



## CHURCH NEWS

FROM FAR AND NEAR



### IN THE SOUTH.

#### More Fields to Be Opened Up by the Elders.

Elder Walter Hogan writes from Vicksburg, Miss., March 4: A conference of the Elders laboring in this state has been in session here the past three days. All the elders laboring in this conference were present, and also Elder N. J. Harris, secretary of the mission, from Atlanta, Ga. Elder Hardy gave a hearty welcome at conference headquarters, on our arrival.

Three public meetings were held at the court house on Sunday, March 1. At the morning meeting, however, no one came but our own people, so we had testimony meeting.

In the afternoon Elder Harris spoke to a small audience, producing scriptural and other evidence to prove that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God. At night he spoke to a larger audience on "The Authenticity of the Book of Mormon."

Our meetings had been thoroughly advertised, but the people seem to have no desire to hear us as a rule. On Monday and Tuesday Priesthood meetings were held. Reports were received from the Elders, and Elder Harris instructed them in their duties, giving advice and words of encouragement.

It was decided to open up the work in three more cities, Jackson, Meridian, and McComb City, and Elders will shortly be called to labor there.

Elders laboring in the country report that nearly all the members have been visited within the last four months. Special pains have been taken to instruct them in their duties.

Elders laboring in Vicksburg have made many friends, but as yet no converts. The "News" is a welcome visitor, as well as a power for good among the people.

#### MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

##### Report of the Proceedings at a Gathering in Kansas, Mo.

Elders Simon R. Sterrett and John R. Bennett write from Kansas City, Mo., March 13: Mission conference convened Feb. 14 and 15, 1903, at Kansas City, Mo. Services were held in the Irish American hall, 115 Oak street. Elders from the country with the Elders and sisters laboring in the city, were in attendance, with Elder James G. Duffin presiding. Eight meetings were held, four public and four Priesthood meetings. Elders who were laboring in the southwestern part of the state, gave in some very good reports in regard to their work. Hope is entertained that two branches or Sabbath schools will be organized in Barry and McDonald counties. The Elders speak very highly of the people here as a whole. In the treatment of the state, the Elders find friends are found on every hand, and we all feel that the Lord is going to do a great work here, through His servants in the near future.

The city officials are friendly to us, having no trouble in getting permission to hold street meetings, which will begin about the 1st of April.

Elder McRae of the Colorado mission was in attendance, and his remarks were listened to with pleasure. The attendance was not as large as looked for on account of stormy weather.

We have with us here in the city, Sister Sarah M. Giles of Provo, Martha H. Dunkley, Whitney, Ida, and Mary Isabelle Richards of Salt Lake City. They are doing a grand work, especially among the Saints.

We have had a change in the presidency of our conference. Elder Thos. M. Hamilton, who has presided for 18 months, was released to return to his home in the Northern States mission.

Sterrett of Thatcher, Ida, was chosen to succeed Elder Hamilton, with John R. Bennett of Deseret, Utah, as counselor. In "high" capacity he served with Elder Hamilton.

The night before leaving for the west the missionaries surprised Elder Hamilton, and presented him with a gold ring in remembrance of his noble work and the love and esteem he was held in by Brothers and Sisters of this conference.

We all feel to rejoice that we have been counted worthy to be ambassadors of the Son of God. In this chosen spot, where our Father Adam and Mother Eve, were placed in the Garden of Eden—the spot where the temple of our God is to be built; where Jesus, our Lord, is to come and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. Elders John Walker of Louisville, Ky., and Elder Anthony Jensen of Virgin City, Utah, were released to return home after a faithful labor of nearly 27 months in Missouri.

We feel grateful for the "News" and Era, which are doing a great work.

#### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

##### Conference and Reports of the Labor in That District.

Elders James M. Whitesides and Joseph A. Horne send this report, dated Decatur, Ill., March 11: On March 7 and 8 the Elders, Saints and friends met at Decatur, Ill., to attend the semi-annual conference of the Southern Illinois conference of the Northern States mission.

The first meeting was held Saturday night, March 7, with President of Southern Illinois Conference, Elder Ephraim Rowberry, presiding. The first speaker of the evening was Elder James Jensen, who spoke upon the subject of divine authority. Elder Asahel H. Woodruff, president of the Northern States mission, was the next speaker. He gave a brief synopsis of how the missionary work is carried on, and told of the great progress the Latter-day Saints have made since they entered the Salt Lake valley, the evidence of which can be seen on every hand, and they are truly recognized as being an industrious and prosperous people.

