

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



1. Sal Na, wife of Chen Heng Fe. 2. Hui An, wife of Wang Shen. 3. "Sarah," wife of "Mark" (Liu Ma-Ko). Graduates of the Mission School for Girls in the Chinese Capital.

THE MISSIONARY FIELDS THEY VISITED THE JUDGE

Official Refused the Courthouse Because Applicants Were Mormons.

Church Buildings Closed—Not Kentuckyans Treat Elders Kindly Just the Same.

Richmond, Ky., July 16, 1900.

To the Editor:

It seems from the notices in your valuable paper that all conferences are alive excepting east Kentucky conference, which one would surely think was dead; but this would be a mistake. All of our noble Elders are so hard at work trying to save the few honest in heart, that we seldom think of anything else. We watch the post-office very close. On "paper day" we get to read such inspiring sermons that have been delivered by our co-laborers at home, and you may know we Elders this far from old Utah scan the paper over and over to find out how everything is at home. The "News" is left with friends and foes after we read it, and it is amazing to see the good results that come from its inspired pages.

No doubt it would be interesting to our Utah friends to hear how we are getting along in east Kentucky. At our last conference, December 1st and 2nd, we had a very enjoyable time. The Elders spoke under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and in our Priesthood meeting the Spirit was enjoyed to that extent that some of the Elders could hardly speak, and the tears of joy rolled down their cheeks.

After conference, Elder Nelson of Wyoming and I were assigned to Wayne county, where we had a nice time. On February 14th President David A. Broadbent and Counselor W. W. Mackay paid us a visit, after which President Broadbent went home, and W. W. Mackay now ably occupies his place.

February 16th Elder Nelson and I started for Owens county, where I labored a month with Elder C. W. Peterson, of Arizona, doing office work. In March the office was moved to Harbottleville Knox Co., where I now remain, and Elder Peterson and I started to Richmond, Madison county, Ky., a little place of six thousand inhabitants to tract and preach in it. We entered the city on April 20th and commenced our labors. We first went to the jail to see if we could get leave to use the court house. (Most all of the people know us by the name of "Mormons," which they suppose means a man and seven wives, and the boys at all say our true name, Latter-day Saints.) We introduced ourselves as representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The jailer told us that we were in a good place, that they needed more of preachers; but that the court house is in use two nights this week, but after that I suppose you may have it. Moreover, said he, "we will go and see the judge."

We went with him. He called the judge out and presently they came back. The jailer then called us telling us he had spoken to the judge. When we got out he said, "You are Mormons, are you?" "Yes," said I, "that is what the world calls us, but our true name is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." "Well," said he, "we know all about you and you cannot use the house at all." At this he whirled on his heel apparently mad, and we could not get to talk to him further.

We next tried all of the church houses, but in vain. But this day everybody knew we were in town, and quite often they would hush at us. We proceeded to canvassing and selling books, and met with quite good success, leaving the city feeling better towards our people.

Since that time Elder S. S. Huff, Jr., (who is now my companion), and I have been laboring with all our might, mind and strength, and the people seem to be coming to the truth, which we trust will sprout, take root deep in good soil, and some day our Elders will come along and God will gain the increase.

We had the people in this county generally very prejudiced, yet we have been very successful in getting our books and tracts among them. Occasionally we see a place in our county where written by Rev. S. S. Huff, Jr., of Richmond. His theme is polygamy.

All we can do is pray for them and see the error of their way.

Everything is prospering nicely with us, generally, we are treated well.

J. E. TANNER.

TITHING AND CONSECRATION.

These and Other Subjects Discussed at Emery Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Emery Stake of Zion was held at Huntington, Utah, on Sunday and Monday, July 15th and 16th, 1900. There were present from the Council of Apostles, John W. Taylor, Prof. Geo. H. Brimhall of the B. Y. Academy of Provo; Elder John H. Pave of the Stake Presidency; High Councilors, Patriarchs, Bishops of wards, with their counselors, home missionaries and a large attendance of officers and members of the Stake.

The conference convened at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, Sunday, July 15, 1900.

President Heber C. Miller being very sick and unable to attend, Elder John H. Pave presided.

After the opening exercises, Elder Geo. H. Brimhall was the first speaker. He addressed the people upon the administration of the Sacrament, and the knowledge some children had of the principles of the Gospel. He said he met with the children in Sunday school in the forenoon of that day, and was well pleased with the exercises.

