



IN THE STATE OF IOWA.

Report of a Recent Conference Held at Des Moines.

The Work Progressing Encouragingly, Notwithstanding Some Opposition.

THE WORK IN ICELAND.

Difficulties Encountered by the Missionaries There.

But the Power of the Lord is Manifested—Additions to the Church.

Elder John Johannessen writes from Borleppi, Iceland, Sept. 1, as follows: I appreciate the Deseret News. It is a great comfort to me in my lonely condition, while I am laboring here close up to the North Pole. I always have it with me while traveling in the country and many times I take a rest, and then it is read with great interest, especially the "Church Intelligence."

I always feel joy in my labor, for I know that the work is the Lord's. I have seen the sick healed under my administration, by the power of God, even one blind got her sight.

Last winter, while laboring in the capital city, I met a girl 12 years of age, who had had a pain in her head for a long time. She was brought to the doctor and was under his care for two months, or more, and he could not cure her. She got blind in one eye and the doctor told her parents that she would never get her sight. On the 14th of April last Brother Lorenzo Andersen and myself visited the family and prayed untiringly, and then administered to her for her sight. Two weeks later I visited that family again, and then the girl read for me in the New Testament just as well with the eye that she had been blind on, as with the other. That was a great joy to us all.

I have had the privilege of leading four souls into the waters of baptism, one of whom was a son of a Lutheran priest, a very good and intelligent man, seventy years of age. He rejoiced and praised the Lord when he came out of the water. He realized the words of our Savior that unless man be born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. He went to Canada the 15th of June last, and had a great desire to see Utah, to labor in the house of the Lord. For two months past I have been traveling all the north part of the country, walking and wading the rivers, every day distributing tracts and books among the people. They have not much time to spare this season of the year to read or listen to discourses, for they are working in the summer time almost incessantly. They come home about 10 or 11 o'clock in the evening and are gone again at 6 or 7 in the morning. They are scattered all over the country, and when we enter their dwelling places, we will find only an old lady and the children at home. The people are living in a scattered condition and it is impossible to get them together for a meeting, and most of them will lay the tracts and books aside till the winter comes.

GOSPEL IN LOS ANGELES.

Apostle Cowley and President McMurrin the Speakers.

They Address a Large Congregation in the Masonic Temple.

Elder Farley Nelson writes from Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 27:

Thursday last at 11 a. m. Elder Robinson, president of the California mission, and a number of the Elders met Apostle Matthias F. Cowley and President Joseph W. McMurrin at the depot on their return from Mexico. Their visit in this city was one of profit as well as of pleasure to the Elders, Saints, and friends. Previous to their arrival, the spacious Masonic Temple had been engaged in which to hold services.

Thursday evening this building was fairly well filled with people, some of whom came to hear the word of God, and some out of mere curiosity to hear "Mormon" dignitaries preach the Gospel.

By way of introduction Elder Calvin W. Richards made a few remarks, after which Apostle Cowley addressed the congregation on the first principles of the Gospel.

President McMurrin followed in the same strain, showing from the scriptures the necessity of obedience in order to enjoy the blessings of the Gospel.

After services, by the invitation of President Jacobson, of the local branch, the visiting brethren and the Elders partook of a tasty lunch at Brother Jacobson's restaurant.

Friday the brethren spent the time visiting Pasadena and her points of interest.

Returning, they, with Elder Robinson, took the 3 p. m. train for San Francisco.

The Los Angeles conference is in a flourishing condition as the meetings are well attended, and there are many who are investigating the principles of the Gospel.

At street meetings the Elders attract large crowds who attentively listen to the exposition of the principles of eternal truth. At one of these street meetings Bishop M. A. Woolley of the Twenty-first ward of Salt Lake City, and his estimable wife were quiet listeners, and heard the bystanders speak well of the Elders and the doctrine they teach.

The work is rolling on. The Elders are looking forward to a spiritual feast during the coming conference.

that the Elders from Nov. 1st should start out without purse or scrip.

At 2 p. m. we again assembled, at first having the privilege of listening to Elder W. C. Lyman. Elder Wm. D. Baird followed him upon obedience to the first principles of the Gospel. Our last public meeting was held at 7:30 p. m., with a throng of eager listeners, who were ably addressed upon salvation for the dead, by Elder Peter C. Peterson Jr., and Elder James A. Olson occupying the remainder of the time, speaking upon repentance and obedience.

This ended our conference and on Monday the Elders left for their respective fields of labor.

Any one having relatives or friends in northern Indiana desiring the Elders to visit will please send their names and addresses to the clerk at headquarters, No. 321 N. Davidson St., Indianapolis, Ind. The Elders all seem to be feeling very well both physically and spiritually and enjoying their labors. Twenty persons have been led into the waters of baptism since last February conference.

WILDS OF NEW ZEALAND.

Large Congregation Attends a Conference.

