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The reports of the ministry to the General Conference of 1894 are here presented, in supplement form with the *Herald*, prior to the assembling of the conference, because of the action had by the session of 1893, the resolution adopted on April 10, reading as follows:—

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

H. A. STEBBINS,
General Church Secretary.

Joseph Smith, of the First Presidency:—

I have preached 23 times; baptized 1; blessed 6 children; administered to the sick 12 times; officiated in the marriage service twice. I have labored in Brooklyn, New York; Plainville, Massachusetts; Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Chicago, Sandwich, Plano, Illinois; Lamoni, Pleasanton, Iowa; Independence and St. Joseph, Missouri. I have found an excellent spirit prevailing where I have labored. I assisted in the dedication of a church building at Coleman, Michigan, February 18, by invitation of Bro. J. H. Peters, presiding. Brn. J. J. Cornish, F. M. Cooper, J. A. Carpenter, and F. C. Smith of local ministry in attendance.

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

I have preached 122 times; baptized 10; confirmed many; ordained a few; blessed many children; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service twice. I have labored in Lamoni, Council Bluffs, Crescent, Persia, Little Sioux, Logan, Woodbine, Dow City, Deloit, Galland's Grove, Benan camp meeting, Parrish's schoolhouse, Iowa; Nebraska City, Bennett, Brownville, Omaha, Nebraska; in Highland county, Creola, Sand Run, Limerick, and Middletown, Ohio; St. Joseph and Lowry City, Missouri; and Chicago, Plano, Sandwich, Mission, and DeKalb, Illinois. Attended Parliament of the World's Religions. Was appointed a member of Advisory Council. Attended Logan (Iowa) reunion eight days. Attended Lowry (Missouri) reunion four days. Bro. H. A. Stebbins and I prepared a chapter of over three thousand words on doctrine and history of Reorganized Church for a work entitled "Rejected Creeds," to be published in Chicago. I have also performed those labors needful as a member of the First Presidency and the High Council of the church.

Alexander H. Smith, of the Twelve:—

I have labored in Chicago and Mission, Illinois; Kirtland, Ohio; Boston, Plainville, Fall River, New Bedford, Plymouth, Massachusetts; Providence, Rhode Island; Jonesport, Jonesborough, Surry, and Indian River, Maine;

Brooklyn, New York; Pittsburg and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While I have not been fortunate in baptizing as many as others of the brethren, I still have the satisfaction of having tried to teach the faith in truth and in power. In addition to the above-named places I have labored at Greene's Landing and Deer Isle, Maine; at the last-named place I baptized one. I have confirmed and assisted in confirming several and have ordained several. I have failed to keep a memorandum of the times I have spoken, and give in brief this statement as a report of work done. The Eastern mission is an extensive one and should be maintained, but the force hitherto sent into it is wholly inadequate to the demands of the field. I regret to have to report that the local ministry cannot keep the work moving; the conference appointees must do duty as local presiding officers. While there is a good earnest people in the East, the work of the ministry must largely be done by the missionaries. I have been blessed in administrations and the blessing of children. Not to weary you with a lengthy report I will simply say, The Eastern mission needs more ministers, and upon the whole is advancing and in a better condition than it was twelve months ago. My colaborer, Bro. W. H. Kelley, will also report the mission.

I feel it due to the noble defenders of the faith in the East to favorably mention the names of Brn. F. M. Sheehy, U. W. Greene, G. W. Robley, H. J. Davidson, M. F. Gowell, George Gates, and Richard Bullard. There are others, but these I have labored with, and feel like saying, They are ministers of our Lord that I love to labor with in the great work. The good Spirit has been with me and often made me strong in faith and word when I felt the most need. I am still in the field and at the service of the church. May the Spirit of God abide in all your deliberations, I pray.

G. T. Griffiths, of the Twelve:—

I have baptized 15; confirmed 7; ordained 2. Since my last report I have performed missionary labor in England and Wales, and was heartily supported by the brethren of the priesthood, and the Saints. Brn. J. R. Evans, Thomas Taylor, and Adolphus Edwards have done excellent work for the Master. Bro. Evans has labored very hard and faithfully to build up the work in Wales, oftentimes at a great disadvantage to himself. The work in Wales has made considerable improvement of late, and we have every reason to believe that if the church will keep able, active workers there, much good will accrue to the cause in time. It would be poor policy to leave what little good has been accomplished without some competent person or persons to care for the same. The church is making steady growth in England, but more rapidly in some parts than others. I am pleased to report we have some very able and efficient brethren there to keep up the interest. No doubt Brn. Anderson, Sorenson, and Wahlstrom will report the condition of their respective fields. These brethren have had to labor under very discouraging circumstances, and so far they have proved themselves worthy ministers.

Since my arrival home I have occupied the pulpit twice each Sunday, with the exception of one. I am still willing to magnify my calling, providing circumstances will permit.

John H. Lake, of the Twelve:—

I have preached 112 times; baptized 12; confirmed 12; ordained 2; blessed 16 children; administered to the sick 116 times. I delivered lectures on temperance with good success at Zone, Ridgetown, Blenheim, and Petrolia. As the question of prohibition is being agitated in Canada, we desired to let all know we were on the side of temperance and in favor of everything that led to good, and for the redemption and salvation of the race. Bro. R. C. Evans and I attended to the rights of the church before the courts of the land with good success. The decision of Chief Justice Armour was that the Latter Day Saints Church was a Christian denomination in the highest sense, and had all the rights that the statute law granted to any religious denomination, to solemnize the ceremony of marriage, etc.

The Chatham district is in a fair condition; presided over by Bro. George Green, Sr. He is a live man in caring for branches and in opening

new places in the district for the preaching of the word. The London district is in fair condition. Bro. R. C. Evans, one of the most successful laborers we have in the Canada mission, presides over it. He has cared well for the branches, in assisting to settle troubles among the Saints, in getting deeds for the lots, in collecting money to pay for the churches built on the said lots, and is ever ready to defend the work wherever attacked by the enemies of the gospel. So far as the missionaries have reported to me, they have done well. Some have not reported, therefore I cannot speak for them. This district has done well in paying tithing and sustaining the work financially. I have had no conflict with the local officers; every one has been respected in his place and calling, and I know of none in the mission. I have traveled and labored quite extensively through the mission and among the branches, and have been kindly cared for by the Saints and friends, for which I am very thankful. I have tried to treat all, great and small, rich and poor, with proper respect. Prejudice is giving way, and many are inquiring for the old paths or good way. I am not informed of any serious trouble in the mission; the work is onward and spreading. Very few have been cut off from the church, but a goodly number have been added by baptism, which will be reported by each laborer. The Lord has greatly blessed me in all my labors in the mission. I do not feel weary in the cause of Christ nor in the labor of love. There are some discouragements in the great battle, but since I have for life enlisted there can be no furlough granted till the summons home be heard. I hope to be sustained by the faith and prayers of God's people.

James Caffall, of the Twelve:—

My entire time has been spent in the Lord's great harvest field, in the past conference year. Have spent much time in an endeavor to push the work into new localities; cannot say accurately the number of times I have preached, but have preached every night, twice and sometimes three times on Sunday, when not hindered by inclement weather and occupancy of public schoolhouses by other parties using the same. Have up to date baptized 43, and organized two branches. Prospects for ministerial labor with success in several points in Nebraska pretty good. Have administered to the sick but few times, being in new localities among unbelievers.

T. W. Smith, of the Twelve:—

I have blessed one child. I am still suffering from a paralytic stroke. I have done no ministerial work the past year. I am greatly improved since a year ago. I can walk a couple of miles and could stand long enough to preach. I think by fall that I could take the oversight of a field; I could do so now so far as traveling around in a carriage is concerned. I can also go up and down a pair of stairs.

I desire the prayers of all the Saints for my full and speedy recovery.

W. H. Kelley, of the Twelve:—

I have labored during the last year in the Eastern mission. Have not gone over the entire field, however, for it is a large one. Have preached in the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, New York, and Massachusetts. In most places visited the cause is gaining, slowly but surely. It is easy to see that the labor of years has not been in vain. The bitter prejudice cherished against our membership is gradually giving way to better thought and feeling, yet there is much to be accomplished in this line in some communities, but it is encouraging to know that the clouds are breaking away. Thinking and intelligent people naturally gravitate towards this work when once conversant with it, because of the tolerant and liberal sentiment it inculcates, and the doctrine and principle adhered to. They can perceive that it is an advanced light, a move away from the misty past. They are tiring everywhere of creedism and bossism and showy uncertainty. The spirit and genius of American ideas are asserting themselves on religion as well as politics. A demand is made for a platform of principles as a basis of belief defensible and built on the Bible, which may be addressed to every man's head and conscience, rather than a longer training with an ignorant, fanatical following of haughty,

dominant leaders who seek to serve themselves rather than enlighten the people. The demand is made; the latter-day philosophy meets it in every sense, and easily copes with its adversaries with equal chances. Its most successful competitor is ignorance, where the people are content with the superstition past and hide from the light, evading a comparison of views. It should be a stay to and strength to Saints always to know that the platform of principles upon which their faith rests is invulnerable against the criticisms of its most astute adversaries.

The Eastern mission is in an orderly state; there are no serious disturbances anywhere that I am aware of. All things considered, their circumstances and opportunities, and the Saints are doing well all along the line. They aim at high moral ground and are sound in the faith, able to give a reason for their hope. My associate laborer, Bro. Alexander H. Smith, has been more directly in contact with the New England Saints, and will, no doubt, report his observations while among them, which I am sure will correspond with this view. There is great need of increasing our ministerial force in this mission. This has been urged hitherto, and still we urge it. There is and has been a demand for a larger number of energetic men in the East.

Two men should be sent to Virginia and East Tennessee; two to West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky; two to Western and Northern New York and Vermont; two to Eastern New York and Eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland; two to Central Pennsylvania; one to Nova Scotia; one to Eastern Maine, and two to Ohio. Those also appointed to the mission last year should be continued; all this if it can be done. The ministry have done commendable service the present year. The reunions and conferences held have been sources of great benefit to the Saints and strength to the cause, and always draw large audiences to hear the word. The tent service held in the Ohio district under the management of the Brn. Moler, Goodrich, and Harder was a fruitful source of good to the cause there. Under proper management this kind of service can be made very effective during the summer months. The ministry have labored together in unity and good fellowship throughout the entire mission and are worthy of commendation for their efforts and devotion to the cause. Each will doubtless send in an individual report which I feel sure will conform to the tenor of these sentiments.

The times are ominous to both Saint and sinner. A spirit of disquiet and unrest seems to be lurking everywhere. Men are puzzled and perplexed over existing conditions of things at home and abroad. Those of the largest experience are baffled in their divinings and the finest theories fail to reach hoped for results. Expectancy and doubt as to what will be next is the evil genius of the day; yet all of this is in support of the message we bear; so the ministry may well be content and the faithful encouraged to move on to victory. May the Lord favor and direct the coming assembly.

J. R. Lambert, of the Twelve:—

I have preached 59 times; confirmed several; ordained 2; blessed several children; administered to the sick about 40 times. At Lamoni, preached thirteen times, besides taking part in a number of business meetings; at Davis City eighteen times, taking part and, by request, presiding over several other meetings; at Lucas, once; Hickory schoolhouse and Mineral Springs, in Missouri, three times; Thurman, six times; Pleasanton, twice; Cainsville and Linn schoolhouses, in Missouri, four times; Logan, twice; Woodbine, twice; Shenandoah, three times; at Leon, five times. Have attended three district conferences, and acted as moderator in the Scott and Padget debate. Have revised and prepared for publication what is now published under the title of "Objections to the Book of Mormon and the Book of Doctrine and Covenants Answered and Refuted." My correspondence with a view to discussion has been considerable, the most valuable part of which has been preserved. Though I have not been able to do much field work,—and the prospect before me is no better for the future,—yet I have never been idle when able to work. The mission has made fairly good progress, and the demand is greater than ever before.

H. C. Smith, of the Twelve:—

After receiving appointment to the Southern mission I returned home to California and made arrangements to remove my family to Lamoni, and was engaged in making this change until sometime in July; during which time I preached some in California and also at Lamoni, Iowa. In July I went south and labored in Texas and Indian Territory until October 15, when I was summoned home on account of sickness in my family. Since that time by direction of President Joseph Smith and by understanding with Bro. J. R. Lambert I have labored in Western Iowa. Have been blessed in administering the word and ordinances, especially so after returning from the South. My colaborers have done well with but few exceptions. Considering the high expense of traveling in those fields, together with the hard times, I cannot too highly commend them for perseverance, economy, resignation, and humility. May God bless them. Over two hundred have been baptized in my field during the year. Brn. M. M. Turpen and A. J. Moore who have been in immediate and active charge have wisely performed their duties, and they have the confidence of their coworkers, who have nobly aided in moving onward the cause.

E. C. Briggs, of the Twelve:—

I have preached 100 times and attended as many more meetings; baptized 13. I have labored in the States of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Have worked continuously in the mission since the first of July, and my colaborers all report good success and deserve great credit for their able, zealous work. Out of the twenty-eight, eleven missionaries who have reported to me up to date (several have only been in the ministry about five months) report 1,478 sermons and 194 baptisms, and judging from the above and late letters in *Zion's Ensign*, not half of the sermons or baptisms are recorded in this report in my mission. Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, "sister cities of the West," and Bay City and Detroit, Michigan, ought to have standing ministers to vigorously hold up the truth all the time in contrast to those who have just a little truth and a great amount of sophistry and popular sectarianism. Bro. F. M. Cooper, of Bay City, should be continued, but he ought to have a helper, so he may be at liberty to visit more in his field. Bro. W. J. Smith is now in Detroit. There should be two elders associated together in Detroit so one can be at liberty for demands and calls in the suburbs and country and unite in protracted efforts in the city. Minneapolis has no elder at present, and those cities each have a few sacrificing, loving Saints; halls rented, more obstacles to meet with, besides the ordinary burdens of those not living in the cities. Not the least the power of the popular press, that gives tone and caste to every enterprise the human heart must grapple with, has been against us; but just now is the opportune time to prosecute our Redeemer's cause in the great centers of civilization—the cities of the nation.

The late wonderful decision of the United States Court—through Judge Phillips—at Kansas City, of the 3d inst., is a move to brush away dust and clear our good name in the estimation of all honest people in the whole world. The Reorganized Church of Christ need no longer spend precious time to distinguish our faith and good name from the apostates who went out from us. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

All the ministers from the Lake mission should be continued, and as many more as possible be sent to help them. I have not shared in the fears that have disturbed the peace of some of the good Saints in all the controversies during the last year. Those who see so much to disquiet the elements and to disturb and retard the great ship of Zion will be wiser when the conflict is over and they see the silver lining which is near them; for a better union, confidence, and love will mark Zion's watchmen. In the brightest hope, your colaborer and servant.

C. Derry, of the High Priests:—

I have baptized 7. I have labored in Pottawattamie district, also in Little Sioux district by permission of authorities, and at the urgent request of Northern Nebraska district have labored some. Have administered in

all the duties pertaining to my calling and have been blessed in the same by the aid of the Holy Spirit, and have reason to believe that some have been blessed through my labors. Sickness and bad weather have prevented me from doing all I would. I still love the work, and am in it for eternal life, and hence to my life's end, by the grace of God.

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

I have preached 168 times; baptized 1; confirmed 2; ordained 1; blessed 4 children: administered to the sick 22 times. I have labored in the Gallands' Grove district, acting as sub-missionary in charge and district president and have preached in the following named places: Coalville, Dow City, Deloit, Galland's grove, Harlan, North Coon, and Salem branches. In towns where there are no branches: Arion, Ayrshire, Lakeview, Havelock, Panama, Portsmouth, and Superior. In schoolhouses where there is no branch: Twin Lake, Baughman, Cook, Manteno, Noble, Pretty Prairie, and the Union church. There are nearly twenty-one counties in this district, therefore much of the territory has not been worked as it should be, because of the lack of missionary and local laborers necessary to do the work, though the missionaries and a number of the local ministry have made a commendable effort to build up, sustain, and defend the work of God. The work is in a fair condition, and we feel encouraged. I have enjoyed much of the good Spirit in administering in word and ordinance. I desire to continue to preach the gospel of the Son of God as long as it shall please God and his church to so direct.

F. G. Pitt, of the High Priests:—

I have preached 81 times, baptized 7, blessed 6 children, and administered to the sick 58 times, also officiated in the marriage ceremony 3 times. I have conducted or taken part in more than two hundred meetings, organized two new branches; namely, Janesville and De Kalb, reorganized the Piper City branch, ordained 1 elder, 1 priest, 2 teachers, and 1 deacon. I have preached in the following places: Kewanee, Joy, Buffalo Prairie, Millersburg, Chicago, Irving Park, Streator, Piper City, Plano, Sandwich, Pullman, Mission, De Kalb, Illinois; and in Independence and Centropolis, Missouri. I have served as president of the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin district, president of the Chicago branch, superintendent of Chicago Sunday school, and teacher of Bible class. I have written and had published more than twenty-five articles explanatory of our faith. The cause in Chicago is advancing; the branch is in a comparatively good condition. Our meetings are generally well attended, and an excellent spirit prevails. A number have been baptized, and others are near the door. Indications point to open doors in different portions of the city in the near future. I have been greatly blessed and well sustained in my work. I hope to continue faithful to the end.

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

I have preached 98 times, and had charge of 83 meetings; baptized 7; confirmed 6; ordained 1; blessed 7 children; administered to the sick 25 times. I have labored at Brownville, South Auburn, Minersville, Nebraska City, Syracuse, Adams, Hooker, Lincoln, Bennett, Wilber, Agnew, Mount Hope, Freeman, Ceryl, and Eustis, in Nebraska. As Bishop's agent I have collected of our district about fourteen hundred and thirty dollars. I have acted as president of the district for a number of years; am desirous to continue in the Master's work. The outlook in our district for ministerial labor was never better, if we only had the ministers to place in the field. At our last district conference forty-eight baptisms were reported for the four months ending January 31, 1894. If the conference should consider my services worthy, I am desirous to continue in the work.

J. C. Crabb, of the High Priests:—

I have preached 149 times; baptized 7; confirmed 7; blessed 7 children; administered to the sick several times. I have labored in Keosauqua, Burlington, Montrose, New London, and Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; the latter being a new place, our doctrine never having been preached there

before, interest good; at Burnside, Elvaston, Riverside schoolhouse, Sonora, Rock Creek, Prairie schoolhouse, Kennedy schoolhouse, Bramble schoolhouse, New Canton, Barry, and near Pittsfield, Illinois. I have been blessed in every effort in trying to present the truth to the people, and have met with kindly treatment by those in and out of the church. I have spent more money than I received, which will appear in my report to the Bishop. I am still ready for missionary work for the coming year, and will endeavor to go wherever the conference may think best; provided I think the request of the conference to be reasonable.

