

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The conference of Southern Nebraska District held at Lincoln Jan. 17, 18, was I believe considered by some at least, to be one of our best. Lincoln has been famous in times past for the splendid conferences held there, and her record still stands high. In point of attendance from throughout the district, this conference may have been a little smaller than usual, for Lincoln, but this was made up by the attendance from outside. Omaha in particular contributing a fine delegation. Bro. Salisbury of Council Bluffs, Ia., was also there.

Perhaps the most noticeable difference in this conference to former ones was the large number present of those holding the priesthood. This seemed both right and proper, and certainly added much to the whole. We attribute this to the fact that President Fred M. Smith had been announced to be present and that he wished especially to talk to the Saints, instructing them as to Zion and Zionie conditions. Pres. Smith addressed the conference both morning and evening on Sunday on this theme in his usual forceful manner. We believe this was his first visit to our district and all were glad and happy to have him with them and we feel sure great good will come to the work thereby.

The business sessions of the conference were free from any but the most amicable feelings, and were full of interest. The action regarding the Arimat will be noted elsewhere.

The list of delegates to the General conference will be published in the church papers. Watch for the same and if your name is among them make your plans to attend the conference and serve your district.

Bro. J. L. Parker was elected district president for the ensuing year subject of course to any action that might be taken by the appointing powers. Brother Parker being of the Seventy, feels that his work next year may be on the "firing line" but is willing to care for the work so long as it seems wisdom to do so. In view of the fact that Bro. Parker may be called to other fields of work the conference passed a resolution asking the appointing powers to send a High Priest to preside over the district, if it deemed it advisable.

Bro. M. A. Smith was elected secretary for the ensuing year, may he have the earnest co-operation of all. Only the best results can be expected by full co-operation with your district officers.

The vocal solos by Bro. Roland Scott of Omaha was a pleasing feature of the services. It is a wonderful thing to have the gift of a voice like his and use it for the glory of God.

We feel some mention should be made of the work done by the sisters in charge of the kitchen and dining room in the basement of the church. Dinner and supper was served by them the three days of the meet-

ings and though it was a big task, with only a few to handle it, we must say it was splendidly done, and was one of the factors that go to make the whole a most successful gathering.

As announced in a previous issue the conventions and conference opened Thursday evening, at Lincoln with a preaching service. Elmer E. Long of the Seventy was the speaker the first evening.

Friday at ten o'clock the Zion Religio Literary Society business session was held, J. L. Parker presiding. The work in the district cannot be said to be very much alive. The value of the work of this society cannot be measured in words. We look for greater interest in this work in the coming year than has been in the past.

At 2:00 p. m. the Sunday School convention convened for business with Dist. Supt. Blanch I. Andrews in the chair. The usual routine of business was transacted and the officers for the coming year elected.

As previously announced the matter of Co-ordination was taken up. The report of the co-ordinating committee was read and the matter briefly presented. This had been made the special subject at former conventions and had been thoroughly canvassed. After a lively discussion the following resolution prevailed: "Resolved that we look with disfavor upon the report of the Co-ordinating committee. We might state that while the convention turned down the "letter" the spirit of co-ordination permeates the work of the district, and all is well even though we may be termed insurgent."

The program on Friday evening was of a high order. Two addresses were given. One on "Where are We Drifting" by J. L. Parker; the second, "Where Will We Land", by Elmer E. Long. These were timely and excellent and together with special music and a reading by Bro. Plotz made up a session of great interest.

Delegates appointed to the Z. R. L. S. General convention were: E. E. Long, J. L. Parker, and H. A. Higgins.

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Delegates authorized to cast majority and minority vote. We hope all delegates will take note of their appointment and attend if possible. The matter of time and place of next convention was left to the District Officers. This same action was taken by the conference.

Collective ownership places no embargo on private enterprise, nor does it abridge the right of individual initiative.

"A man is seldom unsuccessful, unhappy, or vicious when he is in his place."

"No worse thief than a bad book."

DANIEL'S VISION.

By C. H. Porter.

I saw in visions of the night,
One like the Son of Man;;
He came with clouds, with power and might,
And none could him withstand.

They came unto the First of Days,—
They brought the world in all its ways,
They changed the world in all its ways,
And gave to him a kingdom.

No more the pride and pomp of State,
To man shall here be given;;
But power and might and glory great,
To him who came from heaven.

All nations then shall serve the king,
Whose right it is to reign;
And all the ends of earth shall ring,
For all shall him acclaim.

This kingdom shall pass away,
Nor ever be destroyed;;
We all shall greet that blessed day,
And hail the Crucified.

For he shall sit on David's throne,
And great shall be his fame;;
For he has come to claim his own,
And all shall know his name.

He's everlasting Prince of Peace,
The Son of God in power;;
He comes to give each soul release,
In this glad natal hour.

The saints of the Most High shall take
The kingdom and the power,
And all dominions now shall make
His reign and throne secure.

For he shall reign from sea to sea,
For ever and for eye:
And blessed service then shall be
Their's to enjoy alway.

Thy kingdom come, dear Lord, we pray;;
With power and might divine;;
And help us now to see the day,
And keep us ever Thine.

It was Nephi, a man highly favored of God, who said, "My soul delighteth in plainness." And he had a way of exposing error that caused him to be charged with using "sharpness."

"If the highest thing in me will not bring success, surely the lowest, the worst cannot."

It took a mighty noon-day miracle to persuade Saul of Tarsus that he was mistaken, but once he was convinced he immediately sought to repair the wrong he had done, even at the risk of his life.

Higher Critics and psychologists say that dreams are merely the results of former impressions on the mind. We wonder where Joseph got his impressions of the moon and stars making obedience to him! And where did Daniel get his impression relative to the "seventy weeks," or where did Joseph's impressions come from wherein he saw an angel who told him to take the young child and flee into Egypt? Satan has an answer for all such questions, and there are people foolish enough to believe just what he says, though they know he was a "liar from the beginning."

It is interesting to note the number of religious cults that are now making a hobby of divine healing. When the pioneer preachers of the Angel Message began proclaiming the doctrine, they were denounced as impostors, and some of them were shot to death. But today, although the harbingers of the Latter Day Glory are regarded as being dangerous to Orthodoxy, the doctrines which they preach are becoming popular.

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

A commonplace argument advanced by those who seek to justify their membership in the various "se cret combinations" runs about as follows: "We are compelled to belong to some fraternal society, or labor organization, in order to secure employment. That is true just so long as the man deludes himself with the idea that he must remain in such an environment. He will be in "bondage to the world" just as long as he imagines he can do nothing but mine coal, hustle freight, puddle iron, or build a rubber tire. It is not true if the saints would "gather" into colonized groups in the "regions round about" where the law of Zion could be put into operation.

God's servants now are going forth
His message to proclaim;
While exiled saints retrace their steps,
And Zion's land reclaim.
Though oft reproached for Brigham's sin,
And neighbors scoff and frown,
We'll keep the camp fire burning bright,
And live the evil down.