

CHURCH LITERARY

BAPTISM IN ENGLAND.

A baptismal service took place at the Corporation Baths, Edinburgh, April 23rd. Three members were initiated into the church, Elder Peter S. Condie officiating.

It gives me pleasure to report three more baptisms in Edinburgh. While we are losing some members by emigration, we are gaining others. These three, with the three already reported, comprises the whole of the Rutherford family in Edinburgh. The other two more baptisms before long."—David L. Murdoch.

On Sunday, April 7th, 1907, a baptismal service was held in the Tunkin Baths, Northampton. Nine persons were baptized, Elder Joseph H. Butler officiating. President William A. Noble was present and spoke to the candidates concerning the obligations they were about to take upon themselves. The baptized converts were confirmed at the meeting in the afternoon of the same day.

Northampton are good. The Spirit of the Lord is with the saints, and the elders have many friends and some investigators who it is believed will embrace the gospel in the near future. A baptism took place at the Royal Baths, April 9th, 1907, at 6:30 p. m. A small company was there to witness the ceremony. After prayer, dedicated the baths for the purpose, Elder Ambrose Woolford made a few remarks to the candidates who had come to accept this ordinance of the gospel. There were four baptized, Elder Ambrose Woolford and James A. Cragun officiating. A confirmation meeting was held at the home of Brother William Head. The converts and all present bore testimony to the goodness of God and the truthfulness of His gospel. Other baptisms will follow shortly.

Elder Thomas E. Towler writes: "I am pleased to report that we have had another baptism in the Leeds conference. The ordinance was performed in the Fensham street Baths, Bradford, Saturday, April 13, 1907. Elder George F. Bolto explained the necessity of baptism and exhorted them to obey the commandment that they were making with their Heavenly Father, after which 26 members (12 male and 14 females) were added to the Church. Elders Earl E. Jensen, Franklin L. Gunnell and H. Herbert Warstaff officiated. Immediately after the baptismal service all adjourned to the West Gate New Hall, where a confirmation meeting was held. A rich outpouring of the Spirit was enjoyed at the meetings. About 200 saints and friends were present at each service."

President David L. Murdoch writes: "I am pleased to report a baptism at Banff, on the north coast of Scotland. Elders Rich and Russell were sent to that field soon after our last conference. They have made many good friends and have been able to get into the homes of many people. A young man investigated the gospel and was convinced of its truth. He was baptized on the 21st inst. by Elder William H. Russell and was confirmed by Elder S. Grover Rich."

On the 23rd inst. another member was added to the Ipswich branch. The baptism was performed in the Guild river, at Ipswich, Elder Stephen G. Chandler officiating.

A baptismal service was held at the Corporation Baths, Middlesboro, Wednesday, April 10, at 8 p. m. Fully 80 people assembled to witness the baptism, one-third of whom were strangers. A short service was held at the water's edge, during which Elders Kirkup and Walter M. Jones made some timely remarks and bore testimony to the restoration of the gospel principles in order to be saved. Eight persons were then baptized by Elders Edmund S. Rich, William C. Gibby, and Walter Cox. The new converts were taken to the meeting room at the corner of Harris street and Newport Road, where another short service was held, at which they were confirmed members of the Church. A sweet, peaceful influence prevailed during the meetings.

Six members were added to the Liverpool branch on Monday evening last. A large number of saints and friends assembled at 9 o'clock at Eleton Road Baths to witness the baptisms, which were performed by Elder J. Robert Price. Confirmations followed. All present seemed impressed with the service, and at its close some of the investigators expressed a desire to be baptized at an early date.

A baptismal service was held on Sunday morning, April 14, 1907, at the Turkish Baths, George street, Hull, when nine persons exhibited their belief in the truthfulness of the restored Gospel by entering into the waters of baptism. Elders Adam Glenn, Benjamin Brown and Fred P. Williams officiated. The confirmations took place immediately after baptism.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., five members were added to the Kidderminster branch of the Birmingham conference. The baptismal service was held at the Turkish Baths, High street, Birmingham, Elders David C. Ure and Samuel Ward officiating. The newly baptized converts were confirmed at the water's edge.

On Sunday, April 21, another member was added to the Church in the Birmingham conference. Elder David C. Ure officiating. The baptismal ordinance, which was performed in the Severn river near Stourport.