C. G. Lanphear, of the High Priests:—

I have preached 25 times; administered to the sick 4 times. My preaching has all been done on Sabbath days, mostly in the branch at Sandwich. I have preached in Plano and Mission branches; have assisted different elders in the opening service for preaching; also in prayer and sacrament meetings. I have done all I could in the Redeemer's cause, feeling the responsibility resting upon the ministry, and the requirement of accounting for the same; how they shall have been performed when the reckoning time shall come. I hope to be able to do more in the year to come if possible than in that of the year past. May the Lord bless the Saints and Conference by an increase of light and understanding; that unity and peace may prevail throughout Zion and her borders.

R. M. Elvin, of the High Priests:—

I have preached 73 times; baptized 10; confirmed 5; blessed 14 children; administered to the sick 371 times. I have preached at Davis City, Lamoni, Green schoolhouse, Newton, and Hiteman, Iowa; Lone Rock and Pawnee, Missouri; Brownville and Nebraska City, Nebraska. I have done much for the cause not enumerated in this report. Sickness in my family has greatly curtailed my usefulness in preaching; however, I have tried to be faithful while under trial. Have received in my field of labor financial aid to the amount of \$6.20. With a knowledge of the truth of the gospel, and a trust in God, I abide, your fellow servant.

William Anderson, of the High Priests:—

I have preached 30 times; baptized 4; confirmed some; blessed some children; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have acted as sub-missionary in charge and president of Decatur, Iowa, district; also eight months of the year as president of Lamoni branch. Have labored in the following branches: Lamoni, Davis City, Leon, Pleasanton, Lone Rock, Allendale, Greenville, Cainsville, and Mineral Springs; also at Chicago on committee work connected with the High Council. I have been continuously engaged in the ministry, preaching, counseling, regulating, adjusting difficulties, and in a general way trying to build up the church and kingdom of God. Wherever I have been permitted to labor I have been blessed in so doing, and desire to continue. The general outlook for the work in this region of country never was so good and promising as now.

John C. Foss, President of Seventy:—

I have preached 149 times; baptized 14; confirmed 17; ordained 3; blessed 13 children; administered to the sick 170 times. I have preached in Armstrong, Kansas; Kansas City and Missouri River branches; also in Carrolton, Higbee, Bevier, Independence, Sibley, Norborne, Forty-six, St. Catharine, Little schoolhouse, Florence, St. Joseph, Pleasant Grove, German branch, Coal Hill, Stewartsville, Delano, Linneus, Rich Hill, Veve, Walker, Warrensburg, Pleasant View, and Holden, Missouri. I found the men that I labored with in the above-named places, such as D. E. Tucker, J. H. Wells, and T. W. Chatburn, to be active workers in the Master's cause. I love the gospel of Christ, I like to preach it because I know it is true, and I wish to give my life's work to God, let it be long or short. I find a spirit of investigation among the people of the world, and many of the Saints feel more and more daily the responsibility resting upon them. I wish to serve you to the best of my ability the ensuing year.

John T. Davis, President of Seventy:—

I have preached every opportunity; baptized 2; confirmed several; ordained 1; blessed many children; administered to the sick many times. I have occupied during the year the field assigned me; namely, in charge of the field composed of Northeastern and Northwestern Kansas districts, having as coloborers, J. A. Davis, R. L. Ware, R. W. Davis, and C. R. Duncan (part of this year) as General Conference appointees; and in justice to them I will say, they did well. I have labored for the interest of this field and the church through some ten different counties and different places therein to the best of my ability and existing circumstances. I enjoyed unity and liberty with my brethren and the Saints, and adjusted the most of our little troubles; and can report this field in tolerably good condition. My faith and confidence are firm in the work. Hope for peace and unity in the future of our work for the Master.

Columbus Scott, President of Seventy:—

I have preached 171 times; baptized 4; confirmed 2; blessed 6 children; administered to the sick 22 times; officiated in marriage service 2 times. I took part in twenty-six sessions of debate, assisted in forty other public services, and sat on elders' court five sessions. I labored at Afton, Lucas, Hiteman, Oakley, Leon, Davis City, Eagle Grove, Schaller, Runnells, Des Moines, and Council Bluffs, Iowa; at St. Joseph, Maysville, Lineville, Cainsville and vicinity, Mount Moriah, and Lone Rock, Missouri. Attended the reunions held at Maysville, Missouri, and Plum Hollow, Iowa, during part of their sessions. As may be seen my mission comprises considerable territory, but the labor was deemed essential in the places herein mentioned, by those in charge. My efforts have been concurred in heartily by those in charge when made in their jurisdiction, by field laborers elsewhere, so far as expressed.

I would feel that I am very ungrateful indeed, did I not hereby tender my most sincere thanks to God for his blessings bestowed on my efforts, and the many obligations to brethren and friends for timely assistance rendered me during the labors of the year. Praying "our Father in heaven," to bless his great and marvelous work to yet greater and grander achievements, and that his wisdom attend your deliberative sessions.

James McKiernan, President of Seventy:—

I have preached 148 times; assisted 44 times; baptized 2; confirmed 7; blessed 6 children; administered to the sick 58 times. I have labored at Persia, Deloit, Arion, Farmington, Keb, Argyle, Brennantown, Victor schoolhouse, Vincennes, Burlington, Montrose, Keokuk, and Croton, in Iowa; Black Oak church, Wyaconda, and Elm schoolhouse, in Missouri; La Harp, Burnside, and Rock Creek, in Illinois. I have had good liberty in preaching. Have attempted to get openings at Bentonsport, Iowa; Fountain Green, Illinois; and Fairmont, Kahoka, Union, Woodville, Granger, and Armstrong schoolhouse, Missouri; but so far have failed. Hope for better success in future at some of the places. I have been much hindered in my work by affliction of self and wife, but have done the best I could under existing conditions. Bro. J. C. Crabb has done a good work in the former Pittsfield district and recommends that it be joined to or included in the String Prairie and Nauvoo district. Bro. William Waterman has been an effective assistant in the northern part of the district and at Keokuk and Montrose. Bro. J. T. Turner, of Deloit, Iowa, held several meetings at Wyaconda, Missouri, and preached one funeral sermon, leaving a good impression. Bro. George Essig, of Burlington, has done effective work at Hickory schoolhouse, Cottage schoolhouse, and Mt. Lebanon church in Illinois.

J. J. Cornish, of the Seventy.—

I have preached about 270 times; baptized 69; confirmed 75; ordained 2; blessed 87 children; administered to the sick about 170 times; officiated in the marriage service 3 times. Since last report I have endeavored to do my duty as a minister for Christ. I have labored in many counties in the Northern Michigan district, spending most of my time in the same. I

labored a little in Detroit, Five Lakes, Juniata, and Grand Rapids; the first three named places in the Eastern district, the last-named in the Southern district. In all places where I have been the Lord has blessed me. All who are appointed in the district are doing a good work, and God has blessed them. The local laborers in the district are also helping to do their part of work; and Brn. Washburn, Soper, Brooks, and others have spent some time in the work and baptized several. I hope those three named brethren together with Brn. Lewis and Hugill, may be appointed to labor in the district. We need more help. The brethren and sisters are also helping to spread the work by paying their tithes and offerings. Five or six churches are being erected, and our cause is onward. Both ministers and members are rejoicing, and the work is gaining amid much opposition.

H. O. Smith, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 159 times; baptized 2; confirmed 8; blessed 6 children; administered to the sick 4 times. I have labored in Denver and Rocky Ford, Colorado; Castle Valley, Salt Lake City, and Ogden, Utah; Malad, Elkhorn, Samaria, Malta, Albion, Shoshone, Salmon Falls, Mountain Home, Oakley, and Marion, Idaho. I am ready to try this mission again if conference so decides. I can say that my armor is on and I am ready, with God's help, to fight to a finish.

J. L. Bear, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 100 times; confirmed 3; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 24 times. I was appointed to labor in the States of Michigan and Indiana, but have not had time so far to go into Indiana, so my labor was confined to Michigan. I have labored in the following counties: Sanilac, Huron, Midland, Clare, Isabella, Mecosta, Osceola, and Lake. It might seem strange to you that I have not baptized any; indeed, if I am measured by this rule I have not done anything; still I was just as earnestly engaged in the work, and idled not my time away. I tried to sow the gospel seed wherever I had a chance, and was greatly blessed with the divine Spirit in presenting the word, in administering to the sick, and good results followed in the most of cases. I attended and presided over 35 prayer and testimony meetings, where the Spirit manifested itself on several occasions. I assisted in 2 elders' courts, lasting a full week, and was detained a full month in one place on account of the same; otherwise I could have spent my time in a more profitable and pleasing manner; but duty demanded it and we ought to try to save what can be saved, rather than to destroy. I rejoice when I hear the reports from my brethren baptizing such numbers. In one sense of the word it looks quite unfortunate for me that I cannot report in the same way; but I have one consolation, that God's Spirit assisted me in my ministry, and the seed sown will bring its fruit in his own time. I am thankful to my heavenly Father for the help and strength he has given me both spiritually and temporally. I am willing and ready as ever to proclaim this glorious gospel to the world.

J. F. McDowell, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 223 times; baptized 9; confirmed 6; ordained 2; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 20 times; officiated in the marriage service twice. The several places visited disclosed friends to the cause of truth; the services were well attended, and blessed with the Holy Spirit's presence; prejudice was allayed and good will obtained.

Henry Kemp, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 175 times; baptized 22; confirmed 14; ordained 4; blessed 20 children; administered to the sick 75 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored in the Fremont and Nodaway districts, in charge, as God has given me grace, striving to fulfill the duties and discharge the obligations imposed upon me, to the best of my ability. The work in those districts is in fair condition, but there is plenty of room for improvement. All the brethren are seeking to do what they can according to the wisdom and knowledge of God bestowed. We have sought to bless and comfort the Saints, and have preached the gospel to the people with

increased liberty and power. I have kept up appointments in new places and still have pressing calls from many to come and preach. We are still willing to labor in this work until its ultimate triumph over all opposing powers.

L. W. Powell, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 120 times; baptized 5; confirmed 3; ordained 1; blessed 7 children; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service twice. During last spring and early summer much of my time was occupied in building a house to live in; since then my time has been exclusively devoted to the church work. During the year, I have presided over the Pittsburg and Kirtland district, and my duties in that office have prevented me from doing more preaching; nevertheless, I have been busily engaged in the Master's work. The work in this district is onward, and there is much in the prospect before us to encourage. New and promising fields are being opened for the preaching of the word and many willing listeners found. Under the direction of our present missionary in charge, W. H. Kelley, our district has, all things considered, made better progress this than any preceding year since I have been in it. In common with the whole country we have suffered in the general financial depression, but we hope for better times as well as for greater results from our labors in the coming year.

J. S. Roth, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 126 times; baptized 36; confirmed 30; ordained 2; blessed 23 children; officiated in the marriage service 4 times. I have been president of the Eastern Iowa district, also sub-missionary in charge. I opened some new places; but I was not able to open as many as there were opportunities of doing, for want of help. Part of the time I was all alone, and at no time did I have more than one to assist me. That field is too large for one or two missionaries, therefore many good points had to be neglected. The Lord has blessed me in my labors, and I desire to go on.

H. H. Robinson, of the Seventy:—

I have preached a number of times; baptized 11; confirmed 11; blessed 12 children; administered to the sick 50 times. I have labored at Wheeling and Glen Easton, West Virginia; Roman and two other places in Virginia; Cecil and Hartford counties, Maryland; Lackawanna, Luzerne, Wyoming, Bradford, York, Elk, and Potter counties, Pennsylvania; assisted in holding four grove meetings, preached once in a Methodist and twice in a Presbyterian church with fair attendance; have had the ministers of other denominations to attend my meetings. I labored eight months in the East, when the weather became so unfavorable and so many were sick that I could not get a hearing. Since returning I have labored in Kansas City, Barnett and vicinity, Holden, and Lee's Summit, Missouri. I have been kindly received and blessed in my labors. I feel well in the work; am willing to continue as long as I can accomplish good. Have made many friends for the cause, and left quite a number near the door. I have distributed the printed word, and done all I could to get the truth before the people. I have preached in about eight places, sold our church publications, etc.

F. M. Cooper, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 175 times; baptized 7; confirmed 9; ordained 1; blessed some children; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service twice. I was called to Chicago on church business in June and preached three times in Illinois. I labored at Elmira, South Boardman, Boyne City, Moore's Junction, and Sterling, Michigan. The rest of my time of service has been applied to my special charge, Bay City. The examination and correction of long standing complications in the work at Bay City has occupied much of my time and attention. It is a demonstrated fact that future success to the work here depends upon the expulsion of a large percentage of the element in the church from the church, and the firm and vigilant maintenance of the moral integrity of the work. That kind of reform is necessary to the church in this city that will make the name of Latter Day

Saint the synonym of honor, of integrity, of every virtue, rather than the representative of the lower elements of society.

Emsley Curtis, of the Seventy:—

Have preached 230 times; baptized 22; confirmed 18; ordained 8; blessed 11 children; administered to the sick a number of times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have been in charge of Southeastern Illinois district for the past year, therefore most of my labor has been in that field. However, I opened up a new field at Barnett, Morgan county, Missouri. I have been blessed and directed in all my labors by the Spirit to a greater degree than ever before. Have had under my charge Brn. I. A. Morris and F. M. Slover, and General Conference appointees, and a part of the time Brn. T. C. Kelley and G. H. Hilliard. The work has been revived to a marked degree. I have opened up a new field at Rural Hill, Hamilton county, Illinois. I held a six-days' discussion of two sessions a day at Kibbie, with Elder W. A. Inman of the Christian Church; Bro. G. H. Hilliard assisted me. I feel well in the work and by the help of God intend to work until the Lord shall say it is enough. My field is a new one to me and I feel assured if returned to it another year I could do much more good than I have this year. However, I shall leave it to the brethren and God to direct.

James Moler, of the Seventy:—

Have preached 152 times; baptized 13; confirmed 12; blessed 11 children; administered to the sick many times. Since my appointment to the Ohio district I have labored to the best of my ability; have preached in the counties of Jackson, Gallia, Vinton, Lawrence, Highland, Hocking, and Athens; have opened the work in some new places, have been blessed, and have made many friends to the cause. I was called to Virginia by Bro. W. H. Kelley, where I assisted him ten days in the interest of the church. I feel hopeful and happy in the work. The church is in fair condition in this district; the missionaries have done well in this field. May God bless his people.

U. W. Greene, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 108 times, assisted 60 times, and held 100 other meetings; baptized 29; confirmed 35; ordained 5; blessed 13 children; administered to the sick 81 times; officiated in the marriage service 3 times. I have labored in Plainville, Attleboro, and Boston, in Massachusetts; at Green's Landing, North Deer Isle, Little Deer Isle, Surry, West Ellsworth, Jonesport, Jonesboro, Indian River, South Addison, Washburn, Foot district, and Bettiker district, in Maine; and Tower Hill, New Brunswick. I have found enough to keep me busy and employ all my abilities in defense of the work. The Macedonian cry comes from many new places from those who are investigating our faith. The past year has been fairly successful to us throughout the State. In some respects the church is assuming a higher position, thus winning divine approval and respect from the people. The prospect is good for the erection of two commodious churches this season. Am hopeful for the future and desirous of laboring on.

I. N. White, President of Seventy:—

I have preached 202 times; baptized 42; confirmed 17; ordained 4; blessed 9 children; administered to the sick 85 times; officiated in the marriage service once. Have preached extensively throughout Southwestern Missouri and given some time to the work in Southern and Eastern Kansas. I have no disposition to abandon the work nor leave the missionary field. The church is fast gaining a permanent foothold through Southwestern Missouri. We can report from fair to good results "all along the line."

J. F. Burton, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 99 times; baptized 14; confirmed 12; ordained 8; blessed 17 children; administered to the sick 226 times; officiated in the marriage service once. Besides the preaching services mentioned I have attended 127 other meetings of the Saints, and 21 Sunday schools, and assisted in blessing children and confirming and ordaining others than those enumer-

ated. I have labored in twelve counties of California from Humboldt on the north to San Bernardino in the south. The missionaries have all been faithful and diligent and I expect the record will show a steady increase this year. The interest among the people here in the latter-day work is surely increasing, if slowly, and there are better opportunities for introducing the work than hitherto. Among the Saints there is generally a better spiritual growth, and more harmony existing in reference to doctrine and church government. Altogether the work in this mission is firmly improving. I expect I will have to lay off for awhile and look after my temporal affairs. I have been preaching for twenty years, and what little I have left I must look after or lose it. If I were younger I would not care so much if I did; but I feel it my duty to care for what I have left, that I be not too burdensome to others in my old age, if the good Lord should permit me to live. This I regret exceedingly.

O. B. Thomas, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 171 times; baptized 13; confirmed 9; ordained 2; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 59 times. I have spoken in Des Moines, Newton, Boonesborough, Boone, Milford, Logansport, Ames, Montour, Tama City, nineteen times in Eastern Iowa district, by permission, and Head Grove; organized a branch there, assisting in the dedicatory services, at the same time; at Van Wert, Wirt, Rhodes, Harding Station, Lewin schoolhouse, Locust Grove schoolhouse, and Sandyville. I held one discussion at the latter place. With others I conducted tent meetings in seven places, and sat in two elders' courts. I have enjoyed the assistance of the Holy Spirit abundantly in most of my labor, for which I feel thankful to our heavenly Father.

M. M. Turpen, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 191 times; attended 56 other meetings; baptized 51; assisted in confirming 55; ordained 4; blessed 6 children; administered to the sick 54 times. I have labored in the Southeastern mission the most of the time; have been blessed in my labors by the Spirit of wisdom, and feel assured the work is in a better condition than it was a year ago.

Amos J. Moore, of the Seventy:—

I have baptized 2; confirmed 17; ordained 2; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 65 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I held one public debate; traveled 1,850 miles by wagon, and 150 miles on foot; had charge of the Southwestern mission. The elders in this mission have done well. I am willing to labor in this field another year.

J. W. Wight, of the Seventy:—

Since last reporting I have labored exclusively in New South Wales; preached 122 times; baptized 17; ordained 1 priest and 1 deacon; blessed 10 children; administered to the sick 14 times. Reorganized the Sydney branch in January, since which there have been 11 additions, 7 of whom were by baptism; held a discussion with one of the leading infidels of Australasia and engaged in several street and park debates as well as one newspaper controversy; solemnized two marriages. I am still willing to labor if the church shall deem me a fit representative.

C. A. Butterworth, of the Seventy:—

Since last report my labor has been confined to several points in Victoria. I have preached 64 times; spoke on temperance twice; baptized 3; administered to the sick when occasion required, and attended to other ministerial duties as far as possible. I would like to have done more, but circumstances prevented. I am hopeful for the cause and am willing to labor for its advancement if deemed worthy.

John Kaler, of the Seventy:—

Since last report I have preached in Colorado, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Honolulu, and Australia, about 76 times; baptized 7; confirmed 9; blessed several children; administered to some sick. I arrived in this mission August 15, 1893, and have labored in the Forster district, New

South Wales. I desire to continue laboring in the interest of the latter-day work. We need more missionaries in this field.

