

# CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



## THE LEEDS CONFERENCE.

Profitable Gatherings With Large Attendance.

The Gospel Work Said to be Progressing Steadily in That Part of the Field.

Elder Frederick C. Evans sends this letter from Halifax, England, Oct. 30:

On Sunday, October 27, our general semi-annual conference was held in Temperance Hall, Bradford, Elder Wm. A. Cornaby presided, and all the traveling Elders of the conference were present. Apostle Francis M. Lyman was with us; also a goodly number of visiting Elders and lady missionaries from neighboring conferences. Three splendid meetings were held during the day. At the morning session, commencing at 10:30 a. m., about two hundred and fifty were present, mostly all Saints. The Sacrament was administered, after which Apostle Lyman spoke at some length on the prosperous conditions that prevail in the Church, and the character, integrity and thorough qualifications of the new First Presidency. The General Authorities and traveling Elders were then presented and sustained.

At the afternoon and evening meetings the attendance was much increased; four hundred and forty being present in the evening, about one-third of whom were friends and strangers. Apostle Lyman spoke at all the meetings and a good many of our visiting friends, as well as many of the Saints, who have in times past felt it a great privilege to be able to read the inspired epistles and sermons of the ancient Apostles, as handed down to us in holy scripture, for the first time had the privilege of listening to the inspired words of a living Apostle, spoken by the same power and authority as the words of Peter and Paul of old, and suited to the present needs and conditions of the Church. All present were strongly impressed with the spirit and power, as well as simplicity of his remarks.

On Monday following conference the traveling Elders assembled with Apostle Lyman in council meeting, and received much good advice and valuable and encouraging suggestions and blessings from one of the Lord's chosen Apostles.

Monday evening a free concert was given, in Temperance Hall, at which an interesting program was rendered to a large and appreciative audience of both Saints and friends, much excellent talent being furnished gratis by our friends.

The conditions in the Leeds conference at present are most encouraging. We now have a membership of four hundred and eighty, above the age of sixteen, and sixteen Elders from the Leeds conference. During the past year there have been ninety-six baptisms, and the prospects are bright for even a greater number during the coming year.

A good, intelligent, and sincere class of people are coming into the Church. Good health and the spirit of the Gospel prevails alike among the Saints and Elders, and the work is steadily progressing with a promising future.

The "News" is always welcome and much appreciated by the Saints, and is a potent agent in spreading the light of truth.

**GOOD REPORT FROM MICHIGAN.**  
District Conference a New Feature of the Mission.

Elder Frank A. Brinton, writing from Sheridan, Montana Co. Mich. says: A most successful conference was held in Sheridan, Montana county, Michigan, Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3. The Saints are in such a scattered condition that the most of them were unable to attend our regular conference in August.

Feeling the need and benefit of meeting together in conference capacity, was the main reason that prompted Brother and Sister Zaccary Lawrence of Berry county and Brother and Sister H. V. Hallett of Iowa to suggest to the conference presidency the idea of holding district conferences with the Saints, and proposing that such a conference be held near Sheridan, Montana Co.

The presidency acted at once upon this idea. The first meeting was held Saturday night at the home of Mr. E. F. Graham. There were present Elders Thad. H. Cluff, Savage, Stark, Prestwick and Brinton, and Brother and Sister Smith, Brother and Sister Bowser, Eaton county, Brother and Sister Lawrence, Berry county, Brother and Sister Hallett, Iowa, Sisters Graham and Hodges and a number of friends from the immediate vicinity.

Sunday being fast day, a Sacrament and testimony meeting was held at the home of Mr. D. L. Hodges and all the Saints took part in bearing their testimony. One incident of note was the presence at all meetings of Sister Baum, who, shortly after receiving the Gospel, was struck by lightning, which partly paralyzed her and left her blind. Through all her trials she has increased in faithfulness, and her testimony was among the very strongest.

Sunday night we met at Mr. Graham's again. The remarks of all the Elders contained advice to all and to the Saints good counsel.

