



BAPTISMS IN FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Millennium Star reports the following baptisms:

At Burnley, in the Liverpool conference, on Sunday, April 26, a baptismal service was conducted in the public baths. Quite a number of saints and friends assembled to witness the ceremony. After singing and prayer, Elder William A. Morton spoke in an interesting manner on the subject of baptism. Six converts were then baptized by Elder Edward R. Rymanson. Five of them belong to Nelson branch, and one to Burnley branch. All the candidates were neatly dressed in snow-white garments, and presented a very pleasing appearance. They were confirmed at the afternoon meetings.

A baptismal service was held in the public baths, Preston (Liverpool conference), April 25. President Thomas S. Green was present and delivered an appropriate address, as did also Elder F. E. Wadsworth. Twelve converts were then immersed by Elder F. A. Roberts. They were confirmed at the afternoon meetings in the Central building. We learn that several applications for baptism have since been received from investigators in Preston.

A baptismal service was held in the Townhead Baths, Glasgow, April 24, two candidates being baptized by Elder M. O. Ashton. More baptisms are expected soon.

With no little joy that some saints and friends of the Manchester branch gathered at the Leaf Street Baths, Manchester, on Thursday, April 24, and witnessed the baptism of several converts by Elder David H. Clayton. President John Olsen and Elder Julian M. Thomas made appropriate remarks, counseling those baptized to be faithful and loyal to the covenants made.

Seven members were added to the Church at Kildermister (Birmingham conference), April 25, in the Corporation Baths. Elder E. Lakin officiating. President William E. Corbridge was in attendance and delivered an intelligent discourse on the new birth spoken of in the Scriptures.

A baptismal service was held in the George Street Turkish Baths, Hull, Sunday, April 26, at 9 a. m., when eight converts were baptized by Elders Armand T. Rose and Le Roy J. Park. Five of the candidates were from Gainsboro, one from Goole and two from Hull. Grimshy conference. Confirmations took place at the baths.

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A. Badger, and published in the Millennium Star.

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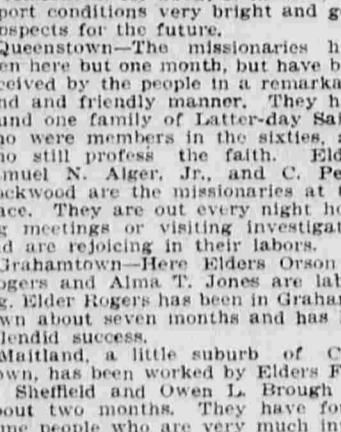
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President Steed intends to meet all the elders personally before commencing his labors at Woodstock, hence he will leave here on the 19th inst. for that purpose. Sincerely yours, RALPH H. BADGER.

We append the following from a letter received a few days ago from Elder George M. Cannon, Jr.: "President H. L. Steed and wife were given at Woodstock in the mission hall here at Woodstock on the 2nd inst., the day after their arrival, and on the 8th we gave a farewell entertainment to both of them. The hall was filled to its capacity with saints, investigators and friends. The programs and refreshments were much enjoyed by the guests, and we feel that the evening's entertainments were a great aid to us in making friends. The Mormons are increasing in number to such an extent down here that people all around us begin to recognize us as a distinct part of the community. The work is progressing nicely with us, and all are in good health and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. During the month of March 16 new members were added to the Church in South Africa."

On Thursday evening, April 30, a baptismal ceremony was performed in Westminster Roads bath, Kirkdale, by which five members were added to the Church. The ceremony was presided over by Elder R. D. Melior and Leroy L. Green. At the present time we have a working force of 13 missionaries from Zion, of which six are seventies and seven are elders. Besides these brethren, we have two local elders and one priest.

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Behind him come two women, calling to their guests words of welcome. With bowed heads, and a great deal of wondering and curiosity, we approach our entertainers. The warrior runs forward with grimace and gesture, throws his hands over their heads and, with dignified stride, and hastens past the women, who are still singing and chanting their Maori greetings. When we reach the concealed party they sing their paus and dance the haka. They call forth their mau mai, mau mai, here mai, here mai. These now recede slowly, join the old people, who advance and the whole party now join in a great course of welcome, dance the haka and sing their songs of welcome. The tangi now begins, each party steps over their departed ones, with dignified stride, and hastens past the women, who are still singing and chanting their Maori greetings. When we reach the concealed party they sing their paus and dance the haka. They call forth their mau mai, mau mai, here mai, here mai. These now recede slowly, join the old people, who advance and the whole party now join in a great course of welcome, dance the haka and sing their songs of welcome.

Four members were added to the Church May 2. The ordinance was performed in the sea, Elder F. I. Hill officiating.

On May 3, a baptismal service was held in Gainsborough Corporation baths (Grimshy conference), when seven converts to the gospel of Christ were baptized by Elder Armand T. Rose.

On Saturday, May 2, 14 new members were added to the Church by baptism in the Leeds sea shore, the ordinance being performed in the Faversham street school baths, Bradford, by Elders R. D. Melior and Leroy L. Green. At the present time we have a working force of 13 missionaries from Zion, of which six are seventies and seven are elders. Besides these brethren, we have two local elders and one priest.

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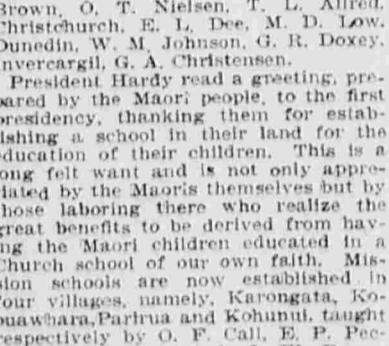
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CONFERENCE AT BLACKFOOT.

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Company A—J. H. Tidwell in charge; A. S. Hinckley, J. W. Johnson, R. H. Andrus, Walter Weber, J. Lee, W. H. Robertson, and Chester Sessions.