John Smith, of the Seventy.—

Have preached 38 times; baptized 1; confirmed 1; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 9 times. Have preached in the following places on the Sabbath day and on funeral occasions: Boston, New Bedford, Fall River, Plainville, Brockton, Rockland, all in the State of Massachusetts; and in the State of Rhode Island at Providence, Woodville, and Georgeville. My labors are chiefly limited to the Sabbath day. I am still willing to labor as my circumstances permit.

C. R. Duncan, of the Seventy:—

Have preached 56 times; baptized 2; confirmed 3; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick about 22 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I entered upon my duties in the field of labor assigned me (the Northwestern Kansas district) immediately after conference. I labored with the gospel tent in connection with Brn. J. T. Davis and R. W. Davis during the summer. My health began to fail me in July, and by the first of September completely broke down, and I was confined to my home about three months with bleeding at the lungs. I made application to the proper authorities and obtained a transfer to Southern Missouri. I found that I could not travel and preach; so I stayed with Bro. Kent at Eldorado Springs through December and January, using the mineral water from the Spring. About the first of February I was sufficiently recovered to begin preaching some and at present am able to preach with moderate ease and freedom. Prospects are that my lungs will be entirely sound again by proper usage. I have certainly had help from on high. I am ready for duty the coming year.

E. A. Davis, of the Seventy:—

Have preached 161 times; baptized 2; confirmed 8; ordained 1; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick when called upon; officiated in the marriage service 3 times. During the last part of April I labored some in Southwestern Missouri. May, June, and July were spent in the Northern Nebraska district and the balance of the time was spent in the Central district of Nebraska. In each of the above-named spaces I labored at a number of points and effected several new openings. From general appearances I judge some good was done. Prejudice gave place to a better state of mind. My labors have been quite well favored with good attendance and attention. The good Master has been tender and kind, the power of the Holy Spirit attending my unpublished labors. I am sorry that my health compels me to go out of the field for the present; but it is so true that I cannot ask to be appointed. May God bless the noble ones who remain to breast the storm.

John H. Thomas, of the Seventy:—

Have preached 88 times; confirmed 7; ordained 1; blessed 8 children; administered to the sick 44 times. I have labored in Southwestern Missouri under the direction of Bro. I. N. White. I had good liberty and was blessed in my administration. I am satisfied with my present field of labor, but would like to labor in Western Iowa, till late in the fall, as I have some business to attend to. May God bless you in all your deliberations.

Thomas Daley, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 98 times; baptized 18; confirmed 18; ordained 1; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick about 40 times. I preached in Salt Lake City two or three times; had good liberty. I was taken by the hand by one of the Salt Lake brethren who said to one of his brethren, "That had the right ring if it did come from a Josephite," and one more said he was going to be baptized. I held a four nights discussion in Oregon and baptized 7 there. I traveled extensively over my mission and opened up several new places. In one place, after preaching a week in a Baptist church I was shut out. Then the citizens and myself went to the woods, cut poles, they got lumber, and in three days we had a big shed built alongside of the

church and I had a goodly number out. I spoke several nights and baptized one. This was a new place. I spoke to more people in my mission than ever before in the same time. Now, brethren, I had to leave the field the tenth of November last. I have not spoken publicly since. I pray that it will be the mind and will of God and the brethren to give me California and Nevada as a mission field. My lungs are weak and trouble me considerably. The climate in Oregon and Washington is bad for my lungs. I can't tell just how much time I can put in the field. I am in hopes to put in a good portion of it. May God bless you all.

Eli M. Wildermuth, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 100 sermons, and assisted in 100; baptized 10; confirmed 6; blessed 5 children; ordained 1; organized one branch; administered to the sick 5 times. I desire to be returned to Wisconsin next year. I have been associated and labored with Brn. W. S. Pender, W. A. McDowell, A. L. Whiteaker, Frank Hackett, and J. W. Peterson. I have labored in the following counties in Wisconsin: Baron, Chippewa, St. Croix, Wapaca, Shawano, Polk, Monroe, Sauk, Richland, Rock, and Grant; also in Sandwich and Plano, Illinois.

J. Arthur Davis, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 175 times; baptized 8; confirmed 7; ordained 1; administered to the sick when called upon; officiated in the marriage service twice. I have labored in Minneapolis, St. Peter, Lake Crystal, West Concord, Hector, Hutchinson, Meeker county, Greenleafston, and Rushford; all in Minnesota. The condition of the work is splendid, and many are believing the truth through the mission. I was unusually blessed of the Lord the past year.

R. C. Evans, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 208 times; baptized 53; confirmed 34; ordained 4; blessed 17 children; administered to the sick 169 times; officiated in the marriage service 4 times. During my General Conference trip I preached in Lamoni, Iowa; Independence and Knobnoster, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; and Detroit, Michigan. The remainder of the year I have labored in Canada, this being the mission assigned me. While journeying hither I was the victim of a painful accident. The papers reported that I was fatally injured; a physician who witnessed the accident said I could not live; but Father was kind to me, and the sixteenth day after the accident I was "about my Father's business," preaching to a conference. Since then I have preached from one to four sermons a day, when opportunity afforded. I am not so strong as before I was hurt. I feel the effects of the accident when I overwork myself. I have acted as president of London district, doing considerable work among the branches. I never knew the branches to be in better condition than at present. Several of them have cleared off their church debts, and are developing in every good work. During part of the summer I labored with Elder Mortimer and Priest Gregory in a "gospel tent." Elder Mortimer could not endure tent work; ill health compelled him to return home. Bro. Gegory being young in the work did nobly, and rendered valuable assistance when he could. I trust he will be sustained in the field. I have replied to press articles and platform tirades against the truth when occasion demanded. I feel hopeful in the struggle.

Isaac M. Smith, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 197 times; baptized 26; confirmed 27; blessed some children; administered to the sick several times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have preached in a number of places in Steuben county, Indiana; two places in Paulding county, Ohio; two places in Eaton county, Michigan; also a few times in Southern Illinois, and at Galien and Buchanan, Michigan. I have enjoyed fair liberty, and am still willing to labor for the cause, if thought best by the conference.

W. J. Smith, of the Seventy:—

I have preached about 150 times, and have had charge of about 50 other meetings. I have been associated the most of the year with Elder S. W. L.

Scott, our labors being mainly in the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana district. I have baptized four persons, administered to the sick quite a number of times, and performed such other duties as came in line with my appointment. I have endeavored to do the best I could, and in many instances have been blessed of God in a remarkable degree. I desire to continue in the field and do all I can for the Master's cause. My faith and confidence in the work is stronger than ever before, and I am willing therefore to labor wherever the church directs.

C. H. Jones, of the Seventy:—

I have preached many times; baptized 9; confirmed 8; ordained 1; blessed 11 children; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service twice. My labor has been confined most of the time to the city of St. Louis, but I have also labored at Belleville and Alma, Illinois. I had good liberty, especially at Alma, the best of attention, and full houses; think good was done. I also visited the Saints at Linn county, and spoke several times. They will build a house of worship this season; the work is on the up grade. I have also done some work at Moscow Mills, in Lincoln county, Missouri; partly organized a branch with eight members; think more will soon unite. The work in the district is improving. Several have been baptized and the brethren are coming up to the work, and I am persuaded a better day dawns. I have been blessed in my labors and rejoice, being satisfied of the ultimate triumph of the cause. I hope to continue in the good work.

I. N. Roberts, of the Seventy:—

I have preached often; baptized 31; confirmed 27; blessed 9 children; administered to the sick 14 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have held meetings since last report in the following States: Iowa; at Redding, Greene, and Powersville. Missouri; St. Joseph and Pleasant Grove. Minnesota; Lake View, Maple Grove, Pelican Lake, Rumsey, Maine, Brandon, St. Peter, Lake Emily, Lake Crystal, Magnolia, Pipestone, Avoca. North Dakota; Turtle Mountain, Dunseith, Bottineau, Rugly Junction, Leeds, Clifford, Arthur, Thompson schoolhouse, and Wahpeton. At most of the above-named places where my work has been for this conference year there is good interest, and if they are cared for properly much good will be done. I never enjoyed better liberty than this year. My faith is firm in this work and I hope to be able to stand unmoved to the end. May God's Spirit guide us through this conference.

J. F. Mintun, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 167 times; baptized 39; confirmed 47; ordained 3; blessed 19 children; administered to the sick 97 times; officiated in the marriage service 4 times. My labors have been confined to Harrison, Monona, Woodbury, and Plymouth counties, Iowa, except when in attendance at the Thurman reunion in Fremont county. In the places where labor has been done there is now an increased demand for ministerial work resulting from that already done. My colaborer, Bro. F. A. Smith, remained with me about five months doing excellent service, but for what was deemed a necessity he was changed from his conference appointment to the Des Moines district by the missionary in charge. Have had the assistance of Brn. W. W. Blair, H. C. Smith, Charles Derry, and J. F. McDowell at different times during the year. The labor of Bro. H. C. Smith is worthy of special mention. Sickness in my family and personal sickness prevented my laboring for nearly two months, hence the result for good from ministerial work is not all I anticipated. Had the assistance of Brn. David Chambers, Mark Jensen, Hubert Case, D. A. Hutchings, and George Montague, of the local laborers, and the well wishes and prayers of all so far as I am aware.

M. H. Bond, of the Seventy:—

During the past conference year I have labored as per appointment in the Eastern mission. My work, however, has principally been in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Western New York. A detailed report seems impracti-

cable and uncalled for, as my work in the church has been generally known and reported through the church papers from time to time to those who will constitute the body of the coming General Conference. In the Pittsburgh and Kirtland district the feeling is fair, and the tendency upward so far as intellectual and spiritual understanding and zeal upon the part of the membership of the church is concerned, as well as public interest and favor shown or manifested toward us as a people or church organization. In Western New York where I have been laboring since the New Year the prospect or opportunities for successful church work are as good as any place I know of, and a competent laborer should, if possible, be sent to that field. I am now preaching in Jeannette, Pennsylvania, with fair prospect of allaying prejudice and of making friends, if not proselytes for the cause. I am in the faith of the restored gospel, and desire nothing more than the permanent establishment of the kingdom of God upon earth.

W. S. Pender, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 150 times; baptized 14; confirmed 11; blessed several children; administered to the sick many times. In the early part of the conference year I labored with Bro. E. M. Wildermuth in St. Croix county, Wisconsin. As a result of less than a month's work eight were baptized. During the last week in April I held a discussion of six nights at Chetek, Wisconsin. The debate was with a Christian Adventist, and involved the question of the immortality of the soul and the punishment of the wicked. I preached also in the following places: Whitcomb, North Freedom, Flora, Burton, Bridgeport, Bradtville, Beetown, Elmdale and vicinity, Reedstown and vicinity, Prairie du Chien, Valley Junction, Mather, and Janesville and vicinity. There are numerous and urgent demands for preaching in various parts of the State. We are also gaining quite a number of young people recently from whom we may expect the light of Christ to be reflected. Feeling confident that the Lord still approves us as a people, in our work of presenting the gospel to the world, my desire is to continue. Praying that light and truth may gladden the hearts of Zion's children and liberate the sons and daughters of men everywhere, I am, your coworker.

Rudolph Etzenhouser, of the Seventy:—

Since last report I have preached about 110 times; did additional service conjointly with other brethren, also held other services. Set two Sunday schools in motion; baptized 6; confirmed 4; blessed several children; administered to the sick occasionally; married one couple. I left home for my field June 9, 1893, and returned February 27, 1894. Before leaving for the field I answered a call from Burnside, Illinois; attended the World's Fair six days. Did service at Kansas City and Lee's Summit, Missouri; also at Denver, Colorado, enroute to and from field. I wrote the *Herald* I had established two Sunday schools in Utah, it being seriously objected to. I may say there once was a school in Salt Lake City. There were two in Utah when I left, whereas there were those two less when I was appointed to that field. I do not wish to diminish the work of others. The arid region being so detrimental to my health, and therefore work, I asked a return to former fields.

S. J. Stone, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 20 times; administered to the sick once. I have preached in Walton, Illinois, and done what I could, trying to keep the work alive. I would like to have liberty to preach as circumstances will admit.

A. H. Parsons, of the Seventy:—

During the past year I have preached 118 times, having held 278 services, baptized 5; confirmed 5; ordained 2; blessed 9 children; administered to the sick 42 times. I have performed gospel labor in the following places: Philadelphia as pastor; Baldwin, Jackson, Hall, and Providence Mills, Maryland; Nottingham, Barnsley, New Park, and Meshoppen, Pennsylvania; Brooklyn, New York; and Hornerstown, New Jersey; as president of the Philadelphia district and submissionary in charge. The work is

moving very slowly in the district, yet the prospects are much better than one year ago. Assistance is badly needed to properly represent the work in Brooklyn and Philadelphia and keep up the interest in the country places.

W. E. Peak, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 148 times; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 15 times; officiated in the marriage service twice. I was assigned to Bro. James Caffal's charge by the General Conference, and he located me in the southeastern part of Nebraska. I have labored in various parts of my field as the way opened and wisdom directed, to the best of my ability. I have been hindered some by sickness in my family, but while at home I have tried to establish the work in our district and feel that some good has been accomplished. I rejoice in the prospects of success and hope ever to be found battling for the truth.

J. C. Clapp, of the Seventy:—

Have baptized 9; confirmed 8; ordained 1; blessed 8 children; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored to the best of my ability, but thus far my work has been confined to the city of Honolulu for reasons that Bro. Waller and I have given in former writings. The revolution that took place directly after my arrival has been a great hindrance to us, as the natives feel that they have suffered a great wrong in the overthrow of their monarchy; and the whites are annexationists, being organized into clubs and leagues of different kinds, holding meetings nearly every night, keeps us standing, as it were, over a smouldering volcano which may burst forth at any hour. Of course we have no fears for our personal safety while we can see the stars and stripes floating from the mastheads of our warships that lie in the harbor and see the brown mouths of the great guns frowning from the vessels' sides. We deplore the need of such protection. We are here to advocate the claims of the Prince of Peace, and to bear *his* banner.

We had greatly hoped that ere this some of the native young men would have been qualified to preach the gospel; and in order to so qualify them I taught a night school for the purpose of instructing them in the principles of the gospel; and they did well for a while, but some of them fell into transgression, while others grew indifferent, and the school died out. Bro. Poepoe resigned as an elder; but attends meetings and interprets for us. Sr. Nakuina is a good interpreter and also assists us in interpreting at different services. We have three preaching services on Sundays to the natives in their tongue (through an interpreter) just after Sunday school in the morning, also in the evening to them, beginning at six thirty; then from seven thirty we preach in English. Since we have adopted this method the attendance of the English speaking people has increased and we are hopeful that good will result. Some are now ready for baptism. So far the results of our labors have not been as satisfactory as we could have wished. What we may be able to do when the political difficulties are settled we cannot of course tell. It is an easy matter to baptize, but to bring them up to a proper spiritual standing is a difficult matter.

If I am retained in this mission it will take ninety dollars per month to keep me and my family. If I am retained alone it will take forty dollars per month to keep me; and my family would have to be supported elsewhere, which would amount to about the same thing. If another is appointed in my place I would recommend by all means a man with a wife, and if possible one who could fill Sr. Clapp's place at the organ and in teaching or leading the singing. Sr. Clapp has been a great help in teaching the native girls music, teaching in the Sunday school, also in the sisters' prayer union and in visiting among the members. I have to say that Bro. Waller is a godly man and in every way qualified for any place that his services are required, and is worthy the fullest confidence of the Saints. Notwithstanding his great press of business he is always at his post, bearing aloft the banner of King Immanuel, and can easily find the way to his pocket when the work of the Lord is in need, and his wise counsels can always be beneficial to anyone associated with him in the ministry. I have reported the mission just as I understand it, and so leave the matter entirely in the hands of the conference. Dispose of me and the mission just

as the wisdom of your councils directs. I desire no greater honor than will accrue from faithfully bearing the standard of Christ and defending the cause that has afforded me so much comfort.

W. T. Bozarth, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 105 times; baptized 6; confirmed 8; ordained 3; blessed several children; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service once. During the last year I have preached at Independence, Kansas City, Warrensburg, Crab Orchard, Pleasant View, Knobnoster, Barnett, Colbens Springs, in the Independence, Missouri, district. In the St. Louis, Missouri, district I have preached at Linn, Cheltenham, Belleville, and St. Louis. In the latter place I have spent the greater part of my time. In connection with the president of the district and the branch officials of the St. Louis branch, and also of other branches, we have made an effort to have a better understanding of the laws governing the church. I am glad to be able to report that the Lord has blessed our efforts and a better understanding of the law is had; and, particularly, in the St. Louis branch progress has been made and the Saints are feeling well in the work, and the local officials are laboring commendably. Of the local ministry Brn. I. Davis, R. Archibald, N. Cooke, William Pond, and others have been cheerful laborers, and have done all they could. Bro. C. H. Jones of the missionary force laboring there has done well and will report for himself. I am still in the faith and willing to do what I can.

H. L. Holt, of the Seventy:—

Since the last of April I have been constantly in the field. Have held some 200 meetings in 18 places in California and Nevada with an average attendance of about 35. Have baptized 13. Am still ready for the service.

J. Alfred Davis, of the Seventy:—

I have preached a number of times; baptized 3; confirmed 4; ordained 2; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick 37 times. Aside from preaching I have also assisted when traveling with a colaborer, and have held several other meetings. I have enjoyed a good degree of liberty in my efforts. Taking a glance over the field and judging from the past, I am somewhat encouraged for the future.

T. C. Kelley, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 149 times; baptized 17; confirmed 11; ordained 1; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 56 times. My appointment for the year just closed was in Southern Illinois and Kentucky, but by agreement with the missionary in charge I spent a portion of my time in Tennessee. My labors have been scattered over five counties in Illinois, five in Tennessee, and two in Kentucky—twelve in all, making it necessary for me to do a great deal of traveling by railway, carriage, on foot, etc. The time from General Conference (1893) to July I spent in the Southern Illinois district, preaching considerably and baptizing seven. In July I entered the Tennessee and Kentucky mission and remained there till about November when I lost a few weeks from active labor in securing a home for my family and moving them, made necessary by a change of hands of the home where they were living. In the forepart of December I again entered the Southern mission and continued till near the last of February, and feeling that much more labor could not be advantageously bestowed in that mission till spring opened up I came back to Illinois and have been preaching near home ever since, and will continue in this and adjoining counties till time to go to General Conference. I have felt very keenly my weakness and have been made to see more and more the necessity for meekness on the part of the people of God, and especially the ministry; but I have experienced and enjoyed a greater degree of the power of the Spirit of God during the past year than ever before; and have realized more than ever the acceptableness to God of my humble ministerial efforts. For this I feel truly thankful to him. In addition to the work outlined at the head of this report I have attended sixty-three other meet-

ings, and attended and assisted, as moderator, in a four days' debate between Bro. C. L. Snow, and Rev. R. C. Hill, of the Baptist Church. May the blessings of God rest upon the church and people of his choice.

