador, the earth has but one emotion of triumph left in her bestowal—and that she reserves for him who shall first drink from the fountains of the White Nile, under the snow-fields of Kilimandjaro.

MINUTES

Of the General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, convened in the Tabernacle, Great Salt Lake City, commencing Friday, April 6, 1855, at 10 a.m.

President Brigham Young presiding.

In the stand, Presidents B. Young, H. C. Kimball, J. M. Grant.

Of the Twelve Apostles: O. Hyde, O. Pratt, W. Woodruff, G. A. Smith, E. T. Benson, C. C. Rich, L. Snow.

Seventies: Joseph Young, Z. Pulsipher, A. P. Rockwood, H. Herriman, L. Hancock, H. S. Eldredge.

High Priests' Quorum: David Pettegrew.

Presiding Bishop: Edward Hunter.

Presidency of the Stake: David Fullmer, Thomas Rhoads, P. H. Young.

Clerk of Conference: Thomas Bullock.

Reporters: George D. Watt, John V. Long.

Conference called to order by Elder Hyde. Tabernacle crowded.

Choir sung a hymn. Prayer by Ezra T. Benson. Choir chanted, "Hosanna in the highest."

President BRIGHAM YOUNG said that twenty-five years ago to-day, the Prophet Joseph Smith organized this Church with six members, reviewed the rise, building up, and marvellous increase of the Church, and gave much useful instruction, all of which will be found in the full report.

Choir chanted a psalm. Benediction by President J. M. Grant.

2 p.m.

Singing. Prayer by C. C. Rich. Singing.

President KIMBALL took up the business of the Conference, and presented Brigham Young as the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, who was unanimously sustained, as were also Heber C. Kimball as his first, and Jedediah M. Grant as his second Counselor.

The following persons were also unanimously sustained:

Orson Hyde as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and Franklin D. Richards, as members of said quorum.

John Smith (eldest son of Hyrum) as Presiding Patriarch.

David Pettigrew as President of the High Priests' Quorum, also Reynolds Cahoon and George B. Wallace his counselors.

Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Zera Pulsipher, Albert P. Rockwood, Benjamin L. Clapp, and H. S. Eldredge, as Presiding Presidents over all the Seventies.

John Nebeker as President of the Elders' Quorum, also James H. Smith and Aaron Sceva his counselors.

Edward Hunter as Presiding Bishop of the Church.

Lewis Wight as President of the Priests' Quorum, also George Dockstader and William Whiting his counselors.

McGee Harris as President of the Teachers' Quorum, also Adam Spiers and David Bowman his counselors.

Oswald Barlow as President of the Deacons' Quorum, also Alexander Herring and John Carpenter his counselors.

Brigham Young as Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Daniel H. Wells as Superintendent of Public Works.

Truman O. Angell as Architect for the Church.

Brigham Young as President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, to gather the poor: also H. C. Kimball, W. Woodruff, O. Hyde, G. A. Smith, E. T. Benson, J. M. Grant, D. H. Wells, Edward Hunter, Daniel Spencer, Thomas Bullock, John Brown, William Crosby, A. Lyman, C. C. Rich, Lorenzo D. Young, P. P. Pratt, O. Pratt, F. D. Richards, and Daniel McIntosh, as his assistants, and agents for said fund.

David Fullmer as President of this Stake of Zion, also Thomas Rhoads and P. H. Young his counselors.

Heman Hyde, Eleazer Miller, Phinehas Richards, Levi Jackman, Ira Eldredge, John Vance, Edwin D. Woolley, John Parry, Winslow Farr, William Snow, Daniel Carn, and Ira Ames, as members of the High Council.

And George A. Smith, as the Historian and General Church Recorder.

Not one negative vote was given, thus demonstrating a union which the world cannot realize.

The Conference then voted that John Lowry be dropped from his office, as bishop of Manti, in San Pete County; and that Warren Snow be ordained bishop of Manti.

Also voted that Noah W. Bartholomew be dropped from the office of bishop of Fillmore, in Millard County.

President B. YOUNG then spoke on placing young men in responsible stations; those who are not filled with traditions, superstitions, or cast iron creeds.

Conference voted that Isaac Higbee be dropped as President of the Stake of Provo, in Utah County; and that James C. Snow fill that office.

Conference voted that Asahel Perry (who has been ordained a Patriarch), be relieved from the duties of president of the branch at Springville, and that Aaron Johnson be the president of said branch at Springville.

Fifty three persons were voted to take missions.

President GRANT said that active and energetic men, those who will do their duty, and magnify their priesthood, are the men who are generally wanted to fill offices, go on missions, &c.

Elder HYDE related a portion of his experience down the river Danube, when he went as a harbinger to Jerusalem.

