

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



THE MISSIONARY FIELDS

Brooklyn Conference.
Brooklyn, April 11, 1900.

To the Editor:
Perhaps a few items from the Brooklyn conference will contribute to the interest of the "Church Intelligence" department of your paper.

We are pleased to note that the work of the Lord is progressing nicely in this part of the Kingdom. The wall of prejudice is being torn down and a change is coming over the hearts of the people. Many whose opinions of "Mormonism" were based upon a gross misapprehension of the facts in the case, have been tolerant enough to allow the light of truth to pierce the misty horizon, and the result is enemies have been converted into warm friends. Stony indifference to the mission of Joseph the Prophet on the part of many intelligent people, is supplanted by a desire to know more of the mighty work he inaugurated. The cold courtesy which has marked the reception of the Elders by the higher classes in the past is giving way to a more genial spirit. As a rule the metropolitan press seems disposed to treat us fairly and express a willingness to publish anything in our defense we may see fit to send them.

The mayor and city officials of Greater New York have this spring extended to the Elders every courtesy that could be asked for, readily granting them permits for street preaching during the warm weather. Ample police protection is promised if any needed, and the conditions seem particularly propitious for effective labor to be performed during the coming summer.

Owing to the release of President J. Z. Stewart and one of his counselors, E. M. Tyson, March 15th, a complete reorganization of the conference became necessary. Accordingly Sunday, the 18th of March, at a regular Elders' meeting held in Amphion Academy, under the direction of Elder E. H. Snow, representing the mission presidency, the following organization was effected: Elder J. H. Garrett, who had served faithfully as first counselor to both President J. Z. Stewart and J. M. Caldwell, was chosen president of the conference. Elders William J. Snow and E. D. Whiting were sustained as first and second counselors respectively.

The changes occasioned the necessity for a general readjustment of matters throughout the conference. The release of E. M. Tyson made vacant the office of president in the M. I. A. at Newark, New Jersey, which office Elder Tyson had creditably held since the inception of the association last summer. The Brooklyn Sunday school, too, through the choice of Elder J. H. Garrett as president of the conference, lost an energetic, able superintendent. Regarding the importance of these adjustments in disseminating the truths of the Gospel, the conference presidency immediately reorganized them.

Friday evening, March 23rd, at a meeting called for the purpose and held at the house of a friend and Gospel investigator in Newark, the following officers were chosen to manipulate the mutual work in that city: Elder Joseph D. Cox, president of association, with Miss Nellie Green and Miss Anna Benider first and second counselors respectively; Miss Jessie Lull secretary, and Miss Mary Benider organist. It is worthy of note that the members of this association, though not belonging to the Church, have hired a room in which to hold the meetings, and in many other ways have rendered valuable assistance. We have many friends who are now putting forth efforts to ally prejudice against our people and to defend the principles of truth which they teach.

Sunday, March 25th, at regular services of Sabbath school in Amphion hall, Elder J. F. Smith was elected superintendent of the school, and George F. Whitehead and Roy S. Cowan were elected his assistants. Thus the machinery of the Brooklyn conference is again running smoothly, and it is confidently expected that much good will result from the efforts put forth this season.

Let us now present a few incidents bearing out the general statements pre-

facing this article. Geographically speaking the Brooklyn conference is divided off into three sections or divisions. These are: First, Long Island City and all suburban towns east to Montauk Point; second, Manhattan Island, which embraces New York proper; third, State of New Jersey comprehending Newark, Jersey City, Elizabeth Trenton and Camden.

It is thus seen that the Brooklyn conference covers an extensive territory and represents a vast number of people—probably six millions. A working force of only nine Elders is at present trying to extend Gospel privileges to this great concourse. We certainly

are by many kindly expressions after meeting. The two leading papers of the city came out next morning with a very good synopsis of the lecture.

The success of this meeting again aroused the ire of the ungodly, and the hall we had secured was refused us on the ground that public sentiment was against us. But bigotry was not to conquer this time. The Lord opened the way and another hall more conveniently located and more nicely furnished was secured at a cheaper rate. Another lecture was advertised for last Sunday evening, April 8th.

At the appointed time a very respectable congregation had assembled. Elder Geo. F. Whitehead and Colonel Willard Young occupied the time to the apparent satisfaction of all present. The theme treated was the Loyalty and Patriotism of the "Mormon" people evidenced throughout all their persecutions and trials. Colonel Young explained from experience, Utah's part in the late Spanish-American war. At the close of the service congratulations and friendly expressions were heard on all sides from strangers as well as friends.

