



CONFERENCE IN MEXICO.

Interesting Book of Mormon Evidence Coming to Light.

Cuanahuca, Morelos, Mexico, Oct. 12.—The Cuernavaca quarterly conference was held in Cuanahuca, Oct. 7 and 8. The Elders had secured a large room and early Saturday morning the seats and decorations were arranged, and conference began at 10 a. m. There were present 12 American Elders, several presiding native Elders and some 75 members. President H. S. Harris presided. Short addresses were made by Elders Harris, William H. Pearce, O. W. McClellan, Charles Martineau and E. A. Richardson.

The congregation of the afternoon was increased by the presence of a Methodist minister and several of his members, as also other investigators, and some curiously inclined. Elders J. N. Rowley and James Maybin were the speakers, dwelling upon Gospel topics with much fluency of language and spirit.

The evening meeting was devoted to testimony. Several of the Elders and many of the Saints, both brethren and sisters, bore spirited testimony, and two hymns of praise were sung by the congregation.

The Sunday morning session opened at 10, with the house full, about 200 persons being present and seated in the choir began singing, the doors and windows were all crowded. The Cuernavaca branch was reported in a prosperous condition, by Elder Juan Martinez, President Harris spoke upon the colonization of the House of Israel in this land. Said that the local and general authorities of the mission and over the general authorities of the Church were united in their opinion in this matter, but as it was to be an extensive and permanent work, they wanted to consider well their movements and obtain a place worthy of the great object for which they were engaged.

That the "Mormon" colonies and people in Mexico, so far, were marching in the front ranks along the lines of progress, in commercial, agricultural, educational and other matters, and they proposed to continue to be companions and supporters of the nations' leaders in thrift and righteousness.

Elder N. C. Tenney made a short talk on the restoration of the gospel. Sunday afternoon, Elder Simon Zuniga reported Cuahuca branch in a thriving condition. Elders M. L. Black and J. E. Whitten bore testimony of the fruits of the restored Gospel.

Elder H. E. Boman, Jr., spoke upon baptism for the dead.

Mr. Noe Aguilar, the minister, on being asked to speak, expressed his pleasure in associating with the Saints, earnestly engaged in the uplifting and redemption of his poor humble brethren of the Mexican nation, and invited the Elders to come and hold the evening session of the restored Gospel in the Methodist church, as we would probably be disturbed by a circus near the hall used. He offered his organ and organist to aid in the singing. The Elders accepted his offer, invited him and his congregation to take part in the program, which they did.

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CHURCH MISSION ADDRESSES

For the convenience of travelers, the Deseret News gives here with the addresses of the various missions of the Church where this paper will always be found on file, and where travelers will receive courteous attention: New York City—33 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth St. Chicago—149 So. Paulina St. San Francisco—609 Franklin St. Los Angeles—423 West Tenth St. Denver—622 West Sixth Ave. Chattanooga, Tenn.—711 Fairview Ave. Portland—267 Hancock St. Kansas City—1405 Lamar St. Mexico—Fifth Humboldt St. London, England—97 Farleigh Road. Liverpool, England—10 Holly Road, Fairfield. Zurich, Switzerland—Hoeschgasse 68, Munster. Copenhagen—Korngade 11, Stockholm, Sweden—Svartensgatan. Honolulu—Punchbowl St. Tokyo, Japan—No. 16 Kasumi-gaokamachi, Yotsuya. Toronto, Canada—226 Wilton avenue.

Their assignments as follows: Elders D. N. Hulise and W. L. Johnson, Toronto, Canada; Elders L. D. McBride and C. J. Loveland, Glens Falls, N. Y.; Elders A. O. Durrant, H. E. Perry, C. S. Greaves, Elsiea Bingham and Mammie Smith, Albany, N. Y.; Elder H. J. Stone was honorably released to return home.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, the semi-annual conference convened. Three meetings were held, at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., in a hall at 62 South Pearl street. All meetings were presided over by Conference President A. O. Durrant. During the morning service, President J. G. McQuarrie of the Eastern States Mission presented the general authorities of the Church and they were unanimously sustained. Elder Perry was the first speaker and took up the subject of prayer and was followed by President McQuarrie, whose remarks were a continuation of the same subject. Elder McBride was the first speaker in the afternoon session and was followed by President McQuarrie. They spoke on the gifts and blessings of the Holy Ghost. At the evening services the time was occupied by Elder Stone and President McQuarrie, taking up the subject of repentance.

Each meeting was well attended. Elder T. I. Richardson from Neely, Ida., who had labored in this conference for two years, part of the time as president, was present. Elder Richardson returned home from his mission in August, 1904, and is now in the east to visit his many friends.