Fifteen more young men were voted to go on missions.

Singing by the choir. Benediction by Elder Hyde.

April 7, 10 a.m.

The Tabernacle not being large enough to accommodate the thousands of Saints present, the Conference convened in the skeleton for a new Bowery, at the north end of the Tabernacle, which will seat about 12,000 persons.

Choir sung a hymn. Prayer by Elder Lorenzo Snow. Choir chanted, "We praise thee, O God."

President B. YOUNG gave notice that a report of the affairs of the Trustee in Trust would be the next business of the day, and it was read by Elder Thomas Bullock; and, on motion, Conference voted that the report be accepted.

President KIMBALL made a few remarks on the report, and rejoiced in our present situation.

Conference voted to drop William Davis from the bishoprick of Box Elder, and that Elder Eli Harvey Pierce be ordained bishop in his place.

President B. YOUNG spoke on the Tithing report; the action and duties of Bishops; the building of the Temple; and on Consecration; and said if the Bishops will not do their duty, we will drop every one of them, and put others in their places.

Elder BULLOCK read the report of the Treasurer of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, also a Circular to the Presidents and Bishops of the several wards, signed by President B. Young, which were accepted. He also read the following Preamble and Constitution of the Deseret Theological Institute:—

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION OF THE DESERET THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

Having in view the promotion of knowledge, and the extension of those principles of light and truth which we have received through the instrumentality of the holy Priesthood; and believing that the science of Theology embraces a knowledge of all intelligence, whether in heaven or on the earth, moral, scientific, literary, or religious; and being desirous of receiving and imparting such light, wisdom, and principles as have, or may come to our understanding, for the benefit of society, and the building up of the kingdom of our Lord upon the earth: Therefore, resolved, that we form a society by the name of "The Deseret Theological Institute," which shall have one president, three vice-presidents, twelve directors, two corresponding, and one home secretaries, and one treasurer, whose term of office shall be one year, and until their successors are elected. In the first instance, they shall be elected by the congregation of the Saints in general conference assembled, and thereafter by the members of said society.

Resolved, that the presidency and directors have authority to direct, manage, and control all matters pertaining to said institute, as they shall be led by the Holy Ghost.

The following persons were unanimously voted to fill the several offices in the Institute:—

PRESIDENT.

Brigham Young.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Heber C. Kimball, Jedediah M. Grant, George A. Smith.

DIRECTORS.

Orson Hyde,	Joseph Young,
Orson Pratt,	Horace S. Eldredge,
Wilford Woodruff,	James W. Cummings,
Ezra T. Benson,	Samuel W. Richards,
Charles C. Rich,	William Hyde,
Lorenzo Snow	Jesse C. Little.

TWO CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Daniel H. Wells, Robert Lang Campbell.

HOME SECRETARY.

Thomas Bullock.

TREASURER.

Hiram B. Clawson.

President B. YOUNG said that a few years ago, the Seventies started a Hall of Science, but they had not yet seen the time to build it; but we have now the privilege of forming a society to occupy it when it is built; it will be nothing more than a school-house, an academy, a seminary to teach the brethren all that is good, and then try to get more.

Choir chanted a psalm. Benediction by Elder Geo. A. Smith.

April 7, 2 p.m.

Singing. Prayer by Elder P. H. Young. Singing.

A report of the lumber that has been brought for the building of the Bowery was then read by the Clerk, and Elder HYDE spoke on the subject.

Elder O. PRATT referred to the progress of the work during twenty-five years, and to its present prosperous position; spoke on the subject of consecrating property to the Church, and of proclaiming the gospel.

Sixty-nine persons were voted to go on missions.

The missionaries were notified to meet the Presidency at the Seventies' Council Hall to-morrow at early candle light.

Choir sung, "Come all ye sons of Zion, who have received the Priesthood."

Benediction by Elder Lorenzo D. Young.

7 p.m.

The Presidency of the Seventies met in their Council Hall.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Zerah Pulsipher.

President JOSEPH YOUNG explained the objects of the meeting.

On motion, the vote of the Seventies of the 15th Ward, which cut off Robert Plunket of the 7th quorum, for apostacy, was sanctioned.

Samuel Stratton Thornton was dropped from the presidency of the 20th quorum, he having apostatized.

President J. YOUNG showed that when the body of Seventies cut a man from the quorums, that man must have previously cut himself off by transgression; they only sever the nominal tie, after he himself has severed the spiritual tie; and exhorted the Seventies to be pliable in the hands of their superiors.

Dismissed with benediction.

SUNDAY, April 8, 10 a. m.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Geo. A. Smith. Chanting.

