

# CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



## THE GOSPEL IN MANITOBA.

Elders Being Withdrawn from that Field of Labor.

A Good Work Has Been Done, and the People Have Had an Opportunity to Hear the Gospel.

In a letter dated Winnipeg, March 9, and signed by Elders F. S. Parkinson, M. R. Anderson and A. J. Moore, the writer says:

The Elders of Manitoba have often perused the reports of various conference assemblies, and anxiously looked forward to the day when this boon would be enjoyed here as elsewhere.

After laboring arduously some nine months we were blessed by having Elder Louis A. Kelsch meet with us, together with our friends, in conference capacity.

Services were held in "Canadian Forestry Hall," Tuesday the 5th. After opening exercises Elder Samuel O. White gave an interesting address on the atonement. A trio was then rendered by A. N. Robinson, F. S. Parkinson and M. R. Anderson.

Elder Kelsch then bore a powerful testimony of the blessings that are enjoyed by the people of the Lord.

Priesthood meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th. After the closing work was taken about the Elders had all expressed themselves. Elder F. S. Parkinson gave a detailed report of the labors which had been done in the province of Manitoba. Elder Kelsch said he was pleased with the work done, and the faithful efforts of the Elders. He gave appropriate and timely advice. As the province had received ample warning for the present, he advised the Elders to make preparations to leave for other fields of labor. Elder Samuel O. White was released to return home, having fulfilled an honorable mission. His labors will be greatly missed while closing our work.

Elder R. M. Hiner was transferred to the Minnesota conference. The following Elders remain in Winnipeg: F. S. Parkinson, M. R. Anderson, A. J. Moore, A. N. Robinson.

The Elders while laboring in the province have been treated kindly. They have made many friends and some converts. As most of the people have been visited two or three times, it is not deemed advisable to continue our labors here for the present. The closing work will take about two months. All who have friends they would like visited may address the president at Winnipeg and it will be attended to.

In the evening of the 6th we again met in conference. Meeting was held at the residence of Elder Kelsch. The conference, left for St. Paul on the 7th. The "News" is always a welcome visitor and assists greatly in making and retaining friends.

## A PLEASANT CELEBRATION.

The Fifty-third Anniversary of the Baptism of a Sister in Los Angeles.

Elder J. W. Evans writes from Los Angeles, Cal., March 6:

The beautiful, richly adorned mansion of Attorney Howland, son-in-law of Mrs. Eliza Woodcock, was the scene of a lively "Mormon" party on the evening of Feb. 24th.

The occasion for the party was the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the baptism of Sister Eliza Woodcock into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Those who attended were the Elders who are laboring in this city, the two from San Bernardino, a large proportion of the Saints of "The City of Angels," and some few of their friends.

The guests began to file into the hall about 8:30 p. m., and were conducted into the dressing rooms, from which they soon emerged, prepared for the social party. The famed "Stamm's Orchestra" furnished the music.

At the close of the event, all who participated seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and wished Sister Woodcock many happy returns of the anniversary of the day.

Sister Woodcock was born March 12th, 1831, baptized Feb. 25, 1851, at Bristol, England, by Elder George Halliday, who was at one time Bishop at Santaquin, but is now a Patriarch at Pleasant Grove. In 1853 she emigrated to Utah, passing through all the trials and vicissitudes incident to the emigration of the Saints from the old world to their rendezvous in the Rocky Mountains.

Los Angeles has been the home of Sister Woodcock since 1884, though at different times she has visited Salt Lake City for the purpose of working in the Temple; and she still looks forward with fond anticipation to the time when she will return to her mountain home, which she loves so dearly, and there enjoy the fellowship and communion of Zion's Saints.

For eleven years after her arrival here, there were no Elders in this section of country, and she relates with considerable pleasure the joy she experienced when the Elders were sent into this vicinity to establish the work of the Lord, for she had been a long time without the spiritual food for which her soul was craving.

Old age does not seem to have lessened her desire for truth and righteousness, but rather to have increased it; for she is still earnestly seeking, and ardently supporting, and especially so, a pillar of strength to this branch, and a friend indeed to the Elders, who often, and in various ways, partake of her hospitality.

The visit of President J. G. Kimball to this city was a source of much enjoyment to the Elders and Saints, as his wholesome advice and pointed instructions had just the proper "ring," and inspired the good people here with new desires to please his father.

Boston favored us with a vocal selection. We feel that great good will come from our efforts and that our Father is blessing us in all our endeavors to forward his work.

The "News" is a valuable aid to our work, and many are the good words spoken in its favor.

## IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Experiences of Elders While Preaching the Gospel.

A Visit to a Life Saving Station and to a Light House on the Coast.

The following letter from Elder Jos. P. Birchhoff is dated Mt. Olive, N. C., March 6:

Since our conference, just before Christmas, our work has been confined to the eastern counties, where five persons have joined the Church. Several of the leading cities of the Atlantic coast have been canvassed during this winter and many amusing experiences have been had by the Elders. Two Elders called on the mayor of Elizabeth city, in his office, and introduced themselves. "Well, there is the door, and the least possible I have to do with you the better," was his reply.

