



### CONFERENCE IN BELGIUM.

Liege, Belgium, Jan. 24.—On Wednesday evening, Jan. 16, 1907, the elders and saints of the Liege conference met and held special services. The occasion was one of joy for the missionaries and saints for they had in their midst President Charles W. Penrose, of the European mission, President Alex Nibley of the Netherlands mission, and Elder William A. Morton, of the Millennial Star at Liverpool.

The meeting was the first one held in the new and commodious hall recently leased at Liege, and though the hall is thought to be large enough for the needs of the branch for some time, its capacity was severely taxed on this occasion, all the regular seats and the rented ones which were crowded in for the event being taken by the saints and investigators who were present. After the regular opening exercises and short remarks by President Nibley, President Penrose addressed the meeting for over an hour in a very convincing manner on the principles of the gospel. Elder Morton followed him with a strong comparison of the gospel of the Lord with the doctrines taught by the uninspired preachers of the day.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the dedication of the new hall for divine services by President Penrose. An excellent spirit was present and in spite of the fact that all the remarks had to be interpreted into the French language sentence by sentence, the attention of the saints and strangers was unbroken, and at the close many expressed regret that the meeting had not lasted longer.

All of the missionaries in Belgium feel that the outlook for the future is very bright. In some branches particularly in Liege, they have experienced great difficulty in finding suitable halls in which to hold meetings. It seems that all buildings of any sort that have rooms in them large enough for meetings are occupied by taverns, and that all societies desiring to hold meetings may get the use of these halls only on condition that they will patronize the refreshment counters. But the elders and saints have kept up a search until all the meetings are now held in permanent and appropriate quarters.

It is mainly among the Wallons that the work in Belgium is being done. They pride themselves on their ad-

vancement and independence of thought, and on account of the errors taught them by their priests they have become quite skeptical on all religious matters. They know very little about the Bible, having been taught that the reading of the scriptures is for the clergy only, and those who become interested in the gospel do so at first more because of its reasonableness and beauty than because of its agreement with Holy Writ.

RADCLIFFE Q. CANNON,  
Clerk of Liege Conference, Belgium.

### NETHERLANDS MISSION.

Following is the statistical report of the Netherlands-Belgium mission for 1906, as published in the Millennial Star:

Branches, 19; Seventies, 5; Elders, 33; local preachers, 14; priests, 33; teachers, 49; deacons, 34; members, 1,541; total officers and members, 1,685; children under eight years, 514; total souls, 2,199; baptized, 204; emigrated, 10; died, 29; excommunicated, 3; died, 15; strangers' houses visited, 123,582; by invitations, 347,928; books, 14,815; meetings held: Indoors, 2,735; outdoors, 8.

### BAPTISMAL SERVICES.

The Millennial Star of Feb. 7 contains the following:  
Baptisms—Elders Smith and Barker report the baptism of another convert in the Portsmouth branch of the London conference. The ordinance was performed in Portsmouth harbor, on Saturday evening, the 26th ult., Elder David Smith officiating.

Four members were added to the Church in Liverpool on Saturday evening last, Feb. 2. Elder Antineel Carter performed the ordinance of baptism in Fabius Baptist church, Ever-

ton road, the officers of the church having kindly granted the use of their baptism for that purpose.

A baptismal service was held in Plymouth on the evening of Jan. 28 last, when two members were added to the Church. Elder H. C. Smith officiated at the service.

Nine baptisms are reported in the Swiss and German mission during the month of January last.

### INTERESTING EXPERIENCE.

Blossom, Lamar Co., Texas, Feb. 12.—The elders and sisters laboring in the bureau of information, on the temple grounds in Salt Lake City, perhaps little realize the great good they are doing by their courteous treatment of strangers within the gates of Zion, and making friends of them. But this fact was forcibly brought to our minds a few days ago while tracing in this vicinity, and the pleasant experience will long remain in our memories.

We called at a beautiful country mansion where all the surroundings indicated the well-to-do condition of the proprietor. In answer to our knock at the door a lady answered, to whom we introduced ourselves and our business. She could not accord us an interview, she said, as her husband was sick. We then gave her some tracts, which she asked her to read. When she discovered the name Mormon on one of the pamphlets, she almost dropped them, saying, "I never read Mormon literature. I am afraid to, and we have no use for it in our home." We asked her to read before judging and not condemn without hearing. Just then her husband called and she left us standing at the door; presently she returned, saying, "The captain says you men are to come in, he wants to talk with you."