On Sunday, March 8, at 10 a. m., the

Elders, 15 in number, met in Priesthood meeting and gave reports of their labors during the past six months, which showed that the conference was in a progressive condition. The Elders received very valuable instructions in regard to missionary work.

All the officers of the Church were sustained by the Elders. Elder A. H. Woodruff was sustained as president and Elder P. M. Abbott as secretary of the Northern States mission.

Elder Ephraim Rowberry was sustained as president (until released, which will be shortly). Also Elder Easton Clement, his successor, and Elder James M. Whitesides as secretary of the Southern Illinois conference. Elder Ephraim Rowberry then read the assignments of the Elders. They were instructed to do more work in the country, traveling without purse or scrip, this being the best way to gain real missionary experience.

Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock another meeting was held. Elders Alma M. Smith being the first speaker. He dwelt upon the principle of faith. Elder George H. Barney of Chicago was the next speaker. He dwelt upon the apostasy from and the restoration of the Gospel, under the influence of the Holy Ghost, he spoke with a degree of eloquence and power that caused his words to sink deep into the hearts and appeal strongly to the minds of his hearers. He told simply and beautifully of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, and gave some strong proofs of its divine authority, among others he quoted the prophecy made by Ezekiel, wherein he said, "The stick of Judah (The Bible) and the stick of Joseph (The Book of Mormon) will be united in the hands of the Lord, and taking the two books and placing them together showed the literal fulfillment of the prophecy. He told of the hardships endured by the prophet Joseph, and of his association with Douglas; of his prophetic utterances to that man and of his literal fulfillment.

Sunday evening, March 8, at 7:30, the last meeting was held. Elder Asahel H. Woodruff was the first speaker. He spoke upon the second coming of the Savior. He was followed by Elder George H. Barney, who spoke in a very interesting manner upon the plan of salvation.

The meetings were well advertised by the persistent labors of the Elders and by the public press, which treated us with a liberality and fairness highly commendable, and was no small factor in getting our hall filled with interested and attentive listeners.

Street meetings were held Saturday and Sunday evenings before commencing services at the hall, which resulted in arousing the interest of many, and aided in increasing the attendance at the evening meetings.

Since last conference the Elders have made a number of warm friends, many of whom are investigating the Gospel. This city has been thoroughly worked and the headquarters of the conference will be moved from here to Quincy, Mr. James Wakefield, formerly of Birmingham, has now of this city, would be pleased to hear from his nephew, who lives in Utah.

The "News" is a welcome visitor and is eagerly read by the Elders and friends.

#### M. I. A. CONFERENCE.

##### A Pleasant Gathering of Young People in Oregon.

Elder L. Garrick writes from La Grande, Ore., March 8: The young men and young ladies of this stake met in their annual conference at 10 a. m. today.

Almost every ward in the stake was represented. Elder E. Z. Carbine presided. Sister Polly L. Storey presided over the young ladies' side of the house.

The officers held their morning session in the Elks' hall, as no room was available in the Sunday school. At 2 p. m. all met in the meeting-house. Elder Carbine made the report of the Y. M. M. I. A. for the year.

Eight branches of this organization now exist in this stake, all in good order, with a membership of 275, being almost double that of last year.

Sister Storey reported the Y. L. M. I. A. as having eight branches, with a membership of 190, and a good average attendance. Brother Robertson, president of the California mission, was with us and spoke to the young people.

At 7 p. m. conference was resumed with songs, recitations and lectures, concluding with a discourse by the stake president, Elder P. S. Bramwell, on the responsibility resting on the Latter-day Saints, to live the Gospel.

#### NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

##### Notes About Missionary Work in Cleveland.

Elder E. F. Dalton writes from Cleveland, Ohio, March 9: The headquarters of the North Ohio conference has been located at the corner of Eiden street and Payne avenue, this city. A hall has been secured for holding services. In connection with the hall are three rooms that we have fitted up for bed rooms and one as an office, and the work of the Lord will be directed from there. We will be established permanently there, and should have by Utah people or other friends coming to Cleveland, they will be cordially received, for we will be glad to see them. Yesterday we held two services there and had a very respectable turnout.

Last Friday night Mrs. Bartholomew, who is corresponding secretary of the Ohio Mothers' club and vice president of the Cleveland Mothers' club, entertained the Elders and a number of other friends, at her lovely home on Case avenue.

It was an informal gathering, and about 10 o'clock a very nice lunch was served. We had the pleasure of meeting Miss M. A. Dickerson, associate editor of the Plain Dealer, and Mr. Will Scribner, president of the local architects, as well as many others.

