

privileges to none; the party that seeks not to acquire or retain power by bribery, coercion or disfranchisement, or by reducing to the condition of the mendicant what ought to be a sturdy, independent and self-reliant race, or by making large classes of our citizens almsholders and debauched recipients of a nation's bounty, thus taking away all motives for self-exertion and manly independence; that party that, instead, asks to succeed, not by any such debasing influence, but by an appeal to the conscience, integrity and intelligence of a free people, with reference to the correctness of its principles and the rectitude of its purposes—that party now makes its appeal to the people of Utah for their support. The appeal will not be in vain.

"Every usurpation of power is a deprivation of liberty. The favored classes, the beneficiaries of perverted and usurped powers of government, hold in their grip and manipulate to their ends the organization of the Republican party.

"These classes are heartlessly employing that party as the mere instrument of their avarice. As they shall retain that party in control of the national government, they will also use that government, as they have done, to make nine-tenths of all the people the patient beasts to bear the heavy burdens out of which monuments may be erected to their opulence and aggrandizement.

"From the nation's birth until this day the great Democratic party has been the champion of individual liberty, of the rights of local self-government, and the supremacy of the federal government within the limits of the Constitution; all the time believing that in the joint operation of these principles, there will result a contented, prosperous, happy and patriotic people in spite of diversified interests; a nation strong, glorious and magnificent in the contentment, the patriotism and the united strength of its citizens.

"It was for all of these equally that the government was created and must continue to exist.

"All who would be free and remain free should unite with and work for the success of the Democratic party.

"Don't be misled by the spacious phrase, 'Protection to American industry,' which, as applied and enforced by a Republican administration, means only discrimination and robbery in disguise.

"In conclusion we most heartily congratulate the people of Utah that the time has come when all persons, of whatever persuasion or creed, who believe in the benign efficacy of Democratic principles as applied to the administration of government to secure to all the people, in the highest degree, peace, prosperity and happiness, may unite and, standing shoulder to shoulder, work for their triumphant success.

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THE BRITISH MISSION.

Editor Deseret News:

Having labored as traveling Elder in the London conference from November 4, 1889, to March 27, 1891, I thought perhaps of the many readers of the News at least some might be interested in a few items from the conference that has its headquarters in the great metropolis of the world.

This conference is the largest in the British Mission. On December 31, 1890, the records show eight branches, with a total population of officers and members of 518. But many years have passed since the branches have been properly regulated and the dead and unworthy members severed from the body. Many also for different causes have become lost or unknown both to traveling Elders and members of the Church now attending places of worship. In the meantime the choicest and most worthy members are continually gathering to Zion.

Many years ago the bulk of the Church was in these lands and the few in Utah. But what a wonderful change has taken place! As has been taught by the Elders for years and looked forward to as the fulfilment of prophecy, Zion is growing and increasing at home until she is now numbered by the hundreds of thousands of God's chosen people, and the little stone spoken of by Daniel is fast rolling to fill the whole earth and accomplishing the designs of our Heavenly Father concerning the redemption of His people.

The unbelieving world and those that fear not God are fast rejecting the saving principles of the Gospel, and thereby preparing themselves for the awful judgments that surely await those who obey not His law and keep not His commandments. When the signs of the times are viewed by the eye of faith, it can easily be seen He is already displeased with their actions.

The Saints are mostly very poor, and many of them grown old in the Church, while the better-to-do are gradually being gathered out. Very few can afford any substantial assistance to the Elders who labor among them, and the Elders in the main not only support themselves, but often contribute of their scanty means to the poor and destitute.

Only twenty-two baptisms occurred in the whole conference, containing from fourteen to nineteen Elders, during the year 1890, and the most of these were children of parents already belonging to the Church.

This showing of the progress made may not seem in unison with the glowing accounts of success occasionally reported by Elders returning home, but it is true nevertheless. It seems natural for returning Elders to report favorable of their labors, and make as good a showing of the same, as they reasonably can. For instance one will say he has baptized or assisted in baptizing so many persons, when if the actual facts were known, the report covered the work of himself and co-laborers for perhaps a period of years; and of those reported often many were children, or persons renewing their covenants, and not what might be called actual converts, while many of the most humble and faithful Elders have endeavored to fill their missions in honor, returning

home without performing any baptisms and seeing but little of the fruits of their labors, but knowing they have striven—striven in humility to acquire themselves honorably of the labor assigned to them, are perfectly willing to leave the results thereof in the hands of Him who has the right and power to judge.

I am proud to state of the many Elders I have become acquainted with, in going forth in the discharge of their duties, their faith has grown stronger and stronger, their energies have not slackened in distributing the written word and lifting their warning voices in the cause of truth. As men of God they go forth pleading with the people at their doors, upon the street corners and highways, or wherever opportunity may afford, to investigate the means of escape from the impending judgments decreed by an allwise God, to be visited upon the nations except they repent and turn unto Him.

I am pleased, however, to say in some localities there seems to be rather more of the spirit of inquiry since the ushering in of 1891 than for many months prior to that date. The opposition and persecution that have been waged against the Saints for the past few years, and painted in hideous colors by falsehood and slander, then heralded forth through the press to the world, have had their effect in causing weak-minded people to become indifferent to the teachings of the Elders, but there are others more noble who have investigated for themselves, found the truth and embraced it, and many are a credit to any society. I speak from experience, both in the London and this the Newcastle conference, where I am now laboring in my humble way for the spread of truth. What can truths fully be said of these conferences can equally be said of the majority throughout Great Britain.

E. H. DAVIS, JR.

LONDON CONFERENCE, June 11th, 1891.

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

I am often asked what my opinion is as to the issue in the struggle now going on in Utah for the supremacy of freedom, fair play and common sense. As I cannot reach all the readers of the News with my tongue, loud as it is, I will let my pen speak for me.

I have never had a doubt as to the triumph of truth, right and liberty in Utah in behalf of the long-oppressed Mormon people. From the day when I first walked Main street, in Salt Lake, in January 1889, unable to see any difference between "Mormon" and "Gentile," I have known and said that, whatever may have been in the past, the statements continually published in the East representing the Mormon people as ignorant and unclean rebels against decency and free government, as the enemies of education and progress, are false and malicious and can only be kept alive for some selfish purpose. It did not take me long to learn what that "purpose" was, and I may as well state my conception of it anew.

In the first place, Mormonism has always been "infidelity" to the older sects. It stood upon the Bible, but its crime was that it proclaimed a new