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THE REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

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# MINUTES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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The forty-first Annual Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, being also the sixty-third year of the church established in 1830, convened at Lamoni, Iowa, at ten o'clock on Thursday, April 6, 1893.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

## ORGANIZATION.

Permanent organization was immediately effected by the choice of President Joseph Smith to preside over the conference and President W. W. Blair as assistant president. The Church Secretary, Bro. H. A. Stebbins, was chosen as secretary of the conference, and he selected Bro. G. R. Wells as his assistant. Bro. M. H. Forscutt was chosen as chorister, with privilege of selecting assistants and organists. Sister Belle Robinson was chosen as reporter of the conference.

As the committee on credentials the chair appointed Brn. F. M. Sheehy, C. J. Hunt, and C. Scott.

## SEATING OF QUORUMS.

The various quorums were directed to seats as follows: The Twelve and the Bishopric, also the seven presidents of Seventy upon the platform with the Presidency; the High Council and High Priests on the immediate left of the platform; the Seventy on the right of the platform, the various quorums of Elders directly in front of the platform; the Priests at the right in front of the Seventy, and the Teachers and Deacons at the left, in front of the High Priests; the district delegates behind the Teachers and Deacons.

After singing "Redeemer of Israel," prayer was offered by Bro. A. H. Smith. Afterwards brief speeches were made by Brn. Joseph Smith, W. W. Blair, A. H. Smith, James Caffall, Charles Derry, E. L. Kelley, and R. J. Anthony.

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The committee on credentials reported as follows:—

As your committee we respectfully report having compared the credential certificates that have been sent to the Church Secretary, with the roll of districts and delegates prepared by him, and that we find as follows:—

That 44 districts and 76 branches in America and two districts in Australia have sent credential certificates, and that 9 in America have failed to send such certificates; namely, Nova Scotia, California Central, Florida, Min-

nesota Northern, Ohio Eastern, Nevada, Texas Central, Utah, and West Virginia.

That 18 districts sent no statement of membership thereof, but the deficiencies have been supplied by the Church Secretary.

That all except 15 of the districts have instructed that the number that may be present of their delegation shall cast the vote of the district, if a less number than the whole delegation is present.

That the London district, Canada, is entitled to 44 votes but has appointed only one delegate, and therefore can cast but 20 votes.

That Southern California is entitled to 22 votes, and Des Moines district to 21 votes, but they have appointed but one delegate from each and they can cast but 20 votes.

That Decatur district, Iowa, has appointed 64 delegates and is entitled to but 63 votes, therefore we drop the last name on the list.

		* No. given by clerk.	† Instructed.	
Australia.	*Forster district.....	5	delegates.	†9 votes.
	Victoria district.....	3	"	†5 "
Canada.	Chatham district.....	2	"	20 "
	*London district.....	1	"	†20 "
Alabama.	Alabama district.....	1	"	†9 "
	*Mobile district.....	1	"	†9 "
California.	Northern district.....	2	"	†20 "
	*Southern district.....	1	"	†20 "
Colorado.	*Denver branch.....	1	"	†3 "
	*Coal Creek branch.....	1	"	†1 "
	*Fairview branch.....	1	"	†1 "
	*Rocky Mountain branch.....	1	"	†1 "
Idaho.	*Idaho district.....	1	"	†7 "
	Illinois.	*Northern district.....	5	"
*Kewanee district.....		5	"	11 "
*Southeastern district.....		2	"	20 "
Indiana.	*Nauvoo and String Prairie dist.	8	"	†16 "
	Southern district.....	4	"	12 "
Iowa.	Decatur district.....	63	"	†63 "
	Des Moines district.....	1	"	†20 "
	*Eastern district.....	1	"	†9 "
	*Fremont district.....	11	"	†19 "
	*Galland's Grove district.....	5	"	†32 "
	Little Sioux district.....	5	"	†42 "
Kansas.	*Pottawattamie district.....	8	"	†25 "
	Northeastern district.....	1	"	†10 "
	Northwestern district.....	3	"	12 "
	*Spring River district.....	1	"	†16 "
Ky. and Tenn.	*Kentucky and Tennessee dist..	1	"	†6 "
	Maine.	*Eastern district.....	2	"
*Western district.....		2	"	†7 "
Massachusetts.	*Massachusetts district.....	7	"	†27 "
Michigan.	Northern district.....	5	"	18 "
	*Eastern district.....	7	"	†32 "
	*Southern district.....	15	"	16 "
Missouri.	*Clinton district.....	5	"	20 "
	Far West.....	24	"	†29 "
	Independence district.....	20	"	†40 "
	*Nodaway district.....	7	"	7 "
	*Northeastern district.....	9	"	†10 "
	*St. Louis district.....	7	"	20 "
Montana.	*Central.....	3	"	9 "
	Willow Springs branch.....	1	"	5 "
	*Montana district.....	1	"	†6 "
Nebraska.	Central district.....	1	"	†7 "
	Northern district.....	3	"	17 "
	Southern district.....	5	"	20 "
Ohio and Pa.	Pittsburg and Kirtland district	9	"	19 "
	Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia district.....	3	"

		* No. given by clerk.	† Instructed.
Texas.	Southwestern district.....	1	75
	Red River branch.....	1	1
Wisconsin.	*Western district.....	6	76
Indian Territory.	Standley branch.....	1	2

F. M. SHEEHY, }  
C. J. HUNT, } Committee.  
C. SCOTT, }

On motion the providing for preaching and prayer services, also the adjournment of business sessions, were left with the chair to appoint.

At half past one o'clock the conference assembled for business. "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was sung, and prayer was offered by President Smith.

#### REPORT OF GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY AND RECORDER.

Bro. H. A. Stebbins, General Church Secretary and Recorder, read his report, as follows:—

I present the following synopsis of a portion of the labor done during the past year in the office appointed me, more especially that pertaining to the Recorder's duties:—

Since making the Annual Report of 1892, of church statistics, I have placed upon the General Church Records, the names and items of two thousand, two hundred and thirty-nine persons who have been added to the body by baptism, the majority of them having been baptized during the past year, though some of them prior to that, but not before reported, this being especially the case with some branches in Michigan, Illinois, and California, where reports of those baptized during the previous conference year did not reach me in time to place on the Record.

Besides the above 2,239 names added by baptism, I have placed on the records of various branches eight hundred and thirty (830) names who were received therein by letter or by vote upon other evidence of membership in the church, making a total of three thousand and sixty-nine (3,069) names recorded for the church throughout the world, so far as reported up to March 20 of this year.

The losses recorded during the year have been that of eight hundred and eight persons, who have removed by letter from the various branches, the most of whom are numbered among those received as above mentioned and recorded in other branches.

Also one hundred and twelve (112) were reported as expelled, and three hundred and twenty-nine (329) as lost by death, all of which have been recorded, making twelve hundred and forty-nine (1,249) as the total loss for the year.

This loss of 1,249 subtracted from the gross gain of 3,069, leaves one thousand, eight hundred and twenty (1,820) as the net gain to the General Church Record for the year, which is the largest gain of any year of the Reorganized Church.

Added to the total of last year, this brings the present numerical strength of the church to twenty-eight thousand, five hundred and twenty-six (28,526) members, a gain of nearly five thousand, net, during the past three years.

For the gains and losses in each country and State, I refer you to the balance sheet that is included in this report, showing just how many have been added to the records by baptism and letter, etc., in the case of each State and country. Missouri leads again this year, followed by Iowa, then Illinois, Michigan, California, and Canada, none of them showing less than one hundred net gain, and Missouri having three hundred and forty-four (344) net gain.

Two hundred and fifty-three new ordinations have been reported and recorded during the year. This is the largest number ordained in any one year since the church was reorganized, and from accounts received, the

majority of these seem to be engaged in the work of the gospel, either in a local or in a missionary service.

Changes of name by marriage have been reported and placed upon records and indexes, to the number of two hundred and fifty-one.

Twenty-six new branches have been entered upon the Church Records, as follows: Leicester, England; Wallaceburg, Ontario; Escambia, Alabama; Walnut Creek, California; Fairview, Colorado; Kibbie, Illinois; Oskaloosa, Iowa; Cuba, Kansas; Applegate, Buel Center, Fork, and South Arm, Michigan; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Deepwater, Huntsville, Taberville, Veve, and Vera Cruz, Missouri; Elkhorn, Haigler, and Lincoln, Nebraska; Gallup, New Mexico; Bierly, Creola, and La Grange, Ohio; Beaver, Texas;—26.

The following balance sheet and table give in brief the total membership by countries and States one year ago, and then the number of baptisms, and of those received and removed by letter, and those died and expelled during the year, and the last column gives the present totals and the aggregate of the church, according to the records:—

ANNUAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Countries and States.	Totals 1892.	Baptized.	Received.	Removed.	Expelled.	Died.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	New Ordinations.	Marriages.	Totals, 1893.
Australia.....	353	12	4	4	1	2	9	2	1		362
Society Islands...	1,176										1,176
Hawaii.....	50	27	1				28	3			78
England.....	772	59	20	19	4	12	44	23	5		816
Wales.....	184		1	2				1	1		183
Scotland.....	15										15
Denmark.....	17	1					1				18
Switzerland.....	26										26
Canada.....	1,550	152	19	32	2	17	120	5	12		1,670
Manitoba.....	6										6
Nova Scotia.....	52	3		2		2		1	3		51
Alabama.....	457	42	1			1	42				499
Arkansas.....	68	6				1	5				73
California.....	1,438	144	64	53		30	125	17	8		1,563
Colorado.....	156	43	3	2			44	4			200
Connecticut.....	8										8
Dakota.....	66	2		6		1		5			61
Florida.....	253	6	2	3	4	7		6	5		247
Idaho.....	147	12	2	2		1	11	2	1		158
Illinois.....	1,940	167	44	35	1	23	152	22	14		2,092
Indiana.....	377	24	13	9	1	9	18	2	1		395
Indian Territory..	57	12		5	13			6			51
Iowa.....	5,530	333	179	173	18	60	261	40	81		5,791
Kansas.....	1,099	102	49	60	5	7	79	9	14		1,178
Kentucky.....	52	9	1		1	3	6	1			58
Maine.....	451	30		1	1	8	20	7	1		471
Maryland.....	21	5				1	4				25
Massachusetts...	436	10	10	6	1	4	9		5		445
Michigan.....	1,491	160	37	40	2	17	138	13	2		1,629
Minnesota.....	235	18	5	4	1	3	15	2			250
Mississippi.....	77										77
Missouri.....	3,456	379	223	196	8	54	344	54	42		3,800
Montana.....	132	20	4	4		3	17				149
Nebraska.....	1,093	106	68	66	3	19	86	15	27		1,179
Nevada.....	107		1	1		1		1			106
New Jersey.....	21										21
New Mexico.....	3		7				7	3			10
New York.....	111	25	1	2	2	1	21	2			132

Countries and States.	Totals 1892.	Baptized.	Received.	Removed.	Expelled.	Died.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	New Ordinations.	Marriages.	Totals, 1893.
Ohio.....	666	85	21	22	6	8	70	..	5	5	736
Oregon.....	97	9	...	...	...	...	9	..	...	1	106
Pennsylvania.....	369	23	4	11	3	5	8	..	3	3	377
Rhode Island.....	246	12	5	1	...	4	12	..	1	1	258
Tennessee.....	61	10	1	...	...	1	10	..	...	1	71
Texas.....	475	48	29	35	8	5	29	..	8	6	504
Utah.....	553	62	4	1	8	14	43	..	7	8	596
Virginia.....	34	6	...	...	...	...	6	..	2	...	40
Washington.....	33	7	2	8	...	1	...	..	...	...	33
West Virginia.....	335	42	5	3	19	2	23	..	1	1	358
Wisconsin.....	340	26	...	...	...	2	24	..	...	2	364
Wyoming.....	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	14
	26,706	2,239	830	808	112	329	1,840	20	253	251	28,526
		830		112			20				
				329							
Gross Gain.....		3,069									
Gross Loss.....		1,249		1,249							
Net Gain.....		1,820					1,820		Present	Total....	28,526

ENROLLMENTS IN QUORUMS.

The Church Secretary being authorized to take applications for enrollment in quorums, I have received the following, which applications I will place with those quorums that have vacancies to be filled, namely:—

ELDERS.—C. L. Albertson, Levi Annett, Russell Archibald, Sen., N. L. Blakeley, C. M. Bootman, J. M. Brown, Richard Bullard, Thomas Burt, T. D. P. Cheney, M. W. Culbertson, F. W. Curtis, F. J. Curtis, R. W. Davis, W. R. Davison, E. W. Depue, J. G. Dickenson, J. A. Donaldson, E. H. Durand, F. A. Evans, E. K. Evans, P. C. Fisher, C. M. Fuls, Daniel Garner, G. H. Gates, J. W. Gilbert, E. J. Goodenough, F. C. Graham, John Harris, John Heide, David Hopkins, R. B. Howlett, T. A. Hougas, R. W. Hugill, D. A. Hutchins, William Jaques, Thomas Jenkins, A. J. Keck, J. W. Kent, A. B. Kirkendall, James Knox, W. S. Macrae, Edward McGurk, R. A. Marchant, L. D. Morgan, J. S. Parrish, W. P. Pickering, J. M. Peopoe, J. A. Read, J. E. Rogerson, S. P. Sherrill, John Smith, H. B. Sterrett, J. R. Sutton, Andrew Tabbutt, David Thomas, James Thomas, Owen Thomas, W. H. Vincent, John Wahlstrom, G. J. Waller, G. E. Ward, G. R. Wells, C. E. Willey, J. L. Williams, John Wilson,—65.

PRIESTS.—David Archibald, A. C. Barmore, John Barnes, Baronett Beall, J. P. Brannon, F. H. Brooks, A. W. Buchanan, C. I. Carpenter, William Chapman, A. M. Chase, F. E. Cochran, H. T. Curtis, D. J. Dierks, A. P. Dewolf, H. F. Durfey, H. D. Ennis, E. A. Erwin, Wm. Farley, Wm. Fligg, J. A. Gunsolley, George Hampshire, R. F. Hill, Abram Jones, A. E. Jones, Zachariah Kalai, Samuel Lovett, J. T. McDonald, W. W. McLeod, Samuel Martin, M. O. Matthews, T. H. Moore, C. H. Myers, A. M. Newberry, D. L. Palsgrove, G. W. Parks, S. C. Reynolds, S. J. Roberts, G. W. Robley, F. P. Rogers, V. F. Rogers, Joseph Schmutz, J. I. Spencer, J. A. Tanner, J. H. Tyrrell, T. L. Veale, Jacob Waltenbaugh, J. D. Wiltfong, Alpheus Wise,—48.

TEACHERS.—J. N. Ames, Wm. Birk, W. N. Booth, John Butler, D. S. Condit, Ebenezer Curry, E. M. Davis, Morgan Davis, P. E. Dutcher, W. A. Hardy, L. E. Hutchins, J. A. Kemp, J. F. McKenna, A. E. Madison, J. M. Mills, C. L. Monroe, E. B. Monroe, C. C. Nelson, F. W. J. Ode, E. A. Pratt, W. J. Rainey, J. T. Richards, James Richardson, Samuel Shakespear, Thomas Shepherd, J. W. Sutton, Wm. Talbot, A. R. Wilcox, S. D. Wilson,—29.

DEACONS.—John Bass, C. F. Church, R. R. Gaither, George Houghton,

D. J. Krahl, M. R. Nelson, T. M. Parr, G. K. Poepoe, T. D. Raper, B. F. Renfroe, T. J. Simpson, J. H. Smith, L. D. Sperry, G. J. Whitehead, J. T. Williams,—15.

#### LOSSES FROM QUORUMS.

Having posted up my General Quorum Record from the Church Record proper I find the following losses and vacancies:—

The High Priests' Quorum has lost by death Samuel S. Wilcox and William D. Morton.

Neither Quorum of Seventy has had any losses.

The First Quorum of Elders has two vacancies, caused by the death of Peter Devlin and the expulsion from the church of another.

The Second Quorum of Elders has five vacancies, occasioned by the death of Horace Church and the ordination of several as Elders of the Seventy.

The Third Quorum of Elders has eight vacancies, caused by the death of John Burlington and James Steele, and the ordination of others.

The Fourth Quorum of Elders has not been completely filled for some years, and it now has eight vacancies, caused by death and ordination, as reported upon last year by me.

The Fifth Quorum of Elders is full, there having been no losses except the ordinations into the Seventy, which were provided for by the quorum one year ago.

The First Quorum of Priests has six vacancies, occasioned by the death of Henry Searcliff and the ordination as elders of J. C. Johnson, D. C. White, Roderick May, D. R. Baldwin, and A. W. Head.

The Second Quorum of Priests has thirteen vacancies, caused by the ordination as elders of R. Archibald, J. S. Parrish, John Wahlstrom, and T. R. White, with previous vacancies unfilled.

The Third Quorum of Priests has but thirty-five members, thirteen of their number having been ordained elders during the year, namely: F. J. Curtis, R. E. Grant, John Heide, John Smith, Marce Sorenson, H. B. Sterrett, J. R. Sutton, G. R. Wells, G. H. Gates, W. P. Pickering, D. F. Richards, F. C. Smith, A. J. Keck, W. S. Macrae, though we find that Brother Sterrett was ordained previously but not reported to me, neither to the quorum.

The First Quorum of Teachers is full, according to my record, although they have lost one, namely, B. J. Dice by ordination as an elder.

The Second Quorum of Teachers has six vacancies, caused by the ordination as priests of Wm. Chapman, R. F. Hill, E. W. Lloyd, Price McPeak, and Jacob Waltenbaugh, and one place never filled.

The First Quorum of Deacons organized last April with, I think, but seven men, and H. T. Curtis has since then been ordained a priest, leaving but six in the quorum, and they widely separated.

According to the act of last session the reports of districts by district officers are no longer desired by the General Conference, but the following districts were reported in statistics and as to spiritual condition, which I merely name because of receiving:—

Manchester, England; Chatham and London districts, Canada; Northern Illinois; Des Moines and Pottawattamie districts, Iowa; Northwest Kansas; Eastern and Western Maine districts; Massachusetts; Saint Louis; Eastern Iowa; Central and Southern Nebraska districts; Southeastern Ohio.

I wish also to express my thanks to district officers for such prompt attention by most of them to the request for delegate credentials, as, before the making of this report, forty-six districts and six scattering branches sent proper credentials, and they have been prepared by me in their alphabetical order by States, and both a list of them and a roll of the names of delegates made ready for the committee on credentials to compare with the credentials, thus shortening their work in that direction. Two hundred and ninety delegates have been appointed, having eight hundred and fifteen votes.

In conclusion will mention that the great majority of the ministry have already sent or handed in their reports of labor done, only a few not having done this, all of which promptness aids in the business of the conference in expediting and carrying forward the routine order, to make way for miscellaneous business. This order and system to which we have come is so much superior to the heterogenous manner of twenty or more years ago that



only those who were acquainted with that can realize the difference. I also report having the following documents in my hands, as sent for consideration by the conference:—

A petition from the Northern Illinois District, also one from the Chicago branch, asking for the reappointment of Bro. F. G. Pitt to that field.

One from Eastern Iowa, asking for reappointment of Bro. J. S. Roth to that region.

One from Bay Port, Michigan, asking for return of Bro. F. M. Cooper.

One from Far West District, Missouri, asking for reappointment of Brn. M. H. Forscutt, T. W. Chatburn, R. H. Atwood, and Thomas Nutt.

One from Red River, Texas, asking for return of Brn. A. J. Moore and J. D. Erwin.

Petitions from Northern Illinois District and Forster District, Australia, concerning boundaries.

One from Leopold Branch, Australia, upon the matter of tea-parties being held.

Resolution from Western Maine district, asking for more thorough action concerning matter for encyclopedias.

Report of committee concerning our representation at the World's Fair.

Reports of auditing committee on Herald Office books and matters and on Bishop's books and reports.

This brief summary is respectfully submitted.

H. A. STEBBINS,  
General Church Secretary and Recorder.

On motion the petitions for return of various ministers to the fields occupied by them during the past year, were referred to the Quorum of Twelve for their consideration.

He also, on call being made, read the following roll of delegates, as appointed by the districts and scattering branches:—

#### ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Forster district: Heman C. Smith, Thos. W. Smith, H. A. Stebbins, J. F. Burton, J. W. Wight. Victoria district: T. W. Smith, J. W. Wight, H. A. Stebbins.

Chatham district: John H. Lake, George Green. London district: R. C. Evans.

Alabama district: M. M. Turpen. Mobile district: M. M. Turpen.

Northern California: Thomas Daley, Heman C. Smith. Southern California: J. F. Burton.

Coal Creek, Colorado, branch: James Kemp. Denver branch: James Caffall. Fairview, Colorado Branch: James Kemp. Rocky Mountain branch: Fannie Kemp.

Idaho district: Joseph Luff.

Northern Illinois: F. G. Pitt, A. J. Keck, Henry Southwick, C. I. Carpenter, I. L. Rogers. Kewanee district: F. G. Pitt, John Chisnall, E. E. Wheeler, Ellen Chisnall, Alma Whitehouse. Southeastern Illinois: G. H. Hilliard, I. P. Baggerley. Nauvoo and String Prairie: J. S. Roth, Wm. Waterman, Robert Warnock, Maggie Wright, J. C. Crabb, B. F. Durfee, Emerson Brown, G. P. Lambert.

Southern Indiana: George Jenkins, J. M. Scott, G. H. Hilliard, V. D. Baggerley.

Decatur district: Joseph Smith, H. A. Stebbins, William Anderson, R. S. Salyards, J. S. Snively, Wilson Hudson, James McDiffett, J. R. Lambert, Price McPeck, E. L. Kelley, R. M. Elvin, Lucy L. Lyons, Horace Bartlett, John Denio, J. M. Brown, J. R. Allen, John Watkins, David Archibald, Nephi Lovell, Isaac Phillips, John Johnston, Duncan Campbell, John Shippy, E. Keeler, A. W. Reese, Andrew Himes, E. B. Morgan, George Brown, H. R. Harder, J. A. Gunsolley, E. E. Marshall, A. J. Moore, A. S. Cochran, F. M. Weld, C. H. Jones, Elijah Sparks, Cassie B. Kelley, Elizabeth Blair, Myron Haskins, H. N. Snively, O. J. Bailey, James Vinnerd, Mary L. Ewing, Joseph Hammer, A. H. Smith, S. V. Bailey,

Moroni Traxler, Christabel Anderson, Callie B. Stebbins, Bertha A. Greer, Anna Steadman, David Dancer, Thomas Wellington, T. J. Burch, George Derry, F. E. Cochran, W. W. Blair, Edwin Stafford, Rosalie Dancer, A. K. Anderson, Henry C. Smith, I. N. W. Cooper, James Whitehead. Des Moines district: O. B. Thomas. Eastern Iowa: J. S. Roth. Fremont district: T. A. Hougas, Sr. T. A. Hougas, Daniel Hougas, Sr. D. Hougas, Henry Kemp, Wm. Leeka, M. W. Gaylord, Sr. M. W. Gaylord, Frank Redfield, Sr. F. Redfield, Blanche Andrews. Galland's Grove district: Benan Salisbury, John Pett, C. E. Butterworth, W. W. Whiting, James McKiernan. Little Sioux district: David Chambers, J. F. Mintun, Henry Garner, William Chambers, A. M. Fyrando. Pottawattamie district: Charles Derry, Columbus Scott, Senterlow Butler, C. A. Beebe, J. B. Carille, J. C. Jensen, R. McKenzie, Frank Peterson.

Northeast Kansas: J. T. Davis. Northwest Kansas: J. W. Gilbert, R. L. Ware, G. W. Shute. Spring River: E. A. Davis.

Kentucky and Tennessee: T. C. Kelley.

Eastern Maine: U. W. Greene, M. F. Gowell. Western Maine: U. W. Greene, M. F. Gowell.

Massachusetts district: W. H. Kelley, F. M. Sheehy, G. W. Robley, E. H. Fisher, M. H. Bond, W. E. Peak, M. T. Short.

Northern Michigan: J. H. Peters, C. G. Lewis, J. J. Cornish, J. W. Shippy, F. C. Smith. Eastern Michigan: E. C. Briggs, F. M. Cooper, Andrew Barr, F. H. Brooks, Levi Phelps, J. A. Grant, R. E. Grant. Southern Michigan: W. J. Smith, Leonard Scott, Hiram Rathbun, Sen., I. M. Smith, E. A. Blakeslee, Anne Corless, Ella Houseman, Bradford Corless, Cynthia Granger, Adam Smith, Johnathan Emerick, Thomas Horton, J. W. Kiefer, J. B. Prettyman, Ida Wimer.

Central Missouri: James Thomas, H. T. Curtis, A. C. Richards. Clinton district, Missouri: Alfred White, I. N. White, Emsley Curtis, D. W. Palmer, Alfred Ferry. Far West district: T. W. Chatburn, M. H. Forscutt, R. H. Atwood, C. P. Faul, D. E. Powell, J. T. Kinnaman, A. W. Head, M. J. Head, Thomas Nutt, Joseph Lambert, B. J. Dice, William Haden, J. R. Wedlock, Robert Winning, Grace Gardiner, D. J. Krahl, G. J. Whitehead, J. M. Terry, H. D. Ennis, William Lewis, D. J. Powell, Charles Householder, F. C. Mauzey, Ann Summerfield. Independence district: Joseph Luff, J. C. Foss, H. H. Robinson, J. A. Robinson, W. T. Bozarth, Roderick May, J. H. Wells, Arthur Allen, John Johnson, G. R. Wells, J. J. Harvey, Thomas Newton, Mrs. B. C. Smith. Belle Robinson, Abbie A. Horton, Martin Cain, John Weir, J. H. Thomas, A. L. Newton, W. N. Robinson. Nodaway district: Charles Williams, J. L. Gunsolley, William Woodhead, D. M. Rudd, John Hawley, M. P. Madison, Mary A. Madison. Northeast Missouri: Duncan Campbell, D. E. Tucker, Charles Perry, J. A. Tanner, F. T. Mussell, Thomas Broad, Sister Broad, William Richards, Alice Thornburn. Saint Louis district: J. R. Lambert, J. C. Crabb, C. H. Jones, R. Etzenhouser, W. O. Thomas, John Beard, Richard Hughes. Willow Springs branch: I. N. White.

Montana district: R. J. Anthony.

Central Nebraska: James Caffall. Northern Nebraska: G. M. L. Whitman, Laura E. Huff, Fanny Jones. Southern Nebraska: J. W. Waldsmith, F. J. Chatburn, G. W. Shute, Joshua Armstrong, J. W. Hollenbeck. Pittsburg and Kirtland: Frank Criley, W. H. Kelley, J. F. McDowell, M. H. Bond, L. W. Powell, G. H. Hulmes, D. H. Proper, Mary E. Hulmes, Nellie M. Bond.

Southwestern Texas: A. B. Moore. Red River branch, Texas: J. D. Erwin.

Western Wisconsin: W. S. Pender, W. A. McDowell, Frank Hackett, A. L. Whitaker, J. W. Peterson, Frank Sawley.

Philadelphia district: M. T. Short, W. E. Peak, W. H. Kelley.

Standley branch, Indian Territory: J. D. Erwin.

A resolution was presented and read, providing for the ministry reports being first sent to their various quorums for a summary to be made for the conference, but as it was not moved, and a call being made for the reading of the reports, the

chair said that action upon the resolution was necessarily deferred.

#### MINISTRY REPORTS.

The following reports were read:—

Joseph Smith, of the First Presidency, present:—

I have administered to the sick a number of times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony three times. I have preached at Lamoni, Davis City, and Logan, Iowa; Reger Springs, Lone Rock, Independence, Kingston, St. Joseph, Platte branch, and St. Louis, Missouri; and in Plano and Kibbie, in Illinois. Have assisted at the dedication of church buildings at St. Louis, Missouri, June 5; Kibbie, Illinois, December 4; and at Kingston, Missouri, January 22. Was present and took a part in the reunion services at Logan, October 1 to 16. I ordained C. D. G. Taylor, colored, in the summer, at Lamoni, Iowa, to the office of priest.

Aside from the above, my efforts in the pulpit have been at Lamoni, at the request of presiding elder.

W. W. Blair, of the First Presidency, present:—

I have preached fifty or more times, blessed many children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have labored in the places or regions named as follows: Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Missouri, and Nebraska. Attended reunions at Middletown, Massachusetts; Thurman, Iowa; Clinton, Missouri; and Logan, Iowa. To the above may be added my labors in respect to the First Presidency, the Board of Publication, also as an editor of the *Herald*.

In all the foregoing services, I have sought the glory of God and the wellbeing of his church. Final results will determine the merits of my efforts.