We are making many friends, and we are doing much reviving, and with the additional advantages of a regular meeting place, hope to spread the

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

##### Most Hair Preparations are Merely Scalp Irritants of No Value.

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Gospel to more advantage. The newspapers here are exceptionally fair and treat us with the utmost courtesy, being willing to publish any correction, and in this morning's papers were two articles that could not have been better, had we written them ourselves. We will soon begin to hold meetings on the streets if the weather permits.

#### The European Mission.

(Millennial Star, Feb. 26.)

Arrivals—The following named Elders in charge of Elder David R. Wheelwright, arrived in Liverpool per steamship Colonial, Saturday, Feb. 21, 1903. For Great Britain—Nils C. Christensen, Jr., Salt Lake City; Samuel S. Downs, London; William H. Howard, Bountiful; George W. Tolley, Mount View, Canada; John W. Holden, Provo; Heber J. Burningham, Bountiful; George F. Wilkins, Provo; Samuel W. Leigh, Cedar City. For Scandinavia—David R. Wheelwright, Brigham City; Nels Sandberg, Jr., St. George. For Germany—D. H. Wilhelm, Meier, Salt Lake City; Joseph Surtori, Salt Lake City; Frank Quigley Cannon, Ogden; Isaac C. Sanford, Salt Lake City; Julius P. Ogden, Richfield; David P. Woodruff, Jr., Burlington, Wyo. For Switzerland—John H. Boehme, Geneva, Ida; William G. Kocherhans, Tropic.

Appointments—The Elders for the British mission who arrived on the 21st, were appointed to labor as follows: Nils C. Christensen, Jr., and Samuel S. Downs, Norway; William H. Howard, Birmingham; George W. Tolley, John W. Holden, Irish; Heber J. Burningham, Bristol; George E. Wilkins, Newcastle; Samuel W. Leigh, Sheffield, conference.

Elder John S. Baugh is appointed to preside over the Newcastle conference. Releases—President L. Sumner Pond, Jr. of the Newcastle conference is honorably released to return home by the steamship Canada, which sails March 19, 1903.

Transfer—Elder Thomas J. Howell is transferred from the Sheffield to the Welsh conference.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, 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 Gospel.
4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion 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 organization that existed in the primitive church, namely, Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.
8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also be-

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 things unto the kingdom of God.

10. 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 paradisaical glory.

11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship him where or what they may.

12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, temperant, virtuous, and 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 good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.—Joseph Smith.

#### Kanab Stake.

Kanab, Utah, March 9.—The Kanab stake quarterly conference was held in Orderville on the 7th and 8th inst. The new meetinghouse was filled to its capacity. Elders M. P. Cowley of the Apostles and Lewis Kelsch and Sister Julia Brixon, who were here in the interest of the M. I. A., and Elder Cameron and Counselor Steel of Panquitch stake, were visitors at our conference. The reports of the Elders showed a disposition among the people for improvement. The remarks of our brethren and sister were very timely. Many expressions were made that among all our best conferences, this was one of the best. The M. I. A. conference was held on Monday. It was well attended, notwithstanding the nine inches of snow that fell during Sunday night. Good feelings prevail and great rejoicing for the prospect of more water during this year, than for several years previous. The health of the people in general is good. Feed for animals is scarce here in Long valley. During the winter, we had a few coldest days witnessed here for many years.

FRANCIS L. PORTER, Stake Clerk.

#### RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Soren C. Christensen, of Levan, Juab Co., who was set apart Oct. 9, 1900, for a mission to Scandinavia, returned March 7, 1903. He labored with success in the cities of Odense and Esbjerg, in the Aarhus conference, Denmark. The Gospel work is spreading and many are accepting the truth in that far away land.

Elder William H. Smith, of Farmers ward, Salt Lake City, returned March 7, from a mission to Great Britain, to which he was assigned Jan. 22, 1901. He labored in the Birmingham conference, where he reports the Gospel work in excellent shape, with very bright prospects. There are some 14 Elders now in that field, and a Church membership of between 300 and 400 souls, with many friends and investigators.

Elder Harry W. Matthews of Taylorville, Salt Lake county, returned March 7 from a mission to Great Britain, to which he was called Oct. 19, 1900. He labored in the Bristol confer-

ence during his entire absence, presiding there during the year past. He reports the work in that field in excellent condition at the present time, the Elders are working with energy and meeting with some success.

