

PREST. JOSEPH F. SMITH VISITS PORTLAND

Among all the conferences that have taken place in the different branches of the Northwestern States mission, the one held in Portland, Ore., on July 5, 1908, was one to be long remembered by all those who attended both members and non-members, as on this most notable occasion President Joseph F. Smith and party consisting of President John R. Winder, Patriarch John Smith, Elders George A. Smith and Bishop Charles W. Nibley of the Church authorities and President Joseph E. Robinson of the California mission were present.

The party arrived at Portland on July 4, from La Grande, Oregon, where they had attended the Union stake conference. The first day was spent in city en route. On Thursday a launch was taken out to the mouth of the Columbia river and on Friday and Saturday the party was in session.

At the Sunday morning session of the conference there were present: President Joseph F. Smith, Patriarch John Smith, Elders George A. Smith and Bishop Charles W. Nibley of the Church authorities and President Joseph E. Robinson of the California mission were present.

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He then addressed the missionary elders who were present and instructed them to be faithful and diligent in their work and to keep the commandments of God.

The afternoon session convened at 2 o'clock. Bishop C. W. Nibley then spoke and said that he appreciated the privilege of addressing the saints in conference. He also said that the message of the Lord was one that should be received with careful consideration by all good people, that all the principles and ordinances of the gospel should be carried out to the letter, and that the people should be better acquainted with the name of Jesus Christ and with the name of the Father who sent him.

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The closing meeting was held at 7 o'clock. President Joseph F. Smith then spoke and said that he was glad to have been able to visit with the saints of the stake and to see the work of the church in that city.

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La Grande, Ore., June 29.—The quarterly conference of the Union stake of Zion convened in the beautiful tabernacle at La Grande, Ore., Saturday, June 27, at 10 a. m. President Joseph F. Smith, Patriarch John Smith, Elders George A. Smith and Bishop Charles W. Nibley of the Church authorities and President Joseph E. Robinson of the California mission were present.

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On Monday President Smith and party, together with the stake presidency, boarded autos and rode to the Grande Rouge lumber mill at Perry, where a sumptuous dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. George Stoddard. The party returned to La Grande where it was met by the brass band and a host of friends gathered on the lawn. At 9 o'clock a general social time was enjoyed.

At 9:40 the special car carrying President Smith and party was attached to the regular passenger train bound for Portland. This ended one of the grandest occasions ever experienced by the saints in the history of the Union stake.

VISIT OF PREST. PENROSE TO NETHERLANDS MISSION

Rotterdam, Holland, July 3.—It gives us much pleasure to report the visit of Elder Charles W. Penrose to this mission, and the success which was had throughout his sojourn in Holland. Special meetings were held in several of the branches of the mission and were entirely successful. During the nine days' stay of President Penrose in our midst, meetings were held at Amsterdam, Utrecht, The Hague, Alkmaar and Dordrecht, besides conference held in Rotterdam on Sunday, June 21. At all of the meetings much interest was shown and quite a number of strangers were in attendance. The meeting held in Amsterdam was in a large hall which was crowded, there being, besides the saints, about 250 strangers present. At Alkmaar, a new field of the meeting was packed, about 500 strangers being in attendance and half as many more outside. Seventy books were sold. One of the papers of that city contained an article giving a few statements of our belief.

During the three meetings of our conference there was an excellent attendance, particularly in the morning and evening sessions. At least 550 people were present at the evening session, and a very fine spirit was manifested. During the afternoon session a new field-plated sacrament was used for the first time, it having been obtained for the Rotterdam branch. Of the 74 elders in this mission, 70 were in attendance at the conference, and on Monday, June 22, a spirit of priesthood meeting was held, at which reports were presented and instructions were given by President Penrose and President Cannon of this mission.

Mrs. Romania B. Penrose was in attendance at the sessions of the International Woman's Suffrage alliance in Amsterdam, the greater part of her stay, as a delegate for the state of Utah. During one of the sessions of the congress, she delivered a short speech on the "Woman's Suffrage" which was received with much applause.

President Penrose addressed all of our meetings with power on a number of important subjects and several of

the elders dwell on the principles of the gospel. This work is growing steadily in this mission and considerable interest is being aroused throughout Holland and Belgium, and as fields are being opened up, and we look forward to a great harvest in the near future.

The first edition of the Doctrine and Covenants in Dutch is now published, and much interest is shown among the saints and strangers in this book. We feel that much good will be done by publishing the living word of God among the people of this land.

CHARLES S. HYDE, Secretary of the Mission.

BAPTISMS IN FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Millennium Star of July 2 records the following baptisms: A baptismal service was celebrated at Cornwalls Street baths, Liverpool, Monday evening, June 23, when 21 converts were baptized by Elder H. L. Bywater. Five of them being from the Liverpool branch, one from Birkenhead, one to Boodle and one to Chester branches.