Honorable mention should be made

WHAT WILL DR. MCGIFFERT DO NOW?



Interest is daily manifested in the plans of the Rev. Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, who has just resigned from the Presbyterian church. It is stated on good authority that he will enter the Congregational church, and many are wondering whether or not he will accept a charge in that denomination, and whether he intends withdrawing from the Union Theological Seminary, where he holds a professorship.

need more help. A wide field offers itself to earnest workers.

At Ocean Side a Sunday school, supported and offered by local Saints, is in thriving condition. One or more of the Elders meet with the Saints there each Sunday in their Sunday school and meetings and assist and encourage them all they can. Quite a large number of friends have been made in the various towns of Long Island and these welcome the Elders whenever they call.

Our Sabbath school and meeting held in Brooklyn are pretty well attended and we hope to increase our numbers greatly in the near future. Our Sunday evening lectures have been reported fairly by a number of leading papers. Among them honorable mention should be made of the New York World, the Brooklyn Eagle, the Brooklyn Times and the New York Times.

At Newark a great deal of good is being accomplished. Many years ago about fifty people joined the Church there and most of them emigrated. In the fall of 1893 active work again commenced there. Last summer meetings were held on the streets. The crowds who stopped to listen were usually courteous and attentive. Quite a number of friends have been raised up and some of them seem to be really earnest and sincere in their investigations. Four Elders are laboring there at present and as many as sixty families have opened up their homes to them and are willing and anxious to hear the message of peace that they bear.

A hall has been secured and a series of evening lectures have been inaugurated. In this latter movement, we encountered some opposition. This seems ever to be the case when good results begin to follow the efforts of the Elders. In this instance, seeing that the principles of eternal life were meeting with a response from some of the honest-hearted, sought to forestall the expected meetings by prejudicing the people to the degree that they would not rent us a hall. Unfiring and determined effort, however, was crowned with success, and the first lecture was given March 25th by Counselor E. H. Snow of the mission presidency. The subject, "Utah and Her People," was treated in an able manner and left excellent impressions upon the minds of the appreciative and attentive audience, who gave evidence of their pleas-

ure of Brother Hugh W. Douglall, who furnished the music at both these lectures. He is taking vocal training in New York and very considerably gives to us the value of his experience in assisting us with our singing. His beautiful solo very greatly enhanced the interest in these meetings at Newark.

Neither must we omit to give expression to our appreciation of Brother R. C. Easton, whose magnificent organ solo was in constant training in New York, is heard every Sunday in our services at the Amphion. Brother Easton ranks as one of the greatest singers of the day and his talents are recognized in the East as well as at home in the West.

To show the high esteem in which the conference holds Elders J. Z. Stewart and E. M. Tyson, and to extend best wishes for their journey home, a musical entertainment was given last Thursday evening, April 6th, in the Amphion Hall. Brother Hugh W. Douglall and company presented a musical dramatic sketch and Prof. Easton rendered artistically several solos. An informal sociable followed the program and all had a time of rejoicing together.

The absence of Sister W. H. Smart, who so loyally supported the work in the Brooklyn conference the past winter, is noted and very much regretted. We feel sure we voice the sentiments of all the Elders in the Eastern States mission, when we say, "God bless sister Smart and her worthy husband, Elder Wm. H. Smart." Brother and Sister A. F. Burton have also recently left for Zion. They have been faithful workers and will be greatly missed.

A half dozen more efficient Elders in the Brooklyn conference alone is at present an urgent necessity. The "News" is an agent for good and proves one of our most potent factors in breaking down prejudice. In connection with our standard Church works it has lately been placed in the leading libraries of the Brooklyn conference. Your brave and able defense of the people of God, against the disreputable attacks of a despicable class of pharisaical persecutors, is commending itself to the hearts of the people. The truth from the house top, is the prayer of, your brethren in the cause of truth, J. H. GARRETT, WILLIAM J. SNOW, E. D. WHITING.

In the Southern States Mission.

Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio, April 14, 1900.

To the Editor:
I and my companion, Elder Ell Lee, of Idaho, went anxiously every week for the "News." It always has our first consideration. We feel its benefits wherever it is circulated among the people.