Sunday, April 21, 1907, a baptismal service was held at the Tiberion Source Baths, London. Many saints and friends were present to witness the ceremony. Remarks were made by Elder Lawrence C. Blood, and after a few words of exhortation, Sunday, April 22, 1907, 22 people were baptized, the following elders officiating: Eugene Gray, George A. Hoopes, William A. Skidmore, A. H. Beckstrand, Frederick Langton, Thomas W. Jarvis, David G. Shorten, and Soren Peterson. There are prospects of a very bright future in the London conference. More homes are being opened to the gospel, and the saints are united and are assisting the brethren in spreading the gospel.—Millennial Star.

BUTTE CONFERENCE.

Three meetings held in the Metropolis of Montana.

A conference of the Butte branch of the Northwestern States mission convened in Butte City, April 21, three meetings being held.

President Nepht Pratt was in attendance, and addressed each of the meetings. Other speakers were Elders Price, Harris, Lyman, Garner, J. L. Lindsey and David H. Smith. The meetings were well attended, and were very spirited throughout.

CALIFORNIA MISSION.

Several Southern Branches Meet in Conference at Los Angeles.

The regular annual conference convened in Los Angeles, Sunday, April 21, President A. T. McCarty in charge. The morning meeting opened at twenty minutes after 10, by the choir singing the hymn, "Come, come ye saints." President J. E. Robinson of the California mission was the first speaker, giving a general report of this mission. The



need of revelation as a test to the truthfulness of and as a necessity in the Church of Christ.

In regard to the foregoing topics the president said the California mission as also the San Francisco conference had steadily advanced. That work had not alone been confined to California but had reached out and extended into Arizona, where a good field for labor had been found, and level ones at home, Blaine, Douglas, Phoenix and Tucson had heard the elders' testimony.

Justus Swanson, president of the San Francisco branch, and N. B. Phillips, president of the Oakland branch, gave encouraging reports of the branches over which they preside.

Elder George F. Richards of the apostolic quorum then addressed the conference, showed the wise and judicious handling of the Church money collected in tithes and the spirit of the Church toward education, referred to the building up of Independence and

of love for the cause of truth were given. Presidents McKee and Ellsworth, having just returned from the seventy-eighth general conference, held at Salt Lake City, said they brought greetings from friends and loved ones at home. Both spoke with much feeling and power on the great responsibility resting upon the elders as representatives of the truth.

In the evening at 3 o'clock, the elders, saints and friends met in a pleasant sociable where a splendid program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

On Sunday there were three public meetings held, with a large attendance. Much interest was manifest in the addresses made, both Presidents McKee and Ellsworth delivering powerful sermons, causing all present to sense the magnitude of the latter-day work.

A pleasant feature of the conference was the singing, conducted by Elder Julius C. Bronson.

We feel that the conference was one of the most successful ever held in this part of the vineyard. The elders have all gone to their assigned fields of labor with a determination to magnify their holy calling.

A. M. FULLMER, President of the East Nebraska Conference.

NORTH WEST VA. CONFERENCE

Fairmont, W. Va., April 29.—The semi-annual conference of the North West Virginia conference was held in Fairmont, W. Va., April 29 and 30. The meetings presided over by President John G. McQuarrie, who made the opening address of welcome. The

other speakers were Elders Orson Anderson and Joseph G. Woodbury, H. S. Rice and Thomas I. Davies.

The second session was held Sunday at 10 a. m. Elders George W. Morris, John G. Terry and Heber C. Frank and President John G. McQuarrie occupied the time in instructions and testimonies.

At the third session, which convened at 2 p. m., Elders Jesse N. Waite, John M. Bee, Archie L. Nielson, Leigh S. Stewart and President John G. McQuarrie were the speakers. The last named spoke of the beauties of the kingdom of God, pointing out the difference between the kingdom of God and that of man. A duet and quartet were rendered by the elders.

At the fourth and concluding session Elders Stephen Walker, William F. Reid, William Bradford, Joseph Fred Smith and Edgar B. Wimer, each bore their testimonies and gave some valuable instructions, and were followed by President John G. McQuarrie in a closing address on the beauties of the gospel, and what Mormonism would do for mankind were they to give heed to his teachings.

The general priesthood meeting of the North West Virginia conference convened Monday, April 22, at 10:30 a. m., when the elders were instructed by President McQuarrie.

Owing to the ill-health of President Thomas E. King, who recently returned from the conference, was reorganized with Elder Joseph G. Woodbury as president, Elders Orson F. Anderson and H. S. Rice as counselors.

An excellent spirit prevails among the elders and a grand work is expected to be performed during the summer months.

