

# CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



## THE MISSIONARY FIELDS BAPTISMS IN MISSOURI.

The Church of God Rapidly Growing in the City of Kansas.

A Minister Acknowledges That the "Mormons" Have Been Greatly Misrepresented.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2.—Another six months has passed by now since our conference was reported. The past six months have been quite fruitful for the Elders, through the blessings of God, have been privileged to adopt twenty-nine honest souls into the Church through baptism, and for the future the bread that has been cast upon the waters, after many days will return. We have there and many honest-hearted people in Missouri, who will accept the Gospel, when the great walls of misrepresentation and prejudice are broken down.

Nine months ago we organized a Sunday school here in the city in a private house. Then there was but one member of the Church, now we have thirty. The work has had a gradual growth and now we have a neat hall rented at \$107 East Nineteenth street, where services are held every Wednesday at 8 p. m. We have Sunday school at 11 a. m., and preaching at 12 a. m. and 8 p. m. The Elders are holding street meetings with large crowds.

The past three months Elder Jacob N. Larsen and myself have been visiting Elders in different parts of the State. The Elders are working very hard for the spread of the Gospel truths. We had the privilege of staying with a minister three days and while there, he and his family were very eager to acquaint themselves with the Latter-day Saints' faith and said language would fail to express the joy he and his wife felt, when they found there was a people on earth that believed as they did. We were taken to their prayer meeting and in introducing us, he said our people (the "Mormons") have been greatly misrepresented, that we were two of his "Mormon" friends and he knew we were servants of God, teaching the true Gospel. We were then given the privilege of stating our faith. We were asked to stay and hold meetings. It is unusual for us to be received by ministers. If all the ministers had the same love for truth the Gospel could be spread much more easily.

We had the privilege of visiting Carthage and seeing the jail where two noble Prophets of the nineteenth century sealed their testimony with their blood. We also visited Nauvoo, where in 1844, there were about 25,000 inhabitants. Our people being driven from there by mob violence, that once prosperous city has dwindled away. It is now only about 1,600. Men who were boys when our people were driven from Nauvoo, now they were men who were dealt with very unjustly and said they would be glad to welcome them back again, that the country may blossom as the rose, and our people have made the desert bloom. Feelings of sympathy and regret go out to those who were compelled to leave their peaceful homes and seek refuge in the wilderness, when viewing the homes they once occupied, buildings that yet stand as monuments showing they were a thrifty and industrious people.

The hearts of all the Elders were made glad to have the privilege of attending a conference in this city August 4th and 5th, enjoying the company of Elder Louis A. Kelach. The Priesthood meeting was one of the main features. It convened on Saturday at 8 a. m. The Elders reported the different fields of labor and bore a powerful testimony to the restored Gospel. Elder Kelach gave us very timely instructions. Public meetings were held Saturday at 8 p. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., when the principles of the Gospel were explained.

Elder James G. Duffin, president of the Southwestern States mission, and E. J. Duke, from the Iowa conference, were welcome visitors. All the Elders were invited to partake of a well-prepared dinner with Mr. Munger, manager of the Burnham, Hanna & Munger Manufacturing company. Mr. Munger has done a great deal of business with our people and always has a good word to say for them.

Elders Peter J. Hansen, from Preston, Idaho; John A. Asyell, from West Jordan; W. B. Smith, from Alpine; and J. T. Moss, from Smithfield, Utah, were released to return home. We regret very much having to give them the parting hand, as they have been faithful Elders. There are but eighteen Elders laboring in this conference at present. Any one having friends or relatives living in the State who desire Elders to call on them please send names and addresses.

The "News" is a very welcome visitor. J. H. C. JENSEN, Preston, Idaho, Secretary.

In Great Britain. Bramford, Ipswich, Eng. July 30, 1900.

To the Editor: I left my home in Leith, Dec. 9th, as a missionary to Great Britain and landed in Liverpool Dec. 22nd. I was assigned to labor in the Norwich conference in company with Elder Charles Austin and Elder Jacob, of Leith, and had an enjoyable visit with the Elders and Saints. I am now laboring with Elder J. F. Stalker, of Idaho. The people here are very kind, as they have heard so many untruths about our people, but we have a great many friends and investigators. The "News" is a welcome visitor. It is a power. In this land it could reach every house in a week, if it helps to slay prejudice.

