



CHURCH NEWS

FROM FAR AND NEAR

ting the Gospel message before the Catholic people, two of this city who were Roman Catholics, have, within the past eight months, cast their lots with the people of the Lord, and taken upon themselves the name of Latter-day Saints.

About 50 years ago there was a branch of the Church in this city that numbered about 60 members, but they all emigrated to the land of Zion, and left the city for a time without any Latter-day Saints at all.

We now have a fine little branch of the Church here, and the Saints here are trying to put faith and works together, that it may grow and increase.

During the time of the first branch, it was made known to its members by the Lord through the gift of tongues, that there would in some future time be a large branch of the Church established in this city.

We are all praying and working with the hope of some day seeing this promise realized, and the little branch which we now have increased and strengthened.

I feel that the work to this end has commenced, and as the Lord's promises never fail, the complete fulfillment of this promise will some day be realized in this city. The Protestants as a rule accept our literature.

We have at the present time some who are very interested, and are investigating the Gospel. The Saints here from the Elders very royally for which they have a claim upon the blessings of the Lord, which they are daily enjoying.

Although the larger part of the people are very bigoted, and have not met with much opposition or persecution.

Notwithstanding there are many halls for rent in this city, the Saints have to go to the homes of the people, as the people would rather see their halls stand for ages with the dust on the furniture undisturbed than rent them to the "Mormons."

At the present time I am the only traveling Elder in this city, as my companion, Elder J. Frank Allred, was obliged to leave on account of bad health, and my new companion, Elder Edwin Cox, has not arrived. I expect him to come from Belfast in about one week.

The "News" and Era are much enjoyed and appreciated by both Elders and Saints, and are doing good missionary work among our friends.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

An Interesting Meeting Enjoyed By Elders and Saints.

Elder G. Geary sends this report from Jackson, Mich., Sept. 16:

The Elders and some Saints of the Michigan conference met in semi-annual conference at Red Cross hall, 206 East Main street, Jackson, Sept. 12 and 13. Elder George A. Little presided. Elder Asahel H. Woodruff of the Northern States mission, and his secretary, German Ellisworth, were in attendance, and their presence was much enjoyed.

The first meeting convened at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, Elder Albert Nyman was the speaker, and spoke on the subject of the saints and the resurrection.

The next session, held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, was one of testimony. Elder Asahel H. Woodruff addressed the congregation on the love of God and obedience to the Gospel. Following him, Elders Willard Facer and George A. Little spoke on revelation and the resurrection.

The last public meeting of the conference convened at 7:30 p. m. The people were spiritually led by Elders J. H. Brown, on authority, and Arnold Christensen on the parable of the talents. At this juncture the Lord rendered "Nearer My God, to Thee." Elders S. W. Tanner in student from Ann Arbor and German Ellisworth were the last speakers. They dwelt on future existence and the manner of preaching the Gospel to all mankind, both dead and living.

The final meeting was that of Priesthood, which convened at 10 a. m. the following Monday. Elder Asahel H. Woodruff presented the general authorities, who were unanimously sustained. Elders Asahel H. Woodruff was sustained as president, and German Ellisworth as secretary of the Northern States mission, and Elders George A. Little as president and Edward G. Geary as secretary of the Michigan conference. The Elders, in number, were assigned to their fields of labor.

The following evening the Elders combined held an open air meeting on Liberty square, just opposite a Quaker medicine show. Our singing and speaking attracted the attention of many people, and when "Hail and the Mormons" was sung we had hundreds of people listening with wonderment.

The conference is in excellent condition. We have two Sunday schools, one at Sheridan, under the supervision of Brother James Fisher and Sisters Cara Hodges and Anna Graham, and the other

at Detroit, under the management of the Elders laboring there. The former has a membership of about 25, the majority of which are non-Mormon of the Church.

The last six months has made many changes in this part of the vineyard; many honest souls have embraced the Gospel, and thousands of people have been visited and warned of the judgments which are to be poured out upon the earth, and we have everything to encourage us in the discharge of our duties.

On the 3rd instant we were called to part with and mourn the loss of one of our dear sisters, Sister Emma R. Lane of 49 Stewart avenue, one who has suffered untold pain for the last four months with cancer and paralysis. She was baptized into the fold of Christ Sept. 3, 1902, at sunset, and passed away Sept. 3, 1903, at sunset. The funeral was held at the home Sept. 5 under the auspices of six of the Elders, who also acted as pallbearers.

The "News" and Era are great factors for good, and are missionaries in the hands of the people.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

ST. JOSEPH STAKE.

A Display of Fruit, a Feature of The Conference.

Thatcher, Ariz., Sept. 7.—Quarterly conference of the St. Joseph stake was held Sept. 5 and 6 in the Layton ward assembly hall. There were present on the stand of the Apostles, Rudger Clawson; of the First Council of Seventies, Elder Joseph W. McMurrin and O. P. Miller of the presiding Bishopric; the stake presidency and High Council. Elder Andrew Kimball who presided over the conference reported the general conditions as being favorable, both spiritual and temporal.

The greatest part of the time, except for Bishop's reports and presidents of organizations' report, was occupied by the visitors from Salt Lake City, and a rare spiritual treat was enjoyed. The topics were: "Reverence to Our Places of Worship," "Order in the Priesthood," "Keeping our Homes and Vicinity Clean and Orderly," "Home Industry," "Temperance and Virtue," and the "Necessity of Keeping our Young People Away from Mining Towns."