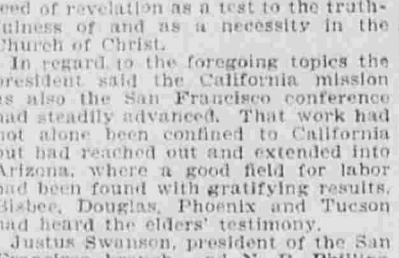
The remainder of the day and evening was spent in a social way with members and friends, an excellent program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

JOSEPH G. WOODBURY, Conference President.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

On April 30 and May 1 the elders of the Michigan conference convened to hold their regular semi-annual conference.

Four priesthood meetings were held in which the elders reported and work and received many valuable instructions from the visiting brethren.



There were quite a number of investigators present, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

The services were not held until the night of the 4th of May, and the afternoon and evening of the 5th. These were fairly well attended by the people of the city.

The services were presided over by President S. M. Bulkley of the Michigan conference.

On the afternoon of the 4th, the elders with many of their friends met

of the financial condition of the Church; how it had been relieved from the bondage of debt. He spoke also of the great importance of parents being honest and truthful that the child may have implicit confidence in them.

Sunday afternoon Elder Clawson discoursed on the principle of forgiveness and quoted from the Doctrine and Covenants to show that we must forgive all men. He related several incidents in the life of the Savior to show the spirit of forgiveness possessed by him.

President Lyman gave a most interesting and instructive discourse on marriage. He strongly advised against indiscriminate kissing as being a dangerous practice among the young people.

Elders Lyman and Clawson each counseled the people of Lyman to move in to the town, in order to enjoy the blessings of society, to plant shade and fruit trees, to build up and beautify the place.

The presence and good counsels of the two apostles and also the local brethren, the good spirit prevailing, the good singing and the hospitality of the people of Lyman, made the occasion one of rejoicing on the part of those in attendance.

PETER MCKINNON, Stake Clerk.

SOUTH SANPETE STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the South Sanpete stake was held in Gunnison May 4 and 5, 1907. There were present President Francis M. Lyman and Elder George A. Smith, Stake Presidency, patriarchs and high counselors, with a large attendance of members.

After the opening exercises President Lewis Anderson reported the condition of the stake. The high council, bishops and officers of all the auxiliary organizations are in full accord in their labors, with peace and harmony prevailing, while peace and harmony prevail between the saints and non-members in the several localities.

The bishops of Centerfield, Gunnison, Mantel North, Mantel South, Mayfield, Sterling, Ephraim South, each reported his ward in good condition. Reports were also made of Relief society, primary and Sunday school work, which were quite satisfactory.

At priesthood meeting held at 4 p. m. on the 4th, President Lyman gave some valuable instructions and at each session of the conference President Lyman and Elder Smith counseled the saints on their duties and obligations, addressing the young especially in relation to marriage, the necessity of entering into the state of matrimony, that it may endure not only for time, but for all eternity, for parents to take a particular interest in their children in endeavoring to guide them aright, and counseling children to seek the advice of their parents and be guided thereby.

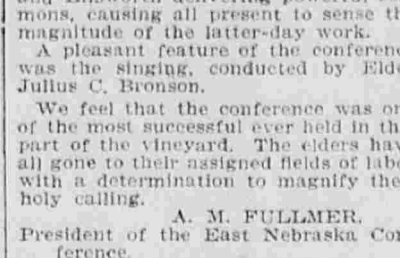
President Lyman presented the general authorities of the Church, and all were sustained by unanimous vote.

Elder James I. Bowers of Lake Shore, Utah Co., returned May 7, from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart May 30, 1905. The Virginia conference was his field of labor.

Elder Elmo Jensen, of Hyrum, Cache Co., passed through this city May 7, on his return from the Northern States mission, to which he was assigned April 25, 1905. The conferences of Idaho and Northern Illinois, were his fields of labor.

Elder Brigham E. Stone, Jr., of Salem, Utah Co., returned May 8, from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 10, 1905. The Virginia conference was his field of labor.

Elder Joseph Anderson of Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., passed through this city May 8, on his return from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart April 12, 1905. The South



Carolina conference was his field of labor.

Elder Albert W. Winkler of Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete Co., passed through this city May 9, on his return from the Southern States mission, to which he was assigned April 25, 1905. The conferences of Virginia and Washington, were his fields of labor.

Elder Hugh LeRoy of the Second ward, Preston, Uinta county, Idaho, arrived home May 5, from the Northern States mission, for which he was set apart April 18, 1905. The conferences of Washington and British Columbia conferences were his fields of labor.

Elder Joseph I. Reid of Burlington, Wyo., arrived home May 7, from the Southern States mission, to which he was assigned April 25, 1905. The conferences of Washington and British Columbia conferences were his fields of labor.

