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The fortieth Annual Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, being also the sixty-second year of the church established in 1830, convened in Independence, Missouri, at ten o'clock, on Wednesday, April 6th, 1892.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH.

ORGANIZATION.

Organization was effected by the choice of Presidents Joseph Smith and W. W. Blair as presidents of the conference, and Bro. H. A. Stebbins as secretary.

“Redeemer of Israel” was sung, and the opening prayer was offered by Bro. W. W. Blair.

The secretary chose Bro. G. R. Wells as his assistant, and the choice was confirmed by the conference. Also Brn. I. N. White, T. W. Williams and R. M. Elvin were selected to assist and give information to the reporters of the Kansas City and Independence papers.

Bro. H. R. Mills was chosen to have charge of the singing during the session, and Brn. F. G. Pitt and M. H. Forscutt were selected as his assistants.

Brn. W. H. Williamson, Benjamin Smith, William Pitt, Robert Kemp, Thomas James, William Roberts, Alexander McCallum, and George Harrington were called upon to act as ushers.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

On motion Brn. M. H. Forscutt, W. McGahen and M. H. Bond were appointed as the committee on credentials.

ADDRESSES.

President Joseph Smith suggested that the remainder of the forenoon be devoted to five minute speeches; and the

following being called upon, spoke upon the latter day work, their experiences in it and love for it, also in defense of it as the work of the Lord, namely: Joseph Smith, W. W. Blair, A. H. Smith, James Caffall, J. T. Davis, C. H. Jones, E. C. Briggs, R. C. Evans, J. C. Crabb, F. M. Cooper, John Chisnall, W. H. Kelley, and F. L. Kelley. Brn. Charles Derry and J. H. Peters were also called upon, but did not occupy the time. Adjourned with benediction by President Smith.

At half past one o'clock the assembly sung, "How firm a foundation." Prayer was offered by Bro. A. H. Smith.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The report of the committee on credentials was read, and amended. As finally amended by insertion of names of later arrivals of delegates and adopted as a whole, the report was as follows:—

Your committee on credentials begs to report that we find districts and branches duly represented by accredited delegates as follows:—

Australia: Number of members not given; accredited by Secretary Stebbins to 8 votes; T. W. Smith delegate.

Canada: Chatham district, 513 members, 20 votes; J. H. Lake delegate.

London district: 996 members, 39 votes; R. C. Evans the only delegate.

California: Northern district, 600 members, 24 votes; J. F. Burton and Emma Burton delegates.

Central district: 164 members, 6 votes; J. F. Burton delegate.

Colorado: Denver branch, 64 members, 2 votes; James Caffall and C. R. Duncan delegates.

Hutchinson branch: 25 members, 1 vote; J. Kemp delegate.

Coal Creek branch: 12 members, 1 vote; J. Kemp delegate.

Idaho: 200 members, 8 votes; Joseph Luff delegate.

Illinois: Northern district, 843 members, 33 votes; Henry Southwick and four others delegates.

Southeastern: 465 members, 18 votes; J. W. Gillen and G. H. Hilliard delegates.

Kewanee: 253 members, 10 votes; J. Chisnall and four others delegates.

Indiana: Southern, 10 votes; I. P. Baggerley delegate.

Iowa: Nauvoo and String Prairie, 385 members, 15 votes; J. C. Crabb and nine others delegates.

Decatur: 60 votes; William Anderson and fifty-eight others delegates.

Des Moines: 514 members, 20 votes; W. C. Nirk, J. McKiernan, and O. B. Thomas delegates.

Eastern Iowa: 194 members, 7 votes; J. S. Roth delegate.

Fremont: 449 members, 17 votes; Henry Kemp and four others delegates.

Galland's Grove: 723 members, 28 votes; H. O. Smith and four others delegates.

Little Sioux: 38 votes; C. Derry and seventeen others delegates.

Pottawattamie: 589 members, 23 votes; S. Butler and four others delegates.

Kansas: Northeast district, 9 votes; A. H. Parsons, J. A. Davis, and William Menzies delegates.

Maine: Eastern, 305 members, 12 votes; J. C. Foss delegate.

Western: 178 members, 7 votes; W. H. Kelley delegate.

Massachusetts: 672 members, 26 votes; F. M. Sheehy and four others delegates.

Michigan: Northern district, 1,100 members, 44 votes; J. H. Peters and six others delegates.

Southern: 14 votes; E. A. Blakeslee and sixteen others delegates.

Missouri: Far West, 654 members, 26 votes; M. H. Forscutt and twenty-five others delegates.

Nodaway: 7 votes; W. E. Peak and five others delegates.

Northeast district: 227 members, 9 votes; D. Campbell and eight others delegates.

Independence: 1,093 members, 43 votes; F. G. Pitt and nineteen others delegates.

Clinton: 404, 16 votes; I. N. White and five others delegates.

St. Louis: 515 members, 20 votes; J. W. Gillen and three others delegates.

Montana: 147 members, 5 votes; J. Luff delegate.

Nebraska: Northern district, 14 votes; G. M. L. Whitman delegate.

Central district: 163 members, 6 votes; J. Caffall and C. W. Hutchins delegates.

Kansas: Northwest district, 10 votes; G. W. Shute and R. W. Davis delegates.

Kentucky and Tennessee: 3 votes; W. H. Griffin and — Snow delegates.

Alabama district: 7 votes; M. M. Turpen delegate.

Southeastern Ohio and West Virginia district: 56 members, 22 votes; T. W. Williams, G. T. Griffiths, and W. W. Blair delegates.

Spring River district: 375 members, 15 votes; D. S. Crawley, A. C. Hart, B. Jones, T. J. Smith, E. E. Bradley, O. P. Sutherland, Sr. R. M. Bradley, and W. S. Taylor delegates.

Central Missouri: 97 members, 3 votes; D. E. Tucker delegate.

Nebraska: Southern district, 542 members, 21 votes; J. W. Waldsmith and four others delegates.

Nevada: 128 members, 5 votes; H. C. Smith delegate.

Ohio: Kirtland and Pittsburg district, 22 votes; M. H. Bond and fifteen others delegates.

Texas: Central district, 161 members, 6 votes; E. W. Nunley and William Sherrill delegates.

Red River branch: 1 vote; J. D. Erwin delegate.

Utah: 515 members, 20 votes; R. J. Anthony and three others delegates.

Wisconsin: Western district, 125 members, 5 votes; W. S. Pender and four others delegates.

Willow Springs, Missouri, branch: 1 vote; Joseph Ward delegate.

Northwest Kansas district: Bro. Shute, who is present, states that Bro. R. W. Davis and he were appointed from this district, that credentials were sent to him; but he has lost or mislaid them. He does not know number of members or votes.

In the above, where the number of members is not given, it was not furnished your committee.

MARK H. FORSCUTT, }
M. H. BOND, } *Committee.*
W. MCGAHEN, }

REPORT OF THE TWELVE ON EPISTLE.

The following report of the quorum of Twelve concerning their former epistle was read and ordered spread upon the minutes:—

To the Presidency. Brethren:—

The following was ordered to be presented to you, with the request that it be read on the first day of the sessions of conference now at hand.

To the quorum of the Twelve: We your committee on revision of Epistle, recommend the adoption of the following:—

Whereas, The Epistle of the quorum of the Twelve, written in 1887 and in 1888, contains the statement that there is in the law no provision for the office known as “district president,” which was made the basis upon which the Epistle sought to define the duties of district president; and

Whereas, The revelation of 1890, which has been accepted as a rule of law by the church, advises that they “be considered as provided for by My law,” and of course base our future action thereupon; and as there is a seeming discrepancy, if not a real one, between the Epistle in regard to the duties of district presidents and the provisions of the new and accepted basis,

Resolved, That the Epistle be made to conform as nearly as possible in verbiage to the language of the late revelation. In order that all seeming or real discrepancies made be removed in the interests of harmony and church discipline, we therefore make the following changes:—

1st. Strike out all of section 1 after the word “branches.”

2d. Amend section 3 to read as follows: The branch organizations, with a presiding elder, priest, teacher, and deacon, to perform their respective duties, necessary for the welfare of such organizations, is clearly provided for in the law; and if from any cause these branches need to be set in order, the law also provides for this emergency. The rights and duties of presidents of districts, are, “to carry on the work of the ministry in caring for the membership of the church;” open up new fields of labor, encourage and stimulate to activity the ministry in their respective districts (who are not burdened with branch duties, and who are not under General Conference appointment), and so far as possible, aid *all* classes of ministers in an advisory way, and be “authorized and permitted” to “settle matters of personal importance and conduct, arising in their respective districts.”

Adopted unanimously by the quorum of the Twelve at Independence, Missouri, April 1st, 1892.

Attest: T. W. Smith,

Secretary of the Quorum of Twelve.

ENCYCLOPÆDIA MATTER.

The committee upon supplying material for encyclopædias reported:—

To the Conference:—

We, having been authorized to furnish the encyclopædias with an article on the history of the church, report that during the last summer we did furnish to the Johnson's Encyclopædia, an article, such as was contemplated in our appointment, through the kindness of Mr. Hunnicutt, their agent. We have not seen it in print, nor received an acknowledgment of its acceptance, and cannot report what was done with it.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH SMITH,
W. W. BLAIR.

REPORT OF GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY AND RECORDER.

Bro. Henry Stebbins, General Church Secretary and Recorder, read his report:—

To the General Conference and the church: I present the following report as a summary of labor done, and of the statistical condition and progress made during the past year:—

Since making the last annual statement to the Kirtland Conference I have placed upon the General Church Records the names of two thousand six hundred and thirty-two (2,632) persons, with the items of their birth, baptism, confirmation; also the items of ordination of two hundred and twenty-five of that number who hold authority as ministers in the church. The total of names recorded exceeds by more than two hundred the total of last year, yet the net gain of the past year has not been so great as during

several previous years, as may be seen by comparison with my previous annual reports.

Of the two thousand six hundred and thirty-two names recorded (with their items in full), one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two have been added to the church by baptism, thus lacking but one of the baptisms reported by me one year ago. By the statistical table it will be seen that some states have made a much better gain than usual, while other regions, notably Canada, have not reported nearly as many baptisms as during several previous years.

The number of those added to the branches by letter during the year was nine hundred and ten (910), making the total of twenty-six hundred and thirty-two names and items recorded. Some seem to think that the transfer of these names from one branch to another is not really recording names, because simply transferred. But it is easier to record five new names than one transfer; for the reason that each name needs to be examined separately, and the items looked up in every case, to see wherein the items of the past records disagree with the items now sent from the branch where received. For it is seldom that there are not one or more differences about the date or place of birth, or the date and place and by whom baptized, or else in the ordination items. This often makes necessary the examination of several branch records and a correspondence with one or two branches to learn where the truth is in the case. Consequently constant vigilance and close care are necessary to avoid numberless conflicts as to dates and places of birth, baptism, etc.

The losses recorded during the year have been the removal by letter of eight hundred and eighty-four (884) members from various branches, many of whom have not yet placed their letters elsewhere; also one hundred and three have been expelled, and three hundred and seven (307) have died, a larger number than have been reported during any previous year in the history of the Reorganized Church.

This total loss of twelve hundred and ninety-four taken from the total gain given above leaves thirteen hundred and thirty-eight (1,338) as the net gain for the year. This is the smallest gain since 1887, yet is only seventy-nine below last year. Indeed, it is better than I anticipated before making up my balance sheet of states and countries, though I worked until March 23d in order to put on all the names that I possibly could before closing the books for the year, and am pleased with the result, under the circumstances.

It will be seen that Missouri takes the lead this year, by far, and that Iowa has to take second place in the number of baptisms and in the net gain also, while Michigan comes in as third. Illinois is fourth in baptisms, but has lost so many by letters of removal of members further west that she is far behind in net gain. Kansas, California, Nebraska, Alabama, Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado have all done well as to baptisms in each case, considering the number of the ministry engaged therein. Australia has done fairly, when we think of the few laborers and the great opposition manifested towards the work there. In the Hawaiian Islands fifty were baptized by Brn. Haws and Waller, but from the South Sea Islands no report has been received.

One hundred and ninety-seven changes of name by marriage have been reported, and recorded and indexed. All the other names of those baptized and received have also been indexed as they were placed upon record, excepting a few at the last.

Of the two hundred and twenty-five ordinations recorded, one hundred and thirteen were new ordinations, high priests, seventy, elders, priests, teachers, and deacons, during the year.

Fifteen new branches have been reported and placed upon record as follows: Niagara Falls and Toronto (reorganized), Canada; Drew county, Arkansas; Washington (reorganization of Plainville and Riverside), Indiana; Keb and New London, Iowa; Weir City, Kansas; Dixfield City, Maine; Coleman and Detroit, Michigan; Victor, Montana; Carrollton (reorganized), Willow Springs and Lee's Summit, Missouri; Wilkesville, Ohio.

The following tabular form shows by states the totals of last year, and the gains, losses, ordinations, and marriages, since then:—

ANNUAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Countries and States.	Totals 1891.	Baptized.	Received.	Removed.	Died.	Expelled.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Ordinations.	Marriages.	Totals 1892.
Australia	329	28	6	5	4	1	24	..	6	5	353
Society Islands ...	1,176	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,176
Hawaiian Islands.	50	1	.....	.....	.....	1	50	.....	.....	.....	50
England.....	764	21	2	2	7	6	8	.....	.....	.....	772
Wales.....	190	1	.....	.....	3	4	.....	6	.....	.....	184
Scotland.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Denmark.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Switzerland.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
Canada.....	1,519	78	33	58	14	8	31	..	7	14	1,550
Nova Scotia.....	47	7	.....	1	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	52
Manitoba.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Alabama.....	407	53	.....	.....	3	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	457
Arkansas.....	61	11	13	15	.....	2	7	.....	3	.....	68
California.....	1,387	78	38	42	19	4	51	..	10	14	1,438
Colorado.....	122	28	17	10	1	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	156
Connecticut.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Dakota (South)...	71	5	.....	7	1	2	.....	5	.....	.....	66
Florida.....	257	.....	.....	1	3	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	253
Idaho.....	144	6	.....	2	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	147
Illinois.....	1,909	89	31	61	19	9	31	..	8	9	1,940
Indiana.....	341	44	3	2	9	.....	36	..	1	2	377
Indian Territory.	47	12	.....	.....	2	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	57
Iowa.....	5,283	284	211	175	62	11	247	..	29	52	5,530
Kansas.....	1,060	84	51	78	15	3	39	..	6	10	1,099
Kentucky.....	33	19	8	5	3	.....	19	..	1	1	52
Maine.....	443	20	6	6	7	5	8	..	3	.....	451
Maryland.....	17	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	21
Massachusetts ...	452	6	9	18	12	1	.....	16	4	2	436
Michigan.....	1,352	142	41	23	11	10	139	..	.....	.....	1,491
Minnesota.....	213	28	63	60	2	7	22	..	2	5	235
Mississippi.....	74	4	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	77
Missouri.....	3,080	358	239	164	49	8	376	.....	40	.....	3,456
Montana.....	122	4	8	1	1	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	132
Nebraska.....	1,058	76	44	65	13	7	35	..	6	16	1,093
Nevada.....	108	2	1	.....	4	.....	.....	1	.....	3	107
New Jersey.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
New Mexico.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
New York.....	97	11	10	5	1	1	14	.....	.....	.....	111
Ohio.....	655	34	13	39	13	4	11	..	4	5	666
Oregon.....	95	8	.....	2	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	97
Pennsylvania.....	373	6	1	4	4	3	.....	4	5	3	369
Rhode Island.....	233	12	9	6	2	.....	13	..	1	1	246
Tennessee.....	64	1	1	.....	3	2	.....	3	.....	.....	61
Texas.....	437	36	9	1	5	1	38	.....	.....	.....	475
Utah.....	536	12	13	3	5	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	553
Virginia.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
Washington.....	34	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	33
West Virginia ...	325	6	27	19	3	1	10	..	4	2	335
Wisconsin.....	309	34	2	3	.....	2	31	..	1	8	340
Wyoming.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
	25,368	1,722	910	884	307	103	1,378	40	101	192	26,706
		910		307			40				
				103							
Gross Gain.....		2,632					1,338				
Gross Loss.....		1,294		1,294							
Net Gain.....		1,338									

Occasionally a branch (or its officers) desires to "drop" names of those who are absent from the branch, or because some are in "bad standing," as the officers say on the reports. But this ought not to be done, especially as the General Conference has decided that all such names should be retained, and only removed by proper letters, or by the evildoers being dealt with in a legal manner. But it is provided that a branch may count up the absent ones and say on the report that so many are absent from the limits of the branch. As every branch has absentees, there is not so much difference as some think. Again, if all names of the absent ones were removed from branch records and taken to the "scattering record" new books would be required, the labor would be increased and much dissatisfaction would result. I hope that district presidents will faithfully see that the will of the body is carried out in this important matter.

Enrollment of elders, priests, teachers, and deacons in quorums. As Secretary of the Church I report having on hand the following names, as applicants for enrollment in quorums:—

ELDERS.—J. H. Adair, C. L. Albertson, Arthur Allen, N. L. Blakeley, C. M. Bootman, T. S. Brown, Thomas Burt, T. D. P. Cheney, David Crow, M. W. Culbertson, F. W. Curtis, John Davis, I. N. Delong, E. W. Depue, J. G. Dickenson, P. C. Fisher, C. M. Fulks, Daniel Garner, J. B. Gouldsmith, W. H. Griffin, John Harris, David Hopkins, R. B. Howlett, R. W. Hugill, J. H. Hunt, William Jaques, Thomas Jenkins, John Kaler, J. W. Kent, A. B. Kirkendall, James Knox, A. W. Kreibel, A. J. Layland, J. S. Lee, Edward McGurk, Nathaniel Miller, L. D. Morgan, J. A. Read, J. E. Rogerson, J. M. Scott, David Scott, S. P. Sherrill, Henry Sparling, Andrew Tabbut, David Thomas, James Thomas, Owen Thomas, D. E. Tucker, W. H. Vincent, Henry Way, J. L. Williams, T. W. Williams, G. M. L. Whitman, John Wilson.—52.

PRIESTS.—A. W. Buchanan, William Chapman, R. W. Davis, William Fligg, J. W. Gilbert, C. N. Hutchins, L. F. Johnson, Abram Jones, Alonzo E. Jones, Samuel Lovett, W. W. McLeod, T. H. Moore, C. H. Myers, D. L. Palsgrove, C. W. Parks, A. B. Pierce, S. C. Reynolds, G. W. Robley, F. P. Rogers, C. F. Scoville, J. I. Spencer, J. H. Tyrrell, Joseph Ward, Alpheus Wise.—22.

TEACHERS.—William Birk, W. N. Booth, S. D. Condit, Ebenezer Curry, Morgan Davis, E. M. Davis, J. W. Dumbauld, Pearl Dutcher, C. W. Earl, George Edwards, George Hampshire, W. A. Hardy, L. E. Hutchins, J. A. Kemp, J. F. McKenna, J. M. Mills, C. L. Monroe, C. C. Nelson, F. J. W. Ode, W. J. Rainey, J. T. Richards, J. T. Roberts, Thomas Shepherd, J. W. Sutton, William Talbot, A. R. Wilcox, S. D. Wilson.—26.

DEACONS.—J. M. Bass, D. S. Bowen, C. F. Church, W. B. Farley, R. R. Gaither, Charles Guinand, Geo. Houghton, M. R. Nelson, C. J. Nethercott, T. M. Parr, T. D. Raper, B. F. Renfro, J. H. Smith, L. D. Sherry, J. T. Williams.—15.

As required by the General Conference, all applications for admission into these quorums should be filed with the Church Secretary, before going into the hands of the quorums that need to be filled up, or new ones to be organized. These applications should contain the dates of birth and baptism, also of ordination, and where and by whom ordained, together with some statement of the labor being performed by the brethren so requesting to be enrolled. For the quorums in drawing the applications from my hands desire to know that those they take into those quorums are live and active ministers, laboring in branch, district, or mission work. I would say that this seems to be an opportune time for the organization of a quorum of deacons.

LOSSES FROM QUORUMS.

From the General Church Records and from the Secretary's Record of the quorums, as kept by me, I gather that the following losses have occurred in the various quorums:—

From the quorum of High Priests, two by death, namely, William H. Hazzledine and John Landers.

None from the quorum of Seventy.

From the First quorum of Elders, J. D. Craven by death.

From the Second quorum of Elders, G. W. Harlow by ordination as a high priest, C. A. Butterworth as a seventy, and Moses N. Eastman, Alvah North, and Henry Palmer by death. There are now ten vacancies in this quorum.

From the Third quorum of Elders, Levi Anthony and Elbert W. Cato by death. There are fourteen vacancies in this quorum.

From the Fourth quorum of Elders, J. J. Cornish by ordination as a seventy, and James B. Prettyman, Nicholas Taylor, and George C. Smith by death. There are ten vacancies in this quorum.

From the Fifth quorum of Elders, George S. Lincoln by ordination as a high priest, Emsley Curtis as a seventy, and John Richards by death. There is one vacancy in this quorum, the vacancies by ordination having been provided for by the quorum before the ordinations took place.

The First quorum of Priests has three vacancies.

The Second quorum of Priests has lost some by ordination, and has eight vacancies.

The Third quorum of Priests has lost several by ordination and has seven vacancies.

The First quorum of Teachers has six vacancies.

The Second quorum of Teachers has two vacancies.

MISSIONS AND DISTRICTS.

I give a summary of the progress and standing of those districts which have made report to me up to the time of making out that part of my Annual Report to the conference, as follows:—

Australian Mission.—No separate statistical report. Brn. J. W. Wight and C. A. Butterworth give statements of the condition of the work under their charge in Australia, as will be found in their ministry reports.

South Sea Islands.—During the past year nothing has been received from Tahiti or neighboring islands for the Church Record.

English Mission.—Elder Charles H. Caton of Birmingham, secretary and recorder of the mission, writes as follows: "I am glad to be able to report some progress. The names and items of baptisms sent you herewith do not represent the whole of the additions to our numbers by baptism. Some have been added at Leicester and Clay Cross, but the records are not yet complete. A branch has been organized at Leicester, and as soon as Bro. William Ecclestone and myself can complete the record, I will send you a copy of the same. The Manchester district shows the best in additions, it being a more favorable field, by far, than any other part of this country. With but few exceptions the spiritual condition of the work here is very good. As an illustration of the energy put forth by the brethren, I may mention the instance of the Hackney (London) branch:—

"They had notice to quit their meeting room, the owner wanting it for his own purpose. There were close by two houses, of five rooms each. They had for some time been used by a manufacturer of pottery. The brethren decided to make application to the owner of this property for leave to so alter one of them to make it suitable for a meeting room. He granted the privilege, so they took out the partition walls and floors, and threw it into one open room, capable of seating about one hundred and eighty persons. When I tell you there was only one brother, Henry Tabbiner, who had a practical knowledge of building, you will be able to appreciate the earnestness of the brethren. I may add that the brethren did the whole of the work in their spare time, that is, after they had put in nine or ten hours at their ordinary employment; beginning the work on the 19th of September, 1891, and finishing it January 9th, 1892. I had the pleasure of being present at the opening service, and of offering prayer to God that his Spirit might rest upon it, and that souls might be added to his church.

"In the city of Manchester, too, the Saints have obtained a more central and convenient meeting room, which they have furnished in a comfortable manner. I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing it; but from report, I learn that it is a progressive step. In Leeds they have also opened up a new place of meeting.

"In Birmingham we are about leasing for five years a chapel capable of

seating five hundred persons. We expect to move into it early this spring. It is a big undertaking, but we have confidence of success.

"From these things you will see we have reasonable grounds for expecting a good ingathering this year. May the blessing of God attend our effort. Our last conference requested me to again urge upon the Twelve and conference to continue Bro. Thomas Taylor in charge of this mission. I do so most cheerfully.

"There is one question that I wish to bring to the attention of the First Presidency and the Bishopric, namely, the incorporation of the church in this country. At present no real property can be held in the name of the church. If the branches appoint trustees, there is no legal title to property only so far as the individual is concerned, and unless personal idemnity is given and taken, there is no security to anyone. The branches in this country are fast acquiring property of one kind or another, and I am strongly of the opinion that the coming conference of the church in America would do well to take such steps that will effect the incorporation of the church in England. I shall be glad to be of any service possible in obtaining and giving such information as may be necessary for the purpose.

"Praying that the Spirit of God will be with the Saints in conference, and desiring your faith and prayers on behalf of my dear wife, who is suffering from cancer in the breast, that God in his mercy will heal her, I have the honor to be

Yours in bonds of love and hope,

"CHARLES HY. CATON, Sec. English Mission."

Welsh Mission.—Elder George Cope, recorder of the mission, writes from Cardiff, Wales, and reports a gain of five during the year, and a loss of eight; total number of members, according to his count, 139; but I have upon my books, standing to the credit of Wales, either in branches now existing, or of those disorganized, 184 members. Bro. Cope writes as follows:—

"I herewith forward to you the statistical report of the Welsh mission, also the changes in the various branches as they have occurred during year just passed. You will doubtless notice the ill success of this mission, which has been decaying for several years. Should the general authorities of the church decide to send an elder to labor here, I trust one who is not afraid of work, and who would push on the good cause will be sent. It is also desirable that he should have a knowledge of *Cymreag* (Welsh), as that is indispensable in this country.

"The mission here is composed of the various kinds found in the church, both wise and foolish being represented; and many whose names are still on the records have not attended any meetings for years, although some of these reside where a branch is near to them. I enclose letter received from Bro. Thomas Williams, secretary of Llanelly branch, which will give you some idea of the situation there. Please do not think that I am painting this worse than it is. It grieves me to see the mission in such a condition, and I would be pleased to have sent a more favorable account, but I do not believe in crying peace when there is no peace. At the same time I rejoice to say that some of the elders are awake to their duties, and are magnifying their callings to the salvation of souls; and I trust the future will open a work and a wonder here indeed, of which the church need not feel ashamed. The Welsh people were blessed to a marvelous extent when the gospel was first preached in the early days of the church. Thousands obeyed the gospel, and signs and wonders were manifested in abundance. Why not to-day? I solicit an interest in your faith and prayers that our heavenly Father may pour out his Spirit of truth in abundance upon this people. I believe it to be the unanimous desire of all the Saints in Wales that Bro. J. R. Gibbs be appointed in charge of the mission."

Scotland, Denmark, and Switzerland are not reported.

Hawaiian Islands.—Fifty persons have been baptized in and about Honolulu. Letters from Brn. Albert Haws and G. J. Waller will be read with the ministry reports.

Canada, Chatham District.—Contains 15 branches, with a membership of 513, including 46 of the ministry; 23 baptized; net gain, 10 members; George Green, president; J. H. Tyrrell, clerk. They report that the work of the gospel makes little progress, seemingly because the opposers no

longer openly oppose, and there is not that incentive upon our part that there was when opposition fired us with zeal to promulgate the truth.

Nova Scotia.—Two branches, 49 members, including 6 ministers; 7 baptized during the year; H. J. Davison, president; Harry Wood, clerk. Bro. Davison writes that they have passed through trials, but by them the faithful have been proven. Bro. Davison has been in the field all the year, and Bro. Sheehy was with them seven weeks. The work is surely gaining ground, and the prospects for growth are the best had yet since it was begun.

Northern Illinois.—Ten branches and eleven fragments; 840 members, including 77 officers; 14 added by baptism, 26 received by vote and letter; 26 removed by letter, 3 expelled, 8 died; 3 net gain. Henry Southwick, president; W. Vickery, clerk. The report says that there is no great activity manifested, hence not much progress.

Southeastern Illinois.—Eight branches, 481 members, including 48 of the ministry; 90 baptized, net gain 81 members. G. H. Hilliard, president; I. M. Smith, clerk. The cause is progressing better than it has done for several years past, and there are plenty of openings for preaching, the people being anxious to hear the word of God. Elders Hilliard, Etzenhouser, Smith, Daniels, Kelley, and Emsley Curtis have done much for the work, and Elder Gillen has visited them occasionally. Also some of the local elders, especially I. A. Morris and J. F. Henson, have done effective work during the past year. A branch of 33 members, all new converts, has been organized at Kibbie. These members were baptized by Bro. Emsley Curtis. [These baptisms were not reported in time for placing upon the Church Record.—H. A. S.]

Southern Indiana.—Eleven branches, 303 members, including 44 ministers; 48 baptized; net gain, 42 members; David Scott, president; S. C. Gruver, clerk. Most of the ministry labor has been by the General Conference appointees, though some of the local ministers have done well, particularly Elder George Jenkins. Some of the branches are progressing, some are medium, and others are dead; but, on the whole there is improvement, and Saints are learning their duties.

Iowa, Eastern.—Five branches, 194 members, including 20 of the ministry; 9 baptized; net gain, 6 members; J. S. Roth, president; J. W. Sutton, clerk. All the branches are said to be alive, and the district is doing well. There are calls for preaching and several promising fields have been opened the past year. Brethren Roth, Reynolds, Turner, Ruby, Sutton, Roush, and S. and J. B. Heide have done good work in the district; also Bro. J. Shippy in the northern portion converted numbers.

Iowa, Fremont.—Six branches, 449 members, including 45 ministers; 12 baptized; net gain, 11 members. Henry Kemp, president; T. A. Hougas, clerk. District in a fairly prosperous condition, as also are the branches, hence a steady advancement is being made. A tent meeting is held annually, in connection with the Pottawattamie district, and thereby the truth is spread abroad. Brn. Kemp and H. C. Bronson, and the local ministry, have labored. The Sunday school work is receiving more attention also.

Iowa, Galland's Grove.—Eight Branches, 723 members, including 74 ministers; 32 baptized; net gain, 25 members; W. W. Whiting, president; John Pett, clerk. District comprises twenty-one counties, and considering the territory, the laborers are few; yet the work is in fair condition, and the branches increasing in numbers and spirituality. Bro. H. O. Smith has labored faithfully, as also the local brethren, Whiting, Turner, Seddon, Pett, Salisbury, Hunt, Daniel, Baker, and others. But the General Conference is asked to take into consideration their need of having more than one minister appointed to that large field.

Iowa, Little Sioux.—Nine branches, 907 members, including 97 ministers; 42 baptized; net gain, 53 members. Labor of the general appointees has been effective, so also of district president and local laborers. Prospects are good. D. Chambers, president; A. M. Fyrando, secretary.

Iowa, Pottawattamie.—Five branches, 581 members, including 64 ministers; 44 baptized, net gain, 24 members. Besides the conference appointees several of the local ministry have done good work. The district is in good condition, though there is plenty of room for improvement. H. N. Hansen, president; Thomas Scott, clerk.