At no time in my thirty-five years' active service have I realized the guiding, leading, and sustaining power of the Holy Spirit to as great a degree as during the past two years. My confidence and confirmation in the work of the gospel increase with increasing years, and my hopes for its final triumph are my constant joy and rejoicing.

A. H. Smith, President of the Twelve, present:—

I have labored with varying success, at Salt Lake City, Ogden, Provo, Union Fort, and Sandy in Utah; Malad City, Idaho; Willow Creek, Reese Creek, Bridger, Boulder, and Deer Lodge, Montana. I also did some labor in Denver, Colorado. I found the work in Utah in rather a serious condition. Branches which had once been in good working order were, from various causes, in a manner disorganized. There is a lack of energetic, capable men in the ministry to do branch work, and there has been a removal of some who held such authority. It is unfortunate for the work in Utah that men who are capable men on enlisting in the work of the Reorganization, are seized with a desire for a change, are restless under the many devices used to harass them in their efforts among our Brighamite brethren, especially if our brethren have come out from the Utah Mormon Church. It is hard to keep good local talent in the branches.

I was hindered in my mission work very materially on account of the serious illness of Bro. T. W. Smith, whom I brought home to Independence, as also, by the call from the field of Bro. H. N. Hansen to attend the sick bed and death of his father-in-law, being thus deprived of his aid for months; also the necessity which called Bro. Joseph Luff, my yokefellow in the mission, early from the field. The first half of the mission year there was little done, save preliminary work, and the getting acquainted with the fields. The last quarter has been more encouraging and much more has been accomplished. With the aid of Brn. H. O. Smith, H. N. Hansen, E. J. Robinson, R. J. Anthony, William Summerfield, and J. S. Lee, the work has been revived, and I believe I am safe in reporting it in better condition than for a long time before, and the outlook now is better, much better than when I entered the mission.

I am satisfied that the good prospects in that mission have been over-

drawn in the past and injury to the work has resulted in consequence. In many respects it is a hard field and an expensive one. Railroad rates are higher, and a reduction of only one third can be obtained by permits, thus making expenses larger.

While to a casual observer there seems to be disintegration going on in the Mormon Church, yet a few months' experience, and a careful study of the situation has convinced me that there is little hope of a grand revolution in our favor in that direction. While some are beginning to think of a possible compromise and union of the two churches, others are doing their utmost to cement the membership of the Utah Church so firmly in their secret temple work that nothing can divide them.

I feel that here I ought to report at least a few of the subterfuges their representative men are resorting to to hold their membership from investigation. It is industriously circulated that the ministry of the Reorganization affirm that Joseph Smith the Seer was a *fallen* prophet; that they also *admit* that he received the revelation on plural marriage and did practice that doctrine. By these statements, and others of like nature, they succeed in keeping their membership away from our meetings.

There has been quite a number of additions to our number, which the brethren will report. I have only baptized one, confirmed several, ordained one priest, and attended other duties in my ministry as the calls required.

The work should be prosecuted vigorously in the Rocky Mountain mission, at least in some parts of it. There are some parts where little else can be done than to hold the ground we already have, and to cheer and comfort those who are members of the church. Our efforts will be of little force unless God's time for a change there has come, yet we should be on the ground to take advantage of that time when it does come.

Montana is a good field; Southern Utah is opening up fairly. I assisted in reorganizing the Provo branch. Bro. H. N. Hansen will report it. I expect to still be in the field and spend the remainder of my life in the glorious work of our Lord and Savior if I am worthy.

E. C. Briggs, of the Twelve, present:—

I have preached 150 times, and attended 150 meetings held by others. I labored in ten counties in my mission, and by the assistance of Bro. G. H. Hilliard, of the Bishopric, I organized branches at Ausable and Alpena. Elder R. E. Grant assisted in organizing the Buel Center branch of 48 members, and J. W. Smith the Applegate branch of 26 members. I also organized a Sunday school at Buel. Bro. J. L. Bear has done excellent work in both the German and English tongue, and organized a German branch and Sunday school. He is highly esteemed for his integrity and love of the gospel, and I trust he may be sustained in the mission.

Bro. Hilliard did us much good, and we wish him to come again this year with his heart-stirring discourses to educate the Saints to duty. So few have reported number of sermons preached in the mission that I omit stating any of them in this report.

Brn. F. M. Cooper, W. S. Pender, and J. A. Davis, field officers, all report success in the mission. Demands for preaching suggest that there should be an increase of laborers, in fact the missionaries have all reported cheering news, and have zealously labored in union and in love. I commend them as worthy of your confidence and hearty support.

John H. Lake, of the Twelve, present:—

I have preached 115 times, baptized 28, blessed 16 children, and administered to the sick 110 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once, and ordained one elder. I have labored in the Canada mission and am very thankful to our heavenly Father for the sustaining grace afforded me during the year of toil; have enjoyed excellent liberty of the Spirit in presenting the word of God and in attending the great latter day work.

So far as I am informed the mission is in fair condition. Prejudice is like a thing of the past; there is no difficulty in getting the people to hear, but they are slow to obey. There were not many deaths, and but few were cut off from the church. The Saints are not as active as would be for their good, but I think they have done fairly well, both financially and spiritu-

ally. Not so many added as we had desired, but I would not dare to blame anyone. It is God's work, and all have labored as best they could under the circumstances, and the result must be left with God. I have not seen any very difficult cases of trouble with the Saints during the year. If there are any, they have been kept from my knowledge. I do not feel weary nor like giving up the fight until the end is reached.

I know of no just reason that my field of labor should be changed, unless God should so direct. I wish to be governed by law and order and by wisdom and the Spirit that begets peace, joy, love, longsuffering, kindness, meekness, for against such there is no law; and if I can learn to so govern myself I can hope to dwell with the pure and the good in the triumph and kingdom.

James Caffall, of the Twelve, present:—

I can truthfully report having spent my entire time in the Lord's great harvest field in the past conference year. The greatest part of that time was spent in an effort to introduce the gospel into new localities, on some of the outskirts of my charge, meeting the changes incident to the life of a traveling elder. Thinking it due the body, I have reported from time to time as to my whereabouts and labors, through the church organ, and would think a second report would appear monotonous; but it seems the body likes to have it so. I am unable to state with accuracy, the number of times I have preached, but when not hindered by inclement weather and other parties occupying public houses, I have preached every night in the week, twice, and sometimes thrice, on Sundays. Baptized 10, being chiefly among nonmembers. Have administered to but few sick persons. I have organized four branches but only labored with branches when requested.

I find great need for ministerial labor in all my charge, but almost invariably, elders who labor, want to be near home; but how they can always enjoy this luxury and the gospel be preached in all the world I can't divine. I wish to evince my appreciation of the labors of Bro. C. Scott on the public rostrum in Springfield, Nebraska, and Bro. I. N. White, in Rexford, Kansas, and pray they may long survive.

J. R. Lambert, of the Twelve, present:—

I have preached 62 times, distributing my labors at Lamoni, Davis City, Leon, near Villisca, Thurman, and Logan, Iowa; St. Joseph and Pleasant Grove, Missouri; East Delavan, Wisconsin; Snyder, Oklahoma; Rock Creek, Millersburg, Kewanee, Chicago, Plano, and Mission, Illinois. I have been much hindered in preaching, but there have been but few days, when I was able to write, in which I did not do more or less work in the interests of the cause, though I have endeavored to avoid all superfluous correspondence. I have been blessed of God, and I have been tried,—how severely tried, none but God and myself can know; but I am confirmed and comforted in the truth, as I find it in the accepted revelations of God. The great demand of the present time is, as I believe, the need of more intelligent faith in God and Christ. This is true of the church and the world.

This mission is an important one. It comprises about 19 organized districts (except parts of three districts, located in Kansas), containing 138 organized churches, or branches. About 64 of the 203 missionaries appointed one year ago were assigned to this field; and yet, in the greater number of districts, the demand has been much greater than the supply.

My able corps of thirteen assistants, consisting of eight seventies and five high priests, has seemed to me to have been indispensable to the progress and proper care of the missionary work in this field. And while there have been some omissions which ought not to have occurred, these brethren have rendered excellent service in the cause, and I have no charge of disrespect to even think about, much less to mention. If, however, any of these brethren are now of the opinion that it means little or nothing to be placed in missionary charge of one or more districts, I will venture the assertion that these are they who have not, for some cause or causes, properly given themselves up to the demands of the work, and have, therefore, left undone, many things which properly belonged to their respective charges. A few have been somewhat derelict about reporting, as they were requested to

report, which has been an obstacle in the way of progress. I trust this carelessness, or whatever it may be, will soon be overcome.

The work is in fair condition in the greater number of districts, still better in a few others; but in a low, bad condition in several. The Central Missouri district has made little or no progress for years. I see but little prospect for it to come out of the old, dangerous ruts into which it has fallen, so long as it is left to itself. I therefore suggest that the district be declared disorganized, and that the territory be annexed either to the Independence or Far West district.

The situation at Chicago, though not so good as we would like, is much better than it was. It has improved greatly under the direct supervision of Bro. Pitt; and so far as I know, he and I have labored together pleasantly and harmoniously.

Though my field work may be done for a time, possibly for all time, (the Lord only knows,) I am still willing and anxious to do what I can for the advancement of the work we love.

W. H. Kelley, of the Twelve, present:—

At the close of last session I entered upon the duties of the mission to which I was assigned, in what is known as the Eastern mission. Some twenty appointees were sent into this field as associate laborers; viz., J. S. Parrish, W. E. Peak, James Brown, John Smith, James Moler, H. E. Moler, J. L. Goodrich, M. H. Bond, T. W. Williams, L. W. Powell, D. L. Shinn, H. H. Robinson, A. H. Parsons, George Eaton, M. T. Short, H. J. Davison, U. W. Greene, George Robley, Thomas Mathews, and F. M. Sheehy. Some of these appointees arrived late in the mission, but were reported as active elsewhere. While in the mission they have labored with commendable zeal and manifest love for the work, good fellowship has characterized our year's labor together, so that I am safe in saying that each holds the other in as great or greater esteem than at its beginning.

During the year we have sought more than at any time before to enlarge the ministerial field by opening new places for preaching, and with gratifying success; and the laborers have returned stronger by reason of service and confirmed in the truth. Some have criticised the effort at extending our labors, thinking it best to "care for what we have." While the thought of "caring for what we have" is a good one, it is our belief that those who have become well acquainted with the faith are under the obligation of doing much toward taking care of themselves that others not so fortunate may have an opportunity to hear.

The mission is divided into branches and districts, in the main, and all essential matters of record are placed upon the branch or district books and duly reported, hence not required to be given in detail here; besides, each appointee will make an individual report for himself. If the conference is interested in such a report, a good idea would be for each laborer in a mission to report all of the interest to the missionary in charge and let him present the summary or totals in his report; but this has not been provided for or required.

The best year's work yet done has been accomplished in the mission. This would naturally be expected, however, as we have had more laborers and could serve to better advantage. The work as a whole is in an improved condition. There are no serious matters existing anywhere, except in the Massachusetts district, and the Saints are prepared for any outcome to those matters, are most anxious to get them off the slate; for, with the experience of the past they have learned to make the best of the matter good or bad, and try to be content therewith. Excellent local service has been rendered by many of the Saints, officials and nonofficials, male and female.

At our large assemblies, conferences, and reunions, a very high degree of inspiration has been enjoyed by the Saints, and to the ministry was given power and liberty equal to every demand. So we are encouraged in the work of the gospel; the Lord has been with us.

The number of appointees should be increased for this field rather than diminished. The financial law is pretty generally believed in and respected by the Saints. Some who opposed it for a time, have become convinced that it is right and are putting themselves in the way of keeping it.

Joseph Luff, of the Twelve, present:—

I labored in the Rocky Mountain mission till September, when legal matters, in which I was involved compelled my return home. While in the mission I preached in Idaho, Montana, and Utah, and was considerably blessed in my work. After leaving the mission I embraced opportunities for labor in Missouri and Kansas at points contiguous to home. Have baptized 10.

Bro. A. H. Smith will, doubtless, report the condition of the mission, as he remained in it till quite recently.

Heman C. Smith, of the Twelve, present:—

I have baptized 13. My appointment at last conference to the Australasian mission did not come to me with the same assurance and comfort of the Spirit which I have experienced on former occasions; in fact, I received in answer to my supplications no light at all in that direction; yet I went to work making preparation to go, trusting that light would come with an effort to comply with your appointment. While engaged in making arrangements I received the following from the Presidency, dated June 18, 1892: "The Presidency discover, on consultation with the Bishop, that there will be a necessary delay in getting the missionary force into the Australasian field, by reason that the draft on the funds has already exceeded our expectations, and we will be obliged to determine which part of the appointees are sent first, and whether only these shall be sent. Until further notice and advice you will therefore continue in the Pacific Slope,—your former field,—occupying as wisdom or the Spirit may direct."

In harmony with this advice I have labored until the present time. I have been greatly blessed with liberty; never in my life have I had more reason for profound gratitude to God for his loving kindness and watchful care. I am in the faith, and ready to labor for the cause as God shall give me light to do.

T. W. Smith, of the Twelve, writes from Independence, Missouri:—

If I am to report labor done the past year I fear that my report will be very brief. I did not baptize any the past year. I preached up to July 10. I spoke at Independence, St. Joseph, and at Kansas City, Missouri; and at Armstrong, Kansas; Lamoni and Shenandoah, Iowa; Nebraska City, Nebraska; Denver and Hutchinson, Colorado; and Salt Lake City, Utah. On the night of July 10, I was stricken down with partial paralysis. My left arm, side, and leg were rendered useless. I was on my way to Australia. I was unconscious for twenty-four hours. I was brought home to Independence by Bro. A. H. Smith, whose kindness I can never forget. I am satisfied that I should have died but for the power of God displayed through the administration of the brethren and the prayers of others at the time and since.

I am thankful that I am now able to walk quite a distance without help, and can use my left arm some. Being actively engaged in the service of God and the church for over twenty-six years, to be helpless now, and being discouraged by brethren in trying to do what little I can, in the way of writing for the press, I have about lost all heart, except the hope of recovery so that I may yet stand up and preach the gospel. If I was able to go in a carriage from place to place and did not have to travel by cars, I might do some preaching ere long. I cannot get in and out of the cars without help, and would have to depend on strangers to help, and the danger in getting off the steps is too great to risk. But that I am so far recovered from an utterly helpless state is a matter of surprise to many, and a matter of thankfulness to myself, and I feel it to be my duty to thus express my gratitude to God, that I am in a fair way to ultimate full recovery, although the process is somewhat slow.

I desire to express my gratitude to Brn. Alexander H. Smith, Joseph Luff, Hyrum O. Smith, E. Barrows, and others, for their care and attention from the first. May God abundantly reward them for the same. And I thank the Saints in general for their remembrance of me in their prayers. I lament my inability to labor as in former days more than I do the physical

suffering. I still need and therefore ask to be remembered in the prayers of the Saints, and for the strengthening of my mental as well as physical powers. Pray that the causes of anxiety and worryment may be removed.

J. W. Gillen, of the Twelve, writes from England:—

I have preached 164 times, baptized 13, blessed several children, administered to the sick many times. I left home on May 27 for my appointed field of labor; stopped at St. Louis eight days, and assisted in the dedication of the chapel erected there. Then went to Brooklyn, preached, I think, four times. On June 18 we left New York on the steamship Etruria, our company consisting of Brn. G. T. Griffiths, J. R. Evans, Marce Sorenson, D. F. Richards, John Wahlstrom and wife, and Sr. Page. After a pleasant voyage we landed in Liverpool on the 25th, and on the 26th Elder Griffiths and myself ordained Brn. Sorenson and Richards to the office of elder.

On the 27th we separated, each for his appointed field; Bro. Griffiths and I going to Birmingham. On the evening of the same day we met Bro. Thomas Taylor, the former president of the English mission, for the first time. He received us in the kindest manner possible. On the same evening we met Bro. C. H. Caton, secretary of the English mission and president of the Birmingham district who gave us a friendly greeting, though passing through a severe trial, caused by the loss of his wife, who died about the time we arrived in Birmingham. I preached my first discourse in England on July 3, in the Saints' meeting room, Birmingham. On the 27th Bro. Taylor and I went to Manchester, and there I met Elder Dewsnup, president of the Manchester district, who received us in the kindest possible manner. The same day I became acquainted with Elder H. Greenwood, vice president of district, also James Baty, secretary of the district and president of the Manchester branch, all of whom gave me a cordial greeting.

Since coming here I have visited and preached in each of the branches in England and Wales, except the London branch. In England the work is moving onward, not rapidly, but I think steadily and surely. In some branches the local ministry are laboring to their utmost to spread the work, some of them walking a distance of eight or nine miles to preach on Sunday, and the Lord is blessing them in their labor. Some of the branches, I am sorry to say, are in a low condition, but we will do what we can, in connection with the district authorities, to help them out of their present condition.

The work in Wales will require time, patience, and money to place it where it once was. I trust the Danish and Swedish mission will be cared for by the church, as it should be. The brethren there will report to you and set forth the necessities of that mission. The Lord has blessed me in my ministry in this land, and I am still at the service of God and his church.

G. T. Griffiths, of the Twelve, writes from Manchester, England:—

I have baptized 9 and ordained 3. I left home on the 13th of June, 1892; arrived in Liverpool on June 25, in company with Brn. Gillen, Evans, Sorenson, Wahlstrom, and Richards. On the 27th we separated for our respective fields of labor. On the previous day, however, Bro. Gillen and myself ordained Brn. Sorenson and Richards to the eldership. On the 27th, at Birmingham, we were received kindly by Bro. Thomas Taylor, former president of the English mission, and also by Bro. C. H. Caton and the rest of the Saints there.

I proceeded on July 7, to Cardiff, in South Wales, where I met with Brn. Gould and Cope, who extended a true Saints' welcome to me. Thence I went to Morriston, where I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. J. R. Gibbs, former president of the Welsh mission, who, with his excellent family, gave me a hearty welcome. I next went to Llanelly to attend the Western district conference, which passed off very pleasantly.

I am sorry that I am unable to report on the work in Wales as favorably as I would desire. It was reported at last General Conference, that there were four branches in the Eastern district, but I found on investigation that there was not one organized branch there, but only fragments, consequently it has been declared disorganized. In Cardiff there are five members who



meet at long intervals, and the outlook for the work there is not very encouraging at present. The Merthyr branch is no more, as there are only three members living there, and two of these are spiritually dead. The remaining one is old, sick, and almost at the end of his earthly career. The Aberdare branch is also virtually dead. We have only three branches in all Wales; viz., Llanelly, Morriston, and Pont-y-este, which were organized in August by Bro. J. R. Evans and myself. There are a few faithful members at Pen-g-graig, who desire a branch organization, which we will attend to in the near future. The church Secretary's statistical report of last year gave a total of 184 members on record, whilst I am prepared to vouch that there are not 75 active members in all Wales, and the majority of those are poor in this world's goods, hence not being able to do much for the work financially. It is with pleasure that I chronicle the fact that the most part of the officers and members, who indulged in the twin evils of drink and tobacco, have quit the use of them altogether, and many have gone so far as to quit the use of tea and coffee.

One of the discouraging features of the work in Wales is that we cannot obtain the use of public buildings without payment, and the Saints are too poor to do this. Another is that very few of the Saints are able to lodge and feed a minister over night, because of their poverty, but they willingly share what they have; hence before the work in Wales can be permanently reestablished it will be necessary that homes be provided for the missionaries in such places as Cardiff, Methyr, Aberdare, Swansea, and Llanelly, until the mission is able to sustain itself. Bro. J. R. Evans has labored faithfully, and has proven himself a true servant of God. The brethren of the Western district, also Brn. Gould, Cope, and the three brethren Jenkins, have promised of late to coöperate with us and do all in their power to make the mission a success.

I labored about fifteen weeks in the city of London and was kindly received by the brethren there. The branch has lately improved greatly in its spirituality. Bro. J. D. Howell is its president, and is the right man in the right place. He is ably assisted by his associate officers, Brn. Glee, Clift, Jennings, William Gerrard, and William Kendrick. Bro. Thomas Bradshaw, Gerrard, Sen., Tankard, A. Bradshaw, and Tubb, are striving to magnify their calling. The future prospects of the London branch are bright, provided they continue in well-doing.

I have only visited one branch in the Birmingham district, of which district Bro. C. H. Caton is president, and everything seemed to be moving along very nicely there.

The Manchester district is presided over by Bro. Joseph Dewsnup, Sen. My labor in this district has been meager, as my time has been principally occupied in Wales and in London. What I have done has been performed in the Manchester branch, which is ably presided over by Bro. James Baty. The work in this branch seems to be in a flourishing condition, and the outlook for the church in this great city is very encouraging. I am enjoying excellent health and feel good in spirit. I pray that the Spirit of peace and the love of Christ may attend the various sessions of the conference.

[Of the number in Wales, the Church Recorder simply has to say that in years past, all these names have been reported, and that he can only take from the church records, those who are duly reported as having died, or been expelled, or as taking letters of removal. If any others have emigrated, they should be reported by the proper officers. If any are cold, or indifferent, or have departed from the faith, it is not the work of the Recorder to remove their names, even if he by any means should know who such persons are. It can only be done by legal action and proper report of the same.—H. A. S.]

Duncan Campbell, President of Seventy, present:—

I have preached 38 times, baptized 1, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 38 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have labored in Centerville, Appanoose county, and Woodland, Decatur county, Iowa; at Higbee and Mount Zion, Randolph county, at Bevier and Oak Ridge, Macon county, at Milan, Maggard, and Clem Springs, Sullivan county, at Mendota in Putnam county, at Allendale in Worth county, at Hickory and Reger Mineral Springs in Mercer county, Missouri. I also

preached 12 times in the Mayflower schoolhouse, Appanoose county, to interested congregations.

On account of physical disability I was arrested in my missionary work in midsummer and I do not feel at liberty to undertake the responsibility of a traveling missionary the coming year, yet will earnestly strive to do what I can in the interest of the work.

**Columbus Scott, President of Seventy, present:—**

I have preached 136 times, baptized 13, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 38 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. My specific field of labor was "Council Bluffs and vicinity." In addition to labor done therein, by permission of missionary in charge I visited the Platte Valley branch, Nebraska, in July, and assisted at a grove meeting. I also preached a few times at both Persia and Little Sioux, Iowa. After attendance at the Logan reunion in October I went to Springfield, Nebraska, and held a debate of three sessions on the sleep of the soul after death question with Elder Todd, Adventist.

Most of my labor has been in the city of Council Bluffs. My opinion is that a good work can be done in the cities by persistently standing by openings for gospel work when effected. As for my efforts in the Bluffs for the year, I leave it for the Saints there and the future to disclose.

**J. T. Davis, President of Seventy, present:—**

I have preached 121 times, baptized 1, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick many times. Have labored in the field assigned me; namely in charge of the Northeastern and Northwestern districts, Kansas, to the best of my ability, in preaching the word, advising and regulating the affairs of the church, covering the following places with their vicinities: Atchison, Fanning, Severance, Baker, Netawaka, Wellsville, Leavenworth, Scranton, Centralia, Blue Rapids, and Goshen. I was greatly encouraged and blessed of the Master in my ministry, and have endeavored to do my duty acceptably to God and the church, and intend to continue.

**I. N. White, President of Seventy, present:—**

I have baptized 23. Have labored in Southwestern Missouri mission and acted as missionary in charge of that field. Think have labored to the extent of my ability in directing the laborers. Find the work in fair condition and an anxiety among the laborers to magnify their calling more than at other times. The general outlook was never better in Southwestern Missouri.

I have canvassed nearly the whole mission, more or less, doing what labor I thought was needed and directing others to it also.

**J. C. Foss, President of Seventy, present:—**

I have preached 111 times, baptized 2, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 119 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice, ordained 1 elder, confirmed 4, assisted in confirming 2, assisted in meetings 24 times. I have preached in Kansas City, Walnut Park, Holden, Independence, Lee's Summit, Stewartsville, St. Joseph, Bevier, Higbee, Mount Ida, Osawatimie, Armstrong, Platte Branch, Guilford, Clinton, Weir City, Angola, Sweet Home, Rose Hill, Wyandotte, Alma, Carrollton, Missouri River branch, Kingston, Cameron, DeKalb, Pleasant Grove, and German Stewartsville branch. I found the work in the Central Missouri district at a low ebb. It should be looked after by some careful worker, and the cause will revive. At the other points named the prospects look bright. Owing to building a house last spring, and my wife meeting with an accident, and myself being sick, I did not get in so much time as I otherwise would, but feel that I did the best I could.

**R. J. Anthony, President of Seventy, present:—**

I have preached 150 times, baptized 1, blessed several children, and administered to the sick a number of times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in Utah, Idaho, and Montana. My labors were confined mostly to Montana during the fall and winter. Prospects are fair in some places in Idaho and Montana. There has been 27 baptized in

Montana, mostly by local authority. Brethren John E. and Gomer Reese have done a good work and are now pushing it along as best they can. Father Reese is over seventy years old, but has the zeal of a youth. I feel encouraged; prospects are better in some parts of Idaho and Montana than ever before.

James McKiernan, President of Seventy, present:—

I have preached 116 times, baptized 2, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 41 times, also officiated in other meetings 68 times, confirmed 4, and ordained 5. I have preached at Dow City, Galland's Grove, Benan, Little Sioux, Moorhead, Magnolia, Woodbine, Logan, and Persia, Iowa, holding a series of meetings at each place.

Before entering in upon this mission I held meetings in the Des Moines district, at Runnells, Ford (Freel schoolhouse), Des Moines, and Oskaloosa; and at Farmington and Sand Prairie in the Nauvoo district.

By consent and advice of Bro. J. R. Lambert I assisted Bro. O. B. Thomas in holding meetings at Runnells, Perry, Rhodes, and Des Moines, after July 20 to September 12. I then went to Farmington to make arrangements for and assist Bro. S. W. L. Scott in discussion with Rev. Hatton, Baptist.

While I have been in the field but nine months the past year, the remainder of the time was used in preaching every Sunday, and in preaching several funeral sermons at other times. In my mission I have been ably assisted by Brn. C. E. Butterworth and C. J. Hunt in the Galland's Grove district, and by Bro. J. F. Mintun in the Little Sioux district. Local laborers are being aroused and are doing what they can. The Sunday school work is progressing rapidly.

Peter Anderson, of the Seventy, writes from Aalborg, Denmark:—

I have preached 42 times, baptized 2, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick a few times. The main part of my work has been the completing of the Danish hymn book, on which I commenced laboring about five years ago. I have also written and published three different tracts in the Danish language, which have so far done good service in this mission.

I hope the conference will take into consideration the needs of this mission. We must have the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants published in our language as soon as practicable. Besides laboring in this city and vicinity, we have also commenced translating the Book of Mormon, and I think we could manage to get it out in the course of this year. Printing is cheap in this country. We have baptized one here, others are believing, and a number more are investigating the work. I am willing to remain in this mission another year, if sustained.

I. P. Baggerly, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 151 times, baptized 9, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 13 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored as appointed in Southern Illinois, in the counties of Wayne, White, Hamilton, Marion, Franklin, and Johnson. I was in these counties from May 1 until December 1, when by direction of the missionary in charge I went to Gibson and Posey counties, Indiana, where I remained till about the middle of February, 1893. I am glad to report that the church is making substantial advancement in all the places where I have labored, except in one place where it seemed at a standstill. The general outlook for the work is flattering. I was blessed in my work and tried to magnify my calling. Was assisted by the brethren quite liberally. Hope to so act before the Lord and his people as to still be of use to the church.

W. T. Bozarth, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 100 times, baptized 7, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick many times, also organized 2 branches. I have preached in Independence, Blue Springs, Holden, Warrensburg, Knobnoster, Crab Orchard, Pleasant View, Wood's Chapel, Boonville, Kansas City, Armstrong, and Argentine, all in the Independence district. I have also labored in the Central Missouri district as follows: Lexington Junction, Richmond, King schoolhouse, Wakenda branch, Carrollton, Missouri River branch.

In this district the work seems to make very slow progress. There are four branches but I cannot say that they are flourishing. I am informed that Bro. James Thomas has created some interest about Richmond.

The Independence district appears to be in good condition, and there are many calls for preaching. At a number of places a good interest is manifested.

The long and serious illness of my wife has greatly hindered my labors this year. I have had good liberty as a rule in preaching. I labored with Brn. J. H. and Gomer Wells, R. May, and Joseph Luff. I am still willing to do all I can for the cause.

