



THE TASMANIAN BRANCH.

Report of a Conference Held in That Distant Field.

Elder D. D. McKay writes from Hobart, April 21:

The conference of this branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in Hobart, this city on Sunday, April 19. The attendance at both sessions was all that could be expected.

At the afternoon session of the conference the names of the general and local authorities of the Church were presented and unanimously sustained.

Sister Duckworth was the first speaker at the evening services. She said she was proud to stand before that audience as a representative of the women of Utah.

Up till quite recently our street meetings have not been attended by as many as we could wish for. These people are not very enthusiastic at the novelty of hearing "Mormons" vanish, the bulk of our weekly audience disappeared also.

We are sorry to report that one of the graduates, Robert F. J. Woodbury, has been afflicted with a severe attack of sickness in his family, but hope and pray that they will soon recover.

NORTHERN STATES MISSION. Vigorous Work by the Elders in That Field.

Elder German E. Ellsworth writes from Chicago, May 18: Early in the winter it was decided to hold three joint conferences in this mission, before the summer campaign of street work which is a leading feature of mission work in the Northern States mission.

We are making many friends here and the prejudices against our people are dying out. The Era and the News are welcome visitors among the Elders, Saints and friends.

IN THE SCOTTISH MISSION.

The "Best Conference Ever Held" - Items of Interest.

The following report is sent from Glasgow, May 11, by Elder James D. Stirling: The "Best" conference of the Church in Scotland was held last Sunday, May 8, 1904, at the Masonic hall, 100 West 1st North, and Elder F. M. Abbott of the South, was organized and assigned to various parts of the city to begin a week of vigorous work.

Each evening at 6:30 the Elders met in squads of 4 to 6 assigned corners on which to hold street meetings prior to our hall meetings.

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and the trusting faith of the young men was a most support to their elders in the work.

Elder Amabel H. Woodruff, who returned with his family from conference in time to take a short country trip, left the office with the mission secretary and after a short ride on the railroad alighted in the small town of Cardiac at 4:30 p. m.

They were ready to receive the crowd which consisted of men, women and children of all ages. They gave them a respectful hearing and learning from the last speaker how they traveled, were invited home by a Methodist class leader.

IN BALTIMORE MD.

Utah Students are an Honor to The State - Missionary Work.

Elder C. A. Stephens writes from Baltimore, Md., May 20:

The work of the Lord is progressing rapidly in the city of Baltimore. The street meetings, which are well attended, and the officers are very kind to us in preserving order.

Utah has been ably represented at the college of physicians and surgeons, as there were five students in this class, and they all received their diploma, and in addition, two of them, James Osterman and R. Garn Clark, received first and fourth gold medals respectively.

We are also proud of our musical representative, Brother Eliza C. Snow, who has had the honor of being selected by one of the leading teachers in the Peabody college of singing in her class graduating exercises.

The Elders are all well and are looking forth to the time when they can all meet together in conference on the 29th.

We have received a new arrival in our colony in the person of Sister Clarence Clark, who has come to join her husband, and they will live at the mission headquarters, 1811 Druid Hill avenue.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

TAYLOR STAKE.

Quarterly Conference at Raymond, Canada. Raymond, Alta., Canada, May 23.—The quarterly conference of the Taylor Stake of Zion, convened in the new assembly hall of the Raymond ward, Sunday and Monday, May 22 and 23.

SNOWFLAKE STAKE.

Good Instructions at the Meetings of the Conference.

The regular quarterly conference of Snowflake stake was held in Snowflake, May 21 and 22, 1904. There was a fairly good attendance

of both officers and members. An excellent spirit prevailed, and all seemed to enjoy themselves exceedingly. We had a great variety of short discourses, which greatly interested the listeners.

The reports of the Bishops were good, showing a disposition to improve. Elder George Osmond exhorted the Saints to greater diligence in keeping God's laws, and being charitable toward each other.

STAR VALLEY.

Stake Conference Held at Afton, Wyoming.

Star Valley, Afton, May 23, 1904.—The quarterly conference of the Star Valley Stake of Zion convened in the Afton meetinghouse on May 21 and 22, with a good attendance.

JOINT CONFERENCE.

The Elders and Saints of the State of Texas Meet at Kelsey.

The following report of a joint conference of north and south Texas, is sent by Elder J. Stoker Davis, from Kelsey, Texas, May 21:

At the opening of our regular conference services were held on Sunday, May 15, at 10 a. m. there were 32 Elders present, exclusive of Elders Duffin and Judd.

At the closing service Monday evening the Elders were instructed in their work, and Elders A. E. Baker, F. O. Fossey, William Fisher, and Elder George A. Hancock and W. Dowitt Johnson were assigned to open up a work in the Pecos River country.

BOXELDER STAKE.

Report of the Quarterly Conference at Brigham City.

Brigham City, June 1, 1904.—The quarterly conference of the Boxelder Stake of Zion, convened in the new assembly hall of the Brigham ward, Sunday and Monday, May 31 and June 1.