Kansas, Spring River.—Seven branches, 375 members, including 62 ministers; 31 baptized; net gain, 36 members. I. R. Ross, president; G. W. Hobart, clerk. This district includes one branch in Indian Territory, and two in Missouri. Brn. T. W. Smith, J. W. Gillen, James Caffall, T. J. Smith, D. S. Crawley, H. C. Hart, I. R. Ross, and others have labored, as well as the local ministry. Some difficulties exist, but there is hope of overcoming them.

Eastern Maine.—Eight branches, 305 members, including 32 ministers; 3 baptized; net loss, 1 member; J. Lakeman, president; I. N. Ames, clerk. Report says that two branches have been disorganized and that others ought to be; no report from them for years, and only the Olive branch holds regular meetings. Bro. J. C. Foss has labored in various places, and Brn. Luff, McDowell, Greene, and Lakeman have preached in Jonesport. Since Bro. Foss left there is not an active minister remaining.

Western Maine.—Five branches, 173 members, including 21 ministers; 16 baptized; net gain 11 members. W. G. Pert, president; E. H. Pert, clerk. District in very good condition. One new branch organized, and there are calls for preaching. Brn. Sheehy and Greene have labored most of the time there, and Brn. Kelley, McDowell, and others have called upon them as they journeyed; also Brn. G. W. Eaton, W. G. Pert, and local brethren have done some work.

Northern Minnesota.—Four branches, 168 members, including 20 ministers; 5 baptized; net gain 6 members. T. J. Martin, president; G. L. Jones, clerk. A fair amount of preaching has been done. Brn. J. Arthur Davies and I. N. Roberts have been with them some; also a reunion was held at Detroit last June. Bro. T. J. Martin has been very active in the work and Bro. P. C. Fisher has labored. Branch meetings are kept up quite regularly.

Missouri, Far West.—Eight branches, 654 members. T. W. Chatburn, president; C. P. Faul, clerk. With one or two exceptions the branches are doing well, and there has been a spiritual advancement with many of the Saints. They are striving to "come up higher." Bro. M. H. Forscutt has done an excellent work in Saint Joseph, Bro. J. T. Kinnaman has labored effectively, and since September Bro. T. W. Chatburn has accomplished much good. Also the local ministry have served faithfully in their places. The four branches in DeKalb county meet together on the first Sunday in each month holding a union service alternately in these branches. The Saints widen their associations and have spiritual feasts together.

Missouri, Central.—Four branches, 121 members, including 14 ministers and 32 scattering ones; 9 baptized, 4 net gain. D. E. Tucker, president; M. A. Trotter, clerk. The Carrollton and Missouri River branches are progressing and trying to advance the work. Wakenda is without any officers, and in the Alma branch there is inharmony and trouble. Brn. R. L. Ware and D. E. Tucker have done a great deal of preaching and other labor in the district. A great deal of prejudice has been removed through their efforts and those of the general appointees.

Missouri, Independence.—Six branches, 1,093 members; 101 baptized, 76 received, 42 removed, 4 expelled, 16 died; 115 net gain. J. A. Robinson, president; E. Etzenhouser, clerk. The branches are flourishing and the work in the district progressing finely. Of general appointees the laborers have been Brn. T. W. Smith, F. G. Pitt, I. N. White, Alfred White, Emsley Curtis, J. H. Wells, G. R. Wells, and John Kaler, also J. C. Foss and others have preached some in the district.

Missouri, Nodaway.—Four branches, 203 members, including 24 officials and 40 members not enrolled in branches. James Thomas, president; A. N. Byergo, clerk. Condition of the work is said to be very good, and branch officers generally are in the line of duty. The conference laborers have been Brn. W. E. Peak, M. P. Madison, and James Thomas; also R. M. Elvin did some preaching for them. □

Missouri, Northeast.—Three branches, 227 members, including 22 ministers; 14 baptized, 17 received, 20 removed, 1 died; 10 net gain. Duncan Campbell, president; William Chapman, clerk. The demands for preaching are more than can be supplied by the few laborers. The general appointees have been Brn. Duncan Campbell and Thomas Wellington, also

Bro. J. C. Foss was there a while. Local ministers have done what they could. Spiritual condition of the branches is only moderate.

Nebraska, Northern.—Five branches, 317 members, including 46 of the ministry. Jame Huff, clerk.

Nebraska, Central.—Four branches, 193 members, including 23 of the ministry and 30 not recorded in branches; 13 baptized; 5 net gain. W. M. Rumel, president; Levi Gamet, clerk. Occupying a region three hundred miles long and one hundred miles broad, the only regular laborer is Bro. Rumel, although Bro. Caffall has been with them a little, and J. E. Rogerson has labored locally. The field is said to need more attention and care than it has had in the past, both as to the branches and in preaching to the world.

Nebraska, Southern.—Eight branches, 542 members, including 65 ordained; 26 baptized, 14 received, 20 removed, 4 expelled, 3 died; net gain 13 members. J. W. Waldsmith, president; J. L. Diefendorf, clerk. The cause is progressing, although two of the branches are at a stand because they have no officers. Bro. Caffall has given much attention to this district the past year. Bro. C. H. Porter has devoted his entire time, as also J. W. Waldsmith since August. R. M. Elvin has been with them considerably; also R. C. Elvin, and Brn. Armstrong, Thompson, Peter Gouldsmith, Self, Bryant, Powell, and Moldrup have labored locally.

Southeastern Ohio and West Virginia.—Eighteen branches, 562 members, including 52 officers; 26 baptized, 9 received, 15 removed, 5 died, 1 expelled; 14 net gain. A. B. Kirkendall, clerk.

Texas, Southwestern.—Three branches, 140 members, including 16 of the ministry; 4 added, 6 lost; 2 net loss. L. L. Wight, president; O. D. Johnson, clerk. Spiritual condition of district said to be good, with a few exceptions. With some iniquity works. Brn. A. B. Moore and L. L. Wight have given their entire time to the gospel. Local brethren have labored some. The field is very large and the Saints widely separated, therefore it is a harder field than are some.

Missouri, St. Louis.—Four branches, 515 members, including 56 ordained; 18 baptized, 13 received, 24 removed, 12 died, 14 loss by error in last report; 9 net loss. W. O. Thomas, president; J. G. Smith, clerk.

Massachusetts.—Eleven branches, 672 members, including 83 of the ministry. F. M. Sheehy, president; G. H. Gates, clerk. The past year is said to have been one of unusual peace and prosperity. Some of the branches show marked progress and several new places for preaching have been opened, two of which give excellent promise of results.

Missouri, Clinton.—Six branches, 404 members, including 42 ordained; 11 baptized since the organization of the district on December 12th, 1891, or 107 net gain in these branches for the year, as I find from my records. Alfred White, president; D. C. White, clerk. The gospel work prospers and the future is promising. Brn. I. N. and Alfred White, Swenson, Floyd, Keck, Macrae, Gomer Wells and others have labored in the district.

I am pleased with the fact that nearly all the districts forwarded their reports before conference convened, and that all but fifty of the ministry appointed at last conference handed in theirs before the opening day. Also most of the credential certificates were sent in before the first of April, as should be done by all.

In conclusion I would say that the responsibilities, cares, and labors of my office are increasing year by year, and that I have withdrawn from district and missionary work that I may more fully attend to my office duties.

Your brother in the work,

H. A. STEBBINS,

General Church Secretary and Recorder.

HERALD OFFICE AUDITING.

The committee on auditing the Herald Office books and property reported as follows:—

Report of the Auditing Committee on Herald Office Books, Material, Buildings, and Accounts, for the period from March 16, 1890, to and including March 10, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Publishing and Bindery Departments..	\$24,100 31	
“ “ Accounts Current.....	44,728 54	
“ “ Bills Payable.....	5,325 00	
“ “ “ Receivable.....	660 60	
“ “ Interest.....	43 35	
		<u>\$74,857 80</u>
Cash on hand March 15th, 1890.....		846 17
Total Receipts and former Balance.....		<u>\$75,703 97</u>

EXPENDITURES.

To Expense Account.....	\$19,731 88	
“ Sundry and Petty Accounts.....	35,249 16	
“ Paper Account.....	5,458 28	
“ Printers' Material and Supplies.....	577 45	
“ Binding (to A. J. Cox & Co.).....	1,623 58	
“ Bindery Implements and Material.....	1,996 86	
“ Merchandise for 1892 (1891 included with Sundry Accounts).....	445 26	
“ Bills Payable.....	4,295 00	
“ Interest.....	1,081 44	
“ Real Estate Lots.....\$ 100 00 }		
“ “ “ Buildings.....4,429 56 }	4,529 56	
		<u>\$74,988 47</u>
Cash on hand March 10th, 1892.....		715 50
Total Expended and Cash on hand.....		<u>\$75,703 97</u>

ASSETS—(PRESENT VALUE).

In Editorial Department.....	\$413 25	
“ Bindery “.....	2,881 21	
“ Bookkeeper's “.....	369 45	
“ Press (Plant and Supplies).....	16,705 22	\$20,369 13
“ Store Department.....		2,084 61
“ Real Estate per former Report.....\$5,850 00 }		
“ “ “ New Buildings.....4,529 56 }	10,379 56	
“ Bills Receivable.....	579 18	
“ Accounts Receivable.....	3,837 31	
		<u>\$37,249 79</u>
Cash on hand March 10th, 1892.....		715 50
Total Amount Assets.....		<u>\$37,965 29</u>

LIABILITIES.

Bills Payable.....	\$4,430 00	
Accounts Payable.....	6,484 84	
		<u>\$10,914 84</u>
Amount of Assets above Liabilities.....		\$27,050 45

GAIN.

Assets above Liabilities in 1892.....	\$27,050 45
“ “ “ “ 1890.....	23,045 60
	<u>\$4,004 85</u>

W. N. ROBINSON,
MARK H. FORSCUTT, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH LUFF, } *Committee.*

LAMONI, Iowa, March 17th, 1892

To Messrs. President and Brethren of General Conference of 1892:—
We, your committee appointed to audit the Herald Office accounts, and

the property of the church represented therein, submit herewith our report of receipts, expenditures, assets, and liabilities, as result of our labor for the past eight days. We met at this place and commenced our work on March 9th, completing it to-day. The report embraces the business of the office for two years, lacking five days.

An inventory of the entire plant and material, with furniture in each department, shows a large increase in value, and a gain amounting in value to \$4,004.85. Your committee, however, apart from that which appears in the figures shown, begs to call attention to some questions they did not feel at liberty to decide, as follows:—

1st. Among the assets there appears an item of sixteen hundred and eighty (1,680) dollars, this being the value of the electro plates from which were printed what is known as "Tullidge's History of Joseph the Prophet." Upon investigation it was found that no edition of this work has been printed for about ten years, and none advertised for sale in Herald Office for three years. The actual value of these plates, merely as type metal, is about fifty (50) dollars, and unless some action is had by which the book shall become a source of income, that amount will represent fully the value of the plates as an asset.

Your committee offer no recommendation in regard to this matter, but simply announce the fact, as it appears to them.

2d. We also find that a possible resource, amounting to over seven thousand (7,000) dollars, which is made up of small amounts due for *Herald*, due on subscription not paid for during a number of years. The names of the parties owing these amounts have been stricken from the mailing lists, and your committee did not feel warranted in recognizing the seven thousand (7,000) dollars referred to as an asset in the accounts, hence it does not appear in the foregoing report; and should any portions of said amount be hereafter realized, it will appear in the nature of an actual gain.

W. N. ROBINSON,
MARK H. FORSCUTT, } *Committee.*
JOSEPH LUFF,

REPORT OF THE TWELVE—RECOMMENDATIONS.

The quorum of Twelve presented the following recommendations concerning sub-missionaries, Sunday school entertainments, and upon amendments to the Book of Rules:—

To the Presidency of the Church, and Elders, and Brethren in Conference Assembled:—

The quorum of the Twelve hereby report to you their action up to date. They have thus far held 17 sessions; eleven members are present. They have adopted the following preambles, and resolutions:—

1st. Whereas, a question has arisen in regard to the right of a missionary in charge to move a missionary placed under him from one subdivision of his field to another, after the General Conference has ratified his appointment to the first subdivision, and, Whereas, the missionary in charge is expected to direct the labor of all under him for the best good of the cause throughout his mission, Resolved, that in our opinion the authority is vested in the missionary in charge to make all such changes of the above character as in his judgment are necessary to advance the church work, and in so doing he does not violate the sense of the General Conference action regarding the missionary whose field of operation is thus changed.

2d. Resolved, that we recognize the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants as the only standard works of the church; and it is our opinion that every other book, pamphlet, or other publication, should simply rest upon its own merits, the church being responsible only for that which it authorized to be done, or which it accepts after it is done.

3d. Sunday school and branch entertainments:—

The young, middle-aged, and aged, are alike under obligations to shun the evils of the world, and adhere to the teachings of the word of God. They are not their own, but having been "bought with a price," they belong to Christ. That which is immoral in its tendency, or that which will in any-

wise interfere with the performance of duty as presented to us in the Sacred Word, or that which tends to prevent us from rising to that high standard of thought and action to which all the Saints of God should aspire, should be excluded from the entertainments held in different branches of the church. And we believe that the enactment of tragedies should be avoided, and that purely frivolous display, or farces which embody no moral, as a prominent feature, are improper.

While in the very nature of the case it is difficult, if not impracticable, for us to denounce in a wholesale manner any class of performances known by a specific name, yet we may safely condemn all that we are unable to harmonize with the teachings of the sacred books of the church: that is, the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants. 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. The exercises, however, should be of such a character as will tend to develop the latent powers of mind in the young, and those of riper years, imparting broader views of morality and social enjoyment, thus imparting that innocent pleasure which inspires those who possess it to reach still higher after all that is elevating and instructive. We are further of the opinion that those who are in charge of Sunday schools and branches where these entertainments are to be had, may with proper care, be qualified to choose between that which is innocent and beneficial, and that which is not. All should so live as to enjoy that measure of the spirit of truth which will prevent them from indulging in that which would lead them away from God.

4th. Action on Book of Rules:—

Whereas, we find certain portions of the "Rules of Order" to be in conflict with the Revelation of 1890, and Whereas, said conflict has occasioned difficulty in certain quarters, and is likely to cause trouble hereafter, Resolved, that we ask General Conference to order the following amendments; viz.:—

1. To strike out the last seven lines of section 4, and instead thereof insert the words, "organizations may be effected by the missionary in charge, or by the district president with the consent, knowledge, and direction of the missionary in charge, when circumstances prevent the latter from being present; or by order of the conferences."

2. By striking out the first sentence of section 11, and inserting the following words in the place thereof: "Districts should be organized by direction of the conferences, or by the personal presence and direction of the Twelve, or some member of that quorum who may be in charge, if practicable."

5th. Concerning baptism for the dead:—

Whereas, inquiry is being made concerning the teaching and practice of baptism for the dead, and, Whereas, we understand that the observance of said ordinance was prohibited for a time, by command of the Spirit, Resolved, that as a quorum we put ourselves on record as being ready to promulgate the doctrine as soon as the Lord shall so direct and enlighten us as to time, place, and conditions for its observance. Attest:

T. W. SMITH, *Secretary of Quorum.*

A letter from Elder Davis H. Bays was read and on motion was referred to the quorum of Seventy.

Certain preambles and resolutions concerning the withdrawal of members from the church were introduced and read by the First Presidency, these to be taken up when miscellaneous business is being considered.

Concerning the ministry reports upon the table, received for reading at this conference, it was moved that they be referred to a committee to condense the same. This was discussed, but the vote being taken the motion to refer was declared as lost.

By resolution the hour for the business sessions was fixed at one forty-five o'clock daily.

The evening appointment for preaching was filled by Bro. R. C. Evans of London, Canada. He was assisted by Bro. David Dancer of Lamoni, Iowa.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH.

At nine o'clock the Saints gathered for prayer and testimony, Brn. Robert Warnock of Utah, and Daniel Hougas of Iowa, having charge.

The morning sermon was preached by Bro. G. H. Hilliard of Illinois. He was assisted by Bro. E. A. Blakeslee of Michigan.

At the convening of the business session the hymn, "Come thou fount of every blessing" was sung, and Bro. Henry Kemp offered prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee on credentials added one item to their previous report.

Bro. Arthur Mills was chosen as organist, and Bro. Ralph Smith as his assistant.

MINISTRY REPORTS.

The following ministry reports were read, a portion of them by Secretary Stebbins, and a part by President Blair, namely:—

Joseph Smith, of the First Presidency, present:—

My labors during the last year have been as follows: At the close of the session I preached at Willoughby and Kirtland, Ohio, a few times, and on my way home spoke at Burlington and West Burlington, Iowa, three times. I left home June 10th for Detroit, Becker county, Minnesota, where I attended a reunion of the district, lasting from June 13th to the 21st inclusive; at which, in connection with Brn. A. H. Smith, I. N. Roberts, E. A. Davis, and others, I preached a number of times, and baptized two after the reunion. Preached at a schoolhouse near Bro. Wm. Nunn's, and at a tent pitched near Cormorant, at Pelican Lake, belonging to the district. It was here that I baptized. Other than this mission I have not been from home, except to attend the reunion at Logan, Iowa, where I preached but a few times. A number of times at Lamoni, and two or three times at Independence, completes the services I have held during the year.

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

During the past twelve months I have preached 97 sermons at different places, including Lamoni, Council Bluffs, Logan, Woodbine, Dow City, Gal-land's Grove, Deloit, Little Sioux, Magnolia, Persia, Six Mile Grove, Garner's Grove, Twelve Mile Grove, Moorhead, River Sioux, Crescent City—all in Iowa; also in Omaha, Nebraska, Buffalo Prairie, Millersburg, and Plano, Illinois, Galien, and East Jordan, Michigan, Knox, Indiana, Creola, Bierlyville, and Limerick, Ohio, Wheeling, West Virginia, Pittsburg, and Conneautville, Pennsylvania; attended seven district conferences, seven two-days meetings, assisted in dedicating churches at Moorhead, and Runnels, Iowa, and Sweet Home, Missouri, attended Logan Annual Reunion, engaged in debate five nights at East Jordan, Michigan, with Elder W. Watson, attended at Independence, Missouri, as witness in Temple Lot suit; have baptized some,

blessed some children, administered to many, assisted in confirming many, ordaining a number, including Geo. M. Scott, of Little Sioux, high priest, assisted by H. P. D. Chambers; reviewed "Anti-Mormon" in Burlington Daily *Hawkeye* (two numbers), assisted in preparing divers books and pamphlets, attended on duties of First Presidency, and performed much labor in the editorial department of *Herald*, besides assisting on Board of Publication.

The foregoing is a mere synopsis of my work in the ministry during the past twelve months. I am humbly grateful to the Lord for his sustaining grace and power through the Holy Spirit in all these labors, and to him be all the glory.

To my mind the church is now in the best condition it has ever enjoyed, and its future prospects were never so good as now.

A. H. Smith, of the Twelve, present:—

I have labored as a missionary in Minnesota, Illinois, and Wisconsin, in my appointed field; also in Eastern Iowa, by consent of Bro. J. R. Lambert, in charge of that field. Have baptized two during the year. Have ordained three to the office of elder; assisted in ordaining several others to the lesser priesthood; and have administered to the sick many times, the blessing following immediately in many instances; married one couple; officiating in all the offices of my ministry, feeling the blessed influences of the Spirit confirming my work. Have been blessed in the preaching of the word with greater liberty, if possible, than ever before. The clear impressions and admonition of the Spirit in its voice and testimony to me, in the work is, that the missionaries sent out by conference appointment should more diligently seek to open new fields, and avoid the hitherto beaten paths, and let the local authorities of branches and districts show themselves approved workmen before the Lord, in all diligence attending to their duties in their respective callings and fields, and God will prosper them in so doing. The work must be from house to house, and not simply from city to city.

So far as reported to me there is an advance all along the line, and the prospects are more encouraging than ever before. All is not peace in Zion and her environs, however. Much has yet to be done ere the mission work can be said to be in systematic working order. Some few of the old clouds still darken the horizon, but light is seen, and soon we shall be able to see the silver lining. Zion's cause is shining brighter and brighter, her army is enlarging and becoming more numerous. Her banners are fluttering in the breeze of many cities, towns, and hamlets in Joseph's blessed land; and where it is not now seen, it must be carried and unfurled by the soldiers of the Lord sent out as watchmen upon the towers of Zion. I have only words of praise and encouragement for those appointed to aid me in my mission field. The young men are making for themselves a record brilliant with the evidences of the approval of God in their ministry, and are becoming strong pillars in the work; for this I am thankful, and shall ever pray God to send many more such to aid in the good work so well begun. The system of reporting is such that the secretary of the church is able to report all gains, hence I shall not burden this report with report of others as to gains reported to me, but simply say, the work is onward, spreading out and taking root, and the people are beginning to recognize the fact that it has come to stay.

T. W. Smith, of the Twelve, present:—

Owing to the sickness of my departed companion and the building of our house, I did not do as much ministerial labor the past year as heretofore. I have preached 92 times, ordained with others, 1 seventy, Bro. Emsley Curtis, 1 elder, Bro. A. Allen, 1 priest, Bro. C. Depuy, and one teacher, Bro. J. W. Layton. I assisted in organizing a branch at Lee's Summit, and in organizing the Clinton district. I have visited and preached in the following branches: Independence, Kansas City, Armstrong, (Kansas,) Holden, Knobnoster, Rich Hill, Lowry City, Eldorado Springs, Webb City, Lee's Summit, Higbee, Bevier, Stewartsville, DeKalb, German Stewartsville, Pleasant Grove, and St. Joseph, in Missouri, and at Clarksville, Missouri,

where a branch may soon be formed. I have had, with but one exception, very good liberty in preaching. I take much pleasure in reporting that the labors of the different missionaries occupying the various sub-mission fields have been very faithfully performed, and success has attended their efforts.

So far as reported to me there has been up to date 80 baptized. A number of missionaries who have not reported directly to me have done some baptizing and other work. I believe that all General Conference appointees in this mission have labored faithfully, and with good results; and all are to be commended for their zeal and effective labors.

J. H. Lake, of the Twelve, present:—

I have preached wherever I had opportunity, baptized 18, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick whenever called on; also officiated in the marriage ceremony once, organized 1 branch, ordained 2 priests, assisted to ordain 1 priest, attended four district conferences. Have traveled and labored in the mission the best I could under the circumstances, and was fairly assisted by the missionary force appointed by the conference, also by the local officers of the branches of the mission. The mission needs more laborers. Prejudice is fleeing away, and there are more calls for preaching than we can fill. The mission has been well sustained financially, a goodly number added by baptism; only a few expelled from the church. God is giving his people favor, and in some places the people are placing them in offices of trust. I think I can report that most of the Saints are trying to overcome self and to prepare to reign with Christ and the redeemed.

I am not weary of laboring for the Master in helping to build up his kingdom and establish his righteousness on the earth. Hope to be sustained by the prayers of God's people.

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

I have preached 80 times, baptized 6; also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. In Leon preached 8 times, and, by request, took charge of one important business meeting, ordained 1 elder; spoke twice in Davis City; 16 times in Lamoni; Des Moines, 4 times, where, in connection with Bro. James McKiernan, I reorganized the branch, ordaining 1 priest; Newton, 3 times; Pleasanton, once; Henderson, 4 times; Logan, twice; Redding, 6 times; at three different places near Kingfisher, Oklahoma, 32 times. In Oklahoma, I believe, is found another opportunity for sacrifice, earnest labor, and the accomplishment of good.

In addition to the above, I have written, "What is Man?" a book of 244 pages, treating on the nature and destiny of man; have written replies to Elder Clark Braden's lectures on the Book of Mormon and the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. The review of his lecture on the Book of Mormon has been published, and the other is ready for publication. Both of these may be used by the church in whatever way she may determine, if found worthy and available. Some additional written controversy, together with administration to the sick, blessing of children, confirmation, and other similar duties, I mention but do not report.

The Iowa mission is in a fairly prosperous condition, though in some districts and branches plenty of room for improvement. The other missionaries assigned to this field have done good work, as a rule, and with but little exception, I have been able to labor harmoniously with them. My present condition and some of my surroundings are peculiar; but that which the Lord requires is what I desire to *know* and *do*.

James Caffall, of the Twelve, present:—

My entire time during the past conference year has been spent in ministerial labor in my assigned field. I have traveled extensively, yet have unavoidably unheeded some calls.

The work in Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado, is widening, with calls from New Mexico. With other duties, I have baptized, and assisted to confirm 21 persons, visiting and administering to the sick when called upon. That which I have done might have been more wisely done, but I have

sought to properly utilize time and opportunities. Have organized two branches.

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

I have traveled more extensively in the Eastern mission than during any previous year. Have preached in different places in the States of Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the Province of Nova Scotia, etc. Also rendered aid when needed to collaborators in the general work, local workers and organizations, and preached as opportunity offered to the world. Have sought to become extensively advised as to the needs of the mission and how to best serve its interests. The laborers have been insufficient in number to properly meet the demands of the work, but those appointed have rendered efficient aid to the cause. General church appointees and local officers and organizations have labored harmoniously together. There have been no disturbances in the church machinery in this regard at all. The interest in the work is increasing and extending. A decided improvement has been made among the Saints in some parts, and a better tone given to the cause in general, so that it becomes a pleasure to be able to report the mission as improved, in the best condition it has been in since my connection with it. Yet we have not quite reached the millennium. There are a few clouds upon the sky, some old scores unsettled in a few places, but the body moves on. Time is the best arbiter for some things, and some people think slowly, but with experience they sometime change their opinions.

There has been an increase in numerical strength by baptism and confirmation. We need more laborers to help take care of what we have and to extend the work in new places. We have many excellent Saints in the Eastern mission, earnest, zealous, and faithful. Every work designed as an aid to the cause is enlisted in enthusiastically; viz., Sabbath schools, reunions, church building, etc. As this has been Bro. Joseph F. McDowell's first year in the Eastern mission, it may be proper to say that he has done excellently. Bro. Holmes J. Davison is extending the work in Nova Scotia, and he needs a fellow-helper. In the administration of the word the Lord has signally blessed the preacher and the people. I have thus been sustained in my personal efforts, and feel encouraged to continue in the war until the end. Shall be quite contented to be continued in the same field of labor, although I am not disposed to pick out in special field.

The Saints in some parts of the mission are bearing heavy financial burdens, but time, with prosperity, will bring relief. I still feel a deep interest in the success and triumph of the cause we serve, as the surest means of bringing good to men.

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

I was detained a short time at Chicago, Illinois, from prosecuting the mission assigned me, in order to attend to some important matters in the interest of the church, which resulted in sounding the keynote of freedom which will emancipate the church there and the Northern Illinois district from the clouds that have darkened her fair name for many years; and I have reasons to congratulate you in the fact that the beginning of the end has been reached that will culminate in giving peace where distraction reigned. I have naught but pity for those who were in fault, and regret that so much valuable time was necessary to the accomplishment of the unpleasant task.

After this work in Chicago I spent most of the summer and winter in the Northern district of my mission, to the best of my ability. Bay City branches have also been unfortunately situated for years. East Bay City branch was disorganized by the voluntary resigning of all its officers; and a number of its members, through the good labors of Bro. Waterman, have united with the West Bay City branch, and I have no doubt brighter days are in store for the good Saints of that beautiful city.

There has been good work done in this district, but it has not escaped the trials incident to a hasty ingathering of many inexperienced souls into its embrace in *many places*. Two of my collaborators expressed dissatisfaction

with my ministrations in the mission, but that is only a matter of judgment that time will prove which is right.

Bro. Wm. Waterman is the only colaborer that has sent me a report of his work. Others have been untiring in their labors who no doubt have sent in their reports direct to this conference. I ordained Brn. J. J. Cornish and L. Phelps as per direction of General Conference to the office of seventy; also ordained R. E. Grant to the office of an elder, A. E. Wiltzie to the office of a teacher, and Wm. Naab to the office of a deacon. I have organized 2 branches and baptized 15 persons. With the exception, I think, of about one month or six weeks in Bay City, I averaged nearly a meeting a day during the year while in my mission. The force already there should be strengthened by able, experienced help, and great probabilities are before them.

With all the clouds that have at times hovered around me I have been especially blessed by the growth of spiritual light to cheer me on in the divine life and in presenting the word of God to my fellow man; and I can truly say I have never felt more secure in the hope of the ultimate triumph through the grace of our blessed Master, the Christ of God.

Joseph Luff, of the Twelve, present:—

Under the direction of the First Presidency I returned from last General Conference to the Eastern mission, and visited points in New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine, performing such ministerial work as was found necessary and practicable. Had reason to believe that the condition of some parts of the field was improved, as a result. After three months thus spent I started for the Rocky Mountain mission, calling at home on the way and spending some weeks there.

Arrived in Salt Lake City November 2d, and commenced operations at once, extending them southward as far as Springville, and then visited Malad in Idaho. The outlook in that field is better than ever before, according to my judgment. A strong force of laborers should be sent there, if possible, from this conference.

During the year I have baptized 22, and have tried to magnify my calling under all circumstances, as one who must finally answer to God and his Christ. Am still at the service of the church and subject to the Spirit's appointment.

H. C. Smith, of the Twelve, present:—

Since my last report I have preached 146 times, baptized 13, blessed 7 children, administered to 157 persons, and assisted in ordaining two high priests as directed by General Conference. Have traveled by rail 8,354 miles, by wagon 615 miles, on foot 284 miles, and by boat 330 miles. On my way to my field of labor I preached at Logan, Woodbine, Galland's Grove, and Magnolia, Iowa, also at Salt Lake City, Utah. I arrived in my field on May 8th, and from that time until August 1st labored in Washington and Oregon; since which I have labored in different parts of California. The Lord has blessed me in my ministrations, sometimes wondrously. I am glad to report the work on the Pacific Slope in better condition than at any time since I have been acquainted with it. The missionary force under me have all done nobly, all having taken the field and labored with acceptance except the missionaries assigned to Arizona, they having been hindered, but are now ready to prosecute that mission if continued. All of these laborers should be continued, and more sent if possible.

G. T. Griffiths, of the Twelve, present:—

Since our last session I have performed ministerial work in the mission assigned me, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. I have baptized 14, confirmed 15, blessed 10 children, ordained 2 elders, 2 priests, organized 3 branches, solemnized 1 marriage. The work in the mission is in a prosperous condition. The aspects for future labor and success were never brighter than now. The brethren of the ministry who were associated with me, M. H. Bond, L. W. Powell, T. W. Williams, James Moler, T. Matthews, D. L. Shinn, H. E. Moler, J. L. Goodrich, James

Brown, J. L. Bear, and Wm. H. Rhoads, have all endeavored to do their duty as ministers of Christ. The Saints and friends are anxious for their return. Bro. Blair's visit to our mission resulted in much good to the cause. His efforts were greatly appreciated by both Saints and friends.

