



NEW CASTLE CONFERENCE.

The Conditions in That Field Very Promising.

Elder John S. Baugh, in a letter dated Middleburgh, England, May 9, reports as follows:

The Newcastle conference is in very fair condition at present. We have Elders laboring in six districts, viz: Middleburgh, Darlington, West Hartlepool, South Shields, Pelton and Walsend. The outlook in Middleburgh, where Elders James Astle of Pocatello, Idaho; and Chas. G. D. Jarvis of St. John, Arizona, have been laboring, is very bright as there are a number of live, energetic Saints and also some very good friends in the branch.

It has long been their desire to purchase an organ for use in meetings and last December my predecessor, L. Sumner Pond, Jr., appointed Elder James Astle, with Bro. A. W. Bird and C. L. Wilson, a committee to raise funds for the purpose, and it is very pleasing to state that we now have in our chapel a fine Ester organ of which we are very proud. The progress in membership has also been very gratifying. On April 1, a baptismal service was held in Middleburgh. Public Baths, at which eleven souls entered the fold, Elder James Astle officiating. There were about 75 people present and a splendid spirit prevailed throughout the service.

At Darlington, where Elders Leo, Pickett of St. George and Alma H. Davis of Salt Lake, have been located, conditions are brighter than heretofore. The Elders have been successful in securing a hall in which to hold meetings and last month Elder Pickett reported six baptisms. The West Hartlepool branch under the direction of Elders Wm. Stewart of Plain City and Albert Chiles of Provo, is also taking on new life and some baptisms are expected in the near future.

At South Shields Elders Wm. A. Montgomery of North Ogden and Orange D. Baker of St. Joseph, Utah, have been laboring assiduously and report five baptisms recently.

Pelton district has been represented by Elders Wm. Howells of Pocatello, Idaho, and Thos. A. Condie of Salt Lake and while our membership has not increased there lately, the brethren have been laboring very hard as is evidenced by the lively branch there.

Walsend is the largest branch, in area, embracing in addition to Walsend, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Gateshead, Heaton and the two Hebburns. Here Elders Geo. G. Lambert of Salt Lake, and Geo. E. Wilkins of Peoa, labor, and very busy men they are. Elder Lambert reported three baptisms last month.

Such in brief was the condition of the different districts of the Newcastle conference when the Elders were called in to the headquarters at Middleburgh to attend conference on Sunday, May 3. The meetings were well attended considering the unpleasant weather as 40 people attended during the day.

The conference convened promptly at 10:30 a. m., Pres. John S. Baugh presiding. There were present of the ministry, Pres. Francis M. Lyman of the European mission and all the traveling Elders of the Newcastle conference.

The first speaker was Elder Baugh, who welcomed the Saints and friends. He then presented the general and local authorities and read the statistical report for the past six months.

Elder Davis said if men expected to receive the blessings of the faithful they must live in a way to merit them. Elder Montgomery testified that the followers of Christ in all ages can receive the blessings of the Lord through obedience to righteous law.

Pres. Lyman spoke more directly to the local Priesthood and Saints, advising them to live their religion and not be in a hurry to go to the Kingdom.

In the afternoon Elder Stewart declared that in accord with our claim to be God's chosen people we enjoyed the blessings of the Gospel.

Elder Wilkins said if men would only investigate the Gospel with the true

spirit of prayer, they would be convinced of its divinity.

Mr. William Morris sang "Hosanna in Excelsis."

Elder Pickett realized the responsibility resting on one to whom had been committed a message to the world and he desired to do his full duty, he said.

The Star quartette sang "School thy feelings."

Pres. Lyman read from Acts 2: 38, and commented upon that text. He said in part: We should be grateful to the Savior as our deliverer. We are to be tried as to our texture and endurance, as we rise above the debating tendency of this life our way will be paved for exaltation in the hereafter.

Salvation comes through Christ alone and with this idea in his mind Peter pointed the way for the multitude to walk in order to be saved.

At the evening session Elder Astle exhorted those present to keep in mind the fact that, when we stand before the Judge, omission as well as commission will be an issue.

Miss Alice Brettie sang "The Heavenly Song."

Elder Baugh spoke at some length on salvation for the dead.

Mr. Morris, assisted by the Star quartette, sang, "The Sinner and the Song."

Pres. Lyman read from 1 Peter 3: 18 and reviewed the tenets of our faith, referred to our Temple building, our gathering and colonizing.

Monday, May 4, a council meeting was held. Pres. Lyman gave very many valuable instructions to the Elders were then assigned to their fields of labor.

Elder James Astle was not assigned to any field as he is to return home on May 27, and he has been here 27 months.

On Monday night a free concert was given in Bruce hall.

The brethren have all returned to their labors with renewed energy and vigor.

FROM GERMANY.

Persecution There Will Further the Gospel Cause.

From a private letter written by Elder Jesse W. Smith, from Elberfeld, Germany, May 10, to Apostle John Henry Smith, the following extracts of general interest are quoted:

After 20 months' labor in the German mission I have now received my honorable release and shall return home in the near future. It really makes me sad to think of leaving the dear Saints and Elders here, and of severing the ties which have bound me, heart and soul, to the missionary work.

