



THE CHURCH

FROM FAR AND NEAR

her companion in this mission field. Miss Gile, worked a couple of months in this city, where they both made many friends, whose love and esteem they will take to their homes in the west.

CHIFFLE CREEK DISTRICT.

Hundreds Gather to Listen to the Gospel Message.

Elder Alonzo N. Leonard sends this report, dated Victor, Colo., Oct. 3.

After a spiritual feast in conference at Denver the Elders have all received their appointments and gone to their various fields of labor.

Elders Hansen, Stevens and I were appointed to accompany Elder Merrill into the Chiffle Creek district. Our work was mainly holding street meetings. We left Denver Sept. 24, for the mountains, Elder Merrill going by way of Pueblo. Our journey was one of pleasure and interest to us. We climbed steadily up the steep mountains, going through huge cuts and tunnels, almost to the highest peaks of the Rockies. We passed close by Pike's Peak, which was covered with snow, and stood up prominently above all the surrounding summits. We continued our ascent into the higher regions until we found the air becoming light and crisp. When we had reached the very summit of the highest range, to our great surprise we beheld the mountain peaks literally covered with cities and towns. It looked like there was no more room left. For where there were no houses the mountains had been dug into and the holes and mounds made it appear like a huge pepperbox, made by these "human gophers." We stood and gazed and wondered over such a wonderful sight. At last came to the conclusion that the great achievements of man might almost reach to and rival those of the Creator, especially when the "mighty dollar" is the center of attraction. We have understood that this marvelous work of man, in guiding the "iron horse" up these rugged peaks, was for no other purpose than to secure the treasures of gold deposited here.

After renting a small house containing two rooms, and arranging ourselves as comfortable as possible for the winter, we turned our attention to the object of our errand. Our first meeting was held on the streets of Victor. We selected a conspicuous corner on Main street, and began singing. "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Presently the people surrounded us, and by the time we had offered prayer and sung the second piece, we had a goodly audience. They gave us the best of attention, while we explained the Gospel and bore our humble testimony to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. After meeting they came Joseph Smith and asked for our literature, and seemed anxious to hear our message. We know the Lord was with us.

Our next meeting we held at a large camp about 10,000 people, called Chiffle. Here hundreds flocked round us to hear the plan of life and salvation. Elder Merrill has joined us, and by the time we had finished our meeting, our meetings of late on account of the heavy snowstorm now visiting us.

The "News" is always welcome. After reading it we contribute it among friends and investigators.

LETTERS APPRECIATED.

Saints Desire to Hear From Returned Missionaries.

Elder H. P. Dotson writes from Ackerman, Miss., Oct. 3.

We are few in number here now. Many of our brethren united and happy band have left us. Some have gone back to the sectarian world, some to Texas, where their kindred and other relatives live, and others of our own children, to Idaho. The Elders now consist of only three, and we seem to be on the verge of a new era. We feel like sheep without a shepherd. But we know we have a great Shepherd above, who watches over us by day and by night. Once in a while, but often after a long silence, some of the Elders is thoughtful enough to drop us a line. These are truly refreshing. They are like the "shadow of a great rock in a weary land." The strong emotions of my soul go out to them, and to our children and grandchildren who are far away.

I often think that the world has never seen, since man was placed upon it, the amount of self-sacrifice that is endured by the Elders who are sent out to every civilized part of the earth. The stone that Daniel saw cut out of the mountain without hand is rolling, and will continue to roll.

MAORI CONFERENCE.

A Successful Gathering at Te Hauko New Zealand.

The subjoined report is dated Te Hauko, Hawke's Bay, N. Z., Aug. 25, 1902.

The gathering of the Maori people was held at this place on the 23d and 24th of this month. There were two of three features, aside from the love of the Gospel, which tended to make this conference a most interesting gathering.

One was that Elder Magleby was paying his last visit before returning home. He has been released, and Elder Charles Bartlett, of Vernal, Utah, is the chosen successor.

Elder Magleby delivered three sessions during the conference. He is a member of the Maori language.

Another feature was the presence of our new president, Charles Bartlett, now fulfilling his second mission in this land.

Another attraction was that of sister Emma Wright of Millard county, Utah, who with her husband has been called to the ministry. Sister Wright was chosen as president of the Relief societies in all New Zealand, with Sister Takara Duncan (native) as first counselor. They were set apart and held a meeting with the sisters. Elder Magleby and a number of the sisters spoke.