J. W. Gillen, of the Twelve, present:—

During the conference year I have preached 180 times, baptized 31, solemnized one marriage, administered to the sick a great many times, and blessed a number of children. I have preached in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Iowa, Kansas; at Echo in the Cherokee Nation, and at Standley in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory; also in the Washington, Union, Eden, and Byrnsville branches in Indiana. There has been a greater number added to the church this conference year than in any former one since I have presided over the mission; and while the work is not in as prosperous condition as I could wish, the outlook is encouraging. We are becoming better understood by the outside world, and the Saints are awakening to the demands of the work, and to the nature of the duties and responsibility resting upon them as members of the "one body." As a rule the ministerial force in this mission have done all they could, with but few exceptions; but the field is too large for the number laboring therein. May the Lord open the way that many more may be sent in to occupy.

Charles Derry, of the High Priests, present:—

I have preached 115 times, blessed many children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have preached chiefly in Omaha, Nebraska, as desired by Elder Caffall, and agreed between Elders Lambert and Caffall, and in Council Bluffs, and other parts of Pottawattamie district, as appointed by Elder J. R. Lambert, missionary in charge. I have also had charge as missionary of the Little Sioux district; but my labors therein have not been extensive. At my urgent request Elder J. F. Mintun visited and preached some in Sioux City, and we hope to be able to do a permanent work there in the near future. The cause in the Little Sioux district is holding its own, and in some parts has prospered, but there is a silent but very dogged influence working against us in the shape of sectarian influence in every quarter; but it makes the faith of the Saints stronger, and tends to bind them in closer unity, hence the Lord brings good out of evil, and to him we give the glory.

Mark H. Forscutt, of the High Priests, present:—

I have attended and held 325 services, baptized 34, blessed nine children, and administered to the sick 133 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 5 times. With the exception of attending the General Conference, the reunion, and answering a few calls to preach funeral sermons, my labors have been confined altogether to the field assigned me, St. Joseph and suburbs, in which field I have labored constantly. I have not, for either pleasure, visiting, or family, missed a meeting in which duty required my presence. Poor health has at times detained me from some meetings; but nothing else during the past conference year. Only for funerals, calls to conduct the ceremonies of which the sympathies of my nature demand my response to, have I accepted any invitation outside of my appointed sphere. Under our present missionary system I have regarded, and do still regard it the duty of every conference appointee, whether of general or district conferences to confine his labors to the sphere allotted him, unless requested by his overseer in ministerial authority to extend those labors elsewhere. The close observance of this conviction as a rule of action for me is my explanation to beloved colaborers whose kind invitations I have declined to be practically honored by. The baptisms reported have all been in St. Joseph. Should I be retired from the public ministry, I shall carry with me into private life a consciousness of duty conscientiously done, though less successfully than I have desired; should I be retained in public service, I ask and shall need the prayers of God's elect in the hope of greater usefulness.

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

I have preached numerous times, baptized 6, asked the Lord to bless several children, and administered to the sick several times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. The String Prairie and Nauvoo district is composed of eight counties in Iowa, in which there are six branches organized at the following named places: Burlington, near New London, Keb, Farmington, Keokuk, and Montrose; all of which are in fair condition, the brethren feeling hopeful for the future. Two counties in Illinois, in which two branches are organized, Rock Creek and Pilot Grove, which reported at last quarterly conference, in fair condition. At our late conference held in Keokuk, we had a spiritual feast indeed.

By direction of President Joseph Smith, I preached during the month of August in Brown county, Illinois, and baptized two of the above number. This was by urgent call, made on President Smith by parties in Brown county. That field needs looking after, it being in the old disorganized Pittsfield district.

H. A. Stebbins, of the High Priests, present:—

My ministry work has been chiefly in the Decatur district. Labored in Lamoni, Leon, Davis City, Pleasanton, Greenville, Redding, Wirt, Centerville, and Forbush, in Iowa, and Allendale and Lone Rock in Missouri. On my way home from Kirtland last year, I preached in East Delavan and Springfield, in Wisconsin, in Chicago, Plano, Sandwich, and near Piper City, in Illinois, and in Burlington, and near Ottumwa, in Iowa. By invitation I attended the Kansas reunion in September, and preached when called upon. Also spoke in Blue Rapids, and near Everest, in Kansas, and in Independence and St. Joseph, Missouri, during the same trip. Baptized 18, blessed 17 children, officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times, and administered to the sick 207 times.

The necessities of my work as Church Secretary and Recorder have caused me to give up my charge over the Decatur district; but I shall expect to do what ministry service I can, such as time and health will permit, aside from other duties. As for nearly thirty years past, so I still hold that this is the Lord's work; and I desire to do the will of God, faithfully and in humility, while time yet remains to me.

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

I have preached 153 times, baptized 6, and administered to the sick 20 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I labored in the Far West district, Missouri, until April 4th, when I returned home. Since then I have labored mostly in the Little Sioux district, Iowa, under the direction of Elder Charles Derry, who will evidently report the condition of the work in that district. I have assisted in whatever ministerial work was necessary to be done as duty and necessity required. God has blessed me in my labors by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, which has made my heart glad, and for which I sincerely thank him. I have tried to do my duty in the fear of God. My highest aspiration is to preach the gospel of Christ.

If you deem it wise to continue me in the field, I shall esteem it a favor, on account of my large family, if you will assign me a field of labor as near home as wisdom and the Spirit of God shall dictate.

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

I have preached 57 times, baptized 17, blessed 20 children, and administered to the sick about 100 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Preached in Independence, Chicago, Rich Hill, Holden, Clinton, Henderson Grove, Lowry City, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Oak Grove, Council Bluffs, and Logan. Have acted as president of Independence branch, and vice president of Independence district, as chorister in Sunday school, and teacher of Doctrine and Covenants class, now in Compendium class, as editor of *Zion's Ensign*, and have written over 75 articles explanative of our faith. My work on the *Ensign* has been purely for the spread of the truth, and I have devoted what spare time I had in this direction, because I be-

lieved it directly in the line of my duty as a minister for Christ. Should the conference think otherwise, I respectfully ask it to so signify, as I do not wish to remain under the charge of "building up a private enterprise," nor be engaged in any work not directly in harmony with the wishes of the general body, whose interests I am trying to serve. I have been greatly blessed and sustained in my labors.

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

I have preached 141 times, baptized 29, blessed 15 children, and administered and assisted in administering to the sick 180 times. The first five months of this conference year I was at home, but did what I could for the cause, since which time I have labored in Eastern Nebraska, Western Iowa, and Northern Missouri. The Lord blessed me richly with the Holy Spirit while preaching the word, as also in administering to the sick, thus giving assurance of the care the Father has for his work. The Saints have usually treated me kindly, and extended a warm invitation to return. With the friendship of God and his people, I feel strengthened and encouraged, and am still willing to labor and sacrifice for the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The field is wide, and the harvest is great, and my soul loveth the work of the true and living God.

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

Since last conference I have labored in the vineyard of the Lord to the best of my ability, as God has helped me, have preached between 60 and 70 times, baptized 8, performed 2 marriage ceremonies, one in and the other out of the church, blessed 6 children, administered to 112 sick, some with instant healing, others with moderate blessings, for all of which I feel thankful to the Lord. Am willing to continue as long as the Lord wants me to; but if the brethren lay me on the shelf—as there are so many younger and more efficient men—I shall not be disappointed, and perhaps the Lord may thus ordain it.

I now have an excellent business situation offered me; financially it is a benefit, spiritually it is not. But it might soon place me in a situation to be self-sustaining in the field; and my family are becoming quite disgusted with being so dependent on the church, and a tax on it. I am making it a subject of prayer, and it will be all right.

C. G. Lanphear, of the High Priests, writes from Plano, Illinois:—

I have preached 12 times, and administered to the sick twice. From the fore part of last June till the latter part of October was in Plano, Illinois. Worked at carpentering pretty much through the summer season, preaching and assisting in the various usual ministerial services when so requested by the officials of the Plano branch. Was in the Unity branch, near Piper City, Ford county, Illinois, from about the first of November till February 10th. The bad condition of roads, sickness in the neighborhood, and other causes prevented having but few meetings while stopping there; preached 4 times however. Good sized and attentive audiences were had at the last two meetings, which were held shortly before leaving there.

Hiram Rathbun, of the High Priests, writes from Lansing, Michigan:—

I have preached 35 times, and administered to the sick 21 times. I have performed some ministerial work at Detroit. The Evergreen branch, Detroit, is growing, budding, blooming, and bearing fruit to the honor and glory of our heavenly Father. We pray it may continue in the way of well-doing till Jesus comes. I have labored some at Bangor, Michigan; preached fourteen times; quite a number are investigating this latter day work, and are favorably inclined. I have labored some at Dimondale; go there next Sabbath to attend to baptism. The work never looked more favorable there than now. I have labored some in Webberville; had large

congregations, and splendid attention. The people have been very friendly, and have manifested great anxiety for more preaching there. I have also labored some at home, in Lansing. There is as much if not more prospect of accomplishing good results here now as ever before on any previous occasion. Some are being peculiarly interested in the restored gospel. I have superintended the district conferences held this year at Knox, Indiana, and at Coldwater, Michigan. All seemed much pleased and interested in the progress of this latter day work. All the officials of the district are very zealous and active in their official callings, and seem to be believing, hopeful, and quite cheerful. I am trying to labor, love, and live so as to realize the truth of the promise, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

Duncan Campbell, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 113 times, baptized 4, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 49 times. I have labored in Howard, Randolph, Macon, and Mercer counties, Missouri, and Decatur, Iowa. I have opened new fields at Goff, Ashlock, Cox, Goldsbury, Bunce, and Bell, near Walnut. I have performed the duties of president of Northeastern Missouri district, of superintendent of Northeastern Missouri district Sunday school association, and by appointment of missionaries in charge, Joseph R. Lambert and T. W. Smith, had the oversight of the missionary work in my field of labor. During the year I have been ably assisted by Elder Thomas Wellington of the general force. Elders T. W. Smith and J. C. Foss also wrought in the district to the good of the work. Of the local workers, John T. Williams, Ephraim Rowland, and Francis Evans of Bevier, D. F. Winn, T. D. Williams, Wm. Vincent, Joseph Lilly, Wm. Chapman, and Jacob Waltenbaugh of Higbee, have done mission work outside of their respective branches. Elder J. B. Jarvis of Kansas also labored in the district and mission. The result of these labors has been the advancement of the work and the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

Columbus Scott, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 139 times, baptized 5, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 31 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. I have labored in Berrien, Van Buren, Cass, Eaton, and Branch counties, Michigan, Steuben and Stark counties, Indiana, and Paulding county, Ohio. When unable to procure suitable houses or halls in any locality visited, I took tracts and my Bible, and preached "from house to house," as did Paul of old; and thus were some awakend to an interest and investigation of the gospel. My labor for the last year has been less productive of immediate results than in former years, but news arrived ere I left the field of labor that others were reaping where I had sown. I rejoice in the advancement of the work everywhere through any and all the faithful laborers. Michigan and Northern Indiana mission is developing, and should be strongly supported with laborers; but its needs will no doubt be fully set before you by President Briggs, who has charge. I am as sanguine of the cause, and as anxious for its advancement as at any time past.

J. T. Davis, of the Seventy, present:—

I have labored in the field assigned me, Northeastern Kansas, to the best of my ability. Was blessed of the Master in my preaching and ministering in the various duties to the Saints and the world, and felt comforted and blessed in my work.

I. N. White, of the Seventy, present:—

I have baptized 41, have been a constant laborer in the Southwestern Missouri mission. Few years of past life have been of more note than this. Freedom in presenting the word and administering in the ordinances have been abundantly received when at all faithful. Feel free to continue in the work, and labor for the advance of truth. Thank God for his kind remembrance of me during the past year, and will hopefully enter into the work to accomplish his designs during the next conference year.

R. J. Anthony, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 109 times, blessed several children and administered to the sick a number of times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Have labored in Utah and Idaho, and on my return from Kirtland done some labor in Nebraska and Colorado. We feel sure the Lord has visibly manifested himself for good in the Rocky Mountain mission. I am still in the faith, and feel well in the work.

J. C. Foss, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 109 times, baptized 3, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 118 times. While in the state of Maine I preached 70 times in 14 different places, and once in Boston. I have also preached in 6 different places in Missouri since I returned home from the East. I have been wonderfully blessed in dispensing the word this past year, and I still offer my service to the Church of Jesus Christ.

James McKiernan, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached many times, baptized 6, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick many times. At Keb, Iowa, organized a branch and Sunday school. Montrose, preached and acted with court of elders. Des Moines, preached and assisted in reorganizing the branch and presiding over it. Rhodes, preached and acted with court of elders. During the past summer we used a gospel tent to great advantage, and were assisted by Brn J. S. Roth and C. E. Hand; have also preached at Newton, Sheridan, Richland Creek, Cedar Rapids, Boonesboro, Angus, Perry, Thompson schoolhouse, Oskaloosa, Beacon, What Cheer, Flaglers, Runnells, Cambridge, Keosauqua, and Farmington. Preached seven funeral sermons. The work is moving on fairly in this mission, and we have been ably assisted by Brn. J. S. Roth and O. B. Thomas. This is a large field, 27 counties in the center of the State, so we urge the propriety of augmenting the ministerial forces by sending others as your wisdom may direct.

E. M. Wildermuth, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 75 times, baptized 2, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 30 times. My labors have been confined mostly to Sandwich, Jericho, and Plano; though, in company with Elder F. M. Cooper, I have preached at Mission, Stavanger, and Sheridan. Most of the time have enjoyed good liberty in speaking. Have all the time been busily engaged in Sunday school and ministerial work. I feel hopeful and encouraged in the work. I wish also in the future to devote my life and time to gospel labor. If you think my services could be applied to better advantage in some other mission, I am at your disposal; otherwise, as I am acquainted with the situation of this Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin district, I would prefer this mission. All I ask from the church is my clothing and traveling expenses.

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

I have preached 58 times, baptized 6, blessed 18 children, and administered to the sick 69 times. I labored through the month of May, 1891, in Kansas City, Blue Springs, Lee's Summit, and Independence, and made arrangements with Bro. I. N. White to labor in the southern part of the State, such as Mountain Grove, North Fork, Willow Springs, Indian Creek, Burnham, and West Plains. I was blessed in my labors; ordained 1 elder, 1 priest, 1 teacher, and labored some with Brn. Sparling and Ward. Have been hindered considerably this year by sickness since the new year. Am still in the faith, and now able and willing to take the field again if the conference considers me worthy. I prefer to labor somewhere in the south.

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

I have preached 57 times, baptized 1, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 35 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored in St. Louis. Have preached 5 funeral sermons, assisted in confirming and blessing children, visited the Saints and tried to encourage

them; have been favored of the Lord. Have labored in Belleville, and in Cheltenham. Went to Franklin county, preached, and was favored of the Lord. I have been in Clay Center, have preached at Lone Rock, Ramey, also at High Point, Smith schoolhouse, Allendale, and Redding. Of course my work has been light at these last places, as my time has mostly been spent in St. Louis. I have talked with men in the city from Salt Lake, from Texas, and from different States, and have felt that it was not in vain. Have felt the responsibility of the work, and have been made to rejoice in defending it, and shall try to do the best I can to speed the glad news. Am satisfied no weapon formed will prevail against it.

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

I have baptized 3; have preached considerably, and in places too numerous to mention. The prevalent sickness, and much disagreeable weather and bad roads hindered some. The light and liberty of the Spirit aided, encouraged, sustained, upheld, strengthened, and bore me along in my missionary toil. Kind hearts entertained, cheering words solaced me, willing hands contributed to my comfort and support, and the footfalls of mercy have echoed in my hearing, thrilled my soul, and nerved my arm for the fierce battles and conflicts of life. I have administered quite often to the sick, and generally with visibly good results. I have blessed several little children, and otherwise tried to magnify my office and calling as an officer of the household of faith. I am hopeful of the outlook here, as well as elsewhere.

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

I have preached 197 times, baptized 1, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick 34 times. I have labored in Minnesota and Dakota; have preached in Becker, Otter Tail, Morrison, Hennepin, Dodge, Nickolett, Martin, Pipestone counties, Minnesota, and Marshall, Kingsbury, McCook counties, South Dakota. In all the above named counties and States I have opened up good places, and have reasons to believe that much good has been done in preparing the way for a large ingathering of souls. We need more workers in this large field. We cannot depend upon much help from local brethren, as they all are burdened with the cares of this world. Bro. J. Arthur Davis has labored faithfully and effectually in different places; we also had the assistance of E. E. Wheeler for a short time, for which I am thankful. The work is onward in this mission; more places open to us than we can fill. I hope and pray that conference will give us at least two more good workers. My labors have been most of them in new places. My heart and all is in the work. I desire to return to my present field.

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

From April 1st to March 15th I have preached 216 times, baptized 17, blessed 16 children, and administered to the sick 53 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 4 times. I have preached in Magnolia, Moorhead, Little Sioux, River Sioux, Turin, Woodbine, Missouri Valley, Logan, Persia, Mondamin, and Sioux City, in Johnson's Jones', Ash, Preston's, Steer Creek, and Beeman's schoolhouses, also at Six Mile and Garner's Grove. Attended other meetings, prayer meetings, where others preached, or when business of the church was done 93 times, 16 of which were prayer meetings, and at 47 of which I presided. Acting as district superintendent of the Little Sioux district Sunday school union, I attended 26 sessions of Sunday schools, and 5 sessions at Sunday school conventions. Wrote on church business 98 letters and postal cards. Attended 3 conferences of district, at 2 of which I acted as assistant secretary, and the other one as assistant president. By private labor 2 were added to the church on their original baptism. Assisted in confirming 21. Spent the most of 9 days on branch records. Acted as postmaster at reunion, also acted as registrar at same time. Ordained 3; two to office of elder, one to office of teacher. Wrote for publication 9 articles, acted in 2 courts of elders, where 5 brethren were tried. Of the 53 administered to, 43 reported immediate blessing received, and only 3 died of the disease for which they

were administered, and in both those cases they were relieved of pain, and ceased to suffer immediately. Contrast this experience with God with the acknowledgement of the best physicians, as to the per cent of loss with their patients, and I am led to say while my soul is filled with joy, "Praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men." Calls for preaching come from many sources.

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

Have labored continuously during the year, attending such duties as come under appointment given me last year. I have ministered in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Iowa, Missouri, and Nova Scotia. The work of the church in the East is onward and gaining favor. Our only or chief trouble is lack of ministers. I am in the faith and desire to continue.

A. H. Parsons, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 165 times, baptized 9, blessed 10 children, and administered to the sick 40 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. Having been assigned to labor in Kansas, and subsequently by Bro. James Caffall, missionary in charge, to the Northwestern and Northeastern districts, in charge, I began work immediately, rendering what assistance I could during the year to Brn. Guinand, Williams, Munns, and Gurwell, presiding elders of the branches in Northeastern district. I preached at Atchison, Good Intent, Iowa Point, Iola, Fanning, McGallard, Severance, Baker, Netawaka, and Highland Station. I attended the Northwestern reunion held near Clay Center, and participated in the exercises with the brethren in attendance. Visited Blue Rapids, preached a number of times in the town, and south seven miles, the year having been spent mostly in the Eastern district. In all these duties made incumbent on a traveling elder, I have been wonderfully blessed by the aid of the Holy Spirit, and feel more certain of the ultimate of the work than ever before and wish to be found doing my part as it shall please the Lord to direct.

Henry Kemp, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 208 times, baptized 6, blessed 20 children, and administered to the sick 50 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice, I have labored in the Fremont and Nodaway districts, according to appointment. The most of my labor has been in the Fremont district. I have never at any previous time enjoyed more of the Spirit in preaching the word and discharging the duties of my calling in general. Prospects for the future are good. Prejudice is fast giving way, and a more intellectual class of people are investigating our claims. In all my administrations the Spirit has attended. Am still willing to work in the Master's glorious cause.

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

I have preached 136 times, baptized 15, blessed 13 children, and administered to the sick. I have labored in Galien, New Troy, and Glendora, in Berrien county, Michigan, where I continued until about August 10th, considerable interest being manifested, especially at New Troy. Two were baptized in Galien. At Tawas, Iosco county, I preached a number of times to appreciative audiences, which resulted in the baptism of six, and convincing of some others of the truth of the great latter day work. I also preached in Oscoda, Bay Port, Brinton, East Jordan, and Cadillac, baptizing three at the latter place. From here I went to Bay City, where I preached a few times, then went to Grey county, Ontario, preaching at Holstein, Harriston, and Drew, baptizing three at Holstein. I also spent about three weeks in Stratford, and preached there as the way opened. In all this country, from Stratford north to Wiarton, splendid openings can be made by diligent labor. It is comparatively a new field. I also visited the Proton, Masonville, and Grand Valley branches, preaching and otherwise administering in the ordinances of the gospel as best I could. I baptized one at Masonville. I have tried to do the best I could under existing

circumstances, and wherever I have labored the Saints seem to be striving to observe the injunction. "Come up higher."

M. H. Bond, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 88 times, baptized 4, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have preached and performed ministerial work pertaining to my calling in Kirtland, Willoughby, Ashmont, Akron, Krumroy, Canton Blake's Mills, and Warren, Ohio, Wheeling, West Virginia, Conneautville, Penn Line, and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Have been unusually blessed in many ways. Have been enabled to feel the importance and worth of the heavenly and eternal parentage revealed unto me through the gospel restored in such a way, especially of late that I feel more than ever burdened with a fervent desire never by any act of mine to strain this most tender, wonderful, and exalted relationship. My greatest interests are now bound up in the gospel work and its proclamation. No hope or desire so great as that I may live an acceptable life unto God, and bring souls to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. If you see fit to appoint, am willing to labor anywhere; but my circumstances would best be served by reappointment to present field.

J. S. Roth, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached about 200 times, baptized 22, blessed about 20 children, and administered to the sick often, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. The most of my time was devoted to the Eastern Iowa district, opening some new points in the Northern part of the district. I was nobly assisted in my mission field by Brn. J. R. Sutton, J. B. Roush, J. B. Heide, C. C. Reynolds, also by Bro. Turner. Altogether we have made some good openings, with good prospects of an ingathering soon; for the field seems ripe, and it seems to me the hastening time has come. Eastern Iowa is in better condition than I ever saw it before. The young brethren above mentioned have done nobly for beginners, and I hope conference will continue them in the field. I also labored some in the Des Moines district, acted as Bishop's agent for the district. I have devoted my whole time in the field, except for a month now, I have been laid up with la grippe. If the Lord spares me, I desire to go on in this work, for I love it, and want to spend my life in it.

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

I have preached 139 times, baptized 13, blessed 10 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. My labors have been mainly in the Pottawattamie district, having preached in the several branches, and in some new places. The work is moving onward, and the way is opening up for the gospel to be preached in places that have not been reached in the past. I have also preached some among the Scandinavians, near Moorhead, Monona county, and also some at Silver City, Mills county. I have been constantly at work, and have received timely aid from the Giver of all good. I am willing to do what I can in the future, trusting that God will direct all according to his own wise purpose.

J. Alfred Davis, of the Seventy, present:—

I have baptized 6, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 18 times. I am glad to be able to report that the work in almost every locality where I have labored is growing in influence and in numbers; and I entertain the hope that it will so continue. Have effected some new openings for the preaching of the word, have held meetings with the isolated ones, sang and prayed with them, and exhorted them to good works.

J. L. Bear, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 23 times, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 16 times. As I had to arrange my temporal affairs I could not reach my field of labor till November 27th, therefore my report is small. I commenced missionary work under the direction of Bro. Gomer T. Griffiths, in

charge of mission, first at Wheeling, then at Glen Easton, West Virginia, New Philadelphia, Canton, Krumroy, Akron, and Kirtland, Ohio. In general I had good liberty in presenting the word, either in pulpit or fire-side preaching, and the Spirit bore witness that the seed sown will bring forth fruit in its time, especially at Canton, where there is a good prospect of some entering the kingdom, both of English and Germans; so also at other places, if the Saints who live there show by precept and example that they are followers of the Lamb. The German population is not easily reached, as they are so scattered and mixed up, and is a very small portion that cannot understand English, and besides we have nothing printed in the German language. I have only one German copy of the Voice of Warning, one Book of Mormon, which I loaned out at Canton, and one copy of a pamphlet of my own writing, which was loaned to a merchant in St. Joseph, Missouri. I am ready and willing to do all I can for the Master's cause.

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

I have preached 224 times, baptized 32, blessed 14 children, and administered to the sick 126 times. Our Father has been very kind to me, in that he has blessed me with splendid health, nearly all the year, and has bestowed upon me the Holy Spirit to a marked degree when occasion required. I have tried hard to do my duty, and am glad to be able to report that kind heaven has smiled upon my weak efforts. During the year I have tried to preach in Detroit and Galien, Michigan, Zone, Petrolia, St. Thomas, Waterford, Vanessa, London, St. Marys, Stratford, Clifford, Holstein, Proton, Masonville, Grand Valley, Cedar Valley, Toronto, Osborne, Cameron, Monmouth, Wilsonville, Pine Lake region, and Irondale, Canada. For a short time I was associated with Elder A. E. Mortimer and a young priest, Wm. Fligg. Bro. Fligg, if humble and faithful, may become a master workman for the Lord. Elder Mortimer is rapidly coming to the front as a preacher of the word. I found him a wise, humble, and earnest man.

By earnest request I permitted myself to again become president of London district. Since June conference I have endeavored to act in the above office to the best of my ability. This district has about one thousand members, and I assure you I have been busy. I am glad to report it in a fair condition. I have met with the president of the mission several times, and found in him a servant of God in every sense of the term. I am willing to labor "till the summons home be heard."

• *J. F. Burton*, of the Seventy, present:—

I have labored in my field, comprised of Northern and Central California districts, until the present time. Have attended 205 meetings, in which I preached 72 sermons. In my field there have been 57 persons baptized. I officiated in 18 cases, ordained 1 elder and 2 teachers, married 2 couples, and administered to 205 sick or afflicted persons. One new branch was organized, the Alma branch, of Altamont. Blessed a number of children, and in other ways attended to the duties devolving upon me. The church in my field is in a better and stronger condition than it has been since I became acquainted with it. Spiritually, governmentally, and financially, and an increasing desire of the people of this land to hear our faith. I feel firmer in the faith and doctrines of Christ, and surer of the triumph of the work, and of the nearness of the consummation of the work of the redemption of Zion than ever before, and desire to assist in the work required of the church by our Redeemer, and hope I may still be permitted to labor in the missionary field as wisdom may direct.

I. M. Smith, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 172 times, baptized 13, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. Have preached in Crawford, Richland, Clay, Wayne, Marion, White, Hamilton, Franklin, Saline, and Johnson counties, Illinois, as opportunity offered and interest seemed to justify. Did not visit Kentucky during the year. Had made my arrangements to start for that part of my field in September, but was called to St. Louis, Missouri, by Bro. Gillen. When through in St. Louis, it was thought best by those in charge

to labor in Southern Illinois, which I did. Am still willing to labor for the cause as may be thought best.

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

I have labored in the field assigned me until December, 1891; after that it was necessary for me to go to Philadelphia and labor there, also in Brooklyn, New York, and different places or counties in Pennsylvania, the rest of my time. Have been blessed in my labors in a marked degree, more calls for preaching than I could fill. Have opened up three new places with good interest, have baptized eight, and done other work made necessary by the law of God. Eastern Pennsylvania is ripe for the harvest, as well as other places. Have been well sustained by all good people. Am still in the faith, willing to labor for the cause of truth wherever duty calls me.

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

I have preached 86 to 90 times, baptized 4, confirmed 6, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 20 or 30 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Have held meetings at Knowlton, Van Wert, Leon, Des Moines, Runnells, and Ford; also Anstey, Decatur county, Watson, Brush Center, Pumptown, Ringgold county, and Powers, Polk county, schoolhouses. Have spoken once each at Allendale, Decatur City, Burlington, Lamoni, Avery church, 6 miles from Burlington, a schoolhouse 3 miles from Indianola, and one near Harding. Have assisted in nearly or quite as many more meetings, besides taking part in many social meetings. Have held two discussions, one of six sessions, and one of seven, on the spirit of man. I desire to continue in active service if still found worthy to bear a part of this ministry.

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

I have preached 146 times, baptized 48, blessed 13 children, and administered to the sick 36 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Assisted in 39 other meetings, held a discussion lasting four days of two sessions each, with a Christian minister, on the faith of each church. Labored in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, as wisdom directed. Have been blessed in my labors this year to a marked degree; can report the work in a better condition than it was a year ago. Am willing to labor wherever the Spirit of God may direct.

H. O. Smith, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 278 times, baptized 19, blessed 14 children, and administered to the sick 48 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored in the mission assigned, to the best of my ability, and in addition to my work in preaching the word, have sold over \$150.00 worth of church books, and have taken subscriptions for *Herald*, *Autumn Leaves* and *Hope* to the amount of about \$50.00. The work in my mission is much more prosperous than a year ago, and I have enjoyed the assistance of the Spirit to a marked degree.

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

I have preached at Chicago, Braidwood, Wilmington, Streator, Plano, Sandwich, Emmington, Piper City, Ladd, Coal City, Yates schoolhouse, Newark, Courtland, Mission, Sheridan, Morris, Illinois; Lyons, Walworth, and East Delavan, Wisconsin. Married one couple, administered to the sick, assisted in blessing children, and in confirming baptized believers.

L. W. Powell, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached many times, baptized 14, blessed several children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have been constantly engaged in the ministry during the last conference year. I have presided over the Pittsburg and Kirtland district during that time, and much of my time has been occupied with church work among the branches of the district. Aside from labor performed in this capacity, I have opened up a number of new places, introduc-

ing the work into new and interesting fields. I feel that I have met with good success in my work, and that the Lord has greatly blessed me in all my labors, for which I feel grateful. I have improved every opportunity to preach, and administered to the sick whenever called upon, many times with marked effects. I am encouraged in the work and desire to continue to the end.

R. Etzenhouser, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 150 times, baptized 8, blessed several children, and administered to the sick often, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I devoted as much time in my field in Southern Illinois and Southern Indiana, as was practicable. Attended the Lowry City reunion while home. Have tried to be diligent. In the closing months of the year's work I was blessed as never before in my ministry. I organized one branch, one Sunday school, and held one debate, in which I was most signally blessed; ordained one elder, one priest, one teacher, and one deacon. Twenty or more were baptized by others in the series of meetings held conjointly with them. I wish to continue my labors.

