

stake of Zion. Among the important changes was the retirement of Pred-dent Charles Kingston from the stako presilency, and the sustaining of his successor, Stake Clerk T. J. Tingey. President Kingston has contemplated for some time making his home in the Snake river country. Elder Henry Hoff-man was sustained as president of the Y. M. M. I. A. of this stake, with Ed-ward Benzley and Oscar Evans as Counsellors. Joshua Eldridge and D. E. Facksell were sustained as alter-nates in the high council. A pleasing feature of the conference was a connates in the high council. A pleusing feature of the conference was a con-cert given on Saturday evening under, the direction of Stake Superintendent of Sunday Schools George A. Peart. The Randolph choir, R. S. McKinnon con-ductor, deserve great credit for their splendid work during the several meet-mether mether was very pleasant ings. The weather was very pleasant I and the roads fine.

Feb. 6 on his return from the Eastern States, whither he was sent on a mis-states, whither he was sent on a mis-sion Jan. 7, 1902. He labored in the North West Virginia conference with gratifying success. The work of the Lord there is thriving, prejudice is be-been sensed friends are made on eving removed, friends are made on ev-ery hand, and many are carnestly in vestigating. The Elders are generally well received by the kind and hospita-ble people of West Virginia.

Elder Parley P. Black of Hinckley. Millard county, passed through this city Feb. 11, on his way homeward from the Eastern States, where he has been doing successful missionary work since April 1, 1902. He labored in the New England conferences, in Maine and Massachusetts, part of the time in the city of Boston. The Gospel work in New England is making satis-factory progress and the Elders from



ELDER ELIAS KIMBALL,

President of the Blackfoot (Idaho) Stake.

The subject of this sketch was born in Salt Lake City, May 3, 1857. He is the son of President Heber C. Kimball and Christeen Golden.

His early education was secured in the common schools. In 1881-83 he atded the Brigham Young Academy and University of Utah, and stood high



A friend of the "News." P. E. Leon-ard, writes from High River, Alberta, Canada, Jan. 25: I wish to say through the "News," to Michigan three years ago, and with had pleasant acquaintances whom we had pleasant acquaintances at Grand Rapids, that we are now lo-cated at High River, Alberta, Canada, and should any of these good fellows be in search of a new home, to come to the above place, the most favored spot in all Alberta, and our latchstring is out. Just in sight of us a few "Mormon" people are starting a town near a lake, a most beautiful place, where nature responds with greeting to plow boy as well. The winter thus far has been exceptionally pleasant. Stock every-

STAKE CONFERENCES. BINGHAM STAKE.

BAPTIZED INTO THE CHURCH.

Eight Souls Added to the Notting. ham Conference. Elder James L. Demford writes from

Elder James L. Demiord whites right Nottingham, England, Jan. 25: We find the good oid Nottingham conference in still a prolific field for ef-ficient work, which fact was demon-strated on the 16th inst., when it be-came our pleasant duty to baptize eight

came our pleasant duty to baptize eight souls into the Church of our Redeemer. Two of the number are men who have been struggling hard for some time to overcome the habit of drink and tobac-co, which, being done, they indeed brought forth fruit meet for repentance. The truthfulness of the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints ap-pealed to their better judgment, they accepted it as of divine origin and be-

peaked to their bitter joint and be-accepted it as of divine origin and be-ing made acquainted with the Gospel requirements, they successfully battled with the blighting curse of this land-drink, and today are honored members

drink, and today are honord included testifying at every opportunity of the goodness of God in the fulfillment of the promise, "He that doeth the will of the Father shall know of the doctrine,"

eic. Five other excellent people have made application for baptism since the event mentioned above.

Since last writing you two new fields have been opened up and very promis-

ing reports come therefrom. Many friends are being made, and prejudice allayed. Opposition is also playing its part in helping on our work.

The Latchstring Out.

The Blackfoot Stake Organized At the Late Conference.

Iona, Ida., Feb. 3.—The quarterly conference of the Bingham stake of Zion, convened in this ward Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 30 and 31, 1904. There were present on the stand of the Coun-cil of Aposties Elders John Henry Smith, John W. Taylor, and Abraham O. Woodruff: of the First Council of Seventies Elder Jonathan G. Kimball; Elias S. Kimball, the stake presidency, High Council, Bishops and other lead-ing brethren of the stake. The large comfortable new meeting-house was filled to its utmost capacity

and it was estimated that at the Sunday afternoon meeting there were at least 1,000 people present.