Elder Peter S. Condie of the Sixth ward, Salt Lake City, returned May 9, from the British mission, for which he was set apart April 18, 1905. The Scottish conference was his field of labor.

Elder Fred Merrill of Lehi, Utah county, passed through this city May 10, on his return from the British mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 1, 1905. The Sheffield conference was his field of labor. Elder Merrill's wife joined him a few months ago, and they visited friends and toured England together before coming home.

Elder Henry C. Tovey of Woods Cross, Davis county, returned May 10, from the British mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 1, 1905. The Grimshy conference was his field of labor.

Elder Albion Jacobson of Moroni, Sanpete county, passed through this city May 10, on his return from the British mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 1, 1905. The Sheffield conference was his field of labor.

Elder Arthur P. Galley of Kayville, Davis county, passed through this city May 10, on his return from the British mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 1, 1905. The Sheffield conference was his field of labor.

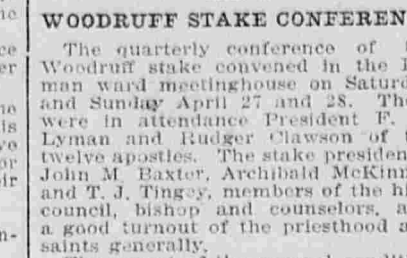
Elder Albert W. Stephens, Jr., of Preston, Uinta county, Idaho, passed through this city May 10, on his return from the British mission, to which he was assigned March 7, 1905. The London conference was his field of labor.

Elder Eugene Gray of Inverary, Sevier county, passed through this city May 10, on his return from the British mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 15, 1904. The London conference was his field of labor.

Elder James M. Gibbs of Tilden, Blaine county, Idaho, passed through this city May 11, on his return from the New Zealand mission, for which he was set Oct. 2, 1903. The conferences of Wanganui and Hay of Islands were his fields of labor, presiding over the latter since Aug. 1, 1905.

Elder Charles Sill of Layton, Davis county, returned from the Northern States mission, where, since June 6, 1905, he has been laboring in the Northern Illinois and Minnesota conferences.

Elder Walter J. Glenn of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, passed through this city May 11, on his return from the Central States mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 15, 1904. The Texas conference was his field of labor.



Elder Orrin LeRoy Randall of Morgan City, Morgan county, arrived home May 11, from the Oregon mission, for which he was set apart April 29, 1904. The Tutuila conference was his field of labor.

Elder Robert S. Rimington of Tooe Valley, Tooe county, returned May 11, from the Samoan mission, for which he was set apart April 18, 1906. The conferences of Tutuila and Upolu were his fields of labor. He was released earlier than usual on account of poor health.

Elder Thomas W. Henderson of Atlatl, Uinta county, Wyo., passed through this city May 11, on his return from the New Zealand mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 4, 1904. The conference of Wanganui, Mahia, Waipua and Hawkes Bay were his fields of labor, principally among the Maori people.

Elder Aza B. Taylor of Willard, Boxelder county, passed through this city May 12, on his return from the New Zealand mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 13, 1904. The conferences of Wanganui, Hawkes Bay and Maitua were his fields of labor.

Elder George M. McLean of the Fourth ward, Salt Lake City, returned May 12, from the British mission, for which he was set apart April 18, 1905. The Bristol conference was his field of labor.

Elder William D. Gilbert of Fairview, Oneida county, Idaho, passed through this city May 12, on his return from the Northern States mission, for which he was set apart April 11, 1905. The Minnesota conferences were his field of labor.

Elder Nels William Knudsen of the Sixth ward, Provo, Utah county, returned May 12, on his return from the Northern States mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 11, 1905. The Trondheim, Norway, conference was his field of labor.

Elder Joseph Edward Noble of Lehi, Utah county, arrived home May 12, from the Samoan mission, for which he was set apart Sept. 2, 1904. The Hawkes Bay conference was his field of labor.

Elder William G. Woolley of the Ninth ward, Salt Lake City, arrived home May 12, on his return from the Samoan mission, for which he was set apart March 21, 1905. The Hawkes Bay, Otago and Waikato conferences were his fields of labor, among the Europeans.

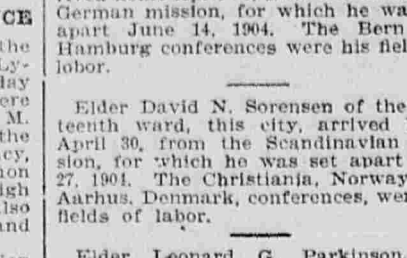
Elder Day Ray Woodland of Willard, Boxelder county, passed through this city May 13, on his return from the Northern States mission, where, since April 23, 1905, he has been laboring in the Michigan conference.

