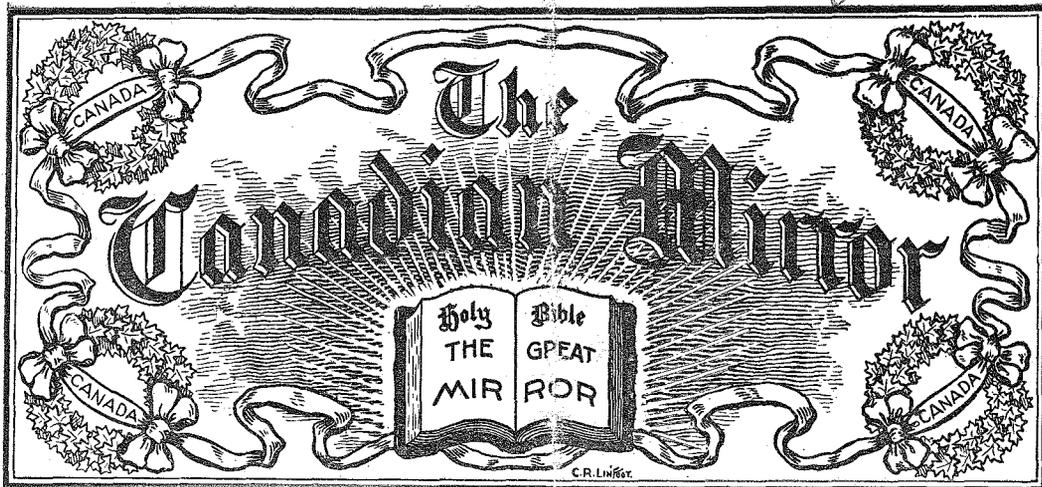


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WHAT IS INSPIRATION?

What is inspiration? Inspiration is breathing in the breath divine. It is to animate, to infuse into the mind. There is the inspiration which comes from music or song, which causes the thoughts to soar to that which is lofty, pure, ideal. Under the inspiration of music people are brave, courageous, and noble, and ready to sacrifice even their lives. This is the reason for military bands. Many battles have been won as the result of this kind of inspiration. On one occasion when Napoleon's armies were exhausted and were ready to flee before the enemy, Napoleon commanded the band to strike up the French national song, the Marcellaise. One line is, "March on, march on, to death or victory." This was his last card, and it won.

Then there was the inspiration which inspired the French under Joan of Arc, who had a beautiful vision, and as she went before those armies on a white horse they won everything before them. Prior to this they had been constantly defeated and utter-

ly discouraged.

Then again there is the inspiration which comes when one breathes in the divine, in looking upon the beautiful works of nature, the glory of a summer sunset, the trees clothed upon with a paradisaal bloom, and when the night shadows have fallen, the wonderful works of God in the star spangled heavens. Here we can trace him across the universe and meditate upon his infinite, eternal, unchangeable power, and lift up our eyes to the everlasting hills. Who that looks upon a flower and breathes its fragrance but feels and realizes something divine and uplifting, and traces upon its pure petals the divine hand of a heavenly sculptor.

Inspiration is the supernatural, or higher power than earthly. It proceeds from God and actuates the minds of his creatures to greater or lesser degree, quickening the mentality, animating the thoughts. Poetry and invention are results of this inspiration. It rests upon those who are peculiarly adapted in temperament and makeup. Some are by nature stoical, unemotional, and almost mechanical, while others are more inspirational and seem touched with the finger of divinity.—ELSIE EDMUNDS

From Elder Dan MacGregor

Somerville, Mass., July 28, 1909
Living in suburb of Boston. Big ten-day reunion starts shortly, next Saturday. Expect 400 Saints there, all a-tenting on the old camp ground.—Daniel MacGregor.

HOW THE BOOK OF MORMON GOT THROUGH THE CUSTOMS HOUSE

By Elsie Edmunds

The accompanying cut is of Elder Stewart Lamont, of Chatham, and, in compliance with the request of the editors of the Canadian Mirror that an account be given of how he succeeded in getting the Book of Mormon free of duty into Canada, I offer a short sketch of his remarkable personality.

