

# CHURCH MISSIONARY

## THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

### Progress of the Gospel in Great Britain, Africa and Elsewhere.

The Millennial Star, Sept. 15, contains the following interesting mission news.

From Sheffield comes the good news that 13 souls were added to the Church on Sunday, Sept. 11. President Moss reports future prospects very encouraging.

President Joseph H. Brinton reports eight baptisms, Sept. 4, in the Lancaster branch of the Liverpool conference. There are many investigators and prospects are bright.

On Sunday, Sept. 4, the Birmingham branch was organized, with Brothers Alfred E. Lees, as president, George Greenham as first, and William H. Francis as second counselor. The Sunday school and Mutual Improvement Association were also organized, with local officers throughout. A spirit of unity was all present. Sunday school and Mutual are in an excellent condition, and great interest is being taken in them. The work throughout the conference is progressing nicely, especially in the new districts that have been opened recently.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 1904, an interesting district meeting of the Watfield Saints was held in the Co-operative hall, Watford, Herts. Services were held at 10:30 and 4:30 p. m., and a grand spirit characterized all the meetings.

The morning session was devoted to sustaining the various officers throughout the district, and in listening to remarks from the local brethren. All the Elders and Saints present, then set down to a bounteous spread prepared by the Watford sisters which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The afternoon and evening meetings were given over to the visiting Elders, who set forth the principles of the Gospel in a clear and concise manner. A feature of the day was the beautiful singing by the Watford choir, which is under the able direction of Brother Kynock McIntyre. Many investigators were present. There were present President Milton W. Snow of the London conference, and Elders Shipp, Hoopes, Barlow, Freebairn and Beesley. The meetings were presided over by Elder George A. B. McIntyre, one of the local brethren, who is in charge of the Watford branch.

Departures for various mission-aries sailed from Liverpool for Boston by the s. s. Celtic, Sept. 8, 1904: Frederick E. Mitchell, Lorenz Pearson, Soren A. Jensen, Otto J. Poulson, Gustaf Thomsen, Joseph J. Shields, Gertch Conrad, Joseph W. Galt, John S. Baugh, David Hirsch. Elder Mitchell had charge of the conference, which included a party of Saints and visitors returning home. Among the latter were Elder Charles W. Nibley, wife, and daughters, Rebecca and Julia; Elder Willard Snowcroft, wife, son John W., and daughters Rosabel and Margaret; Sister Johanna Moen; Sister Lucinda Peterson.

## SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION.

The report from President Warren H. Lyon of the South African mission is very encouraging, and he is asking for more Elders to help in the ever-widening field. "We have many friends have added to the baptisms," reports Elder Griffiths and Simkins report that the whole town is talking "Mormonism" at East London, and our meetings at Claremont are still successful. A number testify that our books and tracts have been very popular, and in giving them an understanding of the Scriptures. We have many friends and investigators."

## NEWS FROM INDIA.

Elder Henry J. Lilley writing from Karachi, India, under date of Aug. 25, 1904, tells of an enjoyable time which the Saints of Karachi branch had at the celebration of the first anniversary of the branch's establishment. An excellent meeting was held on the 16th and on the 25th there was a moonlight picnic at Clifton. "Clifton is the popular drive for the bourgeoisie of Karachi, about four miles from the residential quarter. The children of the municipality has erected a wooden pavilion leading down to it over the sands. Here the gentry resort of an evening to enjoy the beautiful sea breeze, or as the natives express it, for 'ava khana' (ava, air; khana, food) literally to eat air. Our party consisted of nearly 50 souls."

## IN EAST TENNESSEE.

### Remarkable Healing Prepares the Way for Gospel Work.

From Coalbrook, Grundy county, Tenn., under date of Sept. 14, Elder J. A. Gardner writes as follows: "Elder Wm. L. Bug, and I were assigned to labor in this county some three weeks ago. On our arrival here we found the people of Coalbrook, a small mining camp, where in Latter-day Saints reside, in a state of excitement over 'Mormonism.' A resident of this place, a married woman of about 40 years of age, who some three years ago was compelled to take to her bed on account of spinal trouble, continued almost helpless until some six weeks ago, when she was healed by the power of God, which came as an answer to her prayers. While this change was taking place it was made known to her by inspiration that the Lord had a great work for her to perform, that she should be immediately healed, and among other things she was told that the 'Mormon' Elders were true servants of Jesus Christ, and that she should unite herself with the 'Mormon' Church. She immediately went for the president of this conference, who came with two other Elders, and on their arrival they baptized her, and in a sacrament meeting, held after the baptism, she

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It will be gratifying to Asthmatic readers to learn that an absolute cure has at last been discovered by Dr. Schiffsman. That the remedy is an effective one cannot be doubted after perusal of such testimony as that of C. W. Van Antwerp, Fulton, N. Y., who says: "Your remedy (Schiffsman's Asthma Cure) is the best I ever used. I bought a package of your druggist and tried it and one box entirely cured me of Asthma, and I have not had it since. I can now go to bed and sleep all night with perfect comfort, which I have not done before for 35 years and I thank you for the health that I now enjoy. I hope that you will publish this letter, that others may hear of this wonderful virtue." Sold by all Druggists at 50c and \$1.00. Send 5c stamp to Dr. H. Schiffsman, Box 93, St. Paul, Minn., for a free sample package.