All the Elders, Saints and friends were well and the conference is in good condition.

O. A. DURRANT, Pres. C. S. GREAVES, Secy.

CONFERENCE IN ILLINOIS. Effingham, Ill., Oct. 15.—A very successful district conference was held Oct. 14 and 15 at Hard, Ill. Conference commenced Saturday evening and continued over Sunday, there being in all four public meetings. The principles of the restored Gospel were taken up in their order, and treated upon by the Elders. The goodly turn out, the strict attention paid and the way in which the Elders were hospitably and kindly treated, give evidence that the conference was very much appreciated by those who were in attendance. There are several Latter-day Saints in that part. Three have been recently added to the fold.

ELDER ORRIN MANWARING.

FOREIGN MISSION FIELD. Following notes are taken from the Millennium Star of Oct. 5:

Manchester Conference. Besides the baptisms reported from Stockport, there were in the Manchester conference, during the month of September, five at Leigh, Elder Nicholas C. Hall officiating; and three at Manchester, Elder Willard O. Creer performing the ordinance.

Additions at Chittenham. Elder A. F. Richins sends the following: "I take pleasure in reporting that two more honest souls have been initiated into the fold of Christ today in the Chittenham Baths. After a few remarks explanatory of the great principles of the Gospel by Elder Robert C. Kelly, they were led down into the water and immersed in the liquid grave by Elder A. F. Richins. A powerful influence and a good spirit prevailed."

More Members at West Hartlepool. From Elder Horace T. Godfrey we have the following: "It is with pleasure that I report another baptism service held in the West Hartlepool branch of the New England conference. On Monday, Sept. 25, a cottage meeting was held, where President Alexander Adams spoke on baptism, and exhorted those who were going to take the sacred step to always live in accordance with the Gospel. After the meeting we went to the shores of the North Sea, where three more honest souls were added to the fold of Christ. The prospects are good for another harvest in this branch in the near future. We feel to thank the Lord for his many blessings unto the Saints and Elders of this branch during the past summer. We have held some of the best street and hall meetings I have ever attended."

News Notes from Pelton. Elder Walter G. Paul sends the following: "On Sept. 14, at Pelton, five honest souls were added to the Church by baptism. Two of the candidates—twins of Sister Catharine, Graham, Robert and Hannah—received a birthday present at the cottage meeting at night."

wherein they were confirmed members of the Church. Elders Paul and Lowe officiated.

"We also enjoyed a spiritual feast at our Pelton branch district meetings, held Sept. 24, 1905, in the Co-operative store hall, Pelton Lane Ends, Pelton. The weather being very disagreeable, not as many as we would have liked came out; yet a time of rejoicing was had by all present.

"On June 4, last, Brother Robert Ellbeck of this place lost his life in a coal pit by a mass of rock falling upon him. He left a wife and three children. Services were conducted at the home by the Elders, and interment took place in the Walker churchyard."

Baptisms at Stockport. Elder Isaac A. Smoot and Francis M. Davis, laboring in Stockport, report the following success that has attended their labors:

"We take pleasure in reporting that a baptism service was held in the Stockport branch of the Manchester Conference, during the month of September, five honest souls were initiated into the fold of Christ, Elder Isaac A. Smoot officiating. Impressive services were held in the meeting-room of the Saints and should be a great blessing to the Saints and investigators adjourned to the Corporation Baths, where the sacred ordinance was performed.

"The confirmation of the baptized believers was attended to immediately after. A good spirit prevailed, and all present witnessed the sacred ceremony with great interest. Several others have applied for baptism, and in the near future we shall grant their requests. We rejoice in realizing that the Lord is answering our prayers and blessing us in our efforts to spread the truth."

Missionary Arrivals. The following missionaries arrived in Liverpool, Oct. 25, per steamship Labrador: For Great Britain—George A. Anderson, H. Sumner Hatch, Logan; John G. Midgley, Jr., Edward S. Rieh, Bertram F. Reeves, Salt Lake City; William Brown, Oregon; Robert Pike, Calder; Joseph F. Cedar City; For the Netherlands—Leonard G. Hardy, Jr., Salt Lake City; For Switzerland and Germany—Richard K. Bridge, Harry Sherrill, Salt Lake City; Fred J. Colby, American Falls; For Scandinavia—Custave A. Hoagland, Salt Lake City; Lora E. Jorgensen, Hyde Park; Christian Mortensen, Riverton; Franklin Mortensen, South Jordan.