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Elder Wright will labor among the Europeans.

Elder Walter Roberts was sustained as conference president over the Hawks Bay and Manawatu districts, the latter being annexed to the Hawks Bay district by vote of the Saints of both districts. Elder Charles Wadley and Constant Thuesen were chosen as his assistants. There were also present at this conference, Elder Geo. Hishop of Wanganui conference, a Maori Elder from Nangahui being set apart as traveling Elder and assigned to labor with Elder Hishop. A miracle was also performed at this conference. Sister Wright was taken suddenly ill while the Elders were at a Priesthood meeting Saturday night. When we returned she was almost speechless. The Elders laid hands upon her and she had a good night's rest and was able to attend meetings next day. In the evening she was attacked as on the night previous. Elder Magleby called the Elders together and asked them to exercise faith. Brother Bartlett anxiously her and Brother Magleby sealed the anointing. He rebuked the disease in the name of Jesus Christ, and the patient arose, a well woman. We distribute the Desert News among our European friends.

CHANGE OF HEADQUARTERS.

Office of the South West Virginia Conference Moved to Huntington.

Elder R. J. Williams, writing from Charleston, Oct. 2, says in part:

The rural districts of the South West Virginia Conference have been pretty thoroughly worked by our Elders, and our future labors will be chiefly confined to cities. This place has been canvassed several times with our literature, and considerable street preaching has been done.

Now that we are officially prohibited from holding street services, it is thought advisable to move conference headquarters to the city of Huntington, where conditions seem to be more inviting.

I rejoice in a testimony of this great latter-day work. The little stone severed from the mountain without hands is making rapid progress of filling the earth.

The "News" is a faithful missionary. Till further notice address: Huntington, 812 Third avenue, W. Va.

In the European Mission.

[Millennial Star, Sept. 25.]

Arrivals—The following Elders arrived in Liverpool, Thursday, Sept. 18, 1902, per steamer "A. A. Short": The British mission—John W. Saunders, Salt Lake City; Samuel Bennett, Holden, For Scandinavia—Valdemar Jensen, Goshen, For Switzerland—Joseph Witter, Santa Clara, Cal.

Appointments—The Elders for Great Britain who arrived Sept. 18, 1902, have been appointed to labor as follows: Samuel Bennett, Norwich; John W. Saunders, Manchester conference.

Transfer—Elder Alfred A. Robinson is released from the London conference and appointed to labor in the Liverpool office.

Baptism Under Difficulties.

Elders H. G. Davis and Jos. S. Wright, writers from Altwil in the Louisiana conference, Oct. 2, say in part:

The work of the Lord is progressing in this part of the Lord's vineyard, although the work of the adversary can be seen on every hand. A short time ago we were going to baptize some applicants for baptism. When we came to the pool of water, which had been prepared for the purpose, we found that the pool had been filled up with trees and brush. We cleaned it out, but then we were forbidden to use the water. Shots were brought upon the scene. Then we went to another place, and performed the sacred ordinance.

We look forward to the coming of the "News" also the "Era" and I can say that they are the means of doing much good out here among this people.

East Arkansas Conference.

Elder Joseph Palmer and Ernest Madden report as follows, from Michigan Valley, Sept. 23:

Our conference was held in the Cook school house, Osage county, Sept. 12, 13 and 14. We had with us a mission president, Elder James G. Duffin. The two sister missionaries, Amelia B. Carling and Sarah M. Giles; also Elders J. A. Ellison, Anthony Paxton and J. C. Hogan, from Kansas City, and their visit was appreciated by all.

Friday, Sept. 12, was devoted entirely to Priesthood meetings. Saturday and Sunday the 13th and 14th, five meetings were held each day, four of which were Priesthood and six conference meetings.

There were in attendance besides our visitors from Kansas City, the 14 Elders of this conference, some few Saints and many investigators and friends.

The work of the Lord is progressing in this, the Sunflower state, and the future looks bright for this conference.

Elder Thos. E. Robinson, of Kanab, was honorably released to return home after a 25-month's mission.

Monday morning the Elders were assigned their fields of labor.

The "News" and Era are great missionaries, they assist us in the establishment of truth.