W. S. Pender, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 165 times, baptized 9, blessed children, and administered to the sick a few times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Immediately after General Conference, I labored a little longer than a month in Walworth county, Wisconsin, aiding in opening the work in a new place; thence to Northern Illinois, preaching at Mission, Streator, and Courtland. The balance of the year was spent in Wisconsin, principally in Grant, Richland, Monroe, and Barron counties. The opportunities for labor are ample and the prospects of the cause are good, all along the line.

S. J. Stone, of the Seventy, present:—

Have labored during the past year as circumstances permitted; preached 22 sermons, 1 funeral sermon, and acted as president of the Amboy branch. Have tried to do the best I could. Am still willing to do what I can.

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

I have baptized 8, blessed 1 child, and officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I labored most of last year in the Montana district. The work is improving in that part of the mission. The last few weeks of February I labored in the Idaho district, in the Malad Valley. I think quite an improvement is noticeable in the work there. The last of my labors in that mission was at Salt Lake City, during the conference held there on February 27th and 28th. Am sure the cause is improving, and the prospects are brighter now than for some time past. The calls for preaching have increased much of late. I am willing to labor wherever the conference thinks best.

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

During the past year I have preached 150 times, baptized 6, blessed 10 children, and administered to the sick when called upon. I have worked in the State of Minnesota for the past year; was blessed of the Lord. The outlook for the work is good.

W. E. Peak, of the Seventy, present:—

Since last report I have labored in my field, Nodaway, Missouri, and Fremont, Iowa, districts. Have preached 122 times, baptized 8, ordained 1 elder and 1 priest. Have been blessed in my work, and desire to continue.

J. W. Wight, of the Seventy, writes from Tuncurry, New South Wales:—

New Zealand may as well be stricken out of this mission unless the conference sends missionaries, as it is impossible to visit it and attend the re-

quirements here at the same time. Of the missionaries appointed last year, Bro. Sidney Wright did not arrive till late in July, and having taken up a selection of land, has ceased missionary labor. He will doubtless report. Bro. Trembath having purchased a farm, it has been impossible for him to labor, and will be for the coming year, unless he is prepared to report favorably. Bro. Avery ceased manual labor immediately on learning of his appointment, and has been a willing laborer and of great assistance. We shall expect his appointment for the coming year. Bro. Butterworth as usual has worked effectively, and though he "married a wife," it has served to stimulate his efforts rather than to retard his progress.

My labors summarized are as follows: Baptized 3, confirmed 10, ordained Bro. Butterworth a seventy as per resolution of your sitting at Kirtland, and ordained 1 teacher. Have traveled 5,171½ miles, preached 12 times, administered to the sick 27 times, and blessed 12 children. The total money received from all sources has been \$212.42, of which I have 12 cts. as yet unexpended. Taken into consideration the number of miles traveled, it has been the hardest financial year yet witnessed in Australia; still there is no cause for complaint.

If the church sees fit to appoint me to this field for another year, I am willing to remain until February, 1893, when I expect to return home. Bro. Avery and I have opened some new fields, with very flattering prospects for the future. So far as known there have been but 20 baptisms in the mission during the past year. It may be of interest to state that I have engaged in two newspaper controversies.

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

I have preached 165 times, baptized 8, administered to the sick a number of times with good results. Have labored continually in Victoria at the following places: Queensferry, Hastings, Somerville, Boneo, Connewarre, Moolap, Drysdale, Camperdown district, Strathbogie district, Melbourne, and other places. I have done considerable walking, but have no record only for my stay at Camperdown, at which place I walked 100 miles during 13 days, and preached every night. During all my labor I have been greatly assisted of the Lord, according to the promise, "Lo, I am with you," in my endeavors to propagate the truths that have become so dear to us. There has been some opposition in the way of false stories about myself and the cause, but I have spent no time in trying to hunt them down, but have applied myself to the ministry and my duty as far as I understood it.

I am sorry to say that the progress of the work has been hindered through lack of performance of duty and unwise steps of some in this district. I have distributed a goodly number of tracts and sold as many Voice of Warnings as I could get. They appear to be a great help in opening up the way, for there are so many that do not understand our position or mission in the world. They have heard nothing scarcely save the stories of the East and the horrors of the West, and it makes it difficult to get many to believe the truth. We hope to see an improvement in the development of character, and a more energizing spirit manifest among the Saints during the coming year than has ever been shown before, for the intimations are prevalent everywhere that our time is short for the redemption of Zion, and we must work while the day lasts. I have labored alone during the year, save in a discussion of four nights when I was assisted by Bro. Wight. I am willing to continue here or anywhere else if the church deems it necessary.

J. C. Clapp, of the Seventy, writes from Tulare City, California:—

I have preached 148 times, baptized 11, blessed 14 children. I labored in Northern California, Oregon, and Washington, and although in poor health some of the time, I feel that my labors were acknowledged and greatly blessed of the Lord. I did much more traveling than was profitable to the church, but the scattered Saints had not been visited for so long that I felt to visit all I could. Traveled over 4,000 miles, 320 of which was by wagon and 25 by steamboat. I have found a great desire to hear our doc-

trine in many places, and in some places a marked indifference; but I feel safe in saying that the work on the Pacific Slope as far as I am acquainted is moving on towards victory. I cannot support my family on what has been allowed them and send my children to school. I must therefore ask for aid or to be dismissed from the mission.

J. F. McDowell, of the Seventy, writes from Providence, Rhode Island:—

I have labored in the Eastern mission, having preached 143 times, assisted 15 times, held 8 other meetings, baptized 8, confirmed 8, ordained 1, blessed 6 children, administered to the sick 38 times, married 4 couples. In these labors I have been blessed, and felt encouraged in the good service of the Lord.

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

I have preached 128 times, baptized 14, blessed 9 children, and administered to the sick many times. I have labored in Burt, Madison, Antelope, Sheridan, and Dawes counties. There is a very good interest in Burt and Dawes counties, especially in Dawes. There are urgent calls from several points in this field where no preaching has been done as yet. I never knew a time when there was such a desire to hear us, and such an interest taken in our work as now; and I have never been blessed so much in my labors, as in the past year. To the Lord be all the praise. We feel assured that there will be a number of bright, intelligent people come into the church the coming year in this field if the proper labor is performed. I am acting as president of the Central Nebraska district. I still have all confidence in the work, and desire to continue defending it as long as I am sustained by the good Lord and the body.

A. J. Moore, of the Seventy, writes from Temple, Texas:—

I have baptized 15, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 74 times. I left home in May for my field of labor, and continued the work until the last of November, being called home on account of sickness. I soon obtained the advice of Bro. J. W. Gillen, missionary in charge, and the Presidency of the church, in regard to my return to Texas, and in harmony with the advice given I returned in January, accompanied by Bro. Marce Sorenson. We are doing the best we can. The work in some parts of the State is spreading. I feel pleased to see so many of the elders and members doing all they can. I am willing to continue the good work if thought best.

Thomas Daley, of the Seventy, writes from Altamont, California:—

I have labored in the States of Nevada and California, both Northern and Central districts. I have been greatly blessed and aided by the Saints and friends assisting me in my labors to build up the kingdom of our God. Our heavenly Father has stood by me on every occasion where I proclaimed his word. I have baptized 24, ordained 3, organized 1 branch, solemnized 1 marriage, blessed 1 child, administered to the sick 100 times with some very marked results. If your honorable body thinks it wisdom to appoint me to labor in California and Nevada, I should like it very much; however, God's will be done, not mine. I believe that I can give nearly if not quite all of my time this year, God being my helper.

U. W. Greene, of the Seventy, writes from Lisbon Falls, Maine:—

I have not kept record of the times preached, baptized 2, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick a number of times. Have labored in 16 different places in Washington, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Androscoggin, and Oxford counties, Maine, six different places in the Massachusetts dis-

trict, and in Brooklyn, New York. With few exceptions the work is progressing, and rapidly coming to the front in the estimation of many. It gives satisfaction to see popular churches and leading ministers indorsing the positions this church has occupied so many years. During the past year several new openings have been made where much interest is manifest. I also arranged for the organization of a branch with sixteen members, in Oxford county, Maine. During the year I have been blessed as never before in presenting the word; have received much comfort by the Holy Spirit's presence during the sorrow incident to sickness and death in our family. Am confident of the ultimate triumph of the work, and am willing to labor wherever the conference may see fit to send me.

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

I have preached 90 times, baptized 2, blessed 9 children, and administered to the sick 25 times, held and assisted other meetings 70 times. During the last conference year I have acted as president of the Southern Ohio and West Virginia district. This was the field assigned me by General Conference. Under Bro. G. T. Griffiths, I have labored in word and doctrine in the following counties: Meigs, Vinton, Hocking, Jackson, Highland, and Lawrence, Ohio; also Ritchie, and Wayne counties, West Virginia. As far as I am able to judge, the outlook was never better; and in looking back, I can see that prejudice is vanishing. I have thought it wisdom, after counseling with a number of the brethren, not to ask for a mission for the coming year on account of irritation of throat. But as in my report to the Twelve, if in case you should be directed to give me an appointment, subject to my reporting sometime during the year to the missionary in charge, of improved condition and fitness for the field, I would prefer Southeastern Ohio and West Virginia.

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

I have preached 177 times, baptized 31, blessed 12 children, and administered to the sick 62 times. I have made several openings in the following counties of Michigan, Midland, Charlevoix, Antrim, and Isabella; also labored some in Tuscola and Clare counties. I have been blessed in my labor; many who were opposed to the work are now friends, and some of them have truly manifested their friendship to me in a way which cannot soon be forgotten. Of late I have been laboring in the field of an opponent, Mr. Rogers, and have had good attendance and attention, and prejudice seems to be giving way. I desire to labor for the advancement of this good work.

J. A. Carpenter, of the Seventy, writes from Brown City, Michigan:—

I have preached 100 times, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 37 times. I have labored in Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties, Michigan. I have not labored as much as I have desired, because of sickness. I cannot take the field at present, but my desire is to do so as soon as the way opens.

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

I have preached 141 times, baptized 9, blessed some children, and administered to the sick often, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored in the mission assigned me at the last General Conference to the best of my ability, as directed by the missionary in charge. I have labored in Ohio in the counties of Jackson, Lawrence, Gallia, Vinton, Highland, Athens, Perry and Hocking; and in West Virginia, in the counties of Jackson, Ritchie, and Harrison; have opened up the work in several new places. Have tried to build wisely, and to instruct those baptized that they understand what is required of them. Am now laboring in Lawrence county, Ohio, and the way is opening up fairly for preaching, and there are more calls now than we can respond to. Am glad to say that I have had

better liberty this year than ever before. Feel well in the work and hope to continue to the end.

E. B. Morgan, of the Seventy, writes from Lucas, Iowa:—

I have preached several times, and administered to the sick a few times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Owing to the condition of things at home, I could not with any degree of certainty promise the church to engage in the active ministry or missionary work during the last conference year. However, in October I wrote, offering my service for the fall and winter months. The Bishop wrote me that the condition of the treasury would not admit of any more missionaries being sent out, which I think was commendable in him under the circumstances. I have done what I could, however, and am trying my utmost to liberate myself from business so that I can devote the whole of my time in the ministry.

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

On account of financial embarrassment from the loss of crop by drouth the year before, I asked for no special mission; however, feeling myself under obligations to do all I could, I have labored to that end. I have acted as teacher of the Denver branch, attending to other duties, preaching when called upon by the presiding officer, until early in July, when I moved into the mountains, but continued labor there. The chastening hand of my heavenly Father manifest in the loss of crops in two seasons by drouth and hail has spoken loudly to me in the past two years. Early in the spring I was clearly notified by the good Spirit to straighten up my temporal affairs and get ready for the ministry; but shortly afterwards suffered myself to be again overcharged with the cares of life. I fear to say to the conference that I am not ready to give my whole time to the ministry.

The following was received from the annual conference of the English mission and ordered placed upon the minutes:—

To the Annual Conference of April, 1892, of the Church in America, Greeting:—

At the annual conference of the English mission, held August 1st, 2d, and 3d, 1891, at Manchester, a vote of thanks was accorded for the kind manner in which the church responded to the petition of this mission in April, 1891.

Yours in bonds,

C. H. CATON, Secretary of English Mission.

A petition from the branch at Detroit, Michigan, to be placed with the Chatham district, Canada, because of alleged contiguity to said district, was read and referred to Brn. J. H. Lake, R. C. Evans, and E. C. Briggs to examine and report.

A petition from the Chicago branch was read. It was moved to refer it to a committee of three to examine and report. This was discussed, and was followed by a motion to lay it upon the table, which prevailed.

A petition from the Des Moines district for the appointment of Brn. O. B. Thomas, James McKiernan, J. S. Roth, and N. A. Baker to that field was referred to the quorum of Twelve, as was also one from Coldwater, Michigan, for the return of Bro. Leonard Scott to that region.

A resolution concerning the publication of ministry reports was read, as also one providing for the representation of the church at the Columbian Exposition of 1893.

The report of Bro. E. L. Kelley, the Bishop of the church, was received, and for auditing was referred to Brn. M. H. Forscutt, A. S. Cochran, and Robert Warnock.

Secretary Stebbins read the roll of the *ex officio* members of

the conference, showing 2 of the First Presidency, 11 of the Apostles, 25 High Priests, 42 of the Seventy, and 84 Elders, as follows:—

FIRST PRESIDENCY.

Joseph Smith

W. W. Blair

APOSTLES.

A. H. Smith	E. C. Briggs	T. W. Smith	J. H. Lake
James Caffall	W. H. Kelley	J. R. Lambert	Joseph Luff
Heman C. Smith	J. W. Gillen	G. T. Griffiths.—11.	

HIGH PRIESTS.

Charles Derry	M. H. Forscutt	H. A. Stebbins	J. C. Crabb
David Dancer	J. H. Peters	F. G. Pitt	J. A. Robinson
C. E. Butterworth	E. L. Kelley	John Chisnall	A. S. Cochran
James Whitehead	I. L. Rogers	G. M. Scott	R. M. Elvin
George Derry	R. C. B. Elvin	J. W. Waldsmith	David Chambers
William Anderson	S. S. Wilcox	James Anderson	C. A. Beebe
Hiram Rathbun.—25.			

SEVENTY.

Duncan Campbell	Columbus Scott	I. N. White	R. J. Anthony
J. C. Foss	Jas. McKiernan	E. M. Wildermuth	J. H. Thomas
C. H. Jones	M. T. Short	I. N. Roberts	J. F. Mintun
W. T. Bozarth	J. L. Bear	W. J. Smith	A. H. Parsons
Henry Kemp	M. H. Bond	F. M. Sheehy	R. C. Evans
Peter Anderson	R. S. Salyards	J. F. Burton	G. H. Hilliard
I. M. Smith	M. M. Turpen	F. M. Cooper	H. N. Hansen
H. H. Robinson	O. B. Thomas	H. O. Smith	L. W. Powell
R. Etzenhouser	Emsley Curtis	John T. Davis	J. Alfred Davis
Evan A. Davis	J. Arthur Davis	S. J. Stone	J. S. Roth
W. S. Pender	W. E. Peak.—42.		

ELDERS.

J. W. Brackenbury	Geo. Hicklin	James Kemp	S. O. Waddell
Alfred White	William Newton	A. B. Moore	B. F. Durfee
T. E. Lloyd	Joseph Emmett	Albert Bishop	Senterlow Butler
T. W. Chatburn	Josiah Curtis	D. S. Crawley	O. P. Sutherland
Edwin Stafford	O. J. Bailey	E. E. Bradley	Edgar Harrington
E. W. Nunley	Richard Preator	C. G. Gould	J. H. Lee
Henry Southwick	J. D. Erwin	Wm. Waterman	Thos. Wellington
T. W. Williams	W. S. Taylor	J. M. Terry	C. R. Duncan
Ethan Barrows	J. H. Wells	John Shippy	D. E. Tucker
Robert Warnock	E. A. Blakeslee	H. R. Harder	I. P. Baggerley
J. W. Peterson	Alex. C. Hart	George Hayward	John Kaler
C. J. Anderson	Wm. Chambers	J. L. Terry	D. M. Rudd
W. McGahan	I. N. W. Cooper	G. W. Shute	Daniel Hougas
Henry Way	W. O. Thomas	J. T. Williams	Myron Haskins
E. J. Robinson	James Thomas	William Chapman	William Powell
John Hawley	Josh. Armstrong	G. E. Deuel	William Leeka
M. P. Madison	T. J. Franklin	E. L. Page	C. J. Spurlock
W. M. Self	Henry Sparling	Arthur Allen	W. H. Griffin
John Johnson	C. J. Hunt	G. M. L. Whitman	C. Christiansen
J. S. Gable	J. T. Kinnaman	G. H. Hulmes	Leonard Scott
D. E. Powell	John Burlington	J. M. Terry	T. Worrell.—84.

Grand total, 164 *ex officio*s.

Appointments were made for preaching and prayer services, and for the meeting of various quorums to-morrow morning.

The evening sermon was by Bro. J. F. Burton of San Benito, California. He was assisted by Bro. J. D. Erwin of Manchester, Texas.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH.

The morning prayer service was in charge of Brn. H. N. Hansen of Weston, Iowa, and S. J. Stone of Amboy, Illinois. The sermon that followed was by Bro. J. W. Peterson of Wisconsin. He was assisted by Bro. William Newton of Kansas City, Kansas.

The business session was opened by singing, "The morning breaks, the shadows flee." Prayer by Bro. Heman C. Smith. Minutes of yesterday's sessions read.

The committee on auditing the Bishop's books reported as follows:—

We, your committee, appointed to audit the Bishop's report, herewith return said report; and, having carefully compared its several accounts with the account books kept by the Bishop, and submitted to us, we take pleasure in submitting said report as correct.

Respectfully,

MARK H. FORSCUTT,
ASA S. COCHRAN,
R. WARNOCK, } Committee.

The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

MINISTRY REPORTS.

The following ministry reports were read:—

Peter Anderson, of the Seventy, present:—

I have preached 83 times, baptized 5, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick many times. I labored in Utah till fall since which time I have labored in Western Iowa, mainly in the Pottawattamie district. Feel well in the work, and hope to continue to labor in harmony with it.

Emsley Curtis, of the Seventy, present:—

I have labored in the field assigned me until December 26th, since which time, by consent of T. W. Smith, in charge of Missouri, and A. H. Smith, president of Twelve I have labored in Illinois. While laboring in Missouri, I was assisted by Bro. A. J. Keck, who promises to become an able defender of the truth. While in Illinois I labored alone with the exception of the last ten days, when Bro. G. H. Hilliard joined me. During the year I have preached 164 times, baptized 57, held an eight nights discussion with J. D. Moulden, confirmed 38, administered to the sick often with good results, blessed 4 children, married 2 couple, ordained 1 elder, one teacher, and assisted in organizing the Kibbie branch. Never was assisted more by the Spirit; have not lacked for anything, and to God be all the glory. I feel well in the work, and intend to continue for life.

Thomas Taylor, elder in charge of the English mission, writes from Birmingham, England:—

I have officiated in most of the ordinances, and more especially the administering to the sick, as there is a great deal of sickness and many deaths in this country; and the Saints do not escape the sickness, but very few have been taken by death, for which we feel very thankful. 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 in which they are placed, and we are looking forward for better times. I am willing to do all I can for the furtherance of the work.

John R. Gibbs, elder, representing the Welsh mission, writes from Morriston, Wales:—

I may remind you that the work in Wales is still alive, although its progress in the past year has been very slow. The Spirit of the Lord is with us, and our meetings are attended with its heavenly joy. Four of our aged elders have fallen asleep during the past year, which is a considerable loss to the mission. The Eastern district of this mission is in a rather low state, and my time is so limited that I cannot do justice with the work there, the Sabbath being my only spare time. In the Western district, in which I reside, I am able to do more, and the work there is in a fair condition. We have some able elders here, but they are so scattered that they cannot very easily cooperate in the prosecution of the work. The prejudice caused by the recent attacks against Mormonism, and which has greatly tended to suppress the progress of the work in Wales, is now gradually clearing off, and we hope in future to see better times.

Albert Haws, elder, writes from Oakland, California:—

I have preached often, baptized 44, blessed 19 children, and assisted in administering to the sick 10 or 15 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 5 times. I also taught Bible class all the time I was in Honolulu. My mission was the Hawaiian Islands. Was abundantly blessed in all my labors, and many times the way was miraculously opened before us. I left because of bad health; the work was in a prosperous condition. Am better now, and want to labor as the conference may direct; but would prefer, if permitted to suggest, to labor in this district if there is a tent provided as there is talk of at present. My next choice would be Oregon and Washington, and I would like very much to have some young elder or priest go with me into that part of the country. My faith and confidence in the present and ultimate results of the latter day work are unshaken.

G. J. Waller, elder, writes from Honolulu:—

I have preached many times, baptized 5, confirmed together with Elder Haws 41 persons, alone 4 persons, blessed, with Elder Haws, 18 children, alone 2; have administered to the sick many times, and with good results; also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I labored in conjunction with Elder Haws until his departure for California on December 7th. Since then I have been alone. During the past year there have been brought into the fold here, altogether 49 souls, 46 before Elder Haws left, and 3 since. Our labors have been confined entirely to the city of Honolulu.

With the work as a whole I am well satisfied, for the majority of the Saints here are standing firm and are making good progress. Our meetings lately have been greatly blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit, which has encouraged and caused us to rejoice many times. I am anxious and willing to do all I can for the work here, but as my time is limited, it is necessary that some one should be sent as soon as possible, who can devote their whole time to the ministry.

J. M. Poepoe, a native brother who has been ordained to the priest's office, has done much towards advancing the work here. He is an able defender of the doctrine, is a faithful man, and it would be well if the church could arrange to put him into the field to labor.

Alfred White, elder, present:—

I have preached 163 times, baptized 3, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 61 times. In April and May labored in Wright and Howell counties, Missouri, assisted by Elder B. A. Atwell and Priest Henry Sparling, which labors resulted in bringing twenty-two souls into the church. The rest of my labors have principally been in Henry, St. Clair, Cedar, and Vernon counties. Helped to organize one branch; acted as Bishop's agent in the Independence district till same was divided, then acted as agent in the Clinton district. Preaching mostly in the branches or near them; also acted as the president of the Clinton district. My labors have been reasonably successful. Have been much blessed in spirit while delivering the

word. Many more calls than able to fill. Wish to continue in the field if thought wise by the appointing power.

James Kemp, elder, present:—

I have preached 59 times, baptized 12, blessed 16 children, administered to the sick 13 times. Since the last General Conference I have labored in six different counties—Jefferson, Colorado, where we have a branch and a church, and have had pretty good congregations most of the time; in Arapahoe county, in Denver, Brighton, and at a schoolhouse four miles north of Denver. I then went to Sterling, Logan county, with Bro. C. R. Duncan. We held meetings in a schoolhouse east of town, for about a week; and we think good was accomplished. I next went to Hastings, Las Animas county. I next went to Coal Creek, Fremont county, where I was granted the use of the Congregational church. We preached there for about a week and baptized one. I then went to Montrose county, to a place called Brown post office, held meetings there for two weeks, and baptized 11, and left others believing. Had good congregations all the time, and the people are very anxious to have me or some other elder come back again.

I am ready and willing to take the field for next year if the church is able to help support my family, and if not, I am willing to labor as circumstances permit. I am happy to say that the work in Colorado is now standing on a more solid foundation than ever before since I have known it, and I believe will now go ahead in this State, providing we can have some missionaries appointed to carry it on. I ordained one teacher and organized a Sunday school in Montrose county.

J. T. Kinnaman, elder, present:—

I have preached 71 times, baptized 7, confirmed 8, blessed 26 children, and administered to the sick 31 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have preached at Fairview schoolhouse in Grundy county, Missouri, and at district number one, with good liberty, especially at Fairview, full houses, patient listeners, at Kingston, Caldwell county. I have preached some at Bonanza, a little town four miles east of Kingston, and at the Delano branch, near Cameron, and also at Stewartsville, Pleasant Grove church, German Stewartsville church, DeKalb church, St. Joseph, and Edgerton Junction, Platt county, Missouri, where there is a good interest manifested, and others near the kingdom. There are more calls for preaching than we can fill. Bro. T. W. Chatburn and I are all the missionaries in our district. M. H. Forscutt is in St. Joseph and has done a good work there. I am willing to labor on as usual in my district.

T. W. Chatburn, elder, present:—

I have labored in this field assigned me, Far West district, to the best of my ability. I did not take the field until the first day of September, for good and sufficient reasons, which were not known to me in April. On arriving here I was greatly discouraged; to-day, however, I feel encouraged, and may be indulged in the thought of doing fairly well for me. I have preached 112 times, baptized 25, ordained 1 elder, 1 priest, and 2 teachers, administered to the sick 35 times. My labors have been confined to the vicinity of Cameron, Kingston, and Clarksdale; have not yet gone nearly over the district. Have not had time. During the seven months in the field have put in my entire time, only spending five days at home (Christmas) in the seven months. I have been ably assisted by some of the brethren, and especially so by faithful prayers of brethren and sisters that have done so much to uplift my feeble hands; and in consequence the Lord has given me power to enlighten the darkened minds and give peace to the wearied souls. Calls for preaching on every hand. I am the president of district at the present. Know of nothing to prevent me from continuing in this field, or taking any other as the conference may direct.

C. R. Duncan, elder, present:—

During the past year I have labored in the field assigned me to the best of my ability. My labors have been confined mostly to the city of Denver.

I have preached 134 times, baptized 5, confirmed 11, blessed 4 children, administered to the sick 69 times, ordained one priest. Am hopeful of the final triumph of the cause. I also held one public discussion of nine evenings with a Seventh-day Adventist.

Thomas Wellington, elder, present:—

I have preached 207 times, baptized 4, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 80 times. I have labored as I was appointed, in Northeastern Missouri district, at Higbee, Burtin, Passom college, Wilson schoolhouse, White Oaks, Bevier, Ardmore, Salt River, Ashlock schoolhouse, Gouldsberg church, and at Middlefork, and Eastfork, and at Bearthicket, Missouri. While I was in Iowa I preached at the following places: Leon, Davis City, Lamoni, Terre Haute, Jack Wood schoolhouse, and Centerville. I have enjoyed excellent liberty, never felt better in the work, and have the confidence of the friends and Saints where I have labored. I desire to be sustained in the field, and will labor where the Spirit directs.

G. W. Shute, elder, present:—

I have preached 123 times, baptized 10, blessed 10 children, and administered to the sick many times. I have preached in ten counties, presided over the district, opened several new places for preaching; have been well received in all places where I have attempted to administer the word, and especially in Thomas, Graham, and Norton counties, where I have labored since January. I think my labors have been blessed in making friends for the cause. Prejudice is giving way to investigation; many are near the kingdom; calls on every hand for preaching. I have labored continually, except five weeks when I was prostrated with la grippe. I am not discouraged, but desire to continue.

I. P. Baggerley, elder, present:—

I have preached 120 times, baptized 2, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 7 times. I have labored in Southern Indiana and Kentucky, in the counties of Pike, Dubois, Crawford, and Perry in Indiana; Breckenridge county, Kentucky. Labored in various places in those counties from April 22d, till January 15th, when I was transferred to Southern Iowa. I have labored in Decatur county, at the New Buda schoolhouse principally, and at Davis City; also in Harrison county, Missouri. In Southern Indiana the work is widening slowly; has many that are friendly to its progress, and many enemies. I feel confident that an advance step will be taken by many at no distant day. In consequence of the Utah heresy, our progress has been slow; but thanks to our heavenly Father, the mists are lifting, and soon we will see the fruits of our labor. I feel encouraged to still hold on to the "rod of iron that leads to the tree of life."

John Shippy, elder, present:—

I have preached 112 times, baptized 8, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored at Cainsville, Blythedale, Pawnee, Ramey schoolhouse, High Point, Lone Rock schoolhouse, Allendale branch, Lamoni, Greenville branch, Davis City, Redding, Knowlton, Wirt, Forbush, Keb branch, Osterdock, Grove Hill, Beal's schoolhouse, in the Methodist Evangelical church in Sumner, Petermori schoolhouse, Brooks, and Corn Hill schoolhouse, and in the M. E. church in Brush Creek. The last 5 places are entirely new openings made by myself, where I left many believing, and I think will yet obey if that part of the field is properly cared for. The foregoing places are in Northern Missouri, Southern, Central, and Northern Iowa. I also left many believing in Keb, and some in other places. My desire is still to work for the Master's cause, therefore am at your disposal to labor where you see fit, but think I could do the most good by being returned to the same field assigned me last year; viz., Northern Missouri and Iowa, which would be my choice, as many desire me to be returned, and that seems to be the "Macedonian Crv." There are other new openings which I intend to make provided I am returned.

H. R. Harder, elder, present:—

I have preached 120 times, baptized 2, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 41 times. I labored in Nodaway district, as per appointment, till October 10th, 1891, having held in that time about 40 services, when circumstances became such that I had to be nearer home, and with consent of the missionaries in charge I was permitted to transfer my labors to the Decatur district, where I have since labored to the best of my ability. I am satisfied that we are engaged in the work of God; and that which will have proved of greatest importance at the end will be that we have continued in it.

E. W. Nunley, elder, present:—

I have preached 80 times, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick several times. I preached in Central Texas, and in Central Tennessee. Preached in four branches of the church; the balance done in new places, mostly in Tennessee, where I had the largest congregations. Many converts were made to the truth, but none baptized on account of no elder to stay there for some time, say six months or a year. There is the best opening to build up a branch or two there of anywhere I know in the South. I preached at a number of places, and never was refused a house by any church in Tennessee. I also opened some new places in Texas in Bell and Hill counties. As a rule had good congregations and attention. I hope to be able to do more next year than this. I had to stay at home more than half my time. I am still anxious to do what I can in the grand and glorious cause.

J. D. Erwin, elder, present:—

I have preached 208 times, baptized 18, administered to the sick 10 times. I have labored in 5 counties in Texas, and 2 in Arkansas. Organized one branch in Drew county, Arkansas; ordained one priest and one teacher; held 2 debates, one in Texas and one in Arkansas. I have devoted all my time and attention to the work. I have labored about three fourths of my time in Texas, and the rest in Arkansas. The Lord has blessed me remarkably the past year, for which I am thankful. I am again at the disposal of the church; but Texas preferred. There is a young elder of Euclid, Arkansas, who will become of great use to the cause if humble, J. W. Jackson.