It is six months since I left my mountain home to perform missionary labor in the Southern States. I was assigned to labor in the Ohio conference. This part of the Lord's vineyard is in a pretty good condition, considering the prejudices that exist among the people. We have a few investigators who are trying to search out the truth. The people of this part are mostly Catholics and Methodists, and it is hard to get a hearing. I desire to thank God that I am counted worthy of this call, and hope to do all I can for the furtherance of the cause.

JOHN W. BENTLEY.

In the European Mission.

(Millennial Star.)

Releases and Appointment.—Elder Wm. E. Purdy has been transferred from Leeds to the London conference. Elder Frank D. Strong of the Birmingham conference has been honorably released on account of ill health, to return by s. s. Anchorage from Glasgow, April 5, 1900.

Elder Jas. W. Lesueur has been honorably released on request per cablegram from President Lorenzo Snow. The message stated that his brother Frank had been killed by outlaws. Elder Lesueur has been laboring in the British mission for nearly 26 months, having landed February 11, 1898. He has been laboring of late in the Channel Islands. He will sail from Southampton April 7, on the s. s. New York.

In the Field.

De Fumok, April 4, 1900.

To the Editor:

I have just perused your valuable paper. The "News" is a mighty helper in spreading the glad tidings of great joy. It also keeps us abreast with the times in far off Utah. I imagine that Elders going home before we used to get this valuable paper were "Rip Van Winkles" regarding what had transpired since they had their home good-byes.

Many and varied have been my experiences since I left home to tell the people of the South why I am a "Mormon." I have met with many difficulties, but I believe that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God. Money could not buy the many valuable lessons twenty-one months away from home have taught me. I was sent to Alabama and then to Florida. Elder Phelps and I traveled together canvassing in this State and made many friends. We were loathe to leave.

Not long since Elder Butler, of Tunica, and myself took a ride over the Choctawhatchee bay. As we went bounding over the rolling waves we almost unconsciously sang "O ye Mountains High" and Elder Butler remarked that he almost wished we would get sea sick so we could tell how it felt.

The sea had no charms for a Utah "Mormon" boy or man, unless he is made up of different material from us. It was a sight to us on arriving at Pensacola. Steamers, sail vessels of all kinds and descriptions met our gaze. We visited the docks and went aboard some of the largest vessels.

Of late we have been holding branch conferences with the Elders. Everything is in "apple pie" order. The Elders are all well and feel encouraged. They report more investigators than ever before. Some of them have been in the counties three months and have never had to ask for entertainment once. I myself have had money given to me many times by which to reach my wanted destination.

I have been away from home almost twenty-two months and have never gone hungry, and have had a good bed every night. Of course we are opposed many times and cast out of the churches, but it only helps our work.

We were holding a series of meetings last week, during which a traveling evangelist wanted to debate with us. We told him we would not debate, but if he desired we would give him time to explain his way to be saved, and then we would give our version of what the "old time religion" was and what it should be now. He consented and met with many spectators. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ was all that was necessary is his plan. He said he wanted a broad religion etc.

The weather is lovely, grass is growing and spring has commenced her reign. We have had much fruit in Florida this year if we have no more frost.

The Gospel is spreading. The soldiers under the flag of the Lord Jesus Christ are bravely charging the breast work of error. The "little stone" is rolling and growing in size and speed.

In conclusion, allow me to tell you for each Elder in the South Alabama conference, that we appreciate the "News" and read with joy your many and brave answers to many of the attacks on our people. Success to you and God bless your efforts!

W. H. BOYLE,

Bridge Creek, Fla.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Juab Stake.

To the Editor:

The quarterly conference of the Juab Stake was held in the Nephi tabernacle on Saturday and Sunday, the 14th and 15th of April. Present on the stand were Elder A. H. Lund, of the Council of Apostles, Elder Joseph W. McMurrin, of the First Council of Seventies, Stake presidency, High Counselors, Patriarchs and Bishops of the wards. Elder Paxman said he was sorry so few were present. He reported that the wards were in good condition. On account of the smallpox some of the ward meetings and Sunday schools had been closed for a season.

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"I wish I knew what was the matter with me, my cheeks are so pale, my lips so white, my muscles so weak, and my nerves seem to be all unstrung. I am just about as tired and depressed in the morning as I am at night. If I could only get some rest, but sleep seems to do me no good."

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Elder McMurrin said he was pleased to meet with the Saints in the Juab Stake. He was pleased to see some of the Elders present who labored with him in the British mission. Elder A. H. Lund admonished the people to rely upon the Lord.