It was reported here some time ago

that we had robbed a store and made our escape to the ocean, before the officers could apprehend us. But we are still here, and the good work is going on. Everything looks bright for the Norwich conference. Elder Preston has been appointed president, as Elder Heber Austin has been released to return home. He went to Nevada when he was a boy. He was connected with the Utah Sugar Company from the first. He filled different offices of trust to the honor of himself and friends. Your Brother, D. H. ALLRED.

## STAKE CONFERENCES. STAR VALLEY STAKE

A Well Attended Conference at Afton, Wyoming.

Good Reports of the Various Wards—Instructions and Counsel—Testimonies of the Gospel.

Afton, Wyo., Aug. 13, 1900.

The quarterly conference of the Star Valley Stake of Zion convened at the Afton meeting house Saturday and Sunday, August 11th and 12th. The visitors from Utah were: Elders John Henry Smith of the Council of Apostles, C. D. Pfelested, Thomas Hull, and S. J. Adams. The Stake president, Elder Alfred E. Fairview, and many of the leading brethren of the Stake were present.

After the opening exercises Elder George Osmond welcomed the Saints and encouraged them to be diligent in their calling and duties. The reports of the wards in the Stake then followed.

Bishop Osborn Lowe gave a good report of the Afton ward. The Grover and Fairview wards were also reported.

Elders A. V. Call, C. D. Cazier, W. W. Burton and B. Allred occupied the remainder of the time. Their remarks were full of instructions and counsel. Elder Alfred E. Fairview, one of the few that remain amongst us, who was well acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith, bore a strong testimony to the divinity of the work in which the Latter-day Saints are engaged.

On Sunday morning at 10 a. m. the Sunday school convened. After singing, prayer and administration of the Sacrament, Elder John Henry Smith addressed the school for a short time, explaining to the children why we participate in the Sacrament. He also spoke of the Savior's mission upon the earth. Class exercises lasting fifteen minutes were then given.

At 11 a. m. conference was called to order. Elder C. D. Pfelested addressed the conference on the necessity of sending the children of the Latter-day Saints to Sunday school, that they may be taught and trained in the Gospel. Elder John Henry Smith addressed one of the largest congregations ever assembled in the Afton meeting house. He spoke earnestly and eloquently. He urged the people to keep the Sabbath holy. The Lord's sabbath, said he, is the day that we keep His commandments.

A meeting was held in the evening. Elders Hull and Swan occupying the time. On Monday, August 14th, the Y. M. and Y. L. M. L. A. conference was held at Afton and our visitors from Utah remained with us during the day. The association has done a good work during the last year. N. J. CHRISTOPHERSON, Woodruff Stake.

The regular quarterly conference of the Woodruff Stake of Zion, was held at Woodruff, Saturday and Sunday, August 11th and 12th, 1900. There were present, of the Council of Twelve Apostles, John W. Taylor, Rulon S. Wells, of the First Council of Seventy, Elder John M. Barker and Charles Kingston of the Stake presidency, High Councilors, Patriarch, Bishop of wards, with their counselors, many missionaries, and a goodly attendance of officers and members of the Stake.

The conference convened at 10 o'clock Saturday, August 11th. After the opening exercises, Elder Rulon S. Wells was the first speaker. He addressed the people upon the existence of man here on the earth; their duties as members of the Church, and the work that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is performing at the present time, advising all to be obedient to those who are in authority over us. He also spoke upon the necessity of revelation in these days.

Elder John M. Barker next addressed the Saints upon the subject of attending to their meetings and of the authority of the Apostles of today. Their word was just as binding upon us as Latter-day Saints as though the Lord was here and spoke things unto us. He reported the Stake as being in a good condition. He said that the people were complying with the principles of truth. He bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel and that Joseph Smith was a Prophet.

After the opening exercises of the afternoon session, Elder John M. Barker reported that the people in the Big Horn country were getting along nicely. He said that unity existed among them in their labors. Elder John W. Taylor then addressed the people upon the signs of the times, and read from the Book of Mormon, the fulfillment of the prophecy of the Prophet Isaiah.