T. W. Chatburn, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 152 times; baptized 72; confirmed 22; ordained 3; administered to the sick many times. Have labored continuously in the Far West district attending such duties as came under appointment given me last spring. Our district is in good condition, have forced the battle in many new places with good results and splendid prospects for the future. I am at your disposal.

D. L. Shinn, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 124 times; baptized 11; confirmed 11; ordained 2; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick 21 times. I have served as president of West Virginia district ever since its organization in December, 1892, and was appointed missionary in charge of this field of labor under Apostle W. H. Kelley for the conference year beginning May 1, 1893. I have labored according to my ability and the grace given unto me in this district in the counties of Harrison, Doddridge, Ritchie, Calhoun, and Jackson. The cause is slowly but surely and permanently gaining ground in West Virginia where the harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. I have constantly labored to establish the work and the doctrine of the Reorganized Church, striving to live faithfully as an example in the practice of that righteousness presented in our preaching. I hope to continue ever faithful to the end of active life in the field, helping to keep the great "standard" in sight of all people.

M. P. Madison, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 100 times; baptized 5; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 40 times. I have preached in the following places: Guilford, Sweet Home, Union church, Rising Hope, Ross Grove, Fairview, Whitehall schoolhouse, Baker schoolhouse, LaFayette, Nisnabotna, and Langdon, in the Nodaway district; at Shenandoah, near Tabor, Thurman, and Bartlett, in the Fremont district; and Council Bluffs and Hazel Dell, in the Pottawattamie district; had good liberty most of the time. Five of the above-named places in the Nodaway district are new places; at some of these there is good interest manifested. In common with my missionary labor have acted as president of the Nodaway district. Bro. E. S. Fannon has been some help since he came into the church. I desire to labor on.

Geo. W. Shute, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 120 times; baptized 1; confirmed 3; blessed 6 children; administered to the sick 12 times. Since March 1, 1893, I have labored in Nebraska City, Beatrice, Dewese, Fairbury, Edgar, Eustice, Elwood, and Turkey Creek, in Nebraska; Goshen, Blue Rapids, Cuba, Rexford, Albia, in Kansas; opening five new places of promise. I have labored as best I could and my health would permit. I can say the work in general is in a prosperous condition. The field in Southwestern Nebraska, especially in the western part, is new, no preaching ever being done there before, therefore prejudice is great in some places. The most of my work has been in new fields, and though few have as yet accepted the gospel, yet prospects for an increase are as good as could be expected.

T. W. Williams, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 160 times; baptized 18; confirmed 18; ordained 1; blessed many children; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service twice. As I had some trouble in starting for my field of labor at once, I went Middletown, Ohio, by request and labored nearly two weeks, meeting with success. Shortly after my return I started for Iowa, reaching Council Bluffs early in July. Since that time I have held five protracted meetings. During September held tent meetings which proved successful. We held a five weeks' meeting in the western part of the city, with good success; the other meetings were held in the southern part of the

city, in the country, and at Crescent City. In addition to this I have preached some in Omaha, Nebraska, once in Tekamah, Nebraska, and at Logan, Crescent, Loveland, Boomer township, Hazel Dell and other points in Iowa. I have been called upon to preach quite a number of funeral sermons; have also found much to do in the way of visiting and encouraging the members of the branch. Council Bluffs affords much opportunity for labor; the conference could do no better thing for the work here than to send two missionaries instead of one. My faith is as strong as ever, and I am as desirous of doing my part to promote the work.

J. W. Peterson, of the Seventy:—

Have preached 208 times; baptized 8; confirmed 8. My labor has been chiefly in Wisconsin during the past conference year, and mostly confined to Grant county in the Southwestern part of the State. I have preached at and near Osterdock, Iowa, twelve times. This last place was not in my field, but while visiting there, preached when asked to do so. I have opened up the work in fifteen new places, all but one being in Grant county. My labor has been more thorough and systematic than ever before, and consequently decidedly more satisfactory to me. My aim has been to be cautious in presenting that part of our work which seems objectionable in localities until I had prepared the minds of the people to receive it. When I had done my best and worked as wisely as I knew how, the Master of the vineyard has been on hand to do what I could not do. I have enjoyed an increased portion of the divine Spirit for which I am very grateful. The work in Wisconsin seems to be in a more solid condition than heretofore, and the Saints seem to understand each other and the law better. While the hard times appear to have hindered the work in other fields, I am not aware that in Wisconsin the work has been retarded on that account. I am still at the service of the church should it need my labor; am willing to work where you think my labors would be most effectual. If my wishes are granted I should desire my present field, but if the Spirit directs otherwise I am agreed.

J. D. Erwin, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 172 times; baptized 26; confirmed 26; ordained 1; blessed 20 children; administered to the sick 50 times. I have labored in Texas, Indian Territory, and Arkansas; also some in Missouri. Have devoted all my time to the cause; have done all I could to advance the cause. Probably I have scattered my preaching too much, but I believe in letting the people know what we have and leave the result with God, the author of the work. I held two debates; one in Texas, and one in Arkansas. Traveled about two thousand five hundred miles, mostly by rail. I am ready for the field again and desire to continue in the Southwestern mission, as my home is in that section.

D. M. Rudd, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 196 times; baptized 10; confirmed 12; blessed 12 children; administered to the sick 72 times; officiated in the marriage service once. My labor has been wholly confined to the Des Moines district and I have found plenty to do without going to outside points. I found the district sadly in need of more labor, but am glad to be able to report that the work here has taken a good step in advance; and if the proper labor is performed in the coming year I believe this district will take its place among the most prosperous of the church.

W. A. McDowell, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 126 times; baptized 11; confirmed 13; ordained 1; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 42 times. During the summer season I labored in the gospel tent of the Western Wisconsin district in connection with Brn. Pender, Wildermuth, Burr, and Peterson, at North Freedom, Lloyd, Pleasant Ridge, Readstown, and Mount Hope. The most of the time Bro. C. H. Burr was with me. I have labored the entire season except during the month of November; during that month I moved my family to East Delavan, where we are now located; during the fall and winter I

have labored in Walworth, Rock, Monroe, and Pepin counties, in company with Brn. Pender, Burr, and Curtis; and I can say that the work is onward in this State and the outlook is good for a large harvest in time. I am encouraged in the work and stand ready for an appointment if you believe me worthy. I am willing to go anywhere, but would prefer this State. I hope and pray that the same men may be returned to this State, as I believe them to be the right men in the right place, and they are acquainted with the work. I hope to labor on until Zion shall be redeemed.

D. E. Tucker, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 148 times; baptized 4; confirmed 2; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 42 times. I have labored in five counties in my field; in Bevier, Excello, Callao, Goldsberry, Ashlock, Goff, and Oak Ridge, in Macon county. In the three last-named places there is no interest, neither at Excello. At Bevier the work is apparently in better condition than it has been for some time in the past. At Callao I think some good can be done. At the Menefee schoolhouse, in Chariton county, I believe good can be accomplished. We have a tent purchased for use in the district which is paid for. There have been sixteen or seventeen baptisms in the district during the conference year, mostly Sunday school children.

C. H. Porter, of the Seventy:—

Have preached 172 times; baptized 8; confirmed 4; ordained 1; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick many times. I have labored almost continuously in Southern Nebraska under the direction of Bro. Caffall. I have not been as successful as I hoped to be, but have sowed the seed of the word plentifully, and hope that it may be garnered in due time. There are some good openings in this district, and I feel justified in saying that at some points we have made an advance in the past year. The Blue River branch located at Wilber never was in better condition than now, and the Saints there have a better opportunity than ever before for effective work. Some new places have been opened; the feeling toward the Saints is good, and the opportunities for preaching are numerous.

I. P. Baggerly, of the Seventy:—

Have preached 120 times; baptized 4; confirmed 5; ordained 2; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick a number of times; organized 2 branches—New Harmony and Plainville. My labors for the past conference year have been, as appointed, in Southern and Central Indiana, mainly in the counties of Posey, Crawford, Perry, Davis, and some little in Dubois. I also labored some in the Southeastern Illinois district. I notice wherever I have labored that prejudice is on the wane and the Macedonian cry is more frequently heard than ever before. Our territory is widening in all directions; many are considering the question of the restoration of the gospel as taught by us, and at no distant day there will be many added to the church in that field. The outlook is encouraging for gospel work. The ministry in Southern Indiana is also striving to keep pace with the forward movements of the church. A better understanding of the law governing missionary work is being had; and as a consequence unity prevails, with but little exception, and that will not hinder the progress of the work to any extent. So far as I am concerned individually I still desire to push on in this glorious cause to a final finish, believing the crown of life awaits us at the end.

S. W. L. Scott, of the Seventy:—

During the past year I have preached 145 times; baptized 9; confirmed 10; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 27 times. I have performed church work in purview of ministry and been on the move continuously. I have preached at Coldwater, Dayburg, Dimond, Galien, New Troy, Painter, Marcellus, Baroda, Nicholsville, Howardsville, Girard, Buchanan, Hartford, Dimondale, Gorbail, and Shook's Prairie, Michigan; Knox and Ora, Indiana. By advice of Brn. Joseph Smith and E. L. Kelley attended the reunion at Maysville, Missouri, preaching as appointed by the officer in charge, Bro. T. W. Chatburn. As my report of last year failed to

reach the secretary of the church, so as to appear in the published report, by mistake of my own, I submit my general work performed with 19 baptisms. I have been blessed in line of duty at times, but below that of last year. I have felt the depressing influence of trial and darkness, the sadness and bitterness of the loss of all things which bring temporal sunshine to one's home. Yet my trust has been steadfast in God and the lovely One who stilled the surging roll of the agitated Tiberias and whispered peace to the angry and moaning tides. This great work of which he is height, the depth, the length, the breadth, the base, the capstone the warp and the woof, gives joy in the midst of sorrow. I am willing to labor, weary, pray, and wait till our adverse stations are duly sanctified to our worthiness, and the books balanced reveal the proper dividend stricken by the finger of God.

Henry Sparling, of the Elders:—

Have preached 220 times; baptized 29; confirmed 33; ordained 2; blessed 15 children; administered to the sick 85 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored in Howell, Oregon, Texas, Douglass, Ozark, Christian, and Green counties, Missouri; and Sharp county, Arkansas. I held one debate near Centre, Arkansas, with Elder George Spurlock of the Christian Church, two days; another of four days with Elder Paul Patrick of the Christian Church at Vera Cruz, Douglas county; another with Rev. Frank Williams of the Holiness Church, at West Plains, three speeches each. My wife having been afflicted for twenty weeks, unable to walk, and the building of a house has kept me from duty some, but the Lord has blessed me. My desire is to continue in the field if the church thinks me worthy. I cannot be with you, but may God bless you.

John Davis, of the Elders:—

I have baptized 6; confirmed 5; ordained 1; blessed 3 children. I have labored in St. Joseph, Stewartsville, De Kalb, German Stewartsville branch, and Clarksdale, Missouri; Lucas, Iowa; Gilman, Samamish, Seattle, Arlington, McMurray, Ronald, Roslyn, Thorp, Ellensburg, Spokane, Latah, Tekoa, Palouse, and Pullman, Washington. I held one discussion of four sessions. A considerable portion of my time was occupied in building up the Saints, rekindling the old fire. My work has not been as I would desire, but I have done what I could. This field should have two missionaries in it by all means. I have not been in the State of Oregon, the missionary in charge thinking it best that I should remain in Washington. I would indeed like a fellow laborer with me in this State, also two in Oregon, as the tent was idle all summer. Give this your attention.

John Shields, of the Elders:—

Have preached 173 times; baptized 15; confirmed 20; ordained 3; blessed 7 children; administered to the sick 91 times; I have also led 28 prayer and 3 business meetings; taught Bible class nine times; organized 1 branch. I have preached at Selkirk, Niagara Falls, Cedar Valley, Grand Valley, Waterford, and other branches a few times. In May I made a new opening in Fort Erie where there was considerable interest manifest; but was excluded from the Methodist church after two meetings there. In August I made new openings at High Banks, Stromness, and Low Banks. At the two places last named I was assisted by Elder E. K. Evans whom I found to be a good, careful man. Our labors have been much blessed; thirteen have been baptized, all fine people, and still we have full houses and good interest. Many calls are coming for preaching from surrounding places. We find this a splendid field; we have both enjoyed good liberty here right along. If sustained next conference year I am willing to be returned here unless otherwise directed. I am still in the faith, and rejoice in the progress of the work.

James Kemp, of the Elders:—

I have preached 108 times; baptized 4; confirmed 5; blessed 14 children; administered to the sick 22 times. Since the last General Conference I have labored in the State of Colorado as appointed, and have visited and preached in nine different counties; namely, Jefferson, Hutchinson, Ever-

green, Eastonville, Hastings, Trinidad, Coal Creek, Williamsburg, Antonito, Manassa, Brown, Hutchinson schoolhouse, Fruita, and Denver. I have been kindly received and treated both by Saints and friends. I know the work is onward; the signs bespeak an ingathering in the near future. With persistent effort and a "standing by our posts" good will result. I have been on the move all the time; have traveled three thousand miles by rail, as well as some by wagon and on foot. I do not expect to attend conference. I am still on "the roll call" and am willing to labor the coming year if so appointed.

J. Armstrong, of the Elders:—

I have preached 70 times; baptized 7; confirmed 7; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 23 times. Since last conference I have labored as circumstances permitted. My labors were almost exclusively confined to the Southern Nebraska district. I find Southern Nebraska a good field to labor in; as a rule people are willing and anxious to hear, and they often invite me to come again. I have opened up some new places, and some are anxious for my return. I do not think I was ever more greatly blessed with the Spirit of God than I have been the last year, for which I thank our heavenly Father. I hope that wisdom and discretion will be with the elders in their deliberations in all the assemblies of the different quorums.

A. B. Moore, of the Elders:—

I have preached 128 times; baptized 9; confirmed 7; ordained 3; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 18 times; officiated in the marriage service 3 times. Have labored in Bexar, Gonzales, Bandera, Wichita, Atascosa, Karnes, and Willbarger counties; and in the cities of Waco and San Antonio. I find the interest good and prejudice fast giving way; and if the work is continued there will soon be a large ingathering. I am still in the faith, and my all is in this latter-day work; and am willing to help roll the great wheel of Zion. The only obstacle in the way is a lack of laborers.

E. W. Nunley, of the Elders:—

I have preached 114 times; baptized 7; confirmed 7; ordained 1; blessed a number children; administered to the sick a number of times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored in the following counties in Texas: Burleson, Robertson, Bell, Falls, Milam, Williamson, Bastrop, Hill, and Lee. I have served as president of the Texas Central district, and superintendent of the Sunday school association. I have opened a number of new places for preaching and as a rule had good attendance and interest. I have organized one branch and one Sunday school. Texas is noted as a hard field, yet the prospects are better this year in some respects. I still hope for the better. I now have more calls than I can fill. As a rule I have good liberty in presenting the word. The good Lord has abundantly blessed me this year, yet the ingathering has been small; however I think good seed has been sown that will bring forth much fruit in the future. We are still at the service of God and the church.

J. W. Jackson, of the Elders:—

I have preached 92 times; baptized 9; confirmed 9; administered to the sick 4 times. I preached at New Hope, Dallas, Potter, Grub, Martin schoolhouse, Uultima Thule, Silver Hill, Antimony City, Jordan schoolhouse, Euclid, Star of the West, Langley, Waldo, and regions about; Wilisville and regions about. I have failed to note all the places where I labored. I have had fair liberty most of the time. The work in Nevada and Columbia counties is encouraging. I am at the disposal of the church for this year. I prefer Arkansas. I will do all the good I can for the cause the coming year. We need more preachers in the South.

A. C. Hart, of the Elders:—

Have preached 127 times; baptized 7; confirmed 4; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick 20 times; officiated in the marriage service once. The interest in this part of God's vineyard is increasing nicely, and friends

are fast being made for the cause we love. The few Saints scattered far and wide all seem to be either warning their neighbors or anxious to have them warned, and I believe God will and is blessing them. In one or two places we found but very little interest. I have labored in three places on Grand River, near Vinita, Chelsea, May, Hudson, Lucas, Adens, Catalee, and other towns and post offices. The prospects for joiners at or near the above places are very encouraging; many have declared their intention and are only waiting for warmer weather, or others. In other places where friends have moved, etc., they are anxious to have preaching done. We are now holding meetings about five miles southeast of Vinita. We pray God's blessings to attend you in all your sessions.

Gomer Wells, of the Elders:—

Since appointed to this mission I have preached 47 times; baptized 2; confirmed 4; administered to 11 sick; blessed 3 children; assisted in solemnizing 1 marriage, and traveled about 10,000 miles—500 of it in New South Wales. This labor has been distributed along the route until August 15, 1893, when I arrived at Sydney; since then I have labored in New South Wales in company with Elders Wight and Kaler. Since being here at Tun-curry I have collected \$60, and purchased a horse, harness, and cart for prosecuting gospel work in this part of the mission. I feel contented and determined; wishing to continue.

J. W. Bryan, of the Elders:—

Have preached 42 times; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick 7 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have preached at Beulah, Evergreen, Midway, Guiceland, and Pleasant Hill in Houston county, Texas; and at Elkhart, Cross Road, Beautiful Springs, Palestine, Antiem, McMean's schoolhouse, Parker's schoolhouse, and at home, in Anderson county, Texas; and at Cook's Point, in Burleson county, at all times with good liberty and at times with much power of the Spirit. I have received no additions to the church and cannot see that much has been accomplished yet, but while I receive the necessary assistance from the Master and the confidence of the church, I will do all I can to sow the good seed of the kingdom. There are many places open to preaching in this field that I have not been able to reach yet. I hope to be able to extend my labors to fields where preachers have not spread prejudice so extensively. I hope that God may give us the divine aid necessary to the completion of the work designed.

James Thomas, of the Elders:—

Have preached 165 times; confirmed 2; ordained 2; blessed 7 children; administered to the sick 16 times. I have preached in Napier, Rochester, Avenue City, Rea, Guilford, Fairview, Black Oak Grove, Tarkio City, Ross Grove, Dean, and Sweet Home, all in the Nodaway district. I have divided my time between the above places. I have been well received by the people and have been blessed with God's Holy Spirit in presenting the word of life. I hope to continue in the good work to the end.

J. M. Stubbart, of the Elders:—

I have preached 45 times; assisted in blessing 1 child; administered to the sick several times. I preached at Columbus Valley, Bee, near North Bend, Webster, and near Shelton, Nebraska. I secured Bro. Porter's assistance last summer and undertook to open up the work at David City, but after two attempts we gave it up as an entire failure. I am very much encouraged with the prospects of the work where I have labored. I have generally had good liberty and fair attendances, and some where I have labored I think are very near the kingdom. I am still willing to labor as circumstances permit, and whenever the church wants me to devote all my time, I shall be willing to assume such duties.

