

EVIDENCES OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

Remarkable Work Being Done Among the Indians—Preparations for Acceptance of the Gospel.

Walthill, Neb., Dec. 29.—Thinking that a few lines respecting our work among the Indians would be of interest to you and the readers of your paper, I submit the following and trust you may find space to publish the same.

Among the many proofs of the divinity of the Book of Mormon are its contained prophecies and the fulfillment of them. Some have already been fulfilled in the past, some are being verified at the present time, while others are to come literally to pass in the future.

Nephi, one of the ancient American prophets who lived shortly after 600 B.C., upon the earth, through the Spirit of the Lord was shown many things connected with this American continent and the people who should dwell thereon. Some of those have been and are being verified in this generation. In speaking of the future governments of this western land, Nephi said, "But behold, this land, which God, shall be a land of thine inheritance, and the gentiles shall be blessed upon the land."

"And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the gentiles, and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall rule upon the land, and I will be a light unto the gentiles, and I will be a light unto them forever, that bear my words."

One government after another of this hemisphere have risen up against us, until now there remains practically no vestige of foreign rule.

There is an unwritten law inscribed upon the minds and hearts of the citizens of this great Union, that no foreign power shall trample on the rights or seek to gain prestige over the commonwealth of this American land.

The inspiration given to Nephi and James Monroe in this regard seems a remarkable coincidence; and we know their words have been verified in the past.

Don Pedro at one time was king of Brazil and afterward was killed. The kingdom then fell to the lot of his brother, who reigned but a short time, when he surrendered his position and the country was transformed into a republic. One of the Napoleons of France, while the United States was engaged in a civil war, saw an opportunity to take control of Mexico, and accordingly placed a king (Maximilian) over that country and gave him the support of the French troops.

When the civil war was over, the United States government sent an order to France to remove her troops entirely from this land, and she did so when she learned that the American armed forces were marching toward Mexico.

The king in the hands of the Mexicans, who later killed him, and order was again restored.

The gaining of this nation's independence and the freedom of Cuba are other notable incidents.

Another, another ancient American prophet, who lived between six and seven hundred years B. C., records the following: "Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will serve the Lord of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written."

This is also another important passage, and embraces the fact that no nation among the nations, yea, even upon the face of this land, and by them shall our seed be scattered. And after our seed is scattered, the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which shall be of great worth unto our seed; wherefore, it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles and being scattered to their arms and upon their shoulders."

This particularly refers to the remnant of the American Indians, descendants of the Nephites and Lamanites, who were truly scattered by this great nation, the United States; and the marvelous work spoken of is verily being accomplished, for the Indians are indeed being nourished by the vast Gentile population and are carried in their arms and on their shoulders, so to speak. They are given lands and a quarterly stipend for their maintenance, officials to do the more intricate business transactions for them, and their children are sent to good Indian schools, and it costs them nothing. The students get their board and schooling free at the expense of the government.

Thus we see the verification of another of the prophecies of the Book of Mormon.

The Indians are also to come to a knowledge of who their forefathers were, where they came from, and of the Gospel of Christ which was had among them upon this land; that the seeds of spiritual darkness shall fall from their eyes, and not many generations shall pass away until they shall become a white and delightsome people, and all this should be brought about after the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, and it should be taken to them, and they should know that it is a blessing to them from the hand of God, the Father and the Son, Jesus Christ.

This prophecy is being fulfilled, because many Indians of Mexico have accepted the Book of Mormon, and an active work is being urged among the tribes of Nebraska, North and South Dakota.

During the past few months my companion and I have disposed of 144 books of Mormon and more than double that number of small books, besides many tracts and pamphlets among these Indians.

Many of the Indians of the Omaha and Winnebago reservations read and speak good English, and their record is of much interest to them.

At a series of four Mescal religious

meetings held jointly by the Omaha and Winnebago, a few weeks ago, we were in attendance and talked to them at some length at each meeting.