The conference being held in a bowery and the wind blowing at a high rate, the meeting was dismissed, and those holding the Priesthood retired to the ward meeting house in a Priesthood meeting.

At the evening session Elder John W. Taylor addressed the young people upon the principle of marriage. He advised all not to get into bondage to Satan, but to keep ourselves pure and free from the snares of the world.

Sunday morning, Aug. 13th, the Sabbath school held their opening exercises, after which Elder Rulon S. Wells spoke to the children upon the fifth commandment. Sister Caroline Wells, Elder John W. Taylor and Elder Charles Kingston followed in the same strain, exhorting the children to be obedient to their parents and teachers. In connection with the conference at the afternoon session, the funeral services were held over the remains of Sister Arilla Lee, wife of Patriarch William H. Lee, who departed this life

on the morning of the 4th of August. Sister Lee was one of the pioneers of this valley, and a faithful Latter-day Saint.

Elder Rulon S. Wells addressed the Saints on the atonement and the degree of glory that man can attain to. The attendance at the conference was good, considering the busy time of the year, and the scattered condition of our Stake.

The choir sang the hymn on page 216: Farewell all earthly homes—Conference organized for three months, and benediction was pronounced by Elder N. M. Hodges. T. J. TINSLEY, Stake Clerk.

## Bishopric Reorganized.

Thursday, Aug. 13, 1900. Thurber Bishopric has been reorganized. Yesterday Elder Robinson and Counselors paid us a visit. They held a Priesthood meeting in the morning and regular meeting in the afternoon. Elder James Grant was appointed and sustained as Bishop with Neils Hanson as first counselor. This stake conference of the ward will be attended to on Sunday. L. GARRICK.

## RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Torvald Keller, of Mink Creek, Idaho, writes to the "News": "I was set apart for a mission to the Northwestern States on the 6th of July 1898. I spent over twenty-two months in Spokane county, Washington, and vicinity, the Lord being with me in my labors. I assisted in converting and baptizing eighteen persons. Twelve of that number I had the pleasure of baptizing. The last seven weeks I spent at Tacoma, Washington, and baptized one more there. I was released and arrived at my home on July 13th, 1899. That the work may continue to go on with unalloyed success."

Elder Frank L. Osborn, of Forest Dale, Salt Lake county, was set apart on the 16th of August, 1899, for the Southern States. He was assigned to the North Alabama conference, where he labored until prevented from fulfilling his mission by sickness. He was then released and returned home on the 17th of this month. Elder Osborn says a new field has been opened up lately in western Tennessee, and the Elders are doing a good work, especially in the city of Memphis.

Elder John T. Barrett of Salt Lake City writes: "Having arrived home on the 4th inst. I take this opportunity of reporting the fact. I left my home on the 21st day of April, 1898, and have been absent twenty-eight months. My health while absent was very good. I enjoyed myself very much. I had the opportunity of visiting nearly all the Southern States, included in the Southern States mission. I and company labored fifteen months, and left many earnest investigators. The mission is prosperous. I labored in Georgia, Louisiana, La. in the city of New Orleans, and Mississippi. I was in Alabama and Florida, also in Tennessee."

Elder James Christensen, of Richfield, Sevier county, was set apart on the 1st of August, 1898, for a mission to the Northern States. He labored as a traveling Elder in the Ohio and Wisconsin conference, also as president of the Nebraska conference and secretary of the mission, which place he filled at the time of his release. He returned home on the 13th of this month, after a very successful mission.

Elder Simon Hubbard, of West Jordan, Salt Lake county, who was set apart for a mission to Great Britain, July 8, 1898, arrived home August 10th, in good health and spirits. He labored in the London conference and spent a very successful and happy mission.

Elder P. J. Hansen, of Preston, Idaho, was set apart for a mission to the Northern States, returned home on the 16th of this month. He has been laboring in the State of Missouri, where he has visited Jackson, Vernon, Cole and Calaway conferences, also as president of the Nebraska conference and secretary of the mission, which place he filled at the time of his release. He returned home on the 13th of this month, after a very successful mission.

