



THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

Enjoyable Meetings of Elders and Saints in the World's Metropolis.

At the semi-annual London conference, held on Sunday, Oct. 15, in the Pimbury Town Hall, the following were present: President Robert J. Grant of the European mission; Elder Robert L. Anderson of the Liverpool office; President John W. Saunders of the Manchester conference; and 25 Elders and one lady missionary of the London conference.

After the usual opening exercises President Milton W. Snow welcomed the Saints and visitors to the conference. He then presented the names of the General authorities of the Church and the traveling Elders of the London conference for the vote of the Saints, all of whom were unanimously elected. He also reported that the conference is in a flourishing condition, and the Saints are enjoying the Spirit of the Gospel.

The clerk then read the statistical report of the conference for the six months ending Sept. 30, 1904, showing the average number of tracts distributed per Elder per month, 1,583; number of books, 27; number of Gospel conversations, 51; 26,556 strangers' houses visited in tracting; 922 meetings held indoors; 611 outdoors; total number of souls in the conference, 504.

At the morning meeting Elders Frank Brown, George W. Willis and Charles Jarvis spoke respectively on the first principles of the Gospel, the principles of obedience, and the necessity for continuous revelation.

The speakers at the afternoon meeting were: Elder George Naylor, who spoke on the life and teachings of the Savior; Elder John H. Burdett, Jr., who spoke on the necessity of our being obedient to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel; Elder Robert L. Anderson, who had labored in the London conference, encouraged the people to live lives of purity and righteousness before the Lord; Sister Winifred T. Brown, who is about to return to Utah, portrayed the condition of the people of the world, and spoke of the love God has for His children. Elder Claude T. Barnes took for his text the words of Apostle Paul, "Work out your own salvation," and showed how mankind can do this.

Elder David H. Jordan was the first speaker at the evening meeting, and took for his subject "The commandments given by the Savior to mankind." Elder Jesse W. Hoxsey spoke on "audacity," showing that it has been necessary in all ages for the leaders of the people to receive their authority from the Lord.

President Grant occupied a portion of the time at each meeting expounding the principles of the Gospel, and the evening meeting took up the "Articles of Faith" and thoroughly explained each, and bore a strong testimony of the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

During the meetings we were favored with songs by Sisters Edith Grant and Edith Pender, and a solo by Grace, Maggie and Hazel Toot, entitled, "Hear My Prayer." A peaceful influence and good spirit prevailed throughout the day.

President Grant met with the Elders on Saturday morning at "Deseret," where each reported his labors for the past six months. Many encouraging remarks were made and much valuable instruction given.

An exceedingly pleasing feature of the conference was the picnic provided by the Saints during the intervals. A number of tables were spread with the bounty of life, and all present partook freely.

CHARLES C. DE FRIEZ JARVIS, Clerk of Conference.

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THE WORK IN VIRGINIA.

Missionaries Making Good Progress in Giles County.

From Newport, Giles county, Va., under date of Oct. 15, 1904, Elder R. F. Denison writes as follows:

Since our Virginia conference was held in Roanoke county, on Utah's noted day the 24th of July, myself and companion, H. A. Randa, have been laboring in Giles county and have been treated very courteously while laboring among the corn producers of this region of the Old Dominion state. I labored in this part five months last summer and the change I see is that the people seem to be growing in favor, and some in a condition to receive the truth, though some are prejudiced.

Since our arrival here we have made a number of friends. In our two months labor, we have held 30 meetings, and often strangers came up and asked us to call on them.

This part is a good missionary field; we have upwards of 35 Saints in the county. They have built a neat little church, near Mountain Lake postoffice, a great summer resort in the top of the Alleghany mountains.

On Aug. 30 we walked seven miles to the waters of Little Stony, and baptized six young, faithful converts into the fold.

On Sept. 28 we baptized two faithful souls—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ratliff. They have made the Scriptures a close study but had joined no denomination, until the servants of the Lord carried to their door the message of the Gospel of Christ in its fullness.

We have many investigators, and the prospects in the future are good.

The "News" is now in the homes of many of the Saints, and is a power for good.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Fremont Stake Conference.

