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Power of Lincoln Give Protection—Progress of Work in Nottingham Conference.

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To the Editor:

After spending twelve and a half years in the latter days in succeeding with others—a other Elders, I was labored in Lincoln, Nottingham and Derby, as per President Heber J. Grant, and now other Elders. At No. 47 Islington, I had a very good reception, and the tracts which we were supplied to us from Salt Lake City, I being sent to the Nottingham District, which was presided over by President J. W. Stringfellow, was pleasing. After spending some time in the work in the Nottingham district I was transferred to the Derby district, where I labored with Elder Wm. Cowley, of Mt. Ogden, Utah. Elder Cowley and I did make many friends while performing our labors. Many times we have been met with opposition by local preachers, who would come forth upon the stairsteps of Jerusalem and Mr. Pitman, two apostates. These preachers would get all kinds of people to assist them in fooling and jeering of the people against us, but not with little success, though at times we had to stand and talk to spectators with from three to five hundred people, pertaining as to our doctrines, shaking their fists in our faces and losing and calling us all manner of names, but this gave us cause to rejoice rather than to be discouraged, because Christ has said—"Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say you all manner of evil against you falsely for my name's sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven." We labored very much in this statement, took courage and were forth doing the duties which were devolving upon us.

During the five months Elder Gough and I were laboring together we organized a Sunday school and a Relief Society and a Sunday school and a Book of Mormon class, which I am pleased to say was well attended. Elder Gough was sent to the British conference, March and Elder John Parr, of Ogden, Utah, and Elder R. F. Jennings as his aids, of Salt Lake City, was appointed to Derby. My labors with them I enjoyed very much. In April six converts were added to the Church by baptism and were confirmed members, and there are several who are investigating among.

Elder Geo. Ashley, of Paris, Idaho, and I were appointed by President Geo. Q. Cannon, on June 16, to labor in the city of London, and we were to be there in conference town until June 20, to be ordained. We began by holding an open-air meeting. As we were not here persecution here, we deemed it wisdom to inform the chief of police of our arrival and explain to him our motives and intentions. He assured us he would not persecution, for which we thanked him. The Lincoln is as the best set of officers I have met in England, in this country. They are both intelligent and polite. They are in the spot when needed.

We had the Rev. Osborn to see us on June 20th, and the conversation lasted for two hours, that these books, during each so again made the statement that he intended to drive us out of the town. It impressed upon his mind that we would respect him while he had his time and wanted him to respect us, but as soon as he overstepped his bounds he could look for the strong arm of the law to interfere.

At our meetings we have two police men who are there for the purpose of seeing that we get fair play. The one who has been in the service and who has refused the police, he is a good man, and we have found the officers gave him the chance of speaking after we had closed our meeting and asked him if he had anything to address of about four hours. Many of them adopted to us in a way, but we followed the council from headquarters and left.

We have had some very interesting times, holding an open air meeting in a town through the back streets and there we have had a good opportunity to advance some of the doctrines of the Gospel. We did not let the Christians slip by, but we overtopped them. After speaking for about an hour and a half we invited all who wished to ask questions to do so, and we spent two hours in our lodgings. There were about one hundred listened to us and did the best of attention, but we want to make there were some who came for the purpose of making a disturbance, but the chief of the city was on the ring who responded, and he said he was a man from proper place to be, and he would see that we were not interrupted in our meetings. We have had a very interesting time. Though we were but a few in number, we succeeded in making many friends in Lincoln, and we are sorry we have to leave them, but we are expected to go to Derby. We have left Lincoln in good order and good spirits, and we are in good hopes of good fruit from our labors in this city.

Elder Ashley and I are laboring in Salt Lake City who have friends and relatives in this part of the country would like to correspondence with them. We are anxious to hear from home. We are allowed to write after arriving in Salt Lake City.

Elder Ashley and I are enjoying the best of health and feel the advancing every effort to get the principles of truth before the people.

Last week Elder George Hall, our conference president, baptized eight persons into the waters of baptism at Nottingham. The work is gradually progressing.

The "News" is a welcome visitor.

E. W. STRINGFELLOW,
In Michigan.

Muskegon, Mich., July 27, 1899.

To the Editor:

It is now fifteen months since I bade adieu to my family and friends at home to the peaceful vales of the Rocky mountains, to preach the gospel to those who are in darkness concerning the plan of life and salvation.

I have labored during my absence from home, entirely in this State, first in Bay City, a city of about twenty-five thousand inhabitants, where four of our Elders labored diligently all winter, and there we succeeded in baptizing the waters of baptism thirteen souls, with a part of the prophecy recorded in Sec. 4, D. & C., fulfilled, which in the months of 1898 was spent in Bonne and Muskegon counties, where we succeeded in making a number of good friends, among whom are a few who are careful investigators of the Gospel.

It is usually announced by the Elders that prejudice must be removed and people made to understand we are expected; hence the first work is anything, usage to be removing prejudice and making friends.

Last winter and spring four of us were out four in this city and county, the city containing about twenty thousand inhabitants. The result so to date we have baptized a number of good friends and a few bitter enemies. A large majority of the people are quite friendly towards us and our teachings.