Elder Ralph E. Cheador of Burville, Sevier county, passed through this city May 13, on his return from the Samoan mission, for which he was set apart April 8, 1904. The conferences of Tutuila and Upolu were his fields of labor.

Elder William H. Lake of Junction, Putnam county, Mo., returned May 14, on his return from the Central States mission, for which he was set apart May 3, 1905. The Kansas conference was his field of labor. Elder Lake was called home on account of his wife's severe illness.

Elder William Oliver Haskins of West Portage, Boxelder county, passed through this city May 15, on his return from the Southern States mission, to which he was assigned July 10, 1906. The North Carolina conference was his field of labor.

Elder Ephraim Nelson of Chesterfield, Boxelder county, returned May 15, on his return from the New Zealand mission, for which he was set apart Sept. 23, 1904. The Bay of Islands, New Zealand, conferences were his fields of labor.



Elder George A. Clegg of Heber City, Wasatch county, passed through this city May 16, on his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart March 23, 1905. The conference of Southwest Virginia was his field of labor.

Elder Race A. Johnson of Collinston, Boxelder county, passed through this city May 16, on his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart June 26, 1906. The Southwest Virginia conference was his field of labor. Everything in his good health, and pertaining to the work of the Lord; the people are very hospitable and are taking quite an interest in what the Lord has to tell them in regard to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Elder Johnson was called home to act as bishop at Collinston.

With exceptions noted all the elders return in excellent health, and the field represented the gospel work is making splendid progress, particularly in the Southern States and New Zealand missions. Wherever the elders get a hearing they win the hearts of the people and make friends and converts.



President Penrose of European Mission with group of elders from the London conference.

Top row, reading from left to right—H. R. Kirkham, Daniel H. Cook, W. S. Mason, Charles A. Sperry, E. T. Benson, Eugene Gray, Joseph F. Barker and Nathaniel L. Smith; second row—Harold Hulme, Frank J. Edgel, W. W. Allen, George A. Hoopes, M. M. Hatch, F. C. Orlay, W. J. Francis; third row—D. Eugene Hammond (clerk), J. K. Udall, J. L. Wilson, Jr., J. W. Jarvis, F. F. Vanoe, D. George Shorten, A. W. Stephens and L. C. Blood; fourth row—A. N. Beckstrand, B. A. Seare, Frederick Langton, President C. W. Penrose, President M. L. Jones of London Conference, Soren Peterson, W. A. Skidmore, Dr. S. H. Allen. The two in front are Elders J. E. Platon and Asper of the German mission.

San Diego branch, and Elder J. E. Garner gave an account of his labors in Arizona and San Bernardino.

President H. C. Jacobson of this conference told of the progress of the Los Angeles branch during the past six months.

Elder Geo. F. Richards of the quorum of the apostles, was the first speaker. He talked of the duties the saints bear to one another and to the Church. At the afternoon meeting at 2 o'clock, the speakers were: Elders J. Russell Shepherd, Frank B. Platt, J. R. Shepherd, president of the Bear Lake stake, President J. E. Robinson and Elder Geo. F. Richards.

President Robinson presented the names of the general church authorities for the vote of the conference.

Evening meeting at 7 o'clock, Elders R. T. Swallow, and A. T. McCarty were the first speakers. President Robinson spoke upon pre-existence and quoted many Bible references to substantiate his subject. Elder Richards then spoke upon the restoration and was pronounced by Elder J. R. Shepherd, Sr.

Conference adjourned for six months. During the evening meeting, Brother Charles B. Pike sang a beautiful solo from Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

The choir of 25 voices under the leadership of J. Russell Shepherd, sang a number of hymns at each meeting.

A larger hall, as every seat was taken and many persons stood.

Monday a priesthood meeting of six hours' duration was held at headquarters, and the elders assigned to their fields of labor; those released to return home were Arthur T. McCarty, J. Russell Shepherd, L. G. Parkinson, R. T. Swallow, and Frank B. Platt, Jr.

Those assigned to Los Angeles were: Clarence L. Funk, president; Jos. E. Ellison, J. E. Garner, and Wm. Espin; to San Bernardino, J. M. Rigby and Silas Wright; to San Diego, C. Trimble and P. L. Smith.

Monday evening a social with an impromptu program was given in the church. Tuesday a picnic was enjoyed by many in East Lake park.

A. H. THOMAS, Clerk.

SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual San Francisco conference convened at Castle hill in the city of Oakland, Sunday, April 29, 1907. Three sessions were held. One in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening; each session averaging about two hours' duration.