One of the most successful conferences ever held in the Fremont stake was held in Rexburg Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23 and 24. There was a good representation of the Priesthood present, nearly all of the leading brethren from all parts of the stake, the stake presidency, Thomas E. Bassett, James W. Webster, and Charles H. Woodmansee, Apostles Francis M. Lyman and Hyrum M. Smith and many others. President Thomas E. Bassett made a report of the condition of the stake, showed the organizations operating very satisfactorily. Financially the people are prosperous and we need more people to help us to baptize this country. The bishops of the various wards showed the people energetic and sincere in the latter-day work.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith spoke at some length upon the keeping of the Sabbath day holy and showing that obedience to this commandment would bring happiness and prosperity to the people.

President Lyman admonished the Saints to supply their homes with good, wholesome literature and be posted on the questions of the times, said he wanted the brethren in their visits among the people to inspect the homes and see if good magazines were there. Spoke of the sugar industry and its

tion of the "Mormons" may be, if the people would live up to the teachings of the Church they would be much better men and women.

The music made by the Eureka ward choir was of a high character and quality, and all the visiting brethren and sisters spoke in its praise.

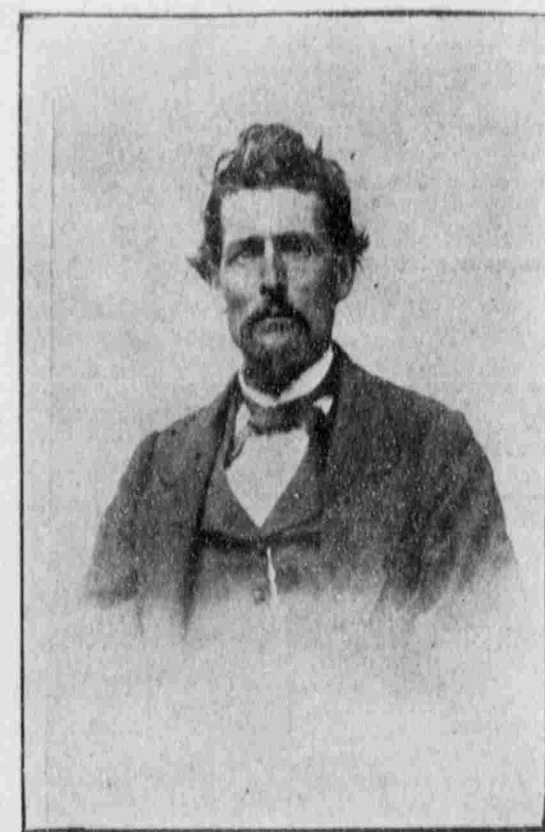
The manner in which the visitors were entertained by the Eureka people was commendable, and they all felt like they would like to visit Eureka again. —ALBERT R. PAXMAN, Stake Clerk.

The Foreign Mission Field.

During the month of September, in the Swiss and German mission, there were 736 meetings held; 43 people were baptized and 26 children were blessed.

A well attended district meeting of the Norwegian branch was held on Sunday the stake Y. L. M. L. A.

LEAVES FROM OLD ALBUMS.



GEORGE NEBEKER.

A Prominent Pioneer and Missionary of the Olden Days.

The picture is that of George Nebeker, who will be remembered by all old Utahns as a prominent pioneer, and aggressive worker in Utah's early life. His history is closely interwoven with the early struggles of the state, for he began the westward movement in 1846 with the earliest pioneers and came to Utah in 1847 with Geo. Wallace's company, arriving from Winter Quarters in September, 1847. At the time he was 20 years of age, having been born at Newcastle, Delaware, Jan. 22, 1827. In 1850 he married a girl three years younger than himself, who had crossed the plains with her relatives in 1848. His life in Utah from his arrival until the time of his death was one of aggressive Church service, mostly in the missionary field. In 1849 he was sent as a member of Parley P. Pratt's exploration company into southern Utah. Soon afterwards he carried the message of his chosen religion to the Indians living in the White and Elk mountain regions. In 1856 he was sent with a party of Utahns to colonize what was then called "Western Utah," but now known as Carson valley, in Nevada. He spent 18 months there, and returned in 1858 to join the southward movement of the Church. In 1864 his real life work in the mission field began, with a call to go on a Church mission to the Sandwich Islands. He spent nearly ten years in the service of his Church there, and established the mission on a firm financial basis. He purchased as a home for the mission and a gathering place for converted natives, the Lala plantation near Honolulu, and headed a company of ten families from Utah to colonize the plantation. When he returned from his long mission in this field, he was sent to Indiana for two years, commencing in the winter of 1879. At the time of his death, Dec. 1, 1888, he was engaged in Church service in the Nineteenth ward. His funeral was attended by a number of Hawaiian natives, converted by his labors in the Islands.