President J. Wilford Booth reports the baptism of four converts in the Turkish mission, when Elder H. E. Taylor initiated four members into the Church of Christ.

On Sunday morning, June 21, baptismal service was held in the Dudley public baths, Dudley (Birmingham conference), when Elder H. E. Taylor initiated four members into the Church of Christ. President William E. Corbridge spoke briefly upon the significance of baptism. Four converts were then baptized, Elder Nell S. Forsyth officiating. Confirmations took place at the afternoon session.

A baptismal service was held at the London headquarters on Sunday last, June 28, when another member was added to the London branch. President Soren Peterson officiated.

A baptism took place in the Corporation baths, Hanley (Birmingham conference), on June 28. President Charles W. Penrose was present and addressed the assembly on the first principles and ordinances of the gospel, after which eight candidates were baptized by Elders James Criddle and George H. Lunt.

A baptismal service was held at the Belpher Street baths, Blackburn, Sunday, June 28, 1908, and was witnessed by a number of saints and friends. The opening prayer was offered by Elder H. E. Taylor, followed by a brief discourse by Elder William A. Jones. Four candidates were then baptized by Elder James A. Smith. Three of them were from Blackburn and one from Preston.

A baptismal service was held at the Glossop Road baths, Sheffield (Sheffield conference), Sunday, July 5, 1908, when Elder H. E. Taylor initiated four members into the Church of Christ. Elder Stanley H. Rich and President Charles W. Penrose were present. Six converts were led into the waters of baptism, Elder Joseph Davidson officiating. A number of friends and investigators were present.

NORTHERN STATES MISSION NOTES

President Joseph Campbell and Sister Anna Hindley of the Northern Illinois conference have been visiting the saints and friends in Joliet. Elder William E. Corbridge and family, Elder S. B. Fairbanks have been laboring there. A good open air meeting was held Saturday evening on one of the principal streets, and a large crowd listened attentively to what was said. Sunday school was organized with the following officers: John F. Wheeler, superintendent; Frank Bird and Hugs Fehmel, counselors; Ella and Freda Fehmel, Frank Bird, chorists. Sunday school is a large number of saints and investigators met at the home of Sister Gardner and held a very good cottage meeting. A good spirit prevails among our saints in Joliet and there are prospects for a very prosperous branch to be organized there soon.

Another member has been added to our little church at Elmhurst, Illinois. Leyla Willet was baptized July 5, 1908, by Elder John C. Dyer.

Southern Illinois—Elder William L. Wanless from the office of the just returned from a pleasant visit with the southern Illinois elders, meeting with Company A at Colfax and Company B at Colfax and Company C at Colfax. There were a number of good meetings and many converts were received. One of the best held in both places, but the elders felt especially proud of the good showing at Colfax where a big Chautauqua meeting was held at the same time they were holding meetings and many people preferred to listen to them, and five books of Mormon were sold in less than an hour and a half.

From Colfax, President James Rasmussen, accompanied Elder Wanless to Bloomington, Illinois, where some of the elders had labored last winter. They found some good friends and investigators and were received very courteously. Some had applied for baptism to President Rasmussen, but only one was ready at that time. Arrangements were made with the proprietor of the swimming resort at the city park for suits and rooms, etc., and about 8:30 in the evening Elder Wanless and Sister Sarah N. McGill, a large crowd witnessed the performance and a reporter made a note of it in the town paper.

We believe much good will result from those laboring at the mission headquarters visiting with the conferences, as it helps to establish a closer relationship and is encouraging to the elders in the field.

Painting Carriage Jail—Elders John T. Beckstead and Loran Manwill have recently spent a week at Carthage, Illinois, repainting and painting the interior of the jail. During the evenings they spent their time preaching to the people of Carthage. There are apparently none of the bitter feelings of a few years ago, for the elders were treated kindly by all whom they met.

From Minnesota—Following is a quotation from an interesting letter received from two elders of the Minnesota conference: "The country where we have traveled has been thinly settled, but notwithstanding this we found many honest people, who were willing to listen to our message and we always had a good bed and plenty to eat, and that too many times without asking for it. One family asked us to stay and when we left they bade us God-speed and said if we or any of our people ever came that way again, we will be old friends with them. We also met an old gentleman who lived among our people in Nevada for a number of years and he had many good things to tell us that he knew about them, which, of course, made us feel good to hear. Said he once owned a Book of Mormon, but



MISSIONARIES AT ADAM ONDI-AHMAN. Left to right standing: M. F. Moffett, John A. Robinson, David A. Berry, M. J. Bartholomew, James Crane, George V. Harris, president, John A. Crosby, John W. McDonald, Joseph B. Dalley and Amos Mead. Left to right sitting: Anna Williams, Ray Jackson, J. T. Brown, Ben F. Bingham, Fred H. Campbell, R. Bennion, John W. Hancey.