Conference Notice.

Elder O. S. M. Richards, writing from Allegheny, Pa., Oct. 2, says the West Pennsylvania conference will be held in Allegheny, Pa., north of the conference in the G. A. R. hall, beginning Sunday morning 1 o'clock, October 19, 1902. We are doing all we can to secure the largest attendance and have the best time we have ever had. All are most kindly invited.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Wilford C. Nuttall of Provo returned July 3 from a mission in Germany to which he was assigned July 21, 1899. His field of labor was in the Dresden, Berlin and Koenigsberg provinces where he met with excellent success and enjoyed a very pleasant missionary experience.

Elder James P. Fugal of Pleasant Grove, Utah county, who was set apart March 23, 1899, for the Scandinavian mission, returned Sept. 24, in good health and spirits, having greatly enjoyed his labors. He operated with gratifying success in the Bergen conference.

Elder Robert Fletcher of Rock Springs, Wyoming, was set apart Aug. 21, 1899, for a mission to the Northern States and returned Sept. 25. He labored in St. Louis, Mo., for five months, when he was transferred to Chicago. He reports the work in excellent condition, with very promising prospects.

Elder Thomas E. Robinson of Kanab, Kan., returned Sept. 25 from a mission in the Southwestern states, to which he was set apart Aug. 22, 1899. He labored in the East Kansas conference where the work is in a very

ARTICLES OF FAITH,

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2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, faith in the Lord; Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy," and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority, to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, namely, Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.

7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also be-

lieve the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the ten tribes. That Zion will be built upon this continent. That Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.

11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may.

12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to ALL MEN; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."—Joseph Smith.

fair condition. Many friends are being made and prejudice is fast breaking down.

Sister Aurelia B. Carling of Orderville, Kane county, was set apart Oct. 2, 1901, for a mission to the Southwestern States, arrived in Salt Lake Oct. 2, on her return, staying over conference before returning home. She labored in Kansas City the greater part of the time, one month was spent in St. Johns and one month at a branch of the Church at Jay in east Kansas. She reports having enjoyed her mission very much, being received very kindly by the people. The first five months she was in the mission field alone, after that she had a companion, Sister Sarah Giles of Provo, who is now in Kansas City, the headquarters of the mission. The work is in a flourishing condition in the fields which she labored, many friends and investigators being raised up.

Elder Crozier Kimball of Bedford, Utah county, was set apart Oct. 18, 1900, for a mission to the Southern States, and arrived in this city on his return Oct. 3. He labored in the Kentucky conference, meeting with excellent success; that conference, he thinks, is now enjoying greater prosperity than ever before. He found the people of the south very hospitable, and greatly enjoyed his labors among them. On his way home Elder Kimball and his companions visited the St. Louis fair grounds, and Independence, Jackson county.

Elder William H. Wilson of Hoytsville, Summit county, arrived in this city Oct. 3 on his return from a mission in the Northern states for which he was set apart Sept. 5, 1900. He labored for one year in St. Louis, Mo., afterwards in east St. Louis, Mo., southern Illinois, making many friends and some converts. Prejudice is fast breaking down and the work of the Lord in these fields is in a prosperous condition. Through his ability to sing and to play the organ Elder Wilson frequently had access to outside churches, singing and playing at their services and having other opportunities to present the truth before them.

Elder Ira E. Noble of Smithfield, Cache county, who was set apart Nov. 21, 1900, for a mission to the Southern States, returned Oct. 3. He labored in the Mississippi conference for 15 months, as general superintendent of the Sunday schools, and the remainder of the time he presided over the Kentucky conference. The Gospel work in the Mississippi is making excellent progress, the Elders being received very kindly as a rule.

Elder Franklin Crow, of this city, returned Oct. 3 from a mission in the Southern and Middle states, to which he was assigned Oct. 17, 1900. He labored in the Kentucky conference with gratifying success, making many friends and a few converts. The work, he reports, is fairly prosperous, though indifference to religion is a growing characteristic of the people.

Elder Samuel A. Smith, of Lehi, Utah county, returned Oct. 4, from the Southern States mission, to which he was sent Dec. 19, 1900. He labored in the Chattanooga and Mississippi conferences, with fair success, being well treated everywhere and he made many friends. There is growing greater indifference to religious matters among the people, though Elder Smith assisted in nine baptisms.

