

CHURCH MISSIONARY

MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE.

Elders and Saints Build Church And Celebrate Fourth.

Robison, Indiana, July 8.—At the Latter-day Saints church at Clifty, Indiana, a fitting celebration of the Fourth of July was held. There were present on that occasion over 200 people, some of whom had come 20 miles to attend the celebration. The program commenced at 10 a. m. by the audience singing "America," and "The Star Spangled Banner." Elder George E. Manwaring delivered the oration, after which a rousing good program consisting of 23 numbers, including music, stump-speeches, songs, select readings and recitations, was rendered in a pleasing manner. There were present of the Indiana Elders, President William Cheney, C. S. Love, T. H. Wilde, W. B. Martin, Wilhelm Korvalis, T. J. Gregory, H. B. Pack, Wilford Walker, C. Smith and the writer, all of whom took an active part in the program.

After the meeting the people divided up into groups, some in the church and others gathering under the trees, and the next two hours were spent in emptying the well filled lunch baskets, which had been furnished for the occasion. In the meantime a shower which had been brewing, hurried into the church again, where an impromptu program, consisting of 15 numbers, was rendered and the time passed off swiftly and pleasantly. The afternoon was spent in running races, tugs of war, wrestling matches, etc., and nearly 100 prizes were distributed to those participating therein. One of the main features was a game of baseball between the Elders and the local fans which resulted in a victory for the former, the score being 27 to 17.

It was conceded by all who attended that it was the best celebration that had ever been held in this "neck of the woods."

One year ago there were but 15 Church members here, living in a scattered condition with no house of worship to meet in, and few opportunities of hearing the Gospel as taught by the Elders. A conference was held here in September which was well attended. Twenty Elders laboring in the state were present and their united testimonies made an impression on the people that will not be removed for years to come. The interest manifested was so great that 17 meetings were held in the city, and about 100 people were converted. At the close of the conference a mass meeting was held and it was decided then to erect a meetinghouse. The Elders pledged themselves to raise one-fifth of the necessary cash and furnish the carpenters to do the work. Nov. 1 all the lumber used in the construction of the building stood in the woods; five months later we were holding meetings in the completed building. Our average attendance at meeting is about 65 and we have an enrollment of 35 in the Sunday school. While in a scattered condition, the people are taking into consideration, this is indeed a good showing. So hilly and densely wooded is the country that from where the church is located not more than two houses can be seen at one time. When our Elders came here in the spring of 1904, there were no Sunday schools in operation and very few meetings were being held in this neighborhood. The churches were being neglected and were fast falling into decay because they had no regular minister, being visited only once in a while by one or two traveling preachers who were content to take the few cents that were raised by the people for them. Conditions have changed now and there is such a religious activity that the work is awakening. "Mormons" and "Mormonism" are the main subjects in convention and we are becoming known far and wide. No Sunday schools and a singing class have been started and two sectarian preachers are now stationed here, all for the express purpose of rooting us out and branch. There have been made openly that our opponents intend to sweep us out of the state, and in order to accomplish their purpose, these opponents of righteousness (?) have resorted to vilification and abuse in order to arouse public opinion and prejudice. The usual results have followed this opposition. Instead of injuring us and causing people to turn against us, they have injured themselves.

"For evil, poison, malice, shafts, like boomerangs return. Inflicting wounds that will not heal 'While hate and anger burn."

"Thinking people turn from them in disgust and condemn them for abusing a people who are striving to be righteous. Day by day they are losing ground while we are steadily advancing and gaining the confidence and respect of the people. We have at present a membership of 40 here and the prospect for baptisms this summer are very good.

"During the month of June 18 we received into the Church 11 converts. The Elders are united and are all, without an exception, working hard to spread the truth wherever they go.

"The 'News' is a welcome visitor and is eagerly read by Saints and friends.

GEORGE E. MANWARING.

NOTES FROM KENTUCKY.

Church Member Writes of Visit of Elders.

