CHURCH INTELLIGENCE

MISSION FIELDS.

Preaching to Mormons.

Dillon, Mont., Feb. 19, 1899.

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It is nearly ten months since I left my home and loved ones in obedience to the call made of me, to fill a mission in the Northwestern States. I was set apart with many others on the 4th of May, 1898, and left on the next day for Butte City, Montana. Arriving there I was assigned to Cedar, Carbon county, to labor in the Billings conference under Elder H. S. Jackson as president. I then received an appointment to labor in the Green Grass county with Elder R. E. Hurd as my companion. We were stationed at Big Timber and made our headquarters with a family not working, with feather bread. Were good to us, who did everything they could to aid us.

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Preaching the Gospel at Home.

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To the Editor:

A short time ago one of our Methodist neighbors called upon me to discuss the necessity or expediency of going among our own people here in Zion, and preach the Gospel to them, and affirmed that the Mormons had forgotten the instructions contained by a couple of returned missionaries upon the same topic as to the needs of the people in Zion. I told him that I was not aware of any such thing, that was done to one of the wards and they prepared such excellent results that a new order was given to do so in public meeting house, and the Mutual Improvement association officers met on Sunday evening to discuss the ways and means of carrying out the work that had been devised, that this course may be pursued with further success.

Two Sundays ago in succession, Elders Tom. Leyed and E. M. Boyer, conducted the services. They treated the subject of the Gospel, as though the people who never had heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They dwelt on the first principles of the Gospel, answering questions that might be handed in, discussing the Scriptures, showing the Articles of Faith upon them to all who desired them, called upon those who believed in the doctrine to prevent gate the principles more fully. In fact, the entire series of meetings was conducted in the spirit of the apostles in the ward preaching the Gospel to my neighbors.

A lively interest was taken by both our people and those not of our faith. The "take-aways" Latter-day Saints attended, and the Methodists and others were pleased with intense interest in the Elders expound their faith. Unbelievers could not but admit that the principles of the Latter-day Saints were preached.

These Sundays, no religion at all seemed struck with the simplicity of the doctrine and the strict conformity of it to the Scriptures. Many questions were handed in and answered. Voices of Warning and some Books of Mormon were sold, which shows that people believe in the "Mormon" Church who for many years had not graced the Church with their presence, but attended regularly. Others for of our Faith came in and took greater interest, so the Elders found ample Scriptures to clothe bearing.

The last series began on Sunday night, Feb. 12, and continued each night during the week, including the following Sunday, Feb. 19. At the close the Elders were cordially thanked the people who had so liberally donated the use of the meeting house, also the audience that had patronized their meetings, and invited them to study their principles as also to the Bishops.

Yours truly,
M. E. CHANDALL JR.,
President M. I. A. Organization.

From the British Mission.

[Millennial Star of Feb. 6.]

Arrivals.—The following named missionaries have arrived safely in Liverpool on the American line s.s. Pennland, on February 1, 1899:

For the British Mission—J. H. Fristy, Guerdhe, Arizona; Heber H. Davis, Salt Lake City; Helen Ann Lehi, Geo. O. Webb, Richmond; Frank Lucelo, Lehi. For the German Mission—Richard Hart, Montpelier, Idaho. For the Scandinavian Mission—John Peterson, Ovid, Idaho.

Appointments.—J. H. Fristy has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Leeds conference.

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Geo. O. Webb and Frank Lucelo have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Newcastle conference.

Reassigned—Thomas Philips and J. E. Williams, traveling Elders in the Birmingham conference and Edmund Briggs Jr. of the Newcastle conference have been honorably released to return home on February 15, 1899, on the Anchor Line steamship Ethiopia.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Sanpete Stake.

Ephraim, Feb. 20, 1899.

To the Editor:

A conference of the Sanpete Stake was held in Ephraim on the 19th and 20th of February, 1899. Of the Council of Twelve Apostles, George Teasdale and Anthon H. Lund were present; also the stake presidency and members of the High Council. All the wards were represented by Bishops or counselors. The house was filled to its full capacity. Elders Joseph F. Smith and Seymour B. Young were the principal speakers. The Bishops' reports represented an improvement in the spiritual condition of the Saints, and a fair condition in the tithes and offerings, and the poor provided for. Some sickness exists among the people, but generally the condition is good.

The missionaries laboring among the young people gave a good account of their labors and expressed their appreciation of the kind treatment they had met with from the Saints. We have received from the field of their labors with the best of feelings.

The "News" is read with interest by all the Saints.

THOS. PRESTON,
Pres. of Sanpete Conference.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Enos Ormond of Ballif, Idaho, arrived in this city on the 17th of February, and reported to Elder Joseph Musser, where he has been laboring as a missionary. He was set apart for a mission on the 5th of March, 1897, and left for his field of labor on the 11th of April. He reports some of his time with fair success and enjoyed his labors very much.

Elder Joshua A. Pawson of Grantsville, Tooele county, has returned from Idaho, where he has performed missionary labor in the interest of the Mutual Improvement Associations. He left on November 29th of last year and returned on the 23d inst.

Elder Alma Swenson of Pleasant Grove, Utah county, passed through the city on Friday, February 24th, having just returned from a mission to the Southern States. He was set apart Nov. 9, 1896, and left the city the next day. He was assigned to the East Tennessee conference, where he labored with fair success until November, when he was called to the Alabama conference to assist Elder Swenson in the work of the conference.

ROWDYISM IN NOTTINGHAM.

A Stranger Mobbed Because Suspected of Being a Mormon.

Nottingham Express.

An outbreak of unusual fanaticism has during the past few days made itself brutally apparent among certain classes in various parts of the Nottingham. Fires it should itself in the concerts and meeting treatment of three French-American preachers, who have come to the town to proclaim the doctrine of their sect if possible, and have met with a reception of a character which clearly indicates that the old "lynch" spirit certain parts Nottingham is not more in date which respectable citizens could but pass forever but unfortunately it is not so.

The Great Market-place on Saturday evening was the scene of a disgraceful outbreak of unmanly brutality, which should be a lesson to those who have seeking to assist in the work of misfortune and trouble to the peace authorities. The preachers, it appears, merely meeting time was after some time spent in the place, and it is quite probable that they would have gone away and not have been disturbed, but it so chanced that a stranger who was mistaken for one of the preachers was seen in the City without the slightest reason to be suspected of being one of them. He and this fight respectable individual was accompanied by a lady, which doubtless saved him from the rough element as the following facts related to an Express reporter show.

"I had come from London during the afternoon, and the gentleman joined me. We had arrived in Nottingham in the morning, and after we had left our hotel for a walk along the city. We had not been in the place long before we attracted the attention, and I noticed people in groups turn round and point to us. I did not think much of it at first, I didn't understand what we were looking at for, and I naturally felt a little uneasy. Presently I said something to those near him, and then others began to look at me. I felt somewhat uneasy, and said to my companion that I thought we had better go home. He said, 'Oh, I don