Elder Brennon H. Bitter, of Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake county, returned March 10, from a mission to the Eastern States, for which he was set apart Feb. 20, 1901. His field of labor was in the New York conference, with headquarters in Albany. The work in this field is making some headway and the prospects are very promising.

Elder Frank A. Brinton, of Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake county, arrived home March 13, from the Michigan conference of the Northern States mission, whither he was sent Nov. 21, 1900. The Gospel work is making excellent progress in this field. Elder Brinton was secretary for 16 months and president for 8 months during his ministry.

Elder James J. Newman, of Leorn, Bingham county, Idaho, arrived in this city March 16 from the Southwestern States mission, to which he was assigned Jan. 8, 1901. He labored in the Louisiana conference, which he reports in excellent condition. There are 10 Elders now in that field, which has a Church membership of some 300 or 400 souls and many friends among the hospitable southern people.

Elders William S. Berrett, of Menan, Fremont county, Idaho, passed through this city March 16, from a mission in the southwestern states, to which he was set apart Jan. 8, 1901. Louisiana was his field of operations where he had charge of the Sunday schools and presided part of the time. The work is in a prosperous condition, with little opposition from any source.

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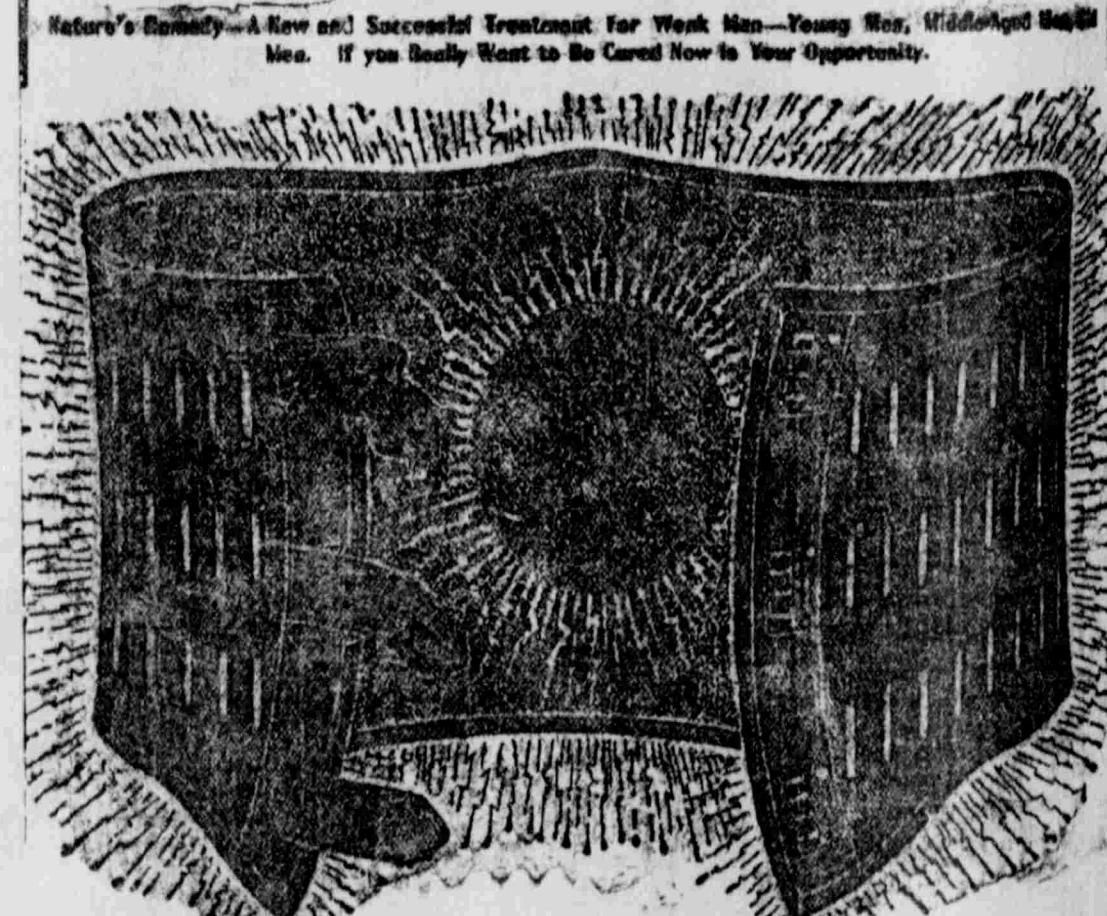
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