**J. L. Bear, of the Seventy, present:—**

I have preached 92 times, baptized 17, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 6 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have preached in the counties of Sanilac, Huron, Bay, Oscoda, and St. Clair, Michigan. I preached 37 times in German and 55 times in English; held a debate with a German Lutheran, presided over and attended 25 Saints' meetings, ordained 1 priest, organized 1 branch and 1 Sunday school. I was not able to do much in the winter on account of the severe weather, the roads being blockaded with snow the most of the time. Meetings were appointed in different places but people could not turn out. Traveled about 150 miles on sleighs in the roughest kind of weather, walked many miles through snow banks, visiting people in their houses, and had fireside preaching. My preaching was mostly done in new places, where none was done before by our elders. A mob spirit prevailed to some extent in two places, one in Huron county, and the other in St. Clair county; but God protected me from intended violence.

I have to say that God blessed me both spiritually and temporally notwithstanding the many hardships and colds I had to endure. He also preserved my health. To him be all the glory.

**M. H. Bond, of the Seventy, writes from Ohio:—**

I have labored in Kirtland, Ohio, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Wheeling, West Virginia. Since January I have been in the Eastern mission field, principally in the Massachusetts district. I also did ministerial work in Brooklyn and Philadelphia. I have tried to do the best I could for the permanent good of the work, and have been spiritually aided and blessed in my efforts. I have baptized and confirmed 8 persons. Am still willing to labor as best I can for the spread of gospel truth.

**J. F. Burton, of the Seventy, writes from California:—**

The Pacific Slope mission is still advancing, and the eldership have pushed their way into the enemy's camp from torrid Arizona to frigid Washington. In Northern California and Oregon, the elders are trying the experiment of working with tents. So far they seem to have been quite successful. There are now four of them in the mission, and it is expected that all will be in operation this summer.

I have attended 137 meetings, in which I have preached 57 sermons; have baptized 18, confirmed 18, ordained 1 teacher, organized 1 branch, performed the marriage ceremony twice, administered to sick 93 times, blessed 14 children and attended to all other duties belonging to my charge.

I still desire to labor in the ministry, but on account of financial arrangements I ask for appointment in this mission, if possible.

**C. A. Butterworth, of the Seventy, writes from Australia:—**

Things in general have not prospered as I would have liked, yet the work is slowly onward. I have preached 139 times, baptized 8, performed 2 marriages, gave 1 temperance address, administered to the sick, and attended to other duties that are common to all the ministry. Times have been rather hard everywhere this year, so I have labored somewhat with my hands, to make ends meet and not be a burden to any. During all my ministerial labor I have been truly blessed, especially in presenting the words of life, for which I render thanks and praise to the Giver of all good.

I am willing to labor on for the redemption of Zion and for the salvation of God's people, if deemed worthy.

T. W. Chatburn, of the Seventy, present:—

I have remained in the field continuously the past year, except six days on Christmas and four days in July. Have preached 140 times, baptized 112, ordained 5, administered to the sick 350 times, and officiated in the marriage ceremony 4 times.

J. C. Clapp, of the Seventy, writes from Honolulu:—

After my appointment to these islands by you I visited Santa Ana, California, to see a dying brother, and spent two or three weeks with him, and preached several times in the vicinity. I also visited and preached at San Bernardino. I then returned to my home at Tulare and made preparation for my mission, during which preparation I preached from two to three times a week. I left Tulare July 27. At Fowler I was joined by Bro. and Sr. Stebbins, and had the pleasure of their company to San Francisco. I went from there to Santa Cruz county, and preached a few times. From there back to Irvington, and then to Santa Rosa, Windsor, and San Francisco, at all of which places I tried to preach the word. I also visited Ukiah, at which place I baptized a young lady.

I left my native land on the 1st of September and landed in Honolulu on the 8th. Was received with gladness by the Saints, and was made welcome at the hospitable home of Bro. and Sr. C. H. Luther. I found Bro. G. J. Waller had managed wisely, and that the branch was in good order; and I only had to put forth my hands to aid in pushing forward the gospel car. At first I was much debilitated by the change of climate, and was also afflicted with a numbness in my limbs which made it difficult for me to walk much. As Bro. Luther lives some distance from our hall I found it necessary to get a room nearer our place of meeting, at which place I had to meet Bro. J. M. Poepeo every day to aid him in the work of translating the Book of Covenants into the native language. So, after enjoying the hospitality of Bro. Luther four months I moved close to the hall, where I have a pleasant room, and can receive and instruct all that come to hear.

Perhaps we would have had the Doctrine and Covenants completed by this time had it not been for the revolution that has taken place here. I wrote Bro. David Dancer in regard to the printing of the book, and found that we could get the work done here cheaper than there. So Bro. Waller made arrangements to have five hundred copies printed and bound here. A part of the printing is already done. The work done has been examined by Mrs. Emma NaKuina, one of the best educated Hawaiians. I am happy to say that I lately had the pleasure of leading her and two of her daughters into the waters of baptism. She pronounces the translation as being the best and will give her certificate for publication in connection with the book.

My health has greatly improved, and we are pushing the work as fast as we can. I have baptized 21 persons, ordained 1 elder, 1 priest, and 1 deacon, and blessed several children. My wife's services are greatly needed here in the Sunday school, so Bro. Waller consulted with some of the Saints about it and they decided to send for her, and I expect her here in five or six weeks. Our prospects are good for the harvest of souls. I am well satisfied with my mission and with the general outlook, and am willing to abide by the counsels of the church.

I wish to say that Elder J. M. Poepeo has ably seconded the work here, by interpreting and translating our discourses and pamphlets, into the native tongue. He has until lately been alone in this work, but now, in the event of sickness or his being otherwise employed, we can call Sister NaKuina to our aid.

Emsley Curtis, of the Seventy, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 108 times, baptized 19, blessed 8 children, confirmed 11, and officiated in marriage once. I have traveled and preached in Southern Missouri and Southern Illinois, where I find the work prospering. I have been compelled to labor at quite a disadvantage, owing to my health being poor; but, by the help of the Lord, I hope to continue in the field.

Thomas Daley, of the Seventy, present:—

I have been in California and Oregon, laboring faithfully for nearly

eleven months. I have held 170 preaching meetings. In bad weather and in towns where I could not get places to preach in through the week I visited houses and talked with the people, and much good has been done. I baptized 42, held 1 debate, blessed 5 children, administered to the sick 200 times, God conferring the blessing many times; to him be all the glory. I desire to labor in California and in Nevada, the Lord willing.

**J. Alfred Davis, of the Seventy, writes from Kansas:—**

I have preached numerous times, and have assisted and held many other meetings, baptized 2, confirmed 2, administered to the sick 26 times, and blessed 4 children. Have enjoyed fair liberty in presenting the word, and have made some new openings. Am encouraged as regards future prospects.

**J. Arthur Davis, of the Seventy, present:—**

Have preached 195 times, baptized 1, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. My work has been confined to the State of Minnesota, acting as field-officer over Minnesota and Dakota. The condition of the work in the mission is good in the main; it bids fair to become a splendid mission in the near future. The brethren have done splendidly; one new branch has been organized and a great many new places opened for preaching.

**E. A. Davis, of the Seventy, present:—**

Have preached 192 times, attended 310 meetings, baptized 11, confirmed 6, ordained 3, administered to 40 sick, blessed 5 children, married 3 couple. Southwestern Missouri was assigned me, and in that section I have labored as diligently as I could. This is an open field and affords a golden opportunity for gospel labor. I am strengthened and cheered to do the Master's bidding.

**L. R. Devore, of the Seventy, writes from Tahiti:—**

I reported on February 4, 1891, also on January 17, 1892, but my reports failed to arrive in time. I therefore report the whole time we have been here. Have preached, mostly through interpreters, 73 times, baptized 105, confirmed 35, administered to 166 sick, blessed 23 children, ordained 1 elder, and 2 teachers, married 21 couple, and organized a number of Sunday schools. We have been here about 700 days; have attended preaching, Saints' meetings, Sabbath schools, and Scriptural question schools above 790 sessions, besides which Sr. Devore has attended and assisted in something over 70 sessions of Sisters' Prayer Unions, not included in the 790 other meetings. We have tried to do the best we could; others might have done more. We have had much opposition, but are still in the faith.

Our health is so undermined that necessity requires us to ask the conference to release us, and permit us to return to California, and labor there a year, if health allows us to tarry. We trust some one or two young men (married) will come to continue the work. We would like to continue another year if health would permit, but this is doubtful, and we do not think it wisdom to remain until we are helpless, and unable to travel.

**C. R. Duncan, of the Seventy, present:—**

I have preached 81 times, baptized 2, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick about 50 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. At the last annual conference I was appointed to the Australasian mission. I began making preparations to sail in August, but received instructions from the Presidency that the means in the Bishop's hands were not sufficient to justify our going until further advices. In the meantime I was directed to labor in the Northwestern Kansas district. I labored continuously in the counties of Marshall, Clay, Cloud, Republic, and Mitchell, under the direction of Bro. J. T. Davis, missionary in charge. I have been associated from time to time with Bro. J. T. Davis, R. L. Ware, J. W. Gilbert, and R. W. Davis. I have had many hindrances to encounter, and when I look back over the past, I can see where I have made many mistakes, but taking the experiences of the year into consideration it has been one of education to me in a line not hitherto acquainted with. I can say, however, that I am

more perfectly resigned to spending my life in the service of the Master than ever before. I have seen the divinity of this work tested in various ways during the year. Spiritualism with all its enchantments has assailed it; sectarianism with her man made creeds has attacked it; the modern Pharisee of society has pointed the finger of scorn at it, the ignorant and uninformed of all classes have laughed at it, and yet the "little stone" keeps right on rolling and promises to fill the whole earth. The sick are healed by the power of God, and many blessings are given to those who live faithful. The work in Northern Kansas is onward.

J. D. Erwin, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 183 sermons, baptized 60, blessed 33 children, administered 25 times to the sick, traveled about 2,000 miles, held one debate, organized one branch, ordained one priest, three teachers, and two deacons. I am ready for the field again. I ask for Indian Territory and Texas.

R. Etzenhouser, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 159 times, baptized 2, blessed 6 children, and administered the sick many times. The most of my labor in Southern Indiana, my field, was done in Daviess and Jefferson counties, where adverse conditions within our ranks largely militated against the addition of new members, but better conditions are developing. I labored at two points in Illinois, Xenia, and Kibbie; also at St. Louis, Missouri, on passing to and from my field. Was present and did service at the reunions of Logan, Iowa, and Clinton, Missouri.

During the year I wrote and published "The Book Unsealed," in the hope that it would be an aid in maintaining the truth. Have had many encouragements in reference to it and but one condemnation.

R. C. Evans, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 223 times, baptized 36, blessed 20 children, and administered to the sick 178 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times.

I have tried hard to faithfully represent the church and win for her the respect she merits. In my efforts I have been blessed of the Lord when far from home and Saints. He who calmed the turbulent, white-crested waves of Galilee was near me to bless, and inspire, and be my friend in all the struggles of mission life. The year has been fraught with trials, joys, and victories. My soul has been made glad as the evidences of the divine authenticity of the great latter-day work have loomed up before me.

I have acted as the president of the London district during the year. Nearly all the Saints in the district (I think) are striving to form a character that will be worthy of the respect of good men and deserve the benediction of our heavenly Father. I spent the summer months in the gospel tent, preaching in new fields. At times we were made glad under the preaching of Elder A. E. Mortimer. He stood by me ever when his health permitted. His fine musical ability was brought to bear in our tent meetings when the district furnished him with a cornet. Bro. Fred Gregory also rendered valuable assistance while with us in the tent. I have been unable to fill all the calls made upon me, but have done what I could.

J. R. Evans, of the Seventy, writes from Wales:—

I have blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 7 times. I left home on June 6; visited Kirtland, Pittsburg, and the Saints of New York, and left on the 18th for Liverpool, landing there on the 25th. We stayed in Liverpool over the 26th (Sunday) and left on the 27th for South Wales, arriving in Aberdare the same day, and on the next day hunted up the Saints of that place. On the 29th we left for Morríston. We were anxious to see Bro. J. R. Gibbs, the former president of the Welsh mission for consultation. Receiving the desired information we went to Llanelly and labored there, also in other places in the district for about three weeks, when by instructions from Bro. Griffiths left to labor in the Eastern district. I have been laboring continually ever since, in both of the above districts. The outlook is not so encouraging in Wales as I would wish to see it. I am willing to labor here another year if the church thinks it wise.

### U. W. Greene, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached when practicable, baptized 19, blessed 12 children, and administered to the sick 67 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice; have labored during the past year in Maine. A number of new openings have been made, where many people are favorable. The present outlook is very bright for the work. I am willing to labor as directed by the Conference.

### H. N. Hansen, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 105 times, baptized 30, blessed 10 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored in the Rocky Mountain mission about six months, being hindered some by circumstances over which I had no control. The Lord has blessed me in my efforts, to a marked degree. I feel encouraged with the outlook in that field and desire to continue in the Master's work.

### H. L. Holt, of the Seventy, writes from California:—

I did not enter upon my field of labor until September, 1892. Until then I preached on Sundays at Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Los Angeles, and Santa Monica. Since September I have been with a tent three months. Find it a good way to reach the people; expect if continued in this mission to travel with one this summer. I have baptized seven and opened a number of new places. Am in the active field. I trust for life. Have preached, since last report, some two hundred sermons.

### C. H. Jones, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 57 times, baptized 1, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 61 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored at Alton, Illinois, visited the Saints and tried to stir them up to diligence; also at Alma, Illinois. Have been in the city of St. Louis and in Cheltenham, in their prayer and testimony meetings, and have assisted in confirming several. I have spoken at Davis City, Lone Rock, and the Smith schoolhouse, and in most of my labors have had liberty, for which I am thankful. I have visited several families at their homes, and have talked with them at their homes, and many times have found them warm-hearted, and have felt their prejudice give way. They were glad that I called on them. I have left reading matter with them, and trust in the Lord's time the seed sown will bring forth fruit to his glory. The Saints have been kind to me where I have labored, and I trust the Father's blessings will ever attend them. I am fully satisfied the work will triumph.

### John Kaler, of the Seventy, writes from Denver, Colorado:—

I have preached 92 times, baptized 8, blessed 13 children, and administered to the sick 100 times, and ordained one deacon. Being appointed to the Australasian mission last conference, I started for that field in June, but was stopped in Colorado, by the First Presidency, so I have tried to occupy in Denver and vicinity as opportunity afforded and wisdom directed. I think that I have labored harder and accomplished less this year than in previous years, but the good Spirit has blessed me even more abundantly, witnessing my heavenly Father's acceptance of my weak efforts. I desire to continue to labor in harmony with the church, and to do all I can to bring forth the Zion of our God.

### T. C. Kelley, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 186 times, baptized 22, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 20 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. I entered the field assigned me (the Tennessee and Kentucky district) May 6, and labored there all the year, except about three months spent in Southern Illinois, which I did with the permission of the missionary in charge.

### Henry Kemp, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 190 times, baptized 22, blessed 40 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have labored in the Fremont and Nodaway districts, to the best of my ability, in most of the branches; and in churches and schoolhouses,



opening up some new places with very good success. The work is in very fair condition in both of the above-named districts. I am willing to labor in the interest of the great work, for the redemption of man.

J. B. Lytle, of the Seventy, writes from Colorado:—

I have preached 6 times, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 29 times. Have labored principally in the city of Denver and vicinity, doing a great deal more private talking than public preaching. Have labored to support family. Was in vicinity of Greeley, Colorado, for a short time during the fall, laboring in the potato field. Made application for schoolhouse to preach in, but could not secure one until the school board would meet in November and counsel in regard to religious services being held. Finally secured the house, and held three meetings before leaving. Had good liberty and good attention. Promised to return if requested to do so, but have not been invited back. Have been acting as teacher of the Denver branch since December.

J. F. McDowell, of the Seventy, writes from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania:—

During the past conference year I have labored in Western Iowa, Brooklyn, New York; Providence and Fiskville, Rhode Island, Attleboro, Plainville, Fall River, Brockton, and Boston, Massachusetts, Mystic, Connecticut, and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, having preached 106 times, baptized 7, confirmed 4, blessed 3 children, administered to 25 sick. In my ministerial work I recognized the presence of the Holy Spirit to enlighten, encourage, and guide. I feel thankful to the Lord therefor.

W. A. McDowell, of the Seventy, writes from Wisconsin:—

I have preached 131 times, baptized 15, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 21 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. I have acted as president of the district, also as Bishop's agent, and have had a large amount of district work to do. The members of this district are much separated, but I have tried to visit them all, and it has taken some time. The most of the time have had some one of the elders with me. My labors have been in Richland, Crawford, Vernon, Walworth, and Monroe counties, laboring the most in Monroe county, and the most of the time in the country. I have worked in connection with Brn. A. L. Whiteaker, J. P. Dillon, W. S. Pender, J. W. Peterson, Frank Sawley, and Henry Wood. I feel proud to say that all of these are good brethren. The weather has been against us in this State this year; the first part was very wet, and this winter the snow has been very deep and the weather very cold. If you think me worthy of a mission I am ready for the field, to do all I can to spread the truth.

M. P. Madison, of the Seventy, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 56 times, baptized 9. Have preached as best I could, as circumstances permitted. Ill health hindered me some. Have been blessed greatly in declaring the word of life; desire to continue in the Master's cause.

Thomas Matthews, of the Seventy, writes from Ohio:—

I have preached 12 to 15 times, blessed 2 children, administered to the sick a number of times. Shortly after the last General Conference I was chosen to preside over the Syracuse branch, not being able to do much preaching on account of throat trouble. I am still acting in that capacity. Have preached but three times outside of the branch. The Lord has been with me when administering to the sick. Conscience and physical condition will not allow me to ask for a general mission as I have written to my quorum and the missionary in charge. Yet I do not want to be idle in the good work, or my family to be a burden. Hence I ask to be appointed to labor in Ohio district as circumstances permit. My faith is unshaken in the mission of the restored gospel.

J. F. Mintun, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 205 times, baptized 24, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 45 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 8

times. Besides the times I have preached I have attended 84 other services, besides 4 lectures on Sunday school work. Have acted as superintendent of the Little Sioux district Sunday schools, in which duties I have been much blessed. Have opened up 7 new places, at all but two of which much interest exists. At Onawa much interest exists. I left several there ready for baptism, and expect to attend to it ere the convening of conference. I have been much blessed in my labors. The people are urging us to defend our faith, so that I now have five propositions under consideration, two from the Adventists, and three from the Baptists.

James Moler, of the Seventy, writes from Ohio:—

I have preached 133 times, baptized 18, blessed some children and administered to the sick many times. I have labored to the best of my ability in Ohio in the counties of Jackson, Highland, Lawrence, Gallia, and Ross; in West Virginia in the counties of Harrison, Calhoun, Doddridge, and Ritchie. By direction of W. H. Kelley I labored five weeks in the counties of Augusta and Charles City, Virginia, baptizing some, preaching in one new place, and striving to adjust some grievances that were existing. I have tried to speak and act wisely, and thereby have made friends for the truth. Have had fair liberty. As far as I know I am in perfect harmony with the law of the church, and at peace and in unity with all the representatives of the church; think I can safely say that I am in the faith. I have opened up the work in several new places.

A. J. Moore, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 150 times, baptized 14, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 105 times. The Lord has blessed the labor of the elders in the Southwestern mission. There has been more than 100 baptized, and I believe that the Lord loves his people in the south. I have traveled by team and horseback 1,300 miles, and on foot 200 miles. Hope to continue to do good.

E. B. Morgan, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 28 times, baptized 5, administered to the sick 25 times; also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have preached in the following places during the past conference year: Pekay, Wapello county; Keb, Mahaska county; Hiteman, Monroe county; Forbush, Appanoose county, Oakley and Lucas, Lucas county, all in Iowa. I was sent for upon two occasions to go to Keb to administer to the sick. In both instances our heavenly Father manifested his loving kindness. I was at Creston once, in company with Father Watkins, to administer to a lady who had been given up as incurable, by some of the greatest physicians of our nation. But she was healed by the power of God. This last administration was by request of Bro. H. A. Stebbins. I feel encouraged and thankful for the blessings bestowed upon latter-day Israel. Have been blessed with better liberty than for years past.

A. H. Parsons, of the Seventy, writes from Philadelphia:—

I have preached 129 times, baptized 12, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 29 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Having been assigned to Philadelphia in charge, my labors have been pastoral, preaching twice each Lord's Day and superintending the Sunday school which I organized after my arrival. I preached some during week nights in Maryland, baptizing a few. The work in the city is coming to the front slowly but I hope solidly. Past experience has been a sad lesson to many here, and they are beginning to rejoice in the truth once more and in privileges afforded. It is impossible in this brief report to outline the needs and possibilities that seem to be before us, demanding our attention in this city. Let it suffice to say that we are trying to occupy to the best advantage for the success of the work as far as wisdom is given, and we feel hopeful for success, if the work begun shall be continued; otherwise past work and sacrifices will be lost to the church.

W. E. Peak, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 125 times, baptized 12, and blessed 4 children. I have

labored in the Eastern mission, doing most of my work in the States of New York and Massachusetts, although I have preached in Kansas, Ohio, and Illinois. In some respects have been blessed more than during any previous mission. The work becomes dearer to me as I grow older.

W. S. Pender, of the Seventy, writes from Wisconsin:—

I have preached 128 times, baptized 8, blessed several children, and administered to the sick several times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. From June 12 until the middle of September I labored in Grant county, being associated with Bro. John W. Peterson. We met with difficulty in getting places, but at grove meetings on Sundays we frequently had a large hearing. I did some work in Walworth and Rock counties, but made more continued effort in Barron county, with Bro. E. M. Wildermuth.

This was also a new field, but a very promising one. The work in the State of Wisconsin is advancing, and there is a great demand for laborers. I have been blessed of the Lord in my ministerial work and I feel disposed to continue.

J. W. Peterson, of the Seventy, writes from Wisconsin:—

I have preached 154 times, baptized 2, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 6 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored continuously in the field. I did not baptize as many as during the previous year, but look forward to the time when a harvest will be gathered from the sowing done. Have tried to be thorough in my work, believing that a thorough understanding of the gospel is necessary before a valid baptism. I opened up the work in ten new places, meeting much opposition in some, and kind treatment with much interest in others. The interest is such in places that I believe my return to Wisconsin would be best, yet if the Spirit directs otherwise I am willing to so labor. Aside from my preaching I assisted Bro. W. S. Pender in a six nights' discussion with a Mr. J. L. Gardner, on the immortality of the spirit of man.

Levi Phelps, of the Seventy, writes from Michigan:—

I have preached 78 times, baptized 16, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick 20 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. The most of my labor has been performed in Midland, Isabella, and Shiawassee counties; have also spoken a few times in Macosta and Osceola counties. Have not been able to perform the same amount of labor in the last year that I have in previous years, as I have had very poor health; but have been greatly encouraged by the interest manifested in most places.

C. H. Porter, of the Seventy, writes from Nebraska:—

I have preached 172 times, baptized 17, blessed 16 children, and administered to the sick many times. I have labored as a missionary in the Southern Nebraska district, preaching the gospel and administering the ordinances thereof in fourteen counties of said district. I have encountered strong opposition at some points, but usually a favorable impression has been made. Have been privileged on three occasions to present our claims in public discussion in the city of Lincoln, and believe the cause was strengthened. This district needs strong, wise, and capable men, those who can devote their entire time and energies to the ministry.

L. W. Powell, of the Seventy, writes from Ohio:—

I have preached 125 times, baptized 6, blessed 10 children, and administered to the sick many times. I have been constantly engaged in the Master's work. Have presided over the Pittsburg and Kirtland district, and much of my time has been occupied with work of a local character, therefore have been hindered from preaching as many sermons as I would otherwise have done, but have introduced the work in many new places; and have done all in my power to advance the interest of the church. Held one discussion of nine sessions with good results. The work is "onward" in our district. While there are some discouragements, yet there are many things to encourage the faithful laborer. The blessing of the good Father has been with me, for which I am thankful.

### I. N. Roberts, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 227 times, baptized 13, blessed 9 children, and administered to the sick 94 times. I left home May 6 for my field of labor, Minnesota and the Dakotas, and am glad that I can report the work in a much better condition than ever before. There have been more demands for preaching than could be met. I have preached at many new places with the best of liberty and interest, with special invitation to come again. Have labored some in Missouri and Iowa. I am still in the faith, and hope to remain so until the end.

### H. H. Robinson, of the Seventy, present:—

I have baptized 7, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 40 times. Have labored in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Wyoming, Bradford, and Sullivan counties, Pennsylvania; and in Baldwin, Maryland, and Hightstown, New Jersey; also labored in Pennsylvania at Bald Mount about four weeks, preaching in a grove, and from there went to Meshoppen, preaching part of the time in my brother's house and part of the time in a grove. I baptized five there, and left others interested in the work. I obtained the use of a hall at Forksville, and held meetings there two weeks. I found it very difficult to get a place to preach in, as there had never been preaching by our elders through that region of country. I labored in Baldwin, Maryland, about four weeks; baptized one, left the friends feeling well in the work, arriving at home (Independence) February 14, and since then have preached three times, baptized one, and administered to the sick.

Have been greatly blessed, both in preaching and in administering in the ordinances of the gospel. Am still willing to labor as directed.

### J. S. Roth, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 120 times, baptized 17, blessed 15 children, and administered to the sick 84 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I organized a branch at Oskaloosa, in the Des Moines district; also one at Grove Hill, in the Eastern Iowa district. I was not able to do as much labor this year as usual, on account of sickness and a death in my family. The work in my field (with a few exceptions) is in good order. Several new openings have been made. Brn. Reynolds, Turner, Sutton, Roush, Shippy, Waterman, and J. B. Heide have done good work. This field is a very large one, and it needs more laborers. There are many, many more calls than we could fill with the help we had. Bro. Crabb has also given us good work in Burlington and vicinity, and Bro. Leonard Scott held a successful debate at Farmington. I am still president of the Eastern Iowa, and Bishop's agent for the Des Moines district. I feel well spiritually, and hope that I shall be able to do more the coming year.

### D. M. Rudd, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 101 times, baptized 2, blessed 12 children, and administered to the sick 302 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I believe the work is in a better condition in the Nodaway district than at the beginning of the year. The greatest trouble in this field is to get people to hear.

### W. M. Rumel, of the Seventy, writes from Nebraska:—

I have preached many times, baptized 14, blessed 16 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Have preached in Burt, Douglas, Cedar, Cumming, Dodge, Madison, Antelope, Sheridan, Dawes, and Sioux counties, Nebraska; organized one branch in Sheridan county, to be known as the Elkhorn branch. I have labored wherever opportunity offered, according to the wisdom given and as means would allow. In some parts of this field a good work can be done, if the proper labor is performed. I have been and am at the present time acting as president of the Central Nebraska district. I have been greatly blessed, I think more than ever before in presenting the word. There seems to have been more power given in preaching than I have ever felt in years past, for which I give praise to God.

I regret that I shall not be able to take the field this year, because of

financial matters, but will do what I can locally. I have all confidence in the work, and am sure that the Lord will in due time come and crown it with his divine presence.

F. M. Sheehy, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached, and attended 224 meetings, baptized 7, blessed 10 children, and administered to the sick 42 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have ministered in Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Labored in new fields in Maine and New York, all of which look well for a permanent establishment of the work of the church. I have also acted as presiding elder of the Massachusetts district. My faith in the gospel increases as the years pass along. The present outlook is bright enough to call encouraging. I intend to hold on (by grace) until the end.

D. L. Shinn, of the Seventy, writes from West Virginia:—

I have preached 57 times, baptized 5, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 3 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored in Doddridge, Harrison, and Ritchie counties; at two points in Harrison, two in Doddridge, and one in Ritchie. In Harrison I opened the work in a new place called Good Hope, and baptized four, and afterward baptized my sister, Mrs. Prim, making five. I began the work at two points in Doddridge; schoolhouses were opened at both places. Another opening in Ritchie, at Pullman, promises to be a fruitful one.

I have been severely tried, and by serious sickness of my companion have lost much time, but not "most of the time." My wife was in such a condition as to give constant hope and promise of recovery; yet the prospect was not realized, until during the past three months, she is better. I have many calls to come, and have an increase of light and liberty since becoming a Seventy. I feel strong in the work, and have hope of ultimate perfection and salvation; have no disposition to give up, but feel that my salvation itself depends upon constant application to the labor of the ministry, yet I feel that I am an "unprofitable servant." However, I am at your service, either to lay down my arms or to fight on, as you may, under God, think best.

M. T. Short, of the Seventy, present:—

I traveled in my mission as far east as Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Monckton, New Brunswick, calling on intervening States and intermediate points too numerous and various to mention. While in Calais, Maine, and the maritime provinces I preached nine times a week during most of my sojourn in those parts; but while in the cities of New England and the Middle States I could not meet with the people quite so often.

