



THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

President Aaron Call writes from Nottingham that the total baptisms for October in the conference were 12 souls.

President J. Wilford Booth of the Turkish mission writes from Constantinople, under date of Nov. 4, 1904, that he has arrived in that city safely after a tour of Asia Minor. He was not permitted to call on the people who were so anxious to see a Latter-day Saint Elder, because when within about an hour's ride of the village, he was arrested and held a prisoner for 48 hours, after which he was sent back. His case is now in the hands of the consular and vice consular, who promise to bring the offending officials to terms.

President Heber J. Burton writes from Belfast under date of Nov. 14, 1904: "Our efforts here are being rewarded with success. Of late we have been devoting considerable time in working with the people in and around the village of Lismore, six miles out from Belfast, in County Down. Several of them have become greatly concerned about our message, so much so that a few have had courage sufficient to come forth and accept the truth. Others have expressed a desire to number themselves with the Saints.

"The work is moving on apace in Belfast. The attendance at our meetings is on the increase. For some time we missed the faces of those who recently emigrated to Zion, but the chain left vacant have now been taken by newly made converts.

"Saturday evening last there were six baptisms at the Ormeau baths. Two of the applicants were from Lismore, the other four from Belfast. Elder George W. Tolley officiated."

Elder J. Hamilton Freebairn sends us the following from London:

"On the evening of Oct. 15, 1904, Pres. Heber J. Grant, in company with some of the Elders of the London conference, held four successful street meetings in the city of London. At the close of one of their meetings, a gentleman came forward and introduced himself as the secretary of the society known as 'The People's Own,' of the Baptist church. He stated that he was very much interested in our teachings, and that he had never heard the Gospel taught so plainly before, and he would like to preach in their church on Nov. 13. Of course this invitation was kindly accepted, and on Sunday last President Jesse W. Hoopes of the London conference addressed the congregation for 35 minutes. He expounded the Scriptures with power, and put forth the principles of the Gospel in a clear and concise manner, and to the convincing of the honest in heart. We were also favored with three quartets, rendered by the Toot family and Brother Willard Andelin. The chairman then arose and presented a vote of thanks for those who had so kindly taken part, stating that he was highly elated with the remarks, and that surely they had had a spiritual feast as well as a musical treat. If, said he, they could have such talent as this, it would not be long before they would have their church filled to overflowing. Then President Hoopes was requested by the chairman to announce what denomination he represented. This he cheerfully did, and a cloud seemed to come over a few of their countenances when they learned he was a Latter-day Saint. We feel that the work is progressing in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and that it will not be very long before the seeds that have been sown in the past will bring forth fruit. We have many investigators, and their homes are always open to us."—Millennial Star.

Arrivals.—The following missionaries arrived in Liverpool Nov. 5, 1904, per ship Winfredian: For Great Britain—Arthur Robinson, Sidney G. Saville, David W. James, Jr., Salt Lake City; James Brown, Evanston, Wyo.; Alexander Lindsay, La Grande, Or.; Willard Neeley, Granite, Utah; Hugh B. Brown, Carleton, Canada; James A. D. Challis, Manchester, Blackfoot, Idaho; W. A. Bennett, Solonville, Ariz.; Charles Cridde, Basalt, Idaho; James A. D. Challis, Franklin, Idaho; Robert H. Thomas, Thomas Broadbent, Roy Passy, Provo; Vincent P. Wootton, Butler, J. Delbert Bushnell, Mendon. For Scandinavia—Leeds: Charles Cridde, James A. D. Challis, Manchester; Sidney G. Saville, David W. James, Jr., London; Robert H. Thomas, Shetland.

Elder Abraham M. Hill is appointed to preside over the Leeds conference. Releases.—President Edward A. Morgan and Elders J. Edward T. Capener and Samuel Armistead are honorably released to return home Nov. 13, 1904.

The Norwich Conference. The Norwich semi-annual conference was held Sunday, Nov. 13, 1904, in the Gordon Hall, Duke street. Three meetings were held during the day. President Heber J. Grant of the European mission, and all the traveling Elders of the Norwich conference were present.