Appointments. The Elders who arrived Sept. 29, 1905, for Great Britain, are appointed to labor in the following conferences: George A. Anderson, Bristol; H. Sumner Hatch, Grimsby; John G. Midgley, Jr., London; Edward S. Rieh, London; Robert Pike, Newcastle; William Brown, Norwich; Joseph S. Fife, Irish; Robert Pike, Norwich.

Baptisms at Cambridge. The following is reported by Elder T. Willard West and Ira J. Boyce: "Having labored in this conference for two months in the Cambridge district of the North-west conference, we feel very thankful to our heavenly Father for the blessings He has shown us. This being a new field, and there being no suitable place for baptizing, we have built a green-house belonging to one of the brethren. We led eight honest souls into the waters of baptism and were followed by 10 on Oct. 2 and 7; also one in the river some weeks ago; making nine in all. Elder T. Willard West officiated. On Sunday afternoon we held a confirmation and sacrament meeting, which was well attended. Our testimonies to the truthfulness of the Gospel that they had received. The prospects are looking very bright in this place."

MANCHESTER CONFERENCE. The semi-annual Manchester conference was held in Manchester, England, Oct. 1, 1905, in the Secular hall, commencing at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 6:30 p. m.

At the morning session there were more than the usual number of Saints in attendance. President John W. Gibson presided. After singing and prayer, the leading authorities of the Church, together with traveling Elders, were presented and unanimously sustained. The statistical report of the conference was then read, showing eight branches, with a total membership of 104. Having labored in this conference for two months in the Manchester district, we feel very thankful to our heavenly Father for the blessings He has shown us. This being a new field, and there being no suitable place for baptizing, we have built a green-house belonging to one of the brethren. We led eight honest souls into the waters of baptism and were followed by 10 on Oct. 2 and 7; also one in the river some weeks ago; making nine in all. Elder T. Willard West officiated. On Sunday afternoon we held a confirmation and sacrament meeting, which was well attended. Our testimonies to the truthfulness of the Gospel that they had received. The prospects are looking very bright in this place."

President Grant then occupied the time of the great blessings to be obtained by obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and then living up to its requirements.

Over 250 persons were present at the afternoon meeting, a large percentage being strangers. Elders Isaac A. Smoot, George D. Reeder, Joseph J. Squires, and John J. Riley, spoke in the order named. President Grant occupied the rest of the time.

The evening session was better attended than either of the others, between 400 and 500 being present. The time was occupied by Elders Milton E. Purdy, Joseph A. H. Hurst, John W. Stubbs, W. B. Muir, and Ambrose Hibbert. Each of the brethren mentioned bore forceful testimonies in behalf of the Gospel.

President Grant spoke of the educational features of missionary life; also on the blessings derived from keeping the Word of Wisdom.

President Gibson, together with the Elders, felt encouraged with the future prospects in the Manchester conference, especially so concerning conditions in the city of Manchester, as recent active work has not been carried on in that city for much more than a year. There was a good spirit manifested at all the meetings. Solos were rendered during the services by Sisters Maud Horne, Emma and Lillie Manders; also a quartet composed of Brothers Birchall and Lowe, and Sisters Birchall and Habshaw.

A Priesthood meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, and the Elders were given valuable instructions by President Grant.

JAMES J. SQUIRES, Clerk of Conference.

STAKE CONFERENCES. ALPINE STAKE. The quarterly conference of the Alpine stake was held in Lehi Sunday, Oct. 22, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. and the young people's conference in the evening at 7 o'clock. All meetings were held in the new tabernacle for the first time.

Presidents A. H. Lund and Francis M. Lyman, and Elder Hyrum M. Smith, and Prof. J. E. Hickman of the Brigham Young university attended the general conference, and at the evening meeting President Nephil L. Morris of the Salt Lake stake and Prof. J. E. Hickman were present.

President S. L. Ogdenman reported the stake to be in good condition; all the stake officers were united; the people were paying more tithing and the different wards were taking more pains with their records. He said the stake now had a house in which to deposit all ward and stake records.

Bishop J. E. Hindley of the American Fork Third ward and Henry Lewis of the Lehi Third ward reported their wards to be in fairly good condition.

Superintendent Joseph J. Jackson of the Sunday schools of the Alpine stake reported that out of 2,500 children in the Alpine stake, 1,850 were enrolled in the schools; that the average attendance was 78 per cent for the children and 71 for the teachers and the work was progressing most favorably.

Prof. J. E. Hickman spoke for a few moments on the conduct of the students attending the Brigham Young university from the Alpine stake and their labors.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith spoke at length of the Bishop's and their great responsibility as fathers in Zion; referred also to the training of children. Parents, he said, should teach them the Gospel and should love and cherish them that they would do what was asked of them, because they loved their parents and desired to obey their counsel.