The great work of life and salvation, which above all other labors of my life has been the happiest and most gratifying. Yet it is very necessary, in the natural sequence of events, that men should come and men should go, obedient to the will of our Lord and Master.

So I will upon my release and heart and soul, from further labors in the ministry, but rather as a transfer from this to another and broader field of labor.

Of late I have done considerable traveling in the country districts and in this way have spread the Gospel message in many towns and villages where it was never heard before. On my trips I have met some persons in order to comply with the laws of the land, but still gave the people a chance to entertain a messenger of Christ, as done in the days of old, and in this way I have been able to do much good.

Since our February conference I have had as companions in Saarbrücken, Elberfeld, and in the vicinity of Leo E. Woodruff, and I assure you that our association together has been a pleasant one, for they are both noble men of many virtues.

You have, no doubt, heard of the recent banishment affair, which is causing no end of unpleasantness for the Elders of this mission. Elder Nuttall Scherfeld (I am temporarily in Elberfeld) was yesterday called upon before the chief of police, and compelled to sign a paper promising to do no more missionary work here, being the only condition under which he is allowed to remain in Prussia, and similar steps are being taken all over.

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AN ELDER'S VICTORY.

An Incident of Missionary Life Recorded by a Friend.

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SAD ACCIDENT.

Foreman on a Railroad Killed by a Train.

Elder A. M. Croft, writing from St. Paul, Minn., May 1, relates the following sad incident:

On the 21st of April, very sad news was received here from Sister E. J. Flynn of Hudson, Wis.

The news was to the effect that her son-in-law, Brother Clark Dummire had been killed early that morning.

Realizing the condition at the home of our sister, Elder A. M. Croft and I hastened to their assistance.

Brother Dummire was a foreman on a work train of the Omaha railroad. His work took him to various parts of the state of Wisconsin.

His very sad death, he was at work at Itasca, Wis., about 150 miles north of this city. It is not exactly known how his death occurred.

However, that he was at times troubled with his heart and in times past the pain had been so severe that he was rendered helpless. The conclusion was drawn that he was killed while on his way from the depot to his boarding-house some time after dark on Monday, April 20, his heart trouble came and he fell upon the railroad track upon which he had been walking.

At 12:30 a switch engine came along and the engineer thinking the object on the track was a pile of cinders did not stop his engine. However, when he got too close to it he saw his mistake, and the engine passed over the body, rendering it lifeless and bruising it considerably.

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IN MEMORIAM.

A Tribute of Love to the Memory of Elder E. H. Nye.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 20, 1903.

To the Editor:

We feel we should be indeed lacking in the true fellowship that is within our hearts if we did not express our great sorrow and the sorrow of our fellow Saints and brothers, at the loss of our beloved brother, Elder E. H. Nye.

As all under his charge loved and respected him for his wisdom and earnestness in his work, so those who were fortunate enough to know him in his private life were drawn to him in the spirit of true fellowship for his thought and his heart.

All in this mission (which was shown a foothold, as far as it being made a headquarters for the work, and the work of the Lord) looked forward to his presence and pleasure in finding everything so much to his advantage.

He was always inquiring how everything was going, and he was always looking forward to his presence and pleasure in finding everything so much to his advantage.

But man proposes and God disposes. When the telegram came that told the Elders (and they notified all within their reach, among the numbers) that the almighty Father had called him from us to give an account of his stewardship in this vineyard (and doubtless also for him to continue his labors on the other side of life), our grief was both deep and sincere; yet we all felt that comforting assurance that, while his voice was silent to us, he had heard the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," by the God of Israel he had so faithfully served.

And while our hearts are sore over him being taken, we feel that from the other side of life his message to us would be similar to that of Sir Edwin Arnold's hero in, "After Death in Arabia":

"He who died in Azen, sends Faithful friends I know Pain and white, and cold as snow; And ye say 'Abdullah's dead'."

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IN NORTHERN SWEDEN.

An Enjoyable Conference in the City of Gede.

Elder James P. Olson writes as follows, from Gede, Sweden, May 8:

The second conference of the Sundvall conference convened here in Gede, May 2, to 5, during which time five public and three Priesthood meetings were held.

Elders Anton L. Skanechy, Christian D. Fjeldstad, of the First Council of Seventeen, and Elder Hans O. Young, traveling Elders in Norway and 12 Elders laboring in this section, were present.

The meetings were presided over by Elder Andrew E. Anderson.

The public meetings were held in three different places so as to make it convenient for people in all parts of the city to attend. The music was furnished by an excellent choir under the direction of Elder Franklin O. Hales, and many came and heard the inspired words of life and salvation.

Most of the Elders laboring in the conference spoke in the public meetings.

In the Priesthood meeting all the Elders gave very encouraging reports from their respective fields.

Twelve baptisms were reported since last conference, which was held last October.

Most of the Elders go back to the same fields as they labored in during the past winter, but some changes will probably be made in June or July.

