



IN GEORGIA'S CAPITAL.

One of the Most Fruitful Missionary Fields.

Augusta, Ga., April 23.—The Elders and Saints who are acquainted here as well as all interested in the work abroad, will appreciate a few words concerning our recent progress. The accompanying picture taken at the Caden Lake, North Augusta, and represents twenty-two Saints, a number of friends and investigators, and Elders Merion Whitman, E. L. Whiting and Conference President A. D. Steele who are laboring in this city. It was taken at the close of a well-attended meeting held at the waters edge, where we had assembled for visiting.



THE AUGUSTA, GA., BRANCH OF THE CHURCH.

turn rule for cut. Over a hundred operators were present who listened attentively to our testimony, and we feel that some of them left with a different opinion of "Mormonism" from any they had previously had.

Although Augusta is an old field of labor, during the past year it has been one of the most fruitful parts of the vineyard. Fifteen souls have been added to the Church, and about eight others contemplate going into the waters of baptism in the near future, and others are thinking seriously about the matter.

The Sunday school is growing and the members are very active, especially over the 12-40-60, which is being conducted by Elder Merion Whitman.

Our weekly meetings generally draw large crowds, on several occasions the police have been obliged to clear the way for passers by.

We feel that the Father for the blessings we have received, and with renewed determination to spread the Gospel of Christ. The "New" and "Elder" are welcome visitors and a power factor in the mission field.

ELDER E. L. WHITING.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

The Louisiana conference was held at Point, Union parish, La., Saturday, and Sunday, April 23 and 24. Owing to inclement weather and failure to make connections, President James G. Dunn was unable to be in attendance, which was a disappointment to the Elders, and Saints who expected to meet him. Nevertheless, the conference was held and the rainy weather did not hinder the work.

President J. Frank Burdham of the Louisiana conference, met in the little settlement meetinghouse, which was built by the Saints of the neighborhood, and enjoyed a spiritual feast.

The following Elders addressed the conference on the first principles of the Gospel, and have strong testimonies of the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Q. K. Kimball, Daniel R. Merrill, G. W. Richardson, J. F. Burdham, J. Andrew Woods, Joseph M. Roundy, D. M. Cloward, George P. Jackson, B. S. Westover, George R. Bailey and Warren N. Tenney.

At a 10 o'clock morning meeting the Elder read the experience and testimony of the past six months, and reported the condition of his field of labor. Generally the Elders were treated with kindness and cordialness by the investigators. Elders J. Frank Burdham and Warren N. Tenney, who labored in West Feliciana parish, were successful in making friends and investigators, and planters, who previously had believed the false reports circulated about the "Mormons." President Burdham related the incident of finding a box of quicksilver, which he and companion sold for \$8 dollars, which aided them in tracking the city of St. Francisville.

Elders D. M. Cloward and J. Andrew Woods, in their experience witnessed two remarkable cases of healing under their administration. While laboring in Tangipahoa parish, they traced the city of Ponchartraine, where the city at first would not take their tracts, but the publishing of the following article by the editor of the Rumour led many to investigate and become more liberal and tolerant.

"Two Mormon Elders are visiting our town and vicinity. We have not met them nor heard their names, but we have heard of a mother emphatically telling her daughter to neither let them in the house nor talk with her. It seems some persons, professing Christians, look upon Mormon Elders with dread. They act as if the Mormons were proselyting members of other churches, disrupting family ties, etc. And besides, some persons think they are looking for men to become slaves in polygamy. Such is not their purpose. They, as a rule, are patient, forbearing, kind, gentle and sincerely anxious that the doctrines they teach are not consistent with the doctrines of the churches of which we are most familiar, we are prone to think that the Mormons of the present generation are living under a delusion. They are entitled to their freedom of thought and action, as we are. They should be respected and honored."

CONFERENCE IN NEBRASKA.

Kearney, Neb., May 5, 1905.—The Elders of the Nebraska conference, Colorado county, John E. Rogerson and George L. Johnson, and their families, and President Lee, accompanied by James A. Merion, will continue his labors, traveling over the conference, without a moment's rest.

All of the Elders are well, and leave for their new field of labor filled with the spirit of the Lord, and determined to carry the glad tidings of the Gospel to the people of the Nebraska conference.