On learning the Elders came on business, he became more civil and after being informed that the Elders were going to canvass the city, he was invited to services which were held in the court house the following Sunday. Next the Elders called on the newspapers, and in the office of the Fisherman and Farmer they were treated, as the saying is, without gloves. Here a man openly avowed he would raise a mob, and threatened to mob them out. The editor never wrote a line in condemnation of such a course. The court-house was in charge of the sheriff, who, by the way, is a gentleman indeed, fair and free from prejudice. In time the commissioners, however, prohibited him from letting the "Mormons" use the hall. The preachers agitated the question but still the Elders persisted until the city was thoroughly canvassed.

In another city, two Elders, in going from house to house, called at a judge's place and left a tract. A lady got the pamphlet, came out on the side walk and in loud, if not eloquent tones stated that she was a judge's wife, asking what they meant by bringing such trash to her door. Many similar occurrences might be related. A few threats of mob violence have been made.

I have just completed a visit among the Elders. I found them all well and laboring earnestly for the cause of truth. I also met many Saints and most of them are striving to live up to the commands of God.

While on this trip we visited the Atlantic ocean and gazed at its angry waves. We visited the United States Life saving station on Point Look, and was treated royally by both captain and crew. After examining the apparatus, eating a hearty supper and receiving an urgent request to "call again," we left.

We next visited the Diamond Light House, and from its top, 150 feet high, we looked "far out on the briny deep," as "far as eye could see." As the light from this light-house sends its rays through the gloomy darkness, so the light of the Gospel sheds its saving light through the dark.

Many of the Saints are leaving now and then for the West, and if there are any who have gone in past years who have friends or relatives in the West, I would appreciate a call from "Mormon" Elders who would like to have their name and address.

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which now number thirteen hundred and thirty-five, were then reported.

Elder Ammon Mercer then addressed the conference referring to the increase in numbers of the Saints in Alberta State. There are now ten wards, and which now number thirteen hundred and thirty souls.

Sunday, 2 p. m., after opening exercises and administration of the Sacrament, Elder Card made a few remarks. The Bishops of Stirling, Magrath, Cardston and Aetna reported the conditions, circumstances and progress of the Saints living in their wards.

Counselor O. A. Woolley addressed the conference, warning the people against evils which the adversary seeks to bring in our midst, especially gambling and intemperance.

Monday, March 4, 10 a. m.—Favorable reports were given in of the Mountain View ward; also of the Caldwell and Breezer wards. The two latter have been organized recently.

The Relief Societies of the Stake were reported, showing a membership of 242. The financial statement gave substantial evidence of diligence.

Impressive addresses were given by the presidency of the Stake, and Patriarch H. L. Hamman, upon the everyday duties of the Saints.

In the afternoon the Leavitt, Kimball and Taylor wards were reported, all in favorable condition, after which the Mutual Improvement and Primary associations of the Stake were reported.

Part of the home missionaries were released from their labors, honorably, on account of other public duties, and others appointed in their stead.

Patriarch John A. Wolf addressed the conference. Elder Card reviewed the reports, which on the whole had been satisfactory; and encouraged the Saints to continue in well doing.