Elder Slule reported the stake in a good, healthy condition. The excellent singing by the choir and the splendid instructions given by the visiting brethren and the good feeling and spirit that

prevailed were enjoyed by all. Elder John Henry Smith stated that it had been deemed advisable by the Presidency of the Church and the Apos. tles that the Bingham stake be divided on a line just north of Shelley. It was suggested and agreed upon that the dividing line be five miles north of what is known as the base line; also that the old stake, as at present organized, re-tain the name of Bingham, and that the new stake be known as the Blackfoot stake

Elder Elias S. Kimball was unanimously sustained as president of the Blackfoot stake, with Lorenzo R. Thomas as his first and Dan C. Walker

Thomas as his nest and ball C, watter as his second counselors. The following brethren were selected and sustained as the High Council of the new stake: Thomas G. Clegg, Griffith Williams, Joseph Holland, Wilford M. Christensen, James Wray, Abenidich Bottes John H. Borry, John Wilford M. Christensen, James Wray, Abenidiah Porter, John H. Berg, John M. Rider, Louis R. Jensen, George F. Snelley, Andrew P. Benson, Adolph M. Nielson, Joseph Merrill, James J. John-ston and Heber C. C. Rich, Bröther Reuben Belnap was sustained as president of the High Priests' quor-um with Charles Lyon and B. Y. Nelson as his counselors.

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In the selection of other stake offi-cers, it was decided to leave the mat-ter to the stake presidency, that they might have an opportunity to visit the stake and get better acquainted with the people.

Perfect harmony and good will prevailed throughout all the sessions of the conference, and in the selection of the conference, and in the selection of officers and on all propositions connect. ed with the division of the stake, the people were united and the vote to sus-tain was unanimous. The Spirit of God was manifest in rich abundance. MOSES WRIGHT, Clerk.

WOODRUFF STAKE.

Excellent Meetings-Changes in The Organization.

Woodruff, Utah, Feb. 7.—The quarter-ly conference of the Woodruff Stake of Zlon was held in Randolph on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6 and 7. There wore present as visitors Elder Hyrum Smith of the Council of Apostles, and Elder James Sharp. The wards comprising the stake and the auxiliary organiza-tions were well represented. There was a large assembly present at each meet-be. teachings fiven were of a a large assembly present at were of a favored character, and filled with a spirit suitable to the conditions and re-quirements of the Saints dwelling in this

in his classes.

Elias went to Bear Lake in 1876 and became a pioneer, developing considerable ability as a farmer, stock and horse man. In 1884 he went on a mission to the Southern States, under the presidency of John Morgan, and for one year was his secretary at Chattanooga, Tenn., having been absent over two years. On his return home he visited the eastern cities. He and his brother disposed of all thier property, horses and cattle in Bear Lake and located in Logan city, where he became an extensive land owner. He married Louie Whitney, daughter of John Whitney and granddaughter of Newell K. Whitney. As a partner of the Kimball Bros. Implement Co., he passed four years in that business, and again joined hands with his brother in real estate speculation. Was interested in a very large land deal in Canada.

Elias succeeded his brother Golden as president of thte Southern States mission in 1894, and presided with success for over four years. Fourteen hundred Elders were under his direction. He established a commissary in the mission and provided the Elders with everything they needed.

He had hardly reached home when he received, an appointment from President McKinley to act as chaplain of the engineer corps, under Col. Willard Young. He was in the army 10 months and during most of that time at Havana.

On account of his long absence from home his business interests were lost and wasted, and he entered into the employment of Studebaker Co., and afterwards in the service of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. In all these varied avocations he may be considered a very successful man, and well prepared morally, spiritually, and educationally to accept and perform all duties that will devolve upon him as president of the Blackfoot Stake of Zion.

ARTICLES OF FAITH,

Of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression, 3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gos-

4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, faith in the Lor' Jesus Christ; second, repencince; third, baptism by im-mersion for the remission of sins, fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy, and by the laying on of hands," by those who are in authority, to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

6. We believe in the same or ganization that existed in the primitive church, namely, Apos-tles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.

7. We believe in the gift of angues, prophecy, revelation, tongues, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

s. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also be-

Zion are doing a good work. Except for the fact that his health was poor, RETURNED MISSIONARIES Elder Black greatly enjoyed his misslott.

Edwin Butterworth of Salt Lake City, returned Feb. 9, from the Ger-man mission, whither he was sent Jan. 22, 1901. He labored in the Suttgart, Dresden and Koenigsberg conferences and part of the time as assistant sec-retary of the mission. He reports the condition of the German mission as very good, notwithstanding the difficulties encountered and the opposition of the government in certain districts.

Elder John Elkins of this city, who was set apart April 15, 1901, for the German mission, returned Feb. 1. He labored during his entire absence in the Berlin conference, where the work is making excellent progress, notwita-standing the "banishment" of the Els from Zion, which has acted in a way as a strong impetus to the work.

lieve the Book of Mormon to be the word of God. 9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He

will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 19. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the

restoration of the ten tribes. That Zion will be built upon this continent. That Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisical glory. 11. We claim the privilege of 11. We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God accord-ing to the dictates of our con-science, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may. 12. We believe in being sub-We believe in being sub-to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, hon-oring and sustaining the law. 13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, bencyolent, virtuand in doing good to ALL MEN; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "We believe all things, we hope all things," we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of read-upper the male and the second the second to th good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things .- Joseph