We were made very welcome by them, and they showed us great respect. During the services they had the Bible lying before them with the Book of Mormon on top of it. They expressed their sincere appreciation of our visit and instructions to them, and when we bid them good-bye, Mr. Hensley, one of their leaders, burst into tears when shaking hands with us, and as he threw his arms around our necks, he kissed us and said: "Excuse me, but I can't help it. Our hearts were likewise melted toward him and his people, and we promised him that some of our elders would visit them again in the near future."

These Indians are very eager for truth, and whose they receive it they are very firm in keeping the commandments of God.

Only five or six years ago these people were rough, a hatred existed between the Omaha and Winnebago. They indulged in drink, carousing, and committed many other evils; but since they have begun to learn of Christ it is changing them completely, and now practically the whole element of rough Indians of the two reservations have accepted this Mescal sect. It is called Mescal because of the "Mescal" button or root which they eat and drink the boiled seed, and according to Mr. Hensley's words to us, that the partaking of this medicine is the visible sign that they have accepted Christ and His principles, and are endeavoring to live them. There are nearly 400 Indians of each tribe, who belong to this sect, and it certainly is reforming them.

The more educated ones have assumed the role of teachers among them, and are instructing them from the Scriptures.

Some are as far as the whites, some are engaged in farming, and in other lines of business, and as years go by we see the continued fulfillment of the prophecies of ancient American Scriptures.

NO. ILLINOIS CONFERENCE REPORT FOR YEAR 1908

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 5, 1909.—The following report of the Northern Illinois conference of the Northern States mission for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908, makes interesting reading.

We have distributed 2,540 Books of Mormon, 15 other standard works, 312 books, 13,333 tracts, 3,700 Liahonas, 43 Liahona subscriptions, 25,500 families visited, 8,122 families re-visited, 162 hours tracing, 16,623 hours in personal conversations, 4,385 hours with the saints, 10,000 hours of study, 67,523 gospel conversations, 87 had meetings held, 25 cottage meetings, 528 open air, 118 priesthood meetings, 28 fast meetings, 17 children's meetings.

In connection with this report it may be stated that the missionaries have been very successful in getting the Book of Mormon catalogued in several of the best mail houses in this city, through which we are receiving at the present time good return for our labors, and we have received good returns from the Book of Mormon will become common in the homes of the people as the result of this.

We rejoice in the excellent work that has been done in this conference during the year 1908. In Chicago we have the best mail house in this city, through which we are receiving at the present time good return for our labors, and we have received good returns from the Book of Mormon will become common in the homes of the people as the result of this.

Less than a year ago we had three families in Joliet, now we have a branch number 22, with excellent prospects of increasing our number. A good work is being done in that city and at the present time we have elders located in Rockford where the prospects are bright, and the elders report a good work being done there.

During the past two weeks of our services in the Chicago branch we have had a great many visitors as high as 30 people who are classed among the most intelligent. During the past two days we have had a number of converts, and we have been thoroughly investigating the gospel and have become so fully convinced of our doctrine that we look to them as some members of the Church. In our

conversation with them we learn that they have been through investigators into the various doctrines taught by Christianity and up until the time of attending our services and reading our literature their souls had not been satisfied. One of the doctors states that he was now a year of age, and was being reared to and from on the sea of confusion in a religious world. The most intelligent and thinking classes of people are becoming much impressed with the principles of the gospel as taught by the Mormon Church, as evidenced in the world. We feel sure that the time is rapidly approaching when we shall bring many into the Church.

In conclusion wish to thank the saints and elders for the good support they have given me in my labors and I wish them a happy and prosperous New Year with every blessing which in their right and privilege to receive. I also extend best wishes to your valuable paper and wish you every success.

JOS. CAMPBELL,
President No. Illinois Conference.

BAPTISMS IN ENGLAND.