Elders David Cayer and John Adams bore their testimonies. Elder Thomas Bailey reported the Religion classes of the Stake in good order. Elder McMurrin said we live in a day of revelation in which God reveals His secrets unto His Prophets.

Elder A. H. Lund dwelt upon the temptations of the Savior, and said that he should resist it. He spoke of the religion classes and thought they should be established in every ward. The General and Stake authorities were present and sustained. Elder A. H. Lund then spoke on the restoration.

The Y. M. M. I. association held meetings on Saturday and Sunday evenings. There was Sunday school on Sunday morning. Thanksgiving was offered to the Lord for the recent rains and snow, so timely sent during the conference.

THOMAS BAILEY, Clerk.

Emery Stake.

To the Editor:

The quarterly conference of the Emery Stake convened at Price this morning, with Stake President R. G. Miller, presiding. Elder George Tisdale, of the Council of Apostles, and Elder Rulon S. Wells, of the First Council of Seventies, are in attendance. Both Apostle Tisdale and Rulon S. Wells were present at Sunday school.

During the conference, the two Bishops were called upon to give reports of their wards, and some good and timely instructions were given the Saints, pertaining to living the lives of holiness and righteousness. Several of the Bishops were called upon to give reports of their wards, and some good and timely instructions were given the Saints, pertaining to living the lives of holiness and righteousness. Several of the Bishops were called upon to give reports of their wards, and some good and timely instructions were given the Saints, pertaining to living the lives of holiness and righteousness.

Elder Miller suggested to the Bishops of the various wards, that they appoint a committee large enough to attend to getting up and furnishing entertainments, in their wards, the proceeds of which should go into a general fund, to be used for supplying the needs of the various associations in the ward, with books and such other things as they need from time to time.

Elder Tisdale thought the plan a good one, and felt to endorse it. He encouraged the Priesthood to be alive to their duties and to perform the same. Elder Rulon S. Wells spoke chiefly to the Seventies present, and asked them to be prepared for any call that might be made upon them.

Conference is well attended, the town hall was crowded this afternoon, many having to stand.

Mutual Improvement associations will hold their conference this evening. The visitors are being well cared for by the people of Price.

ROBERT HOWARD.

Utah Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Utah Stake of Zion was held in the Stake tabernacle on Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 1900. On Saturday there were present on the stand Elders F. M. Lyman, Heber J. Grant, Rudger Clawson and Reed Smoot, of the Council of Apostles; Elder Edward Partridge and David John, of the Stake presidency; fourteen of the High Council, and alternates; three Patriarchs; Elder Ira N. Hinckley, president of Millard Stake; four presidents of Seventies; ten Bishops and other brethren of the Priesthood of the Stake.

After the usual opening exercises Elder Edward Partridge reported the condition of the Stake. The people and the various organizations were generally prosperous and united. The

titling of the Stake had increased in the last four years very nearly 100 per cent, which, he said, was very satisfactory, although there are too many non-tithe-payers yet, and very many who only partially pay their tithe. He said his second counselor, Bro. Reed Smoot, had recently been called to be a member of the Council of Apostles, and it gave him great pleasure in knowing that he is worthy of the position; he spoke very complimentary of Bro. Smoot's energy and faithfulness in performing all duties required of him in the past.

The other speakers on Saturday were Elders Ira N. Hinckley, F. M. Lyman, Reuben S. Collett, of Uintah Stake; Elders Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot and Heber J. Grant, each of whom spoke with power and earnestness upon timely and interesting subjects, giving much good instruction and counsel to the Saints, and encouraging them to faithfulness in all their duties.

On Sunday, April 15, there was a large assembly of the Saints of the Stake. The speakers during the two meetings were: Elders David John, Heber J. Grant, President Woolly, of Kanab Stake; Elder Stephen L. Chipman, Elders Rudger Clawson and Reed Smoot. A most excellent spirit of unity and harmony prevailed, and the Saints truly rejoiced in the timely teachings and instructions given by the brethren, and in sustaining those who are called to act in responsible positions, both the general authorities, as well as the Stake officers.

During the afternoon meeting the general Church and Stake authorities were present, and unanimously sustained. The conference, the two meetings were: Elders David John, Heber J. Grant, President Woolly, of Kanab Stake; Elder Stephen L. Chipman, Elders Rudger Clawson and Reed Smoot. A most excellent spirit of unity and harmony prevailed, and the Saints truly rejoiced in the timely teachings and instructions given by the brethren, and in sustaining those who are called to act in responsible positions, both the general authorities, as well as the Stake officers.

