



# CHURCH NEWS

FROM FAR AND NEAR

Twelve mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. It takes four days and four nights from Salt Lake City to Boston. We visited Niagara Falls on our way hither setting our feet on Canadian soil while there.

The City of the Saints is noted for its many substantial and fine buildings, straight and wide streets, and beautiful mountain scenery.

One will very readily appreciate the difference there is between our city and the great cities of the east on seeing them. The great number of frame houses all along the route from home to this place, was a surprise to all of us. Boston has many substantial buildings and beautiful residences, many of the prominent structures being built of hewn granite, similar to that of the Salt Lake Temple.

Boston has many narrow and crooked streets. It is only with the aid of policemen that a stranger can travel on foot from place to place.

On the first day out quite a number of our company felt like they were "playing truant." We were very glad when we arrived in Boston, but we will be more glad on leaving it. All the members of our company are well and happy. We sail on the Dominion Line steamship New England at 6 p. m. today.

We received the most courteous treatment from all the officials of the different railway companies, and the management and assistants of the Crawford House.

**IN EAST TENNESSEE.**

**Elders and Saints Enjoy a Feast of Fat Things.**

On Wednesday, June 18, 1902, the Elders and a number of Saints of the East Tennessee conference met in conference capacity at Greeneville, Tenn. A coincidence making this conference of peculiar interest lies in the fact that June 18, 1898, exactly four years ago, Elder Ben E. Rich entered upon his duties as president of the Southern States mission and our conference marked the fourth anniversary of that event. For four years this mission has felt the influence of his guiding and masterful hand, and both Elders and Saints have been helped heavenward, by his wise counsel, and have rejoiced in his fatherly interest in all. The sinner has felt the sting of his stern, though kind rebukes, and hypocrites have been made to quail before his denunciation of masked devilry in pious garb. And now at the end of these four years he holds with us his last conference in what is now the Southern States mission, over which he has presided so ably. What is now the southern states mission will soon be divided. The northern part hereafter to be known as the Middle States mission will be in charge of President Ben E. Rich.

Our conference was held in Snapp's Opera House and consisted of two public and two council meetings. Although the attendance was light those who were present were well entertained by the splendid talks made by President Rich in explanation of the "Mormon" faith. One of our Saints had traveled nearly 300 miles to attend this conference, and it was remarked by one of the Elders, "Surely these men will stand in judgment at the last day, would not climb a flight of stairs to hear the Gospel message of peace on earth, good-will toward man from those who had been sent unto them by a direct call from the Almighty."

At 2:30 p. m. the first session of the conference was held, President Rich being the speaker. His theme was the purity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it really is, and the hideousness of it as pictured by our enemies. He dwelt upon the persecution of the Saints, its causes, and the inclination of mankind actuated by the power of evil, of erecting churches to the dead prophets and killing the living ones. Said he, "If Paul were to come to one of these churches erected to him and preach the doctrine taught by him anciently, he would be rejected and branded as a falsifier and a heretic. If Peter should come to one of the churches bearing his name and preach the same discourse delivered by him on the day of Pentecost, the multitude would cry, 'A false prophet, away with him, his doctrine sounds too much like Mormonism.'"

At 4:30 p. m. a council meeting was held in one of the rooms of the Grand Central hotel, and those moments of inexpressible joy, known as the Elders' "pay day," were had as we listened to the wise counsel, so lovingly given by our beloved president, Ben E. Rich. Only those who have partaken of it can know the joy of such meetings.

At 8 p. m. we again repaired to the opera house and listened to President Rich as he pointed out the inconsistency of sectarian bigotry. "The Gospel broadens the mind and no one has a right to judge it by the narrow-mindedness of professed religionists. Bigotry is not of God, and has no part in the Gospel of Christ." The speaker paid his respects to professed Christianity's God and dwelt on the inconsistency of sending "Mormons" to hell for believing in the God of the Bible. In reply to this statement, "Sinners will go to a hell consisting of a lake of fire and brimstone, and stay there forever and ever and never come out, and anybody who teachers different lies," made by a "Christian" minister, the speaker intimated that perhaps this same individual would some day rejoice that a like privilege was extended him that was given the disobedient in the days of Noah. I Peter, 3: 18-20.