J. H. Wells, elder, present:—

I have preached 96 times, blessed several children, and administered to the sick often, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Labored in Knobnoster and vicinity. Have not been able to sow the good seed on only a small part of the inviting fields. If you give me a mission I would it to be as circumstances permit. I will be able to give but little of my time until fall, as the summer will demand my entire time, except Sundays to attend to my private business. I feel that I have everything to live for and everything to die for. You can count me in, as I have enlisted for time and eternity.

T. W. Williams, elder, present:—

I have preached 150 times, baptized 14, blessed some children, and administered to the sick many times. Since my appointment to the missionary field at the last conference, I have been actively engaged. Most of my efforts have been in localities where there had not been any preaching. Have made from six to eight new openings. Have labored among the Saints whenever opportunity and wisdom suggested. Have realized greater power in my ministrations than ever in the past. In the Ohio mission there never was a more auspicious time for the work than now. In every locality there seems to be a willingness on the part of the thinking populace to learn our true position; and they are learning that the best possible way in which to secure it is by applying to our own representatives. Ohio should have more missionaries, who will be able to defend us in city as well as in country places. The newspapers are becoming more liberal, and have done much the past year to effect a hearing for us. Southern

Ohio has suffered from the loss of the labors of two of the missionaries appointed at the Kirtland conference.

My desire is still with the work, to continue in the same. Hope to be one of those who shall be chosen to carry on the work to ultimate triumph; have tried to disrobe myself of some of the defects which experience has taught me are derogatory to spiritual growth. In taking a retrospective view of my efforts to prove my efficiency as a minister of Christ, I feel satisfied that I have made some progress, hence feel confident of ultimate success. Am still willing to labor for Israel's good.

G. E. Deuel, elder, present:—

I have preached 178 times, baptized 19, blessed 15 children, and administered to the sick 56 times. Have preached in Atchison, Fanning, Highland Station, Severence, Doniphan county; in Baker, Brown county; in Everest, Uniondale schoolhouse, Brown county; in Clay, Rice, Mead, Gray, and Finney counties; also in Oklahoma. In many places people are willing to hear. Have tried to open up new ground. Have not been among the branches, so I have not been preying on their hospitality. Am thankful for all favors received. Have confirmed 23, helped to confirm 7. Am at the disposal of conference.

William Waterman, elder, present:—

Have preached 107 times, baptized 16, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored at Knox, Indiana, preached in the Saints' chapel and in the schoolhouses in the surrounding country; also at Logan church near Ora; organized a Sunday school at Knox, and preached the gospel from house to house in these regions. Returned home about the end of July on account of sickness. With the consent of those in charge, labored at Leon, Iowa, assisting and directing the labors of the Saints in erecting church house. In the early part of this conference year baptized 13 in this place. In October, at the request of the missionary in charge, went to Bay City, Michigan, to labor among the Saints. Found them in great need of assistance, and endeavored to do all that was required of me. Elder E. C. Briggs labored considerably in the city; we also had a few stirring sermons from Bro. W. J. Smith; 3 have been baptized in this place. A Sunday school has been organized, and is in a flourishing condition; regular preaching services have been held in a hired hall, comfortably furnished by the Saints, for five months. Think the work has been placed in a position to be carried on successfully, providing the necessary help is given; that is, a good elder to watch over the flock. Have defended the work on the platform and in the newspapers; have also preach at Allendale, Missouri, where I found a number of good Saints, presided over by our worthy brother E. Keeler. Have been greatly blessed in preaching the word and administering to the sick. Am grateful for these blessings, and desire to be more humble and faithful than I have been in the past, that I may be counted worthy to labor in the vineyard to the end of my days.

J. W. Peterson, elder, present:—

Have preached 153 times, baptized 4, blessed one child, and administered to the sick 8 times. Have preached in 27 different places, ten of which were new openings. Have labored continuously since last General Conference, but have been in company with Brn. W. S. Pender, and W. A. McDowell all the while, with the exception of two or three weeks, opening meeting for them as many times as I have preached, making in all about 300 services during the year. Though I have baptized but four, I have seen a number baptized by the local brethren whom we encouraged by giving them the sheaves we had gathered. I have confirmed 10. The work in the Western Wisconsin district is onward and was bettered much the past year by the added force sent us last conference. The past year has been one of profit to me. I am more confirmed in the work, and have more faith in God, inasmuch that I am willing to go anywhere under the sun, and make but one request, am not willing to go alone.

D. S. Crawley, elder, present:—

I have preached about 200 times, baptized 20, blessed several children, and administered to the sick many times. Labored in and around Weir; preached on the streets and in private houses; preached also in Cherokee City, Columbus and vicinity, and 25 miles southwest of Weir for near two months; also some in Missouri, for the last month in mining camps and in private houses near Weir, of from thirty to forty houses, where much interest is manifested. Think from experience that more good can be done in the mining camps now than in the country schoolhouses.

A. C. Hart, elder, present:—

Have preached 50 times, baptized 1, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 24 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times; confirmed 4, and assisted in confirming several others. Have done the best I could for the advancement of the work, preaching in and near Cherryvale, Coffeyville, and Caney, Montgomery county; Mound Valley, Angola, and Morton, in Labette county; Weir, Sherwin, and Columbus, in Cherokee county; and Pittsburg, Crawford county, Kansas; also some in Jasper and Barton counties, Missouri. I also assisted in reunions or grove meetings in Clay and Cherokee counties, Kansas, and St. Clair county, Missouri. In this I overstepped my bounds a little, for which I beg pardon, and leave off the mileage. I preached some to the Indians, had invitations to preach in different parts of the Indian Territory, to which I was unable to attend; opened up three new places, loaned and distributed church books and periodicals far and wide. During the winter I was with Bro. T. J. Smith, an aged veteran, a wise and good counselor. In most of the places the outlook for the work, and the favors received have been cheering. I desire to labor on for the Master.

M. P. Madison, elder, present:—

Have preached 41 times, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 18 times. Have preached as best I could. Have been blessed in my effort. My record may not be as encouraging as some, but hope I may have done some good. Desire to continue in this field of labor, if worthy.

W. H. Griffin, elder, present:—

Have preached 73 times, baptized 7, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 49 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in Kentucky and Tennessee, in the following named counties: Fulton and Graves counties, Kentucky, and Gibson, Obion, Weakley, Henry, Henderson, Chester, Decatur, and Hardin counties, Tennessee. Have labored with Brn. T. C. Kelley, B. R. Turnbow, J. H. Adair, P. B. Seaton, and Charles Snow, a priest, a very promising young man. There is nothing very encouraging to report about the work in these parts. Am still willing to do all I can for the cause.

D. E. Tucker, elder, present:—

Have preached 100 times, baptized 2, and administered to the sick 23 times. Have preached in the Alma branch, in King schoolhouse, and private houses 11 times, and presided over social meetings when called on; served on 1 elders' court, baptized 1, confirmed 1. In Carrollton 20 times in 4 private houses, presided over social meeting when called on, and served on 2 elders' courts in Wakenda branch number of times, performing such other duties as was necessary, and as I was called upon to perform. Preached in Missouri River branch at different times; held one public discussion, baptized 1, served on 1 elders' court. Have preached in Carroll, Ray, and Livingston counties. Have sold \$24.75 worth of books; have traveled on foot 214 miles, by railroad 471, by wagon 98.

D. M. Rudd, elder, present:—

Have preached 160 times, baptized 7, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 52 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice.

My labor has been mostly in the Pottawattamie district, and in general was greatly blessed, although at times the evil power seemed to do all it could to hinder. The work, so far as I can see, has advanced. With the sanction of the missionaries in charge I labored a month in the Galland's Grove district, and I believe to the good of the work.

E. J. Robinson, elder, present:—

I have spoken once, baptized 2, helped to bless 1 child, and administered to the sick 10 times. You see by the above that I have really done no work in the mission allotted me; and I do not give this as a report, but to signify to you that I am willing and desirous to try to have a report to give in the future. Being called to the mission before I was ordained, my business was not in a proper shape for me to leave, and I have been working to get it in a situation so I could leave it and devote my whole time to the ministry; and if you feel that I am worthy to try to represent the Master's cause, I am willing to try with my whole might to serve him. Am self-supporting.

G. M. L. Whitman, elder, present:—

Have preached 35 times, baptized 2, blessed children, and administered to the sick 11 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Labored in Springfield, Sarpy county, Nebraska, one week to small congregations; not much interest manifested. At Buffalo schoolhouse, same county, fair turnout, good interest. The last of March, in company with Bro. N. Brown, visited same place, and we had good liberty in presenting the word to the people. Think some will obey in the near future. Owing to bad weather, and almost impassable roads, believed it wisdom to discontinue meetings there until the weather became more settled. Labored about 1 month at Platte Valley branch, and the Island, with good results. Feel well in the work, believing the good Master has been with me. My desire is to continue in the work of the Lord.

John Kaler, elder, present:—

Have preached 108 times, baptized 10, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 53 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored in the Independence, Missouri, district, as appointed, in company with Brn. Gomer and J. H. Wells. I have been kindly received and cared for by Saints and friends. The Lord has blessed my labor, and I feel that I am in the work for life.

Leonard Scott, elder, present:—

I have baptized 5, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 13 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. Have especially worked up the regions surrounding and including Coldwater, Burr Oak, Dayburg, Diamond, Shook's Prairie, and Hodunk, all in State of Michigan. Have labored also in Indiana and Ohio, Clear Lake and Maumee. During the past year have been unusually blessed in the social and public administrations of the word, far exceeding previous labors, and being thus exercised, overdone for my physical good, and in the months of July and August was prostrated with fever of a bilious intermitting type, hence was incapacitated for a few weeks. This, with sickness in the family, other than myself, before and afterward, has rendered my work not quite so extensive as last year; but believe I will average about four sermons per week. I must not omit that Satan's efforts have been trying and severe. It seems as though I am fated to stand more prominent as the object of his attacks than anyone else; but possibly in this am mistaken. But I now see the hand of God in bringing to naught the "fowler's snare," and turning the enemies' devices to their own shame and confusion. Were it not for the evidences and assurances of the latter day work, we would feel to have some one else ply our oar, but "our sufficiency is of God." Am at you disposal. I labored also in the Little Sioux, Iowa, district.

James Brown, elder, writes from Pennsylvania:—

Have preached 70 times, baptized 7, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 27 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. During the fore part of the summer was hindered from performing much labor, on account of sickness of my wife. Since then I have labored in Beaver Falls, Bridgewater, Brighton, and Rochester, Pennsylvania, also in Ritchie county, West Virginia, and Jackson county, Ohio. In all these places I have been blessed of God through the Holy Spirit. Never have I witnessed a greater evidence of the care and favor of the Lord. I have never been more encouraged with the general prospect of the work than at this time. The outlook in some of the above places is good, and with efficient labor many will be brought to Christ. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. The cry is from every quarter, Come and preach for us. I am willing to continue in the active ministry if the church so desires my services.

W. G. Pert, elder, writes from Maine:—

I have labored in company with Bro. George W. Eaton, in the following towns: Sedgwick, Deer Isle, Brookline, and Surrey, in Hancock county, and Bradley, Penobscot county. Have also served the district as president and Bishop's agent. Have not kept account of how many times I have preached, or how many sick administered to. I desire to be released as a general church appointee, as I think I can better serve the church in a local manner.

F. P. Scarcliff, elder, writes from Mississippi:—

Have preached 140 times, baptized 3, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 10 times. Most of my labor has been done in Jackson county, Mississippi, though I made one new opening in Harrison county, Mississippi, and another in Mobile county, Alabama. Owing to my business affairs my visits to these places were very brief; but I believe an interest was awakened in the minds of some. Also assisted Bro. Turpen to hold some interesting meetings near my home, about which he will probably report. I hope to labor on as strength is given me.

G. T. Chute, elder, writes from Alabama:—

Have baptized 11, blessed 9 children. I began preaching as a General Conference appointee, in April, 1891. Labored continually until February 1st, 1892, since which time have done but little, having been called home on account of sickness. Have labored mostly in Baldwin county, Alabama. There is quite a number of members in this county, but badly scattered. There is but one branch. We hope to effect an organization at Bay Minette in the near future, also to reorganize the Salem branch. I acted as moderator for Elder Turpen in the Turpen-Love debate, held in Conecuh county, Alabama, in which the truth gained a glorious victory. In all my duties I was greatly blessed. I failed to visit Florida. Desired greatly to go there and labor, but my time was taken up elsewhere. If appointed another year, will try to go.

W. M. Gibson, elder, writes from California:—

Have baptized 1, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 164 times. I was appointed to labor in Southern California under Heman C. Smith, in charge. Have labored in San Bernardino, San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles counties; helped to confirm 6, preached 4 funeral discourses. Preached in these counties wherever I could get a house. My time was taken up about three months going to see the sick. Did not know the day I would be called upon to go many miles. Had no time for preaching, only among the Saints. I thank the Lord he blessed his people. Some not in the church sent for me and they received the blessing. Am at the disposal of your honorable body.

R. R. Dana, elder, writes from California:—

I have preached twice, administered to the sick 12 or 15 times. Labored

as a missionary under appointment from last conference. Have nothing to report, only a failure to reach my field of labor. Having reported "not ready" one year ago, my appointment to labor in Arizona was a surprise to me; but having been appointed in connection with Elder D. L. Harris, I tried to get ready by September 1st, but could not, though Bro. Harris was ready and waiting for me at that time. I finally was all ready to go January 15th, but from some unexpected reverses in the business arrangements of Bro. Harris, he could not leave until after February 1st, and our circumstances being such that both of us would have to return home in about two months. After consulting with Bro. Heman C. Smith, missionary in charge, he thought it advisable to postpone going until after the April conference, and run the risk of being reappointed, as we can then take the field for six months or a year. Expect to be ready then for the Master's work, the Lord being willing and my helper. My local labors are reported to my quorum.

D. L. Harris, elder, writes from California:—

I have preached 27 times, baptized 1, and blessed 2 children. I was appointed to Arizona, and was ready at the time agreed to; but Bro. R. R. Dana, who was to accompany me, was not ready and could not arrange his business to leave till the first of the year, and then only for a short time, so it was thought advisable to wait. Bro. H. C. Smith can, and I hope will, make all necessary explanation. I am ready to act as thought best by the body.

J. B. Carmichael, elder, writes from California:—

I have preached 7 times, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick a number of times. My work has been principally in Long Valley, and Jefferson branches, in San Benito and Monterey counties. In my efforts to present the "tidings of peace," God has given me the necessary aid; and in the ministration to the afflicted I have also realized the divine blessing that has been promised. The work in Central California is making a steady growth. I am still desirous of aiding as I can.

J. E. Holt, elder, writes from California:—

I have baptized 3, and administered to the sick 96 times. Have labored according to appointment, which was as circumstances permit. Have labored in Central California district. Preached as often as I could, and circumstances permitted. In administrations have had overwhelming proof of God's power, and the truthfulness of the gospel.

D. K. Dodson, elder, writes from Council Bluffs, Iowa:—

I have preached 40 times, baptized 1, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 4 times. My labors have been in the Pottawattamie district, in Council Bluffs, Crescent City, Underwood, Downsville, Washington township, and Hazel Dell; all of those places I have labored as my circumstances permitted. Have felt well when in the pulpit bearing my testimony to the latter day work. The Pottawattamie district is in a fair condition. It has had the labors of Brn. H. N. Hanson, C. Derry, Rudd, and the local elders, all of whom seem to be willing to do their duty. Would request the conference not to forget the Pottawattamie district in its appointments of missions. I am willing to labor in that district, as my circumstances will permit, or any other place as the conference may direct.

V. D. Baggerley, elder, writes from Indiana:—

Have preached 105 times, baptized 2, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 9 times. Labored in Crawford, Perry, Pike, and Dubois counties, Indiana, and Breckenridge county, Kentucky. Have traveled with Bro. Isaac Baggerly, and assisted in as many meetings. Our work has been to open up new places. We have labored very little in the branches. Can truthfully say I believe the work is gaining slowly in Southwestern Indiana, where we have labored this year; friends have been made for the cause, our position better understood

than ever before, and a foundation laid for a good work. We feel satisfied that good has been done, although few have been baptized. The seed must be sown before we can reap. Some will reap; some are now reaping the crop that has been sown in the past; so I rejoice in the outlook everywhere for Zion's cause. I am sanguine of the final triumph of truth. Have much to rejoice for; onward is the watchword. Have met some opposition of a cowardly nature. Am ready for the conflict again if the church thinks me worthy.

L. F. Daniel, elder, writes from Indiana:—

I have preached 133 times, baptized 33, administered to the sick many times. Traveling through branches in Southern Indiana, I have labored in Byrnsville branch, Hope, Union, New Trenton, New Marion, Washington, and laboring some in Southern Illinois by permission of missionary in charge. Most of my labor has been in Daviess county, Indiana, where the work is in good condition. There have been 66 baptized in the last two years, it being a new locality where the gospel was never preached until I was sent there two years ago. Have assisted Bro. Etzenhouser and others in about 50 meetings, also in the debate in Washington, Indiana.

J. G. Scott, elder, writes from Indiana:—

I have preached 27 times, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 19 times. My labors began May 22d, at Byrnsville, Indiana. Continued some days with good success; after this was called to labor at Eden branch. Then went to Harrison county, Indiana; labored there some time. August 5th went to Jefferson county; labored at Union some days. September 7th went to the Chappelow schoolhouse, Franklin county; preached there a number of times; from there to the town of Trenton, obtained the Methodist church, preached there with good success among the Methodists, then went north four miles, near Piney Grove. From there was called to New Albany. Preached there, and administered to the sick; was then called to Byrnsville, on elders' court. My labors have been mostly in the branches; labored until la grippe set in; administered to the sick until I took the same. Have been laboring under the power for two months, until now am recovering. Have done the very best I could under circumstances.

J. M. Scott, elder, writes from Indiana:—

I have preached 79 times, baptized 2, blessed 7 children, and administered to 35. I entered the field assigned me, May 12th, and have labored to the best of my ability. At Amanda and Middletown, Butler county, Ohio; also Dearborn, Franklin, Floyd, Harrison, Crawford, Pike, Daviess, and Jefferson counties, Indiana. Was associated a while with I. P. Baggerley; found him a good companion and laborer. Also labored with Elder J. G. Scott, in Dearborn, Franklin, and Harrison counties. Ordained 1 teacher, sat as chairman of elders' court, with Elder J. G. Scott, presided over 11 sacrament meetings, and preached 2 funeral discourses. In administering to the sick and afflicted the gift and power of healing was manifested, for which God be praised. I have been wonderfully blessed in presenting the word. I am at your disposal.

John Johnston, elder, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 49 times, baptized 1, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 8 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in the Decatur district. Ringgold county: Lard's schoolhouse, Johnston's schoolhouse, Redding. Union county: Lamb's schoolhouse. Clark county: Hopeville and Lasalle, Iowa. Lone Rock, Allendale, and Lot's Grove, in Harrison county, Missouri; also an address at Hatfield, on July 4th. I ask to be returned to the Decatur district.

Samuel Brown, elder, writes from Canada:—

I have preached 137 times, baptized 12, blessed 11 children, and administered to the sick 48 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Labored in Blenheim, Chatham, Appledore, Wallaceburg, Wilkesport,

Sombia, Moore, St. Clair, Sarnia, Petrolea, Zone, Ridgetown, and Morpeth. Three of the above named places are new openings. Have enjoyed good liberty in presenting the gospel, and desire to continue.

A. E. Mortimer, elder, writes from Canada:—

I have preached 104 times, baptized 3, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 47 times. Have labored in London, St. Thomas, Corinth, St. Marys, Osborne, Stratford, Cameron, Monmouth, and Irondale. At the June conference of the London district, held in St. Marys, was appointed to labor in connection with Elder R. C. Evans, and Priest Wm. Fligg. After the two days meeting at Osborne, Bro. Fligg and I went on to Stratford to await the arrival of Elder Evans. Not being able to get the people to come and hear us, we resolved, Mohammed like, to go to the people; so, accompanied by a few Saints we went to the Market Square. It was in fear and trembling we did so, as this was our first experience in outdoor work. Our coming among them in this way caused great excitement, and we had much opposition. Bro. Evans was a tower of strength when he came, and between us much good was done. Since November 1st, I have been among the wild hills and rocks of Haliburton county. Elder R. C. Evans came with me, and remained but a short time, imperative business calling him elsewhere. I found much prejudice here with all of its usual concomitants. I know the work to be true. Have been much blessed in presenting the word, and would respectfully request to be reappointed to the same field, or any that will be for the best. I also had one debate, and presided at one elders' court.

John Shields, elder, writes from Canada:—

I have preached 170 times, baptized 28, blessed 10 children, administered to 34 sick, also led 33 prayer and sacrament meetings.

J. W. Bryan, elder, writes from Texas:—

I have preached 63 times, baptized 1, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick once, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Preached in Palestine, Grapeland, Elkhart, at Evergreen, Crossroad church, Mountain schoolhouse, Pleasant Hill, and Myrtle Springs, and at my own house with excellent liberty. At all places named, except at Myrtle Springs, prejudice seems to be giving way before the light of truth, and I get better hearings and more attentive audiences now than heretofore. If thought worthy to be continued in this mission will do all I can for the Savior, knowing that his truth will triumph at last.

Henry Grim, elder, writes from Texas:—

I have preached 54 times, and administered to the sick 8 times, also solemnized 1 marriage. Have labored in Harmony Hill, Kely, Baker, and Bodan, in Angelina county; at some private houses in Cherokee county and also at Whiteley, and at some public places in Houston county, and at Vernalder, Nacogdoches county. There are a great many that believe the gospel, but have not joined. I administered to one who had a severe cancer which God healed. I was taken with something in my hip and back last September, and a rising or bone felon on one of my fingers in December, and it is yet so sore I can hardly write. I have been able to labor but little since September. I wished to be released, but do all the good I can in my neighborhood to roll on the glorious work.

S. W. Simmons, elder, writes from Texas:—

I have baptized 2 and administered to the sick 6 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. Have preached in five different schoolhouses in the Indian Territory, and at four in Montague county, Texas. No one has ever preached here, except myself. Have made many friends, and calls for preaching are more than I can respond to; however, I shall push right along, and keep up as I can. My best wishes are for the progress of the work. Am still willing to labor as the church may direct.

L. L. Wight, elder, writes from Texas:—

Have preached 78 times, baptized 1, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 28 times, also married 1 couple. Have preached in Bandera, Bexar, Atascosa, Karns, and Bee counties, Texas. Have preached in different places in the above named counties and in four different parts of the city of San Antonio. Have held at the same time the responsibility of presiding over the Western Texas district, and have held and encouraged prayer and testimony meetings, and often administered the ordinance of the Lord's supper. In my efforts have been abundantly blessed, and can of a truth, testify that this latter day work is of God. I am willing to give myself and all I have to the upbuilding of the cause. I am ready to take the field another year.

C. H. Porter, elder, writes from Nebraska:—

I have preached 161 times, baptized 12, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. From the conference held at Kirtland, April, 1891, I went to England on a visit, stopping on the way to visit a brother at Owasco, New York, where I preached twice. While in England I preached several times to very attentive audiences. Returned to my field of labor, Southern Nebraska, about the middle of June, since which time have labored almost continuously. Have preached the gospel, defended the faith, and administered in the ordinances as circumstances required, in fourteen counties, principally in the central and western portions of my field. Defended the cause in a public discussion of eight sessions, at Elmwood, which I have reason to think resulted in good. Have found the new openings productive of good fruits. The calls have been abundant and the interest increasing. Have been blessed in the work, and am willing to be continued in this district.

Frank Hackett, elder, writes from Wisconsin:—

I have preached 50 times, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick 25 times. My work has been mostly done at Valley Junction and North Freedom. On account of la grippe, and sickness resulting therefrom, have not been able to do the work that I expected to do, still I feel to rejoice in the great work of God, and have been wonderfully blessed with the Holy Spirit in what I have done. Am willing to continue, and would like an appointment like last year, if thought worthy.

W. A. McDowell, elder, writes from Wisconsin:—

I have preached 102 times, baptized 12, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 6 times. Have labored in Monroe, Crawford, Richland, Grant, and Trempealeau counties, Wisconsin, with others, and alone. Did not take the field until about the first of June, because I was farming at the time of appointment, and had to dispose of that first, and was obliged to be at home a short time during harvest; otherwise have been in the field continually. The work in Wisconsin is encouraging, although this is a rough country to travel over. We have opened up some new places. There is quite a good interest all along the line. Am ready to take the field again. Would prefer this State, because my family is here; nevertheless am ready to abide by the appointment of the Twelve. The work looks bright to me.

Andrew Barr, elder, writes from Michigan:—

I have preached 103 times, baptized 5, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick 74 times. My labors have been in Northern Michigan, the field assigned me. Labored in Sanilac, Huron, Lapeer, Tuscola, Bay, Isabella, Mecosta, and Charlevoix counties; confirmed 12, assisted to ordain 1 elder, and 1 priest. Sat on 3 elders' courts, and officiated as Bishop's agent to the Northern Michigan district. The great cause we love is onward throughout those parts, and we feel encouraged. My labors have been shortened on account of sickness.

J. L. Goodrich, elder, writes from Ohio:—

I have preached 85 times, baptized 3, confirmed 5, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 18 times. Labored in Roman, Virginia, New Hope, and Dayton, and their vicinities. Spent 17 weeks in preaching, and otherwise laboring as I could get opportunity, baptizing 3, and administering the ordinances of the house of God, in sacrament, in blessing of children, and to the sick. Very great prejudice abounds, and few openings could be effected by me. The Saints there, however, are united and firm. The remainder of my time was in Southern Ohio, five or six weeks with Bro. G. T. Griffiths, 7 souls having been added by baptism by him during our short mission together. We labored about one week each at Pleasanton, Sandrun, Creola, Vale's Mills, Fitzpatrick's, Limerick, Bierly's, and La Grange. One week with Bro. H. E. Moler, at Fairplay, and two weeks with Bro. James Brown at Parker and Richland Furnace. My labors have been mostly alone, and my wife's accidental fall and sickness has retarded me to a great extent.

D. L. Shinn, elder, writes from West Virginia:—

Have baptized 3, and administered to the sick 23 times. Am not positive that I have kept a correct account of the number of times preached, but at the very lowest estimate, over 100. I have lost during the year by the illness of my companion, about three months time. Have labored in the counties of Ritchie, Calhoun, Doddridge, and Harrison. Held one discussion at Tollgate, Ritchie county, with Rev. E. J. Taylor, defending the principle of baptism, and the laying on of hands. I made a new opening in Doddridge county, near West Union, the county seat; one name was given there for baptism. Am now effecting new openings in Braxton and Nicholas. Prospects are good for extending our work into the remotest counties of the State, opened by a new road. Am happy in the blessed hope of Israel, well grounded in the latter day work. My health is good. Am at your service as long as I live, if needed; but when you find that the interests of the church are not promoted by my services, let me be retired. God's will be done.

H. J. Davison, elder, writes from Nova Scotia:—

I have preached 99 times, baptized 3, and administered to the sick several times. Have preached as circumstances would permit in Lockhartville, Blomidon, Canning, Scott's Bay, and North Alton, in King's county. The last named place newly opened, in which I distributed a lot of reading matter. Preached and held prayer and sacrament meetings in South Rawdon, also preached in Newport, Hants county, and at Williamsdale, Collingwood Corner, Thompson, Hantsford, and Lakeland in Cumberland county. Visited some other communities, in which I circulated printed matter, but failed to get any preaching done. Organized one evening Bible class. Report the work advancing slowly, but surely. More and better openings than heretofore. We need more laborers, or at least one more in this field next year. Am willing to remain in the work next year, the Eastern mission my choice, but at your disposal.

John Davis, elder, writes from Washington:—

Have preached 74 times, baptized 1, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 38 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have preached in Gilman, Meadow Lake schoolhouse, Englewood, Haller City, Trafton, Avon, and Latoni. Have been blessed in a marked degree in presenting the words of life. In Avon had both fire crackers, (large ones,) and eggs thrown into the hall. Have been held in contempt by some and a messenger of the Lord by others. This country is full of prejudice beyond measure. I often hear, "Brigham Young and Salt Lake." I would to God that that curse was removed. Am still willing to labor in this field.

P. C. Fisher, elder, writes from Minnesota:—

I have preached 100 times, and administered to the sick many times. Have labored in South Dakota, in the county of Marshall, with fair inter-

est; many are friendly. Some are interested also in North Dakota, in the county of Sargent. Many believe the gospel as preached by the elders to be in accordance with the Bible; but do not seem to have any desire to become the sons of God, yet good has been done. Have also labored in Becker and Otter Tail counties, Minnesota. Labored here most of the time I was able to be in the field. Have preached the word many times in Minnesota, and with the combined efforts of Brn. I. N. Roberts, J. Arthur Davis, T. J. Martin, and Bro. McLeod, much good has been done. Many are interested, and some are near the kingdom. Have preached one funeral sermon in North Dakota. Have preached in the following places in Minnesota: Detroit City 4 times, McHugh 25 times, Frazee City 5 times, Cormorant 1, Maple Grove 2, Luce 2, Lake Sible 1, Battle Lake 2, Maine 1, Friberg 3, Burlington 7, Long Lake 1, besides 6 prayer meetings in Burlington, and Sabbath school Sunday afternoons during the month of July. The balance of my work was in the Dakotas. Would like an appointment during 1892 as circumstances will permit.

R. L. Ware, elder, writes from Missouri:—

Have preached 82 times, baptized 4, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick 20 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. I have labored in connection with Bro. D. E. Tucker some of the time in Ray and Carroll counties. In all places the interest is not very flattering, yet we had good attention. In many places we think prejudice has been allayed, and some are believing. Think some will unite with us this coming year.

Robert Oehring, elder, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 19 times, blessed 4 children, and administered to the sick 12 times. Have labored in a country schoolhouse one mile from Lowry City 4 times, Gentry schoolhouse twice, Kelly schoolhouse once, Rich Hill 4 times, schoolhouse twelve miles southeast of Nevada 3 times, schoolhouse three miles of Virgil City twice, Passaic schoolhouse 3 times. My family need my attention, as we are poor in this world's goods; this accounts for not doing more than I have done. Am firm in the faith, and wish I was able to labor more. If the church can provide for my family, I can go anywhere, otherwise I will labor as circumstances permit.

C. M. Bootman, elder, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 40 times, baptized 5, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 15 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. My labors have been confined to Howell and Oregon counties. In some parts there is quite an interest, and in others opposition is so strong that we are barred out of the schoolhouses; but opposition is giving away before the truth. I have been blessed with liberty in preaching, for which I thank our heavenly Father; and in administering to the sick all that could be expected has been bestowed upon those who sought God's mercy. Altogether I feel that the work has prospered greatly in this region the past year. Am willing to continue my labors the coming year, and hope to give more of my time to the work, and extend my field into Arkansas. I love this work, for I know it is of God, and am willing to give as much of my time in the interest of his work as I can spare from my family.