was organized with Sister Jane Osborn as its president, Zilpha Beavers and Harriet Davis as counselors, and they held their conference Sunday evening. The house was filled to overflowing with young men and women and an excellent program was rendered, after which Elders Smith and Lyman offered some timely suggestions to the young people.

A splendid spirit reigned throughout the conference and all felt to rejoice in the work of the Lord.

G. H. EMERY, Stake Clerk.

Juab Stake Conference.

The Juab stake quarterly conference was held at Eureka, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23 and 24, 1904.

On Saturday there were present J. Golden Kimball, of the first seven presidents of Seventy, and President James W. Paxman and Counselor Isaac H. Grace, members of the High Council, Bishops of the various wards and other officers of the stake.

During the services on Saturday reports were heard from the Bishops and stake presidency showing the various ward and stake organizations in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The speakers on Saturday were Elder J. Golden Kimball, President Paxman, Counselor Grace, Patriarch Charles Sperry, and Bishop of Silver City, Mammoth and Eureka. Each speaker congratulated and praised the people of the Eureka ward on the erection of so nice a place of worship; said it is a credit to all who took any part in its erection. It was stated that not only were the Saints entitled to credit but a goodly number of non-members of the Church were entitled to much credit in their donations. Bishop Connolly stated that the total cost of building and furnishing the building was about \$6,000, and it had been begun and completed during two and one-half years, which was an example of what could be done when the people are united.

During the remarks of the brethren the Saints were admonished as to their duties as members of the Church; also to see that their children were taught true and correct principles, also the blame for their waywardness would be on the heads of the parents. The Saints were admonished not to lie about or speak evil of or misrepresent any of their fellow citizens, as "the Lord hateth a liar."

On Sunday Elder Reed Smoot of the quorum of Apostles, was also in attendance, and in the afternoon the meeting was dedicated to the Lord. Elder Reed Smoot offering the dedicatory prayer.

During the Sunday services the people were counseled to show due reverence for their new house of worship, and to see to it that it was not used for any purpose that would in any way defile it. If the adults will hold it sacred it will also be held sacred by the children and non-members of the Church. It was stated that no matter what the reputa-

three more souls, and we feel very much encouraged in our work here."

President Stewart Eccles writes from Glasgow under date of Oct. 14, 1904, as follows: "I have just returned from a three weeks' trip in the north of Scotland, and am highly pleased with the prospects in that portion of the vineyard. We had the pleasure of baptizing a splendid young man in one of the new fields. We have also many investigators among our Highland friends. We have recently added three more to the Glasgow branch."

The Latter-day Saints' concert given in the Pimbury Town Hall, on Friday evening, Oct. 14, was a grand success. Prof. Cecil Montague kindly assisted in rendering pianoforte solos and accompanying the artists of the evening. Miss Clarice Langston recited a choice selection, and Miss Edith Grant sang a beautiful solo. For all Elderly Miss Elva Stirling very ably handled her violin in several solos, accompanied by her sister and Prof. Montague. The Toot family also added greatly to the evening's enjoyment.

There was a large and appreciative audience, and each part of the program was excellently rendered. We feel sure that these concerts, which have been held at the time of our semi-annual conference for some years, are a means of allaying prejudice and assist in bringing the principles of the Gospel before many people.

Elder Fred G. Baker and George W. Webster write from Aberdeen, Scotland, under date of Oct. 17, 1904, as follows: "We take pleasure in contributing to the Star the encouraging results of our labors in this part of a mission. For the past four years, a considerable amount of work has been done in this city, but until this month the fruits of faithful labors have not been seen. On the 6th inst. we had the pleasure of baptizing our first convert in the sea, and yesterday four more honest souls were added to the fold of Christ, all of whom were adults. The latter were taken place at the Aberdeen Corporation bathing station. About 50 persons were present to witness the ordinances and were deeply impressed, as most of them are sincere investigators. With the company we returned to our hall where we held our usual Sunday evening meeting and confirmed the newly baptized persons members of the Church. A very peaceful spirit prevailed throughout the services. Others who are investigating expressed their desire to unite themselves with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the near future. We are encouraged with the favorable prospects of the future."—Millennial Star.