E. K. Evans, of the Elders:—

During the past six months I have preached 73 times; baptized 10; confirmed 12; blessed 9 children; administered to the sick 97 times; officiated in the marriage service once. By arrangement with the authorities I took the field on September 11, 1893. I preached in St. Thomas, Corinth,

Walsingham Center, Selkirk, Stromness, and Low Banks. I have also acted as Bishop's Agent and vice president of London district and have edited the *Glad Tidings*. Before going in the field I preached some in Toronto, Proton, Drew, St. Mary's, London, Stratford, and St. Thomas. Also organized Stratford branch, and assisted in ordaining one priest.

William Thompson, of the Elders:—

I have preached 73 times; baptized 8; confirmed 11; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 31 times. Have preached at Andover, Hickory schoolhouse, and New Zion schoolhouse, Missouri; Wyon schoolhouse, Center schoolhouse, Advent church, Boone, Angus, Perry, Woodward, Ames, Des Moines, Runnells, Youngstown, Forbush, Centerville, Leetown, Baker schoolhouse, and Brazil, in Iowa.

David McIntosh, of the Elders:—

During the past year I have preached 68 times; assisted in confirming 2; administered to sick 8 times. I have part of the time been in a new country; have done what I could and as well as I could. I intend if possible to give the same territory a further trial. It is hard to get from home for any length of time, as, unless I am about, drift is the word; but think an improvement may shortly take place so that I will be free to go out as I would wish.

I. N. W. Cooper, of the Elders:—

I have administered to the sick twice. It is with regret and unavailing sorrow that I am compelled to report no labor performed since last General Conference, owing to a severe accident which occurred on the first of May last, since which time I have been entirely helpless, not able even to care for my own person much less to perform any duties as husband, father, or minister; but ever trusting in the goodness and mercy of God I hope to be able ere long, according to his gracious promises in my deep humiliation and distress, to go forth in the active duties of my calling a wiser, humbler, and a better man, and a more efficient representative of the Master than I have ever been before. To this end I earnestly invoke your petitions to the Father in my behalf.

R. J. Anthony, President of Seventy:—

Have preached 113 times; baptized 9; confirmed 9; blessed several children; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored in Utah, Idaho, and Montana. In some locations in each place there are inviting fields, and with patient labor much good can be accomplished and numbers added to the church. I have been greatly blessed in preaching and in my general ministrations. As a rule my colaborers have labored harmoniously together for the advancement of the cause. I would cheerfully recommend the return of Brn. H. N. Hansen, H. O. Smith, J. S. Lee, and J. R. Evans to this field. I am still in the faith and hope that truth will prevail.

F. M. Sheehy, of the Seventy:—

Have attended 224 meetings, have preached 115 times; baptized 5; confirmed 3. Have preached and ministered during the year in parts of Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, and the Massachusetts district. My attention has been required largely in the Massachusetts district, acting as presiding elder. The scarcity of local workers in the district has necessitated the presence of the General Conference appointees among the branches, thereby interfering with the work of spreading the gospel into new places. However there have been some new openings made with apparently bright prospects. The work in cities for various causes peculiar to city life does not progress rapidly. There is sufficient salt among our city churches though to perpetuate the work. Our statistical report of this Eastern mission shows a healthy increase. Our faith in the divinity of our church work is being constantly confirmed as time passes. We are therefore encouraged and anxious to continue.

H. N. Hansen, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 115 times; baptized 20; confirmed 18; ordained 4;

blessed 13 children; administered to the sick many times. Have labored in the Territory of Utah in the counties of Salt Lake, Utah, Juab, San Pete, Sevier, Weber, Summit, and Cache. I find this an extensive field, and plenty of chances for work, and we can generally obtain a fair hearing. One difficulty is to obtain public places in which to preach, and for that reason I have been compelled to do most of my preaching in private houses. But the Master has blessed me in my efforts by the Spirit to guide and sustain, and I feel that my work though feeble has been accepted above. I see no sign of any immediate great achievement, yet it is my opinion that this mission ought to be strengthened, and a patient and persistent effort be maintained by men whose physical strength will enable them to endure the various conditions of life met with here. I have read B. H. Roberts' pamphlet on Succession in the Presidency of the church, being mainly an effort against the position of the Reorganization. I am glad the issue is coming to the front and I am fully persuaded that the cause of truth has nothing to fear.

Joseph Luff, of the Twelve:—

During the past year I have preached about 150 times and baptized 17. My labors have extended into Iowa and Illinois, though chiefly confined to Missouri. Have been prevented from devoting as much time abroad as was hoped, by matters that have for some time hindered; but which seem to be near a final settlement. The work in most places is in fair condition, in some places, especially in Missouri, the prospect is excellent and the results of past work very encouraging. As Traveling Editor of the *Herald* I have done all that was possible for me, consistent with prior and leading obligations. I regret to learn from a recent issue of the paper that under my help the circulation of the paper has diminished. Shall endeavor to labor in the future as best I can, directing my feeble energies in channels where the Spirit and indications give hope of success.

M. T. Short, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 235 times; baptized 4; confirmed several; ordained 1; administered to the sick often, in my field, about home, and when passing to and fro.

Thomas Matthews, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 25 times; blessed 8 children; administered to the sick 14 times. Have preached in Hocking, Meigs, and Vinton counties, Ohio. I am glad to report that I have been able to do more preaching in the last six months than for some time in the past. My heart is still in the work, but in justice to the church I cannot ask a general field mission on account of throat affliction; but if I am still worthy of your confidence I ask to be appointed to labor in the Ohio district as circumstances permit.

J. R. Evans, of the Seventy:—

I have baptized 1; blessed 6 children; I have labored steadily in Wales up to the 18th of December, when by instruction of Bro. Griffiths I labored in England and attended the British Isles conference, at Manchester December 23-26. The conference was a success and will prove a great help to the work in the mission. I have labored in the following places since returning home: Keb, PeKay, Hiteman, and Lucas. The work in England and Wales is improving, but needs to be cared for there as well as in America. I still desire to do what I can for the cause.

S. D. Payne, of the Elders:—

I have preached 147 times; baptized 15; confirmed 10; ordained 1; blessed 8 children; administered to the sick several times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored in Dundy and Chase counties, Nebraska; Chyenne and Sherman counties, Kansas; and by permission of Bro. James Kemp, in Yuma county, Colorado. I have opened up seven new places for preaching and the rest of the time preached in places that were opened up before. I held one debate, and spent five nights answering Professor Openo, who was lecturing against the Latter Day Saints. The interest in the latter-day work is increasing rapidly in most of the places

where I have been preaching. I hope the conference will give me the same field of labor the coming year.

P. B. Seaton, of the Elders:—

I have preached 58 times; confirmed 1; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick 83 times; officiated in the marriage service 3 times. Have labored in Tennessee and Kentucky; have preached in five counties of the former and two of the latter State. Have traveled about eight hundred miles; have labored some in new places, also in other places where there had not been much preaching done, and considerable in the organized branches. I have traveled some during the year with Brn. C. S. Snow, W. H. Griffin, M. M. Turpen, and T. C. Kelley, and find them very zealous and agreeable in combating for the truth. The work here seems to be in a much better condition than heretofore; but still there is room for improvement. I desire to press on to the mark of the high calling as it is in Christ, and do what I can for his glorious gospel.

H. P. Curtis, of the Elders:—

I have preached 56 times; baptized 7; confirmed 5; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick 4 times. I received appointment from the Presidency, to the State of Wisconsin, September 14, 1893. Have labored some in Grant and Monroe counties, but my principal work has been done in Pepin county, in company with Bro. C. H. Burr. Our labor in this county has been successful; we have baptized 15, in Porcupine, and a splendid church is now under construction. We expect to organize a branch and dedicate our church the same day. I am at present laboring in Brasington, Pierce county, a splendid opening here, and a few miles north we have good interest. Like as in Pepin county, the people are ready and want the gospel. I have never seen such an interest as in these localities: the houses will not hold the congregations, many times, calls come from all directions. With proper care I see no reason why the work here should not advance very rapidly; they are ready for the truth. While I place myself at the disposal of the conference for appointment next year, I sincerely hope I may be returned to Wisconsin that I may help to complete the glorious work we have started here.

T. J. Smith, of the Elders:—

I have preached 102 times; baptized 5; confirmed 5; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 10 times; officiated in the marriage service once. Have labored in six different counties in Indian Territory during the year; viz.; Kingfisher, Logan, Canadian, Cleveland, Pottawattamie, and Oklahoma. Have opened up quite a number of new places in these counties, besides keeping up many regular appointments in places previously opened. In most of these the attendance and interest have been good and quite encouraging; in others, not so good, and correspondingly discouraging. In some places the prospects are quite flattering for several more additions to the church. Have enjoyed a good degree of the Spirit most of the time. Have been troubled somewhat in my labors by financial embarrassment, but the difficulty is passed, and am at liberty again. Have labored alone most of the time, having had no assistance save what was rendered by Bro. S. Butler and Heman C. Smith. Am still desirous of continuing labor and doing all I can for the cause of Christ.

William Davis, of the Elders:—

I have preached 121 times; baptized 20; confirmed 20; blessed 12 children; administered to the sick 19 times; officiated in the marriage service once. Have labored in Huron, Sanilac, St. Clair, Tuscola, and Genesee counties, Michigan. I have done all I could for the spread of the gospel, and have been blessed in my labors. My desire is to continue in the work of God, and in the field, if so appointed.

R. L. Ware, of the Elders:—

I have preached 149 times; baptized 3; confirmed 3; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 48 times. I preached in Atchison, Fanning, Baker, Netawaka, Centralia, Leavenworth, Scranton, Wellsville, Effingham, and at

other places of less note in Kansas. I have labored in eight counties in all; have been blessed in my preaching and administrations. I desire to do what I can in future.

C. H. Burr, of the Elders:—

I have preached 109 times; baptized 7; confirmed 5; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 8 times. Have labored wholly in the State of Wisconsin, in Walworth, Vernon, Grant, Richland, Munroe, Pepin, and Pierce counties. From November 22 to March 1 I have been associated with Bro. H. P. Curtis; we have labored incessantly in Pepin county during that time. The Lord has truly blessed us and as a result thus far fifteen have been baptized, one old member reinstated, and have a church-house in process of construction. I am willing to try and labor on for the Master's cause if you think me worthy, provided my family can be sustained and I may be permitted to still labor in Wisconsin.

J. G. Scott, of the Elders:—

I have preached 21 times; baptized 1; confirmed 1; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick 21 times. Have labored in Floyd, Harrison, Daviess, Jefferson, and Ripley counties, Indiana; presided over conference once; presided over sacrament meetings 10 times among the branches in building them up; also went to Ripley county to meet a party from Ohio to hold a debate, but he refused. We were ready to defend the cause, by God's help, but it is quite evident they cannot stand the fight. I have labored according to appointment, which was as circumstances permitted; have officiated in most all the duties of my calling when wisdom and opportunity offered. In all my labors I have been blessed. I still feel anxious for the welfare of the church, to promote its interests, and to work for the salvation of souls.

J. J. Christiansen, of the Elders:—

I have preached 34 times; baptized 4; confirmed 2; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick about 40 times; officiated in the marriage service once. Have labored in Harlan and vicinity, and distributed about seventy-five tracts by going from house to house. I also labored in Council Bluffs, Soldier, Boomer, and Hazel Dell townships, Iowa. I think some good has been done in all the above-named places. If the church should see fit to give me a mission, I would like to be assigned to Western Iowa. If finances should be scarce during the coming year I will labor a few months without price; for when I was called through prophecy I was told that God would take care of me and mine. I shall try to prepare so that I can take the field after July. I have been greatly blessed in my ministry in the past, and I feel that the blessing will be still greater by making the sacrifice above-mentioned.

S. J. Madden, of the Elders:—

Have preached 58 times; baptized 1; confirmed 1; ordained 1; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 35 times. I have labored in Kansas City, Independence, twelve miles southeast of Independence, Lowry City, Lee's Summit, West Glaze, Burtville, Henrietta, and Holden and vicinity. I have been blessed in my labors; would like to spend my entire time in the ministry if I could.

A. H. D. Edwards, of the Elders:—

I have labored to the best of my ability under very discouraging circumstances. My labors have been mostly among the Saints and preaching in the branches. I have preached in Pontyate, Llanelly, Penygraig, and Aberaman, and opened one new place, Treharris. I am confident the Saints in the Eastern district appreciate my labors and are now in a better condition spiritually, and all manifest a greater interest in the work and desire to see it prosper. I have also preached several times in Blaengarw but seemingly to no good. In October, 1893, I was chosen president of the Eastern district and have endeavored to fill that position to the best of my ability. I have striven to get those that were scattered together, and those that had no desire to keep their standing in the church, but indulged in evil doing, I

have brought them to understand that the law of God was transgressed by them and have labored with them diligently. I have called an elders' court and have had several of the transgressors brought before the court, and thus I have made an effort to rectify the records of the district.

I have been diligent in my calling; have assisted in organizing one branch, baptized 3; administered to the sick several times, and preached everywhere I had opportunity. I may say that I am satisfied that the work in Wales now presents itself in a far better condition in every respect than it did twelve months ago, and if the work is continued and held up as it has been in the past it will before many years be able to carry on the work in its own nation without financial aid from America. In conclusion I may say I am at your service to devote my time to the furthering of the work, if you consider it wise to reappoint me; if not, I will not be disappointed but shall strive to magnify my calling in the kingdom as a local elder.

J. H. Wells, of the Elders:—

Have preached 141 times; baptized 1; confirmed several; ordained 6; blessed several children; administered to the sick often; officiated in the marriage service once. Have labored in the Independence district according to my appointment as circumstances permitted. My labors have been in Morgan, Miller, Cooper, and Johnson counties. I have only labored about one half of my time. I desire to labor next conference year as circumstances permit. I do not want to cost the church anything. I desire that I will be always working in harmony with the church officials.

J. H. Lawn, of the Elders:—

I have preached 21 times; baptized 1; administered to the sick 51 times. I visited San Jose, Santa Clara county, twice the last year; once to attend our reunion in September, after which I received a special call from there in January, which I answered immediately by going down and baptizing a Mrs. Jackson, a noble lady, the leader of a small band of earnest worshipers in that city who called themselves "the Church of Christ." I am pleased to say that Bro. J. F. Burton, our worthy missionary in charge, has recently been laboring there and has baptized Sr. Jackson's husband, a splendid man. Others there are near. I have labored some in Santa Cruz county and some here at home. Am not at all shaken in my faith yet, but if I am permitted to judge, I believe I am getting stronger spiritually, as I grow older. The Lord has greatly blessed my ministrations, in some instances marvelously. I am willing to continue to labor as circumstances permit. May the unerring counsel of the Master be yours to enjoy.

F. C. Smith, of the Elders:—

I have preached 235 times; baptized 53; confirmed 60; ordained 1; blessed 19 children; administered to the sick about 25 times; officiated in the marriage service twice. Have labored in Sears, Gilmore, Chippewa, Fife Lake, South Boardman, Burnham, Joyfield, Inland, Lake Ann, and Wexford, Michigan, as the principal places, but have preached some at other towns. Wexford, Joyfield, and Fife Lake are new openings where there are prospects of a good ingathering in the near future. I have met with a good deal of opposition, but the Lord of the harvest has stood by me and I have won the day by wielding God's word, the sword of the Spirit. I like my field, but on account of catarrh in such a cold country as Northern Michigan, I prefer a field in California. Should like to spend about six months in North Dakota, where my cousin lives, during this summer. She wishes me to come there and preach for them. I feel good in the work, but on account of hard times I prefer a General Conference appointment as circumstances permit. My prayer is that God will bless you while assembled there in conference that everything may be done to the honor and glory of God. I am willing to work for the Master anywhere God sees fit to send me.

J. S. Parrish, of the Elders:—

I have preached 115 times; baptized 16; confirmed 11; administered to the sick 20 times. Have labored or preached at Mentor Plains, Kirtland (my home), Cleveland, Martin's Ferry, Etnaville, Ashmont, Rome, Warren, Weldon, and Berg Hill, in Ohio; Pittsburg, Conneautville. Sharon, Bethel,

Penn, Jeannette, Grapeville Station, Grapeville Town, and Beaver Falls, in Pennsylvania; Wheeling, Glen Easton, Glendale, Loudenville, Good Hope, Indian Creek, Lower Cabin Run, Upper Cabin Run, and Goose Creek, in West Virginia; and in Obi, Andover, and Stanard's Corners in Western New York. The labor done in the West Virginia district was by special direction of the missionary in charge, Elder W. H. Kelley. I have visited "scattered" Saints; also Bickertonites, Brighamites, Gentiles, and Jews. I tried house to house visiting, distributing the printed word, and conversing with those who seemed most inclined to talk. While my trials were at times great, and I was beset, too, by dangers, yet I *think* I constantly realized Divine help; in some instances I *know* I did. Compared with last year the field looks riper now; and yet, in view of the dissolving of creeds, together with the constant battle of error against truth, I see no place for any but fearless, constant workers. While I assure you, beloved brethren, of my desire to be one of such workers, I am aware of my weakness; and I, therefore, crave your prayers, and the prayers of all others who likewise love the appearing and kingdom of Jesus Christ. I shall continue, should you so decide, and it be according to God's will.

Daniel Brown, of the Elders:—

I have preached 7 times; baptized 5; confirmed 1; administered to the sick 42 times. Have presided over the San Benito branch, and have visited San Jose and Santa Cruz. Was at the latter place while Bro. A. Haws was in discussion with a Seventh-day Adventist, at the close of which Bro. Haws continued holding meetings, when two were ready for baptism; he requested me to baptize them, which I did, after which with my horse and buggy I took Bro. Haws into Fresno county. I have enjoyed the Spirit of our Master as much during the past year in my ministrations as ever before. I spent fourteen days with Brn. Haws and Pickering in Santa Cruz county with our district tent. I feel to continue to labor on as my circumstances permit. May peace abide with you all.

F. M. Slover, of the Elders:—

I have preached 144 times; baptized 10; confirmed 8; administered to the sick a few times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have preached in Wayne, Marion, Jefferson, White, Hamilton, Franklin, and Saline counties. Have been laboring as an elder since November 2, 1893; before that time as a priest. I have labored with and assisted many of the elders when called upon. I can say that I have been blessed. I have also acted as secretary for the Southeastern Illinois district. I still desire to do what I can in my weak way to advance the cause, and win souls to Christ.

Peter Anderson, of the Seventy:—

I have preached about 60 times; baptized 1; administered to the sick a few times. Have labored in different parts of Denmark, and in Malmo, Sweden. Have printed and distributed several thousand tracts. I think the efforts should be continued by the church. Others, and a greater force of men should be sent here to take our place. Prospects are not very flattering at present, but as a matter of course, we must sow before we can expect to reap. As far as I can see, things are getting more favorable for our work in these countries, and I am sure a number of men could labor here to advantage. I am willing to remain till about August if the church will send others to continue the work.

George Jenkins, of the Elders:—

I have preached 111 times; baptized 3; confirmed 2; administered to the sick a number of times; officiated in the marriage service once. Have preached in the counties of Jefferson, Floyd, Harrison, Washington, Orange, Crawford, and Perry, Indiana; have opened up the work in six new places; my work in the past has been principally in new places. I assisted in ordaining one priest; assisted in confirming two. The work in this part of the field is in a better condition than it has been in the past; the work through here is fast opening up; calls for preaching at present are more than I can fill. As I have enlisted for time and eternity, I am

ready for the conflict again if the church thinks I am worthy. I desire to be returned to the Southern Indiana district.