Thursday morning another council meeting was held and after each Elder had borne a strong testimony to the divinity of this latter-day work, they were assigned to labor as follows: Elders Hawkins and Murdock, who had been selected and sustained as counselors to President Hale, to remain at the office. Elders Ragdale and Norton to labor in Scott county; Elders Gibbons and Russon in Morgan county; Elders Taylor and Barstley in Rhea county; Elders Hawkes and Lawrence in Calhoun county; Elders Hand and Rasmussen in McMinn county; Elders Porter and Miller in Monroe county; Elders Hamblin and Hamblin in Polk county; and Elders Woodard and Thorne in Claiborne county, all in Tennessee. Elders Scott and Roudy have been transferred to the North Carolina conference and go with the love and well wishes of the East Tennessee Elders. The "News" comes as an ever welcome visitor and it seems we could hardly do without it. Its defense of all that is good, pure and ennobling and denunciation of things grovelling or debasing makes it a wonderful help to the missionary in the spread of truth and right.

HOWARD H. HALE,  
A. B. MURDOCK,  
O. W. RAWLINS,  
Presidency East Tennessee Conference.

**THE BRISTOL CONFERENCE.**

**Good Meetings and a Report Showing Numerous Baptisms.**

This report of the Bristol Conference is kindly sent us for publication. It bears date of Cheltenham England, June 14, 1902.

We held our semi-annual conference at the Francis Hall, 27 St. George's Place, Sunday, June 8, and have had a time of rejoicing together, both the Saints and traveling Elders. In addition to the missionaries present we had Saints from Bristol, Stroud, Salisbury

and from many villages surrounding Cheltenham. Apostle Francis M. Lyman and Elder Joseph Ekersley from the Liverpool office, President Wm. H. Folland of the Welsh conference, and the following named Elders of this conference, were present and addressed the meetings: Harry W. Matthews, Wm. G. Burton, John Cook, Edward Gardner, Wm. Matthews Jr., Lewis A. Huffaker, Henry E. Wynder, David Clark, Harry F. Baker, James Astle, David L. Dowling and Percy G. Matthews.

Prest. Harry W. Matthews welcomed all present, referred to the fact that this was a day set apart by royal proclamation for thanksgiving services to be held in all the churches throughout the empire at the conclusion of peace, and remarked that we had a double cause for rejoicing. Reported the conference as being in a flourishing condition, with 29 baptisms during the past six months.

Elder Ekersley presented the general and local authorities, who were unanimously sustained. President Lyman and Elder Ekersley each spoke twice during the day and made very interesting and timely remarks, which were eagerly listened to by the congregation, most of whom were strangers. At the evening meeting Apostle Lyman offered the opening prayer and feelingly referred to the great sacrifices suggested by the English and Boers in the recent conflict, and eloquently besought the Lord to pour out His healing balm upon those called to mourn, that peace might be permanent and all differences settled, and that the way might be opened up for the peaceful influences of the Gospel in South Africa. At the close of the meeting President Matthews thanked all who had assisted to make our conference such a glorious success.

On Monday at 8:30 a. m. a Priesthood meeting was held at 20 Great Norwood St., the same lasting over four hours, and at which the Elders gave in their counsel from President Lyman and Elder Ekersley. Conference adjourned for six months.

All the Elders have gone to their labors with a renewed determination to do their utmost in the great cause of

truth. Friends at home may assist us by sending names of relatives or acquaintances whom they would like to have the Gospel presented to. Our conference is large, embracing the following counties: Gloucestershire, Devonshire, Cornwall and the Channel Islands. We will do our best to hunt them out.

**The European Mission.**

(Millennial Star, June 26.)

Releases—The following Elders have been honorably released to return home per steamship Commonwealth, sailing from Liverpool July 3, 1902: Charles C. R. Pugnaire, Nottingham; John Davis and George Westwood, Welsh conference.

