

# CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



THE MISSIONARY FIELDS

**Falsehood Against the Gospel.**  
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 6, 1899.

To the Editor:  
On Sept. 11th, at the close of the conference held in Muskegon, Michigan, E. A. Kelley, G. R. Condie, P. J. Peterson, J. A. Wood, J. H. Hume and the writer, carried for the aristocratic city of Detroit where we had been appointed to spread the glad tidings of the restored Gospel. After reaching the city we were informed, upon inquiry, by the city officials that we would be given the same privileges as to holding street meetings that other people enjoyed. But just then there seemed to be a feeling of animosity between the street orators and the police force, mostly caused by the so-called preachers of the "Gospel of the Kingdom." We were told that other people enjoyed, but just then there seemed to be a feeling of animosity between the street orators and the police force, mostly caused by the so-called preachers of the "Gospel of the Kingdom." We were told that other people enjoyed, but just then there seemed to be a feeling of animosity between the street orators and the police force, mostly caused by the so-called preachers of the "Gospel of the Kingdom."

**PETER A. STEERS.**  
Hinton, Summers County, W. Va.,  
December 6, 1899.

To the Editor:  
The Elders of the East Kansas conference, of the Southwestern States mission, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, met in conference on Oct. 21, 22, and 23, at Weyman's hall, Lawrence, Kansas.  
There were in attendance nineteen Elders, many Saints and friends.  
My duty as the secretary of the conference was to write up the proceedings of the conference, and to give the people a full and correct understanding of the same. I have been very successful in this regard, and have been able to give the people a full and correct understanding of the same. I have been very successful in this regard, and have been able to give the people a full and correct understanding of the same.

While we have been laboring in this section of the country, we have often times felt that we were enjoying a privilege in passing through country once traversed by a band known as "Latter-day Israel."  
We feel that the time is not so far away when God's chosen people may again traverse this land, but under very different circumstances to those fifty years ago. We feel that we have had far success since this conference was opened.  
The East Kansas conference was organized May 29, 1898. At that time there were only six members in the conference. It has since grown to a number of seventy-two members in the conference and our working force is better now than it has been before. We have had six accessions to the Church since conference. We may have a few up and downs, but what Elder does not? We realize that the darker the cloud, the more radiant will be the sunrise.  
The crusade, that has been recently inaugurated against the "Mormon" Church, ostensibly in defense of the "American home," is not working as the coteries of sectarian preachers in Utah desire. God has said He will prove that His wisdom is greater than the cunning of the adversary, and it is vindicated in this new crusade. The adversary and his host of aides desire to crush, if possible, the "Mormon" doctrine. They do not want it brought, if they can help it, before the public eye. But the thing they are doing brings it into greater prominence than the efforts of 5,000 Elders could do.  
But it does look just a little ridiculous, to a person not "Bound 'neath the cruel weight of idle vanities,"  
Draining their life's blood,  
To see people blind to the corrupt condition of things around them. They were knee deep in the sloughs of social impurity, while vainly trying to tip toe themselves into a position to gaze over

the rugged summits of the Rocky Mountains, to find some desperate menace to the "American home!"  
But we have no fears for Utah, nor the "Mormon" people.  
If anybody has friends in this section of the country desire them to be visited, please send their names and addresses to P. E. Van Orden, No. 1206 West Elliot St., Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kan.

**In Georgia Conference.**  
Perry, Ga., Dec. 6, 1899.

To the Editor:  
We have been in the missionary field for some time and desire to express our appreciation of the "News." It is with much pleasure that we peruse it each week, not the least on account of the reports of the labors of the Elders of Israel in their various missionary fields.  
We too, have left our all in God's hands and bid farewell to our dear mountain home, and have taken up the "labor of love." The people here exhibit some prejudices against us, still not as much as in other sections, where our lots have been cast. Notwithstanding this, we find the people of Georgia very hospitable and kind. During the time we have been laboring in this section known as "the garden spot of Georgia," we have been entertained by and met many influential men. In this section the people are well to do. We see orchards here containing from one hundred to eight hundred acres, and we were informed by one gentleman that he expected to ship seventy-five car loads from three hundred acres, i. e., Georgia. His first laborer in this field was a man named John. We have been able to make many friends. Several are investigating the message we bear, but we rarely get an opportunity of holding meetings.  
The Elders of Georgia are meeting with fair success, and striving hard to perform their duties in a way that will be pleasing and acceptable to their heavenly Father. We are more than thankful for the "News" and the aid it renders us.  
Anyone having friends or relatives in this vicinity, if they will send us their address, we will be pleased to call on them.  
Your brethren,  
**FRED CHRISTIANSON.**  
S. J. WARD.