A largely attended and well-conducted baptismal service was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, 1908, at Ipswich (Norwich conference). An interesting address on the mode and object of baptism was delivered by Elder C. E. McCombs, after which two converts were baptized by Elder L. Vorn Toolson. The ordinance was performed in the river Gipping, and the confirmations took place immediately after.

On Friday evening, Dec. 18, 1908, a baptismal service was held in the Westgate baths, Newcastle, when nine converts were baptized into the Church. Elders Stainer Richards and Mark F. Strong officiated in the ordinance. Confirmations took place at the water's edge. Eight of the new members belong to the Gateshead branch and one to Jarrow branch.

A baptismal service was held in the Turkish bath, George street, Hull (Grimsby conference), on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1908, when two converts received the ordinance of baptism. President William E. Stoddard and Elder Charles T. Jones officiated. Interesting remarks were made by Elders James L. Shepard and Richard H. Smith. Confirmations took place at the afternoon meeting. One of the converts was from Driffield, the other from Hull.

On Monday evening, Dec. 20, there were three members added to the Nelson branch of the Church (Liverpool conference). They were baptized in the Burnley baths by Elder L. Garrick.

A baptismal service was held at Fordwich, near Canterbury (London conference), on Dec. 12, 1908, when one convert was baptized in the River Stour. Elder A. B. Case officiating. Confirmation took place immediately after.

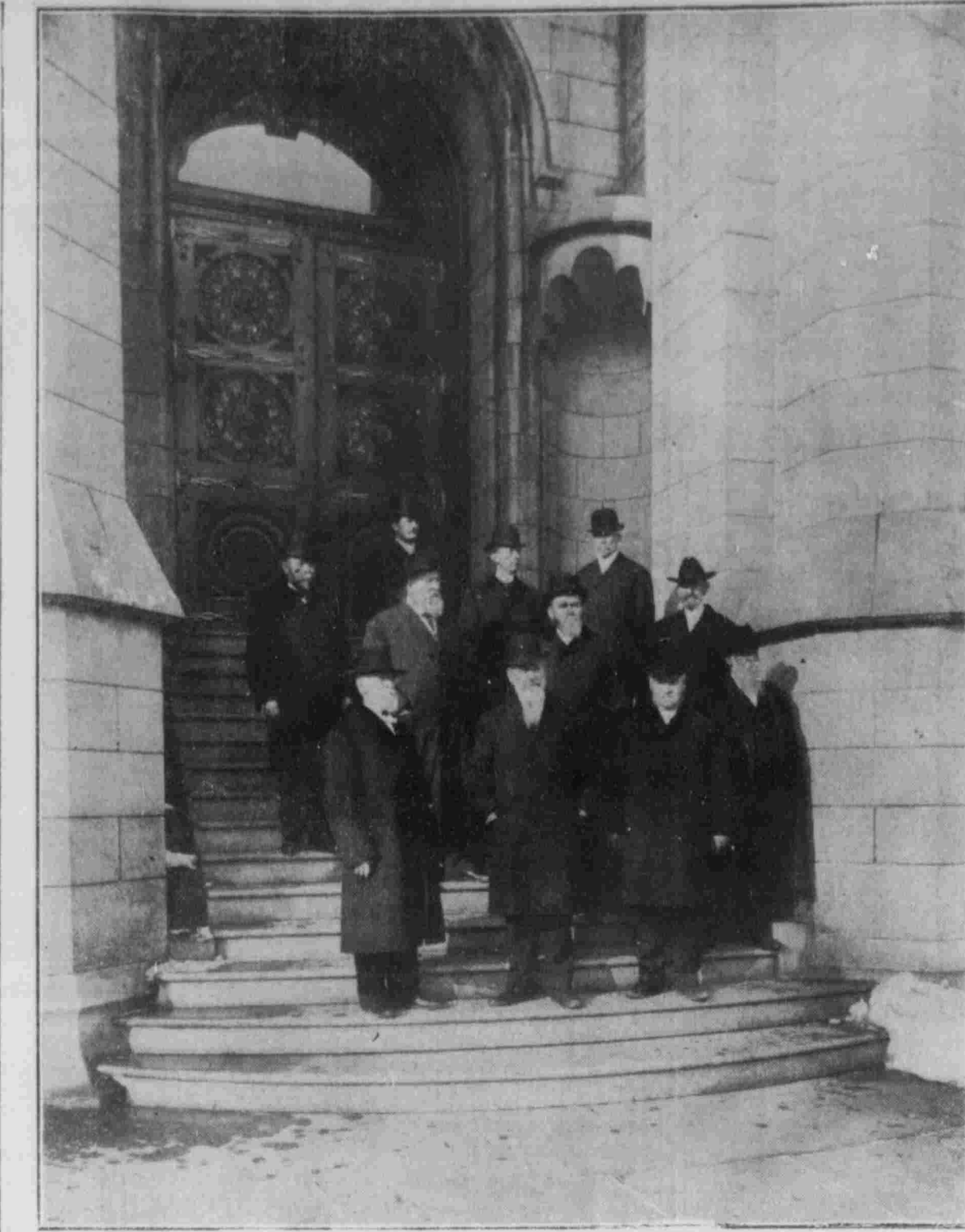
A baptismal service was held at the Faversham Street School baths, Bradford (Leeds conference), on Saturday, Dec. 19, 1908. Eight candidates received the ordinance at the hands of Elder A. Kelley Chaffield. Elder Thomas Kershaw spoke upon the ordinance of water baptism and exhorted the new members to walk in newness of life. Confirmations took place immediately after. An hour was spent in testimony bearing by the many saints assembled. —Millennial Star.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

