

Elder Nicholson made some remarks about the great advancement made by the mother country in the matter of intellectual development, while there was a decadence of human sympathy and of morality. He bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel and expressed himself to the effect that his appreciation of the home and associations of the Saints had been increased by his visit abroad.

The choir sang the anthem

"Gathered Saints."

Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

AMONG ENGLAND'S RELICS.

I left my home in Henefer on November 12th, 1890, on a mission to England with a number of other brethren. On arriving here I was appointed to labor in the British Conference under the direction of President Charles W. Symons. I spent the first month in Cheltenham, tracting when the weather was not too cold. The following two months I was appointed to labor with Elder Henry Moyle in the little, old-fashioned town of Cirencester. Cirencester is an interesting town. In some of the little narrow streets the second story of the small buildings projects out into the street nearly four feet. The old church that stands near the market place dates back, it is said, to the conquest. There is a beautiful park, seven miles long one way, containing 5000 acres, which is free to visitors. It has its historical points of interest. One part of this park is devoted to raising deer. Alfred Hall occupies another secluded part, surrounded by dense forests of timber, principally beech.

On March 1 Elder Moyle was called to the headquarters of the conference and I was appointed to labor with Elder J. J. G. Webster, with whom I have labored ever since in Nailsworth and adjacent villages, distributing tracts and holding conversations where we got an opportunity. We also distributed a number of tracts in Tetbury. This also is a very old-fashioned place, about two miles from which is the residence of Oliver Cromwell, standing out in bold relief. During May last there was a sale of all the old relics of the place. The estate was sold, and all the muskets and rusty swords were disposed of, and now I am told they adorn a museum in London. Two of the rude cannon are still on the lawn. They are mounted on thick oaken plank set up edgewise, the lower sides of which have long since decayed.

We visited the spot where Oliver Cromwell used to take his morning bath. It was made like a vault down in the earth about eight or ten feet deep with steps to go down. The sides are built of stone and the top surmounted with an arch and covered with earth. The most of the arch is gone. The water is used now for dairy purposes. It is a nice clear spring and being isolated from the public it is in a good state of cleanliness.

Not far from this spot are the remains of the bulwarks built by Cromwell, from which he fired his cannon at Beaverstone castle and took off the top,

the remains of which still stand, but unoccupied only as lumber rooms to the farm house adjacent.

There are quite a number of interesting places in this county, prominent among which is the Gloucester cathedral. The architecture is something grand with its many columns and arches. The east window is 86 feet high, made of stained glass. It is said this cathedral was built about the year 1200, but it has had some additions since that date. The tower is considered unsafe for visitors. The entrance is sixpence and a guide is furnished to describe and explain the various parts.

While distributing tracts in Tetbury a Baptist minister challenged my companion to a debate upon the principles of the Gospel, or, what was essential to salvation. At the appointed time there were about 300 people in the Baptist chapel to hear the debate. The minister opened it with a long harangue on the evil practices of the Latter-day Saints. My companion replied at the same length, taking the Bible for his guide and almost utterly ignoring the minister's ridicule and calumny, and so nonplussed him that he actually turned pale.

The Church of England ministers generally give the Elders a wide berth. There are very few indeed who will listen to our testimony. The majority of the people say they are saved and they are astonished when we tell them that we are not sure of being saved unless we keep the commandments of God. They hardly ever ask an Elder into their houses. It is a perfectly free country, and if a man has nothing to eat he is welcome to starve if he has nothing with which to buy food. I have reference to those who are not united with the Saints. A great deal of prejudice could be removed if many of the Saints, who have emigrated to Zion, would write to their friends still in this country, as they all say that after people get to Utah they can neither write nor get away from there. People are so prone to believe the misrepresentations of our enemies. They will swallow Jarman's stories with a relish, and all the talking we can do will not remove the prejudice.

The News is a welcome visitor and when subscribers have read them they should send them to the Elders, as anything that savors of Utah is always welcome.

Ever praying for the cause of truth,
I remain your brother,

R. A. JONES.

CHELTEHAM, August 14, 1891.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

KANAB.

The Kanab quarterly conference was held in Kanab September 6 and 7. Present on the occasion were Apostle F. M. Lyman and Bishop W. B. Preston, the presidency of Kanab Stake, President Jesse W. Crosby of Panguitch Stake, and many others of the Priesthood. Our conference was an enjoyable one, nearly all saying it was the best we have ever had. The general and local authorities were sustained.

The Kanab dam is thought to be a success as far as it is finished, and the brethren of Kanab were advised to all unite and complete the dam as soon as possible.

Crops throughout the Stake are good. The blessings of the Lord attend the Saints in their labors on every hand. There is plenty to do, so none need be idle.

F. L. PORTER,
Clerk.

SAN JUAN.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake was held at Monticello, San Juan County, Utah, on the 22nd and 23rd ult. The forenoon of the 23rd was occupied with the Sabbath Schools' jubilee.

The Presidency of the Stake, some of the High Councilors, and most of the Bishops and their counselors were present. Greater part of the time was taken up by the Stake presidency, who instructed the Saints as to their duties.

The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained. The reports of the Bishops showed that the Saints, as a general rule, are steadily improving, both spiritually and temporally.

The Y. L. and Y. M. M. I. associations held their conference on Sunday evening, and the Relief and Primary associations on Monday morning, the 24th.

The meetings were well attended.
C. E. WALTON, Stake Clerk.

ST. GEORGE.

This conference convened in St. George according to appointment.

We were blessed with the presence and pertinent instructions of Apostle Lyman and Presiding Bishop Preston. Edwin D. Woolley, President of Kanab Stake, was also with us, and spoke to the edification of the people.

Report of the temporal and spiritual condition of the Stake was made by the Stake Presidency.

The general authorities were unanimously sustained by vote of the people.

The Stake authorities were presented, showing some changes. High Counselor Joseph C. Bentley, because of absence from the Stake, was honorably released, and Elder George F. Whitehead was nominated to fill the vacancy. Stake Superintendent of Sunday schools John T. Woodbury, having accepted a call to teach school in the north was, with his assistants, honorably released, and Elder Richard Morris was nominated as Stake Superintendent, with Robert G. McQuarrie and John Morton Macfarlane as his assistants.

The list of Stake authorities, as amended, was presented and sustained by the assemblage without a dissenting vote.

The spirit of instruction copiously rested upon the general authorities present.
JAMES G. BLEAK,
Stake Clerk.

SNOWFLAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake of Zion was held at Taylor, on August 30th and 31st.

There were present on the stand the Presidency of the Stake, members of High Council, Bishops and some visiting brethren, Brother John Morgan being among the number. During the conference there was much valuable instruction given by the speakers.

Paul Smith reported the High Priests' quorum. Joseph W. Smith gave a report of the Seventies, W. E. Stratton reported the Elders' quorum,