Additions to the Church—A Native Elder in the Field—Work of the Relief Society.

The following letter is forwarded to the "News" by Elder D. E. Davis. It is dated Kawa, Hawaii, Aug. 6, 1901:

In the various districts of the New Zealand mission the Latter-day Saints meet in conference semi-annually.

These gatherings are attended by the mission president and, generally, Elders from neighboring districts. The condition of the districts are reported; many words of advice are received by Elders and Saints, and many of the principles of the Gospel are presented.

Such a gathering was held in the far north of New Zealand, near the Matauri Bay, at a branch which bears its name. The conference convened on Saturday and Sunday, July 27th and 28th. A good crowd was in attendance, the house being filled to its utmost capacity and the meetings were well supported by those of other denominations. Those of the place, who prepared for this event, did themselves proud in the way of arrangement of the hall, also in the management of the food. There were about two hundred and fifty persons in attendance.

During the conference six meetings were held. They were presided over by the mission president, Elder J. E. Magley.

The opposing element was there in full force, but instead of doing injury to this cause it tended rather to be a help, as the different dispositions were manifested, and we felt that many seeds of righteousness were sown, which, in time, will bear fruit. Between meetings and during the night, many questions were discussed pertaining to the Gospel.

The Elders in attendance were as follows: J. E. Magley, R. K. Brown, D. H. Hood, H. C. Nicol, of the Whangarei district; William Duncan, of Hawkes Bay, and a visitor of this article, Elder Duncan is now laboring in the Bay of Islands. He expects to be out about four months, and is the only native Elder in the mission, who has been called to this position though it is hoped that others will be called in the near future.

This conference is in a good healthy condition at present, about thirty baptisms have been performed. The Saints generally are in the line of their duty and are trying to live as becometh Latter-day Saints.

This conference can boast of having the first Relief Society in the mission; it was organized about four months ago. The work for this society is not to relieve the poor, but to raise their sex in general; to care for the sick, to see that the young of their sex have the proper training and to keep them in the line of their duty. A noble work is in store for the sisters in these parts. July 28th, some of the visitor of this article, Elder Duncan is now laboring in the Bay of Islands. He expects to be out about four months, and is the only native Elder in the mission, who has been called to this position though it is hoped that others will be called in the near future.

In the British Mission.

[Millennial Star, Sept. 19.] Release.—Elder William H. Grimshaw of the Manchester conference has been honorably released to return home by the steamship New England, sailing from Liverpool September 15th.

WARD ORGANIZATIONS.

Officers of the Parley's Park Ward, Summit County.

The following report, dated Coalville, Sept. 30, has been received:

The following Stake officers went to Parley's Park ward on Sunday and completed the following organizations of that ward: Of the presidency, Moses W. Taylor, T. L. Allen and Geo. W. Young; of the Relief Society, Elizabeth Lewis; of the Y. M. I. A., C. A. H. Benjamin; of the Y. L. M. I. A., Grace E. Pack and Lizzie Thomas; of the Primary, Eliza Barber, Vinie Copley; of the Religion classes, E. H. Rhoad. The following officers were sustained and set apart: President of the Relief Society—Catherine Archibald; counselors Sarah Pace and Julia Tree; secretary, Sarah Gains; treasurer, Elizabeth Pace.

Y. M. I. A.—President, Edward J. Tree Jr.; counselors, Alexander Dahl and Christian Rasmussen; secretary and treasurer, George Orms.

Y. L. M. I. A.—President, Lettie J. Pace; counselors, Pearl Snyder, Minnie Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Jessie Archibald.

Sunday School Superintendent—James Pace; assistants, John Pelgruss and David Archibald; secretary, Amelia Tree; treasurer, Alice Archibald; librarian, May Rasmussen.

Primary Association—President, Miriam L. Cannon; counselors, Nellie Tree and Mary Rasmussen; secretary and treasurer, Alice Archibald.

Saturday, Sept. 29, the Stake presidency and the High Council met at Coalville at 10 o'clock a. m. and organized a prayer circle.

At 1 o'clock a State Priesthood meeting was held. It was decided that a widow's fund should be established and it should be held on November 1st of each year, for the purpose of looking after their wants and needs. Not only will the widows be cared for, but also the poor and the needy and missionaries' wives and families.

Religion Classes—Supt., William Archibald; instructors, John Pelgruss, Jens K. Rasmussen, W. O. Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Alice Archibald.

Ward Clerk—William Archibald. Two meetings were held at 10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m. A good attendance was had. A nice lunch was served, at 12 o'clock, in the meeting house.

Honoring His Memory.

Elder H. B. Scoville writes from San Francisco, Sept. 24, stating that memorial services in commemoration of the late President William McKimley were held by the San Francisco branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 11 a. m., Thursday, September 13th. Joseph E. Robinson, president of the California mission, delivered an address in the course of which he gave a brief outline of President McKimley's life from his boyhood to the date of his demise. Bishop Clawson, who was visiting from Salt Lake City, also spoke a short time on the great loss and sorrow which had befallen the nation.

