



FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.

The following notes of the progress of the Gospel work in Europe are taken from the *Millennial Star* of July 2:

Baptisms at Grimsby.

On Friday evening, June 22, 1906, a baptismal service was held in the Flisler Lads' Institute, Grimsby, at which seven souls were initiated into the fold of Christ. Elders Enoch Ludlow and Joseph F. Bingham officiating. They were confirmed at the morning session of the district meeting on Sunday.

Items From Iceland.

Elder Loftur Bjarnason, writing from Iceland, states that he performed five baptisms during the month of May. As there are few sisters in Reykjavik, he has organized a relief society in that branch. The saints are paying their tithing and attending to their duties generally, and Elder Bjarnason is continuing energetically in his mission work.

District Meetings.

On Sunday, June 24, 1906, at Kelchley, Leeds conference, a district meeting was held in the Temperance Institute, President Joseph A. Fife and six traveling elders being present. Two very interesting meetings were held. All seemed deeply impressed with the remarks made, and a good spirit prevailed throughout. The room was filled at both meetings, there being about 160 saints and investigators present in the evening. The elders feel quite encouraged as it was the most successful meeting held there for some time.

Three special meetings were held in Grimsby on Sunday, June 24, which were much enjoyed by the saints and their friends. The meetings were well attended, a rich outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord characterizing them. Two very successful and interesting meetings were held at Ashford, Kent, on Sunday, June 24, 1906. President Miles L. Jones and six elders of the London conference were in attendance. A good spirit prevailed, and a number of strangers were present. An eight-year-old child of a member was baptized before the services.

THE LIVERPOOL CONFERENCE.

The Liverpool semi-annual conference was held at the Blackburn Assembly hall, Blackburn, June 24, 1906. President Heber J. Grant, President J. G. Midgley, Jr., Elder R. Eugene Allen, of the Liverpool office, Patriarch George W. Larkin, and 22 traveling elders of the Liverpool conference were in attendance. Brother Willard Andell, Sister Arville Clark, Brother William Holmes, and Sister Ada Blackburn were present, and rendered beautiful musical selections during the service.

At the morning session President Midgley welcomed the present, and presented the general and local authorities of the Church, who were all unanimously sustained. The labor and statistical report for the six months ending May 31, 1906 was read, showing 11 branches, 179 members, tracts distributed, 22,876 books, 7,579 Gospel conversations, 11,828, and 41 persons baptized.

Elders Herbert D. Brown, John W. Wing, Jr., and Parley W. Lofthouse explained some of the principles of the Gospel, and bore strong testimonies to the truthfulness thereof.

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UTAH AND THE MORMONS.

Popular Lecture by V. S. Peet Well Received.

Baltimore, Md., July 16.—It is usually considered that to pull down what another has built up, but there are instances where it is justifiable. It is perfectly honorable to destroy a falsehood, a fraud or the effect of a falsehood. Such is the work that Mr. V. S. Peet is doing in Baltimore. Utah and her people are suffering and have suffered, though it should be said in shame to all decency, from false statements made by individuals who occupy pulpits and platforms where God's truth only is supposed to emanate. For states, if any other, are troubled with these false citizens traveling over the Union placing an imaginary picture of a dragon in front of a most beautiful, handsome and pleasing picture of a heaven-blessed locality that has been changed from a place of glory to a place of shame. Looking upon which, true picture many an enterprising individual has profited beyond expectations by departing from the crowded cities and going out and growing up with a growing country, where the laborer gets good returns for his labor. The Baltimore American contained the following account of a rousing meeting held in that city on Friday, July 13:

"Mr. V. S. Peet of Salt Lake City, delivering an interesting address last night at Red Men's hall, 114 North Poca street. He took as his title 'Utah and the Mormons.' His lecture was a direct contradiction to the stories generally heard on that subject."

"Mr. Peet stated that he was a representative of the business men of Utah, who are trying to put their state right in the eyes of the people of the eastern states, who, he said, have been so woefully misinformed concerning the state of affairs in Utah. Mr. Peet offered \$1,000 for proof of each and every plural marriage by the Mormons since Sept. 20, 1890, and also \$1,000 for each and every case of Mormon Church interference or domination in politics."