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RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Julius Christensen, of Moroni, Sanpete Co., returned May 5 from Scandinavia, where he was sent Jan. 24, 1902, as a missionary. He labored in the Christiania conference, Norway, till July 24, 1902, when he was transferred to the Alby conference, Denmark, where he labored the remainder of the time, meeting with fair success.

Elder Milton E. Ellsworth, of Salt Lake City, was sent apart May 5, 1902, to labor in the Northern States mission, and returned May 29. The Wisconsin conference was his field of operations. He reports the work in the city of Milwaukee especially as very encouraging.

Elder Sidney W. Hiatt, of Payson, Utah Co., was sent apart Sept. 17, 1902, and returned May 25, from the Northern States mission. He labored in the conferences of Spokane, Seattle, Washington, Victoria, B. C., and Boise, Idaho. The work of the Lord is progressing fairly well in the places named, through the earnest efforts of our bright boys from Zion.

Elder James E. Russell, of Salt Lake City, was sent apart July 1, 1902, and returned May 26, from the Northern States mission, where he has been laboring in the Southern Illinois conference. He reports that conference in a flourishing condition, and the work progressing nicely.

Elder Thos. J. Adams, of Eureka, Jubah Co., returned May 29, from the Southern States, whence he was sent as a missionary March 4, 1902. The Florida conference was his field of labor, where work is in good condition, and much good being done by the Elders.

Elder Sylvanus Nelson, of Woods Cross, Utah Co., returned May 30, from the Eastern States, where he has been doing missionary work since April 23, 1902. In the West Pennsylvania conference the work in the Quaker state is making good progress, with very promising prospects.

Elder Hans C. Hansen, of Fillmore City, Millard Co., who was sent apart Oct. 13, 1902, for missionary service in Scandinavia, returned June 2, being honorably released on account of failing health. The Copenhagen conference was his field of labor, and he reports that the Gospel is making fairly good progress in the Norse lands; many are investigating the truth.

Elder Alfred Johnson, of Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., returned June 2, from the Scandinavian mission, where he has been doing missionary work in the conferences of Malmo and Göteborg, Sweden, since Jan. 27, 1902. He enjoyed his mission greatly, though he found but few ready to receive the Gospel.

Elder Niels L. Monson, of Manila, Utah Co., who was sent apart Jan. 9, 1902, also returned June 2, from the Scandinavian mission. The Malmo conference was his field of proselyting. He reports that there is progressing nicely. The harvest is not great, but the honest of heart are investigating the Gospel and receive it with joy.

Elder Robert Wills, of Tooele City, Tooele Co., returned June 2, from a mission to Great Britain, for which he was sent apart April 23, 1902. The Irish and Birmingham conferences were the scenes of his operations. For the first six months he labored as traveling Elder in the Irish conference, in the county of Armagh, where he met with some bitter opposition from two ministers, one representing the Church of Ireland, and the other the Presbyterian. The latter advised his members to burn the "Mormon" tracts. Elder Wills, however, succeeded in baptizing one of his church members. Elder Wills was president of the Irish conference for about a year, when he was released and transferred to the Birmingham conference, where he received the Gospel himself in 1878, and where he met a number of relatives from whom he received much information respecting kindred who had passed away.

Elder Franklin H. Wyatt, of Wells-ville, Cache Co., was sent apart March 12, 1902, for the British mission, and returned June 2. He spent all his time in the Sheffield conference, the first six months as traveling Elder, the remainder of the time he prosided over the conference. There are in the Sheffield conference three branches, divided into eight districts, with 17 missionaries from Zion, and a membership of 285. It has two M. I. associations, also four Sunday schools. The conference is in a flourishing condition throughout.

Elder George E. Gibby, of Morgan, Morgan Co., was sent April 5, 1902, to the British mission, and returned June 2. He spent his entire time in the Welsh conference, which in the early days was one of the largest missions in Europe. At present it is not in a very prosperous condition. The Saints are few in number and very widely scattered. On account of prejudice it is almost impossible for Elders to get into the homes of the people. However, the Lord is blessing his servants, who are endeavoring to spread the truth in that land.

Elder George M. Stark, of South Weber, Davis Co., was sent apart April 1, 1902, and returned June 2, from the Leeds conference of the British mission. The work in this conference, he says, is in a prosperous condition. A great many are investigating the Gospel; the Elders have many friends, do not meet with much opposition and are doing considerable street work, which proves very effective.

Elder Ulrich Abeglien, of Midway, Wasatch Co., who was sent apart Nov. 26, 1901, for the Swiss mission, passed through this city June 2, on his return homeward. He labored first in the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, and went afterwards to the canton of Lucerne, where he labored for 10 months, going thence to the Canton of Schaffhausen, where he concluded his labors. He met with fair success, the Gospel work is progressing very nicely, and the Elders are enjoying their labors.

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