Departures—The following Elders sailed from Liverpool per steamship New England, June 19, 1902: George Q. Morris, London; William A. Cornaby and Frederick C. Evans, Leeds; George P. Jones, Newcastle; Benjamin H. Robinson, Netherlands; Joseph N. Stohl and Joseph Felt, Scandinavia; Richard L. Taylor and Wilford C. Nuttall, Germany.

**MISSION IN GERMANY.**

**The Work Progressing Well—New Fields Constantly Opened Up.**

Elder Jesse W. Smith, writing from Elberfeld, Germany, June 3, gives the subjoined encouraging report:

Missionary operations are very active in this part of the world. Conditions are at present very encouraging, and the Elders are all earnest in their labors. Most of our work is confined to the larger cities, although occasional country trips are made with good success.

While on one of these trips some weeks ago, we were very favorably impressed with the appearance of a little country town named Leichlingen. We accordingly returned some days later, with the intention of holding a meeting and preaching the Gospel there. Our first duty, in such a case, was to visit the "Bürgermeister," and obtain that worthy magistrate's consent to our undertaking, which in the case of "Mormon" Elders, is often withheld. At the city hall, we were granted a consultation with the city father, who was so completely taken by surprise at finding real live "Mormons" before him, that he asked for a week's time to consider the advisability of allowing us to hold meeting in his town.

We accordingly returned to await the outcome, and the following week, received a letter from the "Bürgermeister" granting us the desired privilege.

Accordingly on May 9 Elders Young and Hintze of Solingen and Elders Kelly, Child and myself from Elberfeld, set out for Leichlingen.

By recommendation of the town-clerk, we secured a large hall free; and then separating, we set out to distribute our tracts and invite the people to meeting.

Going just as the Spirit directed, I soon came unawares to the home of the same townclerk, who had so befriended us. He treated me very kindly and set me something to eat, and I rejoiced to find in him a very earnest investigator of the Gospel.

We felt that the hand of the Lord was very manifest in our guidance all that day. Our meeting was composed of earnest listeners, and we believe they received a good impression of "Mormonism."

And so the work is progressing. New fields are being opened, and the people of this nation are beginning to learn what the "Mormon" Elders have to offer them.

Reports from all quarters are very encouraging. We have had the pleasure of witnessing 10 baptisms in this city within the last month, and the same number are reported from a neighboring field.

The preachers and the press are working hard against us; but the result is as usual, the furtherance of the cause of God.

**STAKE CONFERENCES.**

**The Malad Conference.**

Conference of the Malad Stake of Zion convened at Malad City, June 21 and 22, 1902. Stake President Milton M. Welling, presiding.

Present on the stand were Stake President Milton H. Welling and Counselors William H. Gibbs and Moroni Ward; members of the High Council; Apostle Matthias F. Cowley, Elder Seymour B. Young, Prest. Wm. Kelley of Boxelder Stake, Patriarch John Reynolds and others. The remarks were timely and good. The speakers were Prests. Welling and Wm. Kelley, Counselors Gibbs and Ward, Bishop Myron Richards, Bishop James H. Gibbs, Sunday School Superintendent Dudley, Prest. Seymour B. Young, Elder Samuel Mitten, Apostle Cowley, Melvin P. Ballard, Samuel B. Mitten and Brother Woole of Pheston and others. They spoke on many different subjects pertaining to the salvation of the human family. Brothers Ballard and Mitten of the Cache Stake, gave the conference with several excellent songs; also the Malad choir furnished splendid singing.

During the morning session of the 22nd, the instructions were directed to the Sabbath school.

Much business pertaining to the Stake was attended to during the conference.

Conference adjourned for three months.

T. P. JOHN,  
Stake Clerk.

**St. Joseph Stake.**

Thatcher, Ariz., July 1.—The quarterly stake conference was held June 28 and 29, in the school grove, Central, President Andrew Kimball presiding, Counselor Wm. D. Johnson, senior member of the High Council, Richard

enjoyed good health with the exception of about two months. He received his release on June 8, and returned home on July 2, 1902.

