

CHURCH MISSIONARY NEWS

DEATH OF AGED CHURCHMAN

Sunday School Reorganized—More Baptisms.

Tomstown, Franklin Co., Pa.—Abraham Baker died July 9, in the eighty-first year of his age. His was the first funeral held in the newly finished Latter-day Saints meetinghouse. Mr. Baker was a Latter-day Saint, baptized about 16 years ago. President Geo. Cole and Elder Jesse L. Smith preached the funeral sermons.

On Sunday, July 17, a large crowd of people congregated to witness a "Mormon" baptism. They not only witnessed the baptism, but heard a very able discourse from President George Cole on baptism and the absolute necessity of repentance, after which Elder Jesse L. Smith baptized the following: Howard W. Barnes, William Clayton, Miner, Joseph Barnes and Elizabeth Rock, 80 years old, wife of the late Geo. A. Rock.

Our Sunday school, which was organized May 2, 1897, and held in Geo. G. Rock's vacant storehouse for several years, and in neighbors' houses, finally dwindled down to nothing. On Sunday, July 10, the Elders and Saints met at our own meetinghouse to consider the reorganization of the school, and to supply what was lacking. In a short time our Sunday school will be fully organized, and in a prospering condition again, as we have two good Elders with us.

J. S. CREAGER,
Supt. of Sunday School.

IN JACKSON COUNTY, MO.

How Utah's Pioneer Day Was Observed by Elders and Saints.

Kansas City, Missouri, July 26, 1904.—The 25th day of July will long be remembered by the Saints and their friends of Kansas City and Independence, Missouri, and the missionaries laboring there. Over one hundred in number met on the temple site, now the Church property, at Independence, Jackson Co., to celebrate the great Pioneer day of Utah (July 24), the day that the pioneers as a body first landed in Salt Lake valley.

Under the trees in the southeast corner of the grounds all were seated at 11 o'clock a. m. to listen to the following program presented by the missionaries:

Opening song, "Come, come, ye Saints," etc. Prayer was offered by Elder Albert E. Stratford. Song, "God bless our mountain home." Quartets and solo, "Beautiful country," "Utah, we love thee," and "My Mountain Home," by Messrs. W. W. Morrison, D. O. Larson, Arthur Livingsstone, Jos. E. Jensen and Sister Nellie Thomas respectively. Readings and toasts by Jos.

E. Jensen, D. O. Larson, Sister Flynn and others.

Elder James G. Duffin, president of the Central States mission, gave a stirring address on the rise and progress of the Latter-day Saints.

That day was an ideal one for the celebration and the day was spent most happily.

Our hearts thrilled with gratitude that we were privileged to participate in commemorating such an eventful occasion on this sacred ground. It being the first celebration of the kind held on land owned by the Church in Jackson Co., Mo., since the Saints were driven from here and so persecuted by their enemies.

LAURA BOLEY.

Blackfoot Stake Conference.

Blackfoot, Ida., July 25.—The third quarterly conference of the Blackfoot stake was held at Moreland July 24-25, and was the most successful of any conference yet held in this stake. The following named Elders were visitors at this conference: Geo. A. Smith, Jos. W. McMurrin, Andrew Jensen, Nephi L. Morris and Jas. D. Cummings.

The Moreland hall was engaged for holding the meetings in and even this was found to be inadequate to accommodate the visitors. On Sunday afternoon an overflow meeting was held in a lowery, which had been erected adjacent to the hall, and this was well filled to its capacity. The brethren from Salt Lake were very much surprised, but pleased, to see the splendid attendance.

Everything was so pleasant and cheerful during the two days of conference that all enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. The speakers enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord and their instructions were especially adapted to the needs of the Saints. It was encouraging to the stake presidency, as well as other officers, to see the Saints of this stake interest themselves in the work, as they are now doing.

At the close of our regular conference the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. held their joint session, which was also a most successful gathering. The program which was rendered showed that it had received careful attention, and reflected much credit upon those taking part, as well as upon the officers of the associations.

We cannot say too much in praise of the people of the Moreland ward for their hospitality and the delightful manner in which they entertained those who were fortunate enough to be present at this splendid conference.

J. T. CARRUTH, Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder T. W. Read of Hooper, Weber county, returned last May from California, where he had been laboring in the conference of Sacramento and Los Angeles since April 9, 1902. He found the people of the Golden State indifferent to religion, but the Elders are laboring faithfully to bring the seed of Israel into the fold.

Elder Jos. T. Bateman of Alpine City, Utah county, was set apart June 9, 1903, and returned July 17 from a brief mission in the Southern States. The mission conference was his field of labor, which he reports in the condition. He returns sooner than usual on account of sickness.

Elder Levi Edgar Young of Salt Lake City, who was set apart July 6, 1901, returned July 17 from a successful mission in Germany and Switzerland. In May, 1902, he was called to preside over the Swiss mission, which is in a flourishing condition.

Elder James W. Silver of Cannon ward, Salt Lake City, returned July 23, from successful labors in the New Zealand mission, to which he was assigned Feb. 1, 1901. The conference of Malapuu, Canterbury and Otago were his fields of work. He labored among the Maori people of the Waipuu district. The first year, and the remainder of his mission, was spent among the South Island Maoris. He reports the mission in a prosperous condition.

Elder Robert D. Young of Richfield, Sevier county, was set apart July 1901, and returned July 25, from the Australian mission. The Queensland conference was his field of operation, over which he presided since October, 1901. The conference is in a splendid condition and the work of the Lord is certainly spreading very nicely in that locality. There are two branch organizations, Brisbane and Toowoomba, and over 100 are enrolled in the two Sunday schools. The Elders are doing a good work. Sister Duckworth is the first and only lady missionary in Australia. She is doing a great and good work in allaying prejudice and correcting erroneous ideas concerning the women of Utah. The people of Australia as a general thing are very fair and hospitable to the Elders from Zion.

Elder John P. Stevens of Henefer, Summit county, was set apart July 23, 1901, and returned July 26, from the Australian mission. The conference of South Australia was his proselyting field, over which he presided the greater part of the time. He says the work in Australia was never in a more flourishing condition.

Elder Hyrum A. Andersen of Lehi, Utah county, returned July 23 from the Scandinavian mission, whither he was sent Jan. 25, 1902. The conferences of Trondheim, Norway and Aalborg, Denmark, were his fields of labor. In both of which he says the work of the Lord is progressing very nicely, and the Saints are as a rule feeling very much encouraged.

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No. 102—For Park City	8:15 a.m.
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No. 112—For Brigham	5:30 p.m.
No. 11—For Ogden and Local Points	6:05 p.m.
No. 4—For Denver and East	8:05 p.m.
No. 5—For Ogden and West	11:55 p.m.

ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY.

No. 6—From Ogden and the West	3:40 a.m.
No. 12—From Ogden and Local Points	10:25 a.m.
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