At the morning session President Darwin R. Harris expressed his gratitude to our heavenly Father for the good condition of the conference, and felt very much encouraged over the congenial spirit which characterized the Elders. The general authorities of the Church, President Heber J. Grant and all the traveling Elders were unanimously sustained. Elders Bushman and Christiansen then gave strong testimonies of the divinity of their message, after which a double quartet, composed of Elders, rendered "Scatter Seeds of Kindness."

President Grant then addressed the congregation, expressing his pleasure in meeting with the Saints in general conference. He reported his visit to Germany and Scandinavia, and briefly touched upon the condition of the British mission; exhorted the Saints to live their religion, and said that in so doing they were entitled to the Spirit of God.

In the afternoon meeting Elders Webb and Down spoke for a few moments, testifying to the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The double quartet then rendered, "Sowing." President Grant referred to the testimony given the world by the sufferings, persecutions, illegal imprisonment, and sometimes the very lives of the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Elders Boyce and West were the first speakers in the evening session. They both felt grateful for their testimony of the Gospel, and rejoiced in bearing the same. "School Thy Feelings" was then rendered by the Elders' quartet.

President Grant said the first necessary step to take was a deep and sincere belief in the authenticity of the Bible. This belief, he said, would lead to an obedience to the commandments of God. The absurdity of a mere profession of belief was also shown. The speaker concluded by bearing a very powerful and impressive testimony of the gifts and blessings of the Church of Christ, and of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

The Leeds Conference. The Leeds semi-annual conference convened in Temperance hall, Chapel street, Bradford, Sunday, Nov. 6, 1904. During the day three services were held at 10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m. There were present President Heber J. Grant of the European mission, President Edward A. Morgan and 18 Elders of the Leeds conference; also a number of visitors from the Sheffield conference.

After the usual devotional exercises, President Morgan greeted those assembled, and extended a hearty welcome to all. He reported the conference to be a success, and that the work was progressing in all the various branches in good working order.

The general and local authorities of the Church were then presented and unanimously sustained by the congregation. Following this, the statistical report of the conference for the six months ending Sept. 30, 1904, was presented, showing the average number of tracts distributed per Elder per month to be 1,017; number of books, 28; number of Gospel conversations, 40; total number of souls, exclusive of missionaries from Zion, 618; total baptized, 58. Elder Arthur spoke on the necessity of present and living revelation to meet the problems of different dispensations of the Gospel.

President Grant occupied the remainder of the time. He called upon the people of the world to judge the Latter-day Saints by their fruits; explained that no thoughtful man could truly say that the results achieved by them in the past 50 years were the products of vice and immorality. Neither could he say that they were the products of a firm and abiding testimony from and would induce men to suffer such extremes of persecution and persecution as have characterized the Latter-day Saints and their leaders.

At the afternoon meeting, Elder W. Melvin Rich, Reese M. Harper, and Edward T. Capener dwelt on various principles of the Gospel, and on the necessity of being derived from living them in thought, word, and deed.

President Grant followed and spoke on the Latter-day Saints as a people, and declared that they are more temperate than any other organization on earth, and that they are more patriotic and loyal to their country, he referred the visitors present to the fruits of the Saints in this direction; told of the memorable "Mormon Battalion" whose patriotic stands without a peer in history; also of the part played by "Mormon" boys in the Spanish-American war.

At the evening session, President Edward A. Morgan, Elders Abraham M. Hill and Cecil Woodward addressed the conference. They expounded the first principles of the Gospel, and the testimony of the Holy Spirit upon the character of any individual that will subscribe to its dictates and influence.

President Grant reviewed the "Articles of Faith" in a clear and effective manner. In speaking of the organization of the Church, he explained that it was possible for every denomination to have the same names and the same form of organization, but without divine authority it must of necessity be like a dead tree, without sap or leaves, and liable at any time to be uprooted by the floods of persecution and grooves to pieces. He testified that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is like unto a live tree, bearing choice fruit according to the promises of the Lord.

During the day over 1,200 people were in attendance at the three meetings. Of these, about 500 were strangers, many of whom were heard to express satisfaction and a determination to continue their investigations of "Mormonism." Special singing was enjoyed at each of the meetings during the day. Miss Clara Swallow sang two solos, and a quartet was rendered by Elders Rich, McMurrin, Salmon and Mr. Horsley, entitled, "See the Mighty Angel Flying."

