



IN KENTUCKY.

The Work There Said to be Prosperous.

Elder W. C. DeLong sends the following report from Owensville, Ky., Aug. 25:

The writer and companion, Elder J. E. Hess of Coalville, Utah, were detailed to prepare for conference to be held at Owensville, Bath county, Aug. 15 and 16.

It was with great satisfaction we received the news that our president, Elder Ben E. Rich would be with us, for we knew the success of our conference was then assured.

All the Elders had an opportunity to speak during our five meetings and it was a testimony of the Gospel's truth in itself to hear the earnest words spoken by the Elders, old and new, and the quiet determination to do their duty shown in all their actions.

Our Priesthood meeting was held Sunday and some, save those who have passed it all, a similar experience, can compare with what mingled feelings of sadness and joy the Elders received the instructions which Elder Rich had to impart—sadness to those who had to part with some of our beloved collaborators and joy to think of the happy reunion soon to take place in some home in Zion.

Elders Neely, Cliff and myself were honorably released to return home, Sept. 10. Elders H. C. Kimball and T. D. Smith, Sept. 30; and, as if this were not a severe enough blow, Elder L. A. Wilcox was, on account of ill health, transferred to the Colorado mission.

In the loss of these Elders the conference not only had to dispense with the services of some good, faithful laborers, but also had to lose our beloved conference president, A. W. Neely, who has certainly filled his responsible position with honor and has succeeded in winning the love and confidence of those with whom he has been called to preside.

His successor is Elder H. A. Hess of Farmington, and his counselors are Elders A. J. Bishop and C. E. Cliff.

With renewed vigor and determination, happy yet sad hearts the Elders, with their new companions, started for their fields of labor and in going from here they leave many sad hearts behind.

Our work here in Kentucky is prospering and especially so in Bath county. We heartily recommend to all Saints, at home or abroad, the Saints of this neighborhood who are striving so hard to do their duty.

AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE.

A Successful Gathering in the Netherlands Mission.

Elder Jacob H. Trayner writes as follows from Rotterdam, Aug. 18:

What was said to be one of the most successful conferences ever held in the Netherlands mission, in Amsterdam, last Sunday, Aug. 16, under the direction of our mission president, Elder Willard T. Cannon. On the day previous Priesthood meeting was held, at which were present all the missionaries laboring in the Netherlands and Belgium mission, numbering 39 in all, together with President Francis M. Lyman and Elder Joseph J. Cannon who en route to Liverpool on an extended trip through Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia, stopped off to give us the pleasure of their company and advice. In Priesthood meeting it was found that an excellent spirit prevailed among the Elders; that the work in Holland can be prosecuted with as little expense per Elder as in any other field in this section of the world; also, that the prospects for the future are very bright. In the vicinity of Arnhem some opposition has cropped out among the "dominies" (ministers) and newspaper articles and tracts have been published against us, but the newspapers show a very liberal spirit, and replies to all articles have been made and one reply of ours ran through several issues of the paper. A hall being closed against our field was rented and the novel sight of "Mormonism" expounded from the midst of a large field proved to be of sufficient interest to attract some 400 or more people who gladly paid a small fee for admission to assist in defraying the expenses. In addition there were many on the outside who listened attentively, all of which indicates that the people are looking for both sides of the question. Today the prospects in that district are particularly bright and the Elders have more than they can attend to. Thus we find that opposition is a great assistance to bring the truth before the people.

The Elders in Belgium report many difficulties in coming with the President Lyman, and we hope to see much good done there.

Three meetings were held Sunday. The afternoon meeting was devoted to sustaining the authorities and receiving instructions and counsel from President Lyman, and was held in the large

set of the two regularly hired halls of the Saints in Amsterdam. Morning and evening services were held in a more commodious hall, secured for the occasion. At these meetings President Lyman also addressed the people. The capacity of the hall was taxed, and many strangers were noted. The method used by President Lyman, when addressing a foreign congregation, is to have a native Elder, who also speaks the vernacular, stand beside him and he then speaks in English and the native Elder translates it into the native tongue of the people addressed, and so on throughout the entire sermon. At all meetings, Brother Lyman addressed us for 30 minutes or more, although speaking under these circumstances is not only difficult for the party speaker, but also taxes the ability of the interpreter.

Our meetings were greatly enlivened by the singing of the Rotterdam choir, numbering about 25 voices.

President Lyman and Elder Cannon left for Liverpool immediately after the evening services.

Monday evening a social was held in the Vrijenstraat hall for the Saints and Elders.

Heretofore it has been customary to hold these conferences in Rotterdam, but President Cannon decided that Amsterdam, with its 418 Saints would be a good place to hold forth, which was accordingly arranged for.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Wayne Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Wayne stake was held at Gilles, Aug. 23 and 24. There were present, Elders Willis E. Robinson and Zerkson S. Bastien of the stake presidency; Hyrum M. Smith of the Council of Apostles; and Elder L. John Nuland, also Sister Margaret A. Caine, of the general board of Relief societies. There were two High Councilors and six Bishops, out of eight in the stake. The meetings of the conference were greatly enjoyed by the Saints and were greatly enjoyed by all.