Elder Thomas L. Griffiths spoke of his recent labors in the South African mission, which had been most pleasing and profitable.

President Lund endorsed the remarks of Elder Smith in regard to the training of children and the love and care which should be exercised over them, and spoke on Religion class work, showing how necessary it was as an auxiliary to the Church in the education of the children in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the afternoon meeting the general and stake officers were sustained, after which President Francis M. Lyman addressed the people. He complimented them on having such a lovely new tabernacle in Lehi, and trusted it would be filled every Sunday at sacrament meetings. In all his life he said it had always been his desire to renew his covenants every Sunday by partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's supper.

He was pleased with the report of the Sunday school superintendent, and wished the Bishop to be more detailed in their reports, giving the number of souls in their wards, the attendance at meetings, the work of the different organizations in the ward, etc. He closed by urging the people to labor for the riches of another life and not for the riches of this world only.

President Lund spoke at length upon the belief of the Christian world of a new field, and compared it with the Latter-day Saints' belief in a God who is indeed their heavenly Father and the Father of their spirits; spoke of baptism for the dead, a plan by which the Saints could give their relatives and friends who were dead a chance to gain eternal life.

M. I. A. CONFERENCE. Superintendent G. N. Child of the Y. M. M. I. associations reported that work to be progressing most favorably in the stake; all associations had started up with good attendance, each had a corps of good and earnest officers, and class teachers, and everything gave promise of a good winter's work among the young men.

Elder J. E. Hickman, Sister Emma Layton, and Elder Nephil L. Morris made interesting addresses.

Miss Lulu Trans of Lehi gave a reading, and Misses Rosa Peterson and Ethel Taylor sang a duet.

There were present at the meetings, Elder Seymour B. Young of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies, Presidents Thomas E. Bassett, Mark Austin and Albert Heath of Fremont stake, and C. C. Shaw and Elias Smith.

The people were so busy gathering their abundant crops, that the attendance on Saturday was not large. Sunday afternoon it was better, making it necessary to hold an overflow meeting in the academy building.

The spirit of the last general conference was in evidence, as many who had attended and had not forgotten the powerful admonition of the servants of God and the abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The speakers counseled the people to get out of debt, to be united, and not to get over-balanced now that prosperity seems to be smiling upon them. The subject of doing work for the dead was discussed by Elder Shaw.

The reports of the wards, the quorum of Elders, the auxiliary organizations of the stake and the Ricks academy were of an encouraging character.

The stinging for the occasion was furnished by the Roxburg First ward, of the Ricks academy and the Burton ward choirs.

The general and stake authorities were unanimously sustained by the people and a word of good will and thanksgiving prevailed.

W. E. GEE, Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder H. Ostlund of Stirling, Alberta, Canada, returned Oct. 14, 1905, from the northern States, where, since July 7, 1903, he has been laboring as a missionary in the Southern Illinois and Minnesota conferences. Opposition, he says, gives the missionary the greatest opportunity to reach the people with the message of truth. Elder Ostlund, attended the recent conference at Nauvoo, and speaks enthusiastically of the splendid time all had there. Only those present, he says, can realize how anxious the people of the old historic city are to have the "Mormons" return.

Elder James W. Pearce reports by letter that he has recently returned from the Colorado mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 7, 1903. The Denver and Nebraska conferences were his fields of labor. He speaks very highly of the hospitality and kindness of the people of Colorado and Nebraska.

Elder G. R. Williams of La Grande, Oregon, passed through this city Oct. 19, 1905, on his return from the Southern States mission, where he has been laboring since Dec. 2, 1903, in the Mississippi and Georgia conferences. In both fields the Gospel is being proclaimed with vigor by the Elders, and they are blessed with success.

Elder Albert F. Richins, of Grosuag Creek, Boxelder county, Utah, passed through this city Oct. 19, 1905, on his return from the British mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 20, 1903. The Bristol conference was his field of labor, where he says the work of the Lord is progressing nicely. Some few are being gathered into the fold of truth, and much prejudice is being allayed.

Elder Brigham E. Griffiths, of Provo, Utah county, returned Oct. 19, from the British mission, for which he was set apart April 27, 1903. His field of labor was the Grimsby conference over which he presided the past six months. This conference is in good condition, and the Gospel work is progressing nicely. During the last six months, 25 persons were baptized.

Elder Thomas Lewis Griffiths, of Adamsville, Beaver county, Utah, passed through this city Oct. 20, on his return from the South African mission, whither he was sent June 15, 1903. In Cape Colony, South Africa, the Elders, although few in number, are doing a good work. There are about 50 who have embraced the Gospel and the Elders have made a great many friends. It is a good field for missionary work.

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