Elder James H. Clark, of American Fork, was sustained as an alternate to the High Council. Elder B. S. Hinckley, president of the Y. M. M. I. A. of the Stake, having removed to Salt Lake City, was honorably released and Elder John D. Dixon was sustained to fill the vacancy, and Elders Heber J. Grant and Josiah E. Hickman as his counselors.

Elder Heber J. Grant spoke of the labors of Elder B. S. Hinckley as being very praiseworthy and successful. During the conference, the Stake choir rendered some beautiful selections, which elicited the compliments of the brethren during their speaking. Sunday evening the young men held their conference, at which the usual good instructions and counsel were given.

J. W. BEAN, Acting Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder J. M. Workman of Parker, Idaho, called at the News office this week and reported his return from Oregon. He has labored as a missionary there, first in Portland and vicinity, and then in the Baker conference, in the eastern part of the State. He was set apart on the 16th of November, 1899. He reports having met with much success in the mission. The Elders are doing a good work there.

Elder Joseph D. Page, of Baker, Idaho, returned on the 14th of this month from South Alabama, where he has been engaged in missionary labor for some time past. He was set apart on the 12th of October, 1899, and was released owing to failing health. But for that he enjoyed his labors on the missionary field.

Elder J. T. Heninger Jr. writes from Ogden, Utah, under date of April 9th, that he was set apart on June 18th, 1897, for a mission to the Southern States. On arriving in Chattanooga he was assigned to labor in the Florida conference, where he traveled till October 12th, 1899, at which time he was transferred to the Virginia conference, where he spent about four months gathering up the genealogies of his

ancestry. On Jan. 15th, 1900, he was released to return home. He says he enjoyed his labors very much. The Elders in Florida and southern Georgia (which is comprised in the Florida conference) are doing a noble work, the result of which has made the Florida conference one of the most flourishing conferences in the South. He received very kind and generous treatment from the people of Florida and there will ever be, he says, an oasis or green spot in his heart for them.

Elder C. H. Rasmussen, of Sanford, Cal., was set apart on the 8th of May, 1895, to fill a mission to the Northern States. He labored in the Iowa conference, where he says he enjoyed his labors very much. He returned home on the 10th of this month. He says he enjoyed good health and had many blessings from the Lord while on his mission.

Elder Benjamin Walker of Linden, Utah county, was set apart on the 13th of December, 1897, for missionary work, and he returned home on the 18th of this month. He labored in Virginia at the time, except one month, which he spent in visiting friends in Michigan. He says he met with splendid success and had a good time.

Elder E. D. Fullmer in a letter, dated Mayfield, Utah Co., April 18, writes that he was set apart on the 10th of June, 1898, to a mission in the Southern States, and departed for Chattanooga the 16th. On arriving at Chattanooga he was assigned to the Kentucky conference. He labored one year as a canvassing Elder, then as a visiting Elder, and counselor to Elder Price the remainder of the mission. He was released to return home on April 1st, and he returned on the 4th. Before leaving the South he had the privilege of visiting some of his relatives in Virginia. He obtained some valuable genealogical data. He says he had general satisfaction and joy in his labors. He found the people of Kentucky very hospitable as a rule, but there was much indifference regarding the Gospel. He enjoyed good health the whole time while in the South.

The "News," he says, is a great factor in the missionary field, and highly prized by the Elders.

Elder R. E. Baird, of Baker City, Oregon, writes the "News" under date of April 13, that he has just received his release from a mission to the Northern States. He was set apart on the 26th of May, 1898, and labored in Montana seventeen months in the Billings conference, after which he was appointed to labor in Oregon, in the Portland conference. The work in this part of the system is progressing nicely. He says he is making rapid progress in this part of the system. He has been baptized within the last month. Elder Baird says he has experienced much joy in the work, and has been blessed with many strong testimonies of the truth.

Elder Scott W. Anderson, of Salt Lake City, was set apart on the 16th of Nov. 1897, for a mission to Australia. On his arrival there he was assigned to his mission. He returned home on the 9th of this month, and reports that the work in the part of the Northern States is progressing nicely. He visited in England, and met with much success. He says he has experienced much joy in the work, and has been blessed with many strong testimonies of the truth.

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