This man is wealthy and until six years ago was a sea captain, and an extensive traveler. We found him in bed, but on introducing ourselves, he said, "Gentlemen, I am very glad to see you. I have been in Salt Lake City, and was much impressed with what I saw. It is a mystery to me how you people settled that country and built such a magnificent temple and tabernacle under the conditions they did, away out there isolated from the rest of the world." He further stated that he had been around the world several times, visited almost every land and climate, but none of the places he visited interested him like Utah. The great

work which the Mormons had done won his admiration and such a peaceful influence prevailed in their city that it made him feel good. He told how some one escorted him through the great tabernacle and to other places of interest. After saying a great many things in praise of our people and country, he said, "Gentlemen, I surely have a warm place in my heart for your people, and I don't see," he continued, "why it isn't just as necessary to have prophets and inspired men now as it ever was," showing that he understood the condition the world is in.

We spent a good long time with him, and his wife listened very attentively. Before leaving we sang some of our songs and they asked us to pray with them. When we bade them good day tears were in their eyes and they stood with us to come and stay all night with them some time.

We went on with our work and yesterday made another visit there, finding them reading Cowley's "Talks on Doctrine," a copy of which we had left them. They would have us sing and have family prayers with them again, and before we left we blessed their two children, a little boy and girl.

Elder Heaton labored here in this conference nine years ago and can bear testimony that God's work is progressing for the people are accepting more truth now than they would then. Friends at home would do well to never miss a chance to present the truth to strangers who may visit our state, for thus they make friends for some of God's servants in the mission field.

WM. H. HEATON,  
WALTER F. HUNT.

### LECTURE BY V. S. PEET.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 16.—A lecture was delivered in defense of Utah at "Liberal League hall," 629 W. Baltimore street, Feb. 3, by Mr. V. S. Peet. The speaker was well received, as was his lecture. He called attention to the Rev. Mr. Pinks' illustrated lecture at the First Presbyterian church of this city. In the course of his remarks he said that Maryland employed police to hunt down criminals, but he was sent out by the Salt Lake business men to hunt down the "standing preachers." A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Peet and an invitation to visit them again.

Elder A. C. Sorenson, who is studying medicine at Washington, D. C., addressed a congregation of about 40 saints and friends at our hall, on the "Signs of the Times."

John G. Ford was baptized Feb. 11, and Pamela Gertrude Craften and Carlisle Craften were baptized Feb. 2.

The elders are meeting with much success in their work here.

GEO. A. COCHRANE,  
Presiding Elder.

### STAKE CONFERENCES.

#### MILLARD STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Millard stake of Zion convened in the Deseret ward Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9 and 10, 1907. The stake presidency presided. There were present

Joseph W. McMurrin, of the council of the stake presidency and a goodly representation of stake and ward officers. Beautiful weather prevailed and a most enjoyable time was had throughout the conference. The spirit of the Lord was abundantly manifest in the remarks of all the speakers. Eight meetings in all were held, including a conference of the Relief society, held on Friday afternoon, a general priesthood meeting of the stake in the evening and on Saturday evening a session of the Sunday school union, the conference closing with a conjoint session of the Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. associations.

The subjects treated upon were timely and encouraging. Elder McMurrin spoke on the law of marriage as being a fundamental doctrine of the Church, and on the object and labor of the Religion class organization.

President Alonso A. Hinckley reported the condition of the stake, showing a substantial increase in tithes paid for 1906 over the previous year, with a general healthy condition spiritually and otherwise. Prospects are good financially for the coming season and he congratulated the people in the hope and the goodly prospect for the development and building up of this immediate locality, whereby large tracts of unoccupied land will be brought under cultivation and Millard county become populous and prosperous, in fulfillment of the words spoken by the servants of the Lord, concerning this country, but felt to repeat the warning to the people, made in connection therewith, against vanity and pride in the day of prosperity.

The general and local authorities of the Church were presented and sustained by unanimous vote of the conference.

The Religion class of the stake was reorganized with William N. Gardner as superintendent, Joseph W. Black and Joseph A. Young assistants, Sister Alice L. Gardner, secretary, all of Hinckley ward.

Beautiful music was furnished by the Deseret ward choir, led by Samuel W. West.

#### WM. A. REEVE, Stake Clerk.

#### SNOWFLAKE STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Snowflake stake was held in the stake house at Snowflake on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 9, 10 and 11, 1907. First Counselor Smith D. Rogers was in charge.

Unusual interest attached to this gathering of the saints on account of the presence, in addition to a very full attendance of local officers, of Elders John Henry Smith and Hyrum M. Smith, who came for the purpose of reorganizing the stake presidency.