Conference voted that Lewis Bronson, son of Seymour Bronson, be ordained Bishop of Fillmore.

Elder GEORGE A. SMITH alluded to our meeting house being too small, (although it holds 12,000), but it fulfils the words of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Has defended the Book of Mormon since he was 13 years old; spoke on the prejudices and traditions of the people; in favor of the Word of Wisdom, and on union and prayer; and bore testimony of this being the work of God.

Elder EZRA T. BENSON bore testimony to the truth of the remarks made during this Conference, and preached on the Word of Wisdom.

Choir sung "Redeemer of Israel." Benediction by Prest. Grant.

2 p. m.

All who could find room convened in the Tabernacle, on account of the lowering appearance of the weather.

Called to order by Prest. Brigham Young. Choir sung a

HYMN.

BY BERNARD SNOW.

AIR—*"God save the King."*

Our God, we raise to thee
Thanks for thy blessings free,
We here enjoy;
In this far western land,
A true and chosen band,
Led hither by thy hand,
Would sing for joy.

Bless thou our prophet dear;
May health and comfort cheer
His noble heart:
His words with fire impress
On souls that thou wilt bless,
Nor gold may they caress,
But free impart.

So shall thy kingdom spread,
As by thy prophets said,
From sea to sea.
As one united whole
Truth burn in every soul,
While hast'ning to the goal
We long to see.

O may thy saints be one,
Like Father and the Son,
Nor disagree;
United heart and hand,
So may they ever stand,
A firm and valiant band
Eternally.

Prayer by elder P. H. Young. Singing.

Elder P. H. YOUNG exhorted the saints to constant prayer and diligence, and asked a blessing upon the bread.

Elder LORENZO SNOW compared the present day with 25 years ago, and alluded to the time when the elders were traveling without food or shelter to proclaim the gospel to nations afar off, and asked a blessing on the water.

Elder WOODRUFF said, that the more conferences we have, the more they improve in interest; it was music to his ears to hear testimony of the truth; referred to the dedication of the Temple in Nauvoo, and to the wars and distress among the nations.

Elder C. C. RICH said: for the past 23 years I have known of a surety that this work was true, and that this Church is led by the hand of God; spoke on the union of the people, and living to receive the blessings; if we do the best we know, we shall do first rate.

Prest. B. YOUNG adjourned the Conference to the 6th of October next, remarking that if we were to continue a whole week, but a few of the elders could have the privilege of bearing their testimony; he that imparts truth as fast as he receives it, will grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. The first mission to Joseph, who was a pure Ephraimite, was to gather Israel; instructed the saints how to live and avoid desease, and strenuously advised them to observe the Words of Wisdom; and to cease using Tea, Coffee, Tobacco, Spirits, and all such articles, and raise their children healthy; this people have got to do it. He then blessed the saints.

Choir sung "Come let us anew." Benediction by Prest. Kimball.

THOMAS BULLOCK,
Clerk of Conference.

[Those instructions given during the Conference, which it may be deemed advisable to print, will appear in the 'News' as fast as the reporters can prepare them.—Ed.

List of names of those who have been unanimously voted to go on missions, by the Conference of April 6, 7, & 8, 1855:

Alger John	Bull Joseph
Alred James Sandford	Bullock Isaac
Ames Ira jun.	Burch William
Appleby Carlos	Burgess William
Barnard Ezra	Burston William
Batchelder William	Butterfield Thomas
Bean George	Call Anson
Bean James	Candland David
Belknap Gilbert	Cannon George Q.
Billings Alfred	Carter Sidney
Boyd George	Clark Israel
Bringhurst William	Clark John of Provo.
Brown James 3rd	Clough Benjamin
Brown James M.	Clowes Joseph
Brown Robert	Cole Moroni
Browning John Wesley	Collett Sylvanus
Brundage William L.	