loured it to a young lady and never let it back, and when we told him we had the book for sale, he purchased one. We have just returned from Rogers where we were called last Sunday to conduct the funeral services of Bro. Thomas Dean, who died of old age Sunday morning. Bro. Dean was 88 years of age and joined the Church about eight years ago. We had the privilege of telling part of the gospel story to a house full of listeners, and believe some good will result therefrom. One gentleman there told us that of all the generals he had ever known, Brigham Young was the greatest, and that no other man had ever accomplished as much with any people, as Brigham Young had with the Mormons. This morning a railroad agent came in to get the song, "O My Father." His fellow-workers had heard it, had been impressed with the thoughts expressed in the words, and recommended it to him.

From West Iowa—President Louis Fural writes: "West Iowa is patriotic to the core so we didn't hold meetings on the great day of all days, Uncle Sam's great day, the Fourth, but Sunday we held two good meetings. Today we left 19 books and about 100 small books with the business men of the county. We also sold 14 books of Mormon and 28 small books—not bad for 18 humble servants of God. I have always been a very busy man, and I am sure I can do it. I have not expected to see but very little of the harvest while on this mission, but if work, faith, humility and courage will bring a bounteous harvest, West Iowa will not be behind."

SPLENDID WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA

President H. L. Stead, writing the Millennium Star from South Africa, under date of June 9, says: "We are very busy here, and are getting along nicely, but the people are indifferent and seem too busy to listen to the gospel. The elders up country are meeting with very good success and are baptizing people occasionally. At Kimberley, Elders McKay and Foulger are doing fine work, are making friends and are making converts. At Grahamstown, Elders Groves and Simons are doing fine work. At Bloemfontein, have reported 19 baptisms since I visited them, and have very bright prospects for the future. At Worcester, in the Woodstock neighborhood, say the work there is in a flourishing condition. They recently visited East London, where they found a good spirit prevailing among the saints and friends and are prospects for a very prosperous branch to be organized there soon. Another member has been added to our little church at Elmhurst, Illinois. Leyla Willet was baptized July 5, 1908, by Elder John C. Dyer."

When we left Muscoda this morning, men on every side gave us a hearty handshake and God speed on our journey, telling us we would be welcomed to their city at any call. Some of the subjects treated at our conference were: The First Principles, God and the Godhead, Christ's Mission in America, and the Life of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

We are working hard to establish righteousness in this part of the mission field, and though we find few who have not met the elders before, the Lord is crowning our efforts with success and are being made on all sides to administer to the needs of the mission work throughout the Lord's vineyard, we remain, your brethren in Christ.

Elders of Wisconsin conference, Per Elder A. H. Neff. —Liahona, the Elders' Journal.

NEW PRESIDENCY FOR BEAVER STAKE

The one hundred and twenty-fifth quarterly conference of Beaver stake of Zion was held on the 18th and 19th inst. at the residence of President Francis M. Lyman, and Elder George F. Richards, of the quorum of apostles, were present, also all the elders of the stake. Nine members of the high council, four patriarchs and the bishop of all the wards, with one exception. Four sessions of the conference were held, commencing on Saturday at 10 a. m. Elders Lyman and Richards were impressive in their instructions to the assembled saints, calling attention to the necessity of absolute faith in God, which would bring about true obedience to His laws, and the ordinances of the gospel.

The reports of bishops of wards, and presidents of auxiliary associations, indicated commendable progress in the work of God.

A number of changes were effected in the stake and ward authorities, as follows: President Charles D. White resigned as president of Beaver stake of Zion and former First Counselor John F. Tolton was set apart to fill the vacancy by President Francis M. Lyman. Former Second Counselor James C. Tanner was set apart as first counselor to President John F. Tolton by Elder George F. Richards. Bishop Samuel O. White, Jr., was released from the position of bishop of Beaver stake of Zion and was set apart as second counselor to President Tolton, by President Francis M. Lyman.

Elder Charles D. White was set apart as a member of the high council of Beaver stake and was ordained a high priest by Elder George F. Richards.

Elder Franklin D. Farnsworth was released from the presidency of the high priests' quorum and was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Beaver West ward, by President Francis M. Lyman.

Elder Charles F. Marshall was set apart as first counselor to Bishop Farnsworth, by Elder George F. Richards.

Elder George F. Richards was set apart as second counselor to Bishop Farnsworth, by Elder George F. Richards.

Elder Wilford Webb was ordained a high priest by Elder George F. Richards.

The general and local authorities were sustained by the unanimous vote of the saints, and a full flow of the Spirit of the Lord was manifest in all the meetings.