President Grant met with the Elders on Saturday evening and received their reports for the six months ending Sept. 30, 1904, after which he gave the Elders extended instructions. President Edward A. Morgan was released to return to Zion, and Elder Abraham M. Hill was appointed in his stead.—John O. Mellor, Clerk of Conference.—Millennial Star.

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Misrepresented the "Mormons" Before Ladies of Indianapolis.

Elder George E. Manwaring writes the following interesting letter from Indianapolis, Ind., under date of Dec. 6: "The Rev. (?) Mr. Wishard of Salt Lake made his appearance here last week, and on Sunday afternoon he expounded 'Mormonism' to a select audience of Indianapolis ladies. I have not learned how much he received for his lecture. This, however, is immaterial, as the gentleman was actuated by a feeling of pity for us, and a desire to show the good people of this city what a monstrous octopus they were harboring, rather than a desire for remuneration. (?)

His text was a drawing card and his manner of handling it was very effective. How the hearts of the audience warmed toward this pious, God-fearing (?) man as he depicted to them the aw-

ful condition in which he found the 'Mormons' when he went to Utah.

He held them spellbound while he repainted the old, old picture; adding a little here, a touch there and a little more coloring in another place, to make it more effective, until 'Mormonism' stood revealed in all its hideousness, as a combination of all the absurdities and superstitions of all the denominations of the world, according to his picturing. His voice vibrated with the intensity of his emotion as he painted a mind picture of his struggle to bring them into the light. How they were kept in ignorance because they were not permitted to read the Bible and hear poor and ignorant men really were. He introduced the Bible there and worked for 14 years to save them.

After his lecture a very intelligent lady stepped to the front and asked him if he had made many converts among them and if very many were converts? On receiving an answer in the negative, she asked the reason, and he explained that they read very little in the Bible and were, besides, under the control of their priesthood. She wanted to know how it was that Utah, being composed of nearly all 'Mormons,' stood in such a position among the states of the Union if they were so ignorant. The gentleman felt a little uneasy but to such an inventive genius answers come readily. The next question was, 'Mr. Wishard, is it not strange that any person possessing ordinary intelligence and common sense should be so credulous as to believe in the absurdities you have described 'Mormonism' to be?'

"Yes, it is indeed strange," was the answer. Quite a number of ladies had gathered around and now was the time to explode the bomb. "Mr. Wishard, continued the lady, 'I am a 'Mormon' and what you have said here tonight is untrue. There are no people on earth who study their Bibles as persistently as do the 'Mormons,' as you choose to call them, and their missionaries are not tramps, and never beg for take collections from anyone. On the contrary, they do as the Apostles did of old, sacrifice all they have to teach the Gospel to the people from their own Bibles. What is your object, Mr. Wishard, in coming here and maligning and misrepresenting a people who have proven themselves to be among the most intelligent people in the United States, and a people who have a higher standard of morality than any other class of people on earth?'

He evaded her question by telling her she was not a good 'Mormon.'

My main reason for writing this is that our friend (?) is so well known and appreciated in Utah that I thought this would prove very interesting to Utahans. Then again, it will forever settle the dispute among the members of the Ministerial association as to who really was the discoverer of Utah, and we can all now unite in honoring the fearless hero who introduced Christianity and the Bible among us, and worked so hard to place us on a higher plane of civilization.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder D. G. Eames, of Preston, Ouellette Co., Idaho, returned Nov. 13, 1904, from the Northwestern States mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 14, 1902. He labored as traveling Elder 10 months and as president seven months in the Tacoma, Washington, conference, the remainder of the time directing the mission work in the Victoria, B. C., conference. In each of these fields many warm friends were made, a number of children blessed, and several baptisms were performed. At present the truest friends and supporters of the Gospel cause are those who at one time were very indifferent. Through the earnest efforts of the Elders, many honest people in different parts of the mission are beginning to view our religion in a different light altogether.

Elder Benjamin E. Marker, of the Nineteenth ward of Salt Lake City returned Nov. 22, 1904, from the German mission, whither he was sent Jan. 9, 1902. In the conference of Hamburg, Germany, he spent two years, and the remainder of the time in the Austrian-Hungarian conference, which he thinks has a bright future. Many there are investigating the Gospel.