On Dec. 5 and 6, 1908, the elders of the North Carolina conference of the Southern States mission met in Kinston, N. C., for their annual conference. Pres. C. C. Collier and Elder George A. Smith of the apostles' quorum were present, also a large number of saints and friends. A large and commodious hall was obtained, and for two days every minute was utilized in hearing reports and giving and receiving instructions.

The people of Kinston treated the elders with great respect, and everything contributed to the success of the conference. It is very gratifying to note that our doctrine is being accorded a hearing, and is winning its way to the hearts of the people more and more every day.

During 1908 the 20 elders of this conference accomplished the following missionary work: Books of Mormon sold, 366; other standard Church works sold, 89; other gospel books, 1,532; tracts distributed, 18,894. They have visited 2,668 families and revisited 7,961 families, baptizing 115 souls and blessed 119 children. The missionaries have gone among the saints teaching them the gospel, building them up in their faith, helping them in their troubles and comforting them in their distress. They have gone among friends and enemies proclaiming the gospel of peace, and testifying that God has again spoken from the heavens and restored His power and authority to earth. Good treatment has generally been accorded them, and they feel enthusiastic in the work. Considerable opposition and misunderstanding, of course, still prevail. The elders are an energetic little band of "Soldiers of the Cross," of which the Church may well be proud. They have represented among them the states of



GROUP OF CHURCH AUTHORITIES AT THE TEMPLE.

The above cut is a reproduction of a companion picture which appeared in the Christmas "News." The photograph shows a group made up of the first presidency, the patriarch and several members of the quorum of the twelve, who happened to be leaving the temple at the time.

The personnel of the group reading from left to right is as follows: Lower Row—Presidents John R. Winder, Joseph F. Smith, Anthony H. Lund and Patriarch John Smith. Next Row—Elders John Henry Smith, Francis M. Lyman and Heber J. Grant. Next Row—Elders George F. Richards, David McKay, Hyrum M. Smith and Anthony W. Ivins. The picture was taken at the main entrance to the temple on the east and the surroundings afford an excellent view of the massive and imposing architecture of the building.

Utah, Idaho, Oregon and the territory of Arizona; also one representative from Alberta. Accompanying is a group picture of them.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION.