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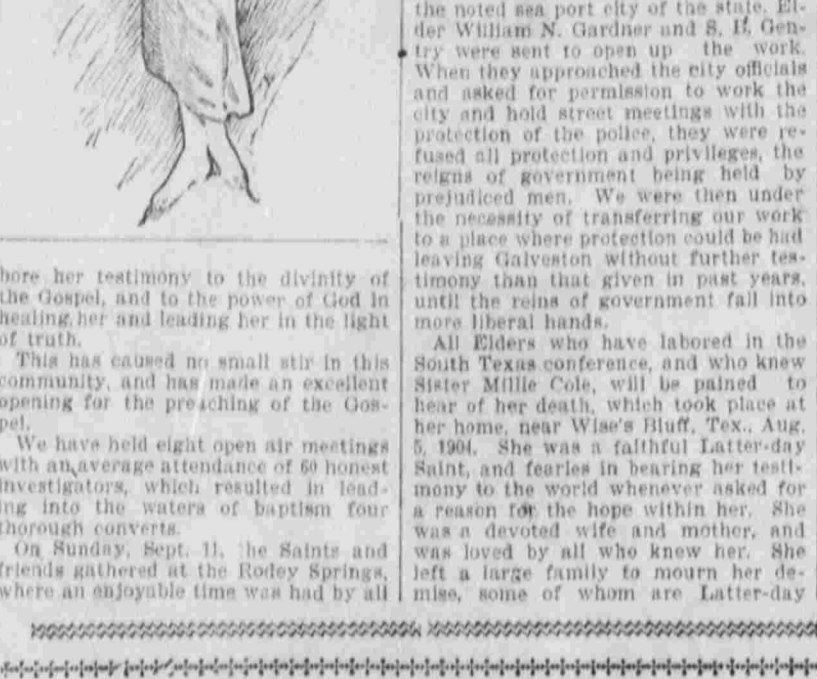
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The accompanying picture is that of some of the members of the Sunday school at St. Joseph, Mo., where Elders W. R. Lee, O. H. Hickenlooper, S. J. Hutchinson and George E. Hemphill of Utah have been laboring this summer. In a few months the membership roll increased 100 per cent until at the present time there are 33 members enrolled. The school is self-supporting, and owns its own organ and books, in addition to paying the rent of the hall.

present in partaking of a luxurious repast, and participating in a spiritual feast. Two meetings were held in a grove near the springs, one at 11 a. m. and the other at 2 p. m., with 150 people in attendance.

We feel to acknowledge the hand of God in softening the hearts of the people of this community, who, previous to our coming, would scarcely permit a "Mormon" Elder to come on their premises, but who now invite us to their homes, and are willing to investigate our important message.

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Elder Jonathan C. Hansaker, of Brigham City, Boxelder Co., passed through this city Sept. 23, 1904, on his return from the Eastern States mission, where he has been laboring in the South West Virginia conference since Oct. 29, 1902. West Virginia has been worked for several years, and the Gospel is progressing slowly. The people are more indifferent than prejudiced. As a rule they are very hospitable to the Elders.

Elder Alma S. Lee, of Milton, Tooele Co., was set apart Oct. 23, 1902, and returned Sept. 24, 1904, from the Southern States mission. In the South Carolina conference, where he spent his entire time, he reports the Gospel work prospering very nicely. He labored with fairly good success, and as all the Elders report, he enjoyed his missionary experiences very much. He found many friends, and took part in baptizing eighteen souls into the Church.

Elder John Casper, of Nephi, Juab Co., was set apart Oct. 14, 1902, and returned Sept. 25, 1904, from the British mission. The Scottish conference was his field of labor, where he reports a better feeling towards "Mormonism" among the people. Many are investigating the truth, and the prospects are very encouraging.

Elder Samuel F. Wilcox, of Raymond, Alberta, Canada, was set apart June 11, 1902, and passed through this city Sept. 26, on his return homeward. He labored in the central States mission, in the conferences of South Texas, Louisiana and East Kansas. The work of the Lord is progressing in these conferences, and all need energetic workers to further the cause of truth. The Elders have friends among the best people, and many express a desire to learn more of the truth.

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Elder James V. Leonard, of Huntington, Emery Co., was set apart Oct. 7, 1902, and returned Sept. 27, 1904, from the Northwestern States mission. He labored in Tacoma, Wash., as president of the conference for 11 months, then in the Butte conference, Mont., as