

rents carrying the children in their arms. They were without food or shelter the greater part of the journey, exposed to the inclement weather, which was unusually wet and stormy.

Notwithstanding the many difficulties to be overcome, the Saints had assembled early and were anxiously awaiting the opening exercises.

Saturday morning, July 6th, the meeting was called to order by Brother H. J. Burgess, President of this district. There were present nine Elders and about one hundred Saints, besides quite a large number of native strangers.

The morning was devoted to transacting the general business of the district. There are five branches in this district embracing a total of 319 souls. Forty-six have been baptized during the nine months ending June 30, 1889. The authorities of the Church were also presented and accepted.

The afternoon session was occupied by the Elders, who gave instructions concerning the principles of the Gospel as revealed in these latter days for the redemption of mankind, bearing their testimony to the truth of the work in which they were engaged.

The first Sunday of each month is observed as a day of fasting by the Saints in this island. All assembled to partake of the Sacrament and had the pleasure of listening to a very fine discourse on this subject from one of the Elders.

After meeting several applications were made for baptism.

The afternoon was devoted to preaching the first principles of the Gospel by the Elders. In the evening the meeting was given into the hands of the Saints for bearing testimony. These meetings are generally very long, and this one proved to be no exception to the rule. There were thirty-four Saints who bore their testimony to the truth of the gospel, occupying four hours and eight minutes.

President Wm. Paxman then addressed the meeting for half an hour. He said: "I fear some have become weary with the length of our meeting. I desire all to speak who wish so to do, as it is the last time I shall have the privilege of meeting with you in this land. I have been made happy and rejoice very much in the words that have been uttered. The same love and good feeling are with the Saints no matter where they may be found. This should be a great testimony to you. We have been made one in spirit by the unity of the faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I should feel sorrow and grief in my heart if I thought we should meet no more, or if you should be unfaithful to the principles of the Gospel and thereby lose your standing in the Church of God.

I look forward with pleasure to the time when you shall be gathered to the land of your forefathers, the land blessed above all others, where you can help to build up Zion and labor in the temples for your dead friends. I therefore exhort

you to be faithful to the covenants you have made before the Lord, for those who are unfaithful and commit sin cannot enter these holy temples. When I return home my love for you will be just as strong as when in your presence. I shall therefore continue to pray for you that you may be preserved in the truth. The time is nigh at hand when you will become a white and delightful people in the sight of the Lord. I desire you to live for these blessings that you may meet Christ in all His glory when He comes to reign on earth. Therefore be wise, always having your lamps filled. It is he who endures to the end that will be saved in the Kingdom of God."

The Saints are greatly interested in the subject of gathering and are anxiously looking forward to the time when they will have the privilege of going to the land of Zion to be united with the Saints and be partakers of the many blessings they are now debarred from in this land.

May God grant the time to speedily come when all nations shall bow in submission and acknowledge the hand of the Great Creator, who overrules all things for the accomplishment of His allwise purposes.

The health of the Elders is good and the prospect for the spread of the Gospel very encouraging.

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MORMONS IN NORWICH.

The following is the result of an interview between a reporter of the Norwich (England) *Daily Press*, and Elders T. E. Bassett, P. W. Baker, Isaac Sears, Joseph Gibbons and E. Richins, missionaries from Utah. Of course in some respects the comments of the newspaper man are tinged with anti-"Mormon" prejudice, but the article aids in spreading the news that preachers of the Gospel of Christ are in that part of the country, and as a whole the report is about as fair as one may expect from a non-"Mormon" press.

A MORMON MISSION AMONGST US.

It may not be generally known that five missionaries all the way from Salt Lake City have quartered themselves in Norwich, and are striving to establish amongst us the Kingdom of Latter day Saintship. They are somewhat remarkable people. Having no contributed funds, and collections being strictly abjured, all expenses have to be met out of the missionaries' private means—a circumstance about which there is something decidedly prepossessing. They beat no drums; they do not even resort to that milder expedient of bringing down a "crack" preacher. When in Norwich—which is not a mission field in itself, but merely a centre of a missionary district—they occupy a stuffy and unpretentious room over a shop in Dove Street, the site whereof is only indicated by a black tin plate setting forth the hours of service. Anything less suggestive of the "rushing whirlwind" than

the methods of these humble emissaries from the Land of the Many-Wived it would be hard to conceive. The age is so remarkable for propagandism of a militant, assertive sort that some may be disposed to attach much meaning to so obscure and unobtrusive a crusade, and yet the result of Mormon missionary effort, taken as a whole, is astonishingly real. Every month a vessel leaves Europe carrying proselytes to the faith of Joseph Smith, Liverpool and one of the Scandinavian ports being alternately the points of departure. There are thirteen mission stations in the British Isles, at each of which there is a corps of Mormon believers actively engaged in propagating the following articles of faith. The outline of belief herein described is as definite and exact as a builder's specification. The most lynx-eyed of orthodox Churchmen could detect no down-grade tendency here. He who can subscribe to the whole thirteen points, including the one which proclaims the Book of Mormon to be the Word of God, at least suffers no deficiency in the matter of simple faith:

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression.
3. We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.
4. We believe that these ordinances are:—First, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy, and by the laying on of hands," by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel, and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive Church, viz., Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, &c.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, &c.
8. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the Word of God.
9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.
10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes. That Zion will be built upon this Continent. That Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiac glory.
11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may.
12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.
13. We believe in being honest, true; chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul: "We believe all things, we hope all things," we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.—JOSEPH SMITH.

It looked somewhat out of accord with the shy and retiring ways of the Mormon missionaries that one of our representatives should be invited to call upon the president of the Norwich contingent at his quarters in Dove Street. He half expected to witness some such scene of conjugal felicity on a large scale as