We have seen the blessings of the Lord made manifest in behalf of us in various ways, by giving us words so that we could not be confounded, by raising up friends in time of need, and by sparing us in times of danger. We have had experiences which are common to most of the Elders, such as being turned from the doors, listening to abusive language, and being called upon to take to prison rather than to be discouraged, because Christ has said—"Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say you all manner of evil against you falsely for my name's sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven." We are having very much in this statement, look courage and were forth doing the duties which were devolving upon us.

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time; that there are yet many honest souls scattered in the world, who need only to have the Gospel presented to them in order to realize the absurdity of the errorists which our antagonists are continually trying to make us to overthrow God's work. But as we are advocates of truth among a people who are blinded by prejudice, we have to meet that opposition and instead of it being a hindrance to our progress it only stimulates honest people to investigate and examine our doctrines.

We have made little to the historic place of Fort Wayne, Lake Mill, Warsaw and Carthage. Twenty six months continued to memories of the honored and martyred prophet, for did our ancestors imaginary pioneers and thoughts furnished by our ancestors and the Lord, and we have made a little journey for those honors and honored who suffered and died for the cause. We have, we think, that we are now going to lead the same message which our fathers did, and, though we are aged, different.

The Elders of Missouri conference are all well and doing good work in the vineyard. Those labored in the conference are: Elders D. H. Cannon and J. A. Mower, Smithville; A. A. Allen, Kansas; A. E. Bird and D. C. Hoffman, Saint Louis; Jesse Gibson, Jr., H. Dunn, W. H. Argyle, Woodland; W. B. Smith, Albion; M. Moulton, Park City; Joseph K. Kingsford, Jr., H. Dunn, Omaha, all of Utah, and F. J. Hansen, Jr., Jesse Gibson, Sr., W. Howard, Jackson; K. Kingsford, Jr., Jesse Gibson, Jr., H. Dunn, Omaha, A. C. Jensen, Hartford, and E. J. Tremelling, St. Charles, of Utah.

Among the readers of the "News" are many of our friends and relatives, and we desire to ask, as they may be by us to an. Any communication addressed to Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, Salt Lake City, Utah, will find him.

We desire the blessings of the Lord to attend the labors of the Elders in the cause of truth.

C. S. VATTERLAUS,
W. H. MATHIS,
ERNEST REIMER,
Branch of the Church in Pueblo, Col.

Pueblo, Colo., July 29, 1899.

To the Editor:

A few lines concerning the advancement of the Pueblo branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints might probably be interesting to those who read the proceedings of the Gospel in different parts of the world.

We have labored in this field since our last report, which was published in the "News" of June 1, 2, and 3, and it coming back we were much pleased to note the faith and integrity of the Saints, they are anxious in keeping the commandments of God, as has been my lot to have the pleasure of meeting hearts like unto mine. The great joy in their souls and their strict obedience and adherence to the Priesthood. Even in their financial affairs they never make any great move without consulting authority.

Owing to the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel, we only enjoy the combined gifts of the Spirit. We intermingle in the exercise of the gifts of prophecy and of speaking in tongues, and they are here being sealed by the power of God to a notable extent.

John I. Hurtz, president of the branch, is a leader of no ordinary ability, as a leader in Zion and a missionary abroad, full of knowledge and zeal in fully carrying out the design of Elder Lund and the subsequent spirit of the Saints, to make this a flourishing branch of the Church. We have in the time we have been here, seen a great change in the people, a strong desire to keep them together, as a strong tower of Zion, instead of a small branch of about fifty members.

The Sunday school, with Brother J. D. Simmons as superintendent, is in a prosperous condition. To show the children how and why the "Mormons" celebrate the Twenty-fourth of July in Utah, an entertainment was planned to take place in the evening of that day, but upon it being ascertained the house could not be had, as it took place on a Sunday, coloring, at the appointed time the parents with their children, and some invited friends met with choicest refreshments, and had a good time, in which they were not disappointed. The evening program consisted of Utah, with recitations, songs, etc., which were rendered mostly by the Sunday school children. This lasted until ten o'clock, after which refreshments were served. All enjoyed themselves and are to their satisfaction of the honorable place. When they had received their compliment, the room was darkened and a magic lantern show was given for the children. When this was through a late hour had arrived, so all had another time of refreshments and departed to their homes pleased and satisfied.

ELIAS PETERSON,
CHAS. H. JOHNSON.

Visiting from Missouri.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 31, 1899.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir—It seems a long time since we made anything a report of our labors concerning the work of spreading the Gospel in Missouri. We don't want the readers of the "News" to think we are not doing some work, for we are. On the contrary, the Elders are all well and able to bring very remarkably good results, and to make Missourians acquainted with the Gospel and its benefits to them, on conditions of obedience.

Much of the old time prejudice is already broken and we become acquainted with the people and the people with us, and have opportunities of making our time number hours. There are many faithful and honest people in Missouri, who are glad to hitch to an and enterprise, and, and who, have a desire to know, to investigate carefully and properly. Many of these will accept of the Gospel, and, and, and, and, Though during the past six months the number of baptisms have been small, we have some appointments for baptism, and, and, and, and