Gomer Reese, elder, writes from Montana:—

Have preached often, baptized 1, administered to the sick a great number of times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Have labored chiefly in Gallatin county. Have had a great desire to labor more in other localities than I have, but the cares of family and home would not permit me. Have been blessed in my ministrations the past year more than ever before. Have abundant assurance that my efforts are pleasing in the sight of the Most High. Have a great desire to do more for the cause as soon as the way opens. Have experienced more power in my efforts in the past year than ever before. Am willing to labor the coming year in Montana as circumstances permit.

William Davis, elder, writes from Michigan:—

I have baptized 15, blessed 11 children, and administered to the sick 49 times. My labors have been mostly in Huron and Sanilac counties. Labored most of the time during the summer months in the branches. Of late have opened three new places. Have been on elders' courts four times, also attended to the duties of my branch. The Lord has been with me in all of my labors, especially in administering to the sick, many being healed by the power of God. Have labored to the best of my ability to spread the gospel among my fellow men. My intentions are to continue to do all I can for the advancement of the work of the Lord. Am willing to continue in the field if appointed by the conference. Would like to labor in Northern Michigan.

B. R. Turnbow, elder, writes from Kentucky:—

I have preached 20 times, baptized 1, blessed 1 child, and administered to the sick 6 times. My work has all been in Graves county Kentucky. It is very hard to get a place in which to preach in this region. All the churches and schoolhouses are closed against us. The Saints are generally poor. My health has not been good during the year, and for the last three months have not been able to do any work. I hope opportunities will be more favorable in the spring. Am willing to do all I can, and feel somewhat encouraged, realizing that I have had the aid of the Spirit.

J. S. Lee, elder, writes from Utah:—

I have preached 50 times, baptized 8, blessed one child, and administered to the sick 4 times. In Tooele the people are divided as far as the Utah church and doctrine are concerned; some are investigating the position occupied by the Reorganization. In Grantsville, Tooele county, some are very favorable, and wish regular preaching there. In Lakeview I was treated kindly, the Bishop occupying the stand with me; some are believing. In Nephi we were favorably received, and good attention paid to the lectures. In Salina the Bishop let us have the meetinghouse. Good congregations and attention at Murry, Salt Lake county. I obtained the M. E. chapel; good attention; some carefully investigating. At Union Fort, the Bishop let me have the meetinghouse. There were large congregations, and the best of attention. So far I have obtained three out of four of the ward meetinghouses I have asked for, and have been kindly treated in every instance.

I find the people more favorably inclined towards the Reorganization now than ever before, and by steady, straightforward work the honest-hearted will be drawn back to the old paths.

P. B. Seaton, elder, writes from Tennessee:—

I have preached 58 times, baptized 3, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 63 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. The most of the work I have performed has been since the sickness and death of my wife. Have kept monthly appointments in the Farmington, Eagle Creek, and Foundry Hill branches, and have labored in unison with the brethren of the district, and some with our missionary, T. C. Kelley. Realize that I have been greatly blessed in the labors performed, and desire to continue in the work and in unity of the faith with the brotherhood.

T. J. Smith, elder, writes from Oklahoma:—

Entered upon my mission last October. Have preached 83 sermons, administered to 25 sick persons, blessed 1 child, and have endeavored to discharge my duty as a servant of God to the best of my ability. Although I did not baptize any, am well satisfied that my labors have not been in vain. Am still desirous of continuing in the service of God.

J. H. Adair, elder, writes from Kentucky:—

I have preached often, and administered to the sick frequently. I preached nearly every Sunday, and some other preaching besides. As to the number of times, I kept no account. Aided in confirming several.

Have done but little since October 15th, on account of a fall, and other afflictions. My labor has been in Kentucky and Tennessee. My desire is to do what I can.

C. C. Reynolds, elder, writes from Iowa:—

I have preached 63 times, baptized 1, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 18 times. I have labored at Muscatine, Buffalo, Davenport, Marathon, Maquoketa, Fulton, Grove Hill, Elmwood, Osterdock, Randallia, Orin schoolhouse, Fairbanks, and in the Northern Illinois district, near Savannah, in three different schoolhouses. I commenced the missionary work June 13th, and have had a brother with me some two thirds of the time. At all of the above places the people seem very anxious to hear more of the same kind of preaching, with the exception of Muscatine, and at the Pleasant Park schoolhouse, near Savannah, Illinois. Muscatine is a new place; no preaching ever done there before, and the folks are divided, and are going to take a vote whether the schoolhouses shall be used for meeting purposes.

Sven Swenson, elder, writes from Missouri:—

I have preached 53 times, baptized 1, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick 25 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in Cedar, St. Clair, Vernon, and Dade counties, Missouri. Think the work here is in a better condition than ever before. Many calls for preaching, and good opportunities for new openings. My labors have been directed under the advice and genial care of Bro. I. N. White, missionary in charge. I feel to press on and do the little I can, and trust for the reward.

C. H. Burr, elder, writes from Wisconsin:—

Have preached 32 times, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick. Have preached in a number of places around the vicinity where I live, and have done what I could to advance the interests of the work. I expected to have spent the last half of the past year in the missionary field, but owing to failure to receive mail containing instructions, did not go. I will improve the present opportunity to say that if it is the will of the Lord and his church, and health and strength are spared me, I will again be ready by the first of October next to go into the service of the Master, to remain as long as he will.

T. C. Kelley, elder, writes from Illinois:—

I have preached 145 times, baptized 6, and administered to the sick. After the district conference in June I went to Graves county, Kentucky, and staid there two weeks; then went home on account of sickness in family. Labored in Johnson, Franklin, Saline, and Wayne counties, till latter part of September, when I again went and labored six weeks in Graves county, Kentucky, and in Obion county, Tennessee. Since then have labored in Johnson, Williamson, Jackson, Marion, Clay, Wayne, and Richland counties. Expect to do what I can to help forward the work.

H. E. Moler, elder, writes from Ohio:—

I have preached 141 times, baptized 5, blessed one child, and administered to the sick 6 times. At the last General Conference held at Kirtland, Ohio, I was appointed to labor in Virginia; but being directed by G. T. Griffiths, missionary in charge, to labor in Southeastern Ohio and West Virginia, did not go to Virginia at all. When appointed I held the office of priest; but on September 1st was ordained an elder, by G. T. Griffiths. Have labored in the counties of Belmont, Meigs, Gallia, Vinton, Jackson, and Lawrence, in Ohio; and in the counties of Mason, Jackson, Roane, Kanawha, and Marshall in West Virginia. My work has mostly been confined to new localities, and I have had the privilege of lifting the gospel standard, for the first time in many places. Have had considerable opposition, especially in West Virginia, my life being threatened at times; but I felt that inasmuch as God had called me to this work, he would protect me.

I desire to continue in the field, and do all in my power for the advancement of this great work of God.

R. E. Grant, elder, writes from Michigan:—

I have preached 50 times, baptized 12, blessed 5 children, and administered to the sick 10 times. Have labored as circumstances permitted, being appointed thus. Have spent about three months of the last year in the field, principally in Sanilac county. Have made several new openings, which I think will yield fruit in time to come. Am willing to spend my time in the field this coming year, if considered worthy of appointment, and sustained. My desire is to see the great latter day work move on.

Senterlow Butler, elder, present:—

I have preached 52 times, blessed 2 children, and administered to the sick 24 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. My labors have been in Pottawattamie county, in the following places: Crescent, Hazeldell, Underwood, Council Bluffs, Wheeler's Grove, Boomer schoolhouse, Parish schoolhouse, and at the lake south of Council Bluffs. The last place is a new opening, but I was well received and invited to return, and should have done so, but the weather was such that I could not, but expect to go there when the conference is over. I have felt well in my work, and the good Spirit has been with me in my labors, for which I feel to thank my heavenly Father. Have only been engaged one month in the active ministry. Have confirmed 2.

Henry Way, elder, present:—

Have preached in Cedar, St. Clair, and Vernon counties, Missouri. Baptized 2, confirmed 3, assisted in confirming 8, blessed 3 children, sat on three elders' courts, administered to the sick a number of times. The Lord has blessed me in all my labors.

E. F. Shupe, elder, writes from Denver, Colorado:—

Have baptized 7, confirmed 11, blessed 6 children, administered to sick 78 times. Have striven to fill all the duties pertaining to the office of an elder, as opportunity has afforded. Have preached quite a number of times. My time has been taken up with the office of president of the Denver branch, which position I still continue to occupy. Have preached twice outside the branch. The work in Colorado is in a better condition than at any time in the past, and promises well for the future. We distribute from fifty to one hundred copies of *Heralds* and *Ensigns* each week in the city of Denver, and expect fruits from it in time. Would circumstances permit I should like to devote my whole time to telling the gospel story.

A. J. Layland, elder, writes from Idaho:—

I have done but little for the cause we all love so well, because having to labor as my circumstances permitted. The Lord has given me sheaves for my labor. I have baptized 8, ordained 1 elder, blessed 1 child, and administered to quite a number of sick, both in and out of the church, and in some cases with excellent results. To God be all the praise. Have traveled many miles this winter on foot and on snowshoes to preach, teach, and expound the doctrine of Christ to all who would listen; and I am satisfied that my labor has not all been in vain; for there are quite a number inquiring for the old paths wherein is the good way. Am willing to labor wherever called to go.

D. F. Winn, elder, writes from Missouri:—

Have preached 50 times, baptized 4, administered to the sick 100 times, blessed 4 children, and opened six new places in Howard, Randolph, and Boone counties. Enjoyed the best of liberty in speaking; have been blessed in all of my administrations. I desire to labor as my circumstances permit.

F. C. Keck, elder, writes from Missouri:—

Have labored in connection with the local brethren as circumstances permitted. Have preached in Vernon, St. Clair, and Cedar counties. Have

preached many times, baptized 3, confirmed 10, administered to the sick 71 times, and all were healed except two, blessed 3 children. The Lord has blessed me with his Spirit to a marked degree in the preaching of the word and in administering to the sick. I desire to labor in the future as circumstances permit. The work is prosperous here, and the calls for preaching many. I desire to make the sacrifice; for all my interest in life is in this work, and if it pleases God shall struggle on to the end, and with you labor for the redemption of Zion and the glory of God.

J. W. Johnson, elder, writes from Iowa:—

Have preached the most of my time in Redding, Iowa, and we hope there will be a good work done here. Have baptized 3, and confirmed 3. We have had some able preaching here by Bro. Lambert, and others of the ministry, and we want them to come again and help us. Some are investigating our claims.

Jeptha Spurlock, elder, present:—

I have traveled in three counties in Arkansas; namely, Sharp, Izard, and Fulton. Have preached 38 sermons. Found one Saint only. Quite an interest is manifested in some communities. If there is a district organized in South Missouri, I should like well to have the territory in which I am laboring included in it. If consistent with the feelings of the conference, I would like to have help in my labor, whether there is a district organized in South Missouri or not.

Gomer Wells, priest, present:—

I have preached 86 times, baptized 23. Have labored as teacher of Knobnoster branch, and traveled and preached in company with the brethren of the Independence and Clinton districts, in Johnson, Pettis, Cooper, and Vernon counties. Had charge of singing at Lowry City reunion. By call and direction of missionary in charge I reported the White-Box debate to the *Ensign*. Have also acted in the capacity of Secretary of the General Sunday School Association.

G. W. Robley, priest, writes from Rhode Island:—

I have preached 102 times. Labored locally until September, when arrangements having been made I entered the field, laboring in Maine at the following places: Dixfield Centre, Dunn district, Lenord district, Canton Point, North Jay, Peru, New Harbor, and Pemaquid. In Massachusetts at Boston, Fall River, Dennisport, Plainville, and Attleboro. In Rhode Island at Providence, Cranston, Knightville, Fiskeville, and Antioch. In Rhode Island the outlook is encouraging, and with careful work much good may be accomplished. Have been blessed spiritually, and desire to work where I will be of most benefit to the church.

Richard Bullard, priest, writes from Massachusetts:—

Have presided over the Boston branch since May 1st, and in this capacity have striven to labor with an eye single to the glory of God. Have been wonderfully assisted in my work (especially in preaching the word) by the Holy Spirit. As Bishop's agent for the Massachusetts district have labored in the following branches: Providence, Little Compton, Cranston, Rhode Island, Fall River, Brockton, Dennisport, Plainville, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Have preached about sixty times during the year, one funeral sermon, conducted two, three, and sometimes four meetings per week. Have acted as chorister of branch, and superintendent of Sunday school, also teacher of Book of Mormon class. Have worked six days a week in the shop to support my wife and five little ones. I never worked harder, never had better health, never had so much peace of mind and joyousness of spirit than during the past year, and will try to do more for my blessed Master this coming conference year.

W. H. Rhoades, priest, writes from Ohio:—

I have preached 39 times in Gallia, Vinton, Ross, and Pike counties, Ohio. Have presented the word in new places altogether, and with good

liberty; was especially blessed on some few occasions. My desire is to see the work of God progress and build up in faith and righteousness.

Charles Avery, priest, writes from Australia:—

I have preached when opportunity offered; baptized 7. I still have a desire to press onward, and am willing to labor in the field if so appointed.

Samuel Heide, priest, writes from Iowa:—

I have been actively engaged since my appointment, except the last month, in which I have been confined to my home by la grippe. Have labored, some in connection with Elder Roth in the Des Moines district, also alone at Davenport, Clinton, Amber, and Maquoketa. Have labored with Bro. Reynolds at Grove Hill, Orin, Fairbanks, Randalia, and Savanna, Illinois. Have also done labor, in connection with my brother at Osterdock and vicinity. Bro. Reynolds and I have been engaged much of our time in places where the gospel had not been preached much or at all before. Have endeavored in connection with my brethren to discharge my duty, sow the gospel seed, warn, exhort, and teach the people concerning the plan of salvation, leaving the results with God.

J. B. Heide, priest, writes from Iowa:—

I have been actively engaged since November; have preached wherever opportunity offered itself; some in the northeastern part of the State. Was with Bro. W. B. Smith a few weeks. Went to Savanna, Illinois, in company with Elder Reynolds, and we labored there for several weeks. It is a promising field.

J. R. Sutton, priest, writes from Iowa:—

Have labored most of the time alone. My labors have been performed in Eastern Iowa district, in Fulton, Amber, Grove Hill, Westgate, and other places. In company with Bro. J. S. Roth have opened some new places; the work seems onward. On account of financial circumstances I was unable to take the field until about December 1st; but expect, providing the church deems me worthy, to put my entire time in preaching the word. It is my desire to help raise the gospel banner in many places where such has not been known.

J. B. Roush, priest, writes from Iowa:—

I have preached 65 times, baptized 2, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Till the Logan reunion I labored with my hands, preaching but little, as circumstances were quite unfavorable. I preached, however, a few times around home. After the reunion I labored with Bro. J. S. Roth for awhile at Runnells, and in two places in Bremer county. We then went to Oelwein. Bro. Roth left me soon after arriving at Randalia, to attend Des Moines conference. I labored alone for awhile till Bro. J. R. Sutton came to my assistance. The interest was quite good, and I think several will obey if the opening is looked after. I tried for an opening at Westgate, but could get a place to preach but once. Since leaving that part, word was sent me that I could have the use of the United Brethren church if I would return, so I concluded that good seed was sown. I assisted Bro. W. Turner in a series of meetings at Amber, Jones county, where he baptized one. Others, I think, will soon obey. We got the use of a hall for one night only at Andrew, Jackson county. I think we will get an opening there ere long; for if we sow in patience we shall reap in due time if we faint not. I have preached in a few other places in Jackson county. It seems to me that this is a hard field to work. Am at your disposal.

E. E. Marshall, priest, writes from Missouri:—

Have preached 16 times, have labored in Allendale, Lott's Grove, and Lone Rock, Missouri. Have been wonderfully blessed. I never felt as much assured of the final triumph of the latter day work as I have in the last ten months. Am willing to labor wherever the church sees fit to send me, as circumstances permit.

Marce Sorenson, priest, writes from Texas:—

Labored some in the Decatur, Iowa, district, doing some preaching at different points in schoolhouses, as opportunity offered, also doing some visiting in the Lamoni branch, by invitation of the presiding teacher. January last I received an appointment by the First Presidency and Bishop to labor in the Texas and Indian Territory mission, associated with Elder Amos J. Moore. Have labored here constantly since receiving my appointment, and am willing to remain here during the coming year if the authorities of the church so desire, or anywhere else that it may seem wise to send me.

Calvin DePuy, priest, writes from Missouri:—

Since my ordination to office of priest, December, 15th, 1891, have preached in all sixteen discourses, also attending to other duties pertaining to my office. My desire is to do more for the cause of truth.

W. J. Booker, elder, writes from Alabama:—

I have preached 43 times, baptized 1, blessed 9 children, and administered to the sick 9 times. My labors have been confined mostly to my district. Have labored to the best of my ability; have tried hard to get the work in better condition. I believe the work is in some better condition than last year, although there is plenty to do yet. I have assisted in confirming 40. Am willing to continue labor for the glorious cause this year if it is your desire.

Edward DeLong, elder, writes from Michigan:—

I have preached 85 times, baptized 15, blessed 8 children, and administered to the sick many times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in Tuscola, Bay, and Midland counties. Am at present in Bay City, by request of E. C. Briggs. Have nothing very flattering to say of Bay City at present, but hope things will change for the better. Will try and do all I can for the work. Would prefer Michigan, as my home is here, and labor is fully needed.

J. B. Watson, elder, writes from Indiana:—

I have preached 87 times, baptized 10, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 44 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony twice. Labored in the Canada mission in Osborne, London, St. Thomas, and St. Marys. New openings, Winchelsea and Aylmer. Michigan mission, Detroit, Galien, Buchanan, New Troy, Galesburg, and Coldwater. Indiana, Clear Lake; new openings, Angola, Orland, Hamilton, Hudson. Have striven to be diligent as my circumstances permitted. Truly the harvest is ripe, and we have thrust in the sickle wherever we could, but if tempered and whetted we might have one hundred sheaves instead of ten.

The last report was referred to the quorum of the Twelve.

SEVENTY QUORUM REPORT.

The following report from the quorum of Seventy was read:—

To the Presidents and General Conference:—

On behalf of the First quorum of Seventy, we report as follows: We met on Monday, the 4th inst., and have also held other sessions.

Forty-four of our number are present. Reports have been received from sixty-six members; of the four others, Bro. Butterworth has reported to the conference. Bro. L. R. Devore's report has not been received, nor has the Church Secretary a report from him. Both are probably *en route*. Reports are expected from one of the remaining two not yet reported, one of whom is inactive because of old age and infirmity.

Six hundred and two baptisms are reported by the Seventy for the year,

and the general expression of their reports indicates increased spiritual power bestowed.

We have held one session with the quorum of the Twelve, meeting in fasting and prayer, petitioning our heavenly Father in behalf of the church, and its general interests,—the filling of the quorums of the First Presidency and the Twelve, the appointment of the Patriarchal ministry, the establishment of Stakes of Zion, etc., and for President Smith's restoration to health. In this session the Holy Spirit was present in power.

We report the following actions: We have approved the resolution of the Twelve, now before the conference, in regard to the right of a missionary in charge to move a missionary under General Conference appointment from one subdivision of his field to another. We have also approved the amendments made by the quorum of Twelve to their Epistle, by which it is made to conform in verbiage to the revelation of 1890. Bro. D. H. Bays, who has been inactive for some time, and who resigned, was released from membership in the Seventy. His resignation embodied an expression of desire to examine or discuss a question involving the truth of the Inspired Translation with any member of the general body. We mention the request without recommendation.

Sixty-two of our members have been reported to the quorum of the Twelve for appointment. Those not so reported are engaged in local or other church labor, some being unable to travel and preach because of age, infirmity, etc.

An excellent spirit prevails in our midst. Unity exists among us, and determination to enter zealously upon the labors of the coming conference year is manifestly the intention of all.

Respectfully submitted,

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, President,
R. S. SALYARDS, Secretary.

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 8th. 1892.

The secretary of the quorum of Twelve requested that the General Conference appointees who have not yet reported to them do so at once, so that fields may be assigned to them in the new appointments. It was moved that the secretary of that quorum be asked to read the names of those who have not so reported. An effort was made to amend by substituting that those present who have not so reported be requested to stand up. This was defeated, and the original being put upon its passage prevailed by a vote of 66 for and 53 against. But the quorum secretary did not have the list present, and the reading was deferred.

A petition signed by Saints in Chicago was read, and referred to the quorum of Twelve to examine and report. Also the petition signed by the clerk of the Chicago branch, which was tabled on yesterday, was taken up and referred to the same quorum for like purpose.

A motion providing for the auditing of the Bishop's books in March, at the same time with the books of the Herald Office, was read and laid on the table for future action.

A request from the "Young People's Improvement Society," of St. Joseph, Missouri, asking that the conference sanction a general organization of literary workers, was read and placed on table for future action.

The usual announcements were made and the doxology sung.

The evening sermon was delivered by Bro. F. M. Cooper of Illinois, assisted by Bro. C. R. Duncan of Colorado.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH.

The morning prayer meeting was in charge of Bro. F. G. Pitt of Missouri, assisted by Bro. Duncan Campbell of Iowa. It was a spiritual session. The preaching was by Bro. I. M. Smith of Illinois, assisted by Bro. Duncan Campbell.

At 1:45 o'clock the assembly sang, "This world will be blessed by and by," and prayer was offered by Bro. J. H. Lake. Minutes of yesterday's session read.

MINISTRY REPORTS.

The reports of the following brethren were read:—

A. B. Moore, elder, present:—

I have preached 118 times, baptized 6, blessed 7 children, and administered to the sick 15 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Good results followed my administrations to sick every time. Am willing to continue to the end. Preached at Bandera, Bandera county; Bexar, Atascosa, Karnes, Bell, Waco City, San Antonio City, Texas.

James Thomas, elder, present:—

Have preached 125 times, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 10 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have labored in the Nodaway district continually. Have been wonderfully blessed in preaching the word, and have received the Spirit of truth to a marked degree in defending the great latter day work. My heart is in it, and I hope to continue to the end of the battle for eternal life.

R. W. Davis, priest, present:—

I have preached 100 times, baptized 9. Have been actively engaged since July 24th. Have labored in Clay, Jewell, Republic, and Mitchell counties, attended the reunion at Clay Center, attended conference at Blue Rapids, in December, after which I made four new openings in Jewell and Republic counties. Baptized three at Mankato, assisted by Bro. F. G. Pitt. I labored in company with Bro. G. W. Shute four weeks, the remainder of the time I labored alone. I had one discussion with a Christian Adventist. The cause of Christ did not suffer loss. Am ready to again labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

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

By mutual agreement between the Bishop and missionary in charge, I took charge of the work in Southern Illinois, Southern Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, and have tried to do the best I could for the interests of the work in all departments. Have also acted as president of Southern Illinois district, and Bishop's agent for the same. Also visited Southeastern Ohio by direction of the Bishop, and labored there during the month of December and fore part of January. For two months in the summer I was detained at home on account of serious sickness of my wife, but have tried to be diligent and faithful as a servant of the Master, and have enjoyed the Spirit's presence in all my ministrations. Have had the confidence and support of the Saints wherever I have been. Am still ready and willing to do what I can in every legitimate way for the advancement of this the work of God.

The following from the secretary of the Twelve, concerning names of the ministry who have not reported to that body at this session, was read:—

To the Presidents and Brethren in Conference Assembled:—

I have the pleasure of reporting that all of the appointees of last General Conference, who are known to be present have reported now, and those

who are not present are mentioned because some may have sent reports which they entrusted to others' care, who have not delivered them to us. Others have reported to the conference through the Church Secretary, supposing probably that their reports would thus reach the quorum of the Twelve, and so save themselves the trouble of writing separate reports. Some may have written whose letters have not reached us. We do not think any have intentionally neglected their duty in the matter.

The following are the names of those from whom we have not received reports answering our purpose: James Adair, Charles Avery, J. A. Carpenter, C. H. Burr, Richard Bullard, Robert Davis, J. B. Carmichael, H. J. Davison, D. K. Dodson, P. C. Fisher, Henry Grim, W. H. Griffin, J. E. Holt, Frank Hackett, John Johnson, J. A. McIntosh, Robert Oehring, Wm. G. Pert, Gomer Reese, M. R. Scott, P. B. Seaton, S. W. Simmons, Riley Turnbow, W. J. Trembath, and C. M. Bootman, elders. R. C. Grant, J. A. Grant, Samuel Heide, priests.

It may be that some may have thought that their ordinary report to the missionary in charge, or to the missionary in charge of a subdivision or mission field would suffice. If any of these brethren present have reports from any of the above named elders or priests, they will please inform the quorum of the fact.

Fraternally,

T. W. SMITH,

Secretary of Quorum of the Twelve.

DETROIT BRANCH.

The committee report on Detroit branch petition was read:—

We your committ appointed to examine the petition from the Detroit branch to be connected with the Chatham district of Canada mission beg leave to report as follows:—

We consider that it will best serve the church to have the city of Detroit, Michigan, become part of the Canada mission and so recommend to this body.

J. H. LAKE,

E. C. BRIGGS,

R. C. EVANS,

} Committee.

P. S. — Bro. Briggs voted in the minority, thinking Canada should be annexed to Detroit.

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Its adoption was moved and discussed. Then a substitute was presented that the matter be referred to the Southern Michigan district. After consideration the motion to refer prevailed.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

A report from the Board of Publication was read:—

To the Conference:—

The Board of Publication would respectfully report that during the past year the addition to the Herald Office building has been completed, and in it are commodious offices for the First Presidency, the Secretary and Recorder, and the Bishop, with a fireproof vault for the books of the Bishop and the records of the church, also a suitable vault for the stereotype plates of the various books published by the office.

During the year the size of the *Herald* has been increased by the addition of a cover, and the price reduced to two dollars per year; and in addition to the publication of the *Herald*, *Hope*, and *Autumn Leaves*, the enlarged addition of the Book of Mormon, Rules of Order, and the Christian Sabbath have been stereotyped, printed, and put on sale. The bindery department has been furnished with necessary machinery and material, and work started with fair prospects of making it a success.

In regard to the resolution and recommendation passed by you at your last session asking that the First Presidency be released from the editorial department, would say, that after a careful and respectful consideration of the matter have found that it was quite impracticable to wholly conform to

such request; but as far as possible, steps have been taken to relieve them of all detail and routine work of the office, so that their labors shall be strictly only supervisory and editorial work proper, in connection with the church publications. To aid in this help has been secured to prepare manuscript and in reading proofs, and editorial work.

It is the sense of the Board that an authentic history of the rise and progress of the church should be compiled and published, and we therefore recommend that the conference of the church shall now take action authorizing the Board to cause such compilation and publication to be made.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA S. COCHRAN, Secretary.

It was moved to adopt; but, after discussion upon it, further action upon the matter of history was deferred. With this exception the report was adopted. A motion to reconsider was defeated.

The following was moved:—

That in the preparation of the Church Secretary's report, this body desires that of the Church Secretary, and not those of district clerks, who are not under direction of the body.

This was discussed, and then the following was moved as a substitute:—

That in the future the secretaries of the districts be requested to report to the Church Secretary and Recorder, by March 15th, of each year, the Church Secretary and Recorder to make a statistical report to the General Conferences each year, his report to be based upon the reports of the district secretaries to him.

It was discussed. Then an amendment was sought by striking out the date, March 15th, and inserting the words, "last day of February," instead thereof. Being discussed this amendment was put to vote and lost, as was also the substitute. The previous question being ordered upon the original motion, it prevailed.

A letter from Bro. G. W. Shaw, formerly of the quorum of Seventy, was referred to that quorum for its consideration.

A motion of instruction to ministers who are not under general appointment not to report to the Annual Conference was read; also a motion advising branches and districts to elect as presidents men who do not use tobacco, but action on them was deferred.

The following was moved and adopted:—

"Whereas there are vacancies in the First Presidency, in the quorum of the Twelve, and in other important offices in the church; and

"Whereas there is doubt in the minds of many of the leading ministers and others in the church as to what is meant in the law by 'evangelical ministers,' and whether or not the time has come for their appointment; and

"Whereas we believe that the church has reached that point in its history when all its offices would be filled, and these important matters be settled, and

"Whereas our past efforts in inquiring of the Lord for increase of light have been kindly approved by him, therefore

"Resolved that we ask President Joseph Smith to present the above matters before our heavenly Father, and seek for information relative to them; and that we hereby pledge ourselves to support his supplications by fasting and prayer; and that Sunday, April 10th, be observed as a day of fasting and prayer for the above purpose."

After announcements and arrangements for services this evening and on to-morrow, adjournment was had.

Bro. Columbus Scott of Michigan, preached at the evening hour. He was assisted by Bro. I. N. Roberts of Iowa. The time of the Sunday prayer meeting was fixed at eight o'clock in the morning, instead of nine.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH.

In accordance with the resolution of yesterday, this day was observed quite generally as a time of fasting and prayer; and, though the day was a stormy one, snow and rain coming down freely, yet by eight o'clock there was a large gathering of the Saints at the prayer services, and gradually the house filled until every seat in the body and in the galleries was occupied, and chairs were placed in the aisles for later comers.

The prayer meeting was in charge of Brn. F. G. Pitt and J. A. Robinson, both of Independence. It was a season of prayer and thanksgiving indeed, and all present rejoiced in the mercies and blessings of the Lord. The services lasted until half past ten. After an intermission of twenty minutes, the assembly came to order, and the hymns, "My God, my Father while I stray," and, "Father, when in love to thee," were sung as the opening hymns, one before and one after the prayer, which was offered by Bro. Alexander H. Smith. Following this was the sermon by President Joseph Smith, one of interest to the great congregation of Saints and citizens gathered to hear him.

At half past two o'clock, after singing, "The law of the gospel is perfect," Bro. Charles Derry petitioned the throne of grace for divine aid and blessing. The hymn, "When the earth long in bondage had lain," was sung, and Bro. Mark H. Forscutt preached for a brief time. As he suffered from a severe headache, he gave way, and Bro. Charles Derry followed him upon the gospel theme. He in turn was succeeded by President Joseph Smith upon the Spirit's certification of the truth.

At the evening hour Bro. J. R. Lambert had charge of the services, and assisted Bro. W. H. Kelley, who preached from Ephesians 1:10, upon the unity which is to come, according to the word.

Four who were baptized to-day, three by Bro. F. G. Pitt, and one by Bro. H. A. Stebbins, were confirmed, two in the afternoon by Brn. Blair, Pitt, and Lake, and two in the evening by Brn. Pitt and Stebbins.