IN EAST WASHINGTON.

Interesting Missionary Experiences in Idaho and Washington.

Elder Ezekiel Johnson writes the "News" from Spokane, Washington, under date of Sept. 25, as follows:

The writer in company with Elder M. E. Nelson, was sent Aug. 27 to labor for a month in Lewiston, Idaho, and surrounding country. Owing to the great stir over the "Mormon" question in that state, the mayor of Lewiston would not let us hold street meetings there, and not being able to hire a hall, we crossed the Snake river and labored in Asotin and Garfield counties, Washington, holding meetings and distributing literature in the cities of Asotin and Clarkston. We then went to Pomeroy for the same purpose, but the mayor of that city positively refused us the privilege of holding street meetings, and would not give consent to our distributing literature until he had considered the matter for a half day, but finally gave consent to tract the city, saying he would hold us responsible for all damage. We thanked him for his kindness and went, at our task, tracing the city in four days. We were then directed by letter from our conference president to labor in Moscow, Idaho, where we arrived Sept. 9. We spent two weeks visiting the few scattered Saints in that country, held five meetings with them, baptizing two souls and blessed one babe. The Saints were pleased to see us, as there had been no Elders laboring in that district for several years. The many Elders who have labored there will no doubt be pleased to hear that Grandma Holder, one of the Utah pioneers of '47, with whom many of the Elders had made their home, is still hale and hearty, and although being one of the few left of the noble pioneer band, her hair is not yet silvered, and she is as young looking as many women half her age. Though a lot has been cast away from the bosom of the Church for 57 years, she is still full of faith in the Gospel, and always makes a happy home for the Elders.

We held the first street meetings ever held in Moscow and had large, attentive crowds. We are now back to headquarters, holding street meetings and tracting, as usual. We feel well in our labors, being assured that the work of the Lord is in very prosperous condition in this part of the mission.

The "News" and Era are welcome visitors.

Death of Sihon V. Sellars.

Sihon V. Sellars died near Versailles, Illinois, Oct. 4, 1904, having reached the ripe age of 70 years, 6 months and 25 days. He was born in Granger Co.,

Tennessee. He was married to Miss Catherine P. Hopsford, April 16, 1862. There were born to them six children, three of whom have preceded their father to the other world.

On June 5, 1888, he united with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and has led an honest, upright life. He has held several offices in the township and in serving a second term as justice of the peace at the time of his death. Versailles has lost one of its best citizens, one who was respected by all who knew him.

The above is part of a news article taken from the Versailles Enterprise. A number of Saints lived in that locality. Elder Sellars was a pillar of strength to them. He loved the Gospel and always took delight in telling every one why he was a "Mormon." The Elders unite in sympathy for the loved ones who will miss him most and pray our Father in heaven to comfort them in their hour of bereavement. ELDER HYRUM A. JENSEN.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder James Jacobson of Colonia Diaz, Chihuahua, Mexico, reports by letter that he reached home Oct. 12, 1904, on his return from the Mexican mission, for which he was sent apart June 19, 1892. The Gospel work in Mexico is making fair progress considering the limited number of missionaries now laboring there and the Elders are fairly treated by the natives, they are, though, very difficult to reach by the missionaries.

Elder Abraham Hansen of Glenwood, Sevier county, was sent apart in November, 1891, and returned Oct. 29, 1904, from the German mission, where he has been laboring in the conference of Berlin. He reports that although there is very little freedom given the missionaries as a rule is making progress.

Elder Christen Jensen of Mesquite, Lincoln county, Nevada, passed through this city Oct. 31, 1904, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was sent apart in June, 1892. The conference of Bergen, Norway and Aarhus, Denmark, were his fields of labor. In the Bergen conference, where he labored for 22 months, the work is progressing very rapidly. Meetings are well attended and a great number are investigating. In Aarhus the work of the Elders is also crowned with success and the prospects for the future are very good in both conferences.