**A Good Work Being Done.**  
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 8, 1899.

To the Editor:  
We always read with interest the letters from the various missionary fields. Elder John M. Whitaker of the presidency of the Eastern States mission is making a tour of the large cities of this mission, and is now in this conference. The object of his present tour is to interview the press and hold public lectures where it appears to be the most needed, and to get a hearing before the thinking class of the people.  
Elder Whitaker thus far has met with success. His first labors in the conference were at Mountville, Ohio county, W. Va. (A part of West Virginia known as the Pan Handle, including Ohio, Brooke and Hancock counties, has recently been included in the West Pennsylvania conference).  
We endeavored to get permission to lecture in the court house, but at first met with opposition and difficulty, and were referred to the chairman of the ward. He met that gentleman on the street a few miles later and knew him, though he had never seen him before on earth. Who will say he was not prompted by the Spirit of God? After a brief conversation the official gave his consent, and the result was, Elder Whitaker lectured to a good sized audience in the auditorium of the court house, which was given free of charge. The newspapers of Mountville were very friendly and published the leading points of the argument advanced by Elder Whitaker.  
From Mountville Elder Whitaker went to Wheeling and arranged to lecture in Arion Hotel. This meeting was also well attended by the representative people of the city. Several members of the Reorganized church were present. After the lecture some of the latter expressed their sorrow to think that Elder Whitaker was so deceived, but he informed them that they had no cause to mourn over his account.  
The papers of Wheeling were also very fair and gave a good account of the lecture. From Wheeling Elder Whitaker came to Pittsburg. Arrangements were made for lecture in Pittsburg, Alleghany and McKeesport successively.  
The speaker was welcomed by a very attentive audience at each place and the press reported the lectures very favorably, besides publishing some articles in defense of "Mormonism," written by Elder Whitaker. In these lectures the speaker explained what "Mormonism" is and why it has been, and is, opposed, thus disabusing the minds of the people of the idea that "Mormonism" is opposed on account of "Polygamy." He also showed the falsity of a great many charges which are made against the Church, and explained the position of the Church in the crusade through which it is now passing. His words struck home to those who were honest, and many hearts warmed with sympathy for the truth. Influential men acknowledged that the "Mormons" had been misrepresented and ought to have their rights, and there was not a single disrespectful comment in the columns of the press.  
After leaving Pittsburg Elder Whitaker went to Oil City, Pa., and intends to go from there to the New York conference.  
We feel that great good will follow from his labors.  
The indications are that brighter times are coming, because the thinking class of the people are having their attention called to "Mormonism" and they are more desirous of having justice meted out, and blame attached where it rightly belongs.  
The work in these parts is growing very fast. This conference was left in a prosperous condition by Elder Davis, when he was relieved in October, and his successors have been trying to follow up and add to the good work already done.  
Conference headquarters has been established in the heart of Pittsburg, and three good, energetic Elders, besides the clerk, are located in the city.  
Most of the Elders are blessed with health and the spirit of their calling. There are twenty-nine Elders in the conference at present and traveling toward the west. This conference includes all of that part of Pennsylvania lying west of the Susquehanna river.  
Any one having relatives or friends in these parts whom they wish to

Elders to visit will please send names and addresses to the conference president.  
"News" is always perused with interest and is regarded by the Elders as a competent fellow-missionary. We remain your brethren in the Gospel.  
**LEROY E. COWLER,**  
P. W. LEWIS,  
E. W. PAXMAN,  
Conference Presidency,  
1821 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

**In Wales.**  
No. 21, Carlton Terrace, Swansea.

To the Editor:  
The Welsh conference is all well. The are "green Elders" in this conference and a few souls are being added to the Church annually.