I met a kind, warm-hearted, generous people, and the year's toil has endeared the people of the East to my grateful heart. My health has been all right, and my soul has been as happy as could be expected while so far away from my home folks. I baptized several in Pennsylvania, New York, and Maine, ordained 2 elders, and assisted in or witnessed the ordination of others, administered to the sick, and blessed children.

G. W. Shute, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 147 times, baptized 4, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 8 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have preached at 10 different places in Kansas, and 14 places in Nebraska. Have endeavored to represent the work as best I could, and as much as possible to open new places, and have the satisfaction of knowing that the work is advancing in the district. I expect to continue as the Lord gives me health, strength, and wisdom.

W. J. Smith, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 160 times, baptized 36, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have endeavored to labor as per appointment, with the exception of a short time in Canada, which was granted me by the presidents of the Lake and Canada missions. I also preached some in Kansas. In all I tried to do the best I could. I met with some unpleasant experiences, by which I hope to profit. On the other

hand, I have had much to encourage me. I think I may safely say that the Lord has blessed me in all my efforts for good, and to a very marked degree many times. Am feeling hopeful, and am confident in the ultimate triumph of the work, and I desire to continue to assist in rolling forward the principles of truth among the children of men until the Master shall say, "It is enough."

Through the wise counsel of the presidents of the Lake mission, the work is looking upward in Michigan, and the missionaries generally are falling in line with the counsel given, which has caused the work to receive a new impetus. The outlook for future work and spiritual growth is indeed encouraging. The Saints in general are trying to observe the injunction, "Come up higher."

H. O. Smith, of the Seventy, writes from Utah:—

I have preached 62 times, baptized 6, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 17 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I arrived in my mission field June 11, and was at once assigned to the city of Ogden. My work has been mostly confined to that place, preaching there almost every Sunday, and a few times in the surrounding towns. Have labored under some difficulties, not being accustomed to the mission, for it is peculiar, but have endeavored to build safely, and feel that I have made some progress in preparing myself for the work there. The final result of my labor in Utah time will have to tell. Am ready to take the mission again if conference so decides.

J. H. Thomas, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 111 times, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 40 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I labored in Holden, Missouri, and the regions around about, in three schoolhouses. I went from there to Sibley and preached in old and new Sibley, and four miles west of there. Had good congregations, good liberty, and very interesting listeners. Some there near the kingdom. I then went to Rich Hill, preached two weeks and awakened a good interest, and from there to Nevada, Missouri, and spent over a month. Was also in Kansas, near Fort Scott, at two places; interest good. I preached in Wyandotte, Walnut Park, and Independence, after my return home.

I am still in the faith and willing to labor wherever it pleases you to appoint me. I have performed all the duties of an elder, and am willing to leave the result of my labor in the hands of God.

O. B. Thomas, of the Seventy, present:—

Have preached 200 times, baptized 7, blessed 4 children, administered to the sick 48 times, and ordained two elders. I have preached in twenty-two places, located in eight counties, and held three series of tent meetings, in company with collaborators. Was blessed abundantly of the Lord in ministering, both in word and in ordinance. Have done more effective work than ever before, and have some of the most promising opportunities before me that ever came in my way. If found worthy, I desire my former field, with Jones county, Iowa, added.

D. E. Tucker, of the Seventy, present:—

Preached 140 times; in Bevier, Higbee, Hannibal, Laddonia, Jacksonville, Excello, and in different schoolhouses and churches, in Macon, Randolph, Chariton, Schuyler, and Sullivan counties, Missouri, baptized 6, confirmed 4, solemnized 1 marriage, administered to the sick 70 times, blessed 1 child, and assisted others in most all of said duties. Have been blessed of the Lord in all of these administrations. I also sold books and took *Herald* subscriptions.

M. M. Turpen, of the Seventy, present:—

Have preached 152 times, assisted in 41 other meetings, baptized 52, blessed 16 children, and administered to the sick 52 times. I visited at Keighley, Kansas, on my way to the Southeastern mission and labored some, baptizing 4 persons. I also visited Webb City, Missouri, and preached a few times. From there I went to my field and continued laboring until

December 20, when on account of my wife's poor health I came home. I have preached some since coming home, in the Decatur district. The Lord has blessed me in my labors. I traveled by rail 4,472 miles, by wagon 827 miles, and on foot 295 miles.

J. W. Wight, of the Seventy, writes from Australia:—

In submitting the present condition of this field it will be well to go to the beginning of our association with it, as heretofore we have not made a like report.

We came here just at a time when New South Wales was to be organized into a district, Victoria having become one but a short time previously. As Bro. Burton left immediately, and Bro. Smith remained but a few months, there was left to Bro. Butterworth and myself the very peculiar task of disciplining under this higher organization; and to follow such veterans as all who had preceded us, and to have the task of developing this higher organization we felt to be a labor we were not qualified for, as well as to doubt the wisdom of the church in imposing such duties on two so young. However we felt to place our reliance upon him who doeth all things well, and do the best we could under the circumstances, beside being much encouraged by what Bro. G. T. Griffiths had said to the writer after being appointed to this field. And if the last conferences of these two districts be a safe basis from which to draw our conclusions, then we are safe in saying that the amount of labor expended has brought excellent fruit. In each of these conferences a better understanding of how to do business, as well as a greater desire to do it with regard to the extension of truth, to the sacrifice of personal feelings was manifest. The tone of the spiritual reports was very gratifying, and, taken all in all, showed a marked progress.

When it is realized that about one hundred and fifty persons had been baptized during Bro. Burton's sojourn, all of whom were on our hands as "newborn babes," besides the ones we were from time to time baptizing, the task before us will be the better understood. To train these under a church polity so foreign to any with which they had come in contact, and especially to bring up to the standard of district work, was well calculated to bring into existence questions of such import as to bear the fruit of controversy. Of course the seed sown has fallen on "good ground," and also by the "wayside," etc., etc., and has borne fruit accordingly, so that the new experience to Bro. B. and self could only be expected to bring tears, trials, and heartaches. But out of it all we can safely say that the church has arisen with much cleaner garments than we have heretofore been led to expect, even in moments of fondest anticipation. Like in all ages there are a number here who are Saints only in name, but the majority are becoming solid members; that is, they have outgrown the zeal of their "first love," and I am truly thankful on this point, for it was ultra in its nature, and have learned that "all things come to those who wait," so that they are now in a better condition to in "patience possess their souls."

It would be well in some cases if a change of clerks could be effected, for the present incumbents are very negligent, thus causing the Church Secretary and Recorder no end of trouble. During the last two years I have been making efforts to compile a record, and am glad to say that it is nearly complete. This record I shall take to the Church Recorder. By it I find there are 355 names on record, besides a few doubtful, and some in Sydney not yet obtained. During the four and one half years of our stay there have been 111 baptized, 29 ordinations, and 11 marriages; 16 have died, and 6 disfellowshipped, leaving a net gain of 94 members. There are the 7 organized branches in the mission: Forster, Nambucca, Wallsend and Hamilton, in New South Wales; also Hastings, Leopold, and Queensferry, in Victoria; and their gains and losses have been as follows: 80 baptisms, received by letter 8, and by certificate of baptism 8, total gain 96; expelled 6, removed by letter 17, leaving a net gain of 73 members. In the mission there are 24 elders, 19 priests, 9 teachers, and 5 deacons. Of the brethren appointed to this mission, Bro. George T. Ballard has hitherto been financially crippled, but he now reports himself as being ready to travel. He should be reappointed.

Bro. Charles Avery traveled with me for the first six months and proved

an efficient helper. For the two following months he was associated with Bro. H. Broadway. Since then he has been laboring temporarily through shortage in the finances. Bro. Butterworth has done a good work in Victoria, and will be prepared to demonstrate it in his report. I have labored in both New South Wales and Victoria, principally in the former. Have preached 164 times, baptized 1, confirmed 3, ordained 2, blessed 14 children, administered to 20 sick, and solemnized 1 marriage. Have presided over two conferences, held 5 public discussions, (2 in halls, 3 on street corner,) several newspaper controversies, and have written for *Herald*, *Autumn Leaves*, and *Hope*. We have been greatly disappointed at not seeing any of the American appointees.

The chair made statement of papers in hand to be considered at this session.

On request of a blind brother, John McMullen, for privilege to sell notions near the chapel during the conference, it was granted that such privilege be given him during intervals between services on week days.

Brn. A. M. Newberry, F. J. Chatburn, James Vinnerd, and Reese Wells were appointed ushers.

Appointments for preaching and prayer services were made, as also for the meetings of various quorums.

At half past seven o'clock Bro. Thomas Daley of California, occupied the hour. He was assisted by Bro. J. A. Grant of Michigan.

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## FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

The morning prayer service was in charge of Brn. F. G. Pitt and John Chisnall. The sermon that followed was by U. W. Green of Maine. Bro. Wm. Newton of Kansas assisted him.

The afternoon business session was opened by singing, "Lord of the harvest, hear." Prayer by Bro. W. H. Kelley. Minutes of yesterday afternoon read.

### MINISTRY REPORTS.

Reports from the ministry were read as follows:—

E. M. Wildermuth, of the Seventy, writes from Wisconsin:—

Have preached 59 times, baptized 2, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 17 times. The first five months my labors were confined to Walworth, Rock, and Richland counties, Wisconsin. Since then I have preached in Baron, Chippewa, Shawano, and Waupaca counties. Until the first of November I was entirely alone; since then have been in company with Bro. W. S. Pender. In the last named counties we have opened a number of new places for preaching, in which we trust much good will be done in the near future. I have enjoyed good liberty in presenting the word, and am encouraged in the progress of the gospel.

T. W. Williams, of the Seventy, writes from Ohio:—

Have preached 140 times, baptized 15, blessed many children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have acted as president of the Ohio district. Have held between 200 and 220 meetings, and acted on quite a number of elders' courts, also regulated the affairs of the district. Grievances of years have been amicably adjusted. Have effected some new openings, and have been blessed in preaching to a remarkable degree during the entire year. Everything looks propitious. Am in the work for life or as long as my labor is needed and is acceptable before God.



### Arthur Leverton, of the Seventy, writes from Canada:—

Have preached in Zone, Wardsville, Ridgetown, Chatham, St. Thomas, McKillop, Hibert, Wingham, and Stratford, in all, about 40 times, assisted 5 times, held 10 other meetings, baptized 3, confirmed 4, blessed 2 children, administered to 20 sick, married one couple, and in any other way that the church has needed my services, or the gospel required me to defend it, I have labored. In all this I have been wonderfully blessed of the Lord, for which I thank him with my whole heart.

During the early part of the conference year I was very much afflicted with la grippe, and it left me so lame I could not walk without pain, and sometimes it was a great trouble to walk at all. I also have been elected reeve of our township, which takes considerable time. Yet it gives us some prestige with the people. Think what a change has taken place; a few years ago a Latter Day Saint could not have been elected by popular vote to have been a city bootblack in Canada, but now they have elected one to the highest office in the township, and that without asking for. Neither did I ask any man for his vote; yet I was elected by a very large majority, and last year I was elected by acclamation. May God help us all to live right and the result will be as stated by the Lord, "You shall gain favor."

If you think me worthy of appointment, I ask for my present field. I will try and do what I can.

### E. E. Wheeler, of the Seventy, present:—

Have preached 96 times, baptized 5, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick many times, and officiated in marriage once. I have labored in the Kewanee district, Illinois. While I cannot say that I have done as much as I desired, yet I trust I have put forth as great an effort as my strength would allow. In some respects the past year has been a blessed one for our district. There has been an increase in spirituality, also in additions to the church by baptism, and an increase of love and confidence among the officers and membership of the district. We feel and know that the cloud is lifting and the hand of God is being made manifest for our good. Bro. F. G. Pitt, although closely confined to the Chicago branch has, upon several occasions, rendered excellent service in our district. Am satisfied that wisdom was manifested in placing him in charge. Bro. John Chisnall has done nobly in local labor and as Bishop's agent. Bro. T. F. Stafford has labored actively, zealously, and wisely in the good work. Several young men give promise of doing excellent service. I look forward hopefully to the future and the final conquest of self and selfishness. Am willing to labor wherever God and his church can use me to the best advantage.

### M. H. Forscutt, of the High Priests, present:—

Have preached 265 times, baptized 18, blessed 16 children, and administered to the sick 430 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. I have labored exclusively in the Far West district, and chiefly in St. Joseph, with the exception of attending the reunions at Clinton, Missouri; and Logan, Iowa. Although I have not been pained by the reflection that I was laboring or had labored in vain, my labors in the past year have not been crowned with the degree of success that I have desired. I am still willing to labor as God may direct through his appointed channels, and wherever he and they may direct, provided he shall give me health of body and the requisite ability.

### J. C. Crabb, of the High Priests, present:—

Have preached 140 times, baptized 20, blessed some children, and administered to the sick many times. I preached in Little Sioux, Logan, Burlington, and Montrose, Iowa; Rockcreek, Burnside, Elvaston, Carthage, in Brown and Pike counties, Bellville, and Alma (Ridge Prairie), Illinois; and in St. Souis, Missouri. The work in my field is in fair condition, with no serious trouble in any place, and in good condition in others.

I have met with kind treatment from all, and am still in the faith, and hope to continue in the Master's work wherever sent.

F. G. Pitt, of the High Priests, present:—

I have preached 76 times, baptized 10, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick 58 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once; ordained 2 priests, 1 deacon. Have labored in Chicago, East Delavan, Millersburg, Rockford, Plano, Mission, Pecatonica, Kewanee, Beloit, Canton, Peoria, Clinton, and Independence. The most of my work, however, has been centered in city of Chicago, where I have served as president of the branch, superintendent of the Sunday school, and teacher of the Bible class. We now have a branch of nearly eighty members, in comparative good condition, and a good Sunday school. A portion of the time we have held three preaching services on Sunday, and we hold three prayer meetings each week. I have been well sustained, and the local brethren have rendered able assistance. The zeal of many is truly commendable. I could do but little preaching in the city during the week, but have occupied my time mostly in visiting members and those who attend our meetings. I have written and had published over forty articles on gospel topics.

The indications point to a good work in Chicago in the near future, if the effort is sustained. I have felt greatly encouraged of late; our meetings are well attended, and an excellent spirit prevails. I have tried to be faithful and hope to endure to the end. I am still at the disposal of the church.

R. M. Elvin, of the High Priests, present:—

Have preached 130 times, baptized 9, blessed 26 children, and administered and assisted to administer to the sick 468 times. Circumstances over which I had no control prevented my entering upon the active ministry until late in the fall. I was not able to accomplish much in Otoe county, the field assigned me. I found a good opening in the vicinity of the late Moroni branch, and believe that by wise and faithful labor good can be accomplished there. Most of my time was spent at Brownville, where five were added and friends made to the cause. As far as I know the work in Southern Nebraska district is in a poor condition. I visited Wright county, Iowa, twice during the year, and found an inviting field. Every day I sought to accomplish some good for the work of truth. In harmony with the revealed will of God, my life is pledged to the gospel, for by it I have hope of eternal life.

C. E. Butterworth, of the High Priests, present:—

Have preached 181 times, baptized 11, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 30 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have labored in the Galland's Grove district to the best of my ability, and have been greatly blessed of the Lord, for which I praise his holy name. Calls for preaching have been numerous, and, though I have tried hard to do all I could, some calls have been neglected because of inability to do more. The loss of my house by fire, on January 27, hindered me some, and will continue to do so until about April 1.

So far as I have been able to ascertain the Saints and friends in this field are well satisfied with the labors of Elders James McKiernan and C. J. Hunt. Elders J. T. Turner, J. M. Baker, John Pett, H. M. Daniels, George Sweet, Samuel Jordison, W. W. Whiting, J. W. Chatburn, B. Salisbury, and A. F. Rudd labored locally and rendered valuable service. I make this statement because as president of this district, I have had opportunity to know, and believe it to be of general interest to the church.

J. W. Waldsmith, of the High Priests, present:—

Have preached 62 times, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 39 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have acted as Bishop's agent and president of Southern Nebraska district. Have held in all, 113 meetings in this district. Have devoted a good share of my time as Bishop's agent; have collected in the past year \$1,717 in tithes and offerings. I feel well in the work, and if the conference should consider my service worthy, I will try to do the best I can for the cause, with the limited ability I have. We need more ministers in the district, especially for local work.

Wm. Anderson, of the High Priests, present:—

I have preached 26 times, blessed some children, and administered to the sick many times. Have acted as president of the Decatur district and sub-missionary over the same field; have labored continuously, seeking to build up the branches, regulating, and setting some things in order; have settled difficulties, and assisted in arranging for and directing the ministerial labors of the local and general church ministry in this district and mission to the best of my ability. I have been appointed president of this district for another year, but am at the disposal of the General Conference, and ready to labor wherever they see fit to appoint. We have made some improvement as a district during the past year, but there is still room for much more. Prejudice is growing less, and the prospects are growing brighter for the church in this region of country.

D. S. Mills, of the High Priests, writes from California:—

I have preached a few times, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 31 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have labored in Southern California, acting sub-missionary in charge, district president, and president of the Newport branch. This is presidency enough. My labors have been confined to the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino. The work in this field is in good condition, considering the amount of labor done. Some excellent additions have been made, with good prospects of others soon uniting with us. Brn. Heman C. Smith, D. L. Harris, W. M. Gibson, and Charles Baly have done good work, so far as they were able. It is a pity that they could not have been kept continually in this field, as they are well liked.

I would ask that Brn. Harris, Gibson, and Baly be appointed and sustained in this district, if possible. Bro. William Pickering, and perhaps some others, intend to go north, if appointed; but the three named are almost indispensable to the success of the work here the ensuing year. As to Bro. Heman, I suppose I need not ask for him; he is equal to a whole battery. My own health is building up gradually, under the blessings of God, snatched from the grave again. I feel well in spirit, and shall do all my strength will permit.

Thomas Taylor, of the High Priests, writes from Birmingham, England:—

I have preached, baptized 12, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick. My labors have been confined chiefly around home, owing to the severe sickness of my dear wife. For more than twelve months she was a very great sufferer, and greatly needed every attention I could possibly give her, until February 19, when the Lord saw fit to take her unto himself. I can assure you that I have sustained a very great loss, but I am still willing to do my best for the furtherance of the Master's cause in this part of the earth.

Joshua Armstrong, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 82 times, baptized 1, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 9 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have preached during the last seven months in the following counties and places in Nebraska: In Otoe, at Nebraska City, and Palmyra; in Cass, at South Bend, Plattsmouth, Elmwood, and Louisville; in Sarpy, at Plattford church (belonging to the Methodists); in Saunders, at Ashland and Memphis; in Nemaha, at Brownville. I have made some new openings, and as a rule the people are anxious to hear and in some places persons are waiting my return to baptize them. I feel that I have begun a good work in the field given me, and am willing to be continued. My desires are to promote the cause of Christ. In presenting the truth I have been greatly blessed with the Spirit of God.

Charles Avery, of the Elders, writes from Australia:—

Since last report preached about 70 times, assisted to confirm 1, to bless about 10 children, and administer to several. Have always labored when opportunity offered. I have found greater interest manifested of late than

noticed heretofore. I have thought of sending a report to the Twelve, but on account of the church being pressed in the financial line, I thought it wisdom to not send an application, but to let them do as they like in the matter; but if appointed I will labor to the best of my ability. I would rather see abler men take the field. This mission needs more labor. Thank God, the wall of prejudice is removing before the truth.

V. D. Baggerly, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 112 times, baptized 2, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick. I have preached in the following counties in southern Indiana: Perry, Crawford, Davis, Pike, Dubois, Harrison, Floyd, Jefferson, Ripley, and Martin. The cause is gaining prestige with the people; friends are being made to it. The work is widening, and places becoming numerous where the people desire to hear. Our force is not sufficient to meet the demands of the work in this field. We have had very little opposition this year, and although few have been baptized, we feel that good has been done. God has greatly blessed me in presenting the gospel, for which I bless his name. The branches are not in as good condition as I would like to see them; hope to see them better ere long. I am at your disposal, if you think me worthy.

Andrew Barr, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 111 times, baptized 8, confirmed 9, blessed 13 children, and administered to the sick 62 times. Have preached in Sanilac, Huron, Bay, Clare, Midland, Isabella, Lapeer, Oakland, and Wayne counties as opportunity offered and interest seemed to justify. Sat on elders' courts twice, organized 1 branch in company with Elder William Davis, ordained 1 deacon, and labored 3 weeks by appointment of district conference in adjusting difficulties in Bay City. I also preached in 2 new places in St. Clair, and officiated as Bishop's agent in the Northern Michigan district.

Daniel Brown, of the Elders, writes from California:—

I have preached 7 times, baptized and confirmed 1, and administered to the sick 90 times. Have acted as president of the San Benito branch, also visited Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Valencia, and Irvington, and served one quarter as superintendent of our Sunday school. I have been as much blessed during the last year in my ministrations to the sick as ever in my life, if not more so. If I am spared during the next year I will try and labor to the best of my ability as circumstances permit.

James Brown, of the Elders, writes from Pennsylvania:—

I have preached 100 times, baptized 1, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 25 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. Have labored in Wheeling and in Marshall county, West Virginia, and in Beaver Falls and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Have not done as much as I wished, in consequence of sickness, but am happy to report that I have been able to labor in word and doctrine. The prospect is good in the above places, and with efficient labor many will be brought to the church. I have no fears as to the truth of this work: I know it is of God and will stand. My desire is to continue to the end. I am willing to continue in the active ministry if the church desires.

Samuel Brown, of the Elders, writes from Canada:—

I have preached 146 times, baptized 10, blessed 11 children, and administered to the sick 69 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have preached in Blenheim, Ridgetown, Chatham, Dentville, Tilbury, Puce River, Lindsley, Alborough, Battle Hill, Longwood, Petrolea, Wallaceburg, Forest, Warwick, and Sarnia. The last three places are new. I have enjoyed good liberty; have also been blessed in administering to the sick. Bigotry and prejudice are giving away; and churches and halls that we could not have access to years ago are open to us now.

J. W. Bryan, of the Elders, writes from Texas:—

I have preached 54 times, baptized 1, blessed one child, and administered to the sick 11 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have preached in Houston and Anderson counties, Texas, with excellent liberty,

partially in new places, where prejudice is giving way, so that attentive audiences are now had where I could get no hearing a few years ago. I do not know how far I may be able to extend my labors, but desire to do all I can in Texas the coming year.

Senterlow Butler, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 113 times, baptized 6, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 47 times. My labor has been done in Wheeler's Grove, Fontanelle, Underwood, Hazel Dell, Council Bluffs, and Crescent; and in the following townships: Boomer, Norwalk, Center, Carson, Washington, and Harden. In the most of these places very good interest was shown, and the people welcomed us when we returned again. Some state that they believe the message we bear, and I think that such are near the kingdom. I have visited the people in their homes, and have talked with them. Altogether I am very much encouraged. The prospects look brighter than they did, and the Lord has been with me by his Spirit, both in preaching and in administering to the sick. Some have testified that they were healed by the power of God. I still desire to do all I can to advance the work.

G. T. Chute, of the Elders, writes from Alabama:—

Have baptized 5, blessed several children, and administered to the sick several times. From April until November I labored continuously in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi, and acted as president of the Mobile district. From November 25 until February 25 I was at home moving my family where I could be better located for ministerial work, and the family be better satisfied. Since then I have visited Mississippi and Florida. I have been blessed in performing my duty. Have organized two Sunday schools. Am prepared to take the field another year if you deem it wisdom to appoint me.

F. J. Chatburn, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 154 times, baptized 6, confirmed 8, administered to the sick 53 times, blessed 6 children, married two couple; traveled by rail 856 miles, by wagon 483 miles, on foot 72 miles.

D. S. Crawley, of the Elders, writes from Kansas:—

I have baptized 14 persons. Have preached in seven schoolhouses and some private houses in Cherokee county, Kansas, and in places in Crawford county, and some in Missouri. Much interest is manifested in places, and some were almost ready for baptism, when I was compelled last fall to quit the ministry and labor constantly at home. I am unable to do this and be out preaching too, as I did in former years. My age and afflictions will not permit, consequently have done but little in the ministry of late, but hope to do more in future.

R. R. Dana, of the Elders, writes from California:—

I have preached 7 times, and administered to the sick 17 times. On June 29 I left home for my field of labor, Arizona, arriving there July 1, and at once let the people (Utah Mormons) know my business among them. I met them in their houses, on the streets, and in their places of business, and discussed the issues between us. I also distributed a large amount of reading matter. On August 17, Bro. D. L. Harris, joined me and we unitedly labored to the best of our ability, until September 27. Then, being unable to reach the widely separated settlements without our own conveyance, or means to hire such, and having held six meetings, three in St. Johns, two in Arostus, and one in Taylor, we mutually concluded to return to California, reaching San Bernardino, September 30, in time to attend district conference. After that, I visited Santa Monica and labored in association with W. P. Pickering a few days; also conducted two funeral services near my home. This, except assisting in branch meetings several times, comprises my official labors.

The Utah Mormons are still joined to their idols, and see no good in the Reorganization. I am so circumstanced that I cannot take a special mission this year, but am willing to labor as circumstances will permit.

L. F. Daniel, of the Elders, writes from Indiana:—

Have preached 157 times, baptized 12, blessed several children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored in Brush Creek, Kibbie, Kinmundy, Alma, Springerton, Odin, and in Richland county, Illinois; and in Byrnsville, Union, Washington, Whitestown, Cedar Grove, Center Grove, Seal's Fork, Plainville, Pleasant Ridge, and New Trenton, Indiana. Have had good liberty in preaching, and was received with kindness by all. I desire to continue in the work.

John Davis, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 82 times, baptized 3, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 32 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. I have preached in the State of Washington, in King, Skagit, Snohomish, and Kittitas counties. In Missouri I have preached in St. Joseph, Stewartsville, Clarksdale, German Stewartsville, and DeKalb branches. Have opened six new places in towns and four in schoolhouses. There is but one branch in Washington (Latah) that I have not visited. By misunderstanding have not labored as much as I should. Have more hope, by far, than I had when I begun work in the State. If sent there again I desire some one with me.

R. W. Davis, of the Elders, writes from Kansas:—

Have preached 105 times, baptized 12, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 8 times. I have been constantly engaged in my assigned field, with the exception of about five weeks. Bro. J. W. Gilbert and myself have been traveling together when circumstances permitted, but our field being large and many calls coming in caused us to separate the greater part of the time. My labors have been principally in Jewell, Mitchell, Lane, Gove, and Thomas counties. We have succeeded in reaching many places this year, that promise success, if properly cared for. I am pleased to note that throughout the district there seems to be a progressive movement.

William Davis, of the Elders, writes from Michigan:—

Have preached 123 times, baptized 7, blessed 17 children, and administered to the sick 40 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. Have preached in the counties of Huron, Sanilac, Alpena, Iosco, Charlevoix, Antrim, Traverse, and Benzie, Michigan, assisted in organizing three branches, and in ordaining 1 elder, 1 priest, 2 teachers, and 1 deacon. Have conducted a number of prayer meetings, opened several new places, and labored to the best of my ability. I desire to continue in the field, and am at the disposal of the church.

H. J. Davison, of the Elders, writes from Nova Scotia:—

Have preached 134 times, baptized 6, and administered to the sick 5 times. Have labored in Nova Scotia nine months, about seven months alone and two months in company with Bro. M. T. Short. Made six new openings, two or three quite promising, and endeavored to keep the work moving in the old places. Spent some three months in Maine and New Brunswick, where a number of new places were preached in, in Aroostook county and Calais, and also at points near St. Stephens and Brunswick. Brn. F. M. Sheehy and M. T. Short were my colaborers the greater part of the time. Have enjoyed good liberty, as a rule; in some places greater than ever before.

Edward Delong, of the Elders, writes from Canada:—

Have preached 94 times, baptized 11, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 30 times. Have preached in Petrolia, Chatham, Blenheim, Ridgetown, Wallaceburg, and Sarnia, in Canada. The sickness and death of my father kept me from duty for about six weeks. Was blessed in what I did, and desire to continue.

J. P. Dillen, of the Elders, present:—

Have baptized 5, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick many times. Being appointed to Wisconsin I preached in the following counties

of said State: Grant, Richland, Crawford, Monroe, Sauk, and Walworth, both in the branches and in new fields; also visited the homes of most of the Saints in those regions, and endeavored to instruct and to comfort them in the gospel. Since my return to Iowa I have preached in Redding 7 times, and in Allendale, Missouri, 8 times.