F. P. Scarcliff, of the Elders:—

I have preached 102 times; baptized 2; confirmed 4; blessed 18 children; administered to the sick 40 times; officiated in the marriage service twice. My labors have been confined to Jackson county, Mississippi, circumstances preventing me from leaving the vicinity of my home. I have enjoyed a portion of the good Spirit in my ministrations, and I still wish to work for the Master.

J. M. Scott, of the Elders:—

I have preached 115 times, held 125 other meetings; baptized 4; confirmed 9; ordained 2; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 30 times; I have labored in Middletown, Ohio; Ripley, Jefferson, Floyd, Harrison, Crawford, Perry, and Daviess counties, Indiana. Assisted in ordaining 1 elder; sat in elder's court 3 times; and met the objections of two ministers. A Methodist took the position that the Bible was a sealed book, and the canon of Scriptures being full that we did not need any more revelations. A Universalist took the stand against the prophetic mission of Joseph Smith, that the law and prophets were until John, since that the time the law and prophets ceased. I met those objections to the satisfaction of my congregation; and can truly say the Spirit of God was manifested to such a degree that the folly of my opponents was confounded and many friends made to the cause. I have been wonderfully blessed this past year in presenting the word, and the healing power has been seen to such a degree that outsiders have confessed that the Lord confirms the word with signs following the preaching of this latter-day gospel. The work in Southern Indiana is fast gaining; that is, people who wouldn't listen in the past few years are now favorable. I have looked after the finances of the church; the Saints are beginning to see the need of their complying with the law of tithing, and there has been a decided improvement during the past year. I have labored to the best of my ability, and I am ready and willing to continue in the field, if you deem wise to so appoint. May the Spirit of God be with you.

D. F. Winn, of the Elders:—

Have preached 53 times; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 167 times; officiated in the marriage service once. Have labored in the Northeastern Missouri district, in Macon county, at Bevier and Salt River; Randolph county, Higbee and Elliott; acted as president of the Higbee branch, also as president of district. I find many calls for preaching which I have not been able to fill. I still desire to labor as my circumstances permit.

G. J. Waller, of the Elders:—

During the past year my labors have been confined entirely to the city of Honolulu, where I have presided over a branch of our church established by Elder Haws. My chief aim has been to teach those who had already become members of the church their duty as such, as this seemed very necessary to bring them up to a higher standard of righteousness so that we might have a good foundation to build upon in the city here, before extending our labors to other parts of this island and others of the group. The progress has been very slow, still there has been much improvement; a few are learning their duty and are showing a willingness to do it. The political unrest has hindered the work some. The mission is an expensive one, but I cannot suggest any changes that would be of benefit. Elder Clapp's preaching is appreciated, and Sr. Clapp is a valuable aid in many ways, especially in the Sunday school and choir. I am willing and anxious to labor on in the work and hope for better results very soon.

Andrew Barr, of the Elders:—

I have preached 101 times; baptized 5; confirmed 5; blessed 15 children; administered to the sick 35 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I labored in Delaware, Cato, Marion, Forester, Applegate, Cash,

Buel, and Sanilac, in Sanilac county; in Jeddo, Lakeport, St. Clair county; in Goodland, Lapeer county; and in White Rock, Purdyville, Gore, Huron, Dwight, Bayport, in Huron county; also in Bay City and Evergreen, in Michigan. I sat on one elders' court, and officiated as Bishop's agent in the Eastern Michigan district. I still desire to do all I can.

F. J. Chatburn, of the Elders:—

During the past year, I have preached 143 times; baptized 6; confirmed 8; ordained 2; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 21 times; officiated in the marriage service 3 times, and performed such other labor as appeared devolvent upon me. My efforts have been confined within the limits of the Southern Nebraska district, the field assigned me by the missionary in charge. I hope that in the future I may be useful in our Savior's service.

R. R. Dana, of the Elders:—

I have preached 6 times; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick 43 times. Attended the reunion at Downey city and assisted in services there as watchman and in prayer service; assisted G. H. Hilliard at Los Angeles and San Bernardino. On November 17 I came to San Bernardino, and have been laboring here in the interests of the church ever since including a few days at Beaumont and vicinity; assisted D. L. Harris in Sunday service at El Casco, and gave short addresses to Sunday school there. In my preaching I felt that I received help from the Master; have assisted in ten regular services and three funeral services. I have also visited with members and nonmembers, trying to encourage the one and to instruct the other. I have administered to the sick generally in company with others, but sometimes alone, to eight or more not in the church, and in almost all cases relief was given, and in several instances the blessing was complete. I feel strong in the faith, having been blessed in my labors and cared for by the Saints here, and desire to continue. Will accept of an appointment from General Conference to labor in California with the privilege of going to Utah, as it is possible that I may be obliged to go there on business, and if so, would like to labor there for a few months. In funds, I should require sufficient to pay traveling expenses and to cloth myself decently. Thus far I have borne my own expenses entirely with the exception of food. If the conditions mentioned above are satisfactory, I am at the service of the church to labor as best I can.

W. E. Summerfield, of the Elders:—

I have preached 85 times; baptized 9; confirmed 11; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 29 times. I have preached in five counties in the Far West district; Caldwell, DeKalb, Buchanan, Clinton, and Platt, mostly in the three last. I have opened several new places, and much prejudice has been removed. The people turned out well and seemed willing to listen and investigate, and acknowledged that the teaching was in keeping with the Bible, but are very careful how they move; but if the work is continued there will be a harvest after awhile. There are good prospects for preaching and plenty of new ground where no seed has been sown as yet. If I should be continued in this district I will try and search some of these places where the seed has not been sown, the Lord being my helper, as I believe we should be guided by his Spirit to accomplish the most good.

H. J. Davison, of the Elders:—

I have preached 162 times; baptized 7; confirmed 3; blessed 8 children; administered to the sick 28 times. Seven months and a half I have labored in Nova Scotia, the points of operation being Rawdon, Newport, North Alton, Delhaven, Blomidon, Lockhartville, Oldham, Enfield, Williamsdale, Amherst, and Lakeland, with varied success; only one, however, obeying the gospel ordinance of baptism. The prospects look some brighter of late. The remaining portion of the year I spent in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, and New Brunswick, preaching at Plainville, Boston, Green's Landing, Mountainville, Little Deer Isle, Jonesport, Jonesboro, Indian River, Calais, Washburn, and vicinity, and Tower Hill. I have tried to labor to the

extent of my ability under existing circumstances, but have come far short of my ideal as a missionary. I realize that the cause requires and deserves better men than I am to represent it, and if I am among the number that in the wisdom of the conference are to be released, I shall not complain. I love the cause and hope I am willing to do, or not do, as it may be considered best for it.

Senterlow Butler, of the Elders:—

I have preached 138 times; baptized 10; confirmed 10; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 46 times. Have labored in Pottawattamie county in the following places: Hardin, Crescent, Council Bluffs, and Wheeler's Grove; also at Hazel Dell; but it was thought by the missionary in charge that I had better labor in the eastern part of the district, consequently I was sent to Fontanelle and vicinity. I came here and found the few Saints wandering like sheep without a shepherd. I have worked with the Saints and with the outsiders to the best of my ability, and I believe that God has blessed my efforts to the good of the cause. I have tried to encourage the Saints and bring them to a proper sense of their duty to God and the church, and I thank God he has blessed my labors. I believe we have or should have as much care for the flock of God as the preaching of the word. I have labored in the spirit of love among the people. The Saints here are now feeling well and desire to see the work grow. We baptized four yesterday; two men and their wives, who I believe will be very useful in the church. I have done the best I could and the cause is in far better shape than it was when I came here. I have opened up two new places near Fontanelle with good houses, good attention, which bid fair to become good places for missionary work. I pray God to bless his work and all the laborers in the same.

Gomer Reese, of the Elders:—

I have preached 25 times; baptized 1; confirmed 2; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick 20 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have presided over the Gallatin branch during the past year. The twenty-five sermons mean discourses delivered chiefly outside of the branch. Exhortations and branch talks I give no account of as sermons. Owing to lack of funds I have not been able to reach all points in my field. I have felt greatly blessed in every effort made in defense of the work. I find good openings at the following places: Blackfoot, Victor, Woodside, Deer Lodge, Anaconda, Boulder, Willow Creek, and Bridger. I am willing to labor this year in Montana, as circumstances permit, if the church so orders. I have traveled by rail 600 miles, by wagon 537; paid out \$21.90; received \$6.95.

Edward De Long, of the Elders:—

I have preached 105 times; baptized 17; confirmed 14; blessed 10 children; administered to the sick 18 times. Have labored at Wallaceburg, Chatham, Lindsey, Petrolia; made one new opening, and assisted Elder George Green in making one. The Lord has blessed my labors, especially of late, in presenting the word. My health the latter part of the winter has been very poor. I am ready for the field if sustained by the church. Elder J. H. Lake is missionary in charge, and under his counsel the Canada mission is prospering.

A. J. Layland, of the Elders:—

I have preached 33 times; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick a few times; officiated in the marriage service once. Having been appointed to labor as my circumstances permitted I will state, that owing to the fact that I am poor and have quite a large family to support, nearly all my time has been taken up in laboring for the necessaries of life, consequently I have to report a very small amount of ministerial labor performed. Have preached in or near Montpelier, Bloomington, Blackfoot, H. S. Bottom's, nine miles north of American Falls, Willow Creek, Ammon district on Sand Creek, near Basalt, Boone Creek, in Idaho. In addition to the above I have acted as president of the Dingle Dell branch, also labored in the capacity of

priest, teacher, and deacon for the branch. The necessity for such labor will appear when I state that we have none of the lesser priesthood in the branch. Permit me to suggest that whereas in this the Rocky Mountain mission there is so little available local talent for missionary work that you take into consideration the advisability of increasing the ministerial force to this mission. I desire to labor in Wyoming and Idaho during the next conference year, and if my family can be supported I will try to labor continuously throughout the year, believing that the mission which I have asked for can be worked to advantage, as I have explained in my report to the missionary in charge. I will further state that I am willing to labor as circumstances permit if thought best by the conference.

George Green, of the Elders:—

I have preached 80 times; baptized 6; confirmed 8; assisted in ordaining 1 elder; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 18 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have prosecuted the work assigned me by the missionary in charge to the best of my ability, and can say that I have been fairly successful in my labors. Although not many baptisms to report, I have prepared others that have been watered by Bro. S. Brown. Have assisted much and have stood by when persecution was very bitter, but we kept calm and the Master stood by us, and the outcome was a number were taken from other churches and added to our number, and more are near the door. I have opened up two new places with very pleasing results. I visited Tilbury Center, Blenheim, Ridgetown, Zone, Wallaceburg, Petrolia, Wabash, and Chatham branches, besides Chatham Center, Raleigh Center, Fletcher, Buxton and other minor places. In doing so have traveled by rig, rail, and foot, one thousand and eighty-four miles with less than five dollars expense. Have received from all sources \$3.15. Have been kindly cared for by all the Saints. Am still desirous to assist in spreading the glad tidings of a crucified and risen Redeemer. I am at the conference's disposal to labor in the Chatham district as circumstances permit. Bro. A. Leverton has aided me much by his wise counsel and personal help when needed, and is still helping me now at Buxton, where the fight has been hot and long. May God be with you all in much comforting power.

Hans Peterson, of the Elders:—

I have preached 32 times; baptized 1; confirmed 5; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 62 times. I entered my field according to appointment on November 1, and since that time have labored in Hazel Dell and Boomer townships in Pottawattamie county. Have also labored in Shelby county. Have tried to do the best I could for the permanent good of the work and have been spiritually aided in my efforts. I am still willing to labor in the field if the church finds me worthy, but I shall not be able to go to work till after July. Would prefer to have the same field as last year, but am willing to go wherever the Lord has a work for me to do. The Danish tracts are helping wherever I go. I have distributed about one hundred tracts in the Danish language.

M. F. Gowell, of the Elders:—

I have preached 136 times; baptized 4; confirmed 1; ordained 1 deacon; blessed 2 children; and administered to the sick. I have labored during the year at Wheeling, Glen Easton, Goose Creek, and Upper and Lower Cabin Runs, West Virginia; South Norwalk, Connecticut; Brockton, Dennisport, and East Dennis, Massachusetts; Green's Landing, North Deer Isle, Little Deer Isle, West Surry, West Ellsworth, Jonesport, Indian River, Jonesboro, South Addison, Addison East Side, Addison West Side, Beals Island, Head Harbor Island, Little Kennebec, Holmes Bay, and Cutler, Maine; the latter being a new opening. Since October 1, 1893, have labored in Eastern Maine, acting as president of the district, and have under some discouragements labored to revive it. Prospects are favorable for a good work being done at Cutler. At South Addison, another new opening, eight have been baptized since November last. The outlook at present is more hopeful than for a long time. I have administered to the sick when called on since

being ordained an elder, September 24, 1893. I feel encouraged, strengthened in the faith, and better prepared for the conflict than at the year's beginning. My desire is to labor on while life shall last and as conference may direct.

David Smith, of the Elders:—

I have preached 190 times; baptized 24; confirmed 19; blessed 10 children; administered to the sick 12 times. I have labored in and around Whittemore in different places with good success; have labored in both the Northern and Eastern Michigan districts, and God has blessed my labors. I have held several prayer meetings; administered the sacrament; assisted others by way of opening meetings, etc. I have tried to encourage the Saints in the different branches. Still desire to continue in the field.

J. B. Heide, of the Elders:—

I have preached 144 times; baptized 19; confirmed 5; ordained 2; administered to the sick 30 times; officiated in the marriage service twice. I preached in the Nodaway and Fremont districts; in the latter I held one debate. I wish to be sent to the Des Moines and Eastern Iowa districts if I am deemed worthy of appointment.

A. D. Greer, of the Elders:—

I have preached twice; confirmed 40; ordained 3; blessed 8 children; administered to the sick 42 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I was appointed to labor in the Southeastern mission as circumstances permit, in company with Bro. M. M. Turpen. I assisted in 137 meetings and was blessed with the Spirit of God beyond my most sanguine expectations. I traveled by rail 3,440 miles, walked 444 miles, by boat 26 miles, by wagon 373 miles. Have labored in the branch and Sunday school since I came home. I again place myself at the disposal of the conference to labor as circumstances permit. I have determined to take the field permanently.

Henry Southwick, of the Elders:—

I have labored mostly in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. Have preached 55 times; baptized 7; confirmed 7; administered to 54; blessed 4 children; married one couple; assisted in ordaining two elders, one teacher, one deacon. My labors have been mostly in the East Delavan branch during the winter on the account of the poor health of my wife, but I hope and pray that I may take the field if your honorable body thinks best to sustain me. Would prefer Illinois or Wisconsin as circumstances permit.

John Walsstrom, of the Elders:—

I have preached 68 times; baptized 3; confirmed 3; administered to the sick 7 times. Have labored at Malmo, Limhann, Svadala, Trelleberg, Mälle, Gotenberg, Troheta, Wenersberg, Brälanda, Erekstad, and surrounding country; presided in fifty-one other meetings. I have done much visiting and fireside talk. If continued in the field will do the best I can. I beg an interest in your prayers. There are some believing and investigating who will obey, I think, when the weather gets warmer.

E. A. Stedman, of the Elders:—

During the last year I have held 93 preaching services; baptized 4; confirmed 4; assisted in confirming 6; administered to the sick 41 times; organized 1 Sunday school; acted as moderator in 1 discussion of 9 sessions, and assisted in opening up the work in several new places; viz., near Hutchinson, McLeod county, Minnesota; one new place in Goodhue county, and one in Dodge county. Since October my labor has been confined to the city of Minneapolis. The foundation for a good work is being laid there, and I believe the work should be cared for by some one being given the oversight. Eight have been baptized there this year, and several more are ready for baptism as soon as warm weather comes. The work in Minnesota is onward, and as large a missionary force as possible should be sent there the coming year. Poor health has hindered me from doing as much as I would otherwise have done. I left my field of labor the fore part of February for

treatment, and expect to be in better condition for labor the coming year. Am willing to take Minnesota again.

L. L. Wight, of the Elders:—

I have preached 129 times; baptized 3; blessed 10 children; administered to the sick 35 times; officiated in the marriage ceremony once. Have preached in Texas in the following counties: Bexar, Bandera, Kerr, Gillespie, Llano, San Sabe, Wilson, Karnes, Bell, Milam, Taylor, and Nolan; also in the Indian Territory at Oscar. Much of my labor has been in opening new places, some of which are worth cultivating, and some are not. I have traveled by private conveyance about 700 miles, by railroad about 900. I have given my entire time to the work, and inasmuch as I have been faithful have been blessed of the Lord. I feel sure of the final success of this work. I am willing to be continued for the Master if found worthy.

S. W. Simmons, of the Elders:—

I have preached 50 times; baptized 4; confirmed 4; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service 6 times. I have preached in Montague, Jack, Young, and Wichita counties, Texas, and in the Indian Territory. I have been hindered considerably on account of the financial pressure. I am still in the faith, willing to labor as the brethren may direct. If appointed would prefer my former field, Texas and Indian Territory.

J. P. Dillen, of the Elders:—

I have preached 15 times; administered to the sick 30 times. Have preached in Plano and in Sandwich, Illinois; also in East Delavan, and Geneva, Wisconsin. I feel well in the work and I pray God's blessings to attend the efforts for the spread of the gospel.

James Brown, of the Elders, (deceased,) per F. J. Reese:—

Preached 141 times; baptized 10; confirmed 2; ordained 4; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 23 times. Labored in Beaver Falls, Wheeling, Glen Easton, Dickson, Pugh, Brighton, Fair View, Ritchie, Goose Creek, Indian Run, Adamston, M——, Cabin Run, Jackson county, Union Grove branch, Cherry Grove, Mt. Zion, Wayne county branch, Blaine, Buffalo branch, and Grimm's Landing. [Bro. Brown died February 17, 1894.—F. J. R.]

D. L. Harris, of the Elders:—

I have preached 66 times; baptized 3; confirmed 3; ordained 1; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 81 times; officiated in the marriage service 3 times. I entered the field of labor assigned me October 1 and at the conference which convened October 19 was appointed president of the Southern California district, and have labored in the district ever since, giving full time, looking after the interest of the district to the best of my ability. I have traveled 32 miles by rail, 363 miles by my own horse and cart; that is, the number of miles in getting from one place to the other, not mentioning traveling after arriving in a place. I am willing to continue the coming year, and labor as directed. I can say I have been blessed in my labors. May you have a profitable and a spiritual session.

W. M. Gibson, of the Elders:—

I have baptized 1; confirmed 1; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick 138 times; officiated in the marriage service twice. By the consent of the brethren in charge I was chosen to preside over the San Bernardino branch. I preached as often as I could out of San Bernardino; did not keep count of the sermons preached. I spoke in our own church Sundays, doing all I could to get the gospel before the people. I am at your disposal, and am willing to labor in the good work as long as the Lord gives me strength.