Brother Lewis Williams and myself are laboring in Swansea, a town of 10,000 people. There have been no missions here done here during the last ten or twelve years, not since Elder H. Roberts met the apostate Jarman here.  
We are glad to say that the prejudice which once existed against the Latter-day Saints is dying with the nineteenth century.  
We would be very much pleased for any one who has relatives in Swansea to send us their names and addresses, as well as write to their relatives themselves. Perhaps it would be the means of bringing a few more honest souls to the truth.  
Particularly do we ask John Davies, who emigrated to Utah from Carmarthen several years ago, to write to his brother Philip Davies who is now residing at No. 14, Carlton Terrace, Swansea.

While out distributing tracts this afternoon, I met Mr. Philip Davies, who is very anxious to hear from his brother. Your brethren in the Gospel,  
**LEWIS WILLIAMS,**  
N. R. AGGARD.

**Thanksgiving at LaCrosse.**  
718 State Street, LaCrosse, Wis.,  
Dec. 1, 1899.

Located and laboring in the city of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, are four Elders. We have labored here since the 6th of September, 1899, and during that time we have visited over 2,000 families, and revisited a great many of them. A more generous class of people it has not been our lot to meet.  
But I started to tell you how we spent our Thanksgiving. We had the general of becoming acquainted with a farmer who owns a large farm about nine miles from the city. Also with a stone mason by the name of Jacobson, who, by the by, has some friends at LaCrosse. On the following morning, by the name of Jens Rodden, and concerning whom any information would be gladly received by us. Mr. Jacobson invited Elders Thompson and Anderson to come and dine with him, and the same day Mr. Rodden, the farmer, sent in word that he wanted Young and Bentley to come to his place and hold services. Well, Elders Young and Bentley went out on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Rodden kindly furnishing team and conveyance.

We left the city about 2 o'clock, arriving at Mr. Rodden's beautiful farm about 4 p. m. We were met at the door by our host and his wife, and a warm greeting, and ushered us into their beautiful drawing room, where we amused ourselves until supper was announced. At the hour of 7 Mr. Rodden walked into the room, with all his help, and expressed the most cordial desire to hold services, and explain the plan of salvation to them. We expressed our pleasure at having the opportunity, and we held services for two hours. We enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord in talking to them, and explaining the plan of salvation. On Thanksgiving morning, after breakfast, Mrs. Rodden engaged Elder Bentley in conversation in regard to various principles. At the dinner table, spread with an abundance of delicacies, Mrs. Rodden asked Elder Young to return thanks, which he did. In the evening Mr. Rodden gathered his help and some of his neighbors, and we again held services. On the following morning Mr. McDonald of North LaCrosse asked us to come to his house and hold services. Mr. McConnell asked for some tracts to give to his neighbors. By this time Mr. Rodden and his team, ready for us to go away, we went to a town named Holman. There he introduced us to the leading men of the town as his special friends, and giving them to understand that we were Elders of the "Mormon" Church. We then returned to Mr. Rodden's, and when we left Mrs. Rodden provided us with several things to "keep house" with for a time.

We have people hunting us up every where, and this "new crusade" is actually doing us more good than anything that we know of, and we have some of the best newspaper men here that we have met with. They treat us fair and give us free use of their papers, and we keep it going on its rounds of doing good, and is doing a great deal of good for us. People read it and acknowledge it to be a splendid paper. The daily press of the city is highly complimentary to us; also the chief of police, and Mayor Anderson, and many others too numerous to mention.  
**J. R. YOUNG,**  
T. E. BENTLEY,  
F. E. ANDERSON.