G. E. Deuel, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 203 times, baptized 9, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick 70 times. Being appointed to Arkansas, I preached in Saline and Johnston counties; at Hunt, Coal Hill, Prospect, and Liberty Hill schoolhouses, in Crawford county; at Van Buren, and Fort Smith, in Sebastian county; in Benton county at Rogers, Bentonville, Sulphur Springs, and Chalk Valley. Prospects are good at Weir Springs; some are near the kingdom. Have preached at Electric Springs, Avoca, and Clanton schoolhouse, and gave out tracts in nearly every place. I also preached in Seligman, Flat Creek, and Cross Hollow, Barry county, Missouri.

G. W. Eaton, of the Elders, writes from Maine:—

I have preached when practicable, and administered to the sick several times. Have labored at Green's Landing, Little Deer Isle, Surrey, West Ellsworth, Jonesport, Indian River, Addison, and South Addison; assisted in ordaining 1 priest and 1 teacher; also in organizing a branch at West Surrey, which starts out with bright prospects for a steady growth in membership and in righteousness. I think the prospect in many sections of the State of Maine is the best seen in my twenty-five years' experience in the ministry.

W. M. Gibson, of the Elders, writes from California:—

I have baptized 1, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 90 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. In October I was chosen to preside over San Bernardino branch. Have been doing so with the consent of the brethren in charge. Have also preached some in my old field but found I could not do justice to the branch when away from it. There is all that one can do in and around San Bernardino. Am willing to continue in the good work.

J. L. Goodrich, of the Elders, writes from Virginia:—

I have preached 87 times, baptized 1, confirmed 4, blessed 6 children, administered to the sick 35 times. Have preached at Richland Furnace, Ohio, where I held meetings at two different times with considerable interest manifested; also at Center Valley, Pine, Milton, Sand Run, and Carbon Hill, in Hocking county; and in Highland branch, and Snake Corners, Highland county, and near Rainsboro, Ohio. With Bro. H. E. Moler, I made a new opening at Union Furnace, Hocking county, where a good interest existed, but our tent was burned. I labored in Virginia since Christmas, where I effected one new opening, and in which the interest was good. Since leaving there I have been asked to return. Have sat on two elders' courts, and assisted the district president when called upon. Held several sacrament meetings with scattered Saints. Had much to discourage as well as to encourage, but the way seems clearer for the coming year.

W. H. Griffin, of the Elders, writes from Kentucky:—

Have preached 56 times, baptized 9, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 39 times. Have labored in Kentucky and Tennessee, preaching in Obion, Shelby, Henderson, and Henry counties, Tennessee; and Graves and Fulton counties, Kentucky. Have helped to open several new places.

J. W. Gilbert, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 95 times, baptized 5, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 15 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in Northwestern Kansas district, continually. I was a priest until September 4, when I was ordained an elder by Bro. J. T. Davis. I have labored to the best of my ability in telling the gospel story, and was blessed of the Lord abundantly, for which I am very thankful.

Have confirmed 5, ordained 1 priest, and assisted in ordaining several others. I desire to devote my life to the cause.

**J. A. Grant, of the Elders, present:—**

Have preached 49 times, baptized 7, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 3 times. Have labored at Grindstone City, Huron, Verona, Sand Beach, White Rock, and Bay Port, in Huron county; at Forester, Forestville, Deckerville, Mills Corners, Applegate, and Buel Center, in Sanilac county; at Frenchtown, Wales Centre. Adair and St. Clair, in St. Clair county. According to instruction from the minister in charge I have been associated with the president of Eastern Michigan district, and the larger part of my work has been in the branches. However, I have been in some new fields. Have been blessed of the Master in all my efforts. I also acted as secretary of the Eastern district. It being a new district I had to make a new record.

It took me until September before I could close my business to take the field. I am at the church's service; am willing to spend the whole of my time if wisdom so directs.

**H. R. Harder, of the Elders, present:—**

Have preached 116 times, baptized 11, blessed 13 children, and administered to the sick 34 times. Have labored in the Decatur district, being principally engaged in opening new places. Besides the foregoing number of times preached I have also assisted in three two-day's meetings, and other brethren in preaching 31 times, and held 18 prayer meetings. There is a good interest for preaching in the southeastern part of Harrison county, Missouri, in the neighborhood of Cainsville at Mt. Moriah. I feel that God has blessed my labors, and I desire to continue to do what I can for his work.

**D. L. Harris, of the Elders, writes from California:—**

I have preached 25 times, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 16 times. Have preached in San Bernardino, California, 5 times, in Ocean View 3 times, in Newport branch 11 times, in St. Johns, Arizona, 3 times, Erastus twice, and in Taylor once. I traveled in Arizona till means were exhausted and, as you see, only had a chance to preach 6 times in all, the towns being from thirty-five to seventy-five miles apart. It was impossible to go on foot, for the want of water. In these labors I was assisted by Bro. R. R. Dana. I could have continued in Ocean View, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana, had not home duties required my attention. I am willing to labor the coming year if thought best.

**Albert Haws, of the Elders, writes from California:—**

Have traveled by rail 2,116, and by wagon 116 miles. Preached 91 times; 19 were baptized while Bro. Daley and I were together. I baptized but 4, as I prefer letting others who are stronger do the baptizing. I confirmed 17, blessed 8 children, and administered to 27 sick. Held quite a number of prayer and sacrament meetings, also engaged in fireside and wayside talks upon the gospel. Was blessed in my ministrations, but poor health of myself and wife has kept me at home for three months, yet I thank the Lord that I am again improving, and will go wherever the conference sends me; but from age and infirmity I prefer to labor in California. I also labored as one of the committee in getting two tents into use in California and one in Oregon. These tents should be kept in the field.

Oregon needs two efficient elders. One should go and stay there, laboring with the tent in the summer, and in winter in other places. My faith in the latter-day work increases with my age and experience.

**J. B. Heide, of the Elders, writes from Eastern Iowa:—**

Have presided over a branch business meeting once and over prayer meetings 28 times; preached 8 times; administered to the sick 8 times; helped administer once. The Lord blessed my labors. Being president of the branch when other brethren came I had them to speak. That will account for my having preached so few times.

**C. J. Hunt, of the Elders, present:—**

Have preached 191 times, baptized 11, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 45 times. Have labored in the Galland's Grove (Iowa) district; have preached in twenty-two places, in Crawford, Sac, Shelby, Clay,



Palo Alto, Buena Vista, Cherokee, Webster, and Pocahontas counties. During the summer and early fall I assisted Bro. C. E. Butterworth in conducting meeting in a gospel tent. For eight months I acted as superintendent of the district Sunday school association. Have sold church publications amounting to \$86.30.

G. H. Hilliard, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached the past year in Canada, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. The Saints generally are satisfied with the presentation of the law pertaining to temporal things, as taught by the Twelve and Bishopric, and many of them are complying therewith. I have been in charge of the missionary work in Southern Illinois and Southern Indiana, doing the work of a seventy. I am hopeful for the future, and have full confidence in the final triumph of the work.

J. W. Jackson, of the Elders, writes from Arkansas:—

I have preached 56 times in Arkansas, baptized 2, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 5 times. Preached at Center Point, Locksburg, Silver Hill, Holy Grove, Friendship, Possum Hollow, Euclid, Davis Mill, Overturf, Jordan, Russell, Cherry Hill, Dallas, Wolf Skin, New Hope, Crystal Hill, Curby, Nicles, Pine Springs, Pleasant Hill, at Bro. Clinton's, Hickory Plains, and Pleasant Home. By going from house to house I find that I can reach many whom I cannot otherwise. I have labored in five counties, Howard, Pike, Polk, Sevier, Nevada, and Columbia. Traveled 929 miles on foot, and 92 by rail. Gained friends in nearly every place, with light persecution, with a few exceptions. I tried to be faithful. I suffered with the cold, on account of not having comfortable clothing. The reward will come by and by. I do not use tobacco, neither hot nor strong drink.

George Jenkins, of the Elders, writes from Indiana:—

Have preached 99 times, and assisted in 44 meetings, baptized 1, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick a number of times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times, preached 1 funeral sermon. I have traveled by rail 623 miles, wagon 332, on foot 398 miles. Preached in the counties of Harrison, Floyd, Washington, Jefferson, Pike, Crawford, Perry; as president of the Byrnsville branch, opened the work in four new places, spent most of my time trying to preach the word in new places. The result was that I had to do some fireside talk, but much good was done, and ere long the fruits will be gathered. One sows, another waters, but God giveth the increase. So far as I have been over the district the work is in good condition, and if properly cared for will be brought to a higher plane than ever before. I rejoice in the outlook everywhere, and thank God that truth prevails.

J. D. Jones, of the Elders, writes from Illinois:—

Have preached several times, baptized 8, blessed several children, and administered to the sick many times. Have done a little in the good cause, but did not fill the mission given me, my wife being in such poor health that I thought it unwise to go so far from home. If I had been appointed in this district, as I requested, I could have been more useful. The eight I baptized were from the labors of the Kewanee branch, not mine alone. My love for the work is not in the least abated, and I am determined, by God's help, to do as well as say.

A. J. Keck, of the Elders, writes from Illinois:—

Have preached 154 times, baptized 4, confirmed 3, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 14 times. I labored in Southwestern Missouri until October 1, since which time I have been in Northern Illinois, by appointment of J. R. Lambert. I desire to continue in the field.

James Kemp, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 102 times, baptized 13, blessed 9 children, and administered to the sick 15 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have preached in eight counties in Colorado; namely, in Jefferson, where we have a small branch and a comfortable church building. Our congregations

have been good, most of the time. Also in Arapahoe county, in Denver, Brighton, in a church near Bright, and in a schoolhouse at Barr. I held a series of services at Trinidad, in Las Animas county, where a hall was supplied by the kindness of Mr. Fish. At Coal Creek, Fremont county, where we have another branch presided over by Bro. David Crow, I baptized three. Preached in Montrose county, where 25 have been baptized and a branch organized. Also labored in Delta county, preaching in the courthouse; had good hearing. I held services at the Spencer schoolhouse in Mesa county, near Fruita and baptized two noble souls. Congregations were good in all these places. I am glad to say that the work of the Lord is moving onward in Colorado.

D. E. Lander, of the Elders, writes from California:—

Have preached 8 times, and administered to the sick 12 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Spoke at San Francisco, Oakland, Berkley, Santa Cruz, and Oakdale, California. Visited Saints at San Jose, Long Valley, Arroyo Grande, and Santa Maria. The Bishopric being unable to sustain my family, I have not visited my field of labor, (Nevada,) to which I was assigned by the missionary in charge.

J. H. Lawn, of the Elders, writes from California:—

Have preached 83 times, baptized 11, confirmed 7, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 155 times. Have been more signally blessed during the past year than in any year previous. Am sorry that my temporal affairs are in such a condition that I will have to stay at home, hence cannot offer myself for appointment only as circumstances permit.

A. J. Layland, of the Elders, writes from Idaho:—

I have preached 2 times, baptized 1, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 2 times. Having been chosen to preside over the Dingle Dell branch, I have labored to the best of my ability, as circumstances would permit. Have held twelve monthly meetings, in which the sacrament was administered and the time occupied by the Saints in prayer and testimony, also administered the sacrament to scattered members residing in Thomas Fork, Montpelier, Paris, and Bloomington, Idaho, holding prayer and testimony services with them. Also preached twice in Cokeville, Wyoming. Visited the Saints in all these places in the capacity of priest and teacher, and can report that nearly all are trying to do their duty.

Living twenty-five miles from Dingle I have had to travel over eight hundred miles to perform the small amount of labor I have done. Brethren, please remember us of Southeastern Idaho, and if practicable send an efficient elder to help us.

J. S. Lee, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 77 times, baptized 3, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 5 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 2 times.

In Saratoga, Wyoming, I held thirteen meetings; good attention and crowded house. In Utah, in company with Bro. E. J. Robinson, I held meetings in Layton, Plain City, Uintah, Salt Creek, South String, Far West, Hooper, Farmington, Willard, Mound Fort, Pleasant View, and Riverdale, and in one private house, Salt Lake City. In the above-named places we held 65 meetings, to good congregations, with three exceptions, and the best attention paid. During the year I traveled 137 miles on foot, 726 by buggy, 60 on horseback, and 1,770 by rail; total 2,693.

A. B. Moore, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 125 times, baptized 17, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 25 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in Bandera, Bell, Bexar, McLellan, and Atascosa counties, Texas. The work in Southwestern Texas is in a prosperous condition, and if followed up will be one of great ingathering. The spiritual condition of Saints is good. The only thing in the way is a lack of elders to represent the work. I am still willing to do all I can for the spread of the gospel.

### H. E. Moler, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 169 times, baptized 11, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 21 times. Have endeavored to blow the gospel trumpet wherever opportunity offered. My work has been confined to Southern Ohio, with the exception of about two weeks spent in Southern West Virginia. Have labored in Jackson, Gallia, Vinton, Hocking, and Lawrence counties, Ohio. Also in Wayne county, West Virginia. Have made several new openings, and can truthfully say that the work in Ohio is onward. There are more calls for preaching than our limited force of missionaries can respond to. Work is opening up finely in Lawrence county. This part of the mission should be looked after as well as that part of Kentucky lying opposite, as there are calls for preaching.

West Virginia affords quite a field for labor, but owing to the scarcity of laborers in Ohio, I have not done much there. Have been blessed in presenting the word.

### W. S. Macrae, of the Elders, writes from Missouri:—

Have preached 80 times, confirmed 5, administered to the sick 12 times, blessed 2 children, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Since last conference I have labored in Henry, Vernon, Barton, and Jasper counties, Missouri, and in Southeastern Kansas. Since last June, I have labored with Bro. E. A. Davis. We made several new openings in Jasper and Barton counties. The condition of our field has caused a great deal of travel to get over it, and thus has prevented doing as much preaching as otherwise could have been done. Bro. Davis is a congenial companion and an able representative of the work. Have been abundantly blessed in my work, far beyond my expectations and am in the work for life, ready to make any necessary sacrifice.

### J. L. Mortimer, of the Elders, writes from Canada:—

Have preached 48 times, baptized 1, and administered to the sick 23 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Cedar Valley, Damascus, Proton, and Masonville. Appointed to labor as circumstances permit, I have preached on Sundays, and have administered and assisted to administer in the different ordinances when called upon. I was with Bro. R. C. Evans at Masonville one week, and at Grand Valley four days. He then left for Stratford and I for River View. I have been wonderfully blessed by the Spirit when presenting the word of God. I hope for the time when I shall be in the field constantly, as there are so many calls.

### William Newton, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 111 times, baptized 20, blessed 14 children, and administered to the sick and assisted 159 times. Labored in Kansas City, Kansas; in London, South Middleton, Corinth, Wonderland, West London, Osborne, St. Thomas, Southold, St. Marys, Stratford, Egremont, Proton, Masonville, Purpleville, and Gad's Hill, Ontario. I made three new openings; have been blessed in preaching and did the best I could. South Middleton is a new opening, and good can be done there; seven have been baptized already. Purpleville is also a new place where good can be done. I will labor where thought best by the church.

### E. W. Nunley, of the Elders, writes from Texas:—

Have preached 87 times, baptized 9, blessed several children, and administered to the sick several times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have traveled and preached in Central Texas, in Burleson, Brazos, Robertson, Milam, Bell, and Falls counties. My work has been mostly in branches and in the region of branches, yet have opened some new places. Also held two public discussions; one in Bell county, the other in Robertson. The results were good for the cause in both places. I have served as district president, also as district Sunday School superintendent, branch president, and Sunday school superintendent in Cook's Point. I am at the service of the church.

J. S. Parrish, of the Elders, writes from Ohio:—

Have preached 99 times, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 9 times. I have preached and labored at Albion, Greenwood, Obi, Andover, Attica, Stanard's Corners, Belmont, Suspension Bridge, Winter's Corner's, Clarksville, Wellsville, Malone, Whippleville, and Foot Schoolhouse, in New York; and at Akron, New Philadelphia, Canton, Carbon Hill, East Liberty, Greensburg, Krumroy, Lake View, Sand Run, Kirtland, Warren, Youngstown, New Springfield, Washingtonville, and West Austintown, in Ohio; also at Caseyville and Collinsville in Illinois; and in St. Louis, Missouri. I found much prejudice in places in New York and Ohio, but promising fields for persistent labor, audiences ranging from 20 to 60, and sometimes as high as from 100 to 300 people.

I did a good deal of fireside preaching, both to members and nonmembers. Also labored to reclaim some of the erring. Traveled about 50 miles by carriage, 250 on foot and 3,000 by rail; altogether was blessed of the Lord. Confirmed and assisted in confirming several. Endeavored to place the *Saint's Herald* in families where it would be appreciated.

S. D. Payne, of the Elders, writes from Nebraska:—

During the past 10 months I have preached 99 times, baptized 9, blessed 10 children, and administered to the sick 8 or 10 times. Took the field June 1, 1892, and have labored where I was appointed, in Western Nebraska, also in Kansas, where I was sent by Bro. James Caffall. I was hindered nearly a month by the White-Popplewell debate as I was moderator for Bro. White, and made two trips across the country to Rexford before the debate began. I was told by the missionary in charge to labor where my work would be most effective. During the year I baptized 17, but only 9 since I took the field, June 1. I hope the conference will send me to Western Kansas this year, as there is a good interest here.

W. P. Pickering, of the Elders, writes from California:—

Have preached 44 times, baptized 3, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 34 times. On May 8, 1892, I was ordained to the office of an elder, and received appointment from Elder J. F. Burton, to labor in Oregon, but for good reasons, was transferred to Southern California. Since June 1, I have labored six months the best I could, finding conveyance for myself and part of the time for colaborers. Have labored in the counties of San Diego, San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Lewis Obispo. I intend to continue in the field, if sustained by the voice of the church, and expect to devote my whole time to the work.

William Powell, of the Elders, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 35 times. Have been president of the Sweet Home branch, and kept up meetings and Sunday school every Sunday, and prayer meetings on Wednesday nights. I desire to do all I can for the work.

C. C. Reynolds, of the Elders, writes from Eastern Iowa:—

I have preached 45 times, baptized 2, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 13 times. I labored in Buffalo, Davenport, Clinton, near Muscatine, Maquoketa, Fulton, near Maquoketa, Cedar Rapids, Cedar, and Valley. I quit the field the 10th of October on account of means for my family. Was very sorry I had to do so, for I had promised to visit many of the places mentioned, where there is a demand for preaching. They should be attended to in the near future, for many admit that we have the truth, and that if they unite with any church it will be with ours. Some Methodists in high standing have quit their own meetings and say they don't want anything to do with them until they preach the Bible in its fullness.

D. F. Richards, of the Elders, writes from New Mexico:—

Have preached 20 sermons, administered to the sick 16 times. After my appointment to Wales I preached a few times in Higbee, Missouri, until the brethren were ready to go. We reached Liverpool June 25, and on the 27th Bro. J. R. Evans and I went to Wales, and visited Aberdare, Morriston, and Llanelly. I labored until November when I left for America,

reaching Gallup, New Mexico, November 24. Bro. Caffall came and organized a branch, and I was appointed president. Have done all I could in preaching and talking to the people of this place. A good work can be done here, if the Saints are faithful.

G. W. Robley, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 148 sermons, baptized 10, and administered to the sick 9 times. I labored in Maine, at Green's Landing, Surry, West Ellsworth, East Orland, Winterport, Rockland, Dixfield, Dixfield Center, East Peru, Newman, and Swett districts. In Massachusetts, at Boston, Haverhill, New Bedford, and Fall River. In Rhode Island, at Providence, Cranston, Greenville, Georgiaville, and Fiskville. In Connecticut, at Mystic, Legyard, and Norwich. Have been blessed by the Spirit, and feel like trying to do more.

E. J. Robinson, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 18 times, baptized 4, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 15 times. I spoke in Salt Lake City, Pleasant Grove, Sandy, Union, Fort, Weber, Layton, Hooper, Salt Creek, and assisted Brn. Alex. Smith, William Summerfield, and J. S. Lee in the above named places, and in Skeones, Plain City, Uintah, Riverdale, Farmington, Pleasant View, South String, Merriotsville, Far West, Willard, and Mound Fort, all in Utah. I visited from house to house and talked day and night, the most of the time where our elders had not been before. I think I allayed some prejudice and sowed some seed that will tell in after time. My brother of the Utah Church kindly furnished a horse and buggy, which helped Bro. Lee and myself to hold sixty-five meetings. We traveled through snow and mud. Bro. Lee did most of the preaching and I assisted. I traveled on the cars 3,570, by team 2,347, and on foot 472 miles, making a total of 6,389 times.

F. P. Scarcliff, of the Elders, writes from Mississippi:—

I have preached 140 times, baptized 5, blessed 25 children, and administered to the sick 40 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I was appointed to labor one half my time, but owing to circumstances have not been able to do that much. Have preached in Bluff Creek, Three Rivers, Pascagoula, and in two or three other places in Jackson county, Mississippi; also some in Mobile county, Alabama, where there is at present quite an interest. New openings can be made in this and adjoining counties. The Utah Church has missionaries in this field, and they are having some success: but they are very particular not to have their organization confounded with ours and proudly state that they are "the genuine Latter Day Saints, and from Utah." In talking with our people, though acknowledging that they have renounced polygamy, they yet defend the principle, a lack of principle. They remind me of the old saying, "Convince a man against his will and he's of the same opinion still." I hope to continue to work for the Master, but, owing to circumstances, I will not be able to do as much the coming year as I would like.

J. G. Scott, of the Elders, writes from Indiana:—

I have preached 15 times, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 17 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. My first labor was in Harrison county, preaching and building up the work there; then in Jefferson county, also Floyd county, preaching and strengthening the Saints. I presided over 4 sacrament meetings, confirmed 2, ordained 1 elder. I received nothing from the church, but labored as circumstances permitted, and had to work mostly for the support of my family. The work in Southern Indiana is improving.

J. M. Scott, of the Elders, writes from Indiana:—

I have preached 91 times, baptized 4, blessed 3 children, and administered to 23 sick persons, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I labored in Floyd, Harrison, Washington, Clark, Jefferson, Ripley, Dearborn, and Franklin counties, Indiana, also in Butler county, Ohio; ordained 1 priest, assisted in ordaining 1 priest and 1 elder, confirmed 3, assisted in confirming 2, was chairman of two elders' courts. Have looked after the financial

interests of the church. There has been a decided improvement in financial matters above any other year. Friends have been made to the cause by the efforts of the elders, and our position is better understood than ever before.

John Shippy, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 80 times, baptized 7, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick many times. I preached twice in Kansas City, Kansas, and did a good deal of fireside preaching; also preached in Lamoni, Davis City, Leon, Greenville, Lone Rock, Pawnee, Allendale, Redding, Amber, Fulton, Butternut Grove, Oran Center, Grove Hill, Brush vicinity, and Center schoolhouse. Although I have not preached as many public discourses as I have in some other years, yet I did more fireside preaching than for many years, and believe that the good seed sown will yield a good harvest. In the vicinity of Brush, where I made three new openings last year and baptized 12, I did most of my baptizing this year and left many more believing. Bro. Orvil Horton and wife, whom I baptized last July, have bought a farm near Lamoni. They wish me to go back and preach to their friends in Volga City.

S. W. Simmons, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached often, baptized 2, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Have preached at several places in Texas and Indian Territory, principally to people who never heard the gospel before. I made many friends and had many invitations to come again. I am interested in the work and am in the service of the church. I am willing to work as those in authority may direct.

J. S. Snively, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 76 times, baptized 4, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in ten counties, three in Missouri, and seven in Iowa, at Lamoni, Davis City, Leon, Wirt, Allendale, Lone Rock, Lucas, Pleasanton, Centerville, Forbush, Murray, Oakley, Osceola, Hiteman, Clio, Redding, and Mineral Springs. In the latter place there is a good growing interest, and prospects are that many souls will be gathered into the kingdom. There is an increasing demand for preaching in the entire region where I have labored.

The general prospects for success are good, if the work is followed up wisely. Prejudice is growing less and we are gaining favor in the eyes of the people, as the Lord has promised if his people would be faithful. Have been hindered some by sickness, but am willing to labor to the best of my ability.

T. J. Smith, of the Elders, writes from Indian Territory:—

Have preached 98 times, baptized 2, and administered to the sick 11 times. Have labored in Kingfisher, Canadian, Payne, and Cleveland counties; and in the Cherokee Nation. Have kept up regular appointments in several of these openings, and in nearly all of them have held protracted meetings from two to three weeks. Had, on the whole, a fair average attendance and good attention. Am satisfied that good impressions have been made in all localities where I have labored, though so very few accepted the word presented. Have had a remarkable degree of the Spirit in presenting the gospel and am desirous of continuing in the work.

C. L. Snow, of the Elders, writes from Kentucky:—

I have preached quite a number of times, and administered to the sick. Have labored in Western Kentucky and Tennessee, preaching as opportunity offered, and from house to house. Have opened a number of new places, and feel encouraged to press onward.

Marce Sorenson, of the Elders, writes from Denmark:—

I have preached 14 times, baptized 1, blessed 1 child. I left Lamoni for this mission on June 14. On arrival I immediately set about making myself acquainted with the Danish language, etc., in preparation for my mission work. My preaching up to November 22, at which date Bro. Anderson

arrived, was of necessity mostly of a private character, and from house to house. Since that date we hired a room to use for an office, in which meetings have been held once on Sunday. I have assisted Bro. Anderson all I could in proofreading and in other work connected with issuing hymn book and tracts; all preparatory work. While I realize my report looks very humble, I also feel that I have done all in my power under existing circumstances. I have borne witness to hundreds of people of the truth of this work and have no doubt left many hearts beating faster after my propounding the question, "Was Joseph Smith really a prophet of God?" The one reported as baptized is the first fruit of our labor here—a promising young lady—but more will follow this week. I am willing to remain in this mission another year, if the conference sees fit and feels able to sustain me. The mission is a hard one, and every obstacle that can be laid against the truth is against it here.

Henry Sparling, of the Elders, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 219 times, baptized 18, confirmed 21, blessed 13 children, and administered to the sick 104 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Have labored in Howell, Douglas, Texas, Wright, Ozark, Webster, Greene, and Oregon counties, Missouri. The Lord has stood by me in presenting his word, and the prospects look good for a larger ingathering next year. I desire to continue in the Master's cause.

J. R. Sutton, of the Elders, writes from Eastern Iowa:—

I have preached 70 sermons, baptized 3, blessed 3 children, married 2 couple, and administered to the sick a great many times. In one or two cases those supposed to be at death's door were immediately healed. Have been greatly blessed. I labored in some new places, and many desire preaching in places where the gospel has never been preached. Shall attend to them if I am returned to this field. I have been obliged to labor for my support, and this has hindered my ministerial work in a measure.

Swen Swenson, of the Elders, writes from Missouri:—

Have preached 78 times, baptized 3, blessed 9 children, and administered to the sick 59 times. I labored in the field assigned me until November 20. After that, by consent of brethren in charge, I labored in Minnesota among the Swedes and Norwegians. While laboring in Missouri I was with Bro. Alfred White, who is an able defender of the truth. In Minnesota I was alone, only that Bro. W. W. McLeod assisted by taking me from place to place. He is a good defender of the truth. The work in this country is not moving along so fast as I would like to see it, but we are pressing forward and adding a few to our number. The brethren are striving to do the best they can under the circumstances, and we look for better times. I feel to press on and do the best I can, and trust for the reward at the end of the race.

Henry Southwick, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 49 times, baptized 9, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 61 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have acted as president of Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin district. Have labored in Plano, Sandwich, Mission, Streator, Piper City, Wilmington, Chicago, Morris, and Cortland, Illinois; and in Johnstown, Janesville, Beloit, East Delavan, and Geneva, Wisconsin. I was much blessed in my labors and I believe the district is in a prosperous condition. I would like to be sustained in this field, as circumstances permit.

E. A. Stedman, of the Elders, present:—

I have labored in Minneapolis and Southern Minnesota; baptized 2, confirmed and assisted in confirming 12, administered to 20, blessed 4 children, assisted in ordaining 1 elder and 1 priest, and in organizing 1 branch. The work in Southern Minnesota is in better condition than ever before. Some are ready for baptism as soon as warm weather comes. I feel good in the work, and am willing to take Minnesota the coming year as a field of labor.

James Thomas, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 146 times, baptized 8, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 12 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. By the consent of J. R. Lambert I labored some in the early spring in the Nodaway district before going into Central Missouri. After that I have labored continuously in that field with very good effect. The Lord blessed me to a marked degree in defending his work.

B. R. Turnbow, of the Elders, writes from Kentucky:—

I have preached 26 times, and administered to the sick 7 times. I labored in Graves and Calloway counties, Kentucky, and in Henry county, Tennessee. I was greatly hindered during the fall and early winter (the most favorable time for preaching) because of building a house, and the winter was very bad and my health was poor. In February I sold out, and have been very busy ever since preparing my affairs to go west. If the church grants me a mission I want it to be in Eastern Washington and Idaho. About the first of May I expect to be located at or near Palouse City, Whitman county, Washington. I hope that after a few months I will be situated so as to devote my entire time to the ministry.