MONDAY, APRIL 11TH.

At nine o'clock the Saints again assembled for prayer and testimony, and were presided over by Brn. A. S. Cochran and John Hawley.

The morning sermon was preached by Bro. T. W. Williams. His assistant was Bro. Emsley Curtis.

The business session was opened by singing; "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Prayer by Bro. James Caffall. Minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read.

HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM.

The following report from the High Priests' quorum was read:—

To the Presidents and Elders in General Conference assembled, Greeting:—

In behalf of the High Priest's quorum, the following is respectfully presented to the body:—

The quorum has held several meetings and transacted a variety of business, Presidents Charles Derry and Mark H. Forscutt presiding; H. A. Stebbins, secretary; R. M. Elvin chosen as assistant secretary of the quorum.

Besides the four above named, the following members of the quorum were present and reported, namely: James Whitehead, James Anderson, R. C. B. Elvin, George Derry, J. C. Crabb, S. S. Wilcox, David Dancer, David Chambers, A. S. Cochran, J. H. Peters, J. W. Waldsmith, J. A. Robinson, F. G. Pitt, C. E. Butterworth, William Anderson, C. A. Beebe, E. L. Kelley, John Chisnall, and G. M. Scott, in all twenty-three members who are present at this conference.

Also reports were read from absent members as follows: W. B. Smith, W. H. Blair, I. L. Rogers, J. W. Chatburn, George Sweet, Jackson Goodale, Phineas Cadwell, H. J. Hudson, C. G. Lanphear, G. W. Harlow, and G. S. Lincoln.

The names of G. W. Harlow, G. S. Lincoln, and G. M. Scott were enrolled upon the record of the quorum.

Copies of the "In Memoriam" were ordered to be issued to the families of Brn. W. H. Hazzledine and John Landers, these brethren having passed away during the past year, to the regret and loss of the quorum and the church.

The following members of the quorum were presented to the First Presidency and the Twelve as able and willing to labor in the ministry, either as branch or district presidents, or as missionaries in the field, namely: Charles Derry, M. H. Forscutt, R. C. Elvin, G. M. Scott, J. C. Crabb, J. A. Robinson, J. W. Waldsmith, David Chambers, William Anderson, R. M. Elvin, and F. G. Pitt.

In the case of Phineas Cadwell, the following was adopted owing to information received in the matter; namely:—

Resolved that the license of Phineas Cadwell be restored to him, providing that no charges are preferred and information of such action filed with the secretary of the quorum before the first day of June, 1892.

The committee appointed one year ago in the case of misunderstanding between Brn. H. J. Hudson and R. M. Elvin reported the matter as amicably adjusted.

The following was adopted: That each member of the quorum is requested to make a written report hereafter, said report to be sent to the secretary of the quorum to cover labor done up to and inclusive of the last day of February in each year.

President Derry nominated as his second counselor Bro. C. E. Butterworth. The quorum ratified the choice, and his name is hereby presented to the conference for its approval and ordination to said office.

Respectfully presented,

H. A. STEBBINS, Secretary of Quorum.

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 11th, 1892.

The action of the quorum in regard to Bro. C. E. Butterworth was ratified and his ordination was ordered.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Following this the report of the General Sunday School Association was presented, read, and spread upon the minutes, as follows:—

To the Conference Assembled. Brethren:—

The following is presented to your body for such action as deemed proper. We do so because this Sunday school movement is recognized as a "department of church work and care."

Beginning with Monday, nine a. m., the General Sunday School Association of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held three business sessions, and two others in which addresses and music was the feature. Training classes were also organized illustrating the best methods of teaching. One hundred and fourteen delegates were chosen, 85 of whom were present. These delegates represented 296 votes, or an enrolled membership of 3,198. The General Association has in it 12 organized district associations, containing 62 schools. There are 7 schools not in districts, making a total of 69 schools in the General Association. Eight district associations have been organized since the Kirtland meeting of a year ago, and the outlook for the coming year is equally as good. We hope to double the results by the help of the impetus which the movement, started under the sanction of your body, has received at the meeting just held.

The Association is developing its own supplies and literature through the issuance of the church press. One hundred and nine dollars worth of work was done by the Herald Office for the General Association during the year.

The Association will publish its own Lesson Helps for both pupils and teachers, using both King James' and Inspired texts.

Some changes were made in the Constitution and By-laws.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. A. Blakeslee superintendent, Sr. M. Walker assistant superintendent, Gomer Wells secretary, Sr. L. L. Lyons treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. BLAKESLEE, Superintendent,
GOMER WELLS, Secretary.

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 9th, 1892.

FOURTH QUORUM OF ELDERS.

From the few of the Fourth quorum of Elders who are present at this conference came a request for the disorganization of said quorum; but no action was had.

The following was moved and adopted:—

Resolved that the reply of Bro. J. R. Lambert in advocacy and defense of the Book of Mormon, and Book of Doctrine and Covenants, as offered to the church in his report to this body, be referred to the Board of Publication, with request that it be published in the *Herald*, or in pamphlet form if they deem best.

The quorum of Twelve handed in the name of J. A. Carpenter to be placed among those who have been delinquent in reporting to said quorum this spring.

A resolution from the quorum of the Twelve concerning the ministry paying tithing was read and laid on the table to await its turn for action.

A motion providing for the publication of the acts of the past General Conferences of the Reorganized Church was also read and action deferred.

A message from the annual conference in England, in relation to the ordination of a bishop was also read.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Being asked if he wished for any change to be made in the membership of the Board of Publication, Bishop E. L. Kelley said that he did not. The present members of the Board were named as follows: E. L. Kelley, David Dancer, W. W. Blair, J. H. Peters, and Robert Winning.

A petition from the Independence branch, asking that Bro. F. G. Pitt be reappointed to said branch was referred to the quorum of Twelve.

CONFERENCE OF 1893.—LAMONI.

It was moved that when this conference adjourns it does so to meet at Lamoni, Iowa, at ten o'clock on April 6th, 1893. It was moved to amend by striking out 1893 and inserting 1894. Discussion followed, and it was then further sought to amend by adding the words, "or at the call of the First Presidency." The amendments were put in their order and both defeated; the original motion was then adopted.

PUBLISHING MINISTRY REPORTS.

A preamble and resolution relating to publishing the reports of the ministry was moved as follows:—

Whereas, the missionary reports are becoming so numerous and interesting; and whereas important suggestions are made in many of them which should be in the hands of the delegates for reference; and whereas, memory is fallible, and to facilitate business, be it

Resolved, that hereafter all missionary reports shall be sent to the Church Secretary, not later than March 15th of each year, to be published by the Herald Office, in pamphlet form, and be ready for free distribution during the sitting of the conference.

This was discussed, and then it was moved to refer the matter to a committee, who shall draft a form upon which to report. Debate followed upon this, and the vote being taken the motion to refer was defeated, there being already a blank provided upon which to report. Then the motion to adopt the original prevailed. But this was followed by a motion to reconsider, which motion was affirmed, and after a further consideration, the preambles and resolution to publish prior to the assembling of conference were defeated.

COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

The following was moved, discussed, and adopted:—

That a committee be appointed to take the steps necessary, and to make arrangements to properly represent the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ and its standard works at the "World's Fair" in Chicago, in 1893.

It was discussed and adopted, together with a provision that the committee consist of Brn. Joseph Smith, W. W. Blair, E. L. Kelley, and the minister in charge of Illinois, whoever may be appointed.

Preamble and resolution reading as follows, was adopted:—

Whereas, should the Bishop of the church be able to close his fiscal

year on March 15th, at the same time that the Herald Office year closes, the committee on auditing Herald Office accounts could, without additional expense, audit the Bishop's books also; and

Whereas, such audit of accounts would enable the Bishop to present his report for direct action without delaying conference by committee work, be it hereby

Resolved, that in the year 1893, and thenceforward the Bishop's books and accounts be audited prior to the convening of each April Conference, by the above named committee.

Announcements were made for preaching and prayer services, also for meetings of quorums, and at five o'clock conference adjourned.

Bro. F. M. Sheehy of Maine preached in the evening, assisted by Bro. J. F. Mintun of Iowa.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH.

The morning prayer and testimony service was in charge of Brn. W. J. Smith of Michigan, and J. S. Roth of Iowa. At eleven o'clock Bro. E. L. Kelley preached. He was assisted by Bro. David Chambers of Iowa.

At the hour of convening for business, after singing "How beautiful are their feet, who stand on Zion's hill," prayer was offered by Bro. John Chisnall. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The subject laid over on Saturday, namely, that of the recommendation of the Board of Publication concerning the compilation of the history of the church, was taken up and a motion to adopt was discussed and prevailed. Then the following was presented:—

Resolved that we appoint a committee of examination and revision, consisting of Brn. Joseph Smith, W. H. Kelley, and Charles Derry.

It was then moved to add the words, "in connection with the Board of Publication." Following this the name of J. R. Lambert was presented to be one of the committee; also Duncan Campbell and J. C. Crabb were nominated. The last two were voted upon and rejected, but the name of Bro. J. R. Lambert was accepted. Then the first amendment was adopted, and the original motion prevailed as thus amended.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CHURCH.

The following was presented by the First Presidency:—

Whereas, there appears to be a growing sentiment in the minds of many of the active ministry that the rule adopted at a former conference, providing that persons who may desire to withdraw from the church, but are not otherwise guilty, as of immorality, or wrongdoing, should be proceeded against on a charge of apostasy and be excommunicated upon proof of request to withdraw, is too binding, and is calculated to work injuriously in many instances, and should be modified or abandoned,—therefore

Resolved, that said resolution, reading, "That no person's name be stricken from the church records until specific charges have been preferred against them, and lawful action had in the case, and that the cause or causes

of action and expulsion should be stated upon the church records," adopted at Stewartville, Missouri, April 11th, 1884, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and the following adopted in its stead:—

Whereas, change of opinion in regard to religious obligation and church relationship is not a crime, nor involves a moral wrongdoing, therefore be it

Resolved, that hereafter persons who may wish to withdraw from church relation and fellowship because of a change in their opinions concerning the faith, or any portions of it, they not being otherwise guilty of or chargeable with moral evil, or actual wrongdoing, shall be permitted to withdraw, and their names shall be stricken from the church record of names, upon their *open and continued request, after labor duly performed at the direction of the presiding officer of the branch*, and by vote of the branch of which they are at the time members; or upon application to and vote of a district conference having jurisdiction; or by application to and vote of the General Annual Conference of the church.

Its adoption was moved, and by request the Secretary read the original minutes of the action of April 11th, 1884. Discussion followed, and it was moved to amend by adding the following words:—

"That when such excommunication or separation takes place, that upon a reapplication for membership in the body, should such occur, that the proper rule is to receive them upon confession of faith and obedience to the laws of the gospel."

The amendment was discussed, and the previous question being ordered the amendment was adopted by a standing vote of 99 for, and 61 against.

The original motion was then spoken upon at considerable length, and being put to vote, the motion was defeated by a vote of 52 for and 98 against.

THIRD QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The following report of the Third quorum of Elders was read:—

The Third quorum of Elders has thus far held four sessions. The quorum was represented by 26 present. The names of Alex. C. Hart, James L. Christianson, I. N. W. Cooper, C. E. Guinand, Wm. Corbett, Mitchell Stephens, I. N. Delong, Chas. J. Hunt, T. J. Franklin, J. S. Wagoner, S. G. Mayo, Wm. Menzies, Jacob L. Gunsolley, E. J. Robinson, and John Burlington Sen. were accepted as members of the quorum, and the names Charles S. Frazier, Ruel Frost, George Mottashed, Fred G. Collins, C. R. Briggs dropped from the quorum. Aside from the 26 present, reports were received from 20 others.

The following was passed by the quorum: We recommend for General Conference appointment those of our quorum who have been in the field, and in addition the following names: Wm. Menzies, J. B. Belcher, G. W. Beebe, Daniel Brown, A. C. Hart, and I. N. W. Cooper.

The following was also adopted: Resolved that it is with deep regret we learn of the death of our worthy and esteemed brother, Dr. Levi Anthony, and that we recognize in his removal from our midst the loss of an excellent and wise colaborer; and while we mourn his departure from our midst we feel consoled in the knowledge that his record was one after which we should all endeavor to pattern our lives. Resolved that we tender our sympathies to the family of the separated as also the church he so ably presided over for many years.

J. M. TERRY, Sec.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., April 12th, 1892.

FIFTH QUORUM OF ELDERS.

A report from the Fifth quorum of Elders was read:—

To the Conference:—

We as officials of the Fifth quorum of Elders beg leave to report that during the past year the quorum has done efficient work, there having been 3,346 sermons preached, 278 baptisms, 196 confirmations, 153 children blessed, 37 ordinations, 77 marriages, and 914 administrations to the sick. During the past year we have had over 20 who have been actively engaged in the work, and now we have 25 who are ready for the active missionary field. We have 5 presidents of districts, 4 presidents of branches, 3 Bishop's agents, 1 district and 1 branch clerk in our quorum. Many of our men failed to itemize their reports, hence our report is not as full as it might be; however, the work of the year has been larger than that of last, showing a gradual growth. Four sessions have been held by us during this conference and much important business has been transacted. During the year we have lost 5 members; viz: By death, John Richards; by expulsion, James A. McIntosh; dropped from quorum for not reporting, William Chapman, Samuel Davis, Oliver Johnson. There are now five vacancies in the quorum which we as yet have not filled. A committee was appointed to draft resolution of condolence. The object of the quorum as expressed by all present at the last session was that an effort should be made to secure a reliable Cyclopaedia for the use of the quorum, and that such should be at the disposal of the members of the quorum whenever they desired.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WELLS, Pres.,
T. W. WILLIAMS, Sec.

A request signed by three members of the Fourth quorum of Elders asking for the disorganization of the quorum was read. The request was based upon the fact that the members of the quorum are so widely scattered that few ever attend any of the conferences, and therefore the quorum has held but two meetings during the past six years. Only five or six members are present at this session.

The following was read, but not acted upon:—

Resolved that the series of articles written by Bro. William Woodhead on, "Who is the author of the Book of Mormon?" be published and put on sale by the church.

Bishop E. L. Kelley said that the amount now paid the Church Secretary and Recorder is not sufficient, considering the work he has to do, and that he advised an increase. By a unanimous vote authority was given for such increase to be made.

After announcements the conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bro. Joseph Luff.

The sermon of the evening was preached by Bro. Leonard Scott of Michigan. Bro. J. T. Kinnaman of Missouri assisted in the services.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH.

The nine o'clock prayer meeting was presided over by Brn. William Waterman and Edwin Stafford. After it the hour for preaching was occupied by Bro. C. H. Jones of Harrison county,

Missouri. His assistant was Bro. J. M. Terry of St. Joseph, Missouri.

The business session was opened by singing, "Am I a soldier of the cross." Bro. M. H. Forscutt invoked the divine blessing. The minutes were read and stood approved.

SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

The presidents of Seventy presented the following report and recommendation concerning the organization of a Second quorum of Seventy:—

To the Presidency and Brethren in General Conference Assembled; Greeting:—

The presidents of the First quorum of Seventy report that during this session of conference we have held a number of meetings for the transaction of business relating to our department of the work of God. During our deliberations the Spirit of the Lord with its light, joy, peace, and unity was present to cheer, aid, and direct.

Among other matters deliberated and acted upon, the following of special interest to the church was prayerfully considered, duly recommended by us, and we hereby present for your consideration and endorsement:—

Resolved, that in the opinion of the presidents of Seventy the time has arrived when a beginning should be made toward the organization of a Second quorum of Seventy, as it is believed by us that there is a sufficient number of available and eligible men to make such beginning; and, further, that the work in the vineyard seems to require such movement.

In purview of this resolution, we entered upon the work of considering the names of elders to be recommended for ordination to the office of seventy, and the following named were selected and duly recommended; and we respectfully ask that their ordination be provided for. Those chosen are:—

Isaac P. Baggerly, Leonard Scott, Thomas W. Chatburn, Thomas W. Williams, John W. Peterson, Willis A. McDowell, Jefferson D. Erwin, Edward E. Wheeler, D. L. Shinn, G. W. Shute, Mad. P. Madison, Charles H. Porter, T. C. Kelley, D. M. Rudd, Daniel E. Tucker.

Respectfully submitted,

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, Pres.,
C. SCOTT, Sec.

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 13th, 1892.

FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

The First quorum of Seventy made its second report:—

To the Presidents and Members of General Conference:—

Since last report we have transacted the following items of business: Bro. G. H. Hilliard was released from the quorum because of his ordination into the Bishopric. Elders John Kaler and C. R. Duncan, chosen by the presidents of Seventy to fill vacancies, and accepted by the quorum, are presented for your action. We ask that their ordination be ordered and provided for.

The matter referred to us concerning the ministerial status of Bro. G. W. Shaw has been arranged for by appointment of a committee to investigate it, and correspond with him.

Additional reports add 33 to the number of baptisms reported,—636 in all.

On behalf of the quorum,

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, Pres.,
R. S. SALYARDS, Sec.

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 13th, 1892.

FIRST QUORUM OF ELDERS.

A report from the First quorum of Elders was read:—

To the Presidency and Conference Assembled:—

We, the First quorum of Elders, have held four sessions to date. We have received reports from 66 members, 38 giving no items of work done; 28 gave items as follows: Preached 1,451 times, baptized 107, confirmed 128, blessed 610 children, administered to 732 sick, married 25 couples, number acting as presidents of districts, 4; as presidents of branches, 15; as branch priests, 3; as Bishop's agents, 3. E. A. Blakeslee and D. C. White were added to the quorum, and Thomas Nutt was restored.

The quorum passed the following resolution: All members of the quorum that fail twice in one session to send in a report to the quorum, their names will be dropped from the quorum. We have elected Bro. Alfred White president of the quorum. He selected as his counselors, E. A. Blakeslee and Joseph Snively, and the quorum confirmed the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. SEWARD, Sec. *pro tem.*

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 13th, 1892.

SECOND QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The Second quorum of Elders reported:—

We have held four meetings with thirteen members present. The following named elders were received as members of the quorum: G. M. L. Whitman, W. H. Griffin, Henry Sparling, David Crow, T. S. Brown, M. P. Madison, Henry Way, Jephtha Spurlock Arthur Allen, J. M. Scott, John Johnson, David Scott.

A resolution was adopted relating to members reporting, that if a member fail to report for two successive years without a reasonable excuse he shall be dropped from the quorum.

In the case of Bro. W. C. Cadwell, the following was adopted: That if there be no action taken or charges filed against him by the first day of July, 1892, his license be restored to him by the quorum president.

A resolution was adopted asking each member to pay to the secretary 15 cents for the revision of the quorum list and postage.

D. M. RUDD, Secretary.

THIRD QUORUM OF PRIESTS.

The Third quorum of Priests reported:—

Number of sessions held, 4, number present, 8; 26 reports read and received showing a total of 573 sermons, 42 baptisms, 2 marriages, besides considerable amount of branch labor done not itemized. Seven have been ordained to the eldership, and vacancies filled at present session. Eleven names are recommended to quorum of Twelve for missionary work.

GOMER R. WELLS, President, *pro tem.*,

RALPH G. SMITH, Secretary, *pro tem.*

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 13th, 1892.

The following was moved:—

Resolved that branch authorities have jurisdiction over their members wherever they are, but have no jurisdiction over territory outside of the corporate limits of the town (when located in a town), nor outside the limits of the township (when located in the country), the customary place of holding branch meetings to determine the location of the branch.

This was discussed, and then a motion was made to refer it to the quorum of Twelve. This was followed by motion to refer the subject to the several districts for their action. This was spoken upon by several, and, being put before the house the last motion to refer was lost. Then the motion to refer to the Twelve was voted upon. Division called for, and a rising

vote of 70 for, and 64 against, placed the matter in the hands of that quorum for consideration.

A preamble and resolution from the Young People's Mutual Improvement Society, of St. Joseph, Missouri, was read, as follows:--

Whereas in the opinion of the Young People's Mutual Improvement Society of St. Joseph, Missouri, far greater improvement would attend the young people of the church in their studies and efforts to attain to knowledge and usefulness if, by some method or methods to be devised by the Young People's Societies of the Church of Christ everywhere, there could be effected an organization of those societies of the church throughout the world, so that once a year, at the time and place of the General Conference to be held each year, they could meet by their representatives, and exchange and interchange views, mutually instruct and encourage each other, and thus become better fitted as instruments for good in their day and generation,

And, whereas, we further believe that such an institution, if properly organized and officered, would be as powerful an auxiliary to the Church of Christ as it is claimed the Christian Endeavor Societies are to those churches that arrogate to themselves the right to be considered, and exclusively so, Orthodox and Evangelical, it is hereby

Resolved that we ask the officers of and delegates to the General Conference of the church, appointed to meet in Independence on the 6th of April, 1892, to give their sanction and approval to such an organization as that we propose, should our view meet with favor by the other Young People's Societies of the church throughout the world, or by any considerable number of them.

Second: That in the event of such an organization being approved, nothing shall be permitted to become a part of its polity or practice that shall in anywise conflict with the law of the Lord, or the good of society.

Resolved that Brother Mark H. Forscutt be and is hereby requested and authorized to bring the foregoing before the General Conference to meet April 6th, 1892.

GILBERT J. WHITEHEAD, President,
GRACE L. GARDNER, Secretary.

ST. JOSEPH, Missouri. April 1st, 1892.

It was moved that the effort of the society be approved. This was discussed. Then a motion was made that the subject be left with the society for such further action as they may deem best. This substitute prevailed.

The following was moved and adopted:--

Resolved that we instruct the elders of the church who are not under general church appointment to not report to this body, unless the labor performed has been outside of all districts and branches; and that the Secretary of the Church be authorized to reject all ministerial reports which do not properly belong to the General Conference of the church.

Preambles and resolution as follows was moved:--

Whereas the quorum of the Twelve deem it wisdom to appoint none as church missionaries who do not honor the Lord in "avoiding the use of tobacco," etc., as enjoined in the revelation of April, 1887, and,

Whereas branch, and especially district presidents, are important church servants, therefore be it

Resolved, that we do respectfully call the attention of all Saints to the propriety of observing the example of the Twelve in appointing such officers, especially where others equally competent are available who do thus honor the Lord.

It was discussed and adopted.

The following, as adopted by the quorum of Twelve, was presented for the action of the body:—

Resolved that ministers who are eligible to the law of tithing, and refuse to comply with it; or who ignore the law by neither paying nor making proper effort to pay, are not justly entitled to claim upon the church for family support.

Adoption was moved, its merits were discussed, and the motion to adopt prevailed.

ACTS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Concerning the compilation and publication of the past acts of General Conference, the following was moved:—

Resolved that the work done by a committee appointed to compile acts of General Conferences binding upon the body, accepted by the conference of 1887, and referred to the Board of Publication "with authority to publish if deemed best by them," be completed, including similar acts that this conference has passed or may pass; that a committee be appointed to so complete the compilation, said committee to report its work for examination to the Board of Publication, which is requested to publish the completed work if practicable.

It was discussed and adopted, together with a motion that the committee be composed of three members, and the chair appointed Brn. H. A. Stebbins, R. S. Salyards and Columbus Scott as said committee.

REQUEST FOR A BISHOP IN ENGLAND.

A message from the annual conference in England was read and referred to the First Presidency for consideration and to report, as follows:—

To the First Presidency, the Apostles, High Priests, Bishops, Seventies, Elders, and all others in Annual Conference assembled, Greeting:—

This is to certify that at the annual conference of this mission held in the city of Manchester, England, August 1st to 3d, 1891, the following resolution was moved, seconded, and carried by a majority vote: "Resolved that Elder Thomas Taylor, of Birmingham, England, be recommended to the General Conference of the church next ensuing for ordination to the office of Bishop of the English mission."

Done on behalf of mission conference by order of the same this 20th day of February, 1892.

C. H. CATON, Secretary of English mission.

BIRMINGHAM, England. February 21st, 1892.

BISHOP'S SPECIAL REPORT.

The following was presented by Bro. E. L. Kelley:—

In addition to the usual financial report to this body, attention is called to the effort of the Bishopric to provide for a special fund to aid the church in its work as emergency might arise, and provide for a suitable Home for Saints, when circumstances demanded the same.

Four months ago special notice was sent to the Saints particularly calling attention to the necessities of such fund, and since consecrations have been given and offered to the same, so that to the present time there has come into the hands of the Bishop, or placed where he can draw the same upon demand, moneys aggregating between eight and ten thousand dollars.

The names of the contributors will appear with the annual published report of the Bishop, but on account of some of the agents failing to report names who have reported moneys paid to them, a full list is not had as yet.

We would respectfully call the attention of the conference to the importance of this, and ask the coöperation of the membership, so that the full amount asked be obtained.

We think the Saints have shown such interest in this the past three months that with an effort the full amount may be easily secured.

There has been also a fund in favor of securing the Society Island boat to the amount of 50 or 75 dollars, which will fully appear in the report.

Conference is asked to take such action in the matter as may be deemed wisest.

Very respectfully submitted,

E. L. KELLEY.

A motion was adopted that this body approves of the movement for the object stated.

In carrying out the same idea the following was moved, but not acted upon, namely:—

Resolved that a committee be appointed by this conference to select some appropriate location for the settling of the poor, and to ascertain the price of land, and the amount of land that can be purchased for that purpose.

A request from Bro. D. H. Bays, desiring permission to withdraw from the church, was read, and it was moved to refer it to the quorum of Seventy. Then followed a motion that his request be granted; after that a motion that the matter be referred to the minister in charge of Michigan for action, as is provided in the law. The last motion prevailed.

A like request from Bro. J. W. Sykes was taken up, discussed, and referred to the missionary in charge of Missouri.

The motion calling for the publication in book form of Bro. William Woodhead's *Herald* articles on the Book of Mormon was referred to the Board of Publication.

A petition from certain deacons, asking for the organization of a quorum of deacons, was referred to the quorum of Twelve.

The request for the disorganization of the Fourth quorum of Elders was referred to the presidents of the other quorums of elders for consideration.

After the regular appointments of meetings and of quorums, the conference adjourned.

Bro. J. C. Crabb of Iowa, preached in the evening. He was assisted by Bro. S. S. Wilcox of Iowa.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH.

The morning prayer service was presided over by Brn. John Chisnall of Illinois, and C. J. Hunt of Iowa. At eleven o'clock Bro. Charles Derry preached, assisted by Bro. William Anderson, both of Iowa.

At the convening of the afternoon session, and after singing, "Let us pray for one another," Bro. Ethan Barrows offered prayer. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

QUORUM OF TWELVE REPORT.

A report from the quorum of Twelve concerning Bro. J. B. Watson was read, as follows:—

Report of the quorum of the Twelve on the matter of Elder J. B. Watson, referred to it.

The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that we have no advice to give to Elder J. B. Watson concerning his going to college, as it is entirely a matter of his own; and we further report that for good and sufficient reasons, we have no *appointment* for him.

For the quorum of Twelve,

T. W. Smith, Secretary.

FIRST QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The following was received:—

First quorum of Elders reports that the case of Bro. Thomas Nutt was presented by his counsel, Bro. T. W. Chatburn, and it was resolved that we forgive Bro. Nutt and restore him to the quorum, and that his license be given him.

BISHOP IN ENGLAND.

The First Presidency reported concerning the ordination of a Bishop in England:—

To the Conference Assembled:—

The Presidency, to whom the request for the ordination of Bro. Thomas Taylor, of Birmingham, England, to the office of Bishop, was referred, report that they have taken the matter into consideration, and upon examination have concluded, that while it is within the jurisdiction of the conference to direct such ordination, and though Bro. Taylor be a proper and suitable man to appoint and ordain to the office, it cannot be effected at present, for the following reason: The law providing for the call and ordination of Bishops, provides (Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 68:2), that they shall be "called, set apart, and ordained unto this power under the hands of the First Presidency of the Melchisedek priesthood." Under present existing conditions this is impracticable; therefore it would be inexpedient for the conference to direct it to be done, as the Presidency cannot visit England for the purpose, nor is it likely that Bro. Taylor can visit America, in the near future. We therefore respectfully submit that the matter be deferred until such time as the ordination may from surrounding conditions be practicable, when it may be further considered.

We further recommend that should any of the Twelve be accorded a mission to England, that they be instructed to make necessary inquiry respecting the necessity for the appointment of a bishop there, and the propriety of the selection, and report to the next conference; and in case there is no one of the Twelve sent to England, that the matter remain subject to the further action of the session of 1893.

JOSEPH SMITH,
W. W. BLAIR.

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 14th, 1892.

It was moved to adopt this report as the action of the body, and it was so ordered.

MISSIONS OF THE TWELVE.

The First Presidency made a report concerning the appointment of the apostles for the coming year:—

APPOINTMENTS.

James W. Gillen, Gomer T. Griffiths, to the European mission.

H. C. Smith, Thomas W. Smith, Australasian mission.

A. H. Smith, Joseph Luff, Rocky Mountain mission.

W. H. Kelley, the Eastern States, including Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginias, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

The Canadas, J. H. Lake.

Michigan, Minnesota, Manitoba, Northern Indiana, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas, E. C. Briggs.

Iowa, Missouri, Central and Southern Indiana, and Illinois, Joseph R. Lambert.

Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and New Mexico, and Eastern Wyoming, James Caffall.

It was moved that the conference ratify the appointment of the Presidency, and this prevailed unanimously.

The recommendations for ordinations, as contained in the second report of the First quorum of Seventy, read on yesterday, were taken up, and it was ordered that Brn. John Kaler and C. R. Duncan be so ordained, these brethren having signified their willingness. Also, as provided for at the conference of April, 1891, and upon his expressing willingness to accept the office, it was ordered that Bro. J. R. Evans be ordained as one of the Seventy.

The report of the presidents of Seventy, read on yesterday, was taken up, and the following brethren, being present, and called upon, signified their willingness to accept ordination to the office of Seventy, namely: I. P. Baggerly, Leonard Scott, T. W. Chatburn, T. W. Williams, J. W. Peterson, J. D. Erwin, G. W. Shute, D. M. Rudd, and D. E. Tucker.

In consideration of the names of those not present, various brethren spoke for the absent ones, and by vote of the body their ordination was ordered, namely: W. A. McDowell, E. E. Wheeler, D. L. Shinn, M. P. Madison, C. H. Porter, T. C. Kelley.

It was provided that the ordinations take place in open conference under the direction of the Presidency. The Presidency referred the matter to the Twelve for their superintendence.

The request of the First quorum of Elders for the ordinations of Brn. Alfred White as president, and E. A. Blakeslee and J. S. Snively as his counselors, was granted.