LEWIS A. LEE, President.
JOHN W. CHAMBERS, Jr., Secretary.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

WOODRUFF STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Woodruff stake convened in the ward meetinghouse at Lyman, Wyo., Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7. Stake President John M. Baxter presiding. The conference was well attended, with a large number of Saints and investigators present.

The fact that the conference was held on the "old Mormon trail" near "Fruitful harvest of souls" during the past six months.

J. A. WOODS, JR., Conference Clerk.

CONFERENCE AT ANACONDA.

Anacanda, Mont., May 9.—The Anacanda quarterly conference convened at Anacanda, Mont., May 9, 1905. After the opening exercises Elder Geo. W. Quibell presented the General authorities of the Church, Elder Neuhil Grant as president of the States mission, and Elder John W. Bowman as president of the Anacanda conference. The Anacanda branch officers were also presented with a few new ones to fill in the vacancies.

It has been some time since this branch has been visited by a stake conference, and we feel that there is a bright prospect for the Anacanda branch to become one of the leading branches of the States mission.

ELDER SEYMOUR B. YOUNG was present and addressed the people on general duties. Elder William C. Hoskins and Elder A. H. H. also spoke briefly at the meeting. At 5 p. m. Elder James L. Lowe, A. W. Ball and Seymour B. Young delivered forceful addresses to a large and attentive audience. We feel that the good work is growing here, the Elders are making friends on every hand and there is quite an awakening among those who have heretofore been neglectful of the Gospel.

President Anacanda Conference.

CONFERENCE AT BUTTE.

Butte, Mont., May 10, 1905.—Our quarterly conference was held April 30, 1905, at Butte, Mont. The conference was held in the Good Temple hall. There were present of the general authorities, Elder Seymour B. Young, and of the presidency of the Northwestern States mission, Counselor G. W. Quibell (who presided), Conference President Joseph L. Nelson, and five traveling Elders, also the local branch officers, a full number of the members of the Butte branch and their friends.

Elder Joseph L. Nelson, who has for the past five months presided over the Butte branch, was heartily welcomed, and Alfred W. Ball appointed to succeed him.

The general authorities of the Church, president and secretary of the mission, also the local branch officers and the authorities of the branch, were all sustained by the unanimous vote of the members present, after the time of the afternoon session was occupied by Elder Seymour B. Young in delivering an excellent discourse on the birth, ministry and atonement of the Savior.

At the evening session Elder Joseph L. Nelson, Alonzo Raymond and G. W. Quibell made short addresses, after which a very appropriate closing address was made by Elder Seymour B. Young.

The attendance at the evening session was good, the hall being comfortably full and many strangers were present. A most excellent spirit prevailed in both meetings.

FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

District Meeting at Halifax.

A very successful district meeting was held at Halifax of the Leeds conference, Sunday, April 30, 1905. President Abraham H. Christensen, both sessions were well attended, during the evening there being present over two hundred, strangers and friends claiming a minority. The meeting was characterized by the discourses, and many made remarks that they had indeed been greatly edified. The Elders of the Leeds conference, who were present in attending the district meeting, were all in the best of health, and many friends were being made.

Arrivals.

The following missionaries for the European mission arrived at Liverpool per steamship Arabia, May 5, 1905: For Great Britain—Heber C. Smith, Peter S. Condie, John Oliver, Alvin P. Smith, Francis M. Davis, Thomas R. Burt, George M. McLean, Frederick E. Williams, George F. Brady, Earl E. Jensen, Salt Lake City; Heber C. Smith, Peter S. Condie, John Oliver, Alvin P. Smith, Francis M. Davis, Thomas R. Burt, George M. McLean, Frederick E. Williams, George F. Brady, Earl E. Jensen, Salt Lake City; Heber C. Smith, Peter S. Condie, John Oliver, Alvin P. Smith, Francis M. Davis, Thomas R. Burt, George M. McLean, Frederick E. Williams, George F. Brady, Earl E. Jensen, Salt Lake City.

With the company were the following visitors: George Burch, George Smith, N. C. Mordock, Mrs. Mark Jeffs, Florence Durree, Hannah Jeppson, Eliza Oliver, Catherine Wells, Anna Grant, Mary Grant.

Appointments.