Elder W. T. Webb reported the move we are making in this stake to rid ourselves of the saloons; we are sanguine of success.

The Thatcher and Layton choirs furnished very beautiful music, which called forth a great deal of praise from our visitors and all present.

On Sunday a rare display of fruits was placed on the stand, products of our soil, which we believe could not be surpassed in any of the stakes of Zion.

We must not forget the valuable instructions to the Young Ladies of Sister Agnes Campbell of the general board of the Y. L. M. I. A. Her instructions were a source of encouragement and benefit to the young ladies and all who heard her speak.

M. I. A. convention was held Monday, 7th, in the L. D. S. academy, at which instructions regarding this year's Mutual Improvement work were given.

HORACE GARDNER, Stake Clerk.

ALBERTA STAKE.

A Well Attended Gathering in That Part of the Vineyard.

Cardston, Alberta, Sept. 3.—The quarterly conference of the Alberta stake was held at Magrath, Aug. 30 and 31. Stake President Elder Heber S. Allen, presided.

The following named brethren were present: President Joseph F. Smith, President Anthon H. Lund, Apostles John W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley and Reed Smoot; Stake Counselors Theodore Brandley and Edward J. Wood; Patriarchs Henry L. Hinman, John A. Wood and Charles O. Card.

All the Bishops were present and nearly if not every quorum and stake organization were represented. By 10 o'clock on Sunday morning the meetinghouse was so crowded that the Sunday school dispensed with the class exercises and the time was occupied by Presidents Smith and Lund and Apostles Taylor, Cowley and Smoot addressing the children.

In the afternoon the people assembled in such numbers that the meetinghouse could not contain them and an overflow meeting was held in the schoolhouse.

Stake President H. S. Allen reported the stake to be in a thriving condition; that the population is rapidly increasing; a telephone service has been secured and the railroad is extending toward the western settlements.

The Bishops gave very satisfactory reports to the effect that the people are peaceable and industrious and are paying their tithing.

The remainder of the afternoon was occupied by Presidents Smith and Lund, and Apostle Smoot, who briefly addressed the Saints, showing that God favored and prospered a people who were united and served Him.

The evening session was held under the auspices of the M. I. Association. Elder F. W. Kirkham and Sister Jenny

B. Knight presiding, who reported the associations to be doing an excellent work.

The other speakers were Presidents Smith and Lund, Bro. Hinckley, Sisters Eardley and Zina Y. Card; the latter had the Saints an affectionate farewell, as she, in connection with her family is about to depart for Logan, their former home, after a residence of 16 years in Cardston; she has been an indefatigable worker in aiding her well as she, in connection with her family is about to depart for Logan, their former home, after a residence of 16 years in Cardston; she has been an indefatigable worker in aiding her

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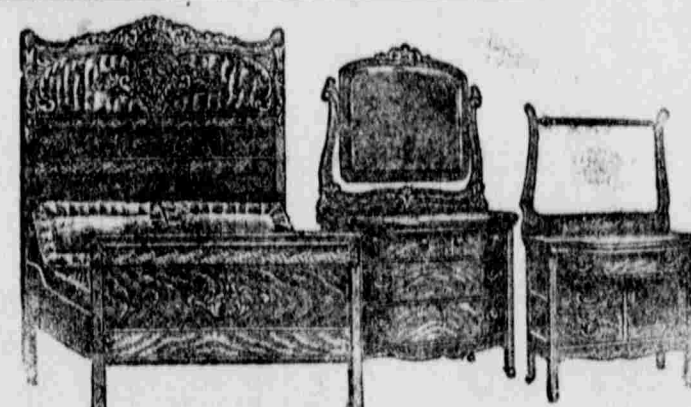
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counselor, President Wood had not chosen a second counselor.

For some time previous to the division of the stake there has been two sets of auxiliary organizations, the officers of which, with the other local authorities, except the High Councilors who were released, were unanimously sustained.

The prevailing theme of the discourse was love, love for the animal world, love for each other, and all love for God, the giver of all good gifts, of life and salvation.

The enjoyment of the conference was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing. The solos rendered by Sister Lamb of Magrath are worthy of special mention.

Being favored with the presence of so many of the leading authorities of the Church, the conference was one of the most enjoyable and interesting that has been held in Canada.

ERNEST A. LAW, Stake Clerk.

Kanab Stake Conference.

One of the busiest quarterly stake conferences of this stake was held in Kanab Sept. 5 and 6. There were conferences of the Seventies, and Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. conventions for those associations were held during Monday, the 7th, together with joint sessions at night. Elder J. G. Kimball and R. S. Wells of the First Council of Seventies, and Sister Fox as visitors traveling in the interest of the associations referred to, were present. New stake officers for the Y. L. M. I. A. were chosen. Those were: Sister Abigail Cox, Ella Carroll and Mary Chamberlain, with Kezia Ephraim as secretary. During all of the conference meetings held many valuable instructions were given in regard to magnifying our offices and callings honorably before the Lord. The spirit of education is growing very rapidly among the young people, which was spoken of as being very commendable. Notwithstanding the loss of our gain in this stake, the people feel to rejoice over the splendid hay and grain crops produced.

F. L. PORTER, Stake Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Andrew L. Rogers, of Snowflake, Arizona, reached this city Sept. 29, on his return from the German mission, in which field he has been laboring since April 18, 1901. He spent his

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