At the afternoon session, after the

opening exercises, and the administration of the Sacrament, Elder John W. Taylor said that he and Elder Geo. H. Brimhall had been called upon to deliver a special message to the Saints of this conference, and said Brother Brimhall would first read the law of tithing and then talk awhile.

Elder Geo. H. Brimhall then read from the Bible, part of the 14th chapter of Genesis, and a number of other passages from the Bible and Book of Mormon. He spoke at length upon the law of tithing and referred to Moses, Abraham, Jacob, and others of the Prophets.

The choir sang an anthem and Elder Brimhall continued by reading from the Doctrine and Covenants, sections 115 and 116, and exhorted the Saints to keep all the laws of God.

The choir and congregation sang, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," and Elder John W. Taylor spoke and said he had been called by the First Presidency of the Church to deliver this message to the people of this Stake that they might understand the law of tithing, and the consequences of not tithing.

He then spoke upon the tithing and consecration. He warned the Saints against secret organizations and said it was against the will of the Lord that they should be in such organizations. He exhorted the Saints to pay their tithing and be blessed. He then called upon the quorums of the Priesthood to stand up in their order, which they did, and showed by vote their desire to do this.

Young Men's and Young Ladies' M. I. association held a joint meeting. Elder Joseph E. Johnson presided. Remarks were made by Elders Colton, Brimhall and others.

Monday morning, July 16, at 10 o'clock a. m., the conference was again called to order by Elder John H. Pave.

Elder John W. Taylor presented the general authorities of the Church. They were unanimously sustained, after which the Stake authorities, together with fifty-six home missionaries, were also unanimously sustained.

Elder John W. Taylor was the first speaker. He said he would like to talk about teaching the principles of the Gospel among the children of men. He said the Gospel should be taught to the children of men without purse or scrip; gave some of his experiences in preaching the Gospel in that manner; showed how the Apostle Paul preached the Gospel, he said just as Jesus had commanded.

At the afternoon session Elder Geo. H. Brimhall dwelt at length upon the subject of bringing about order and refinement. He referred to the Church schools, and the right of the Priesthood to govern them. Also spoke upon the power of the Holy Ghost.

Elder John W. Taylor next addressed the conference. He referred to the excellent music which had been furnished by the choir, and asked all to help them to buy music books. He then read a chapter from the Book of Mormon and said the Lord was pleased with the people today. He bore his testimony to the work of God, and the truth of the Gospel in this dispensation.

There were about 116 given to the choir by the congregation, to buy books. The choir rendered some very fine selections.

Elder John H. Pave made a few closing remarks and announced the conference would be adjourned for three months to meet at Peron, Utah.

The attendance was the largest ever had, and a good spirit prevailed.

ARTHUR W. HORSLEY, Stake Clerk.

EXHORTATIONS TO THE SAINTS.

Conference in Utah Stake by Pres. Cannon and Apostles Teasdale and Smoot.

The regular quarterly conference of the Utah Stake was held in the Stake Tabernacle on Saturday and Sunday, July 14th and 15th, 1900.

President Edward Partridge being ill and unable to attend, his first counselor, Elder David John, presided. There were present on the stand, President Teasdale, and the Council of Apostles, eight, fifteen Bishops and other brethren of the local Priesthood.

President David John reported the labors of the proxy of the wards and of the people. Said he was very grateful for the good attendance at this busy meeting of the conference at this busy season, although there was room for more. He was also thankful for the presence of Apostle Teasdale, who had come to bless and encourage the people. The Stake Presidency had been very busy in visiting the various wards and holding conferences, in which they had great joy for the Bishops and Saints always gave them a hearty welcome, and felt interested in the counsel and instructions given and a spirit of unity and love of the Gospel seemed to prevail among the Saints, the various organizations being complete, and all doing what they could for the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth.

He felt proud of the good work being done by the Stake Presidency, and the children seemed well informed upon the principles of the Gospel, the history of the Church, etc. He exhorted the Saints to diligence and improvement in all their labors, for the success of the great work of the Lord.

The other speakers of the forenoon were Elders Stephen L. Chipman, Abel J. Evans, M. L. Pratt and Apostle George Teasdale, who spoke upon various subjects of interest, for the benefit and blessing and encouragement of the people to live lives of righteousness.