Elder J. S. McGuire, of Thatcher, Arizona, was set apart for a mission to the Southern States, April 11, 1898. He returned to his home in Thatcher, Arizona, on July 27th, 1899. He spent his entire time in the South Carolina conference. He reports having met favorable success in his labors and returned home filled with the spirit of his mission.

Elder Oliver J. Harmon writes from Huntington, Aug. 16th: "I left my home on the evening of July 4th, 1898, and was set apart for a missionary to the Northern States. Arriving in Chicago, I was assigned to labor in the Southern Illinois conference as traveling Elder. For a period of eleven months I traveled and labored in the counties of Johnson, Johnson, Elgin, Alexander and Polaski. On June 15th, 1899, I was called to St. Louis, where I remained until my release, with the exception of a few short visiting trips. In all my labors as an ambassador of truth, I have enjoyed myself and can say that the blessing placed upon my head by the servants of God have been fully realized. I returned here on the morning of August 12th."

Elder Ben L. Rich, of Rexburg, Ida., was set apart on the 5th of January, 1899, for a mission to the Southern States. He was first laboring in Atlanta, Georgia, for two months, and then spent three months in the country in southern Georgia, and in Tennessee three weeks. The remainder of the time he spent in Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio. In Cincinnati he had the privilege of addressing an agents society on the authenticity of the Book of Mormon. He has preached the Gospel in seven States, with marked success. He returned to this city on the 18th of this month.

Elder John C. Radde, of Richfield, Sevier county, came home on the 5th of this month from the Northern States mission, for which he was set apart on the 11th of July, 1898, to the State of Minnesota, principally in St. Paul and Minneapolis, where he found not a few willing to listen to the Gospel. The work, he says, is prosperous. In Minneapolis a Sunday school has been organized, and in doing so, Brother Radde was the superintendent of this school since its organization in March last.

Elder George Davis, of Logan, Utah, reports by letter, dated Aug. 23, that he was set apart on April 18th, 1899, for a Southern States mission in response to a call made upon him from Shelton ward, Bingham county, Idaho. He arrived at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 22nd, and was assigned to labor in the North Alabama conference, where he labored as traveling Elder up to the time of his release, which he received on account of

ill-health. The time he spent in the South, he made many friends to the Gospel, and found the people of the South a very hospitable people, though on the other hand, the spirit of the adversary was manifest on many occasions. He arrived home on August 14.

Elder William V. Lay, of Escanaba, Garfield county, was set apart on the 2nd of November, 1898, for the California mission. He labored in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and returned home on the 18th of this month, after an enjoyable and successful mission.

Elder C. G. Gardner of this city returned home on the 18th of this month from a mission to Great Britain and the Southern States. He was set apart on the 22nd of July, 1898. He was first sent to Great Britain, where he labored in the Leeds and Bristol conferences, four months. The time he spent in the time he spent in Virginia, the Southern States. He met with good success in the two fields.

Elder E. B. Curtis of Springville, Utah county, returned home on the 20th of this month from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart on the 15th of June, 1899. He labored in the Chattanooga conference, where he says he met with very much success. He labored in some conversion, but had on the whole an enjoyable mission.

Elder Langley A. Moore, of Wilford, Fremont county, Idaho, was set apart on the 15th of June, 1899, for a mission to the Southern States. He returned on the 19th of this month. He labored the first sixteen months in the Mississippi conference, but his health being poor he was transferred to the East Tennessee conference, where he remained until released. He says he enjoyed his labors. In the latter field he had good health and met with splendid success.

Elder W. H. Boyle, of Santaquin, Utah county, was set apart on the 16th of June, 1898, for a mission to the Southern States. He returned home on the 18th of this month. He was assigned to the South Alabama conference, over which he presided the last nine months of his mission. The work in the mission has been a success in every way. The conference is growing, and the intelligent portion of the people is willing to listen to the testimony. The Roberts agitation has proved beneficial in many ways. Hostile magazine articles have had a similar effect.