The people of Gilles ward have just completed their new meetinghouse and have dedicated it at the beginning of the conference by Elder Hyrum M. Smith. The stake presidency reported the stake in a very good condition.

The visiting brethren admonished and encouraged the Saints in their labors.

The following wards were reported by their respective Bishops: Lea, by Bishop William H. Morrell; Teasdale, by Bishop Heber J. Wilson; Gilles, by Bishop Levi C. White; Thurber, by Bishop George Stimpert; Lyman, by Bishop Joshua Cook; and Torrey, by Elder John M. Ostrom. Sister Jane Coleman reported the Relief societies of the stake and Elder John Nuland reported the religion class work. All were in a prosperous condition. The other speakers were Patriarch E. H. Blackburn, Elder George S. Rust, Sister Margaret A. Caine and Patriarch B. F. Brown.

Elder B. F. Brown who has been acting as stake clerk during the past two years in the absence of Joseph Eckert was honorably released with a vote of thanks and Joseph Eckert was reinstated in his old place as stake clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Manasseh J. Blackburn writes under date of Aug. 23, from Wellington, Utah, as follows: I have just returned home from a mission in the Northwestern States. I was set apart May 14, 1901, and released Aug. 25, 1903. My labors were entirely in the North Texas conference. For the first six months I labored as a canvasser. Elder When at conference I was assigned to labor in the conference office. And in addition to the labor in the office, I acted as a laborer in the school, which I taught for 10 weeks. During this time I was chosen conference Sunday school superintendent and at the next conference was chosen counselor to President T. C. Lott. Elder Hoyte was released, and I was chosen to take his place and for little more than a year I bore the responsibilities as president of the North Texas conference. I received great joy and satisfaction in my labors and had the pleasure of baptizing 12 persons and assisting in the baptism of four others. I have taken great interest in the colony in the colony at Kelsey which is now in a flourishing condition. Most of the members at that place are keepers of the Word of Wisdom and pay an honest tithe. The work as a whole during the conference and mission is progressing nicely.

Elder George A. Baldwin of Bryan, Bingham county, Idaho, who was set apart May 14, 1901, to fill a mission in the Northwestern States, returned home in August last. He labored principally in Seattle, Washington and Boise, Idaho, with gratifying success, and returns home in good health and spirits.

Elder Hans R. Hanson of Loa, Wayne county, Utah, reached this city Aug. 27, on his return from Scandinavia, where he has been doing missionary service since May 1, 1901. He labored in the Aarhus conference, Denmark, during his entire absence, with fair success and much personal satisfaction. Many in that district are joining the Church, the Elders are well received and treated with respect by all except the priests.

Elder Joseph B. Adams of Parowan, Iron county, who left May 25 for a summer's work in the Mexican mission, returned Aug. 29, bringing with him the effects of Elder Elmer Hicks, who recently died in that field. The laws of Mexico forbid the bringing home of the body of the deceased for the present at least. Elder Adams was assistant teacher of Spanish in the B. Y. academy at Parova last year, and will resume his labors in the schoolroom the coming season. He went to Mexico during the summer vacation, to do missionary work, and to perfect himself in the language. He greatly enjoyed

his visit among the Mexicans, who are very kind and hospitable, though blind against the truth through prejudice. The work of the Gospel is making slow but sure progress, and the Elders and a number of the natives are working earnestly for the spread of the truth. There are in that field two conferences, and eight branches, with a Church membership of between 20 and 40, with constant additions. There are only six American Elders at present in the field, but sphere field of influence is rapidly enlarging.

Elder Ferdinand F. Hintze, Jr., of Salt Lake City, returned Aug. 27, from Europe, where he has been preaching the Gospel since April 19, 1901. His field of labor for 25 months was in the Frankfurt conference, Germany, afterwards he was transferred to the Scandinavian mission, laboring in the city of Copenhagen two months. He greatly enjoyed his missionary labors and reports a good work being done in both mission fields.

Elder Willard H. Chueg of Providence, Cache county, passed through this city Sept. 1, on his return from the German mission, to which he was assigned April 30, 1901. He labored first in the Hamburg and latterly in the Stuttgart conference, with gratifying success, and much personal satisfaction. Elder Chueg was banished from Hanover and later from Hamburg, but the work is still progressing in both places.

Elder Oliver G. Anderson of Cannonville, Garfield county, Utah, reached this city Sept. 1, on his way home from the Southern States mission, where he has been laboring with gratifying success since Aug. 28, 1901. The Mississippi conference was his field of labor during his entire absence, where he found the people kind and hospitable, though the spirit of religious apathy and indifference is a great hindrance to the progress of the Gospel.