GRIMSBY CONFERENCE.

Apostle Francis M. Lyman Attends that Gathering.

Members Added to the Church—Ordinations to the Priesthood—Discourse on Religious Liberty.

Elder Henry B. Blood, president of the Grimsby conference, sends the subjoined report, dated Hull, England, Sept. 16:

The Saints and Elders of the Grimsby conference were favored yesterday and today with a visit from Apostle Francis M. Lyman, who came here to attend the semi-annual conference which was held in the lecture hall, Kingston Square, one of the best and most popular halls in the city. The conference was in every way successful.

Three services were held yesterday.

When conference opened at 10:30 o'clock there were present on the stand Apostle Lyman, Elder Stephen W. Walker, of the Nottingham conference; Elder A. D. Brinton, of the Hull conference; Joseph C. Wood, of the Sheffield conference; Elder Franklin C.

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Moyle, of the Liverpool conference; Elder Caleb W. Haws, of the Millennial Star office; Elder Cyrus W. Stillman, of the Leeds conference; and the president and Elders of the Grimsby conference.

The choir of the Hull and Grimsby branches, numbering thirty members, were united under the leadership of Brother John T. Whitfield and rendered some excellent singing.

Apostle Lyman confirmed seven new members that were baptized on the 14th, and ordained a number of Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons. Elder Henry H. Blood welcomed the Saints and visitors to the conference and then presented the General Authorities of the Church. Apostle Lyman occupied the remainder of the time.

At the afternoon session testimonies were borne by Elders Caleb D. Brinton, Stephen W. Walker and Caleb W. Haws. Apostle Lyman delivered a powerful discourse, taking for his text John 14th and 15th chapters, and pointing out that the world hate and persecute the Latter-day Saints because we are not of the world. He spoke of religious intolerance and to show the fairness of the Latter-day Saints he invited any reputable minister of any denomination to visit Utah and speak in the Tabernacle, assuring them that they would be accorded a respectful hearing, that they would be supplied with good singing, accompanied by the grandest organ on earth, and they could preach their doctrines to the "Mormon" people.

"For," said he, "the Latter-day Saints love freedom and religious liberty." The evening meeting was attended by 500 people, two-thirds of them being non-members of the Church. It was the largest congregation that Apostle Lyman has spoken to since reaching England four months ago. Those who were present were an intelligent class of people and the Apostle's discourse was followed with the closest attention. He spoke for an hour and there was scarcely a movement in the congregation. Several municipal officers of Hull were present, some having their wives with them.

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Apostle Lyman's discourse was on the necessity of being willing to forsake all for the truth. He said a true follower of the Savior must be ready to leave father, mother, friends, fortune, home, and to forsake, if needs be, his good name, and even life itself, or he is not worthy of his Master's name.

Elder William H. Banks, Benjamin H. Bullock and Henry H. Blood were also speakers at the evening meeting. Today a Priesthood meeting, lasting nearly six hours, was held in Foresters' Hall, the regular meeting place of the Saints. Very valuable instructions were given the Elders by Apostle Lyman.

This evening a concert, free to all, was given in Foresters' Hall, which was crowded with Saints and others, all of whom enjoyed the entertainment. Just one year ago today the Grimsby conference was organized, the Hull branch being taken from the Leeds conference and the Grimsby branch from the Sheffield conference. Since that time there have been over fifty baptisms in the two branches, and in Hull and Grimsby the prospects are bright for the future, though in Grimsby the work is temporarily hindered by unfortunate strike conditions.

Three new fields have recently been opened at Driffield, Bridlington and Scarborough—and opportunities have been given for the sowing of Gospel seed in those places.

The Hull branch now numbers 130 souls, and the Grimsby branch 71, including children of members there are 310 in the conference.

If any Utah Saints have relatives in this vicinity that they desire to have visited we will be glad to have them write us, addressing 35 Clumber St., Hull.

GOSPEL WORK IN NORWAY.

Apostle Francis M. Lyman Attends a Conference.

Large Crowds Gather to Hear His Miraculous Testimony.

In a letter dated Christiansund, Norway, September 6, Elders Milton H. Knudsen and Arthur Malvorson report as follows:

We Elders in the most northern conference in the world are enjoying our missionary labors. Though we are way up here in the north and seem to be out of the rest of the world, yet we have a medium that brings us a great deal nearer home, and it never fails in its visits. The Deseret News is always greatly appreciated.

Our headquarters, Trondhjem, is in about the same latitude as Dawson City, Alaska, and we have branches 500 miles still farther north. Our conference takes in the most northern city in the world, Hammerfest.

We have just returned to our fields of labor after having attended our semi-annual conference which convened in the city of Trondhjem, Aug-



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