Elder James R. Hart, of Thomas Fork, Idaho, in a letter dated August 16th, writes that he left Salt Lake City on January 12, 1899, and arrived in Hamburg, Germany, Feb. 19. He labored in the Kiel and Bielefeld branches of the Hamburg conference, and then, owing to rapidly failing health, was transferred to the Stuttgart conference. He spent three months in South Germany, but his condition not improving he was released, and called from Liverpool on the 21st of June. His labors were pleasant and profitable. In the highest degree, and it was with the deepest regret that he returned home. The mission is in a prosperous condition, new fields being steadily opened up and the feeling of love and unity among Saints and Elders most gratifying, indeed.

Elder Heber Austin writes from Lehi City, Utah, Aug. 20th, 1900, as follows: "I was set apart on Feb. 12th, 1899, for a mission to Great Britain. On arriving at Liverpool I was appointed to labor in the Norwich conference. In April the same year I was called to preside over that conference, which calling I filled until I left for home, August 2nd, 1899. I was honorably released, and returned home a few months sooner than I would have been on account of poor health, arriving home August 16th. In the action where I labored there seem to be a great indifference to all religious matters, especially in the district taught by the Latter-day Saint Elders, but I am pleased to say quite a number have been added to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Norwich branch during the past few months, and I have personally met quite a number of very influential people, among whom I may mention Dr. Samuel Matthews, a member of the Town Council of Norwich; and Mr. John Lemon, one of the board of guardians of the same place. We have been very successful in our conference with two lady missionaries from Utah, Sister Parish, of Centerville, laboring there until last April, and was succeeded by Sister Park of Salt Lake City. They are very zealous workers and worthy representatives of the sisters of Utah, and much good has been accomplished by their untiring labors. "Your brother in the Gospel," "HEBER AUSTIN."

Elder Ephraim Jensen, of Logan, Cache county, arrived in this city on the 19th of this month, on his way home from the Eastern States mission. He was set apart on the 7th of September, 1898, and was assigned to the New England conference. The first seven months he labored in Everett, a suburb of Boston, and the rest of the time in the city. Elder Jensen, as will be remembered, had the privilege of speaking on the Boston Common, and although he was much criticized, he made many friends, particularly among the intelligent classes. Representatives of these pressed him, and the other Elders, with fairness and kindness. There have been eighteen baptisms lately in Boston and vicinity, and others are expected to follow these. Regular Sunday services have been held, in addition to the open air meetings, and much interest has been manifested in these.

Elder Thomas Warnock, of Monroe, Sevier county, returned on the 19th of this month from a mission to the Southern States, for which he was set apart on the 11th of April, 1898. His field has been the North Ohio conference, where the work is reported to be progressing steadily.

Elder Julian I. Smith, of Coalville, Summit county, has returned from a mission to the Eastern States. His labors were expended in New York and vicinity, and he comes back to his home and friends rich in experience.

Elder William P. Murray, of Wellsburg, Cache county, Utah, returned home from the Southern States mission on the 21st of this month. He was set apart on the 15th of June, 1898, and labored in the Middle Tennessee conference. He states that his health has been good and that he has enjoyed his mission very much. The people of the South he found to be hospitable and kind.

Elder Chas. Lillywhite writes: "Woodruff, Arizona, Aug. 15, 1900. "At a late conference of the Woodruff, Arizona, and Iowa Elders, held at Woodruff, Arizona, on the 9th of July 22nd, and Sunday July 23rd, at Omaha, Neb., a number of Elders were released to return home, after an absence of over two years. Among the number was the writer. I was set apart for a mission to the Northern States at Salt Lake City, June 1st, 1898, was assigned to labor in the State of Nebraska, where I labored with good success as a traveling Elder for twenty-two months, when I was called to preside over the Nebraska conference, which position I held until my release, the 23rd of July, 1899. I enjoyed my labors exceedingly, enjoying the best of health during my labors. The State of Nebraska presents a very favorable outlook for missionary work. Many honest in heart have accepted of the Gospel truths in that State during past two years, and many more are investigating. I arrived safely home at Woodruff, Arizona, on the 9th of August, 1900, after a pleasant journey by way of Kansas City and Independence, Mo. Your brother, "CHAS. W. LILLYWHITE."



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