

force being got from a waterfall fifty miles away; and not only that, but the power is also utilized for other industries.

The doctor also spoke glowingly of Brigham Young, though he was not there to defend Brigham's virtues or his vices. There are different denominations in Salt Lake City; Catholics, Jews, Episcopalians, and the Salvation Army. But they all get along harmoniously, because everybody minds his own business; and he who does that gets along all right in Utah. And that damns the place as a resort for the average Briton.

It is interesting to note that in no instance have unfavorable comments appeared in the press concerning these lectures; praise liberal and genuine has been the rule. Addresses were given in Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, London, Bristol, Nottingham, Bradford, Oldham, Barnsley, Wigan, Glasgow and Belfast.

As seen from the foregoing extracts, the lecture dealt with the story of Utah's growth, and her present greatness. The sincerity and earnestness of the people, the evident blessing of Divine favor under which they have prospered, and the strength of their institutions founded on co-operation and union, were very properly praised; but a strictly non-sectarian treatment was presented.

A Salt Lake gentleman writing from England dilates on the graphic way in which the subject was treated, saying that part of the address was virtually a railway journey through Utah; many scenes along the line of the Union Pacific having been shown. That road received special attention not only because of its present importance among the great lines of the West, but also because of its effect in the early history of this region as the Pioneer line across the Plains, and the one which placed Utah in communication with the frontier of civilization to the East. As descriptive of the conditions which induced the Church authorities to request lectures on the subject, and as illustrative of the success by which the undertaking has been marked, we quote from the editorial columns of the *Millennial Star*, under date of August 11:

THE STEREOPTICON VERSUS PREJUDICE.

It is a little more than a year ago, that several Elders were discussing upon missionary topics, and above all as regards what would be the best policy in order to peacefully combat the extraordinary ideas prevalent in the world, regarding the moral status of the Latter-day Saints as a people. The Elders had just returned from an out-door meeting that they had been attempting to hold, but the proceedings had been broken up by an individual who had indulged in statements regarding the characters of these particular Elders and the Saints at large, the accusations made being of the usual nature indulged in by persons of that ilk. Finally one Elder broke out with the observation that "the only way to remove this prejudice was to have some good lectures delivered in the principal cities of the United Kingdom, and to illustrate the same by stereopticon views of Utah and her institutions." The suggestion was a good one. At the convention of the presidency and conference presidents of the British mission, held in the Latter-day Saints Chapel, Birmingham, on the 8th to the 12th inclusive, January, 1898, the matter was thoroughly ventilated and its adoption, pending the sanction of the First Presidency of the Church, strongly urged. A petition to the above effect was engrossed on parchment and sent to the president's office at a later date by a special messenger.

On June 8th, 1898, Dr. James E.

Talmage arrived in Liverpool per Cunard S. S. *Etruria*, having in his possession a set of artistic views of Utahian scenery, Mormon enterprises, etc., etc. After a brief stay he proceeded to Norway with a party of scientists.

In the meantime preparations were in progress for a succession of lectures to be delivered throughout Great Britain. Within a week, halls were engaged and saffron-colored two-sheet double-crown posters began to appear on the dead walls of the prominent cities of England, Scotland and Ireland. They bore the legend that "Dr. Jas. E. Talmage, F. R. S. E., F. G. S., etc., would deliver a lecture on Utah and its people."

In the meanwhile Elders Geo. Palmer and Robert Anderson, on behalf of the British mission, purchased a latest improved stereopticon, together with all necessary adjuncts connected with the same, the Elders mentioned donating a part of the purchase money from their own pockets. After all preparations were consummated there were a few days remaining wherein to sit down and anxiously debate over the result of the venture.