C. J. Spurlock, of the Elders:—

I have preached 140 times; baptized 7; confirmed 31; ordained 5; blessed 14 children; administered to the sick 69 times. Have preached at Willow

Springs, Saints' chapel near Burnham, Missouri, near Vera Cruz, Woodside, on Fox Creek, and other places in Southern Missouri. I have made several visits to Northern Arkansas where I administered to the Saints both in word and ordinance. I have acted both as branch and district president. The good Lord has blessed me in my labors, and I desire to labor as a missionary for the following year in Southern Missouri and Northern Arkansas.

A. J. Keck, of the Elders:—

I have preached 147 times; baptized 11; confirmed 10; ordained 1; administered to the sick 17 times. My labors have been in the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin district, in Plano, Sandwich, Mission, Piper City, Braidwood, Chicago, DeKalb, and Amboy branches, at Shaw, and Franklin Grove in Lee county, and Coal City, Grundy county. All sorts of distracting influences have wrought a dispirited condition among the Saints, but we think a better day is dawning. The people are slow to hear but many are looking our way. I will not devote much of my time to missionary labor.

J. R. Sutton, of the Elders:—

I have preached 45 times; baptized 1; confirmed 1; administered to the sick 120 times. Have labored in the following counties: Jackson, Jones, Bremer, Fayette, and Clayton. I have officiated in the office of my calling as an elder in the church as occasion required. Have been wonderfully blessed in presenting the word and in administration. Am desirous of continuing in this glorious work. Am feeling well spiritually, and encouraged, as the people seem hungering for the bread of life.

Alfred White, of the Elders:—

I have preached 53 times; baptized 3; confirmed 12; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 70 times. Have labored in Vernon county, Missouri, at Walker and Veve, Cedar county, at Cole Hill and Lowry City; in Johnson county at Burtsville, Henrietta, and other places near, at Independence, and vicinity. I have not been able to do much preaching since September 1. I was called home to attend to some business and have not been able to return, only being able to attend the district conference and preach and administer to the sick in a few instances. I preached one funeral at Schell City. I cannot take a mission from the conference this year. Will not be able to attend the General Conference. I pray for the welfare of the church, and that God's blessing may be with you in all your assemblies.

G. W. Robley, of the Elders:—

I have preached 105 times; baptized 9; confirmed 9; ordained 2; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 55 times; officiated in the marriage service once. Have labored in Rhode Island at Providence, Cranston, Fiskville, Arkwright, and Knightsville; in Massachusetts at Fall River, Boston, Plainville, and Haverhill; in Connecticut at Norwich; in New York at Brooklyn; in Pennsylvania at Philadelphia and New Park; in Maryland at Baldwin and Nottingham. I have been assisted by the divine Master. Friends are being made here for the Reorganized Church, and we expect with the help of God and a little energy to do more in the future. I desire to labor where I can do the most good.

B. J. Scott, of the Elders:—

I have preached 40 times; baptized 2; confirmed 2; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick 62 times. I opened up the work in Russell county, Kansas; preached in three different schoolhouses with good liberty and attentive hearers; two gave their names for baptism, but their father objected, so they were not baptized. I believe a good work could be done there. Many have requested, some even begging, that I come again; and I hope that I may be able to comply soon, for the harvest truly is ripe. The rest of my labor has been in the Independence district. I have been blessed in administering to the sick, and when humble have found God true to his word, a help in time of need. My faith is stronger and my hope grows brighter as I see the fulfillment of that spoken in former and latter times.

I know that God has blessed his servants in the past, but feel assured that his power will be made manifest more in the near future.

Swen Swenson, of the Elders:—

I have preached 168 times; baptized 12; confirmed 11; blessed 8 children; administered to the sick 60 times. I have labored in Minnesota and North Dakota; have preached in Becker, Otter Tail, Hennepin, Nicollet, Le Sueur, Meeker, and Wilkin counties, in Minnesota; and Cass and Trail counties, in North Dakota. I have labored among the Swedish, Norwegian, and Danish people about half of my time, but they are like the Pharisees of old, laying aside the commandments of God and holding the traditions of men; but by the help of the Lord I gain a few of them, and if it is the desire of the conference to send me back to this field again I will try them one year more. We need two more Scandinavian elders in this large field. I have opened up new fields in Minnesota and North Dakota and have reason to believe that much good has been done in preparing the way for an ingathering of souls some day. Bro. W. W. McLeod helped me open a new field in Wilkin county. He is a good brother; I would like to have him in the field always. Bro. William Barnhard helped me some in Otter Tail county, and Bro. Henry Way helped in Becker county, and he says he will do more next summer. I also had some assistance from Bro. T. J. Martin. The work is onward in this mission; more places open to us than we can fill. I am still in the faith and desire to continue to do my part as it shall please the Lord to direct.

William Waterman, of the Elders:—

I have preached 165 times; baptized 5; confirmed 5; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick 35 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have preached at Leon, Keb, Burlington, New London, Lowell (a new opening), Muchichinock, Elm Grove, Oskaloosa, Keosauqua, Farmington, South Ottumwa (new opening), Oak Grove, Danville (new opening), Keokuk, Montrose, Coalfield (new opening), organized one Sunday school, led a number of prayer meetings in Iowa. I have been blessed in administering to the sick and often in preaching the word. I am willing to continue preaching the gospel, for therein has been my greatest joy.

M. J. Haskins, of the Elders:—

I have preached 32 times; baptized 3; confirmed 1; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick a number of times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored in Cainesville, the Linn schoolhouse, Round Grove schoolhouse, northeast of Cainesville, and Andover, Missouri; and at Leon, Iowa. Prospects are fair in and around Cainesville for a good work being done in the near future.

J. B. Roush, of the Elders:—

I have preached 200 times; baptized 5; confirmed 3; ordained 1; administered to the sick 23 times. Till September I was located in the Eastern Iowa district, laboring at Cedar Valley, Cedar Rapids, Randalia, and Maynard; also some in connection with Bro. J. S. Roth, at Fairbank, Greene, Grove Hill, and Osterdock. At the last-named place I assisted in organizing the branch; also labored some around my home at Fulton, and a few places in Jones county. In September I went to Northern Illinois, where I preached at Chicago, Plano, Sandwich, Streator, Piper City, Seneca, Essex, and Mission. Most of the time I was alone there, except a few days with Bro. A. J. Keck at Sandwich and Plano, and a few days with Bro. Pitt at Piper City, during which time we reorganized the Unity branch. My desire is to do all I can and give all my time to the interests of the gospel.

Charles Baly, of the Elders:—

I have preached 100 times; administered to the sick 24 times; officiated in the marriage service 3 times. Since last conference I have labored in the Southern California district, preaching in Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino counties; have endeavored to visit among the Saints, and have also done much visiting and fireside talking on the gospel plan with

people of the world; and although not receiving church aid all the time, can say that I have not been idle at any time, but have held the work of the ministry as all important. I was ordained an elder on the 6th of last December, and have been wonderfully blessed, especially in administering to the sick, and also in presenting the word. I desire to continue in the work and am willing to devote my life to it; can say that as each day, week, and year passes over my head I am more fully confirmed in the truth of this latter-day work. I find the outlook more promising than in years past, though there are some things to discourage, yet on the whole there is a greater spirituality, especially amongst the young people of the district; and I find as a rule that both young and old are realizing more fully the responsibility and solemnity of the covenants they have entered into with God, a desire for more knowledge that they may come to a higher plane. I pray God's blessing upon you all, brethren, that his Spirit may be with each of you in power as you assemble in conference before him.

V. D. Baggerly, of the Elders:—

During the past year I have preached 80 times; assisted 50 times; baptized 8; confirmed 14; ordained 1; blessed 4 children. I have labored in the following places: Pawnee, Harrison county, Missouri; Harrison, Crawford, Davis, Perry, and Posey counties, Indiana. I believe I can truly say that the work is gaining ground where I have labored throughout Southwestern Indiana. What we need in Southern Indiana is more labor and sacrifice, more push and energy to open up the work in new places, then stay when we get up an interest until something is established. I do not believe in being in too big a hurry; I have found that it takes a persistent effort to accomplish anything. I have been greatly blessed in my labors this year in presenting the word, and those that I have labored with, if my judgment does not err, have realized the promise of the Spirit given last year at conference. If unity of law and precedent could be obtained on all things, how our Father would bless his children, but I realize that God is at the helm and he will bring his work out all right. I feel to rejoice in this grand work, and that I can do a little to advance his cause. I am at your disposal if worthy.

J. L. Goodrich, of the Elders:—

I have preached 139 times; assisted about 60 times; baptized 7; confirmed 8; blessed 9 children; administered to the sick 17 or more times; officiated in the marriage service once. With the exception of one week in Kentucky my labors have been in the Ohio district, instead of Virginia, on account of the delicate health of my wife. I have labored considerably in Lawrence county at Ellisonville (a new opening), Vesuvius, Paddle Creek, Ironton, La Grange, and Aaron's Creek; in Jackson county, at Wellston, Oak Grove, Glen Roy, Coalton, Center Valley, Byer, and Richland; in Vinton county at Creola, Vale's Mills, and have performed some labor in Ross and Pickaway counties, in Ohio. I have tried to effect new openings in several places where disappointments met me on account of so many "revivals" going on, getting to preach only one or two discourses in a place. I feel a desire to perform some labor this year in the "dark and bloody ground,"—Northeast Kentucky,—if thought best, and I am still continued in the field. I have been hindered somewhat on account of the poor health of my wife. I have been greatly blessed in dispensing the word, and officiating in the ordinances, and believe I can say, "Yours in the faith."

G. T. Chute, of the Elders:—

Have baptized 38; confirmed 31; ordained 1; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick many times. Have acted as president of the Mobile district; have done considerable labor at Theodore, Mobile county; 18 have been baptized there during the year. I spent the month of October in the Alabama district; visited Florida several times; I made a trip in May and June to Holmes, Washington, and Walton counties, Florida, where the Utah elders have been laboring. I found it very difficult to make openings where they had been. However, I made at least one good opening, but was never able to return owing to a lack of means and other pressing demands.

There are open doors for us in Henry and Dale counties Alabama, at this time. We lost a glorious opportunity of opening up the work in Georgia two years ago because we had no one to go there. The work is languishing terribly in this country on account of lack of laborers. High priests should be placed in charge of these districts so that the missionaries could labor in new fields. I am prepared to continue another year if the conference deems it advisable. I prefer Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

F. C. Keck, of the Elders:—

Have preached 220 times; baptized 25; confirmed 29; ordained 1; blessed 25 children; administered to the sick 97 times. Have labored all the time since last April in Southwestern Missouri and Kansas. I have preached in five counties in Missouri, and in Bourbon county, Kansas; have opened up six new places. I have had the pleasure of preaching to good-sized congregations nearly all the time since last June. Have presided over the Clinton district. Since that time I have confined my labor to the branches, most of which are in a spiritual condition. The calls for preaching are so many that we can't fill half of them. God has blessed me beyond my expectations in all my administrations, for which I feel thankful. I feel assured that this is his work. I have found out the need of much labor among the Saints. I think it is wrong to bring members into the church and then let them die spiritually. Bro. A. Lloyd has been laboring with me for the past two months. He is a good man to labor among Saints. I am encouraged over the prospects of the work in this southwestern country.

W. P. Pickering, of the Elders:—

Have preached 94 times; baptized 16; confirmed 11; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 56 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I labored agreeably to appointment under direction of the missionary in charge from May 18 to August 21 with Elder A. Haws, in Central California district tent, in the counties of San Benito and Santa Cruz; thence homeward, laboring in several places in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties; also called at a number of places. I attended district conference at San Bernardino October 26, since which time I have labored as best I could in San Bernardino, Downey, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Garden Grove. In all these places I find calls for preaching, and I think the work is onward. Have been very much blessed, and hope to continue to do all I can. Owing to financial circumstances I am under the necessity of withdrawing from the field for a time, except to labor locally as circumstances permit, but hope to be released so that I can take the field again in the fall.

John M. Terry, of the Elders:—

I have preached 118 times; baptized 24; confirmed 5; blessed 14 children; administered to the sick 170 times; officiated in the marriage service 3 times. My labors have been confined almost exclusively to the city of St. Joseph, as per arrangements. I have had charge of the St. Joseph branch as president; did much pastoral work, attending 145 other services, consisting of social and preaching by others. I have had charge of one of our mission Sunday schools. We are now doing mission work aside from the main church at five points in the city. At each mission save one there is a Sunday school in progress. The outlook for the work is encouraging; quite a number are investigating and near the kingdom. I am ably and willingly assisted by the priesthood of the branch, for which I am thankful, also for the hearty support of the laity. I have consecrated myself to God and his cause, and hope to be an instrument for good in his hands.

R. M. Maloney, of the Elders:—

I have preached 118 times; baptized 7; confirmed 6; blessed 10 children; administered to the sick 47 times. Have labored in Southwestern Missouri, at Webb City, Galesburg, Blendsville, Breeze, Plew, Phelps, Cassville, Seligman, Tiff City, Lanagan, Lowry City, and Deepwater; in Southeastern Kansas, at Opolis, Pleasant View, Sherwin Junction, Hallowell, Angola, and Keigley. I find more calls coming in for preaching than can be attended to. My determination is to do what I can for the cause of truth. I am

greatly encouraged with my experience the past year, as the Lord has blessed me far beyond anticipation. I am in the work for life by God's help, and hope to thus continue to the end.

Joseph Ward, of the Elders:—

During the past year I have preached 158 times; held a six days' public discussion; baptized 37; confirmed 7; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 58 times. I have preached in Vera Cruz, Flat Creek, Falling Spring, Mount Grove, Cabool, Sargent, Willow Springs, Burnham chapel, Woodside, Cureall Springs, all in Missouri, and at Coats and Center, in Arkansas. I have been blessed in all my ministerial labor and desire to continue in the field until the victory is won.

I. A. Morris, of the Elders:—

I have preached 146 times; baptized 12; confirmed 12; ordained 1; blessed 6 children; officiated in the marriage service twice. I have preached at 4 different places in Wayne county; 30 times in Hamilton county; 33 times in Franklin county; 15 times in Marion county; 10 times in Crawford county; 5 times in White county; 35 times in Johnson county; 5 times in Jefferson county; and 3 times in Richland county. I have attended all the district conferences, presided over one; attended the reunion at Brush Creek. I have been associated with Brn. E. Curtis and F. M. Slover most of the time. On the 22d of May my team ran off with me, dislocating my shoulder, and I was confined at home over a month. The work is in good condition in the Parrish branch; is revived in the Brush Creek, Tunnel Hill, and Springerton branches. During the past year have been blessed in my labors more than ever before. My desires are to work on till Jesus comes.

F. A. Smith, of the Elders:—

I have preached 157 times; baptized 6; confirmed 25; ordained 1; blessed 13 children; administered to the sick 76 times. I labored in the Little Sioux district until after the reunion, when by request of the missionary in charge I went to Newton, Iowa, in the Des Moines district, where I have labored the balance of the year. My labors in this district have been in the following places: Newton, Des Moines, Grinnell, Brooklyn, and Steamboat Rock. I have sought to labor in my weak way as best I could with such light as God gave me, and with an eye single to his glory and the upbuilding of his kingdom. I may have made mistakes, but they were through the weakness of the flesh and not of the heart; but I hope to be able to so learn God's will and so conform to it that in the future I may become a more faithful and efficient servant. I have been blessed in presenting the word, and with health.

T. J. Sheppard, of the Elders:—

I have preached 47 times; baptized 6; confirmed 6; administered to the sick many times. I have preached at different places in the following counties in Texas: Montague, Jade, Young, Wichita, and Wilbarger. My labors in the Indian Territory have been local; preached at Ryan, Grady, and Oscar. My ministerial labors have been greatly hindered because of the financial pressure. I have labored most of the time in company with Bro. S. W. Simmons. I have been well received by all the Saints wherever I have traveled, and as a general thing they are all striving to live as becometh Saints. The failure in crops with the financial crash throughout this whole region of country has hindered the work more than anything else. It seems that I have accomplished but little, but I have done the best I could under the circumstances. I am willing and expect to continue my labors for the church as long as I have food and raiment, God being willing.

J. S. Snively, of the Elders:—

I have preached 72 times; baptized 11; confirmed a number; ordained 2; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick many times. I held a three-days' discussion at the Linn schoolhouse, Harrison county, Missouri;

subject, Book of Mormon. Attended the Scott and Padgett discussion. I labored as best I could in the Decatur district according to conference appointment. Inflammation of the eyes hindered me doing much of anything this winter.

J. S. Lee, Sen., of the Elders:—

I arrived in my field of labor December 27, 1893, and began missionary labor in Pleasant Grove, Lehi, Sandy, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Plain City, and Willard; held a two nights' discussion with one of the Utah Church in the Opera Hall, Willard. This conference year I have spoken 76 times; blessed 5 children; baptized 1; confirmed 1; performed the marriage ceremony twice. Have been blessed of the Lord in administering the word. Have 15 appointments ahead and when that work is done I expect to return home until next fall when I shall be ready for the field again.

Alma Whitehouse, of the Priests:—

I have preached 35 times. Preached in Millersburg, Aledo, Joy, Canton, Kewanee, and one or two schoolhouses; have been greatly blessed in my efforts. Owing to illness, financial depression, and a strong feeling of indifference made manifest by some, I was compelled to leave the field after not two full months activity; which I deeply regretted and with much disappointment, but have tried to be led by the Spirit of God and wisdom. I would ask for an appointment in this Kewanee district, as circumstances permit should it meet your approval.

Frederick Gregory, of the Priests:—

I have preached 48 times; baptized 5. I entered the field in the latter part of June, immediately after our district conference, laboring the greater part of the time with Bro. R. C. Evans. My labors have been in Maple Valley, Grand Valley, St. Mary's, St. Thomas, Toronto, Egremont, Drew, Wiarton, and other places. I have tried to be serviceable to the church in promoting its interests and in presenting the gospel have been blessed for which I feel thankful. I desire to continue on in the work of my Master. My prayers are for the prosperity of Zion and her servants.

W. W. Blanchard, of the Priests:—

I have preached 74 times, assisted 54 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I commenced my ministerial work May 15, with Bro. U. W. Greene at Green's Landing, Maine. We preached during May and June in the following places; viz., Green's Landing, North Deer Isle, Little Deer Isle, West Ellsworth, Surry, Jonesport, Jonesboro, and Indian River, Maine. Since August I have preached alone and in company with Bro. F. M. Sheehy in various places in Oxford and Somerset counties, Maine.

W. T. Shakespeare, of the Priests:—

I have preached 5 times. I assisted Bro. Elvin in a series of meetings at Hiteman, Iowa, having charge of the singing, etc. I also assisted Bro. Thompson twice near Centerville, Iowa, and others near Lamoni. I have acted as assistant priest of the Lamoni branch until January 2, 1894, when I was elected presiding priest. I have tried to do my duty as far as I could and have been blessed in my labor. I still desire to do all I can for the Master.