Elder Lorenzo F. Roundy of Benson, Cache county, Utah, passed through this city Sept. 3 on his return from the Eastern States mission, whither he was sent Sept. 17, 1901. His principal field of operations was in the city of Philadelphia, where he reports the work progressing very nicely. Many friends are being made and a number of converts. Street meetings are a success and the Elders are allaying much prejudice.

Elder Rudolph Reusser of this city returned Sept. 1 from a mission to Switzerland, from which he was set apart April 27, 1901. His labors were confined principally to the Oberland and Langnau branches, where he says the work is progressing favorably. A good many honest souls having been added to the fold during the past year or two. Elder Reusser has much joy in his labors, and is blessed with good health and comes back like all the other missionaries, rejoicing over his experience.

Elder Joseph Palmer of Mt. Carmel, Kane county, Utah, returned Sept. 1, from a mission to the Northwestern States, for which he was set apart June 11, 1901. He labored in the East Kansas conference over which he presided for the past 15 months. The work there, he says, is progressing nicely, there being a great many honest souls who are pursuing a sincere investigation of the doctrines of the "Mormon" Church. While absent he had the best of health and this with the favorable conditions surrounding him, made his mission most enjoyable. Elder Palmer returned with the remains of Elder Richard E. Johnson, who died at Hot Springs, Ark., and whose funeral was held at Monroe, Sevier county, on Monday, Aug. 31.

EDUCATIONAL.

B. Y. ACADEMY.

Opening examinations for the first semester were booked to be held last Friday and Saturday, but as few students presented themselves, most of that work was done the following Monday.

The classes in telegraphy will hereafter be held in the library of the train-school building, the room hitherto used being in demand for other commercial classes.

The two days of decidedly cool weather last week proved delusive so far as being an index to the present week. The heat of August has resumed and made school work somewhat uncomfortable. Judging from former years, however, this discomfort will not last more than a week or 10 days.

One of the pleasure resorts for the people of Provo during vacation has been the academy grounds, under the judicious care of Mr. Oliver, custodian of the academy. The lawns and flower beds have been a delight to the eye, while the Century grove has furnished a shady retreat.

Mr. George M. Cope, than whom the institution could not wish for a more excellent librarian, has been busy for over a week during the summer vacation preparing for the heavy draught of books that is likely to be made upon him during the coming year. Mr. Cope has four able assistants.

The various halls of the academy have been given a thorough renovation, the furniture having been repaired and cleaned and the floors given a thorough dressing in oil. In the commercial school a large arch has taken the place of the doorway, the library and dormitory and the bookkeeping department. New office fixtures have been put into the counting room, and the quarters of the school present a thoroughly artistic appearance.

Next to the glowing smile of returning students the most characteristic features are toll-toughened hands and well-bronzed faces among the young men, and a certain vigor and elasticity among the young ladies. During the opening day they formed in groups everywhere in the buildings and grounds to shake hands and congratulate one another on their return to school.

There was a meeting of the faculty on Thursday evening, Aug. 27. Most of the teachers were present looking bronzed and rugged, and indicating that their vacation had been spent out of doors, among people and things. Some worked on the farm, others camped in the mountains, others still traveled throughout the state or in various parts of the United States. All seemed filled with vigor and enthusiasm for the year's work. The evening was spent in the arrangement of the program for the ensuing semester.

Prof. J. E. Hickman spent part of his vacation taking a wagon jaunt through Strawberry and into Vernal, camping out on the way. He was accompanied by his somewhat numerous and decidedly interesting children. Unfortunately one of the little ones became ill while at Vernal and had to be left in the care of relatives. The mal-

ady grew finally into appendicitis, and the child was transferred to the military hospital at Fort Duchesne. The professor has been obliged to leave this week his work to be present at an operation, but is expected back in a few days.

Among the social events of note may be mentioned the marriage, during vacation of three members of the faculty. Miss Orin Jax began wedded life with Alice Young. Mr. Jarvis is working as an instructor in the missionary class, while Miss Young, that was, will do all in her power to encourage him and smooth out the perplexities and uncertainties of life. Miss Serena Broadbent was the other member of the faculty taken from us by the noble art of housekeeping. Her husband, Mr. H. S. Vance, recently an assistant in the Kanab high school, will continue his studies, and graduate at the end of this year.

Perhaps 300 students were present at the opening devotional exercises last Monday morning. The stand was filled with members of the board and distinguished visitors, while many of the people of Provo, including old students, were also present on the occasion. Short speeches were made by General Superintendent Tanner, Presidents John and Holbrook of Utah stake, President Chapman of the Alpine stake, Mrs. Pease Taylor of the board of trustees, Elder W. H. Dusenberry, the only surviving member of the original board, also by Elder H. H. Cliff and Judre John E. Booth. The last named speaker was, as usual, in a humorous mood, and kept the students laughing for about 20 minutes.

PLATONIC LOVE.

The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, is burdened with a huge correspondence. The readers of his works write to him for his views upon the subjects. Mr. Sheldon is a conscientious man, and few of his interrogators find their letters unanswered. Sometimes, indeed, they get replies that take a humorous or an enigmatical form.

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