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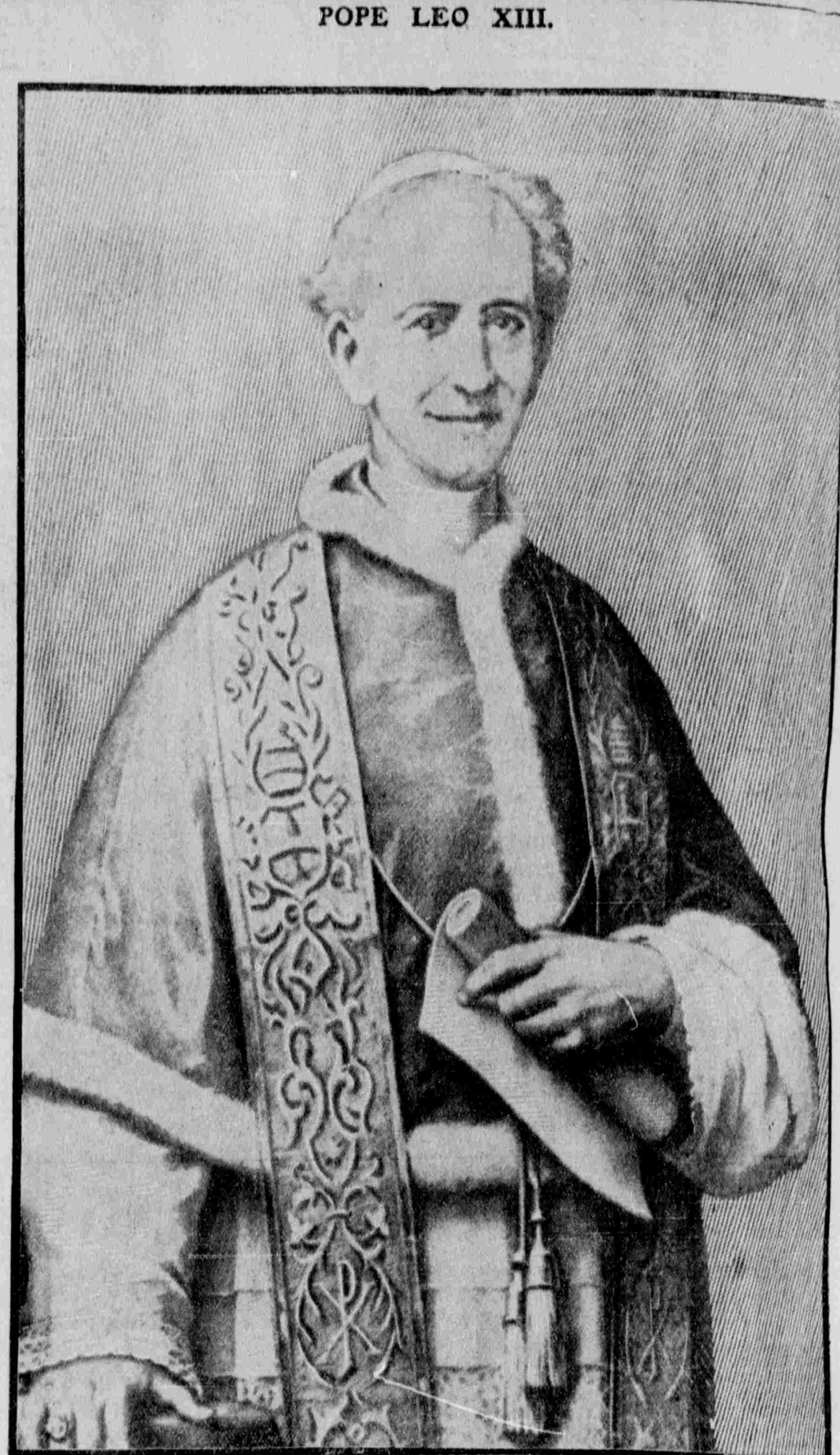
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Although comparatively well today, his great age and enfeebled condition make his sudden death extremely probable in the near future.

Patriarchs, 134 Seventies, 178 High Priests, 511 Elders, 122 Priests, 123 Teachers, 318 Deacons, 3,353 members, 4,739 officers and members; 1,732 children under 8 years, a total of 6,551, or 1,655 families.

For the quarter ending March 1st, 1901, there have been 16 marriages, 28 births of males, 42 of females, 69 children blessed, 49 members received, 4 members removed, 4 new members baptized, 26 children baptized; 13 deaths male and 14 of female.

Good instructions were given by the Apostles, and very much appreciated by the Saints.

The singing by the choir was much enjoyed.

The names of four Elders were presented and sustained to be ordained High Priests, one of whom was ordained by Apostle Teasdale at the close of the meeting.

A Stake presidency for the Primary Association was sustained, with Elizabeth Peterson president, Maria Willardson first assistant, and Julia Thorp second assistant.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk of Conference.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Raynor Ness, of Salt Lake City, who was set apart Nov. 16, 1898, for a mission to Scandinavia, returned home March 4. He labored in the Christiania conference, Norway, in the branches of Arendal, Fredrickstad, and the City of Christiania. The work in this part of Scandinavia is making excellent progress—nearly 100 were baptized in Christiania conference in the past twelve months.

Elder C. N. Corbridge, of Fairview, Idaho, returned on the 9th of this month from a mission to the Southern States. He was set apart for that field on the 14th day of December, 1898, and has been laboring in the Georgia conference. He says he has had an enjoyable mission. There are many investigators.

Elder C. G. Anderson, of Clover, Tooele county, returned on the 10th of this month from a mission to the Southern States. He was set apart on the 19th day of Oct., 1898, and has been laboring in the South Carolina conference the entire time. He says his mission was a joy to him. He speaks of the people he visited in high terms of praise.

Elder F. R. N. Cracraft, Marysville,

Plute county, was set apart on the 30th day of December, 1898, for a mission to the Eastern States. He labored in the North West Virginia conference the entire time of his mission. The mission, he says, is doing very well. The people are kind to the Elders. Brother Cracraft returned to this city on the 11th of this month.

Elder Albert T. Grover, of Farmington, Davis Co., was set apart on the 15th day of February, 1899, to perform missionary work in the Southern States. He was assigned to the East Kentucky conference where he remained until December 1, last year. Then this conference was joined to the North Kentucky conference. He returned on the 12th of this month, feeling well in every respect.

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