Arthur Leverton, of the Seventy:—

Since last report I have preached 50 times; assisted 3 times; held 15 other meetings; blessed 3 children; administered to 20 sick. The above labor has been performed in the following places: Zone, Chatham, Buxton, Tilbury Center, Albright, Stratford, and Ridgetown, Ontario; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan. I thank God that I can say I have been abundantly blessed with the divine aid in my labors for the past year. I am still in the field to do what I can for the Master, but as I am engaged in public affairs my labors will be somewhat limited, but will labor as circumstances will allow. If I am considered worthy of an appointment by your honorable body I should wish to be appointed to my present field, as I could not work in

any other at present. I love this work, and thank God I can say it is onward. I am to enter into a debate with a Methodist minister April 18, to continue until the 26th exclusive of Sunday. Pray for me that I may be blessed of God for the occasion that error may be refuted and truth may be triumphant. I hope the conference will be an enjoyable time for all present.

J. S. Constance, of the Priests:—

I have preached 45 times; assisted 29 times; had charge of 14 prayer meetings. My labor has been in De Kalb, Daviess, Jasper, and Newton counties, Missouri; and in Cherokee county, Kansas. I regret having so little to report, but physical disability and other things over which I had no control hindered. I still desire to do what I can for the spread of the work.

L. F. Daniel, of the Elders:—

I have preached 150 times; baptized 10; confirmed 7; ordained 2; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service twice. Have labored in Daviess, Green, Sullivan, Vigo, Park, Boone, Franklin, Dearborn, Jefferson, and Dubois counties, Indiana. The work in the counties named is onward and upward, but will say there is opposition in many places; but it is fast giving way and the truth coming to the front. May the Lord of glory bless all the quorums in their deliberations.

Joseph Lakeman, of the Seventy:—

I am pleased to be able to report my labor. I have been blessed in my labor, and encouraged to go on. I consider the prospect good for an increase in the work. If you appoint me to my present field I will labor to the best of my ability.

T. J. Bell, of the Elders:—

I have preached 70 times; baptized 5; confirmed 4; blessed 5 children; administered to the sick 73 times. I have labored in and around Lamoni, principally at Lone Rock branch, Smith schoolhouse, Green, Patrick, and Wood schoolhouses. I made one trip to Wirt, and there the Christian people let us have their church. At all of these points I had good liberty, and most of the time good interest manifested on the part of the people and a welcome to come again whenever I could. I never have been blessed in my efforts as I have the last year, and more especially when I would take up the calling of Joseph and the authenticity of the Book of Mormon. These things were grand to me; light and power that I never had received before has come to me on this part of the work. So may it continue gloriously until it accomplishes all whereunto God has sent it.

Samuel Brown, of the Elders:—

I have preached 133 times; baptized 24; confirmed 22; ordained 1; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick 22 times. I have labored in Ridgetown, Tilbury, Appledore, Chatham, Battlehill, Zone, Wabash, Dentville, Kent Bridge, Kilworth, Delaware, Appin, Buxton, Glenwood, Wheatley, and Raleigh, Ontario. The above seven are new openings, the outlook in some of them is good, and the probabilities are that branches will be raised up in the future. The outlook is good in this western part of the Canada mission. I have held several grove meetings during the summer season, have had large congregations; and have been assisted by Brn. A. Leverton, George Green, Ben St. John, John Taylor, and several others of the ministry. Have been blessed in preaching; have felt well in body and in mind; and wish to labor on till the Master shall see fit to call me home.

C. L. Snow, of the Elders:—

I have preached 56 times; baptized 1; assisted in confirming 1; blessed 1 child; administered to the sick 65 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I have labored in Graves county, Kentucky, and in Weekly, Henry, Henderson, Hardin, Chester, Obion, and McNairy counties, Tennessee. I held one discussion with a Baptist minister and a short one with a Christian

minister; I also acted as moderator in one discussion. The work is in good condition here now, better than it has ever been before. Bro. T. C. Kelley has done a good work here and we would like to have him with us again.

J. H. Adair, of the Elders:—

I have preached 37 times; confirmed 1; blessed 3 children; administered to the sick 15 times; officiated in the marriage service twice. I have labored in Kentucky and Tennessee as best I could. I have been afflicted in my back for some time and not able to go. T. C. Kelley has done a good work here; we would like to have him back.

W. H. Griffin, of the Elders:—

During the past year I have preached 62 times: baptized 1; confirmed 4; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick 83 times; married 1 couple. I have labored in Graves county, Kentucky; Obion, Gibson, Henderson, and Henry counties, Tennessee. I attended other meetings 55 times.

A. C. Barmore, of the Elders:—

I have preached 185 times; confirmed 1; blessed 1 child. I have labored in Crawford, Perry, Harrison, Floyd, Washington, Spencer, Warrick, Pike, Gibson, Daviess, Dubois, and Knox counties, Indiana. I entered the field May 20, and since then have been constantly engaged. In June I labored with Bro. G. Jenkins in his portion of the Southern Indiana field. We opened the work in a few places where he continued it. In July, August, September, and October I ministered the bread of life to famishing souls in localities our elders had never visited. Made some good openings and have tried to follow them up; created some interest, and made friends to the work at Lamar, Spencer county, Winslow, Pike county, and Bicknell and Knox. I visited one place where Bro. C. Scott preached some years ago, and tried to make a reopening. I have met with kind treatment from nearly every one. Results so far are not what I anticipated, but I am satisfied. I see nothing to discourage. In addition to my regular work, I have assisted in twelve meetings and one confirmation. I am hopeful of the outcome and desire to continue in the work.

E. E. Wheeler, of the Seventy:—

I have preached 122 times; baptized 4; confirmed 2; administered to the sick many times; officiated in the marriage service once. In addition to my ministerial work as reported above I have held one discussion of 7 sessions with one William Kirby at Netawaka, Kansas. The sub-missionary in charge of Northern Kansas was on the ground and deemed that a defense of the work was not only justifiable but actually necessary. Our defense was conducted in peaceful, charitable, candid spirit, the claims of the church being maintained. Times have been so hard that I have centralized my labor in the past year as much as possible. Our field, the Kewanee district, Illinois, is an extensive one, being two hundred and fifty miles long and at least one hundred miles wide, with usually but one missionary. Bro. Alma Whitehouse did good work while in the field. I have had a splendid hearing and the best of attention as a rule the whole year, and the good seed has been sown liberally and prospects are encouraging in places, but visible results have not been as marked as we could wish. Our force is too small for the field. More laborers are sadly needed. Elder John F. Adams has done some excellent work in the last year. The work is of God. Opportunities for the church are multiplying on every hand. That I may be able to rise in the scale of being where I can avail myself of every God-given opportunity, is my prayer.

B. R. Turnbow, of the elders:—

I landed in the State of Washington on the 7th day of May last, with a severe cold, hence was not able to do anything for near two months, when I had to go to work building a house, which took two months more. I had several calls for preaching some twenty-five or thirty miles away, but it was out of my power to attend the calls at that time. However, I got the use of

the Christian church near by and spoke four times, and Bro. John Davis spoke once. I also spoke at a schoolhouse in Idaho, four times; had two other appointments, but no meeting on account of rain. It has rained or snowed almost continually since the 8th of September, so I haven't tried to get out for the last six months. I ask to have my mission in Eastern Washington and Idaho the coming year. There are some inquiring after the truth and I think a work can be done here. My opportunities will be more favorable this year than in the past if not providentially hindered.

A. E. Mortimer, of the Elders:—

Have preached 106 times; baptized 5; confirmed 5; ordained 1; blessed 4 children; administered to the sick 49 times. I have labored in Blenheim township in connection with Elders John McKenzie and Archibald McKenzie; and in the city of Stratford where Elder S. W. Tomlinson and I assisted Elder E. K. Evans to organize the branch. Also labored in the Proton branch after the close of the London district conference held there. From there to Maple Valley, where Elder R. C. Evans, Priest Fred Gregory, and I put up the gospel tent and began our labors for the balance of the summer season. Bro. Gregory and I did some baptizing while there. Removed tent to Grand Valley where Elder R. C. Evans baptized some twenty-six. I am sorry to say that while at this place I was taken with a severe cold, and as tent labor, principally at night, was not conducive to recovery, Elder R. C. sent me to Wingham to assist Elder S. W. Tomlinson, who was in that neighborhood. Growing worse instead of better, and feeling heartily discouraged, I went home to London. I was not able to resume my labors till January 2. Took up labor in St. Thomas; baptized one while there. Met Brn. J. H. Lake and R. C. Evans who came to help on the good work. From there I went to South Middleton where Elder Newton had labored and baptized some. Found a great deal of prejudice existing there, one old settler affirming he knew Joseph Smith, telling some of the usual stories. From thence to my present field of labor. Am preaching every night, except Saturdays. The attendance is good, and is increasing. Some are believing and I expect to baptize some before leaving. The Master is blessing me with liberty, more so than ever before. I feel a great desire to tell the story of the cross from the stand or at the fireside, that souls may be won for Christ. I respectfully ask to be returned to this mission. I ask an interest in your prayers.

R. W. Davis, of the Elders:—

Have preached 124 times; baptized 5; confirmed 5; ordained 2; blessed 2 children; administered to the sick 22 times; officiated in the marriage service once. I labored in company with Bro. C. R. Duncan from May until August with the gospel tent. We opened several good places, all of which were new ones. After our reunion of August 19. I labored in Washington and Marshall counties. One grand opening was effected in the former county. From October 27, to the present, I have labored in Mitchell, Osborne, and Rooks counties, concentrating my labors as much as possible. I am glad to report the field in a prosperous condition for future labor. I am feeling good in the work; regret that I cannot be with you.

G. E. Deuel, of the Elders:—

I have preached in the counties of Fresno, Napa, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Sacramento, Butte, San Joaquin, and Sonoma. Preached 196 times; baptized 20; confirmed 26; blessed 22 children; administered to the sick 126 times.

L. R. Devore, of the Seventy:—

Since my last report (January 1, 1893,) I have labored on the following islands: Tahiti, Tuboi, Kaukura, Rairoa, Tikahau, Makatea, Niau, Apataki, and Aratua; preached 42 times; baptized 52; confirmed 16; administered to 66 sick; blessed 9 children; ordained 1 teacher. Have tried to preach 17 times in the native tongue and held Scriptural question schools regularly. My faith remains unshaken in the great latter-day work, hence

desire to do what I can to keep it moving, and should conference deem it expedient to number me with those to be appointed the coming year, I ask that they reconfirm the appointment of 1893; viz., the Pacific Slope, as it is likely we will not remain here another year. I have reported particulars concerning the mission and its work to Bro. M. H. Forscutt, missionary in charge.

May the Spirit of peace and wisdom prevail in your various assemblings and throughout the conference entire, is my prayer.

Reports from several brethren failed to arrive up to this date, March 27, when the last form goes to press. If any of them arrive hereafter they can be inserted in pamphlet of minutes after the conference is over. The following are the names:—

Elders M. H. Forscutt, J. B. Lytle, E. J. Robinson, F. L. Sawley, W. J. Booker, Charles Avery, George Ballard, George Eaton, J. A. Currie, Jun., William Newton, Marce Sorenson, W. R. Armstrong, Thomas Wellington, J. L. Mortimer, W. H. Kelley (Indiana), and Andrew Jensen,—17.

After Bro. J. F. Burton's report was in print word came from him to strike out his statement that he did not expect to take the field this year, and to insert that he intends to continue, providing it is desired that he should and that satisfactory arrangements can be made to that end.

H. A. STEBBINS,

Church Secretary.

LAMONI, Iowa, March 26, 1894.

ELDER HENRY A. STEBBINS, General Church Secretary,

Lamoni, Iowa:—

Herewith please find summary of Bishop's financial report for the year ending March 10, 1894, according to instructions of last General Conference. I have tried to make the summary as complete as possible, so that the reader may obtain some idea of the condition of the finances from the statistics and therefore reserve any further statement to be presented to the General Conference.

Very respectfully submitted,

E. L. KELLEY.

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**BISHOP'S ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**  
OF THE  
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,  
FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 10, 1894.

## SUMMARY.

## RECEIPTS BY BISHOP.

|                                                |                    |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Received as tithes and offerings.....          | \$12,297 81        |
| “ from bills receivable.....                   | 325 30             |
| “ conference donations, cyclone sufferers..... | 121 16             |
| “ interest.....                                | 397 50             |
| “ individual loans.....                        | 2,980 00           |
| “ real estate rents.....                       | 117 71             |
| “ sales Abstract Temple Lot case.....          | 242 75             |
| “ from Bishop's agents.....                    | 7,283 67           |
| Balance due Bishop.....                        | <u>3,507 56</u>    |
| Total .....                                    | <u>\$27,273 46</u> |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                   |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Paid balance due Bishop last report.....          | \$1,478 28         |
| “ bills and accounts payable.....                 | 757 95             |
| “ Bishop's office records.....                    | 59 75              |
| “ book keeper and secretary, Bishop's office..... | 314 00             |
| “ Chicago mission hall rent.....                  | 70 00              |
| “ cyclone sufferers.....                          | 100 00             |
| “ Davis will case.....                            | 112 54             |
| “ expense.....                                    | 106 10             |
| “ elders' families.....                           | 11,038 55          |
| “ elders' expenses.....                           | 3,619 06           |
| “ Bishop's agents for families.....               | 4,936 22           |
| “ First Presidency, office furniture.....         | 82 11              |
| “ foreign missions.....                           | 2,492 88           |
| “ poor.....                                       | 632 62             |
| “ real estate.....                                | 316 31             |
| “ Temple Lot suit expense.....                    | <u>1,157 09</u>    |
| Total.....                                        | <u>\$27,273 46</u> |

## ACCOUNTS WITH BISHOP'S AGENTS.

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| On hand at last report.....           | \$ 4,522 82        |
| Received in tithes and offerings..... | 34,312 76          |
| "    from Bishop.....                 | 4,976 22           |
| "    from agents overpaid.....        | 239 57             |
| Total.....                            | <u>\$44,051 37</u> |

## EXPENDED BY AGENTS.

|                                                |                    |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| To elders, elders' families, and the poor..... | \$32,779 36        |
| Remitted to Bishop.....                        | 7,283 67           |
| Due agents overpaid.....                       | 239 57             |
| Balance due church.....                        | 3,748 77           |
| Total.....                                     | <u>\$44,051 37</u> |

## ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE H. HILLIARD, COUNSELOR.

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| On hand last report.....           | \$ 9 50           |
| Received tithes and offerings..... | 986 07            |
| "    from Bishop.....              | 322 86            |
| Total.....                         | <u>\$1,318 43</u> |

## EXPENDED.

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| To elders' families.....          | \$ 736 75         |
| Remitted to Bishop.....           | 175 00            |
| Traveling and other expenses..... | 256 04            |
| Elders' expenses.....             | 35 50             |
| Balance due church.....           | 115 14            |
| Total.....                        | <u>\$1,318 43</u> |

ELDERS' INDIVIDUAL REPORTS NOT INCLUDING MONEYS  
RECEIVED FROM THE BISHOP OR AGENTS.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                                      |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Offerings paid to elders.....                        | \$ 7,577 73        |
| Furnished by the church or by elders themselves..... | 5,186 69           |
| Total.....                                           | <u>\$12,764 42</u> |

## EXPENDED BY ELDERS.

|                                          |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| For traveling expenses and clothing..... | \$12,533 14        |
| Balance in hands of elders.....          | 231 28             |
| Total.....                               | <u>\$12,764 42</u> |

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                                 |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total received by Bishop for year.....          | \$23,765 90        |
| "    cash in hands of agents, 1893.....         | 4,522 82           |
| "    received by agents for year.....           | 39,288 98          |
| "    received by G. H. Hilliard, Counselor..... | 1,318 43           |
| "    received by elders for year.....           | 12,764 42          |
| "    due agents overpaid.....                   | 239 57             |
| "    due Bishop overpaid.....                   | 3,507 56           |
| Total.....                                      | <u>\$85,407 68</u> |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Expended by Bishop.....             | \$27,273 46        |
| "    agents.....                    | 40,302 60          |
| "    G. H. Hilliard, Counselor..... | 1,203 29           |
| "    elders.....                    | 12,533 14          |
| Due church by agents.....           | 3,748 77           |
| "    "    G. H. Hilliard.....       | 115 14             |
| "    "    elders.....               | 231 28             |
| Total.....                          | <u>\$85,407 68</u> |

## ASSETS, TITHE AND OFFERING FUND.

|                                                                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Real estate, (not including churches and lots for churches,) per 1893 report..... | \$28,780 00        |
| Addition by balance account H. C. Smith.....                                      | 200 00             |
| Four lots by George Haywood.....                                                  | 755 22             |
| One hundred and sixty acres by J. D. Flanders.....                                | 200 00             |
| House and two lots by Briggs Alden will.....                                      | 500 00             |
| Total real estate.....                                                            | <u>\$30,435 22</u> |
| Bills receivable.....                                                             | \$ 8,899 87        |
| Books, Abstracts of Evidence.....                                                 | 484 32             |
| Cash in hands of agents.....                                                      | 3,748 77           |
| "    "    G. H. Hilliard, Counselor.....                                          | 115 14             |
| "    "    elders.....                                                             | 231 28             |
| Judgment account, costs.....                                                      | 3,000 00           |
| Total.....                                                                        | <u>\$46,914 60</u> |

### LIABILITIES.

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Due agents.....    | \$ 239 57          |
| Bills payable..... | 2,880 00           |
| Due Bishop.....    | 3,507 56           |
| Net assets.....    | 40,287 47          |
| Total.....         | <u>\$46,914 60</u> |

### RESERVE AND SAINTS' HOME FUND.

|                                                                |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Amount to last report.....                                     | \$ 8,014 72        |
| Receipts during year of land, cash, and building material..... | 4,152 90           |
| Due from Independence Church and Reserve Fund.....             | 1,283 24           |
| Total.....                                                     | <u>\$13,450 86</u> |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Land donated, D. Dancer..... | \$ 3,200 00        |
| " purchased, "    ".....     | 1,700 00           |
| For building material.....   | 480 39             |
| Balance.....                 | 8,070 47           |
| Total.....                   | <u>\$13,450 86</u> |

### INDEPENDENCE CHURCH AND RESERVE FUND.

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Received in donations.....    | \$1,283 24        |
| " loans without interest..... | 1,533 90          |
| Due church.....               | 340 79            |
| Total.....                    | <u>\$3,157 93</u> |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid note on Independence church..... | \$3,000 00        |
| " interest on note.....               | 157 93            |
| Total.....                            | <u>\$3,157 93</u> |

### CONSECRATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE TEMPLE FUND.

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total received to March 30, 1894..... | <u>\$1,045 07</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|

### SOCIETY ISLAND BOAT FUND.

|                                                        |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total on hand, Herald Office and Bishop's account..... | <u>\$1,970 74</u> |
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E. L. KELLEY,

Presiding Bishop.



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