



GENEALOGY.

The many interesting incidents that occur in the tracing of family genealogy are multiplying constantly. The most trifling things sometimes lead to important finds in family lines. And this again proves the truth of the fact that man cannot weigh trifles, only God may measure their immensity. To illustrate this point, the following story is told. Some years ago, during the life of Elder Abraham H. Cannon, his friend, Mrs. Susan Young Gates, received a letter from a Mr. Charles C. Gates, a wealthy banker of Brooklyn, asking for some information in regard to the Utah branch of the Gates family. The letter head of the correspondence contained a number of names of gentlemen who were officers in the business conducted by Mr. C. O. Gates. Among these names was that of a Mr. Hoagland. Mrs. Gates asked Brother A. H. Cannon if his family had any record of his mother's line, as she sprang from a fine old Knickerbocker family of New York state. Brother Cannon replied that his father had once obtained the name of a Mr. Hoagland of New York City, but the address had been lost. Brother Cannon then wrote to the man whose name appeared on the Gates letterhead, and in less than a month he had in his possession a large book, containing a record of all the American Hoaglands, his own mother's name appearing in its proper place in this record.

The readers of this department are invited to address any question for this column to Wm. Willis, historian's office at 66 east, South Temple street; and such as are of public interest will be answered in this column of the Saturday evening "News."

QUERIES.

FOSTER, HUBBARD.

Mrs. Mary Gibbs Bigelow had maternal ancestors on the Foster and Hubbard branches of the New England families. These families are partially given in the history of Framingham, Mass.; are there any families in the Church related to these Fosters and Hubbards? Does any one know of work being done for them? If so, please communicate with Mrs. Leah D.

Widow, of Provo City. This lady wishes to take up these branches of her grandmother's work, and desires to avoid duplication of work.

The following names have been culled from English catalogues. The histories of these families may be obtained, through purchase, at the rooms of the Genealogical society, historian's office. Some of these books are already a part of the fine collection belonging to the society: Amherst Family History; Archer Family History; Ashton Family History; Ball Family History; Batt and Biley Family History; Beaver Family History; Bernard Family History; Blake Family History; Blythe Family History; Burns Family History; Cabot Family History; Chase Family History; Chester Family History; Dutton Family History; Douglass Family History; Evans Family History; Fitzgerald Family History; Gage Family History; Gibbs Family History; Guelph Family History; Hamilton Family History; Henzey Family History; Higgins Family History; Jernyn Family History; Jones Family History; Macdonald Family History; Moore Family History; Penkevill Family History; Radcliffe Family History; Russell Family History; Savary Family History; Wentworth Family History; Yarker Family History.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

Favorable Newspaper Comment and Interview—Viola Gillette Sings.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 20.—The Florida conference was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, and the pleasure and spiritual benefit of the gathering were enhanced by the presence and discourses of Elders George Albert Smith, B. H. Roberts and Ben E. Rich. These brethren were warmly welcomed to

Florida by the elders and saints, and the morning and evening newspapers of Jacksonville, for several days prior to the conference, widely advertised the coming of these brethren. These papers, too, secured lengthy interviews with Elders Smith and Roberts, and printed them, and as these interviews explained Mormon doctrine, and also defined the position of the Church on the social and economic questions uppermost in the public mind, a true and authoritative definition of Mormonism was thus placed before thousands of the people in Florida and adjoining states.

The only public meeting of the conference was held in the Jacksonville meetinghouse Tuesday evening. The building was filled with a large and representative congregation. The members of the Y. L. M. I. A. had decorated the pulpit stand with beautiful roses and other flowers. A well trained choir furnished excellent singing; the church had been recently carpeted and provided with electric lights and a handsome set of pulpit chairs added to the general appearance of comfort, all of which led Elder Roberts, when he arose to address the meeting, to exclaim, "This is Utah." The above named improvements had been installed at the expense of the local members of the Church.