The usual Sunday school union meeting was held, also the joint conference of the Y. M. & Y. W. L. M. I. A. On Monday, July 20, 1908, Elder George F. Richards was set apart as bishop of the Minersville ward, by Elder George F. Richards. Bishop Henry F. Baker having resigned. Elder William Wood was set apart as first counselor to Bishop Richards, by Elder George F. Richards. Elder Henry W. Hall was ordained a high priest and set apart as second counselor to Bishop Marshall, by Elder George F. Richards.

Elder Wilford Webb was ordained a high priest by Elder George F. Richards.

WILLIAM G. BICKLEY, Stake Clerk.

FAITH-PROMOTING INCIDENTS

Elder Clarence E. Jones, who is or recently was laboring in Sacramento, Cal., has furnished for publication in

Liahona The Elders' Journal, two incidents of a faith promoting character, related to him by Sister Adelaide Bevan, who is a resident of that city. She is a niece of Oliver Cowdery, and her mother was intimately acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith. William Cowdery, spoken of in the first narrative, was Oliver Cowdery's father and Sister Bevan's grandfather.

William Cowdery was taken seriously ill when 89 years old. Physicians from a nearby medical college, had done all they could for him and had given him up to die. The Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were called in to administer to him, which they did. As they were going out of the door the prophet turned and said, "Thy father, Cowdery, you will get well and live for many years." He (William Cowdery) got up out of bed the afternoon of the same day, and lived four years after. This was a literal fulfillment of the Prophet Joseph's words.

Sister Bevan's aunt, Rebecca Cowdery, had a cancer on her head when she was 16 years old. From then on she suffered about 25, she was being doctored continually, and several operations were performed. At each cutting the cancers seemed to get worse till seven of them were upon her head. She was a good singer and desired very much to sing at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple. Joseph Smith blessed her and promised that she would be able to attend, which she did. Arrangements were made for another operation and surgeons from the nearby college were to be in attendance. Oliver Cowdery told her that Joseph wanted her and her mother and two sisters to come to the temple. They all went the morning before the operation was to occur. Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery and Sidney Rigdon were there. They waited about two hours for the operation, which was all gone away. She was married shortly after this to Lawrence Frank; raised four children and lived to be 88 years old, and the cancers never troubled her again.

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RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

The elders named below have recently reported their safe return home from foreign mission fields, on dates given. Except when noted, all return in good health and spirits, and report the gospel work in all the fields represented making splendid progress. In the Northern States mission especially, the sales of the Book of Mormon have been phenomenal. The Church is growing in receiving wide publicity. The missionaries are generally well received, many friends are being made, many are being baptized, meetings are well attended and the Church is growing in all parts of the earth.

July 3—H. S. Vance of Provo, returned from the Northern States mission; he was set apart Feb. 13, 1908.

Spencer F. Allen of Hyrum, Cache Co., from the Central States mission; set apart Dec. 18, 1908. Called home on account of the death of his widowed mother.

July 14—August M. Nelson of Sandy, Salt Lake Co., from the Swedish mission; set apart May 1, 1908.

July 15—Fred Nelson of Leanington, Mills Co., from the Southern States mission; set apart March 27, 1908.

Thomas E. Emmett of Ogden, from the Swiss and German mission; set apart Aug. 15, 1908.

July 17—Keaton W. Pierce of Annis, Fremont Co., Idaho, from the Eastern States mission; set apart May 8, 1908.

July 19—Louis W. Preston of Weston, Onida Co., Idaho, from the British mission; set apart April 17, 1908.

July 21—Joseph H. Yates of Brigham City, Boxelder Co., from the Northern States mission; set apart Nov. 6, 1908. Released on account of poor health.

August 1—August M. Nelson of Sandy, Salt Lake Co., from the Swedish mission; set apart May 1, 1908.

July 22—Joseph G. Brown of Lovell, Big Horn Co., Wyo., from the Northern States mission; set apart April 10, 1908.

July 23—James A. Ralphs of Rockland, Maine, from the Central States mission; set apart June 5, 1908.

Cornelius H. Hendrickson of Clawson, Fremont Co., Idaho, from the Central States mission; set apart June 5, 1908.

G. B. BURHANS TESTIFIES AFTER FOUR YEARS.

G. B. Burhans of Carleton Center, N. D., writes: "About four years ago I wrote you stating that I had been entirely cured of a severe kidney trouble by taking less than two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure. It entirely stopped the brick-dust sediment, and I have never had a return of any of the symptoms during the four years that have elapsed, and I am evidently cured to stay, cured, and heartily recommend Foley's Kidney Cure to all one suffering from kidney or bladder trouble. For sale by F. J. Hill Drug Co., The Never Substitutes."

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