"Polygamy has been dead 16 years, and at its most prosperous period there were less than 4 per cent of the population in polygamy, and today there is not a polygamist to 1,000 of the population in Utah. Polygamy was never a criminal law in the Mormon church," said Mr. Peet, "and what is more, it was never a part of their articles of faith."

"The farmers of Utah, he stated, were prosperous, many of them clearing \$5 per acre on their land by means of irrigation. He described the scenery of Utah as the most magnificent in the country, and the Salt Lake was the only body of water on the globe where a person could take a tariffed bath 4,290 feet above sea level. In comparing Utah with New Jersey, he said that Utah had had no more than one person per capita to Utah's one. He said that the five societies in Philadelphia were distributing anti-Mormon tracts to injure Utah had better work at home, where they could find considerable heresies, so proud did they feel because of the fact that she was one of that set called Mormons that she could not refrain from sending her gladness to the ears of those present as a duty and to heaven as a sign of gratitude. Sister Hughes felt timid because of the great responsibility she felt in representing the Mormon woman but performed her task well, and many were heard to say they had a far different opinion of the Latter-day Saints than they had had before they saw and heard her because of the ridiculous stories which had been told by what now seemed to them to be ridiculous men. Sister Hughes had the distinction of being the only Utah Mormon woman present. Her theme was the ideals of the Mormon wife and mother. Others also spoke of her right in the hearts of a good many reasonable people."

"Mr. Peet received a hearty vote of thanks in the evening. The chairman then called for and gave privilege for 10 minute speeches for or against as had been previously advertised would be the case. Sister Hughes was the first to step forward. So fortunate did she consider herself so proud did she feel because of the fact that she was one of that set called Mormons that she could not refrain from sending her gladness to the ears of those present as a duty and to heaven as a sign of gratitude. Sister Hughes felt timid because of the great responsibility she felt in representing the Mormon woman but performed her task well, and many were heard to say they had a far different opinion of the Latter-day Saints than they had had before they saw and heard her because of the ridiculous stories which had been told by what now seemed to them to be ridiculous men. Sister Hughes had the distinction of being the only Utah Mormon woman present. Her theme was the ideals of the Mormon wife and mother. Others also spoke of her right in the hearts of a good many reasonable people."

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"It will be seen that the editor is very fair in his representation of facts, though there are a few points that he is a little mistaken on."

"The following Sunday we held a meeting at the same place, and of all street meetings we have ever held that certainly was the best. Stating that there were 1,000 people present would, I think, be a conservative guess. Elder Moonch was speaking about 30 minutes when the man with the anti-Mormon tracts started to disturb our meeting by distributing his literature. Elder Moonch stopped short, and requested him to kindly wait till our meeting was over before distributing tracts, showing briefly that his actions were very ungentlemanly and very un-Christianlike, especially on the Sabbath day."

Elder A. C. Sorenson visited the

colony Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17, speaking at a very successful open air meeting on Saturday and at the hall service on Sunday. Brother Sorenson's visits always impart new life to the saints and the cause here, and if other visitors like him could meet us occasionally, results would undoubtedly be more gratifying.

Elder Alfred Cordish has been transferred to Baltimore branch and will prove a valuable addition to our force, especially will he be useful in improving the singing. He expects to spend a portion of his remaining time in developing his already good voice.

Elder Elihu Call is still doing good work for the Master's cause, by using his exceptional talent and excellent voice in singing praises and leading the singing in this branch. He traces all who are rich in voice and listen to his wonderful power to articulate.

July 24 has been set apart as a day for baptisms; leading honest souls to the waters of baptism will be a fitting celebration of the day the Lord sent the pioneers into the great Salt Lake valley, there to live under the Lord God, as they who are baptized should do.

The force of elders now working in Baltimore are: W. B. Martin, Milton L. Shanks, Mark Holbrook, George A. Cochran, A. H. Casperson and Alfred Cordish, all of whom attended and assisted Mr. Peet in making his meeting a success. Among others Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ford were present and made efforts they are making to defend, spread and live up to our Savior's truths.

Our open air meetings are very successful. We are very much in need of a German speaking elder here, and there are quite a number of people of that tongue nearly converted through previous efforts; we hope the Lord will send one soon. W. B. MARTIN.

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