EXPERIENCES IN THE FIELD.

One of the Missionaries Writes About the Progress Made.

Elder J. M. Boyson from Sterling, Alberta, Canada, who is laboring in Ohio, writes from Cincinnati, May 14:

I and my companion, Elder F. M. Wright, are waiting the banner of truth in the fair state of Ohio. Although our experiences as missionaries have been very limited as yet (only being in the field four months) we have made many friends and investigators. Many of the people voice the sentiment, "If any sect has the truth, it must be the 'Mormons'."

The events of the past four months have indeed been to me a most profitable experience of my life, and I am learning to appreciate more and more the importance of the call made upon me and my co-laborers to publish the glad tidings of the Gospel to the world, and also to know the blessings which come to the humble servants who yield obedience to the glorious call. I often wish that many more of the young brethren might be participants with me in this glorious work and in the joys derived therefrom.

Many of them are in the Mutual Improvement associations and Sunday School, and are preparing themselves for just such experiences.

The prospects for the spreading of the Gospel in the state of Ohio are brighter than ever before. Our principal enemies, the Unitarian, the Baptist, the Methodist, and the Presbyterian, are all worried about the progress of "Mormonism" in the country and resort to the usual weapon of misrepresentation and falsehood to wage war against true religion.

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true and faithful Latter-day Saint. She was only sick for a few days. Sister Baskett was born in Virginia, March 19, 1850. At eight years of age she removed with her parents to Knoxville, where they remained until the close of the war, and finally settled in Washington county, Tenn. She married Richard Baskett on Feb. 19, 1875. She joined the Church Aug. 22, 1885.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

BOX ELDER STAKE.

Enjoyable Gathering at the Quarterly Conference.

Brigham City, May 24.—On the stand were the stake presidency and High Council, Elder Charles Kelly presided.

Stake Superintendent of Sabbath School Elder J. D. Peters, conducting the morning service, which consisted mainly of Sunday school exercises.

After the opening exercises, the children repeated in concert the blessings on the bread and water.

A class exercise was given by the Second ward Sunday school.

Elder John D. Peters spoke briefly on the progress of the Sunday schools in Brigham City.

The infant department of the Fourth ward Sunday school sang a song.

Elder A. Madsen advised the members of the Church to call each other Brother and Sister. Also urged the children to honor their parents.

"Sowing" was sung by the schools.

Elder Lorenzo Anderson, lately returned from a mission to Scandinavia, spoke briefly, bearing testimony to the truth.

Bishop Wm. Pacer of Willard addressed the meeting on the importance of correct teachings to the young.

Bishop D. Burdette of Perry reported the condition of that ward.

Elder Ernest Nichols rendered an instrumental selection.

Elder Ben Tolman spoke of conditions in the Honeyville ward.

At the afternoon meeting the Sacrament was administered by the Bishopric of the Third ward, Brigham.

Elder Lucius A. Snow of the stake presidency read extracts from the last discourse of the late President Lorenzo Snow, and said the sentiments therein expressed were applicable to our present condition. He urged upon all the Saints and cautioned them not to judge hastily their brethren who were only trying to do their duties.

Elder Olen N. Stohl enumerated some of the many blessings which the Gospel had brought to the people. He spoke of the responsibilities which the Priesthood places upon those who receive it. He said the presiding authorities in the stake were trying to carry out these obligations, which had been placed upon them, and advised the brethren and sisters who questioned the wisdom of the authorities counsel to come to these authorities and get a proper explanation before passing final judgment.

Elder Nephi Anderson said that in the capacity of stake clerk, he had met with the stake presidency and the high Council of Boxelder stake for a number of years; he bore testimony that these brethren were actuated by the true spirit of love and fellowship towards all

the Saints under their jurisdiction. He said the closer he had gotten to what was in their minds and hearts to do for the people, the stronger had he felt many more that they were men of God and inspired by His Spirit.

Elder Kelly expressed his satisfaction regarding the spirit of the conference. He urged the Saints to heed the counsels given, and never be found fighting against the Priesthood of God.

At 8 p. m. a young people's meeting was held. Elder Nephi Anderson was in charge, and respect for good men, Elder Madsen spoke interestingly on the character of the late President Lorenzo Snow.

Sisters Serena and Daisy Madsen sang a duet and Elder Victor Madsen rendered a solo.

Owing to the absence of visiting brethren, and the busy times among the members, the usual Monday meetings were omitted.

NEPHI ANDERSON, Stake Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder L. Forstner Zundel, of West Portage, but formerly of Wathlake, Boxelder Co., who was set apart Dec. 19, 1900, for the Southern States mission, returned from the Georgia conference where the work is opening up in good shape, with very bright prospects for the future.

The recent sudden death of President E. H. Nye has cast a gloom over the entire mission, but will not affect the Gospel work. Elder Zundel with his companion had a thrilling experience with a Georgia mob while on his mission. They were taken out at night in Hart county, lashed with hickories and expelled from the county, with threats of dire punishment if they ever returned. Elder Zundel had charge of President Nye's remains, bringing them