Elder Robert J. Jones of South Weber, Davis county, returned Oct. 4, from the Colorado mission, to which he was assigned Sept. 5, 1900. He labored in the Colorado conference with fair success, making many friends and a few converts. For the past four months and over Elder Jones was the superintendent of the Sunday school in Denver.

Elder Charles E. Criddle, of Basile, Idaho, who was set apart July 13, 1900 for a mission to the Northern states, returned home Oct. 4. His field of labor was in Nebraska for 22 months, and the remainder of the time in the east Colorado conference.

Elder Edward Day, of Bountiful, Davis county, returned Oct. 4 from the Colorado mission, to which he was set apart Jan. 12, 1900. He labored in the West Colorado, Arizona and East Colorado conferences with fair success and much satisfaction to himself. He presided over the Arizona conference for nine months. The work in this mission is in excellent condition.

Elder Gerrard B. Denkers of Ogden, Utah, returned recently from the Netherlands mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 13, 1899. He labored for nine months in the city of Amsterdam, then for 12 months in Amsterdam, Holland. The mission, he says, is in a flourishing condition. There is great need of more missionaries; those of experience and who can speak the language are much needed. Several new branches have recently been opened and the prospects are very encouraging.

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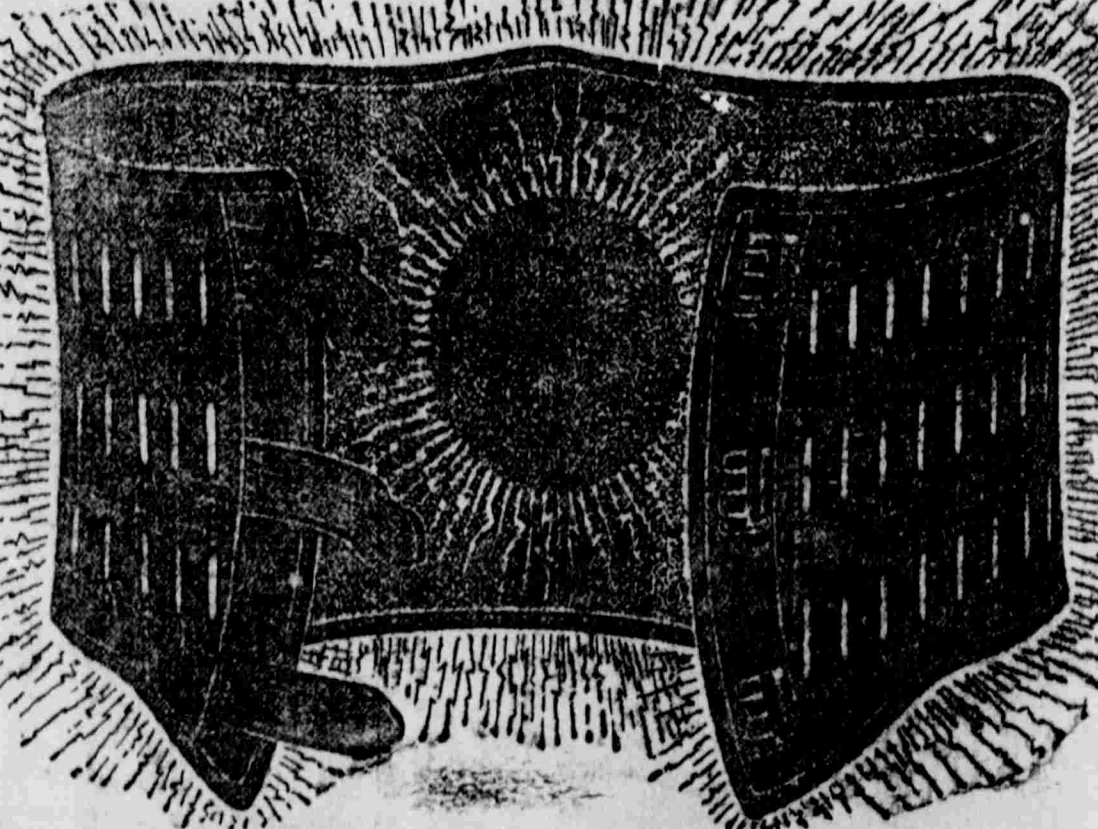
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