In the afternoon meeting the speakers were Patriarch Charles D. Evans, Elder John H. Booth, Bishop Geo. E. Anderson, Elder Myron Tanner and Apostle George Teasdale, each of whom spoke upon topics of interest and encouragement to the Saints. Pro. Teasdale dwelt impressively upon how those who have gathered to this goodly land should live, in order to enjoy the spirit of the Gospel, and have the benefits and blessings of the holy temples.

Sunday, July 15—Conference opened at 10 o'clock, and President Geo. C. Cannon and Apostle Reed Smoot were present in addition to the brethren who attended the day previous.

Elder Reed Smoot and President Cannon were the speakers at the morning meeting, and gave much valuable counsel and instruction, calculated to strengthen and encourage the people to live lives of righteousness, and thus gain a salvation in the Kingdom of God.

Sunday afternoon Apostle Reed Smoot

explained that some changes had been made in the High Council and Presidency of the High Priesthood, and of which were on account of the circumstances of the brethren, and were honorable, and acceptable to the Stake Presidency and High Council.

The General Church and Stake authorities were then presented and unanimously sustained.

Apostle Teasdale gave an impressive discourse upon the necessity of the Saints living a natural life, by being in accord with the laws and commandments of God, that their lives may be joyful and happy, and that all excesses in eating and drinking, and that the Saints manifest that they are indeed the children of God.

President George C. Cannon gave a very interesting and earnest discourse upon the law of tithing, showing that it is for the benefit and blessing of the people, that they may escape the trials and troubles that are to come upon the world as a result of selfishness and disobedience. He exhorted the Saints to faithfully keep this as well as all the laws of God, and thus be worthy of the promises made to the faithful.

The choir sang an anthem, "Consider the Lilies, How They Grow," and the choir and congregation sang, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," for three months, and benediction was pronounced by Pres. W. W. Cluff, of Summit Stake of Zion.

J. W. DEAN, Acting Clerk.

A TIME OF REJOICING.

Elders, Saints and Sinners Enjoy a Feast of Good Things.

To the Editor:

All the Elders, fourteen in number, having been requested to meet at "Rockford's Old Field," Greenash county, Ala., in connection with all the Saints and friends who could make it convenient on the 14th and 15th of July, to attend branch conference, were present.

A fine table was made preparatory to having dinner on the ground and a good time generally. The ground was cleared, the house a nice frame building about 30x40, was scrubbed and decorated with pretty green shrubs, and a nice large table was made preparatory to having dinner on the ground.

Sunday morning at 10 a. m. the conference commenced. There were in attendance Elders W. H. Boyle, W. T. Davis, O. M. Ross, J. J. Thompson, Daniel Hagley, A. A. Mclachlan, Alvin Warner, J. D. Frankland and a local Elder, E. B. Darman.

The house was well filled with Saints and friends. The first principles of the Gospel were spoken upon by different Elders during the two meetings of Saturday and Sunday.

At the meeting on Sunday the night was so warm that there were not enough of us to sit in the room. When meeting time came the house was crowded and there were many outside. Elder Boyle announced the opening hymn, "Ere you leave your room this morning." The principles of faith were discussed and the establishing of the Gospel in this dispensation of the Saints was very interestingly spoken upon.

After meeting the large table in the shade of the mighty oaks and pines was spread. The table was blessed by Elder Davis and all the people, Saints, friends, and enemies, were invited to partake freely. Two hundred or more partook of the abundance.

At 2 p. m. the house was crowded. The time was occupied by Elder Boyle and Elder W. T. Davis. They spoke on the mission of the Prophet Joseph; upon apostasy, and kindred topics. The speeches during the meetings were interspersed with singing. We truly had a time of rejoicing.

After meeting Elder Davis bade us good-bye and returned to Chattanooga. The evening was spent on the ground, and with much pleasure and interest. The evening was spent on the ground, and with much pleasure and interest.

The "News" regularly received and read with much pleasure and interest. Thanking you for the same, we remain, your brethren in Christ.

J. D. FRANKLAND, J. A. MECHAM.

In the European Mission.

Millennial Star, July 5.

Arrivals.—The following named missionaries from Zion arrived in Liverpool per Dominion Line S. S. New England, June 25, 1900:

For the British mission—Wm. A. Cornaby of Spanish Fork and H. Wallace Bolen of Brigham.