Elder James Olsen, of Prounia, Green, has just returned from the Northern States, having traveled through the states of Iowa, He was set apart June 7, 1890, and had a valuable experience as a humble messenger of truth. His health was good and he was blessed abundantly in his labors.

Elder Joseph N. Stohl, of Brighton City, returned July 3, from a mission to Sweden. He left home Nov. 18, 1890, and in the Stockholm conference, while the work is going on nicely. Aside from a short period of sickness, much more returns home rejoicing over his experiences.

Elder Robert S. Pixton of West 2nd, from the Northern States, for which he departed June 21, 1890. His Elder in the North Indiana conference, where he reports the work in good shape. Elder Pixton enjoyed his labors exceedingly, having had good health and the spirit of his calling as a missionary.

Elder George Hickenlooper of this city returned July 3, from a mission to the Netherlands. He was set apart Sept. 1, 1890, and labored in Holland the entire time of his absence. He says he had a good time and enjoyed his country very much. The people of that country are very kind to the Elders and the Gospel is being preached with good results. The Netherlands mission comprises Holland and Belgium and is made up of six conferences in which there is a membership of 1,600 souls. Elder Hickenlooper says the mission is in great need of French speaking Elders for Belgium.

Elder William J. Despain of Granite ward, Jordan stake, returned Sunday, July 6, from a mission to the Northern States. He left home October 8, 1890, and labored while absent in the South Illinois conference. He enjoyed himself, had good health, made many friends and reports the work progressing in that section.

**Repulsive Features.**

Blackheads, pimples, greasy faces and muddy complexions, which are so common among women, especially girls at a certain age, destroying beauty, disfiguring and making repulsive, features which would otherwise appear attractive and refined, indicate that the liver is out of order. An occasional dose of Herbin will cleanse the bowels, regulate the liver and so establish a clear, healthy complexion. 50c at Z. C. M. L. Drug Dept.

**RETURNED MISSIONARIES**

Elder George P. Jones, writing from Henefer, July 7, reports that he was set apart on the 11th of May, 1900, for a mission to Great Britain. On arriving in Liverpool he was assigned to labor in the Newcastle conference. He labored the first three months in the Sunderland branch. He was then transferred to the West Hartlepool district, where he labored until the conference held on Nov. 4, 1901. He was then transferred to the Carlisle district for the good of his health. He labored there without a companion until Feb. 21, 1902. He then got a companion and was sent to open a new district in the town of Workington. He

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# THIS IS THE WEEK WE CLEAN HOUSE

The Clearance Sale has left stocks topsy-turvy, but all departments will be straightened out and ready for business Monday Morning. All Broken lots and odd pieces will again be cut in price



and offered at greater reductions than during the great Sale, and it will more than repay you to look every department over carefully as you will surely find great surprises awaiting you.

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Waists



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Several Styles  
All \$10 to \$12 Suits.  
AT **\$4.98**

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One Lot Including Many  
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This offering is the full line of choice sample waists used by one of the representative shirt waist manufacturers of New York City. They are all perfect in every respect and are made of exquisite Sheer White Fabrics, handsomely made with tucks, laces, insertions or all over embroidered fronts, fine black lawns with wide galoon insertion bust or medallion lace trimming, also mercerized colored fabrics, silk batistes and mulls, made either long or elbow sleeves, open front or back, all very latest and most approved styles, all sizes.

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AT **\$8.95**

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a Dozen High Class  
Creations  
All \$25.00 Suits  
AT **\$11.95**

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Many Novel Sights Attract Their Attention.  
Elder James D. Stirling writes from Boston under date of July 2:  
The surprises to most of our company consisting of 29 Elders and four sisters, have been continuous to this city. It has been said that "you cannot surprise a Mormon." That is not the case with some of us. Our greatest surprise is at being so highly honored as to be called to preach the Gospel and testify to the