The condition of this conference is very good, and the welcome "News" has aided in bringing about this condition.

**SACRAMENTO CONFERENCE.**  
Items of Interest from that Part of the Mission Field.

Elder E. A. Garlick writes from Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 8:  
The Elders, Saints and friends of the Sacramento conference met in conference

the Eastern States mission met in semi-annual conference at Powers hall Nov. 2nd. There were present nineteen Elders of this conference and Elder J. G. McQuarrie and Elder Jos. J. Gill, of the Eastern States mission, and the only lady missionary in this mission, Sister Susie Beraft, from the Brooklyn conference.

Sunday morning we met for fast and testimony meeting and a goodly portion of the Spirit of God was manifested. In the afternoon our first public meeting was held, and we had a good audience. Elder Jos. J. Gill spoke upon the universal application of the Gospel, and showed how it applied to all conditions and changes of life.

In the evening Elder J. G. McQuarrie spoke for a short time on some of the stories circulated about the "Mormons." "What is the Gospel?" was then the question discussed.

Nov. 14th the Elders met in Priesthood meeting, and gave in their reports, and received instructions for the future work. Most of the Elders have been laboring in the country, but the next six months they will labor mostly in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

In the evening Sister Beraft, Elders H. P. Ipson and McQuarrie were the speakers. Tuesday evening the Saints and friends arranged for an entertainment, which was held in the hall, and a very enjoyable evening was had.

The following Elders have been released to return home: Byron M. Anderson, Lewis J. Petty, Thos. P. Reese, John D. Roundy and Samuel G. Humphreys.

If any of the readers of the "News" have friends of the city fathers in this section of the country that they would like visited, send their addresses to 2119 Jefferson street, Philadelphia.

**EAST ARKANSAS.**  
The Work of the Lord Said to Progress There.

Elders V. L. Bunnell and Lafayette Smith report as follows, in a letter dated Fordyce, Arkansas, Nov. 2:

On arriving in this city, which has a population of 2,500, we sought the privilege of the city fathers to hold street meetings for the purpose of declaring the divine message. Permission was granted. At early candle light we met a vast multitude on the bank corner. After singing and prayer two sermons were delivered by us. All stood speechless until after the meeting, when many questions were asked and answered. Another meeting was appointed for the following night, and at early candle light the street was crowded with people who desired to hear the message, but the sad news rang in our ears from the city marshal that it was contrary to the minds of many of the citizens for us to hold meetings.

We submitted. But after defending the principles of truth to those who stood by, we were granted permission to hold our meeting. After singing and prayer, the eternal truths were dwelt upon and our humble testimonies were borne. Our labor is a joy to us and the work of the Lord is progressing very nicely in this part. We have had six baptisms since our conference, held on Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st.

The "News" is accomplishing a great work as a missionary in this part, and without it, we dare say every Elder would feel lost.

**In the European Mission.**  
[Millennial Star, Oct. 24.]

Arrivals—The following named Elders and lady missionaries arrived at Zion per S. S. New England, on Thursday, October 17, 1901: For the British Mission—James William Betteridge, George C. Parker, Henry A. Cleveland and Jesse J. Porter, Cleveland; Jesse J. Christ, Lewisville, Idaho; Alexander S. Cleiman, Teasdale; William Purdie, Ogden. For the German Mission—Frank W. and Maima M. Thatcher, London; Henry W. Nelson and Reuben T. Evans, Ogden; Joseph A. Powers, Hooper; Willard Ballam, Hyde Park; Emanuel Bollschweiler, Salt Lake; Joseph Zwahlen, Ferron; William H. Homer Jr., Oxford, Idaho. For the Scandinavian Mission—Winifred A. Fieldstedt, Centerfield; Carl E. Johnson, Salina; Nelson J. Hemmert, Thayne, Wyoming; Ole Olsson, Lewiston, Utah. For the Netherlands Mission—Ella R. Hunt, Leamington.