For the German mission—A. Ray Irvine of Logan and Geo. J. Vaughan of Lehi.

Accompanying the Elders were Brother James Anderson of Salt Lake City for Denmark, Peter Alton Farnsworth of Heaver for England and Sister Josephine Droubay of Lake View for France, all to visit relatives and search for proselytes. Also Dr. Fred Stauffer of Bursat with his wife and two children. He is on his way to Vienna to extend his medical studies.

We had a pleasant card from Elder J. J. McMillan, who has been pursuing his musical studies in Germany. He has about completed all his intentions as to that, and now, with his wife, intends visiting in Switzerland, Italy, France, and Belgium, sailing from Antwerp for home on August 4th. We are proud to hear of the professor's success both in Europe and at home. He has been indefatigable and true, and these qualities ought to win anywhere, and particularly at home.

Elder Halldor Johnson who has been laboring in Iceland for two years, landed in Liverpool on Wednesday, June 27, on his way home. Although he has been laboring alone he has succeeded in bringing a few into the fold of Christ. He thinks, if more Elders were sent in a good work could be done. The material prospects in that land are not favorable, and the consequence is that many are emigrating to Canada, and many more would do so if their finances would allow.

Released.—Elders James Laird and Ernest Smith of the Leeds conference have been honorably released to return home on July 12, per S. S. Camborne.

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PREACHING IN BOSTON.

Street Speaking Not Yet Allowed—Elders in Vicinity of "the Hub."

182 Buckingham St., Everett, Mass.

To the Editor:

Elder T. A. Thurman and myself have been chosen to labor jointly with Elder John Jensen in Boston and suburbs, and the Kingdom of God is being established here.

The work of the Lord is progressing nicely here. The true status of "Mormonism," as called, is being placed before the people in such a way that the prejudice which has been so strong against our people is gradually giving way. As fast as we can get acquainted with the people and place our testimonies in the true light with them, they become our friends.

We have not been able, as yet, to get sufficiently into the good graces of the officials to be allowed the privilege of street speaking. However, we are doing in our own way, and realizing this, we are in the near future.

Our work at present consists in traveling from house to house, conversing with the people, and selling them books. We have had many opportunities to present our testimonies, and have been very successful in making friends for us and helping the cause for which we are laboring.

Last Wednesday evening a number of our friends congregated and gave a social in our house, an occasion that will long be remembered by us. The evening was spent in the rendering of appropriate songs by singers of the Singing camp, also by extemporaneous speaking, ice cream, cake and refreshments were served by the ladies, and thus a night of genuine enjoyment was passed.

We had thus a night of genuine enjoyment, and with a pressing invitation to return at our earliest convenience. Our canvass of this (San Miguel) county, will soon be completed.

There are, doubtless, few places on God's footstool where nature has so extravagantly exhibited her wonderful works of art as in this locality. In ascending the hills east of Telluride, on our right we see, sitting upon the top of a lofty cliff, a part of which it is the perfect form of an Indian chief, whose sculptor nature has been and is natural in that, at a distance petrifaction suggests itself. Directly opposite is El Morro, and to his left, in the distance, the most beautiful waterfall west of the Mississippi, fed by the perpetual snow which crowns the towering peaks near by. On reaching the top of the range we behold Red Mountain, so named from the many different shades of red displayed thereon, which give it a very striking appearance. The precipitous mountains, for miles around, are very scenic, containing most picturesque lakes, waterfalls and other interesting features too numerous to mention.

The "News" is greatly appreciated by us and seems, as no doubt it does to others, like a letter from home, and also does much good in the missionary field. Your brethren.

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From Montana.

Big Timber, Mont., July 21, 1900.

To the Editor:

It is now eighteen months since I left my friends at Provo, Utah, and started out in the field of labor. I have had great pleasure in witnessing the interest and kindness that have been shown in many instances in behalf of the testimony that has been delivered. Judging from personal experience regarding the disposition and character of the people at large, they all seem to have great respect for their fellowmen, and while some of them have a little distrust, they treat us very kindly and generously with but few exceptions. As knowledge increases, prejudice ceases and many of those who at first were very prejudiced toward our doctrine and people are becoming friendly and

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The Message of the Elders Willingly Listened To.

