

26 JUL 1891

Sunday, July 26. A conference was held in Manchester, of which the following are the minutes: (Mill. Star 53: 506)

MINUTES of Manchester Conference, held in Doe Hay Assembly Hall, Farnworth, near Bolton, July 26, 1891. The following named Elders were present on the stand: John Nicholson, James H. Anderson, and Geo. W. Young of the Liverpool office; President Samuel Worsencroft, Elders Ether McBride, Abraham Fawson, Geo. A. Eves, Harry Worley, A. S. Porter, and Geo. H. Robinson of the Liverpool Conference; John C. Cutler, President of, and W. G. Bickley, John E. Merrill, William Ogden, Nephi Jackson, A. B. Wilson, John R. Booth, Thomas G. Humphrey, H. W. Woolley, and J. L. Boyden, Traveling Elders in the Manchester Conference.

10:30 a.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder Worsencroft. Singing.

President Cutler said he was thankful to our Father in heaven for the opportunity of meeting together in Conference under such favorable circumstances, and for having the counsel of the servants of God. There seemed to be a general feeling of indifference among the people in this land, for in his travels he could not find many who felt any interest in the Gospel.

Elder Booth bore testimony that the Saints are engaged in the work of God. He had tried to show people the Gospel of Christ, but the words of the Prophet were being fulfilled, and darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the minds of the people. He bore testimony that an angel had come from the heavens with the everlasting Gospel to preach to the children of men.

Elder Woolley said he was always ready to bear his testimony to the people. It was for this cause that he left his home. He knew that the message the Elders offered to the world was true. If men neglect to obey the principles which bring salvation, they cannot expect to escape when the Lord pours out His judgments upon the face of the earth.

Elder Merrill said the Gospel of the Son of God was a Gospel of works with faith. In this it differed from the theories of many who profess religion. The speaker had found the people to be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, and they seem to have teachers to suit their minds, and do not want the Gospel. The Lord has established this work for the benefit of the human family, and it is only by conformity thereto that the benefit can be received.

Elder Humphrey desired to warn the people of the judgments that are to come upon the earth, and to preach to them the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He had found some who would listen to him for a time, but who would not continue in the truth.

Elder Boyden felt his weakness as a preacher of the Gospel, but desired to do all the good he could by promulgating the principles of truth among the people.

Elder Robinson said that if men walk in the straight and narrow path marked out by the Savior, they would receive salvation in the kingdom of God, but they would obtain it in no other way.

Elder Ogden felt thankful that he had been called to this land to preach the Gospel, and bear testimony of its truth. He spoke of the different beliefs of the world, as compared with the Gospel as taught by the Lord Jesus and the Elders of Israel.

Elder Anderson said we have a responsibility laid upon us to bring to people the light of the Gospel, that they may be led to walk therein. The whole duty of the Elders was to teach the Gospel by precept and example; not to engage in contention or strife, or contend against any man's religion. Declare the principles of salvation, and call on the people to receive the same.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Fawson.

2 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder Robinson. Singing. The Sacrament was administered by Elders Booth and Merrill.

Elder John Nicholson said it was a source of much gratification to him to meet with so many Latter-day Saints, and to partake of the sacred emblems of the sufferings and death of our Lord. Urged the Saints to remember the covenants which they had made with the Lord. He spoke upon the atonement of Jesus Christ, the pre-existence of spirits, the object of man's being on the earth, the first principles of the Gospel, and organization of the Church. He gave some excellent counsel to the Saints, and bore a powerful testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Bickley.

6 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder McBride. Singing.

The statistical report of the Conference was read, and the general authorities of the Church, of the European Mission, and of the Manchester Conference, were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Anderson spoke of the Gospel as taught by the Lord when He was among men, and of its restoration in these latter days, when it is being preached by the Elders of Israel. The speaker gave an earnest discourse on the necessity of obedience to the principles of truth, and urged the Saints to be faithful to the covenants they had made.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Wilson.

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Monday, October 5. The "Millennial Star" of this date contains the following:

(Mill. Star 53: 634)

RELEASES AND APPOINTMENTS.—Elder John J. G. Webster is released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Cheltenham Conference, and is appointed to labor as Traveling Elder in the Newcastle Conference.

Elder J. H. Clarke is released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Leeds Conference, and is appointed to labor as Traveling Elder in the Scottish Conference.

Elder S. A. King is released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the London Conference, and is appointed to labor as Traveling Elder in the Irish Conference.

Elder Charles Black is released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Norwich Conference, and is appointed to labor as Traveling Elder in the Cheltenham Conference.

Elder Prime Coleman is released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Norwich Conference, and is appointed to labor as Traveling Elder in the London Conference.

Elder S. W. Robertson is released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Nottingham Conference, and is appointed to labor as Traveling Elder in the Birmingham Conference.

Elder Orson Merrill is honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Cheltenham Conference, to return home.

Elder James Wotherspoon is honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the London Conference, to return home.

Elder James Evans is honorably released from his labors as President of the Sheffield Conference, to return home.

Elder Charles W. Booth is honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the London Conference, to return home.

Elder Nephi Jackson is honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Manchester Conference, to return home.

Elder Robert Thornley is honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Liverpool Conference, to return home.

Elder J. M. Wardle is released, on account of ill health, from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Birmingham Conference, to return home.

Elder Thomas Wheatley is released from his labors as Traveling Elder, and is appointed to preside over the Sheffield Conference.

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Saturday, October 10. The steamship "Nevada" sailed from Liverpool with a company of Saints on board bound for Utah. The company included 7 returning Elders, namely, Rasmus Sorensen, J. M. Wardle, George V. Stevenson, W. G. Erickley, Alva B. Wilson, Alva S. Porter and Orson McGill. Of the emigrating Saints 34 were from the British Mission.

(Orig. Doc.)

The "Deseret News" notes the return of Elder William G. Bickley as follows:

Brother William G. Bickley, of Beaver, has returned from a mission to Great Britain. Brother Bickley left for his field of labor in October, 1889. He labored in the Northampton district of the Birmingham conference. The last nine months he spent in Manchester. He returns after a faithful mission, having enjoyed the best of health and spirits during his absence from home. He goes on to his home in Beaver this afternoon.

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Saturday, October 24. The steamship "Wyoming" sailed from Liverpool, England, with a company of Saints on board, bound for Utah. There were 33 emigrating Saints from Great Britain, and nine returning Elders, namely, Ezra C. Rich, Chas. W. Booth, John Deakin, Nephi Jackson, Robert Thornley, James Evans, J. T. Miller and John Teuscher.

(Orig. Doc.)

The return of Elders Charles W. Booth and James Evans was noted by the "Deseret News" as follows:

This afternoon we had the pleasure of the meeting with Elders Charles W. Booth, of Spanish Fork and James Evans of Lehi, both of whom had just arrived from missions to Great Britain. They left Utah for Europe on the 18th of Oct., 1889. Elder Booth labored eighteen months in the Nottingham and the balance of his time in the London Conference. Elder Evans' ministerial work was confined entirely to the Sheffield Conference. These two brethren labored diligently for the spread of the Gospel during the time they have spent abroad. They left for their homes in Utah County on the afternoon train.

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