The Second quorum of Elders reported that, owing to the choosing of Bro. G. W. Shute to be ordained as one of the Seventy, the office of second counselor in the quorum was vacant, therefore they requested that Bro. B. F. Durfee be ordained to said office. The conference granted the request.

The Third quorum of Elders presented certain names as recommended for ministry appointment by them. The paper was referred to the quorum of Twelve.

FOURTH QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The report of those to whom was referred the matter of the Fourth quorum of Elders was read:—

We, your committee to examine into the condition of the Fourth quorum of Elders, state that we find that the quorum is organized, and we see no reason why they cannot move successfully. We recommend that the members who are here meet and effect a temporary

organization, also fill up the quorum, report to this conference, and also send copy of their proceedings to the officers of the quorum.

A. WHITE, President of First quorum of Elders,
 WM. CHAMBERS, President of Second quorum of Elders,
 J. T. KINNAMAN, President of Third quorum of Elders,
 J. H. WELLS, President of Fifth quorum of Elders.

The recommendation was adopted.

The motion presented on yesterday concerning the selection of a location and the purchase of land for settling the poor of the church was taken up and referred to the Bishopric.

ORDINATIONS.

A hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by President Smith. Then, proceeding to the ceremony of ordination, Brn. C. E. Butterworth, Alfred White, E. A. Blakeslee, and B. F. Durfee were set apart by the laying on of hands by Brn. A. H. Smith, Charles Derry, and M. H. Forscutt. Bro. Smith was speaker in ordaining Bro. Butterworth as second counselor to the president of the High Priests' quorum, and in ordaining Bro. Durfee as second counselor to the president of the Second quorum of Elders. Bro. Derry was speaker in ordaining Bro. White as president of the First quorum of Elders, and Bro. Forscutt in ordaining Bro. Blakeslee as Bro. White's first counselor.

Brn. W. H. Kelley and D. Campbell ordained J. R. Evans, John Kaler, C. R. Duncan, and T. W. Chatburn to the office of Seventy, Bro. Kelley being speaker for Brn. Kaler and Duncan, and Bro. Campbell for Brn. Evans and Chatburn.

Brn. Joseph Luff and Columbus Scott ordained Brn. Leonard Scott, G. W. Shute, T. W. Williams, and D. M. Rudd to the office of seventy, Bro. Luff being speaker for the first two named, and Bro. Scott for the last two named.

Brn. J. R. Lambert and R. J. Anthony ordained Brn. D. E. Tucker, J. W. Peterson, I. P. Baggerly, and J. D. Erwin to the office of seventy, Bro. Lambert being speaker for the first two, and Bro. Anthony for the last two named.

The resolutions of the Twelve concerning amending the Book of Rules, as in their report introduced on the first day of this conference, were taken up, and after a brief consideration they were adopted.

Appointments were made and adjournment had.

The evening sermon was preached by Bro. M. H. Bond of Ohio. His assistant was Bro. James McKiernan of Iowa.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH.

Brn. Daniel Hougas of Iowa, and J. W. Brackenbury of Missouri, were in charge of the prayer service. The morning sermon was by Pres. W. W. Blair. Bro. D. E. Tucker of Missouri assisted him.

With the use of the hymn, "Truth reflects upon our senses,"

the business session was convened, and Bro. J. W. Gillen offered prayer. Minutes read and approved.

BRANCH JURISDICTION.

The quorum of Twelve, to whom on the 13th was referred the subject of branch jurisdiction reported as follows:—

The quorum took the matter into consideration and adopted the following resolution: "Resolved that we recommend that when conflict of authority, or difficulty arises in regard to branch boundaries, the matter be referred to the missionary in charge, for adjudication, and that his decision be final."

T. W. SMITH, Secretary.

A motion was made to adopt, and it prevailed.

SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

Concerning the organization of the Second quorum of Seventy, the following was presented by the presidents of Seventy:—

To the Presidency and Brethren in Conference, Greeting:—

We desire to further report that after the ordination of the members of the Second quorum of Seventy present at this conference, the presidents of the Seventy met with them and effected their organization. A profitable season was had, and the spirit of unity prevailed. Bro. Columbus Scott was chosen by them as their president, and Thomas W. Williams secretary. President Duncan Campbell then offered such advice and instruction as was deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, Pres.,
C. SCOTT, Sec.

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 15th, 1892.

REPORT OF SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

The following was submitted by the Second quorum of Seventy:—

To the Presidency and Brethren in Conference, Greeting:—

The Second quorum of Seventy assembled according to previous appointment at eight o'clock this morning and proceeded to transact such business as came before it. Among other matters the following of general interest was adopted: "Resolved that this quorum hereby declares that it recognizes the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Mormon, and the revelations of God contained in Doctrine and Covenants as the standard of authority in church government and doctrine and the final standard of reference in all controversies."

Respectfully submitted,

COLUMBUS SCOTT, Pres.,
T. W. WILLIAMS, Sec.

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 15th, 1892.

FIFTH QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The second report of the Fifth quorum of Elders was read:—

During the year we have lost from the Fifth quorum of Elders eleven members, as follows: John Richards, by death; James A. McIntosh, expelled; William Chapman, Samuel Davis, Oliver Johnson, dropped for not reporting; Isaac P. Baggerly, S. W. L. Scott, T. W. Williams, W. A. McDowell, J. D. Erwin, T. C. Kelley, called to the quorum of Seventies. The following brethren have been chosen to take their places: Thomas D. Williams, J. W. Jackson, A. J. Layland, J. S. Lee, James H. Adair, John Davis, A. W. Kriebel, H. C. Moler, Frank Criley, Floyd C. Keck, Wilber Savage.

During our sessions the following resolution was passed: Whereas, the

Fifth quorum of Elders has been called to deplore deeply the death of our worthy brother and colaborer, John Richards, therefore be it resolved that an expression of sympathy is now extended by this quorum to his relatives and friends, offering our heartfelt condolence and assurance of his rest and reward among the faithful.

We have held six sessions during this conference and are pleased to report that the labors of the past year have exceeded any previous one of our existence as a quorum, having a gain of 606 sermons, 47 baptisms, and 50 marriages. The quorum is now full, in good working order, and we are hopeful for the future.

J. H. WELLS, Pres.,
WM. WATERMAN, Sec.

FIRST QUORUM OF PRIESTS.

The following from the First quorum of Priests was read:—

At a meeting of the First quorum of Priests Bro. Roderick May was chosen president, and Brn. Peter Anderson and W. H. Kelley as his counselors, and the same are presented to you for ordination.

E. L. KELLEY, Pres., *pro tem.*,
WILLIAM CLOW, Sec., *pro tem.*

The ordinations requested were approved by the conference.

REQUEST OF PRIESTS FOR EX OFFICIO PRIVILEGES.

The following request from the priests for *ex officio* privileges was read:—

To the Conference:—

In a general meeting of the Aaronic priesthood, held April 15th, presided over by Elder J. A. Robinson, by appointment of President Joseph Smith, the following preamble and resolution was adopted, and the committee whose names are attached hereto authorized to present them to the conference:—

Whereas, several attempts have been made by the order of Aaronic priests to obtain such recognition of the church as would entitle it to a voice in its General Conferences, but without practical effect, and

Whereas, such silence has had a depressing effect upon the order, at once lessening its labor and the effectiveness of labor performed with the laity, therefore be it

Resolved, that we call upon this conference to consider the former petition as presented by this order and now upon the table.

WM. CLOW,
A. J. KECK,
W. S. MACRAE, } Committee.

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri, April 15th, 1892.

It was moved that we consider the former petitions concerning this matter. Secretary Stebbins read the petitions presented in April, 1888 and 1889; also the action in 1890, by which the subject was referred to the committee on Book of Rules. That committee being present at this session stated that the provision of conference had been overlooked and not considered by them in compiling the book. After various motions and considerable discussion the following was adopted:—

That the subject be referred to a committee of five, two of them to be priests, to frame a proper amendment (and considered as due notice) to be presented at next conference.

The chair appointed Brn. M. H. Forscutt, William Lewis,

William Hawkins, William Clow, and W. S. Macrae as said committee, and they were instructed by the conference to report in the *Herald* at least two months before the sitting of the General Conference of 1893.

SECOND QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The following report of the Second quorum of Elders was received and read:—

We, the Second quorum of Elders beg leave to report that we have held a number of sessions. Fourteen of our quorum have been present, 29 others have reported by letter, making in all 43 reports. Of these 27 have sent us the items of labor performed; so that we are able to report the following: Preached 1,010 times, baptized 79, confirmed 70, blessed 44 children, married 14 couples, administered to 298 sick. Three of our number are presidents of districts, 14 presidents of branches, 5 Bishop's agents, 3 Sunday school superintendents.

ARTHUR ALLEN, Secretary.

THE FOURTH QUORUM OF ELDERS.

The Fourth quorum of Elders reported:—

At a called meeting of the Fourth quorum of Elders the following ones came together, namely, John Shippy, Edward L. Page, Henry Holdsworth, Richard Preator, Levi Wilson, Dorman Lewis. Bro. John Shippy was elected president *pro tem.*, and E. L. Page secretary. Prayer was offered by Bro. John Shippy. Minutes of a meeting held in Kirtland, Ohio, April 8th, 1891, were read and adopted.

Henry Holdsworth reported his labors in general. Richard Preator had preached two sermons and labored as best he could. Dorman Lewis had not much to report, had administered on several occasions with good effect. Levi Wilson had not reported in two or three years. He went after the reunion to Sioux City in response to a manifestation he had received. He found there four of the brethren and labored with them. He stated from memory that he had preached eighty times, baptized and confirmed two, blessed three children, and administered to the sick times unknown. Levi Williams had preached 80 times, baptized and confirmed 2, blessed 3 children, and administered to the sick times unknown. Bro. John Shippy has preached in the last year 112 times, baptized and confirmed 8, blessed 8 children, solemnized 1 marriage. Written reports were received from Martin R. Brown. Andrew Barr had preached 103 times, baptized 5, confirmed 12, blessed 8 children, administered to the sick 74 times, assisted to ordain 1 elder, and 1 priest, sat on 3 elders' courts. W. H. Davenport has preached some, served as president of the Bandera branch, administered to the sick, etc. Walter Kinney has confirmed 1, blessed 1 child, administered to the sick 18 times. G. L. Spencer. S. J. Jeffers has performed the duties of Bishop's agent. James B. Jarvis has preached 18 times, has sent his name to Apostle T. W. Smith for conference appointment. Silas J. Madden has preached frequently, administered to the sick 12 times.

Preamble and resolutions: Whereas, it has been with much difficulty and only by the assistance of the conference that a temporary organization of the Fourth quorum of Elders has been effected so as to report, therefore be it resolved that we recommend to Bro. Andrew Barr, president of said quorum, Bro. John Shippy as his second counselor (provided such counselor is not yet chosen) to be ordained as soon as practicable, or at the next session of General Conference in Lamoni, April 6th, 1893, so that said quorum may be enabled to commence active work at once, provided no other officers of the quorum be present at that conference.

EDWARD L. PAGE, Clerk *pro tem.*

FIRST QUORUM OF TEACHERS.

The First quorum of Teachers reported:—

To the General Conference:—

The First quorum of Teachers begs leave to report as follows: We have held three meetings, eight of our original number being present. All those present reported labors done since our last meeting, most of which were quite encouraging. All expressed strong desires to be faithful in the work.

Reports were received by letter from Thompson Cochran, Guilford, and Franklin Wiley, St. Louis, Missouri. The names of those not present, and from whom no reports were received, are F. J. Gerber, Joseph Hammer, Peter L. Case, M. S. Frick, John Inman, Geo. W. Leach, Frederick Peterson, and Willard Wells. The following named brethren, having been ordained to higher offices in the church, were released from the quorum: John B. Cline, Peter Simpson, Joseph Schmutz, Henry Sparling, and Chas. J. Hunt. Since last assembling, two of our number have died,—Joel W. Mooney and William Bentham. The following names were presented for enrollment as members, and were accepted by motion, separately: J. W. Layton, Fred Koehler, George Edwards, John Dumbauld, Henry Johnson, John T. Curtis, and Benjamin Dice, making the quorum full.

The Book of Rules in use by the general church was adopted by the quorum for use in conducting its business.

The office of second counselor to the president having been made vacant by the release of Bro. Henry Sparling, the name of Geo. H. Hidy was presented by the president and accepted by the body for that office; and motion was passed that his name be presented to the conference for ordination, with the request that such steps be taken as may be necessary for such ordination.

The following resolutions were adopted by the quorum: Whereas, since we last assembled, in the wisdom of God it has pleased him to suffer the removal by the hand of death of two of our brethren of the First quorum of Teachers, Brn. J. W. Mooney and William Bentham; and whereas, it is due to their memory that a fitting tribute of respect be adopted by this body, be it Resolved, that we feel deeply the loss of the two brethren taken from our quorum, and that we extend to the families of the deceased our sympathy and condolence in the loss of their loved ones; and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the proceedings of the quorum, and that the same be embodied in our report to the General Conference.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this quorum that the present system of representation by delegation is contrary to the law of the church as written in the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants.

The foregoing report of the First quorum of Teachers was adopted by the quorum by vote April 14th, 1892.

B. J. SCOTT, President,
GEO. H. HIDY, Secretary.

The request for ordination was granted and the ordination was ordered.

QUORUM OF DEACONS.

The quorum of Twelve reported that only six deacons met and that no organization was effected. Bro. James Caffall was appointed to again meet with those who would gather, and if seven were present, to organize them.

MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS.

The quorum of Twelve brought in the following recommendations for appointment to ministry labor. The list was read and adopted without change:—

The quorum of Twelve have decided on the following missions, and hereby present them for the approval of the conference:—

SEVENTIES.

- ✓1. Duncan Campbell, Missouri.
2. John T. Davies, Kansas.
3. C. Scott, Iowa.
4. I. N. White, Missouri.
5. John C. Foss, Missouri.
6. R. J. Anthony, Rocky Mountain mission.
7. James McKiernan, Little Sioux district.
8. Peter Anderson, Denmark.
9. Joseph F. Burton, Pacific Slope mission, in charge.
10. M. H. Bond, Pittsburg and Kirtland district.
- ✓11. T. J. Beatty, released.
12. J. L. Bear, Michigan.
13. C. A. Butterworth, Australasian mission.
14. W. T. Bozarth, Independence and Central Missouri districts.
15. J. C. Clapp, Sandwich Islands.
16. F. M. Cooper, Michigan.
17. J. J. Cornish, Michigan.
18. Emsley Curtis, Missouri.
19. L. R. Devore, Society Islands.
20. Thomas Daley, Pacific Slope mission.
21. J. Arthur Davies, Minnesota.
22. Evan A. Davies, Southwest Missouri.
23. J. Alfred Davies, Kansas.
24. R. Etzenhouser, Indiana.
25. R. C. Evans, Canada.
26. John R. Evans, Wales.
27. U. W. Greene, Eastern mission.
28. H. N. Hansen, Rocky Mountain mission.
29. George H. Hilliard, Southern Illinois, with the understanding that his labors do not interfere with his duties in the Bishopric.
30. H. L. Holt, Pacific Slope mission.
- ✓31. C. H. Jones, St. Louis district.
32. Henry Kemp, Fremont and Nodaway districts.
33. Arthur Leverton, Canada.
- ✓34. J. B. Lytle, Colorado, as circumstances permit.
- ✓35. E. B. Morgan, Iowa, as circumstances permit.
36. J. F. Mintun, Little Sioux district.
37. J. F. McDowell, Eastern mission.
- ✓38. Thomas Matthews, Southwestern Ohio, as circumstances permit.
39. James Moler, Ohio and West Virginia.
40. A. J. Moore, Southwestern mission, in charge.
41. W. S. Pender, Wisconsin.
42. Levi Phelps, Michigan.
43. Warren E. Peak, Eastern mission.
44. A. H. Parsons, Eastern mission.
45. L. W. Powell, Pittsburg and Kirtland district.
46. I. N. Roberts, Minnesota and Dakotas.
47. J. S. Roth, Eastern Iowa and Des Moines districts.
48. W. M. Rumel, Nebraska.
49. H. H. Robinson, Eastern Pennsylvania.
50. W. J. Smith, Michigan.
51. M. T. Short, Eastern mission.
52. I. M. Smith, Michigan.
53. F. M. Sheehy, Eastern mission.
54. Hyrum O. Smith, Rocky Mountain mission.
55. O. B. Thomas, Des Moines district.
56. M. M. Turpen, Southeastern mission, in charge.
- ✓37. John H. Thomas, Southern Missouri.
58. J. W. Wight, Australasian mission.
- ✓59. E. M. Wildermuth, Wisconsin.
60. C. R. Duncan, Australasian mission.
61. John Kaler, Australasian mission.

62. Isaac P. Baggerley, Southern Illinois.
63. Leonard Scott, Michigan.
64. T. W. Chatburn, Far West district.
65. T. W. Williams, Southeast Ohio and West Virginia.
66. J. W. Peterson, Wisconsin.
67. W. A. McDowell, Wisconsin.
68. J. D. Erwin, Northern Texas and Southern Arkansas.
69. E. E. Wheeler, Kewanee district, Illinois.
70. D. L. Shinn, West Virginia.
71. G. W. Shute, Nebraska.
72. M. P. Madison, Nodaway district.
73. C. H. Porter, Nebraska.
74. T. C. Kelley, Kentucky and Tennessee.
75. D. M. Rudd, Nodaway district, Missouri.
76. D. E. Tucker, Northeast Missouri.

HIGH PRIESTS.

1. Charles Derry, Pottawattamie district.
2. M. H. Forscutt, Far West district.
3. C. E. Butterworth, Galland's Grove district.
4. J. C. Crabb, Central and Southern Illinois.
- ✓ 5. C. G. Lanphear, as circumstances permit.
6. F. G. Pitt, Northern Illinois.
7. D. S. Mills, Southern California.
- ✓ 8. Thomas Taylor, referred to missionary in charge of England.
9. J. W. Waldsmith, Southern Nebraska district.
10. William Anderson, Decatur district.
11. R. M. Elvin, Southern Nebraska district.

ELDERS.

1. Charles Avery, Australia.
2. Geo. Ballard, Australia.
3. Andrew Barr, Northern Michigan.
4. V. D. Baggerley, Southern Indiana.
5. Samuel Brown, Canada.
6. James Brown, West Virginia.
7. Daniel Brown, Central California.
8. W. J. Booker, Alabama.
9. C. H. Burr, Wisconsin.
10. J. W. Bryan, Texas.
11. J. B. Carmichael, Central California.
12. G. T. Chute, Southeastern mission.
13. D. S. Crawley, Kansas.
14. E. Delong, Canada.
15. R. R. Dana, Arizona.
16. H. J. Davison, Nova Scotia.
17. William Davis, Northern Michigan.
18. L. F. Daniel, Southern Illinois.
19. John Davis, Washington.
20. G. W. Eaton, Maine.
21. J. L. Goodrich, Southeast Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia.
22. William Gibson, Southern California.
23. W. H. Griffin, Tennessee and Kentucky.
24. Albert Haws, Oregon and Washington.
25. J. E. Holt, referred to missionary in charge and Bishopric.
26. H. R. Harder, Decatur district.
27. D. L. Harris, Arizona.
28. Alex. C. Hart, Indian Territory.
29. J. T. Kinnaman, Northwestern Illinois.
30. James Kemp, Colorado.
31. J. H. Lawn, Northern California, and Southern Oregon.
32. J. S. Lee, referred to missionaries in charge of Rocky Mountain mission and Bishopric.
33. A. B. Moore, Southern Texas.

34. J. A. McIntosh, released.
35. Arthur Mortimer, Canada.
36. E. W. Nunley, Texas.
37. E. J. Robinson, Rocky Mountain mission.
38. C. C. Reynolds, Eastern Iowa.
39. R. E. Grant, Michigan.
40. M. R. Scott, Southern Indiana, as circumstances permit.
41. John Shields, Canada.
42. J. G. Scott, Southern Indiana, as circumstances permit.
43. F. P. Scarcliff, Mobile and Alabama district,
44. E. A. Stedman, Southern Minnesota.
45. Swen Swensen, Southwest Missouri, as circumstances permit.
46. Thomas J. Smith, Indian Territory.
47. John Shippy, Southern Iowa and Northern Missouri.
48. James M. Scott, Southern Indiana.
49. S. W. Simmons, Indian Territory and Northern Texas.
50. Riley Turnbow, Kentucky and Tennessee.
51. James Thomas, Central Missouri district.
52. Alfred White, Southwest Missouri.
53. L. L. Wight, Western Texas.
54. Wm. Waterman, Southeastern Iowa.
55. J. H. Wells, Southwestern Missouri.
56. G. J. Waller, Sandwich Islands.
57. R. L. Ware, Kansas.
58. Thomas Wellington, released.
59. H. E. Moler, Southeast Ohio and West Virginia.
60. J. Armstrong, Nebraska.
61. Senterlow Butler, Pottawattamie district, Iowa.
62. I. N. W. Cooper, Central Iowa.
63. E. E. Bradley, Southern Missouri and Northern Arkansas.
64. J. P. Dillen, Wisconsin.
65. J. B. Gouldsmith, Nebraska.
66. C. J. Hunt, Galland's Grove district, Iowa.
67. Geo. Jenkins, Southern Indiana.
68. J. W. Jackson, Arkansas.
69. J. D. Jones, Wyoming district, Pennsylvania.
70. D. E. Lander, referred to missionary in charge and Bishopric.
71. A. J. Layland, referred to missionaries in charge of Rocky Mountain mission and Bishopric.
72. J. L. Mortimer, Canada, as circumstances permit.
73. Wm. Newton, Canada.
74. Wm. Powell, Nodaway district.
75. Edward Rannie, referred to missionary in charge and Bishopric.
76. O. P. Sutherland, Texas.
77. J. S. Snively, Decatur district, Iowa.
78. Wm. Summerfield, Utah.
79. J. R. Wedlock, Missouri.
80. D. F. Winn, Northeast Missouri district, as circumstances permit.
81. G. M. L. Whitman, Nebraska.
82. A. L. Whiteaker, Wisconsin.
83. Joseph M. Poepoe, Sandwich Islands, and we hereby recommend that he be ordained an elder.
84. I. A. Morris, Southern Illinois.
85. Henry Sparling, Southwestern Missouri.
86. Henry Southwick, Northern Illinois, as circumstances permit.
87. G. E. Deuel, Arkansas.

PRIESTS.

1. Marce Sorenson, Denmark.
2. R. W. Davis, Kansas.
3. G. W. Robley, Eastern Michigan.
4. J. A. Grant, Michigan.
5. J. B. Heide, Eastern Iowa district.
6. J. B. Roush, Eastern Iowa and Des Moines districts.

7. F. C. Smith, Michigan.
8. J. R. Sutton, Eastern Iowa.
9. G. R. Wells, Southwest Missouri.
- ✓ 10. A. Jensen, Pottawattamie district, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 11. D. F. Richards, Wales.
- ✓ 12. F. H. Brooks, Michigan, as circumstances permit.
13. Charles Baly, Southern California.
14. Frank J. Chatburn, Nebraska.
15. M. F. Gowell, Eastern mission.
16. J. Ward, Southwest Missouri.
17. J. W. Gilbert, Kansas.
- ✓ 18. Wm. H. Kelley, Southern Indiana, as circumstances permit.
19. A. J. Keck, Southwest Missouri.
20. W. S. Macrae, Southwest Missouri.
21. S. D. Payne, Western Nebraska.
22. W. P. Pickering, referred to missionary in charge and Bishopric.
23. David Smith, Michigan.
- ✓ 24. W. T. Shakespeare, Decatur district, as circumstances permit.
- ✓ 25. Charles Snow, Kentucky and Tennessee, as circumstances permit.
26. Frank Steffe, referred to First Presidency and Bishopric.
27. John S. Parrish, Eastern mission.
28. We recommend that Nels Paulson be ordained an elder, and appointed to Sweden.
29. We also recommend that John Wahlstrom be ordained an elder, and appointed to Sweden.

T. W. SMITH, Secretary of Quorum.

Also the ordinations recommended in the report were approved by the conference.

ORDINATIONS.

Proceeding to ordain those present who have been chosen to various duties, Brn. W. W. Blair, A. H. Smith, and M. T. Short officiated in setting apart Bro. John Wahlstrom as an elder, Bro. Roderick May as president, and Bro. Peter Peterson as first counselor in the First quorum of Priests, Bro. Blair being speaker in ordaining Bro. May, Bro. A. H. Smith in ordaining Bro. Wahlstrom, and Bro. Short in ordaining Bro. Peterson.

In the evening Bro. G. H. Hidy was ordained as second counselor in the First quorum of Teachers under the hands of Brn. F. G. Pitt and G. H. Hilliard, Bro. Pitt being speaker.

The ordination of those not present at this conference was ordered to be attended to by those in charge of the respective missions.

President Smith, in answer to the request of the High Council of the church that he define their duties as a council, and their relation to the different quorums and officials of the church, made statement as to some of those duties, and cited the law as found in Doctrine and Covenants, 42: 10; 99: 1, 11; 104: 35, 37.

The committee on credentials was discharged.

Brn. M. H. Forscutt, J. A. Gunsolley, and Joseph Luff were appointed as the committee to audit the books of the Herald Office, and of the Bishop, prior to the conference of 1893.

SUSTAINING CHURCH OFFICIALS.

Upon successive motions the quorums and officers of the church were sustained: The First Presidency, the Twelve, the High Council, the High Priests, the two quorums of Seventy, the Bishopric, the several quorum of Elders, the Church Secretary and Recorder, the various quorums of the Aaronic line, and those not in quorums, the Church Librarian, Board of Publication, *Herald*, *Hope*, and the General Sunday School Association; also the Prayer Union. And on motion a vote of encouragement was given to all papers that help the spread of the gospel. Also by a unanimous vote the Government of the United States was sustained.

Thanks were given to the Saints and friends of Independence for kind entertainment; to Postmaster James for mail facilities and accommodations; to the reporters of the *Kansas City Journal* and *Times*, and to the choir and ushers.

On motion the recommendation of the Twelve (presented on the 6th), down to that on baptism for the dead, were adopted.

It was resolved to hold a session at ten o'clock to-morrow, at which matters of doctrine and church interest may be discussed, in seven minute speeches. The minutes of to-day were read, announcements for meetings and for quorum gatherings were made, and adjournment was had.

The evening sermon was by Bro. Emsley Curtis, in which he was assisted by Bro. O. B. Thomas.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH.

At eight o'clock the Saints assembled for prayer and testimony service. Brn. William Anderson and A. H. Parsons were in charge.

At ten o'clock the conference convened for the purpose appointed on yesterday. "Jesus lover of my soul," was sung. Prayer by Bro. Heman C. Smith.

President Smith said that the time was in the hands of the assembly, and that it was free to all for expression of opinion upon matters of church interest, the time being provided for yesterday as seven minutes to each speaker.

The following brethren dwelt upon special topics that interested them; namely: G. H. Hulmes, J. R. Lambert, J. F. Burton, S. J. Roberts, J. F. Mintun, Emsley Curtis, J. B. Farr, Myron Haskins, J. H. Wells, B. J. Scott, M. H. Bond, Z. H. Gurley, J. W. Brackenbury, O. B. Thomas, T. J. Franklin, William Anderson, A. H. Smith.

There was much variety in that presented, but no controversy or discussion. However, it was quite an interesting session.

At two o'clock assembled for a like purpose, and to transact the little business remaining. Sang, "From Greenland's icy mountain." Prayer by Bro. James Caffall.

FIRST QUORUM OF PRIESTS.

The First quorum of Priests reported:—

The First quorum of Priests held two sessions, and chose Bro. R. May president, and W. H. Kelley and Peter Peterson counselors. Chas. P. Faul was sustained as secretary. The following brethren reported in person: J. Clemenson, J. J. Vickery, G. Ross, M. M. Ballinger, L. F. Johnson, J. Allison, Peter Peterson, R. May. By letter, W. H. Kelley, O. H. Brown, Wm. N. Dawson, A. W. Head, Chas. P. Faul, E. Sparks, and G. F. Weston. We found three vacancies, and the following brethren were admitted: L. F. Johnson, C. Householder, and J. S. Constance.

R. MAY, Pres.,

L. F. JOHNSON, Sec. *pro tem.*

FIRST QUORUM OF DEACONS.

The First quorum of Deacons reported:—

The First quorum of Deacons was organized by Bro. E. C. Briggs.

Resolved that we proceed to organize the First quorum of Deacons. D. S. Bowen, J. A. McGuire, W. D. Roberts, Thomas Mooney, C. J. Tootz, H. T. Curtis (ordained February 26th, 1892, by John Chisnall), W. R. Norris.

J. A. McGuire was appointed president, W. D. Roberts first counselor, H. T. Curtis second counselor and secretary. Those who have not given the necessary items of ordination, will hand them to the Church Secretary in due time.

E. C. BRIGGS, Chairman,

JAMES CAFFALL, Secretary.

The following report was received from S. G. Wright, priest, dated Krambach, N. S. W., Australia:—

Since reporting last, my chief work has been confined to the country of New South Wales. From my arrival in the Australian mission until December, 1891, I was actively engaged. Since that time I have not been in the field. The work, as I see it, is still as consistent and divine in its claims to me as when first I investigated it: and I desire to see its carriers to the front in bearing truth to benighted men. The outlook for Australia is much the same as in years ago. She has broad domains in which as yet the cause has not been advocated. My intention is not to labor in the active ministry this coming year, not because of a lack of interest in the work, but chiefly because of preparing for future work, believing that by taking such a step it will be effectual and finally judicious. Therefore I desire to be released from the active ministry at least for the coming year.

The time was then taken up and occupied as was the forenoon session, and the following brethren and sisters spoke upon various subjects: Brn. M. T. Short, James Caffall, Henry Kemp, R. J. Anthony, E. C. Briggs, Joseph Luff, D. S. Crawley, E. J. Robinson, G. H. Hilliard, G. E. Deuel, W. H. Kelley, F. M. Sheehy, R. C. Evans, and W. W. Blair; Sisters Elizabeth Short, Emma Burton, and Lavinia Flower.

As a closing hymn the congregation sang, "Mid scenes of confusion and creature complaints," and the benediction was pronounced.

At the evening hour Bro. Mark H. Forscutt had charge of the services and President Joseph Smith delivered the sermon. Then the conference adjourned to meet at Lamoni, Iowa, at ten o'clock on April 6th, 1893.

JOSEPH SMITH, }
W. W. BLAIR, } Presidents,

H. A. STEBBINS, Secretary,
G. R. WELLS, Assistant.