Telluride, July 22, 1900.

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish men, and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt men from every mountain and from every hill and out of the holes of the rocks." Jeremiah 16, 16.

For the past five or six weeks we have been engaged in bringing to pass the above prophecy, and must say that our labors have been a source of much pleasure to us. Our field has been in the tops of the Rocky mountains at an elevation of from 10,000 to 13,000 feet, among several hundred employees of the Smelter, Tom Boy and Sher-

VIDETTES OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL FAITH IN CHINA.



Rev. Noel G. Lang, Hai-Tung District.

Rev. M. C. Wilcox, American Vicar of both Districts.

Rev. Huiang Yan Sung, Mok-Chiang District.

dan mines in the vicinity of Telluride, San Miguel county, the richest mining camp on the western slope of the Rockies.

Through the help of the Lord we have been enabled to do some profitable work among the rough miners, who, as a rule, although somewhat indifferent in a religious way, are very generous and hospitable and treat us as men.

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Returned Missionaries.

Elder John J. Busby, of Saint David, Ariz., arrived in this city on the 15th of this month, returning home from a mission to the Eastern States. He was set apart on the 8th of July, 1898, and his field of labor has been the Maryland conference, where, he says, the outlook is quite promising. There is much difference among the people but the field is opening up, and the Elders are doing a good work.

Elder W. C. Behunin, of Peron, Emery county, returned home on the 23rd of this month, from a mission to the Northern States, where he has been laboring the first 16 months in the Ohio conference, and then in the northern Illinois conference until the 1st of June last, when he was sent to South Dakota in company with three other Elders. He says he met with much success and enjoyed his labors. He was set apart on the 11th of April, 1898.

Elder James Kimpkin of Perry, Boxelder county, Utah, was set apart on May 27, 1898, for a mission to the Eastern States. He returned on the 13th of July, 1900. He labored for twenty-three months and a half in Essex Co., Massachusetts, in the New England conference, and the remainder of the time in Rockingham Co., New Hampshire. The mission is in a prosperous condition. He says he enjoyed his labors in the ministry, and had good health during his absence.

Elder Heber J. Morgan, of Mill Creek, Salt Lake Co., returned home on the 22nd of this month from a successful mission to the Southwestern States. He was set apart on the 2nd of March, 1898, and has labored in the Lone Star conference, Texas, since. Speaking of the mission there, he says it is very prosperous. There are now about ten Elders there, and they are doing a good work, notwithstanding the indifference and opposition they sometimes encounter. Elder Morgan has enjoyed good health during his absence.

Elder James W. Vance, of Mesa City, Arizona, returned home on the 21st of this month from a mission to the Southern States, where he labored in the Mississippi conference. Elder Vance left home April 2nd, 1898, and was assigned to this conference. He reports his labors as being successful to a high degree. His health has been excellent and he finds the field where he labored very promising, there being many converts, and he is treated with the utmost respect, with just a little mob violence. Elder Vance was met in Salt Lake by Miss Ethel Johnson, and the two proceeded to Leavenworth, where they were met by their family. The happy couple then left for Mesa City.

Elder George W. Skidmore, of Richmond, Cache Co., returned to the city on the 2nd of this month from his mission to the Southern States, for which he was set apart on the 11th of April, 1898. The first nine months he labored in the Florida conference, and the remainder of the time in the States of Mississippi and Louisiana. He enjoyed excellent health and generally received good treatment from the people of the South. He had one experience with mob violence, when he was held for ransom, but he was released, and he returns very well pleased with his experience in the field.

Elder Madison N. Fisher, of Salt Lake County, Utah, returned home on July 18, from a mission to the Southern States. He was set apart for that labor on March 16, 1898, and on reaching Chattanooga was assigned to the Mississippi conference, where he labored in the States of Mississippi and Louisiana. He enjoyed excellent health and generally received good treatment from the people of the South. He had one experience with mob violence, when he was held for ransom, but he was released, and he returns very well pleased with his experience in the field.

The "Mormon Church is split. There are the regular Saints and the 'reorganized' ones. These two factions carried on a bitter warfare in Chicago.

"Each side apparently convinced of the Church's infidelity. In Kansas City there is a very strong following of the 'reorganized' Mormons, and there were hundreds of them at their convention at Washington Park last fall. They, for one thing, do