President Rich eulogized the people of the south for the hospitality extended to the elders and then introduced Elder B. H. Roberts to the congregation. After paying an eloquent tribute to the chivalry, religious fervor and generosity of the southern people, Elder Roberts delivered an impressive discourse, taking for his text "What think ye of Christ." He declared that it was essential to salvation to teach and believe in the divinity of Jesus. Jesus Christ was divine and God manifest in the flesh. He was a spirit united to an immortal body of flesh and bone, in the express image of His Father. Thus He ascended into heaven and in like manner He will come again. Elder George Albert Smith was the last speaker. Elder Smith admonished the people to revere the flag, and to be loyal to the republic and its institutions. He discoursed in a most interesting and instructive manner on the Book of Mormon. The speaker traced the fulfillment of the prophecies contained in the ancient record and showed how some of them pointed to, and their fulfillment was realized

in the events which brought about the destruction of monarchical rule on this hemisphere. The Book of Mormon and the American volume of Scripture and it was now translated into 14 different languages. The sale of this divine record reached into the thousands and it was daily increasing. During the conference three priesthood meetings were held at which the elders were given strict and timely counsel and instruction. The work of the Lord in this mission has been greatly strengthened by the visit and teachings of our brethren from Utah.

Viola Pratt Gillette, the prima donna contralto of the Viola Gillette Opera company, which was playing "The Girl and the Band" in Jacksonville, sang the hymn "O My Father" at the conference. She has a beautiful voice and her splendid contribution to the musical exercises of the conference was very much appreciated and favorably commented upon. The lady is a niece of Pres. Rich and is known as the Mormon actress.

The writer showed the Christmas edition of the "News" to newspaper men of this city and they pronounced it a fine specimen of newspaper triumph, especially from the standpoint of mechanical and artistic excellence, and much superior to anything of the kind produced in Florida. This handsome edition appealed to business men and newspaper men as one of the strongest refutations of the charge of ignorance and non-progressiveness made against the Mormon Church.

Pres. C. A. CALLIS.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 24.—The Mississippi conference was held at Meridian, Dec. 21, 22 and 23, under the direction of President William Lester. Thirty-two elders who are laboring in this state, and Elder George A. Smith of the quorum of the Twelve, Elder B. H. Roberts and Pres. Ben E. Rich were also present. Friday was devoted to priesthood meeting and the brethren instructed the elders in the line of their duty.

Five successful public meetings were held, all the elders bore strong testimonies to the truth of the gospel. The elders were assigned their fields of labor and started two by two as the apostles of old rejoicing in the work they have been called to.

The conference was a prosperous condition, 144 persons have been led down into the waters and baptized in this conference in the year. All the elders and saints express a desire to do their part in rolling on this grand work we are engaged in.

WM. LESTER, President.

Geo. S. KEDDINGTON, Secy.

IN LAND OF BOG AND SHAMROCK.

41 Cromwell Road, Belfast, Ireland, the land of the "bog and the shamrock," is a very pretty country, with a nice even climate, mild winters, and pleasant summers. Lawns and pastures are green the year round. This island is thickly populated, there being over 4,000,000 people in an area of 32,000 square miles.

Ireland can't be beaten for fine horses,

cattle, sheep and swine. The international exhibition, to be held in the Irish capital commencing next May, and running till September, promises to be a great thing. The chief industries here are ship-building, linen spinning, brewing and distilling. Guinness' brewery in Dublin is the largest in the world. Its products are shipped to every point of the compass. Irish linens are said to be the best made.

The people here, like many in other countries, are groaning under the curse of alcoholism, men, women and children must have their grog, even if they have to go without food and clothing.

There are 14 elders laboring in this conference. Baptisms are not as numerous as we would like. About thirty-five persons have accepted that ordinance during the last eighteen months. This is a Protestant city, and most of our converts are made here. We have a branch of German saints in Dublin, with four elders laboring there.

The capital city is a Catholic stronghold; hence very few of her people ever accept the truth. I think conditions are more favorable for the spread of truth than heretofore. We were not permitted to hold street meetings in Dublin until last summer. Now we have police protection at all open air meetings. Eighteen months ago the elders were refused a permission to preach. The conference headquarters have been changed from No. 9 Pakenham street, to 41 Cromwell Road, Belfast.

JOSEPH S. PIPE.

BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE.

The Birmingham semi-annual conference was held Sunday, Dec. 2, 1906, in the Handsworth assembly rooms, Wretham road, Handsworth, England. There were present Presidents Henry J. Grant and Charles W. Penrose of the European mission, President William A. Noble and 19 traveling elders of the Birmingham conference. At the morning session President Noble welcomed all to the conference. He presented the general and local authorities of the Church, who were unanimously sustained; also read the statistical and labor report.

Elders William Lindsay and Geo. Hilton expressed their gratitude for being able to meet with the saints in conference, and bore testimony to the truthfulness of the gospel.