It seemed to be the universally conceded verdict that the tour was ill-timed, and that discouraging results in the way of slim audiences were inevitable. It was the wrong time of year for a stereopticon lecture: darkness did not ensue until 9:15 p. m. "The weather was too hot, and above all it was the August Bank holiday week, wherein there is a general migration from town to country and the sea-side, on the part of everyone who can afford it; why, even the theaters were closed. If it were only in the winter time, the season of long evenings, the result would be so different." Such were the words of encouragement received from the authorities in charge of the various halls engaged. How different the results really were, will be seen upon another page. Never in the history of the Church have such a high class array of well known halls been thrown open for the use of the Latter-day Saints. In almost every case the best hall that money could furnish in every town had been secured. In Oldham it is estimated that 700 people were reluctantly turned away from the doors. It remained for the year 1898 to produce the phenomenal spectacle of men rising to their feet and cheering the mention of Brigham Young's name, in conjunction with co-operation, whilst the well known picture of "Utah's best crop" thrown upon the screen, never failed to create a furor of enthusiasm. A curious development of the tour was the fact that rabid anti-Mormons mistook the name of the eminent lecturer for that of a well known American preacher, whose pamphlet on "Mormonism, an Exposure" is extensively circulated among the credulous. In one case in particular for a week before the lecture, one of these individuals stood upon the market place and urged all the passers-by to attend the lecture, and hear "the truth regarding Mormonism." They attended and cheered the "truth" to the echo.

The *Millennial Star* takes this occasion on behalf of the presidency of the European Mission and the Elders laboring in Great Britain, to herewith heartily thank Dr. Talmage for the splendid series of lectures he has delivered, which have been the means of removing a vast amount of prejudice, that only otherwise could have been accomplished by a personal trip to the State of Utah.

Elder Robert Anderson, who accompanied the distinguished lecturer as operator, is not to be forgotten, for upon his shoulders rested the mechan-

ical part of the program—lots of honest hard work and little glory, to pack up the various chattels at midnight, and like the famous Arab, "silently steal away" to travel eight or nine hours to the next stand; a little sleep snatched, then the screen to be hung, windows darkened, gas generated, etc. Such were his "daily round of common task," all true and faithfully volunteered for the Cause. Both brethren have the hearty thanks of every member of the Church in the British Isles for their noble efforts performed during the last twelve days, the results of which labor, together with the £87 10s. that has been expended on placing these interesting lectures before the public, cannot be estimated. G. E. C.

To test the opinion of the local missionary authorities regarding the effect of the lectures, a report was called for from each of the conferences. These reports are summarized in the *Star* as follows:

LIME-LIGHT VIEWS.

Cheltenham:—We feel safe in saying that the lecture at Bristol passed off very successfully, and our talk with strangers who attended the lecture, proved in very deed that much good was done, for many have expressed themselves as being highly pleased with Dr. Talmage's eloquent effort.

There were about six hundred in attendance, and among that number were some of our bitterest enemies, who still persist in fighting against things they know to be true; by this we know that the evil one is on the alert to destroy the good which has been accomplished.

We do not feel that too much credit could be given Brother Talmage for his kindness in bringing such a flood of light to this part of the world, in regard to Utah and her people.—H. L. James.

London:—The lecture given by Dr. J. E. Talmage at the Clerkenwell Town Hall, Roseberry, avenue, London, July 27th, was well attended, notwithstanding the predictions of many that it would be impossible to get an audience to attend a lecture in London at this season of the year. The seats were full and scores of people were standing in the rear end of the large hall. Mr. E. H. Tripp, a member of the local town council occupied the chair, and this had a good influence upon the audience. When Dr. Talmage had been introduced by the chairman in a complimentary speech, and rose to his feet, he was received with a round of applause, which was repeated at moment intervals throughout the lecture.

The name of Brigham Young was greeted with cheers and applause several times when the lecturer referred to some philanthropic act or noble deed of the great man's life, and this was quite a diversion in this part of the world, where his name is seldom mentioned without drawing forth words of slander and reproach.

There can be no doubt that many delusions and evil impressions were dispelled from the minds of those present.

An extended series of lectures of this kind by Dr. Talmage would be the means of doing an incalculable amount of good in allaying the great prejudice that exists against the Latter-day Saints in this land, more, possibly, than can be done in many years by the Elders with the mode at present in use.—W. E. Clark.

Norwich:—Dr. Talmage's lecture on "Utah and its People," delivered here on the 26th inst., was a splendid success. At the appointed hour, the large hall was well filled. The audience listened with intense interest to the instructive remarks of Dr. Talmage; and the various views presented, together with the vivid explanations and pleasing comments upon the same, were