Lawport, Hancock Co., Ky., July 5.—Some three weeks ago we were blessed with a visit from Elders B. L. Peterson and Thomas N. Kerby from Missouri, Indiana who came over and visited us. They are the first Elders we have seen for over three years. They held both public and private meetings here at my place and at some of the homes of other Church members in this neighborhood. We invited many of our friends and held several good meetings. Before they left us we had the Elders promise to return again on July 15 and spend a full day with us, meantime we would invite in the surrounding Saints and neighbors and hold several meetings.

Early last Saturday morning the Elders came again. We had our meetings as arranged, and Saturday evening the house was filled to its utmost with Saints and friends. Three other good meetings were held on Sunday, all well attended. One was a sacrament and testimony meeting where all enjoyed a rich outpouring of the spirit of the Lord. The Elders left us last Monday morning



she lived—in Armory. Very strong faith was characteristic in her almost from the beginning of her investigation.

For thirteen years this lady had been crippled with rheumatism, her whole body being affected. During the greater portion of this time she was in invalid, and unable to attend to her household duties. Her hands had been drawn almost double, and, therefore, she was helpless in using them. She called to her the best doctors of Leeds, who, in the place of giving her encouragement, said they could do nothing for her. After being in the Leeds infirmary for quite a time, she was dismissed with the assurance that she was absolutely incurable.

In accordance with the lady's request, seven of the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints laid their hands upon her head after she had been anointed with oil. President Abraham M. Hill, confirming the anointing, promised her health and a complete recovery to their proper functions of all afflicted parts.

The second day following our administration, Elders McMurrin, Broadbent, and myself called at the home of this good woman, and found her with her hands up and her hands in the wash-basin, an act that she had not performed for years. The entire family rejoiced because of her condition, for she had been completely healed, and all trace

of her affliction was gone.

From a letter written by Elder Reno W. Vance, we learn that six baptisms have been performed in the Turkish mission since April 1. The Elders have

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their salaries with any who would join him with the hope of the forwarding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Burlington branch of the New-castle conference reports seven baptisms during the past month.

The Saints and friends at Gainesborough, Grimby conference, met June 10, 1905, and gave a splendid farewell party in honor of Elder James W. Cotter.

President Stringham and Elder R. S. Smith of the Bristol conference were tendered a farewell party on June 16.

A district meeting was held at Leeds, June 10, 1905. There were about 250 in attendance, one-half of whom were strangers and friends. The Lord is blessing the Elders' work in Leeds, and there is a great help in bringing souls to the meetings.

A well attended and instructive district meeting was held at Ashford, Kent, London conference, June 25, 1905. On Sunday, June 26, a most successful district meeting was held at Lye, Birmingham conference. The meeting-room was filled to overflowing, and an

Genetological Records Traced From Odin

President Letter Barnason, writing from Iceland under date of June 13, 1905, states that the Elders laboring in that island have been hampered in their work because of a quatuorcentum that has been in force in the city of Reykjavik, because of an epidemic of measles. President Barnason says he has been busy of late in getting genetological information. Of this work he says: "The public library here has some of the best genetological records in the world. I have found genealogies here that were traced in a direct line from Odin, the great hero of Icelandic countries to men living at the present time. Another thing which makes these old volumes so valuable is that there are so many dates given, all of most, of which are absolutely reliable."

The Elders expect to labor during the summer in the island of Vestmannaeyjar, where they were last year, and where some of the people desire to hear more of the Gospel.

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Elder Ephraim Bosworth of Kaysville, Davis county, returned July 8, 1905, from the British mission, for which he was sent April 21, 1905. He presided over the conference, which was his field of labor, where he presided over the Oldham and Farnsworth branches.

Elder Hans J. Christensen of the Logan Sixth ward, arrived in this city July 10, 1905, on his way home from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was sent April 21, 1905. He presided over the conference, which was his field of labor, where he presided over the Oldham and Farnsworth branches.

Elder Edward James Tree of the Parkway Park ward, Summit county, passed through this city July 10, 1905, on his way home from the Southern States mission, where he was sent Nov. 10, 1904. The Mississippi conference was his field of labor, where he presided over the Oldham and Farnsworth branches.

Elder Robert S. Smith of Marion, Cassia county, Idaho, passed through this city July 10, 1905, on his return from the British mission, for which he was sent April 21, 1905. He presided over the conference, which was his field of labor, where he presided over the Oldham and Farnsworth branches.

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