Elder John C. Richards, of West Jordan, Salt Lake Co., passed through this city Nov. 29, 1904, on his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 1, 1902. The conference of West Pennsylvania was his field of labor, where he says the work of the Lord is progressing nicely. The Elders meet some opposition, but face it bravely and with a determination to spread the truth. Elder Richards spent 18 months in the country and the rest of his time in Allegheny and Pittsburgh cities.

Elder Frank Hoover of Provo Third ward, Utah Co., passed through this city Dec. 1, on his return from the Central States mission, to which he was assigned Feb. 4, 1902. The Oklahoma conference, where he labored, is in a prosperous condition, many converts are being made, and the Elders are making many friends and investigators. The people in Oklahoma are beginning to recognize 'Mormonism' as something elevating and respect it accordingly. Elder Hoover enjoyed good health, except in the last two months on which account he was released to return home, after an absence of 22 months.

Elder Nathan LeRoy Merrill of Richmond, Cache Co., passed through

this city Dec. 1, 1904, on his return from the Central States mission, for which he was set apart April 1, 1904. The conferences of Oklahoma and Indian Territory were his fields of labor. The work of the Lord is progressing and many friends and investigators are coming to see the true plan of salvation. The health of the Elders in some cases has not been very good.

Elder Wilford Milton Alfred of Spring City, Sanpete Co., passed through this city Dec. 2, 1904, on his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart Sept. 2, 1902. The North West Virginia conference was his field of labor. The conference has been divided into districts, and the work is progressing nicely. Elder Alfred returned with the remains of Elder John W. Mantle, who died at Baltimore, Md., on Nov. 25, 1904.

Elder Howes C. Wallace of Salt Lake City returned Dec. 2, 1904, from the Eastern States mission, whither he was sent Nov. 5, 1902. The New York conference was his field of labor. The Elders, as a rule, are treated well by the people and have many warm personal friends.

Elder Rupert Gauvin of the Seventeenth ward, Salt Lake City, returned Dec. 3, 1904, from the German mission, where he was sent Jan. 9, 1902. The conferences of Dresden, Leipzig, and Stuttgart, were his fields of labor. Elder Gauvin reports that he had a very fine time, and enjoyed his labors very much, although he was banished four times and had to sleep out in a corn field one night. Since Sept. 1, he has had the pleasure of attending the dedicatory services of the Stockholm meetinghouse, also of visiting relatives in Sweden and northern Michigan. The work both in Germany and Sweden is making very good progress.

Elder James P. Olson of Brigham City, Boxelder Co., passed through this city Dec. 3, 1904, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart June 21, 1902. The conferences of Sundsvall and Malmö were his fields of labor. Elder Olson presided over the former conference during the revival, when twelve priests united to hinder the truth, but which resulted in doing more for its furtherance than perhaps any other one thing in many years. He also had the privilege of defending the Gospel before the courts of Sweden. On the 1st of February last he was transferred to Malmö conference, where he presided until released. From February to October, 27 were baptized in that conference. Sweden needs more Elders. The prospects are very encouraging.

Elder Joseph E. Rigby, of Island ward, Rexburg, Fremont Co., Idaho, passed through this city Dec. 4, 1904, on his return from the Eastern States mission, where he has been laboring since Nov. 4, 1902. The North West Virginia conference was his field of labor. The work in that part is progressing nicely, the Elders are interested in their labors and are making a great many new friends.

Elder John P. Johnson of Spring City, Sanpete county, reached his home Dec. 4, 1904, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Sept. 29, 1902. The Gothenburg conference, Sweden, was his field of labor, where he reports the Gospel work making satisfactory progress.

Elder Alfred B. Helquist of Kosharene, Sevier county, passed through this city Dec. 5, 1904, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 14, 1902. The conference of Sundsvall and Stockholm were his fields of labor. He reports the work of the Lord progressing in the north country.

Elder Edward A. Morgan of Spanish Fork, Utah county, passed through this city Dec. 6, 1904, on his way home from the British mission, to which he was assigned July 20, 1904. He labored in the Paisley branch of the Leeds conference for 11 months, and presided over the conference, and the last 16 months. The work in that part of Yorkshire is in a prosperous condition. One hundred and eighteen baptisms have taken place in the last year, and the prospects continue bright. The people of Yorkshire are hospitable and liberal minded, and the Elders meet with no serious opposition. There are 10 Elders laboring in the conference at present.

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