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Galaxville, Caroline county, Va., in a nice little church that had been erected by the Saints had been a spiritual and temporal feast. After conference adjourned Elder Gardner and myself held a meeting at a private house.

When we arrived at the house we found that we were not wanted, because the owners were threatened with excommunication if they permitted us to preach in their house. But after talking to them a short time, they consented. Afterwards called to wait on Elder Whittle, who was very low with the typhoid fever. In company with Elders Larsen and Parkinson, I arrived at the house. He had just had a hemorrhage and the doctor said that if he had another, it would kill him. We anointed him in the name of the Lord and the fever left him, and he was healed. A short time after Elder John O. Lethhead and myself were requested to administer to one of the Saints by the name of Ann M. Carpenter, who was afflicted with rheumatism, she said that her head had been suffering much pain. When we took our hands off her head she remarked that the pain had left her.

I have received many testimonies of the divinity of the work we are engaged in, and I am enjoying my labors. The "News" is a welcome visitor.

**STAKE CONFERENCES.**  
Woodruff Stake.

The Woodruff Stake quarterly conference convened at Randolph, Nov. 2nd and 3rd, 1901. Elder John M. Baxter presided.

There were present, Elders John M. Baxter, Archibald McKinnon and Charles Kingston, of the Stake Presidency; Patriarchs, High Councilors, Bishops of the various wards and their counselors.

Elders John R. Smith, William Lester and Thomas Ashton, returned missionaries, spoke of the experiences in the mission field.

Elder Charles Kingston advised the Elders to retain the Spirit, they have while in the mission field.

Saturday afternoon—Apostles John Henry Smith and Hyrum M. Smith were present. Reports were given from some of the wards and organizations, after which Apostle John Henry Smith spoke upon the law of tithing as being the basis of a man's standing in the Church. A man who understands the Gospel will never refuse to keep the law as it unlocks the door wherein a man can enter the houses of the Lord and receive the blessings He has in store for them. He also spoke upon the law of tithing as being the basis of a man's standing in the Church. A man who understands the Gospel will never refuse to keep the law as it unlocks the door wherein a man can enter the houses of the Lord and receive the blessings He has in store for them.

Sunday Morning—After the opening exercises, more reports were given, after which Apostle Hyrum M. Smith spoke of the experiences in the mission field. He spoke of his labors in the ministry and warned the people against profanity, Sabbath breaking and other vices.

Elder Baxter made a few closing remarks.

Sunday evening was occupied by the improvement associations. Apostle Hyrum M. Smith spoke very interestingly upon the duties of the Elders of the Church. Apostle John Henry Smith addressed the young people upon the drink habit and brought up many living examples of how many young men had been ruined thereby.

Monday morning the Apostles came to the Stake conference, and the remainder of the time in Los Angeles. He states that the mission is prospering, and that the Elders are meeting with much success. He returned home on the 9th of this month.

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We regret that none of our beloved leaders could be with us, but we realize that their duties are increasing, and as President Snow remarked, they would not be able to visit the Stakes of Zion as often as they had done.

C. D. GOASLIND, Stake Clerk.

**RETURNED MISSIONARIES**

Elder E. A. Cox, of Cedar City, Iron county, returned to this city on the 8th of this month, from the Colorado mission for which he was set apart on the 20th of October, 1899. He labored in the West Colorado conference, New Mexico and the East Colorado conference. The last six months he spent in Denver. He says he has had an enjoyable experience in the mission.

Elder R. D. Pincock, writing from Ogden, November 7, reports his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart on the 21st of October, 1899. He arrived home on the 2nd of this month. He reports that he labored in the Maryland conference the first thirteen months as traveling Elder. Then he was chosen a first counselor to the conference president. He labored in this office until August 10, 1901, when the conference was dissolved on account of scarcity of Elders. He was transferred at that time to the East Pennsylvania conference and spent the remainder of his time in the city of Philadelphia. He enjoyed good health most of the time.