John Wahlstrom, of the Elders, writes from Sweden:—

I have administered to the sick once and assisted in ordaining two elders. I have talked with people in their houses in Malmo, Sweden, and vicinity.

R. L. Ware, of the Elders, writes from Kansas:—

Have preached 108 times, baptized 2, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 39 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have preached in Marshall, Clay, Cloud, Republic, Jewell, Mitchell, and Osborn counties, Kansas. Found very good openings and quite a good interest in some places.

J. R. Wedlock, of the Elders, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 5 times, baptized 2, and administered to the sick 12 times. I have tried to occupy opportunities as presented, but being compelled to labor at very confining work my privileges have been very limited.

D. F. Winn, of the Elders, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 48 times, baptized 7, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 136 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have preached in Howard, Randolph, and Macon counties, and was blessed with good liberty. Acted as district president during eight months, and still desire to do what I can to make the cause honorable. I wish to be sustained in this district as circumstances permit.

A. L. Whiteaker, of the Elders, writes from Wisconsin:—

I have preached 120 times, baptized 1, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 16 times. I preached in Crawford, Richland, Vernon, Monroe, Juno, and Sauk counties. The work is onward in Wisconsin. I labored mostly in new places. I look for a large ingathering next year, and hope to be sustained in missionary work. If I am I will try to double my labors. I can travel cheaper here than elsewhere, but am willing to go where you think best.

William Waterman, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 126 times, baptized 16, blessed 15 children, and administered to the sick 38 times. I have preached at Keb and in the schoolhouses in surrounding country, also at New London, Oak Grove, Burlington, Montrose, and Farmington, in Iowa, and by invitation of those in charge, at Rock Creek, Sonora, and Burnside, Illinois. Four new openings have been made, resulting in the baptism of several souls and an invitation to return. A good interest is manifested throughout Southeastern Iowa. Have preached from house to house and organized one Sunday school. I hope to do more in these respects than hitherto.



J. H. Wells, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 102 times, blessed some children, and administered to the sick often. Have labored in Western-Central Missouri, acted as branch president, and as assistant district president; supported my family and myself. Have traveled by rail 1,050 miles at a cost of \$18, have traveled by wagon 326 miles, have traveled on foot 36 miles; total cash received \$13.30. Am still willing to be about my Father's business.

G. R. Wells, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 62 times, baptized 8, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 3 times. The months of April, May, June, and July were spent in Johnson county, Missouri, laboring a little and waiting for dry weather. We had a "rainy season." In August I held a grove meeting in Cooper county, south of Boonville. Was helped one Sunday by Elder Bozarth. The rest of August was spent in Johnson county. September was spent at quarterly conference and Clinton reunion, where I had my time fully employed in Sunday school and secretary's work. October was half spent at the Logan reunion, where my time was again fully taken up. At neither reunion did I do any preaching. I returned from Logan and preached in Johnson county. A part of November was used helping in a concert at Independence, in the interest of the debt on the church there. December was spent at home and vicinity; January, February, and March in Kansas City, Armstrong, and in Johnson county.

Alfred White, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 127 times, baptized 2, blessed 14 children, and administered to the sick 66 times. My labors have been principally confined to the Clinton, Missouri, district, acting as its president. I think that no other year of my life has been more thoroughly devoted to the Master's cause than this. Blessings have been received in a marked degree during all my efforts both in presenting the word and while administering in the ordinances of God's house. Am ready to continue my labors.

G. M. L. Whitman, of the Elders, present:—

Have preached 90 times, baptized 21, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 48 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Have labored in Omaha, Platte Valley, Springfield, Sarpy county, Blair, Fremont, and at one or two other points. Was blessed in my labor. I believe that good can be done in this district. I desire to continue here if wisdom directs.

Charles Baly, of the Priests, writes from California:—

Have preached 82 times. I held a series of meetings in Whittier and in the peat lands in Los Angeles county. Also preached in Santa Maria and San Bernardino counties. Was blessed in so doing. Also labored in visiting from house to house, finding that by so doing I could remove prejudice and induce the people to come and hear what we had to say. Though I have baptized none, yet I left several investigating. I leave the harvest with God. The more I see of the work the more strongly convinced am I of its truth. Owing to sickness and other circumstances I required more help than I had asked of the church, and so had to labor in the world awhile. Those obstacles are now overcome, and I desire to be able to devote all my time to the work and to prove worthy of my calling.

F. H. Brooks, of the Priests, writes from Michigan:—

I have preached 25 times. Have labored as circumstances would permit in Sanilac, Lapeer, Tuscola, Bay, Midland, Clare, and Oscoda counties. My efforts have been mostly in the Sunday school work, although I have preached whenever I could. Have organized 5 Sunday schools, taken charge of prayer meetings 54 times, and assisted others 25 times. I have my temporal affairs arranged so that I shall be able to do more the coming year.

M. F. Gowell, of the Priests, present:—

I have preached 124 times, and baptized 5. I commenced the year's cam-

paign at South Norwalk, Connecticut, at the earnest request of Bro. William Hobson, where I held 9 meetings, and advertised quite freely, but few came out, whether the hall being poorly located, memories of a former exodus from Norwalk to the West, my own inexperience, or other causes failed to bring results at the time, I do not pretend to say. Have labored mostly in Maine, at Green's Landing, Bray's Mountain, North Deer Isle, Little Deer Isle, West Surry, West Ellsworth, Tenant's Harbor, Dixfield Center, and a few times among relatives in Auburn, Minot, and Poland. The work in Maine looks promising. I have been sufficiently encouraged in my ministry to be desirous of continuing, and willing to labor where conference may direct.

**Andrew Jensen, of the Priests, writes from Missouri:—**

Have labored as circumstances permitted in the district assigned me. Preached eight times. My desire is to labor in the same field the coming year, and I hope to do more.

**J. B. Roush, of the Priests, writes from Eastern Iowa:—**

I have preached 103 times, baptized 5, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored the most of the time alone, except two months in company with Bro. O. B. Thomas. Have opened up several new places in the Des Moines and Eastern Iowa districts, which I think will yield an increase in due time if properly looked after. I preached in Cedar, Jones, Jackson, Scott, Clinton, Fayette, Bremer, Blackhawk, and Clayton counties in the Eastern district, and in Linn, Polk, Boone, Jasper, Dallas, and Storey counties in the Des Moines district. Am well pleased with the prospects in both districts. Received kind treatment from the Saints and friends, and feel encouraged by the past and hopeful for the future.

**W. T. Shakespeare, of the Priests, present:—**

I have preached 9 times. Have labored as far as circumstances would permit, and assisted others about 40 times, and administered the sacrament 9 times. I labored with Brn. Snively, Harder, and others in the Decatur district, and have done all in my power. I desire to do all I can for the Master.

**David Smith, of the Priests, present:—**

I have preached 158 times and baptized 9 persons. In connection with the above I have presided over 14 meetings and assisted 13 times. Labored in Michigan, in Greenbush, Oscoda, Whittemore, Tawas, Cedar Valley, Omer, Bay City, and Buchanan. In all I have tried to do the best I could under the circumstances, and my desire is to continue in the field and to labor for the Master until earth life shall have ended.

**Frank Steffe, of the Priests, writes from Ohio:—**

I have preached 10 times. My labors have been confined mostly to the branch at Kirtland, in which I have striven to do my duty, formerly as acting priest and now as president. The Lord has blessed me in my endeavors, for which I am very thankful. I am still willing by the aid of my heavenly Father to labor for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Am willing, if it is the will of the Lord and the wisdom of this conference, to take a mission to Germany.

**Joseph Ward, of the Priests, writes from Missouri:—**

I have preached 134 times and baptized 22 persons. I have been in the Willow Springs branch for the past year, as priest of the branch, until recently. Have preached at Turner, Vera Cruz, Falling Springs, Winona, Miatt, Lost Camp, Cain Hill, and near Thayer, all in Missouri, and at Coats, Big Creek, Sugar Creek, and Flat Woods, in Arkansas. Was blessed most of the time in my labors, for which I thank our heavenly Father, and I desire to continue in the field.

#### BOUNDARY LINES.

A petition from the Northern Illinois district concerning boundary lines was read:—

*To the Brethren in General Conference Assembled:—*

The following was adopted by the conference of the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin district, at its last session held in Chicago, February 4 and 5, 1893, and it is presented to you for approval:—

*Resolved*, That the boundary lines of this district be as follows: Beginning at the Wisconsin line at the northwest corner of Winnebago county, Illinois, and running south, straight with the west side of said county to a line running due east from Pekin City, following said line to the Indiana State line, thence north to Lake Michigan, thence following the west shore to the southeast corner of Wisconsin, leaving the north boundary undefined.

Also the following:—

*Resolved*, That this conference request the General Conference to return Bro. F. G. Pitt to this district and to the city of Chicago.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. VICKERY, Dist. Sec.

PLANO, Illinois, March 30.

On motion to refer it to a committee, Brn. F. G. Pitt, John Chisnall, and Henry Southwick were appointed to consider it.

The following from the Forster district was read, and, on motion it was approved by the conference:—

*To the Annual Conference of the Reorganized Church; Greeting:—*

The delegates appointed by the Forster district in its conference convening here on the 7th and 8th insts. were empowered to present to your body the following resolution: "Resolved, that the southern boundary of the Forster district, New South Wales, be extended southward to comprise and include the city of Sydney and all that country bounded on the south by a line running thence westward to the western boundary of New South Wales, and that the Annual Conference holden at Lamoni, Iowa, commencing April 6, 1893, be requested through our delegates to ratify said resolution.

ROBERT TAYLOR, Secretary.

Attest, EDWIN WRIGHT.

WALLSEND, N. S. W., Jan. 11, 1893.

### TEA PARTY QUESTION.

Petition from Leopold branch, Australia was read:—

*To the President and Elders of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ in Conference Assembled; Greeting:—*

At the Victorian district conference, held December 25, 1892, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that the action of the Queensferry branch, in regard to tea meeting, and sale of gifts, and sacred and secular concert, be embodied in a report to be drawn up by Brn. Cuthbert and Rennie, and presented to the General Conference in April, 1893, for its decision as to legality or otherwise of said action, such decision to be the guide for the Victorian branches in future." Therefore, we, the committee appointed, beg to lay before conference a statement of facts in connection with the matter, together with all papers, etc., connected with the same, and respectfully request a decision thereon:—

Since the advent of Elders Wight and Butterworth into Victoria, they have made many friends both in and out of the church, and the approaching departure of Bro. Wight, and the very depleted state of the treasury, seemed to open up a way for the Queensferry Saints and friends to try and make an effort to further the cause on the one hand, and show good will towards the church on the other. With this end in view, the sisters and friends combined and arranged for a tea meeting, sale of gifts, and a sacred and secular concert. Voluntary aid both in goods and money were forthcoming, a choir was formed, and the event took place and was, from a social and financial standpoint, an unqualified success. The goods were sold by what is known as the "Bruce Auction," fair competition being indulged in by those present, without any recourse to lotteries or any other mode of chance. Prejudice was certainly removed in many quarters where nothing but bitterness and ignorance existed previously. We inclose programme for criticism.

The reason for appealing to the conference is on account of the inclosed copy of protest by the Leopold branch of the church, and the protest of several individual members of this branch. The branch wish us to direct your attention to the report of the Twelve, in April, 1892, as the basis of their action.

In bonds,

J. C. F. RENNIE, }  
GEORGE CUTHBERT, } Committee.

QUEENSPERRY, Victoria, Australia, Dec. 26, 1892.

On motion that it be referred to a committee, consisting of three elders and two of the sister delegates, the chair appointed Brn. C. E. Butterworth, F. M. Sheehy, F. G. Pitt, and Srs. B. C. Smith and Maggie Wright.

#### CENTRAL MISSOURI DISTRICT.

The recommendation contained in Bro. J. R. Lambert's report, namely, that the Central Missouri district be declared disorganized, was read. It was moved that the matter be referred to the Quorum of Twelve for consideration and report. It was then moved that it be referred to a committee of three. Both motions being put before the house the last prevailed, and the chair appointed Brn. J. C. Crabb, William Waterman, and T. W. Chatburn as said committee.

#### COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

Report from committee on Columbian Exposition was read as follows:—

*To the President and Elders in Conference Asssembled:—*

The committee on "Columbian Exposition," appointed last April session, as stated on page 67 of minutes, beg leave and report, that we have taken the matter into consideration and decided, that from the means at our disposal the committee could not make a creditable exhibition, and that in view of this fact we deemed it impracticable to make the attempt.

From the rules governing the Exposition, no selling of books or propagandizing would be practicable on the grounds, and to make but a feeble exhibition would be worse than a failure altogether. We therefore ask to be discharged.

JOSEPH SMITH, Chairman of Committee.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 6, 1893.

It was first moved to receive the report and discharge the committee, which prevailed.

It was then moved that we adopt the sentiments contained in the report, which, after a few remarks by Brn. Short and Pitt, was adopted.

#### REPORT OF BISHOPRIC.

The following report of the Bishopric was read:—

*To the President and Brethren in Conference:—*

At the beginning of the conference year just past the Bishopric began its work as a result of the increased missionary force placed in the field under a demand for six thousand five hundred and ninety-seven dollars, over and above the amount required is raised in any previous year by the church. To this should be added the payment of the subscriptions to the Reserve and Saints' Home Fund; the offerings for the Gospel Boat for the Islands; and the expenses of two thousand dollars necessary to the preservation of the church's rights of its properties, and you have a true result of the work of this department for the year.

At times during the year we were closely run for means to meet the urgent demands, but by the blessing of the Lord and the liberality of the Saints all have been met, and our confidence increased in the work of the

Master, and our brethren in the gospel bond. The urgent demand for these increased expenses and the early fitting out of the Gospel Boat, caused us to slacken our special efforts for the time toward the Reserve and Saints' Home Fund. It was absolutely necessary to do this unless we should begin the depletion of this fund by its use for these other purposes, and this seemed neither just nor wise to do. The Reserve and Saints' Home Fund was instituted to meet emergencies that might arise in the church's work, and to prepare a suitable home for the worthy of the church who had no provision otherwise.

It is not expected that there shall be an exchange or absorption of this fund at any time, but that it shall become a permanent and fixed feature to the church's financial interests, gradually increasing instead of diminishing. The matter of locating and developing the home or homes for Saints contemplated in the raising of this fund, and which was by the last Annual Conference referred to the Bishopric, has been under consideration, and all done in the matter that could be consistently with the means at our command; and arrangements are under way, which when carried out according to propositions, will result in such a home as we believe will meet the approval of the Saints, the particulars of which will be announced at the earliest time found practicable.

It is our purpose the present year to push the interests of the Reserve and Saints' Home Fund so far as possible without detriment to the tithe and offering fund, and it is hoped to have a suitable home for the care of the worthy poor completed.

The general church fund for the year shows an increase in the assets aside from the Reserve and Boat funds which, under the circumstances, must be gratifying and hopeful to those who are faithfully sacrificing that this work may be maintained.

We have not presented in our report for this year a summary of receipts and expenditures further than presenting the entire matter to your auditing committee who have thoroughly examined the same and notified us that they would make full and careful summary in their report. If required we could readily present this statistical matter however.

In the interests of the gospel work.

Very respectfully,

E. L. KELLEY,  
G. H. HILLIARD,  
E. A. BLAKESLEE.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 6, 1893.

#### REPORT OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

A report from the First Presidency was read, as follows:—

*The Presidency of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, to the Brethren in Conference Assembled, Greeting:—*

The conference year for 1892-3 just closed, has been one of marked activity in the ministerial field. In nearly all of the missions and organized districts there has been an increase of zeal and labor, the results of which are already discernible. It is to be hoped that the year now beginning will be an improvement upon the last.

There have been in two or three places local disturbances which have been irritating to the eldership, and doubtless more or less injurious to the proper progress. These have been in the Massachusetts, the Spring River, and the Northern Illinois districts. The one in the Spring River district is partially if not wholly composed, and the others are in process of settlement; and we trust that unless new complications occur they will not burden the present year by their further continuance.

The reports from the brethren in England and Wales are not indicative of great promise, though prospects are somewhat more assuring from the last advices than from earlier accounts.

This is true likewise of the Danish, or Scandinavian mission. Bro. Peter Anderson, in charge, is doing what he can, but the difficulties are serious and hard to cope with. Among them is the fact that the translation of the Doctrine and Covenants into the Danish language by the Utah Church is faulty, and it teaches by implication the plural marriage dogma; and the

Book of Mormon, translated by the same authority, teaches the dogma direct; so we are informed.

When Bro. Peter Anderson undertook the mission, he did so stipulating that the church should put a proper translation of these works into the hands of the missionaries and of the Scandinavian brethren, for use not only in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, but in the United States as well, where there are thousands of immigrants from those lands, among whom missionaries ought to be sent. This stipulation was understood to be agreed to when the mission was appointed, and, for the sake of consistent action, and in keeping of good faith with Bro. Anderson and his coloborers, we urge upon your attention the authorizing the Bishop to furnish the means to publish the translation of the Doctrine and Covenants and the Book of Mormon in the Danish language, at a cost of not more than one thousand dollars, we being assured by Bro. Anderson that it can be done for about eight hundred dollars in American money. It is due to the missionary force, to the Scandinavian Saints, and to the position as an evangelizing sect we are taking in the world, that this should be done; more especially now that the Utah Church, by a sort of public pronouncement, has abandoned the practice of the dogma of plural marriage, and assuming before the world the attitude of the original church in faith and doctrine.

Bro. J. W. Wight, our missionary to Australia, left in charge at the return of Bro. T. W. Smith, would have returned to America this spring, but, at the request of the Presidency, he consented to stay for another year, or until one could be sent from this session to succeed him. He has been most faithful, discharging his duties well and wisely, so far as known to us; and it is our duty to see that some one shall be sent at an early date to relieve him and permit his return. His associate, Bro. C. A. Butterworth, will remain, and should be sustained. It was found impracticable for either of those appointed last spring to go, and the Presidency does not now urge that they be now sent, notwithstanding that our confidence in the men remains the same as before.

The following appointments were made by the Presidency during the year pending the present session, and are here reported, the appointments ending by limitation: May 4, L. Gaultner, Texas, etc.; June 15, H. R. Mills, Utah, Idaho, and Montana; June, R. H. Atwood, Far West district, Missouri, and Kansas; July 30, C. D. G. Taylor, Far West district, Iowa, and Northern Illinois; October 14, A. J. Keck, Northern Illinois; November 17, Swen Swenson, Minnesota and South Dakota.

Of these we report that Elder Gaultner made an effort in the field appointed, but returned on account of sickness. Elder R. H. Atwood labored successfully in his field for a time, and fell asleep at Lamoni, March 25, in the discharge of duty—with the gospel harness on. Elder H. R. Mills, did not take the field for reasons good to himself and the one in charge, we presume. Priest C. D. G. Taylor, a colored man, was baptized and ordained at Lamoni, and was appointed with a view to his laboring among the Negro race, his countrymen, his labors to begin at St. Joseph, Missouri, and, if he was successful, to extend to Independence, and St. Louis, Missouri, Des Moines, Iowa, and Chicago, Illinois. We regret that we cannot report favorably of his ministry, he having failed to work creditably at St. Joseph, and at Chicago; nor do we now know of his whereabouts or condition. Elder A. J. Keck was transferred from Missouri to Northern Illinois by the brethren in charge. Bro. Swen Swenson was transferred from Missouri to Minnesota and South Dakota by agreement of brethren in charge.

The Presidency report further, that they have seen no mention of their contribution to Johnson's Encyclopedia, since last session, and do not know whether said contribution was received, or failed to be taken notice of when sent to publishers.

The Presidency further report that during the year just closed, the brethren of the Twelve have reported their labors in and the condition of their respective fields, from time to time, and as their work seemed to require, which carefulness and courtesy we are pleased to acknowledge. We have tried to advise and coöperate with these ministers to the best of our wisdom and opportunity, and regret if we have failed at any time in our duty in this regard.

The Presidency acknowledge with pleasure the active and kindly coöperation and assistance in their necessary relations with the work, in the fields of the active ministry and the local organizations of the church, of the Church Secretary and Recorder, whose extensive acquaintance with the statistics of the church has made him a useful and valuable colaborer in church work. He has been uniformly kind and ready to aid whenever coöperation was requested.

We can report similarly of the Church Librarian, whose duties and services have been faithfully discharged, so far as known to us.

The Presidency further report that during the year there has been the most cordial relations existing between them and the Bishopric, agreement in action having been readily reached when necessary.

The Presidency takes pleasure in reporting further, that so far as now known the relations between them and the ministerial forces, both traveling and local, of both classes of officers in the church, have been cordial, and maintained in the spirit of courtesey and kindness. There may have been slight friction in a few instances, but the result has been, we trust, good.

JOSEPH SMITH,  
W. W. BLAIR.

April 6, 1893.

Bro. E. L. Kelley said that in the matter of having a Danish translation of the two books published, and of the promise of this to Bro. Peter Anderson, he was not consulted, and knew nothing of it until summer. For his part he did not think it was practicable to so publish, since the demand for books in that language would not justify such outlay, and he had so informed Bro. Anderson that unless means comes into the treasury from which such expense can be met that he is opposed to it.

The report of the Presidency was received, pending further action.

Preaching and prayer services were provided for, and meeting of quorums appointed.

In the evening Bro. J. S. Lee, of Wyoming, preached. Bro. William Waterman, of Iowa, assisted him.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8.

At nine o'clock the Saints again assembled for prayer, and were in charge of Brn. J. H. Wells and C. R. Duncan.

The morning sermon was preached by Bro. G. W. Robley, of Rhode Island. Bro. William Chambers, of Iowa, assisted him.

At the afternoon session the hymn, "Now be the gospel banner in every land unfurled," was sung and prayer was offered by Bro. R. C. Evans.

### CENTRAL MISSOURI DISTRICT.

The committee to which on yesterday was referred the recommendation for the disorganization of the Central Missouri district made the following report:—

We, your committee appointed to consider the disorganization of the Central Missouri district, after careful investigation, report as follows:—

That we approve the recommendation of J. R. Lambert, missionary in charge, so far as it pertains to the disorganization of said district; that is, that the district be disorganized. And we further recommend that Ray county and all the territory lying west of said county, in said district, be added to the Far West district, and that Carroll county and all the territory

lying east and north of said county, in said district, be added to the North-eastern Missouri district.

J. C. CRABB,  
T. W. CHATBURN, } Committee.  
WM. WATERMAN, }

It was moved to accept the report, and, after quite a discussion upon its advisability, the motion to adopt prevailed. A rising vote being asked for showed 94 in favor of disorganizing the district and 24 opposed to it.

#### MINISTRY REPORTS.

The Secretary read ministry reports as follows:—

J. J. Cornish, of the Seventy, present:—

I have baptized 61, blessed several children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Have also confirmed and assisted in confirming 90 persons. I have only spent nine months of the last year in the field; the rest of the time I was rebuilding my house, having been burned out the previous winter. Yet even during that time I preached nearly ever Sunday and administered to the wants of the Saints whenever called upon to do so. I have preached in several counties and opened several new places, held two discussions, one with a Disciple minister lasting six evenings, and the other with an elder of the Strangite faith. The work in the Northern Michigan district is onward, and prospects are bright. I hope to continue in the good work.

Charles Derry, of the High Priests, present:—

I have been in charge of the Pottawattamie district, Iowa. Have preached 120 times and attended to all duties incumbent upon me as a minister of the gospel. Am at the disposal of God and the church and determined to labor for the best interests of the work.

I. N. W. Cooper, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 81 times, assisted in meetings about 45 times, blessed and assisted in blessing 9 children. Labored in Story, Boone, Hardin, and Wright counties, Iowa.

John Shields, of the Elders, writes from Canada:—

I have preached 121 times, led 36 prayer and sacrament meetings, baptized 7, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 72 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I labored at Garafraxa, Masonville, River-view, Damascus, Egremont, Cedar Valley, Toronto, Cameron, Irondale, Monmouth, and Price's Corner, Ontario. I have never tried harder to honor God and his law, nor have I worked harder; but was much hindered: first by my father's sickness and death, and during the past month by sickness in my own family; but all are recovering, for which I am thankful. Several of our neighbors and friends have become interested. I have been blessed in all my ministrations. Am willing to labor where I may be appointed. Am offered three new openings in the region where I labored this fall and winter, and would like to return, if so appointed. I desire most to labor in new openings, but have not been able to make any owing to demands for labor in branches and places not yet organized. Have acted as secretary of the London district. I am in the faith and confident of the final triumph of the work.

A. E. Mortimer, of the Elders, writes from Canada:—

I have preached 93 times, baptized 6, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 53 times. I have labored in Irondale and vicinity, in Haliburton county, in London, St. Marys, Stratford, and Cedar Valley, Ontario. After the June conference, I was appointed with Elder R. C. Evans to the gospel tent. We held our first meeting in Stratford, where good was done. Were assisted for a short time by Elder W. J. Smith. Bro. Fred Gregory, of Toronto, also very materially assisted. We next took tent to Niagara Falls, where much good was done. I have been much blessed in presenting the



word, especially at Wingham, a new opening. I was taken down with a bad cold, and Elder Arthur Leverton came to my assistance. I found in him one of nature's noblemen. I respectfully ask to be reappointed to this mission.

Wm. Summerfield, of the Elders, present:—

I have preached 57 times, baptized 12, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick 20 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. My work was in the Utah mission, in Salt Lake City, Union Fort, Sandy, West Jordan, Pleasant Grove, Lake View, Cartersville, and Provo. In connection with public speaking I did considerable fireside preaching, which seems to be as successful as any in Utah. The prospects there are not very flattering, as the people are bound under priestly rule and think they have all the religion they need. I have tried to get the truth before them, and am still willing to do all I can.

J. T. Kinnaman, of the Elders, writes from Stewartsville, Missouri:—

I have preached 84 times, baptized 12, blessed 17 children, and administered to the sick a number of times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. On September 3 I attended the Buffalo Prairie conference, Illinois; preached a number of times at Unity Chapel, Mercer county; also at Joy, Millersburg, Henderson Grove, Kewanee, Dahinda, and Canton, Illinois; also in the Far West, Missouri, district. Was kindly received, had good liberty in preaching, and good audiences. Hope the good work may go on, for it is dear to me.

The following from the Kewanee district, as adopted by it, was presented by the president thereof, Bro. John Chisnall; who asked the approval of the General Conference upon it; it being also in harmony with the action of the Northern Illinois district upon boundaries:—

*To the Members of the Kewanee District, in Conference assembled, Greeting:—*  
We your committee appointed to locate the boundary lines of the Kewanee district beg leave to report that after carefully examining the position of the adjoining districts, we would recommend that the boundary lines of the Kewanee district be established as follows: On the east by the east line of Stephenson county, continuing south to Bureau county; thence, following the Illinois River, southwest to the south line of Fulton county; then west to the southwest corner of Fulton county; thence north to the southeast corner of Warren county; thence along the south side of Warren and Henderson counties to the Mississippi River; thence north on the east side of the Mississippi River to the north line of the State; and thence along the north line of the State to the northeast corner of Stephenson county, the place of beginning.

F. G. PITT,	} Committee
D. S. HOLMES,	
JOHN CHISNALL,	
JOHN D. JONES,	

KEWANEE, Illinois, Nov. 3, 1892.

A motion to approve and adopt prevailed.

#### BISHOP'S REPORT.

The financial summary of Bishop E. L. Kelley, as presented by the Auditing Committee, was read:—

Auditor's Report of Receipts and Expenditures by the Bishop and Bishop's Agents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the fiscal year commencing March 31 to April 1, 1892, and ending February 28, 1893.