The reports of the bishops and presiding officers indicated that the wards, quorums and auxiliary organizations were generally in good condition. The people, too, had paid, so it was reported, a larger tithing than ever before in the history of the stake.

On Monday afternoon the following changes were made, and new officers sustained by the vote of the people: Smith D. Rogers and Joseph H. Richards were honorably released with thanks and blessings from the presi-

dency, as counselors to the late President Jesse N. Smith, deceased; and they were sustained as patriarchs, and Elder Rogers was also sustained as a member of the high council. The vacant places thus made were filled by Samuel F. Smith as president, with James M. Flake and Alonzo Larson as counselors in the presidency, and at a council meeting held later Joseph Peterson was sustained as stake superintendent of Sunday schools.

Samuel F. Smith has for some time been officiating as stake recorder and tithing clerk. His home is at Holbrook, where he has been engaged with the A. C. M. I., the largest mercantile plant in Navajo county. He succeeds his father in the presidency. James M. Flake is in the mercantile business, and lives at Snowflake. He had, for a number of years, been stake superintendent of Sunday schools.

Alonzo Larson also lives at Snowflake, he is a farmer, and has for many years been a member of the high council, and assistant stake superintendent of the Y. M. M. I. A.

A spirited Mutual Improvement conference was held Friday afternoon, and a very lively interest was awakened in the stake conjoint meeting, held Sunday night, at which four of our bright young men participated in an oratorical contest. The winner, Martin Rogers, carried off a handsome set of Church works, and the second best, Don Carlos Smith, got a splendid Bible. This is the first thing of the kind we have held in the stake in connection with M. I. A. work and it showed the boys what they can make of themselves by a little study and practice.

SAMUEL F. SMITH.

### CONFERENCE AT BUTTE.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 18.—The regular quarterly conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held Feb. 16, in Otton's hall, 215 N. Main street, Butte City, Montana. Nephi Pratt, president of Northwestern States mission, presiding.

Conference commenced at 2 p. m. with a good attendance. After the usual devotional services, President E. A. Gardner gave a favorable and encouraging report of the general condition of the Butte conference; unity prevailed among the saints, he said, and a good work was being done by each elder in the conference.

Elder L. J. Garner, president of the Anaconda conference, addressed the meeting upon the first principles of the gospel.

A solo was nicely rendered by Nephi Hansen, assisted by the choir.

Elder Nephi Pratt spoke at some length on "The Personality of God," and was followed by Elder George F. Richards of the quorum of the twelve apostles, who spoke in commendation of the conditions of the conference as just reported. He was so impressed with the Sunday school and the program rendered by its members that he spoke at some length on the good work being done, and dilated upon the important duty of parents to teach their children the truths of the gospel.

### RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder Nephi Anderson of Huntington, Weber Co., Utah, passed through this city Jan. 19, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 22, 1904. The Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish conferences in Sweden, Norway and Finland were his field of labor.

Elder Carl P. Anderson of Clarksburg, Cache Co., passed through this city Jan. 19, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 22, 1904. The Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish conferences in Sweden, Norway and Finland were his field of labor.

Elder Thomas O. Stokes of the Provo ward, Preston, Garfield Co., Idaho, arrived home Jan. 20, from the Northern States mission, for which he was set apart March 28, 1906. The Indiana and Northern Illinois conferences were his field of labor.

Elder Wallace G. Hunter of the First ward, American Fork, Utah Co., passed through this city Feb. 13, on his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart March 7, 1906. The Brooklyn conference was his field of labor.

Elder Hubert F. Jensen of Salina, Kan., passed through this city Feb. 13, on his return from the Northern States mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 22, 1905. The Indiana and Northern Illinois conferences were his field of labor.

Elder Joseph F. Brigham of Hawthorn, Weber Co., arrived in this city Jan. 11, on his return from the British mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 11, 1906. The Grimby conference was his field of labor.

Elder Robert Ray Nixon of Idaho Falls, Bingham Co., Idaho, passed through this city Feb. 19, on his return from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 14, 1906. He has been laboring in the South Carolina conference as traveling elder, and later as presiding elder, afterwards he mission audited, and while in this position sent from there four weeks in each of the remaining conferences in the mission.

Elder Joseph E. Hart of Chesterfield, Hawthorn Co., Idaho, passed through this city Feb. 31, on his return from the Central States mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 10, 1907. The East Kansas Missouri conference were his field of labor.



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