**In Oregon.**  
Baker City, Oregon, Dec. 9, 1899.

To the Editor:  
We often see in the "News" letters from the various mission fields. The Elders in the Baker conference arrived at Baker City on Thanksgiving day, and they in connection with the Saints of the branch, assembled at the meeting house, where tables were neatly set, and with the bounties of life, and all partook of these with thanksgiving.  
On Dec. 1st, P. S. Bramwell and Clerk Jenkins, of the Northwestern States mission, together with other Elders from Montana, arrived here. A Priesthood meeting was held, during which our president gave us very valuable instructions.  
The Elders and Saints convened in conference on Dec. 3rd and 4th. It seemed that all present enjoyed a spiritual feast and especially were the Elders here in with the spirit to assist in bringing about the consummation of all things.  
The Elders again assembled in Priesthood meeting and Elder Bramwell gave some instructions, exhorting the Elders to be humble and prayerful.  
Elder James S. Geddes, who has been president of the conference for more than one year and a half, was honorably released to return home, and Elder M. D. Bird was appointed president of the conference with Elder J. M. Workman as first, and O. L. Lewis as second counselors. The Elders were then assigned to their fields of labor.  
Elder S. B. Warner was appointed a special missionary to visit all the Saints in conference. Elder Mason will assist him for a short time.  
During the past summer the Elders have been very energetic in their labors. In cities where people would not come to halls to listen, street speaking has been done, which seemed to result in much good.  
People in general are quite hospitable toward the Elders. Some doors are closed against us, but the Elders esteem it a great privilege to testify to the divine truth to all.  
We are pleased to state that during

the past summer two Sunday schools and one branch of the Church have been organized in this conference. Many families of Saints are gathering in the Grand Ronde valley, where they are making homes. This adds comfort to the Elders laboring in this part of the Lord's vineyard.  
The "News" is always a welcome visitor to the Elders in this conference.  
Your brethren,  
**M. D. BIRD,**  
J. M. WORKMAN,  
O. L. LEWIS.

**STAKE CONFERENCES.**  
Kanab Stake.

Kanab Stake quarterly conference was held in Orderville, December 2nd and 3rd, 1899. There were present on the occasion, the Kanab Stake presidency; nine men, 75 of the High Council and Bishops of the various wards, but one. There were also present, representatives of the various organizations, and a good attendance of the people. The principle of a leading subject spoken upon by the brethren, and as first presented by President E. D. Woolley, was "great patriotism for the cause of truth." Many other subjects were spoken upon in a spirited manner. The reports given in by the Stake president, and Bishops of the various wards were not discouraging. The people generally desire to live their religion. The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained. The resignation of Bro. Glover as counselor to Bishop Glazier, of Johnson ward, was accepted; also the resignation of A. D. Young, as first counselor to Bishop Johnson, of Kanab ward. Brothers Edward Pugh was sustained as first and William Crosby as second counselor to Bishop Joel H. Johnson, of the Kanab ward. Our conference was one of encouragement to renew our diligence and qualify ourselves for usefulness in this great work. It is reported that considerable sickness exists especially with small children.

**F. L. PORTER,**  
Stake Clerk.

**Snowflake Stake.**  
To the Editor:

The regular quarterly conference of Snowflake Stake commenced in the Stake house at Snowflake on Sunday, December 3, 1899, at 10:30 a. m. Elder Jesse N. Smith, presided, and gave very encouraging reports of the general condition. At various times he strongly urged the Saints to live more diligently according to the requirements of the Gospel. He warned the people especially against that demoralizing institution—the saloon.  
The conference continued two days, a Priesthood meeting being held in the evening of the 3rd. During the conference about sixteen different speakers all united their testimony to the truth and the necessity of a more strict life to ensure the presence of the Holy Spirit as a constant guide and companion.  
The general and Stake authorities were sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference.  
The weather was beautiful and the atmosphere cool and bracing. The Saints separated grateful for the spiritual feast.  
Respectfully,  
**L. M. SAVAGE,**  
Clerk of Conference.

**RETURNED MISSIONARIES.**

Elder John C. Houston, of Pangulitch, Garfield county, returned home on the 11th of this month, from a mission to Colorado and New Mexico, for which he was set apart on the 14th of October, 1897. He labored the first year and a half in Denver, Pueblo and other places in Colorado, and was then sent to open up a new field in New Mexico. He succeeded very well in this. There are now about eleven Elders in that field and there are frequent additions to the Church, as a result of their labors. The people are kind and friendly. Elder Houston says he had some thrilling experiences in the field, but he enjoyed his labors and had splendid health.

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