## RECEIPTS.

March 1, 1892, on hand per last report.....	\$ 1,082 57	
Received as Tithes and Offerings .....	\$14,259 88	
"    from Bills Receivable.....	1,197 94	
"    from Agents.....	6,487 90	
Aggregate received during the year.....	<u>\$21,945 72</u>	\$23,028 29
Advanced by Bishop, and due to him .....		1,478 28
Aggregate .....		<u>\$24,506 57</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid to Elders, Elders' Families and the Poor.....	\$13,538 87	
"    Agents for the same.....	6,698 85	
"    J. M. Orr, Stenographer on Suit.....	1,590 00	
Paid Bills Payable.....	577 54	
"    direct to the Poor.....	290 83	
"    J. Farmer and wife (care).....	148 08	
"    for Danish Mission.....	504 00	
"    for General Expenses.....	384 60	
"    for Real Estate Improvements.....	773 80	
Aggregate .....	<u>\$24,506 57</u>	

## ACCOUNT WITH AGENTS.

## RECEIVED.

March 1, 1892, On hand per last report.....	\$ 3,696 30	
Received in Tithes and Offerings.....	\$31,964 00	
"    from Bishop .....	6,698 85	
Total Received during the year.....	<u>\$38,662 85</u>	
Total Amount Collected through Agents...		<u>\$42,359 15</u>

## EXPENDED.

To Elders, Elders' Families, and the Poor.....	\$31,543 45	
Remitted to the Bishop.....	6,487 90	
Total Amount Expended through Agents..	<u>\$38,031 35</u>	
Remainder in Agents' Hands.....		4,327 80
Less Amount Overpaid by One Agent.....		1 98
Net Am't in Agents' Hands .....		<u>\$4,325 82</u>

## ELDERS' INDIVIDUAL REPORT.

Received in Donations.....	\$ 7,484 36	
"    since Report was Closed.....	220 27	
Total Amount Received.....	<u>\$7,704 63</u>	
Expended by Elders.....	\$11,131 62	
Reported since Report Closed.....	75 01	
Total Amount Expended.....	<u>\$11,206 63</u>	
"    "    Received.....		7,704 63
*Expended, Receipts not accounted for.....		<u>\$3,502 00</u>

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Total Received by Bishop.....	\$21,945 72	
"    Agents.....	38,662 85	
"    Elders.....	7,704 63	
Total Amount of Receipts.....	<u>\$68,313 20</u>	

## EXPENDITURES.

Amount Expended by Bishop.....	\$24,506 57	
"    "    Agents.....	38,031 35	
"    "    Elders .....	11,206 63	
Total Amounts Expended.....	<u>\$73,744 55</u>	

## ASSETS.

Real Estate per 1892 account.....	\$26,190 00	
Increase in Value Plano Property.....	150 00	
Forty Acres in Monona Co., Iowa.....	600 00	
Twenty Acres in Clay Co., Kentucky.....	140 00	
One House and Lot at Galien, Michigan.....	500 00	
One House and three acres at Lamoni, Iowa.....	1,200 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$28,780 00
Thirty-one Bills Receivable.....	8,181 98	
Agents have cash on hand.....	4,327 80	
Total Amount of Assets.....	<u>          </u>	<u>\$41,289 78</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Due an Agent.....	\$ 1 98	
Account Payable.....	650 00	
Bills Payable (No interest).....	490 00	
Total Amount of Liabilities.....	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,140 98
Net Amount above Liabilities.....		40,148 80
Total.....		<u>\$41,289 78</u>

## STATEMENT.

In addition to Cash Assets as shown on prior Account,		
Net.....	\$40,148 80	
There are also on Hand of Boat Fund.....	1,781 68	
Reserve Fund.....	8,014 72	
Value of Office Furniture and Stock in Bishop's Office.....	270 85	
In Secretary's Office.....	95 80	
Net Total Cash and Cash Value available....	<u>          </u>	<u>\$50,311 85</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

M. H. FORSCUTT, }  
 JOSEPH LUFF, } Auditing Committee.

\*Bishop E. L. Kelley asked permission of Conference to change the foregoing report so as to make Receipts and Expenditures of the Elders, in the epitome or summary of their reports to agree, and permission was given. The following is therefore entered:—

Total of Expenditures by Elders as per Report.....		\$11,106 93
Receipts for the Year, as per Report.....	\$7,704 63	
Received from Bishop's Agents and from other sources	3,402 00	
Total Amounts Received.....	<u>          </u>	<u>\$11,106 63</u>

M. H. FORSCUTT, }  
 JOSEPH LUFF, } Auditing Committee.

## HERALD OFFICE REPORT.

The auditing committee also presented their report upon the Herald Office books and plant, as follows:—

Auditor's Report of Herald Office Accounts, including accounts from March 10, 1892, to February 28, 1893.

## RECEIPTS.

From Publishing and Bindery Departments.....	\$10,964 00	
“ Accounts Current.....	20,949 30	
“ Bills Payable.....	3,040 00	
“ Bills Receivable.....	15 00	
Amount Received.....	<u>          </u>	34,968 30
Cash, Including Amount on hand per last Report.....	715 50	
Total, former balance, and Receipts for Fiscal year...	<u>          </u>	<u>\$35,683 80</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

For wages, Amount paid in Vouchers.....	3,748 00	
“ “ General Wage Account.....	5,403 82	
		\$9,151 82
“ Stamps and Postage.....	781 84	
“ Mail Account.....	344 07	
“ Freight and Express Account.....	371 86	
		\$1,497 77
“ Taxes, Insurance, Repairs, and Incidentals.....	792 57	
“ Fuel Account.....	382 81	
“ Paper Account.....	3,045 13	
“ Printer's Material and Supplies.....	997 46	
		\$4,042 59
“ Binding, To A. J. Cox and Co.....	152 40	
“ Bindery Implements and Material.....	804 26	
“ Wages paid in Bindery.....	1,540 08	
		\$2,496 74
“ Merchandise Account.....	536 29	
“ Account of W. H. Kelley.....	120 93	
		\$ 657 22
“ Danish Hymn Book.....	151 50	
“ German Hymn Book.....	115 84	
“ Bills Payable.....	5,167 31	
“ Interest account.....	473 22	
“ Improvements in Real Estate.....	56 68	
“ Sundry accounts.....	\$10,474 82	
Total, paid out on all accounts.....	35,460 89	
Cash on hand Feb. 28, 1893.....	222 91	
		<u>\$35,683 80</u>

Total of Expended and Cash on hand.....

\$35,683 80

## ASSETS—(PRESENT VALUE).

In Editorial Department.....	\$413 25	
“ Bookkeeper's “.....	362 00	
“ Press “.....	17,244 01	
“ Store “.....	2,457 50	
In Bindery, Machinery.....	\$1,197 03	
“ “ Stock and Material.....	293 53	
“ “ Printed Sheets for Binding.....	2,028 91	
		3,519 47
“ Real Estate (part of 1892 Assets has been transferred to credit of Church account from Herald-Office).....	8,465 77	
“ Bills Receivable.....	564 18	
“ Accounts Receivable.....	4,126 97	
Cash on hand Feb. 28, 1893.....	222 91	
Total Value of Assets.....		<u>\$37,376 06</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Due to Bills Payable.....	\$2,302 69	
“ “ Accounts Payable.....	6,577 74	
Total Amount of Liabilities.....		\$8,880 43
Net Value of Assets above Liabilities.....		<u>\$28,495 63</u>

## NET GAIN FOR PAST FISCAL YEAR.

Assets above Liabilities, 1893.....	28,495 63	
“ “ “ 1892.....	27,050 45	
Net Gain.....		<u>\$1,445 18</u>

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. FORSCUTT, } Auditing  
JOSEPH LUFF, } Committee.

In examining report of 1892, it is discovered that for two years, the gain had been \$4,004.85, or an average of \$2,002.42½ per annum, while the past year it has been but \$1,445.18. The reason for this may be partly found, 1st., in the added expense of covers to the *Herald*; 2d., in the publication of supplements; and 3d., in the reduction in price of 25c per year on each *Herald* subscription, or 11 and 1-9 per cent. The *Herald* mailing list is 4,400, allowing 400 off for non-payers, the difference in subscriptions to *Herald* alone, would be \$1,000 and more than account for the difference in net gain. This increase of expense, and reduction in price more than account for the differences that appear in results.

M. H. FORSCUTT, }  
JOSEPH LUFF, } Committee.

A report from the Manchester district, England, was read:—

*Beloved brethren, overseers of the Church of Christ:—*

As will be seen from the accompanying statistical report, some progress has been made during the year in connection with our church work within the limits of the Manchester district. In addition to the labor put forth within the limits of the branches other places have been included within the sphere of district supervision; an effort having been made at Walkden or little Hultin, and now at Lyldsley. A branch has also been organized at Wigan, which we trust may be the means of introducing the gospel to the homes of the honest hearted in that black and busy town. In addition to the before-named places, we have also succeeded in renting and controlling a small mission room most advantageously situated among a teeming working class population in the town of Salford, adjoining the city of Manchester which bids fair to become the nucleus of a thriving branch of the church; at least we think so.

The branches composing the district are in fair condition, when we consider their environments; spiritually as well as numerically we believe that at least some progress has been made. A better understanding of the law is obtaining among the ministry, which is resulting in greater unity of action, consequently telling to advantage in the efforts put forth. Each of the branches, with the exception of Wigan, which has been organized quite recently, have respectable and commodious meeting halls in prominent parts of their respective towns, under their own sole control, and which have so far received the financial support necessary to their maintainance.

We have also arranged a plan whereby most of the branches are supplied with district officers, who attend to the preaching at the Sunday evening services, while others are engaged filling appointments outside of the limits of organized branches. Indeed we have a number of young men engaged in the district ministry, and others laboring in connection with the office work of the branches, of whom we believe the church will have no need to feel ashamed.

Much encouragement has been given to our labors by the zealous teaching and labors of Presidents Gillen and Griffiths, who have spared no pains to bring us to the same understanding and comprehension of the law as by themselves presented. So far as we are able to discern, the forces at work within and without the church in the district are telling in our favor; and we are confidently looking forward to the accomplishment of a much greater work in the future than we have hitherto completed.

The Sunday school effort in the different branches is highly commendable, both for the amount of zeal and self-sacrifice imported into this arm of the service by those who have the administration and oversight thereof.

In conclusion it may not be out of place to observe that the *Herald*, *Zion's Hope*, and *Autumn Leaves* are very much appreciated throughout the church, and their weekly and monthly visits as the official organs of the church in all lands; are very gratifying to all.

Earnestly praying that you may have the Spirit of Christ to guide you in all your deliberations, we remain your brethren in the covenant of peace,

JOSEPH DEWSNUP, President,  
JAMES BATY, Secretary.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA.

A resolution concerning encyclopedia matter was presented, it being as follows:—

*Resolved*, That the committee on encyclopedias and school histories be authorized to present the matter prepared by them to each publisher or publishing company of the standard encyclopedias or school histories, with request for publication; and to such of the journals, magazines, and papers as they may deem best calculated to secure the object of their appointment.

It was moved to appoint a committee of three to carry into effect the spirit and intention of this, which motion was amended to read that it shall be the duty of the committee to prepare such matter as in their opinion will counteract the influence of the encyclopedias and school histories, and to make all efforts possible to rectify the misrepresentation therein, by calling upon the publishers of those books.

This was adopted, and proceeding to nominations the names of E. L. Kelley, F. M. Sheehy, W. W. Blair, C. Scott, U. W. Greene, M. H. Forscutt, R. S. Salyards, Joseph Luff, W. H. Kelley, Joseph Smith, and M. T. Short were duly moved, and by a rising vote the three receiving the highest number were appointed as said committee; namely, Brn. E. L. Kelley, F. M. Sheehy, and U. W. Greene.

Then the following was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the committee on encyclopedias be authorized to present the matter prepared by them to each publisher, or publishing company, of the standard encyclopedias and school histories, with request for publication; also to such of the magazines, journals, and papers as they may deem best calculated to accomplish the object of their appointment.

Bro. William Anderson presented the request of Sr. Margaret Gurley, widow of Elder Z. H. Gurley, senior, for her name to be enrolled upon the records of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ.

After a brief discussion the vote was taken with uplifted hands, the result being her acceptance by a unanimous vote.

Announcements were made for this evening and to-morrow.

The evening sermon was by Bro. J. J. Cornish, of Michigan. He was assisted by Bro. J. A. Robinson, of Independence.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 9.

The time of the prayer service was fixed at half past eight for this morning. Brn. David Chambers and Israel L. Rogers were in charge. The Spirit of God blessed the Saints with peace and with gracious gifts.

The sermon that followed was one of dedication, the Lamoni house of worship being now completed and paid for at a cost of \$14,000, as stated by the branch president, Bro. A. S. Cochran, who had charge of the occasion. The song service was under the care of Bro. M. H. Forscutt, and was appropriate to the time. Thus, with voice and with instrument of music, the great congregation offered praise unto our God and to his Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The opening prayer was

offered by Bro. H. A. Stebbins. The sermon was preached by President Joseph Smith, upon the establishment, doctrine, and progress, under God's care, of the Reorganized Church. The prayer of dedication at the close was by Pres. W. W. Blair. The sermon was reported by Sr. Belle Robinson and will be published.

The house was packed to its fullest extent, so that an overflow meeting was held in the basement, where Bro. R. C. Evans, of Canada, preached to about six hundred people, assisted by Bro. W. J. Smith, of Michigan.

The afternoon service was in charge of Bro. Joseph Luff, and the sermon was delivered by Bro. A. H. Smith, upon the evidences in the Book of Covenants concerning the true and proper order of Presidency over the Church of God in this dispensation.

At the evening hour the time was occupied by Bro. F. G. Pitt of Chicago. His text was, "Be ye therefore wise servants, and harmless as doves," it being largely an admonition to the ministry. Bro. Charles Derry of Iowa, assisted him.

The afternoon overflow meeting in the basement was addressed by Bro. J. T. Davis of Kansas, assisted by Bro. James McKiernan of Iowa; the evening one by Bro. M. T. Short of Illinois, assisted by Bro. E. Keeler of Missouri.

During the day four persons were baptized by Bro. H. A. Stebbins and four by Bro. R. C. Evans.

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### MONDAY, APRIL 10.

At half past eight the Saints convened for prayer and testimony services, and Brn. R. May and J. A. Robinson, both of Independence, were in charge. The eight who were baptized on yesterday were confirmed, four by Brn. Whitehead and Chisnall, and four by Brn. M. T. Short and I. N. Roberts.

The morning sermon was preached by Bro. G. H. Hilliard, Counselor to Bishop Kelley, and was concerning the law of tithing; Bro. John Chisnall assisted him.

At half past one, after singing, "Come ye that know and fear the Lord," Bro. Alfred White offered prayer. The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read.

### TEA PARTY QUESTION.

The committee to which was referred the petition from Leopold branch, Australia, made report as follows:—

We your committee to whom was referred the protest of the Leopold branch of Australia against the action of members of the church at Queensferry in regard to holding a Tea Meeting and Sacred Concert, December 23, 1892, find that an entertainment was held on the above date at said place for the purpose of aiding the work of the church.

A copy of the programme is before us, together with the statements from W. J. Trembath, president of the Leopold branch, and also from J. C. F. Rennie and George Cuthbert, acting as a committee for the Victoria district. In the examination of the above documents, and also of the recommendation of the Twelve, passed upon favorably by the General Conference last Spring, we cannot see that the action complained of in these papers is

condemnable. A reference is made to a certain kind of auction, called "Bruce Auction," that was engaged in, of which we are ignorant, only as they speak of it as "being fair competition without any recourse to lotteries or any other mode of chance."

We think, judging from the programme sent us, that the method used to obtain means at the time complained of is within the provision made by the Twelve in the clause: "That which is harmless and pure in its character and tendency may safely be admitted. That which is not should be excluded. The holding of Sunday school and church entertainments for laudable purposes, when of a proper kind, are not only permissible but commendable."

We therefore see no cause for complaint.

CHARLES. E. BUTTERWORTH,  
F. M. SHEEHY,  
F. G. PITT,  
EMMA E. SMITH,  
MARGRET S. WRIGHT.

A motion was made to adopt this report, and it prevailed.

#### GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

A report from the General Sunday School Association was read, being as follows:—

*To the Conference Assembled; Brethren:—*

The following is the report of the General Sunday School Association, which we respectfully present for indorsement, or publication in Conference Minutes:—

On Tuesday, April 4, 1893, the association met in Lamoni chapel for business. It continued its various sessions to the morning of the 6th, during which time the usual good feeling and enthusiasm prevailed. Some minor changes were made in the constitution for the government of the General and District associations, which we deem it unnecessary to mention in detail.

The association has decided to place a "Sunday school missionary" in the field, who will labor under the direction of the superintendent in organizing schools and districts, and introduce our Sunday school publications.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. A. Blakeslee superintendent, Sr. M. Walker assistant superintendent, W. N. Robinson secretary, Sr. E. L. Kelley treasurer.

Since last report to your body there have been added to the General Association six districts. The present number of districts in the association is twenty-one, seventeen of which were represented by delegates at this meeting. There are in the association a total of 119 schools, with an enrollment of 5,436, or a gain in one year of 1,500.

The association has instituted and published a system of helps in the form of *Gospel Quarterlies*, which are contributing largely to the success of this branch of church work. To-day the association is out of debt and has a balance in the treasury.

E. A. BLAKESLEE, Supt.,  
GOMER WELLS, Sec.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 10, 1893.

#### PUBLISHING MINISTRY REPORTS.

The resolution that was presented on the 6th concerning ministry reports was taken from the table, reading as follows:—

*Whereas*, Much valuable time is consumed in the conference by the present method of reporting individual ministerial labor; therefore, be it—

Resolved, That hereafter all ministerial reports shall be sent to the respective quorums in which the ministers hold membership; that the secretaries of quorums shall prepare and submit to conference a summary of the labor performed; that said secretaries shall also submit all individual reports to the editors of the *Herald* for publication in the minutes; that all sub-missionaries shall report the condition of their fields to the missionaries



in charge; that all missionaries in charge shall report the condition of their mission fields to conference.

Then the following was moved as a substitute:—

*Resolved*, That hereafter all reports of the general ministry, the Bishopric, and the Presidency, be sent to the Church Secretary at least ten days prior to the time of assembling of any General Conference, and that the same may be presented to the publishing board, who shall publish the same in supplemental form, and send out with the *Herald*, and present a copy to each member of the conference; and that the reading of reports to the conference be dispensed with.

This was spoken to by Brn. W. H. Kelley, John Smith, J. A. Robinson, E. L. Kelley, and J. H. Wells, and then it was moved to amend by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting, That hereafter the elders be not required to report.

The previous question being ordered on this and the vote taken the amendment was defeated.

Then the substitute being placed before the body was adopted.

An amendment to the Articles of Association was presented, read, and its adoption moved, but because of imperfect wording was withdrawn, but was made the special order for two o'clock on Tuesday, April 11.

#### BAPTISM AND THE SACRAMENT.

The question was then asked of the conference, "Should persons have the privilege of partaking of the sacrament after baptism and before they are confirmed?"

That they might have was favored by several brethren and opposed by others. After that it was resolved to defer further discussion until to-morrow, or some future time, and conference adjourned.

The evening sermon was preached by Bro. Heman C. Smith, of California. Bro. Duncan Campbell, of Iowa, assisted him.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 11.

The morning prayer meeting was in charge of Brn. John Hawley and James Thomas, both of Missouri.

At half past ten o'clock Bro. I. N. White, of Missouri, preached, assisted by Bro. R. J. Anthony, of the Utah mission.

The afternoon session convened at the usual hour, and prayer was offered by Bro. E. C. Briggs. The minutes of yesterday were read and amended.

#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION—EFFORT TO AMEND.

The hour of two having arrived, the order of the day; namely, the resolution upon amending the Articles of Association, as deferred on yesterday, was taken up.

President Smith said that he and President Blair were personally interested in this question and therefore wished to retire from the chair, and that some one be called to preside. On motion Bro. A. H. Smith was duly chosen, and took the chair. Then the following was moved:—

*Resolved*, To amend Article 3 of Articles of Association by striking out the words, "And said publication business shall be under the immediate

control and management of a Board of Publication, to be nominated by the Presiding Bishop and confirmed or approved by the Church at any General Conference," and inserting the words, "And said publication business shall be under the immediate control and management of a Board of Publication of five members, the Presiding Bishop, (if chosen by the General Conference,) to be the president thereof, and four members chosen and sustained by the Church at any General Conference."

We also propose the special provision. That at the General Conference of 1893, the whole Board to be chosen, and the four members thereof; one to be chosen for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and one to be chosen annually thereafter.

After quite a lengthy discussion the previous question was ordered, and the vote being taken the motion to so amend was defeated.

#### NORTHERN ILLINOIS BOUNDARY.

The committee appointed on the 7th to consider the petition of the Northern Illinois district reported as follows:—

We, your committee to which was referred the action of the Northern Illinois district on boundary lines, recommend that the action of said district be approved, and that the boundary lines of said district be so established, as adopted by them.

Committee, { F. G. PITT,  
HENRY SOUTHWICK,  
JOHN CHISNALL.

The report and recommendation was adopted, and the committee was discharged.

Petition from Fall River branch, Massachusetts, for the return of Bro. W. E. Peak to that field was referred to the Quorum of Twelve.

A request from Spirit Lake, Iowa, that a minister be sent there, was referred to the minister in charge of that region.

#### BAPTISM AND THE SACRAMENT.

The question concerning the sacrament that was deferred on yesterday was placed before the house, and the following was moved:—

*Whereas*, There is no specific announcement in the law as to whether or not the sacrament may be administered to baptized but unconfirmed believers, and—

*Whereas*, There appears to be a necessity that some general understanding be had in order to settle the question in many minds regarding the matter, therefore be it—

*Resolved*, that priests of the Aaronic order, in all cases where necessity for decision exists, be authorized to act as the Spirit shall direct them.

This was spoken upon, and then it was moved that the whole matter be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

#### SCATTERING MEMBERS.

A question from the Far West district about reporting scattering members was referred to the Church Secretary and Recorder to answer.

A resolution from Maine on card playing and dancing was read and placed on the table subject to call.

#### COLLEGE.

The subject of the proposed college was spoken of, the names of the committee heretofore appointed were read, and a meeting thereof was appointed to be held this evening.

An invitation from the Independence branch to hold the conference of 1894 in that place was read and placed on the table.

The request of the Second Quorum of Seventy for the ordination of Bro. T. C. Kelley was referred to the chair to provide for, and he placed it in the hands of the president of the Quorum of Twelve.

By special notice all mothers present who are interested in woman's work in the church were requested to attend a meeting to be held in the basement of the house to-morrow evening. Notice signed by Brn. Frank Criley and F. M. Sheehy.

By resolution it was provided that no new business be introduced after Thursday at two o'clock.

Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Pres. W. W. Blair.

The evening sermon was preached by Bro. Joseph Luff, assisted by Bro. William Anderson.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.

The prayer service at half past eight was under the care of Brn. J. S. Keir, of Illinois, and G. E. Deuel, of Kansas.

The sermon that followed the social meeting was preached by Bro. C. R. Duncan, of Kansas, assisted by Bro. Senterlow Butler, of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

At half past one o'clock assembled for business. Prayer by Bro. Charles Derry. Minutes were read.

A request from the Third Quorum of Elders for the ordination of Bro. C. J. Hunt as counselor to the president thereof was read. His ordination was approved and to be provided for by the Quorum of Twelve.

A petition signed by six deacons, asking for the organization of a second quorum of deacons, was read and referred to the Quorum of Twelve for their action.

#### COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

The following was moved:—

*Resolved*, That this conference favor the active prosecution of the work in the city of Chicago during the time of the Columbian Exposition, and that we encourage and sustain the missionaries in charge in making such special efforts in this direction as shall be deemed proper by them with the means the Bishop may be able to supply for the purpose.

After quite a discussion upon the advisability of this, the previous question was ordered and the resolution being put upon its passage was adopted.

#### REPORT OF QUORUM OF TWELVE.

A report from the Quorum of Twelve was read, questions were asked concerning some points and answered by members of the Twelve, and the report was placed upon the record, reading as follows:—

*To the President and members of the General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Greeting:—*

The Quorum of Twelve submit the following report: Twenty-two sessions have thus far been held, including special sessions for prayer. Our work has

been pushed forward with as much speed as seemed consistent with its importance. The new system of reporting has been proven a success, as far as it has been acted upon, so that greater liberty than heretofore has been enjoyed by us to attend the meetings of conference. The following resolutions have been adopted and ordered to appear in our report to you:—

1. *Whereas*, The hand of affliction has been laid upon our brother, T. W. Smith, and he has been thus incapacitated for active service with us as a member of the quorum, and,—

*Whereas*, We have therefore found it necessary to relieve him of the burdens attaching to the office of secretary,—

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our high appreciation of his excellent services in this office in the past, and extend to him an expression of our thanks.

*Resolved*, That we hereby record our deep sympathy with him in his present affliction, together with our earnest hope that he may be restored to health and soundness of body, and be permitted to again actively engage in the duties of the holy office unto which he has been called, should such be the will of our heavenly Father.

2. *Resolved*, That by the adoption of the following resolutions and declarations we call the special attention of our ministers who are under General Conference appointment to the necessity and importance of reporting their labors to those who are in missionary charge:—

1. It is the opinion of this quorum that a prompt and conscientious compliance with a suitable system of reporting has become an important necessity in missionary work. These reports should be brief, but sufficiently explicit to indicate, as plainly as possible, the labor performed, time spent in actual ministerial work, prospects, etc.

2. All ministers who are not in charge, are required to report on or about the first day of the months of July, October, January, and *March*, these reports to be made out and sent to the minister who is in charge of the "field of labor" where the work is performed. All who *are* in charge of such "fields of labor," are required to report on or about the tenth day of the above named months, such reports to be made out and sent to the general missionary in charge. The reports of those ministers who are *not* in charge need not be so lengthy as the reports of those who *are*, from the fact that they have nothing but their own labors, results, and prospects, where they have labored, to report.

3. In the *March* report, all the items required by the quorum as a prerequisite to missionary appointment, *must be published*. (See *Herald* for June 4, 1892.) It should be the duty of the missionary in charge of a "field of labor" to secure proper reports from all General Conference appointees in his field, summaries of which, together with his own report, must be sent to the missionary in charge.

4. In all cases where assistance from those in charge is needed, reference should be had directly to the one in charge of the "field of labor," and if further counsel or help is required it should be applied for, by him, to the general missionary in charge.

3. *Resolved*, That we go upon record as believing that the act of conveying the emblems to those partaking forms a part of the work of "administering the sacrament," and, under the law, neither teachers, deacons, nor laity have right to serve in that capacity.

4. *Resolved*, That in our opinion priesthood is given of God and cannot be removed by any human tribunal or body, but the church may impose silence, for cause, upon its ministry, by which silence the right to officiate for the church is taken away and the one so silenced is restricted from officiating in the priesthood to which he may have been ordained, and can exercise no prerogative, except as one of the laity, while this disability remains upon him.

5. The release of Bro. T. W. Smith from the secretaryship of the quorum made it necessary to choose another secretary, and Bro. Heman C. Smith was chosen to that office, and Bro. Joseph Luff as his assistant.

6. *Resolved*, That as a quorum we are not prepared to indorse or defend many of the positions taken in the editorials recently appearing in the *Herald*, regarding the authorities, duties, and prerogatives of general church officers.

*Resolved*, Further, that in our judgment, much of the church history contained in the *Millennial Star*, and also in the *Times and Seasons* is of extremely doubtful character, and therefore cannot be safely relied upon, and should not be employed as authority in matters affecting the government of this church.

*Resolved*, Further, that our action on these matters be made part of our report to the General Conference, that the body may understand our position.

Respectfully submitted,

HEMAN C. SMITH, Secretary of Quorum.

A report from the First Quorum of Seventy was read, but owing to certain objections it was referred back to that quorum for further consideration.

#### DANCING AND CARD PLAYING.

A message from the Eastern Maine District upon dancing and card playing was presented, reading as follows:—

*Whereas*, dancing and card playing are evidently detrimental to the interests of the church at large when indulged in by its members; and, as there is no legal restraint or law of the church against said evils, therefore be it—

*Resolved*, that we ask your honorable body, in General Conference assembled, to take some action in regard to the matter, to prevent members of the church from indulging in these practices.

A motion to take up and consider it was defeated, and then it was moved to expunge the resolution and action upon it from the minutes. After discussion upon this the following was moved as a substitute:—

*Resolved*, That we discourage card playing by the membership of the church.

This was spoken upon, and then it was moved to strike out all after the word “Resolved” and insert,—

That we consider the continuous practice of dancing and card playing as unbecoming true Christian conduct and should be avoided by all Saints.

This was amended by striking out the word “continuous” and afterwards by striking out the word “conduct” and adding an “s” to Christian, so as to make it read “Christians.”

It was sought to further amend by striking out the words “dancing and,” on the ground that this was already provided for by past action of the General Conference. It being called for Secretary Stebbins read the action of April 6, 1886, by which dancing was declared as unbecoming to Christian character.

The previous question on the last amendment being ordered the motion to so amend was lost. Then the resolution, as previously amended was adopted, reading as follows:—

*Resolved*, that we consider the practice of dancing and card playing as unbecoming true Christians, and should be avoided by all Saints.

Preamble and resolution about the boundary lines of the Galland’s Grove and Little Sioux districts was referred to the delegates present from those districts.

A motion that we take up the subject of our being represented at the “Congress of Religions,” to be held in Chicago during the World’s Fair, was laid on the table subject to call.