Independence, Mo., Jan. 8.—The holidays are past and our missionaries have taken up the regular work again. They have not been idle during the vacation for in their visits with friends they find many opportunities for teaching the gospel and these are happily used to the best advantage.

President G. E. Cahoon of the Missouri conference says that he and companions are holding many cottage meetings and these are a great means strengthening the saints and making converts. Elder Samuel Butterfield and companions send a similar report from Hannibal, Mo., and say they are making many new friends and opportunities for holding meetings in other places.

Elders J. W. Webster and Thomas L. Keer, write that they have held several well attended meetings in Argo, Mo. Some of the agents of Lucifer opposed them with such unreasonable stories about the Mormons that common-sense people could not believe them; therefore their evil efforts only made our cause more sure.

Elders John H. Jones, J. T. Brown, Alma Williams and L. J. Murdock of Independence conference are holding successful meetings in Ozark, Mo. They preach on the street, in the schoolhouses, in a Christian (Campbellite) church, which was kindly lent them to hold a series of meetings. Their meetings are well attended.

The good people of Junction, Utah, have sent to this office a check for \$23, proceeds of a dramatic entertainment, to be placed to the credit of Elder William L. Johnson. "This money," the letter says "is a New Year's present to Elder Johnson." This little act is different from the common comfort, ("Go your way; be ye warmed and filled") which is given to

the elders. It is very hard for some of our missionaries to raise the necessary means to fill their missions, so if more of those who can would follow this example they, as well as the elders they aided, would feel better.

President Joseph N. Christensen of East Kansas conference has filed his mission faithfully and on the 6th inst. left Independence for his home in Shelley, Ida., bearing an honorable release. Elder Peter Mortensen has been appointed president of East Kansas conference.

Elder Alma Williams and three companions, writing from Isabella, Mo., Dec. 26, say: "We were asked to address a Christmas meeting here yesterday and gladly told the people something about Mormonism. We announced another meeting for the evening and were surprised at the large attendance. They listened attentively for two hours, and after meeting we distributed many tracts and books, and were taken home by newly-made friends who treated us as royally as only such big-hearted, hospitable people can do. This happiness we prize as the best Christmas present Santa Claus has brought to us for many a year."

From Willow Springs, Mo., Elders Joseph E. McKean and G. E. Hulme write: "We have held three meetings in West Liberty district and expect to hold two more. The people turn out and seem to feel well paid for coming."

President P. P. Olson, writing from Springfield, Mo., Dec. 28, says: "We have just returned from a visit to the saints near Conway, Mo., where we found 20 faithful members enjoying the blessings of the gospel. A Sunday school has been organized and is in good condition, having a membership of 31. Prospects are good for a new meetinghouse, two members each having offered to donate an acre of land to build it, and all are anxious to see the work begun."

A sad accident occurred the day we arrived there. Emmitt, the 16-year-old son of William Porter, who was working at a saw mill, was jerked on to the saw and his arm was lacerated so badly it had to be amputated. He is, however, improving nicely.

Dec. 26, President J. T. Coleman writes from Tishomingo, Okla.: "Our Christmas has been well spent. We are leaving several copies of the Book of Mormon, a goodly number of doctrinal books and many newly made friends in this town."

President J. F. Haemmonson says in his letter from Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 27: "The five elders reached us O. K. and with them we feel that our conference is strengthened greatly, and we shall push the work as much as possible. We visited the little branch of saints at Galvez, Ascension Parish. It is a wonderful church building, but is under way, but they lack funds to complete it."

Brother George Baker of St. John, Kansas, died at his home, Tuesday, Dec. 29, having lived a long and well-spent life. He was born in Pennsylvania, July 8, 1811, consequently was in his 98th year. Brother Baker became a member of the Church, March 29, 1888, being baptized by Elder Heber Benion, and ever since has been a valiant defender of the truth. All good people who know him loved him. His life has been such as to entitle him to the joy of a glorious resurrection.

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