Cook Washington N.	Miles Ira
Covert William S.	Miles Orson
Crossland Benjamin	Miles William
Cummings Franklin	Miller Henry W.
Curtis David	Miriam Amasa
Cuthbert Edward	Mitchell Wm. jun.
Davis Daniel	Moore Stephen
Davis James	Muir Wm. S.
Dolten Charles W.	Munjar Thomas
Dolten George	Nebeker George
Draper Moses	Nebeker Peter
Dunphy Francillo	Neslin Robert F.
Duntin Seth	Nixon Wm.
Empy Nelson	Norton John W.
Evans David	Pace Byron
Fairchild Alma	Parry Joseph
Follitt Wm. A.	Perkins Christopher C.
Foss Ezra	Perkins Jesse N.
Foster William	Perkins Reuben W.
Freeman Wm.	Perry Stephen
Gallaher John	Pettit Ethan
Gibson Robert	Petty Robert C.
Grant George R.	Phelps James
Green Austin	Pulsipher John
Haight Hector C.	Randall Alfred
Hale Arcet	Rawlins Joseph S.
Hamlin Wm.	Richards John A.
Hampton Benjamin	Ricks Thomas E.
Hancock George	Ritchie William
Harvey John	Roberts Benjamin M.
Hill George W.	Scott John
Holden Wm.	Shepherd Isaac
Hollingshead Joseph	Smith John L.
Hultz Benjamin R.	Smith Thomas S.
Hunt James Wiseman	Smoot Wm. C. A.
Huntington Allen	Snedaker John F.
Huntington Lot	Snyder George G.
Huntington Oliver	Steele John
Hutchings Shepherd	Stephens David
Ivie James	Sterritt Wm. W.
Ivie John	Streeper Wm. H.
James Richard	Taylor Pleasant Green
James Thomas H.	Terry Joshua
Jones William P.	Turner John W.
Kay John	Vance William
Kempton Jerome	Van Ettan Elisha W.
Knapp Albert	Walkley John N.
Lamb Brigham	Warde Elijah B.
Lamb Edwin	Watts Baldwin
Lamb Horace	Welchman Arthur F.
Leavitt Nathaniel	White Ephraim
Lish Everett	Whitney Joshua
Loveland Chester	Wilkie Matthew F.
Mangum James	Williams Clinton
Maxwell William	Wilson Thomas
Mead Orlando F.	Wood Charles
Metcalf Levi G.	Wood Warren
Merkley Christopher	Wood Lyman S.
McEwan John	Woods Lyman L.
Mikesell John H.	Zundall Abraham
Milam Joseph	

STATISTICAL.

By compiling the late reports from the several Bishops, I find there are now in this Territory,

First Presidency	3
Apostles	7
Seventies	2086
High Priests	715
Elders	994
Priests	514
Teachers	471
Deacons	227

besides the usual ratio of persons not yet ordained to the ministry.

Missionaries now sent, (and already in the field,) from Utah Territory, to different portions of the earth - 331

During last six months there have been born in U. T. 966
" " " " " died " 268
" " " " " baptized " 478
" " " " excommunicated " 86

THOMAS BULLOCK,
Clerk.

HOME CORRESPONDENCE.

HISTORIAN'S OFFICE, G. S. L. City, April 2, 1855.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS:

Sir:—I left this office on Saturday last at 10 a.m., in company with Elder John L. Smith, crossed the Jordan, and visited the Jordan Mills, also Mr. Gaunts's Woollen Factory, which is situated about a quarter of a mile below the grist mill and saw mill, all being propelled by the waters of the Jordan, conducted through a race two miles and a half long, ten feet wide, and varying from three to five feet deep. A dam is placed in the river to turn the water into the race, making the Jordan Mill site cost upwards of five thousand dollars, and was constructed by A. Gardner & Co. in 1850, and a saw mill erected, the timber being hauled about fourteen miles from the west mountains. The grist mill was erected last year, and is an excellent piece of machinery, and doing good work. Mr. Gaunt's factory was commenced in 1851, and is a striking illustration of the fact that labor, industry, and perseverence can accomplish great achievements without money. Mr. Gaunt commenced with empty pockets, and applied his labor in the right direction; and the result is, he is now producing five hundred dollars worth of good cloth per week, and that with machinery constructed in the Valley.

We got thoroughly wet in a shower, and put up for the night with Elder Alexander Beckstead. At half past ten on Sunday morning, we both preached in the school-house on the progress of Zion. After meeting seven persons were re-baptized: the day was very unpleasant, and we had several showers of rain. We attended meeting in the evening, and by the request of Elder Kilfoyle, confirmed those who had been baptized, ordained three elders, and blessed one child. We preached an hour. On Monday morning had an interview with A. Gardner, and returned. After crossing Jordan Bridge a few rods into the city, our horses mired down, and we were obliged to leave our waggon, and make the best of our way home on foot.

A long string of Spanish wall, or earth fence, has been built towards enclosing the church pasture; several other pieces of the same kind of fence are in progress on that side the river, which do credit to the builders, and show conclusively that the anticipated Jordan canal must be made to water the rich soil of these enclosures.

I am very respectfully, yours, &c.,
GEO. A. SMITH.

PHYSIOLOGICAL.

Through the courtesy of the Church Historian we are enabled to publish the following communication and report. Will Dr. France furnish communications for the 'News' when his leisure will permit, and a regular monthly report like the one now printed?—ED.

G. S. L. CITY, March 31, 1855.

BRO. GEO. A. SMITH:

Dear Sir:—In compliance with your request I send enclosed a report of the health of the city during the past