The Elders who arrived for Great Britain May 6, 1905, are appointed to the following conferences: Thomas R. Burt, Irish; Francis M. Davis, Manchester; Joseph F. Hansen, Alvin P. Smith, George M. McLean, London; Herbert Forsley, William W. Lofthouse, Birmingham; Alvin P. Smith, Liverpool; Heber C. Smith, Ambrose Woodford, George M. McLean, Bristol; Frederick E. Williams, Gwent; Thomas R. Burt, Earl E. Jensen, Leeds; Charles M. Bell, Jr., Norwich; Joseph H. Cook, Peter S. Condie, Scotland; Samuel Hodges, Sheffield; Luther M. H. Johnson, Newcastle; John Oliver, Nottingham.

Releases.

Elder John T. Freeborn, Charles T. Richardson, Arthur W. Frewin, and Rex P. Winder of the London conference were released to return home at their pleasure. Millennial Star.

CONFERENCE IN LIVERPOOL.

The semi-annual Liverpool conference was held on Sunday, May 7, 1905, in the Exchange assembly room, Blackburn, at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 6 p. m. There was a large attendance of Saints and strangers at the morning and afternoon sessions, 212 Saints and 47 strangers attended the evening session.

President Brinton, in his opening remarks, welcomed all present, after which the general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained. The statistical report of work from the States mission, showed, tracts distributed, 57,562; strangers' houses visited, 13,748; re-conversions, 220; indoor meetings, 1,074; outdoor meetings, 8; Gospel conversations, 2,400; souls in conference, 245; baptized, 18.

Elder Ernest Wright bore a strong testimony to the divinity of the Gospel. President Grant expressed pleasant surprise at the good attendance during the morning session. Said the happy moments of his life had been spent in the mission field. Nothing else could give him such satisfaction and joy as bringing souls from darkness to light.

At the afternoon session Elders Isaac Laughton, Archibald B. Neil, Robert L. Brinkley, and John W. Bowman, also Joseph A. Wankstuf each spoke briefly on Gospel principles.

President Grant continued the remarks, welcoming all present, and a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel. He asked if the actions of the Latter-day Saints in preaching the Gospel without purse or scrip—without hope of earthly reward and at a great sacrifice of means and time, was not sufficient evidence of their sincerity. This also ought to be enough to lead people to at least investigate their doctrine.

At the evening meeting Elders Albert H. Thomas, Thomas J. Brough, Neill Anderson spoke briefly, their subjects being the word of revelation and divine authority.

President Grant then made a very forceful and effective argument in support of the divine authority of the Book of Mormon, and book of Doctrine and Covenants.

During the day solos were sung by Joseph A. Wankstuf, a Bishop, and William Holmes of Colne, and duets by Sisters Helen and Turner of Burnley, and Alice and Ada Watson of Rishton. Monday morning a splendid Protestant meeting was held in Kensington chambers, Blackburn, all the Elders of the Liverpool conference being present. The remarks and advice offered by President Grant were attentively listened to and duly appreciated by all.

WILLIAM S. WILLES, Clerk of Conference.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder George W. Tolley of Mountain View, Alberta, Canada, arrived at his home May 17, 1905, from the British mission, for which he was set apart in 1903. He has been in the States mission since Feb. 23, 1903, in the Nottingham and Norwich conferences. The Gospel is being rapidly spread in this part of the field, and many honest souls are being gathered into the fold. The prejudice which once existed in the hearts of the people against the "Mormon Church" is being turned into friendship. There is an energetic class of Elders in both these conferences.

Elder Dorwin R. Harris of Salem, Fremont county, Ida., passed through this city May 25, 1905, on his return from the British mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 27, 1905. The Norwich conference was his field of labor, where he presided part of the time. The conference is in good condition, there are four organized branches. All are doing their part to help the cause of the Gospel in the field. There is a splendid spirit among the Elders and Saints, and many friends are being made.

Elder William N. Gardner of Salem, Utah county, was set apart for missionary labors Dec. 19, 1902, and reports as follows: "I have just returned from the missionary field, where I spent 22 months of the happiest days of my life. I labored in the South Texas conference in the Central States mission. The work of the Lord is being accepted by many of the people and we expect a good harvest in the near future. The Saints in that conference are standing nobly by the leaders of the Church, and they sustain them in their positions, while those who are trying to make it hard for the Elders are doing pretty good work for us in arousing interest and curiosity among the people who want to know more about the Mormons."

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