Elder Edward E. Jenkins, of this city, was set apart on the 2nd of October, 1899, to perform a mission in Great Britain. While there he labored eighteen months in Birmingham and six months in London. He was accompanied by his wife during his missionary labors. He returned home on the 5th of this month.

Elder Francis F. Smith, of Farmington, Davis county, returned on the 3rd of this month from the British mission, for which he was set apart on the 4th of August, 1899. He labored in the Nottingham conference the first two months, ten months in Staffordshire and the remainder of the time in Leicestershire. He says his mission has been an enjoyable one in every respect.

Elder G. W. Florence, of Porterville, Morgan county, returned on the 5th of this month from a mission to the Northern States, for which he was set apart on the 21st of October, 1899. He has been laboring in the Minnesota conference, and he says that part of the field looks quite encouraging.

Elder Amos N. Robinson, of Rockland, Oneida county, Idaho, was set apart on the 20th of October, 1899, for the Northern States mission, where he labored the first eight months in the Northern Illinois conference, and then in Manitoba, Canada, ten months, and the remainder of the time in the Minnesota conference. He says he has enjoyed his labors and met with good success. He returned to this city on the 9th of this month.

Elder E. B. Lloyd, of Rexburg, Idaho, returned on the 5th of this month from the Northern States mission, where he has been laboring in the Minnesota conference. He was set apart on the 9th of November, 1899. He says he left the field in a progressive condition. He labored as conference secretary, first counselor to the conference president, and superintendent of Sunday school.

Elder Eli Holton, of this city, returned on the 24th of October, from the Society Islands, where he has been laboring as a missionary principally in the Marquesas Islands. A new field was opened there about two years ago, and Elder Holton and one companion were sent to open that field. He says they made some friends there, although there were no additions to the Church. They met some opposition from the natives, but no persecution. There are many prejudices and much superstition to be overcome among the people. Elder Holton was set apart June 22, 1898. He says he enjoyed his mission very much in the beautiful climate of those far away islands.

Elder Wilford S. Cragun, of Pleasant View, Weber county, was set apart on the 18th day of October, 1899, for the Colorado mission. He labored in the East Colorado, Wyoming and Arizona conferences. He says the Elders there have made a great many friends, and new fields are constantly opened up. He returned home on the 8th of this month.

Elder Roscoe W. Eardley, of this city, returned on the 9th of this month from the Netherlands mission, in charge of the remains of Elder Henry Robert James, of Logan, who died in that mission on the 10th of October. Elder Eardley was set apart on the 11th day of October, 1899. He has been laboring in Rotterdam most of the time. He says he left the mission in a very prosperous condition.

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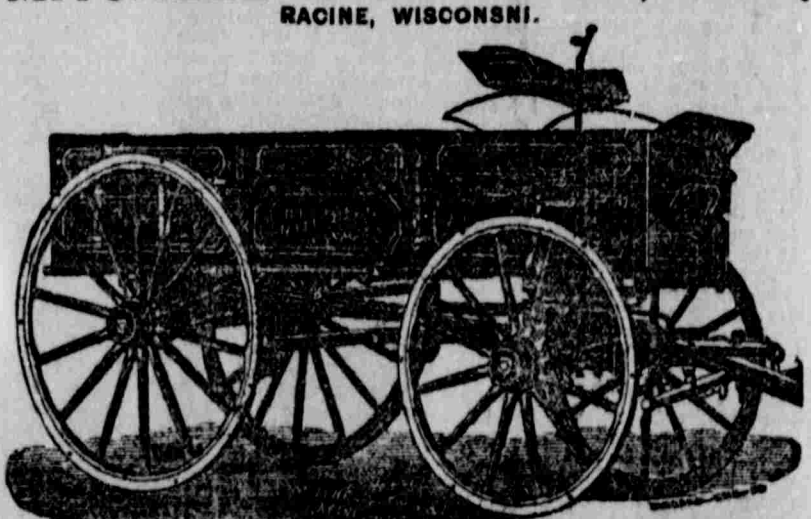
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