Elder Martin W. Mangelson of Levan, Utah county, was sent apart June 19, 1892, and returned Oct. 31, 1904, from the Scandinavian mission, where he has been laboring in the conferences of Bergen, Norway and Copenhagen, Denmark. He labored for nine months among the Norwegian people, but on account of sickness, was transferred to Denmark. The work of the Lord is progressing in both conferences and prospects are promising for the future.

Elder Leroy Lewis of Wales, Sanpete county, passed through this city Oct. 31, 1904, on his return from the Central States mission, for which he was sent apart June 3, 1891. The conference of North Carolina was his field of labor during the first 23 months he labored as a canvassing Elder, the remainder of the time as conference Sunday school superintendent. Meetings are well attended and the president of the conference, he says he found the people of Texas very kind and hospitable and seeking for the truth. Following is a summary of his missionary labors: Families visited in tracting 1,429; tracts distributed, 1,723; books disposed of, 211; meetings held, 25; baptisms performed, 18; children blessed, 16.

Elder Gerard J. S. Abels and wife Margaret of Ogden Fourth ward passed through this city Nov. 2, 1904, on their return from the Netherlands mission, for which they were sent apart Aug. 7, 1902. The conference of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Antwerp were their fields of labor. Elder Abels labored in the Amsterdam conference for two months, thence for six months in the Rotterdam conference as assistant editor of the mission paper and presided for 15 months over the Antwerp conference, while Sister Abels labored also in the same conferences. A special effort was made to open new branches in which they were greatly blessed. Many converts were made, the Sunday school and Relief society are very thronged. They enjoyed great freedom in spreading the Gospel, and made many friends among the government and city officials there. There is a great demand for more missionaries. After their return they visited the principal cities of France, Germany, Belgium and the United States, including the world's fair and the City of Independence and Temple grounds, on their return homeward.

Elder John C. Bulst of Salt Lake City returned Nov. 2, 1904, from the Colorado mission, for which he was sent apart March 5, 1902. The conferences of Pueblo and New Mexico were his fields of labor. The work in the Pueblo conference is progressing nicely. Many friends are being made and a few are embracing the Gospel. The Elders are well treated as a general thing. In the Arkansas valley the work is especially promising. But little is doing as yet in New Mexico.

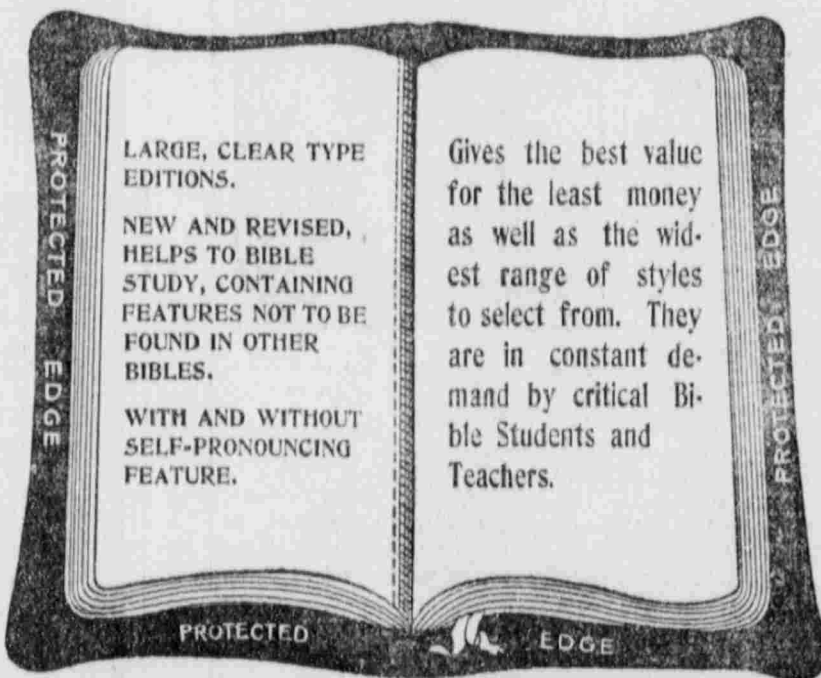
Elder H. D. Folsom of Salt Lake City returned Nov. 2, 1904, from the British mission, for which he was sent apart in July, 1902. The Manchester conference was his field of labor during his entire absence, where he spent most of his work is meeting with good success.

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