A statement was made about the cyclone thirty miles southwest of Lamoni on yesterday by which two families of Saints were made homeless and it was resolved that a collection be

taken up this evening for those families; namely, of Brn. William Birk and Charles Farrell.

At the evening hour Bro. J. D. Erwin, of Texas, preached, assisted by Bro. H. E. Moler, of Ohio.

The collection taken up for the families named amounted to about one hundred and fifteen dollars.

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### THURSDAY, APRIL 13.

Brn. J. W. Waldsmith and William Waterman had charge of the prayer and testimony service.

The morning sermon was preached by Bro. Charles Derry, assisted by Bro. David Chambers.

At the opening of the business session prayer was offered by Bro. John Hawley, after singing, "Behold the expected time draws near." The minutes of yesterday were read.

On statement from Bro. M. T. Short he and Bro. W. H. Kelley were received as delegates from the Nova Scotia district; also Bro. W. H. Kelley was accepted as delegate from the West Virginia district.

#### BOUNDARY LINES, GALLAND'S GROVE AND LITTLE SIOUX.

The committee to which was referred the matter of boundary lines of the Galland's Grove and Little Sioux districts reported, as follows:—

We have considered the above question, and find that there was a misunderstanding of the matter at the Galland's Grove district conference, at which the question was presented. Therefore we recommend that the matter be referred back to the two districts above named.

Signed, DAVID CHAMBERS,  
In behalf of Committee.

The report was adopted and the committee was discharged.

An invitation from the Pittsburg and Kirtland district to hold the conference of 1894 at Kirtland was read.

Upon a statement from Bishop Kelley, concerning an error in the auditing of his report, said report was referred back to the committee for amendment:—

#### EX OFFICIO RIGHTS FOR PRIESTS.

A report from the committee appointed last year in relation to the ex officio privileges of priests was called for, and Bro. M. H. Forscutt, as chairman of committee, reported as follows:—

I have no apology to offer; I can only say that I am guilty of culpable neglect of duty, in that I failed to observe that my name was first on the list of those to whom was referred the request of the priests of the church for ex officio privileges. My neglect proves my unfitness for the duty, and I therefore ask you to release me and substitute another name for mine. That I forgot my appointment is no legitimate excuse; for no servant of Christ should forget his duty to the Master or to his church. All I can justly ask for is your pardon. M. H. FORSCUTT.

A motion to accept the explanation and to discharge the committee was adopted.

## REPORT OF THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

A report from the First Quorum of Seventy was presented and read as follows:—

*To the General Conference; Greeting:—*

We present the following report of the First Quorum of Seventy:—

Thirty-six of our number are present; sixty-six of the quorum have reported their labors, which show the total number of baptisms performed by them during the year to be 704.

The following resolutions presented by the Quorum of the Twelve as its action were duly examined and adopted by this quorum:—

1. *Resolved*, That we go upon record as believing that the act of conveying the emblems to those partaking, forms a part of the work of "administering the sacrament," and, under the law, neither teachers, deacons, nor laity have right to serve in that capacity.

2. *Resolved*, That in our opinion, priesthood is given of God and cannot be removed by any human tribunal or body, but the church may impose silence, for cause, upon its ministry, by which silence the right to officiate for the church is taken away and the one so silenced is restricted from officiating in the office in the priesthood to which he may have been ordained, and can exercise no prerogative except as one of the laity, while this disability remains upon him.

Other items of business, of interest to the quorum only, have been considered. Matters of general interest will be further reported.

Respectfully submitted,

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, Pres.,  
R. S. SALYARDS, Sec.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 12, 1893.

Additional report of the First Quorum of Seventy:—

We report further items of business transacted since a report was presented from this quorum at yesterday's session:—

Another report received adds five to the number reported baptized,—a total of 709.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this quorum that the High Council was appointed by revelation for the purpose of settling important difficulties which could not be settled by the church or the Bishop's Council to the satisfaction of the parties. It is therefore an appellate court and has no jurisdiction in original cases. (See Doctrine and Covenants, page 272, paragraph 1; page 295, paragraph 35; Book of Rules, page 135, paragraph 5.)

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this quorum general church ministers who labor in the literary concerns of the church should conform to the provisions of the law in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, as found in the sections quoted as follows (70:3; 72:4): "Behold this is what the Lord requires of every man in his stewardship, even as I the Lord have appointed or shall hereafter appoint unto any man; and, behold, none are exempt from this law who belong to the church of the living God; yea, neither the Bishop, neither the agent who keepeth the Lord's storehouse, neither he who is appointed in a stewardship over temporal things; he who is appointed to administer spiritual things the same is worthy of his hire, even as those who are appointed to a stewardship to administer in temporal things; yea, even more abundantly, which abundance is multiplied unto them through the manifestations of the Spirit; nevertheless in your temporal things you shall be equal, and this not grudgingly, otherwise the manifestations of the Spirit shall be withheld. . . . And, again, let my servants who are appointed as stewards over the literary concerns of my church have claim for assistance upon the Bishop in all things, that the revelations may be published and go forth unto the ends of the earth, that they also may obtain funds which shall benefit the church in all things, that they also may render themselves approved in all things and be accounted as wise stewards; and, now, behold, this shall be an ensample for all the extensive branches of my church, in whatsoever land they shall be established; and now I make an end of my sayings, amen;" and thus place themselves on the basis of all other ministers, so far as the circumstances will permit.

*Resolved*, Further, that the Board of Publication be instructed to carry this resolution into effect in its management of the Herald Office.

3. *Whereas*, There is a disposition to use the *Millennial Star* and *Times and Seasons* as instruments to interpret the law and usages of the church; therefore, be it—

*Resolved*, That we are not bound by the precedents of church history as contained in the *Millennial Star* and *Times and Seasons*, and that they be not regarded as authority in questions relating to the doctrine or government of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, Pres.,  
R. S. SALYARDS, Sec.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 13, 1893.

The part of the report pertaining to literary concerns and the Board of Publication was taken up, and Presidents Smith and Blair being interested in the matter retired from the chair, and Bro. A. H. Smith was chosen as temporary chairman.

It was then moved and adopted that this subject be deferred and made the special order for two o'clock to-morrow.

Also on taking up that part of the report in relation to the High Council it, too, was deferred for consideration to-morrow, after the other.

Then, on motion, that part of the report relating to the *Times and Seasons* and *Millennial Star* was taken up, by a vote of 109 to 15, and its adoption was moved and discussed.

It was next sought to amend by inserting the word *necessarily* between the word *not* and the word *regarded*, which amendment was adopted. Then it was moved to strike out the preamble to the resolution in the report. This was spoken to, and was followed by the moving of a substitute for the whole, reading:—

*Resolved*, That in our judgment much of the Church History contained in the *Millennial Star* and also in *Times and Seasons* is of extremely doubtful character, and cannot be safely relied upon; therefore it should not be employed as authority in matters affecting the government of the church.

This was discussed at length, and the previous question being called the motion to adopt prevailed, and a rising vote showed 123 for and 36 against its adoption.

The evening sermon was preached by Bro. James Caffall. His assistant was Bro. J. W. Gilbert.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 14.

There were two prayer meetings held, one in the upper room as usual, and the other in the basement of the house by the young people of the church.

Bro. Emsley Curtis preached the morning sermon, assisted by Bro. Henry Kemp.

At the opening of the afternoon session a hymn was sung and Bro. W. T. Bozarth offered prayer; also the minutes of the preceding day were read.

The President of the Twelve reported that Bro. C. J. Hunt had been ordained as first counselor to the President of the third quorum of Elders under the hands of Brn. A. H. Smith, E. C. Briggs, and J. H. Lake, Bro. Lake being speaker.



Also the President of the Twelve reported concerning the organization of a Second Quorum of Deacons, that not a sufficient number of deacons were present to permit the organization, and therefore it is recommended that such matter be deferred until next conference.

The order of the day, as deferred from yesterday, was taken up; namely, the resolution contained in the report of the First Quorum of Seventy upon the subject of literary laborers in the church, etc.

It was moved to strike out the word *instruct* and insert the word *request*, as to the Board of Publication acting in the matter.

This was discussed, and being put before the house it was defeated.

Presidents Smith and Blair asked to vacate the chair, and Brn. F. G. Pitt and W. H. Kelley were both nominated as temporary chairmen. By vote of the conference Bro. Pitt was chosen to said position.

A motion to limit the speakers to ten minutes time was denied.

The resolution was then spoken upon at length. Once the previous question was moved but defeated, but after further speeches, was again moved and prevailed. Then the vote being taken on the resolution it was adopted by a rising vote of 130 for to 8 in opposition.

According to the action of yesterday the resolution from the First Quorum of Seventy concerning the High Council of the Church was now taken up as the order of the day. Bro. G. H. Hilliard was called to the chair, as the First Presidency did not wish to preside during the consideration of this subject.

It was then moved that the question be referred to a General Assembly of the quorums of the church.

After quite a discussion it was moved to defer the further consideration of the matter until the next General Conference, to be made the special order for the third day. This was spoken upon and defeated by a vote of 62 for and 93 against such deferring.

Then the previous question upon referring to a General Assembly was ordered, and the effort to refer to such assembly was defeated.

It was next moved and adopted that further consideration of this matter be made the special order for two o'clock to-morrow.

An effort was made to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow for business, but it was denied.

A resolution was read providing for the conference to adjourn to 1895 when this session shall be over, but no action concerning it was had.

The requests from various quorums for the ordination of officers thereof were presented, and the ordinations were

approved and they were referred to the Quorum of Twelve to provide for.

The evening hour was occupied by President Joseph Smith. By request he spoke especially to the ministry, regarding their duties, their responsibilities, and their conduct.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15.

At half past seven o'clock a. m. the young people met for prayer in the Students' room, and at half past eight the regular prayer and testimony service was held in the auditorium, presided over by Brn. Joshua Armstrong and T. J. Sheppard. Two who were baptized on yesterday by Bro. R. C. Evans were confirmed under the hands of Elders Whitehead, Deuel, and Newton.

The sermon following was by Pres. W. W. Blair, assisted by Pres. Joseph Smith.

The business session convened and sang hymn 49, Bro. Joseph Snively offering prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Quorum of Twelve reported that the request from the Fourth Quorum of Elders had been referred back to that body, because of a protest coming from some of the members thereof.

The referring back was approved by vote of conference.

Committee on examination and revision of church history reported verbally through the chairman of committee.

### MISSIONS OF TWELVE AND HIGH PRIESTS.

The First Presidency presented the following report upon appointments of Apostles and High Priests:—

*To the Conference:—*

The Presidency report to your honorable body the following appointments for the current year:—

1. A. H. Smith and W. H. Kelley to the Eastern States; including Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the Virginias, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.
2. James Caffall, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, and Eastern Wyoming.
3. J. H. Lake, the Canadas.
4. J. R. Lambert and Joseph Luff, Iowa, Missouri, Central and Southern Indiana, and Illinois.
5. E. C. Briggs, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas.
6. Heman C. Smith, the Southern and Southwestern States and Territories.
7. We make no appointment for Bro. T. W. Smith, for the reason of his affliction, but will, when his health shall be so far restored as to warrant, be pleased to assign him a field. In the meantime he can labor with the brethren having charge of Missouri and adjoining States, as may be agreed.
8. Brn. J. W. Gillen and G. T. Griffiths should be sustained in their field in the European mission.

We have reported to the Twelve in regard to several of the fields, and the missionary forces connected with them, and presume they will report to you in regard to them.

The following appointments of the High Priests reporting for missionary work are made, in agreement with the Quorum of the Twelve:—

1. D. S. Mills, Southern California.
2. Charles Derry, Pottawattamie district.
3. F. G. Pitt, Northern Illinois district.
4. William Anderson, Decatur district.
5. C. E. Butterworth, Galland's Grove district.
6. J. C. Crabb, Nauvoo and String Prairie district.
7. C. G. Lanpheare, Northern Illinois district, as circumstances permit.
8. M. H. Forscutt, Society Islands, in charge.
9. J. W. Waldsmith, Nebraska.
10. R. M. Elvin, Decatur district.

Of our own labor we report that we expect to do what we can to aid the general missionary work as wisdom and exigency will permit.

JOSEPH SMITH,  
W. W. BLAIR.

LAMONI, Iowa, April 14, 1893.

The special order of the day was taken up; namely, the resolution from the First Quorum of Seventy that the High Council of the church is an appellate court and that it has "no jurisdiction in original cases."

This was discussed by numbers of the brethren, and an amendment was moved by adding the words, *Except as provided in the law.*

This was spoken upon at length, then the hour of five having arrived, the conference adjourned, pending the discussion of this subject, to the evening hour for business session.

By permission, however, the list of mission appointments by the Quorum of Twelve was read, being as follows:—

*To the General Conference; Greeting:—*

I am instructed by the Quorum of the Twelve to report that they have appointed the following missions, and ask your indorsement thereon.

#### OF THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

1. Hyrum O. Smith, Rocky Mountain mission.
2. H. N. Hansen, Rocky Mountain mission.
3. R. J. Anthony, Rocky Mountain mission, in charge.
4. Rudolph Etzenhouser, Rocky Mountain mission.
- ✓ 5. Duncan Campbell, released on his own request on account of ill health.
6. J. S. Roth, Eastern Iowa and Des Moines districts.
7. O. B. Thomas, Des Moines district, Iowa.
8. Emsley Curtis, Southeastern Illinois district.
9. I. N. White, Southwestern Missouri, including all the territory in the Clinton, Independence, and Spring River districts.
10. E. A. Davies, Northwestern Nebraska.
11. Henry Kemp, Fremont district, Iowa, and Nodaway district, Missouri.
- ✓ 12. John Thomas, Southwestern Missouri.
13. James McKiernan, Nauvoo and String Prairie district, with the privilege of opening up the work in Clark county, Missouri.
14. J. F. Mintun, Little Sioux district, Iowa.
15. J. F. Burton, Pacific Slope mission, in charge.
16. Thomas Daley, Oregon and Washington.
17. H. L. Holt, Northern California and Nevada.
18. L. R. Devore, Pacific Slope mission.
19. F. M. Cooper, Michigan and Northern Indiana.
20. J. J. Cornish, " " " "
21. W. J. Smith, " " " "
22. I. M. Smith, " " " "
23. W. S. Pender, Wisconsin.
- ✓ 24. E. M. Wildermuth, Wisconsin.

25. J. Arthur Davies, Minnesota.
26. I. N. Roberts, Minnesota.
27. R. C. Evans, Canada.
28. H. H. Robinson, Eastern mission.
29. A. H. Parsons, Philadelphia district.
30. U. W. Greene, Western and Central Maine.
31. M. H. Bond, Pittsburg and Kirtland district.
32. L. W. Powell, Pittsburg and Kirtland district.
- ✓ 33. Thomas Matthews, as circumstances permit.
34. J. T. Davies, Kansas.
35. J. Alfred Davies, Kansas.
36. M. M. Turpen, Southeastern mission.
37. A. J. Moore, Southwestern mission.
38. J. W. Wight, Australasian mission, in charge.
39. C. A. Butterworth, Australasian mission.
40. John Kaler, Australasian mission.
41. J. F. McDowell, Galland's Grove district, Iowa.
42. F. M. Sheehy, Massachusetts district.
43. M. T. Short, Central and Southern Indiana.
44. J. B. Lytle, Colorado.
45. J. R. Evans, Wales.
- ✓ 46. Joseph Lakeman, Maine, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 47. Arthur Leverton, Canada, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 48. John Smith, Massachusetts district, as circumstances permit.
49. J. L. Bear, Michigan and Indiana.
50. J. C. Clapp, Hawaiian mission, in charge.
- ✓ 51. C. H. Jones, St. Louis district.
52. C. Scott, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Central and Southern Indiana.
53. James Moler, Ohio district.
54. W. E. Peak, Kansas.
55. Peter Anderson, Scandinavia.
56. J. C. Foss, Northeastern Missouri district.
- ✓ 57. S. J. Stone, Northern Illinois, as circumstances permit.
58. C. R. Duncan, Kansas.
59. W. T. Bozarth, St. Louis district.

#### OF THE SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

1. M. P. Madison, Nodaway district.
2. T. W. Chatburn, Far West district, Missouri.
3. D. M. Rudd, Des Moines district, Iowa.
4. D. E. Tucker, Northeastern district, Missouri.
5. C. H. Porter, Nebraska.
6. E. E. Wheeler, Kewanee district, Illinois.
7. I. P. Baggerley, Southeastern Illinois and Southern Indiana districts.
8. S. W. L. Scott, Michigan and Northern Indiana.
9. T. W. Williams, Pottawattamie district, Iowa.
10. G. W. Shute, Nebraska.
11. J. W. Peterson, Wisconsin.
12. W. A. McDowell, Wisconsin.
13. D. L. Shinn, West Virginia district.
14. J. D. Erwin, Southwestern mission.
15. T. C. Kelley, Kentucky and Southern Illinois.

#### OF THE HIGH PRIESTS.

1. D. S. Mills, Southern California.
2. Charles Derry, Pottawattamie district, Iowa.
3. F. G. Pitt, Northern Illinois district.
4. William Anderson, Decatur district, Iowa, self-sustaining.
5. C. E. Butterworth, Galland's Grove district, Iowa.
6. J. C. Crabb, Nauvoo and String Prairie district, and Pike and Brown counties, Illinois.
7. C. G. Lanphear, Northern Illinois district, as circumstances permit.
8. M. H. Forscutt, Society Islands mission, in charge.

9. J. W. Waldsmith, Nebraska.
10. R. M. Elvin, Decatur district, Iowa.

## OF THE ELDERS.

1. E. J. Robinson, Rocky Mountain mission, self-sustaining.
2. J. S. Lee, Rocky Mountain mission, as circumstances permit.
3. Gomer Reese, Washington and Montana, self-sustaining.
4. A. J. Layland, Rocky Mountain mission, self-sustaining.
5. C. J. Hunt, Galland's Grove district, Iowa.
6. H. R. Harder, Ohio district.
7. J. H. Wells, Independence district, as circumstances permit.
8. C. C. Reynolds, referred to authorities of Eastern Iowa district to labor as circumstances permit.
9. Alfred White, Clinton district, Missouri.
10. William Waterman, Nauvoo and String Prairie district.
11. E. E. Bradley, referred to the Spring River district, to labor as circumstances permit.
12. William Powell, referred to Nodaway district, Missouri, to labor as circumstances permit.
13. J. S. Snively, Decatur district, Iowa.
14. D. F. Winn, Northeastern Missouri district, as circumstances permit.
15. Henry Southwick, Northern Illinois district, as circumstances permit.
16. Henry Sparling, Southwestern Missouri.
17. Senterlow Butler, Pottawattamie district, Iowa.
18. John Shippy, referred to Decatur district to labor as health and circumstances permit.
19. J. R. Sutton, Eastern Iowa district.
20. A. Jensen, Pottawattamie district as circumstances permit.
21. W. S. Macrae, Spring River district, Kansas.
22. A. J. Keck, Northern Illinois district.
23. C. J. Spurlock, Southwestern Missouri and Northern Arkansas.
24. L. F. Daniel, Central Indiana.
25. I. N. W. Cooper, Des Moines district, self-sustaining.
26. William Gibson, Southern California.
27. D. L. Harris, Southern and Central California.
28. John Davis, Oregon and Washington.
29. Albert Haws, Central California.
30. W. P. Pickering, Southern and Central California.
31. J. H. Lawn, California, as circumstances permit.
32. Daniel Brown, California, as circumstances permit.
33. H. E. Moler, Ohio and West Virginia.
34. James Brown, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.
35. George W. Robley, Massachusetts district and Western Maine.
36. J. S. Parrish, Pittsburg and Kirtland district and Western New York.
37. H. J. Davison, Nova Scotia.
38. F. C. Smith, Michigan and Northern Indiana.
39. R. E. Grant, Michigan and Northern Indiana.
40. J. A. Grant, Michigan and Northern Indiana.
41. Andrew Barr, Michigan and Northern Indiana.
42. William Davis, Michigan and Northern Indiana.
43. F. L. Sawley, Wisconsin.
44. C. H. Burr, Wisconsin.
45. J. P. Dillon, Wisconsin.
46. A. L. Whiteaker, Wisconsin.
47. E. A. Stedman, Minnesota.
48. A. E. Mortimer, Canada.
49. E. DeLong, Canada.
50. Samuel Brown, Canada.
51. John Shields, Canada.
52. S. W. Tomlinson, Canada.
53. F. J. Chatburn, Nebraska.
54. S. D. Payne, Nebraska.
55. G. M. L. Whitman, Nebraska.
56. R. L. Ware, Kansas.

57. R. W. Davis, Kansas.
58. J. W. Gilbert, Society Islands.
59. James Kemp, Colorado.
- ✓60. J. M. Stubbard, Nebraska, as circumstances permit.
- ✓61. Joshua Armstrong, Nebraska, as circumstances permit.
62. W. J. Booker, Alabama.
63. G. T. Chute, Southeastern mission.
64. Charles Snow, Tennessee and Kentucky.
65. B. R. Turnbow, Eastern Washington and Idaho.
66. A. B. Moore, Southwestern mission.
67. E. W. Nunley, Southwestern mission.
68. S. W. Simmons, Southwestern mission.
69. J. W. Jackson, Arkansas.
70. L. L. Wight, Southwestern mission.
- ✓71. A. C. Hart, Indian Territory, as circumstances permit.
72. G. J. Waller, Sandwich Islands.
73. Charles Avery, Australasian mission.
74. George Ballard, Australasian mission.
75. W. H. Griffin, Kentucky and Tennessee.
- ✓76. F. P. Scarelliff, Mississippi, as circumstances permit.
77. J. L. Goodrich, Virginia.
78. George Eaton, Central Maine.
- ✓79. J. M. Poepoe, Sandwich Islands, as circumstances permit.
80. J. A. Currie, Jr., Southwestern mission.
81. William Newton, Society Islands.
82. G. R. Wells, Australasian mission.
83. Marce Sorenson, Scandinavian mission.
84. John Wahlstrom, Sweden.
85. P. B. Seaton, Kentucky and Tennessee.
86. W. R. Armstrong, England.
87. Adolphus Edwards, Wales.
- ✓88. W. H. Kelley, Southern Indiana, as circumstances permit.
89. W. W. Blanchard, Western Maine.
90. T. J. Sheppard, Southwestern mission.
91. F. M. Slover, Southern Illinois.
92. F. A. Smith, Little Sioux district, Iowa.
- ✓93. William Dowker, Eastern Michigan, as circumstances permit.
- ✓94. J. W. Bryan, Texas, as circumstances permit.
95. I. A. Morris, Southeastern Illinois district.
96. William Summerfield, Far West district, Missouri.
97. J. M. Scott, Southern Indiana.
98. George Jenkins, Southern Indiana.
99. T. J. Smith, Oklahoma.
100. Swen Swensen, Independence district until June 18; after that in *Minnesota*.
- ✓101. J. G. Scott, Southern Indiana, as circumstances permit.
102. R. M. Maloney, Southwestern Missouri.
103. M. J. Haskins, Decatur district, Iowa.
- ✓104. J. S. Constance, Far West district and Southwestern Missouri, self-sustaining.
105. V. D. Baggerly, Southern Indiana.
106. J. J. Christensen, Referred to missionary in charge of Iowa and Bishopric.
- ✓107. S. J. Madden, Independence district, as circumstances permit.
108. G. H. Godby, Referred to missionary in charge of West Virginia and Bishopric.
- ✓109. Thomas Wellington, Eastern Iowa, as circumstances permit.
- ✓110. George Green, Canada, self-sustaining.
111. James Thomas, Nodaway district, Missouri.
- ✓112. David McIntosh, Victoria, Australia, as circumstances permit.
- ✓113. J. L. Mortimer, Canada, as circumstances permit.
- ✓114. T. J. Bell, Decatur district, Iowa, as circumstances permit.
- ✓115. J. H. Adair, Kentucky, as circumstances permit.
116. G. E. Deuel, California.

## OF THE PRIESTS.

1. J. B. Roush, Eastern Iowa district until September; after that Northern Illinois.
2. Joseph Ward, Southwestern Missouri.
3. J. B. Heide, Fremont, Iowa, and Nodaway, Missouri, districts.
4. Charles Baly, Southern California.
5. Frederick Gregory, Canada.
6. M. F. Gowell, Eastern mission.
7. David Smith, Northern Michigan.
8. W. T. Shakespeare, Decatur district, as circumstances permit.
9. J. K. Soper,
10. F. H. Brooks,
11. J. D. Washburn, } Referred to missionary in charge and Bishopric.
12. A. C. Barmore, Southern Indiana.
13. Alma Whitehouse, Kewanee district, Illinois.

The following resolutions were passed by the quorum, and are submitted for consideration:—

1. *Whereas*, The Bishop has notified us that the condition of the treasury is such as to forbid the increase of our missionary force to any considerable extent, Resolved that we notify the body of this fact, and record our regret over being unable to honor the many new applicants before us for appointment.

2. *Resolved*, That the Society Islands be detached from the Australasian mission, and hereafter be considered as a separate mission.

3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to report to the body that as soon as the evidence reaches us that the Scandinavian mission is sufficiently opened to permit labor to be done to advantage, we are ready to send more missionaries into that field.

Respectfully submitted,  
HEMAN C. SMITH, Secretary of Quorum.

At half past seven the Assembly sung a hymn and Bro. W. H. Kelley offered prayer. Minutes of the afternoon session were read.

Continuing the business of the afternoon the adoption of the resolution presented by the Seventy was moved, as also was the motion to amend by adding the words, "*Except as provided in the law.*"

This was discussed, and the following was moved as a substitute for the resolution and its amendment; namely,—

*Resolved*, That the standing High Council, designated in the law, was appointed for the leading purpose of settling important difficulties which cannot be settled by the Bishop's council to the satisfaction of the parties concerned. It is therefore an appellate court, and in cases of trial has no original jurisdiction. See Doctrine and Covenants page 272, paragraph 1; 295 paragraph 35; and Book of Rules, page 135, paragraph 5.

The previous question was moved and prevailed, and the vote being taken upon the substitute it was defeated by a rising vote of 70 for it and 77 against it.

It was then moved and adopted that the original motion and its amendment be referred to the next session of conference.

The lists of appointments by the Presidency and the Twelve were approved by vote of the conference, and the Church Secretary was instructed to make corrections where the elders are placed in the list of priests, or the priests in the list of elders.

## SUSTAINING CHURCH OFFICIALS.

Proceeding to the sustaining of church officers and quorums, the following were accepted and sustained in their callings:—

Joseph Smith as the President of the Church and W. W. Blair as his Counselor; the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the High Council of the church, the two Quorums of Seventy; the High Priests' Quorum; Bishop E. L. Kelley, and G. H. Hilliard, and E. A. Blakeslee as his Counselors, H. A. Stebbins as General Church Secretary and Recorder, John Scott as Church Librarian; all the Quorums of Elders, the Quorums of Priests, the Quorums of Teachers, and the Quorum of Deacons.

It was then resolved that we use our influence, and, so far as possible, aid the General Sunday School Association.

Also the various organizations among the sisters, including the "Prayer Union," "Daughters of Zion," etc., were sustained.

The *Herald* was sustained as the organ of the church; and the *Hope*, *Autumn Leaves*, *Gospel Quarterly*, *Zion's Ensign*, and the *Patriot*, were all sustained by vote, with thanks to the *Patriot* for issuing a daily account of the conference. Thanks were also voted to Sr. Belle Robinson for acting as reporter of the conference, and to the chorister, organist, and choir for services, and to the Saints of Lamoni for kind hospitality.

The Government of the United States was also sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference.

Bishop Kelley nominated Brn. G. H. Hilliard, W. W. Blair, Joseph Luff, and Frank Criley to constitute the Board of Publication. Bro. Hilliard declined in favor of Bishop Kelley, and it was moved that Bro. Kelley be requested to put his own name in the place of Bro. Hilliard, which was adopted. Then the five were by vote made the choice of the conference, and thanks were voted to Brn. J. H. Peters and Robt. Winning, the retiring members of the Board.

#### CONFERENCE OF 1894.

As to the place of holding the next conference the following were put in nomination: Independence, Missouri; Kirtland, Ohio; London, Canada; Lamoni, Iowa.

Each place was advocated by speakers, and the vote being taken resulted in a majority over all in favor of Lamoni.

It was then moved that the time of holding the next session be April 6, 1895, and another motion was made that it be held beginning April 6, 1894. Some speakers favored one and some the other, and the vote being taken the date of April 6, 1894, was approved by the majority.

It now being after ten o'clock and the business not finished a motion was adopted that we adjourn to meet at nine o'clock on Monday, the 17th, to complete the business.

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#### SUNDAY, APRIL 16.

The young people of the church gathered for prayer and testimony service at half past seven in the morning in the Student's room, and at half past nine the Lamoni Sunday school