President Grant then spoke at some length on the necessity of coupling works with faith, and was followed by President Penrose, who explained in a very lucid manner the law of tithing.

At the afternoon session Elder Moses L. Holbrook exhorted all to diligence and bore strong testimony to the divine mission of Joseph Smith.

President Grant occupied the remainder of the time, speaking very forcibly on the necessity for Divine authority to enable men to preach the gospel and administer in its ordinances. He also spoke of the necessity of obedience. Explained the restoration of the gospel to earth through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

At the evening session President William A. Noble spoke on the necessity of obeying all the laws of the

gospel, of obtaining and keeping with us that Spirit that is to guide us into all truth. Bore testimony to the divinity of this latter-day work. President Penrose then spoke on the need of continuous revelation and the fulfillment of ancient Scripture in the coming forth of the gospel in this day. He showed plainly that the Zion of the latter days was to be established in the tops of the mountains. Spoke also of the doctrine of salvation for the dead.

During the conference solos were rendered by President Grant, Bro. Henry Taylor, Sisters Nellie T. Lloyd and Winnifred Greenham. The Holy Spirit was present and rested upon the speakers so that their teachings were edifying.

On Saturday evening President Grant and President Penrose met with the elders in priesthood meeting, and gave valuable instructions pertaining to their work.

MOSES L. HOLBROOK.

—Millennial Star.

TOOELE STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Tooele stake of Zion was held at Tooele ward, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15, 16, 1906. President Hugh S. Gowans presiding.

Eight out of nine wards of the stake were represented by their bishops, each of whom reported his ward in good condition.

Each organization of the priesthood, and all the auxiliary organizations of the stake except one, were represented by their presiding officers, all being in good condition.

Elder Charles A. Orme of the stake presidency, reported the stake in a general way to be in good condition. A spirit of unity being manifest in all stake and ward associations.

The general authorities of the Church and of the Tooele stake were present and sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference. Some changes were made in the corps of officers of the Y. M. M. I. and Religion class associations.

Elder Orson F. Whitney of the quorum of the apostles was present, and addressed the conference at each of its four meetings. His remarks were along the line of the organization of the earth, by God the Father, out of the materials that were, so that the spirits of the children of God could partake of mortal bodies, and prove themselves in their second estate, to see if they would do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them.

The Lord will carry His work triumphantly in the earth, said the speaker. Every means possible will be used by the Lord, in bringing the gospel before the children of men in the world, not only by the elders preaching, but by song, by poetry, by art, science and philosophy, so that all, the poor and the rich, those in the higher and those in the humbler walks of life shall hear it and none shall be left without excuse in the great and last day of the Lord, when He will call all men to stand before

Him, to give an account of their works, etc.

All of the meetings except the Sunday school session, were held in the ward meetinghouse and were well attended by the saints from Tooele and adjoining wards. A good spirit prevailed.

The singing by the Tooele ward choir, under the direction of Bro. Alfred M. Nelson, was appropriate and sweetly rendered, and tended much to enliven the meetings of the conference.

JOHN W. TATE.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder Jesse N. Perkins of Taylor, Ariz., arrived home Dec. 10 from the Central States mission, whither he was sent Oct. 13, 1904. The East Kansas conference was his field of labor.

Elder Davin A. Gillies of Vineyard, Utah county, passed through this city Dec. 26, on his return from South Carolina, in the Southern States mission where he has been proselyting since Nov. 15, 1904.

Elder Daniel R. Merrill of Mill Creek, Salt Lake county, returned Dec. 27 from the Central States mission, for which he was sent Sept. 24, 1904. The Louisiana conference was his field of labor.

Elder Arthur W. Anderson of Emery, Emery county, passed through this city Dec. 28, on his return from the Southern States mission, for which he was sent Sept. 13, 1904. The North Carolina conference was his field of labor.

Elder Jacob Alonzo Paton of Preston, Onea county, Idaho, arrived in this city Dec. 28, on his return from the Southern States mission, for which he was sent Sept. 13, 1904. The Alabama conference was his field of labor.

Elder William A. Crowther, of Rigby, Idaho, passed through this city Dec. 29, on his way home from the Northwestern States mission, whither he was sent March 28, 1905. The Portland, Or., Tacoma, Wash., Vancouver, B. C., and Boise, Idaho, conferences were his fields of labor, presiding at times over the last three conferences.

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