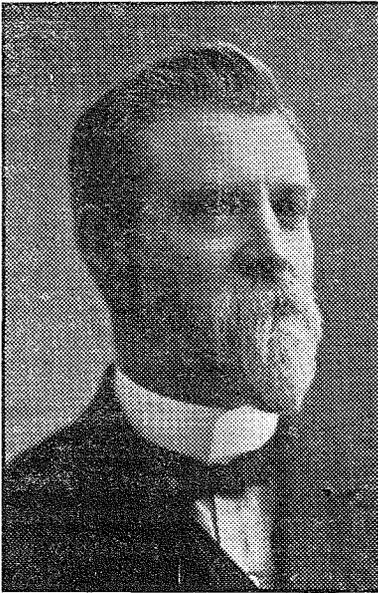
Brother Lamont is a man in touch with public men, as well as many fraternal societies. He is a friend of the public from the highest to the most humble of Chatham's citizens, and when he undertook this work it seemed an easy task to accomplish, though there had always been quite a lot of prejudice against the Book of Mormon.

Just a short time ago Brother Lamont succeeded in getting an Austrian prisoner

and poor; for he has neither fear nor favor, but his aim and principle is the greatest amount of good to the greatest number.

Brother Lamont, in an interview with the late member of Parliament, Herbert S. Clements, explained the authenticity of the Book of Mormon and the injustice done our church by the customs authorities not recognizing the divinity of this book containing the history of the early inhabitants of this beautiful land; and by his getting in touch with the Minister of Customs we now have the book entering all points of entry free. If there are any branches still paying duty, they have but to notify Elder Lamont and he will write the authorities at Ottawa and have the customs officer notified.

I will say in conclusion, Brother Lamont is not out for any vain glory, but in the interests and for the prestige of the Church—and he has done much to wear away prejudice.



Elder Stewart Lamont

freed from penitentiary, and sent him home rejoicing to faraway Austria. In many other cases he has been known to free men in our midst. When he ran for water commissioner he polled more votes than the Mayor of the City, and to-day nine-tenths of the citizens of Chatham favor him for the stand he takes in the interests of both rich

GARAFRAXA TWO-DAY MEETING

The two-day meeting held in Garafraxa Branch July 17-18 was quite a success, although the cold wind of Sunday following the rain of Saturday night caused the Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. meetings to be held in the church building, which was not nearly large enough for first named meeting and would not hold a quarter of the people gathered in the evening from Orangeville, eleven miles east; Fergus, twelve miles west; Grand Valley, three miles north; and the intervening country.

The first meeting, prayer service, was held at nine Saturday morning, in charge of Elder Shields, District President, and James Pycok, missionary, presiding. At ten o'clock organization was proceeded with. Bishop Evans, J. Shields, James Pycok, and J. H. Taylor were associated in presiding. Short speeches were had from missionaries and others of the ministry; also Sisters M. M. Tarzwell, Marie Russell, and Melissa Taylor were called on and responded in edifying words full of wisdom and instruction.

The two o'clock meeting was devoted to

Institute work, Brother Evans giving an address on Sundayschool work, James Pycock on Religio, and David Pycock on Normal work. At seven Bishop Evans gave a soul-stirring address on "The Temporal Law."

Sunday morning prayer and sacrament service was in charge of the presidency. Eleven o'clock Elder Grant St. John was the speaker; at two Bishop Evans gave an enjoyable discourse in Brother Taylor's grove; at seven James Pycock was the speaker and did well.

Dinner and supper were served each day in the grove, provided free to all by Garafra Branch. Arthur Branch were nearly all present, many from Cedar Valley, and a goodly number from Redickville. The Good Spirit prevailed, and we trust good was done.—Correspondent.

"NORTH POLE," JULY 30

Canadian Mirror:—It just occurs to us that we promised to write a bit for your columns, and, believing that short letters to the point are what you want and in fact are generally the most interesting, and knowing that your space is so limited, I will try and be careful and not say too much.

Letter writing, like bearing our testimony, is something that gives me pleasure in a sense, and if others enjoy listening to and hearing of the advancement of the work as does the writer to make your nice little paper interesting, we must all do a little.

On July 23 I moved my "big wife and small family" from our old home in Arthur to the hustling city of Toronto, where they expect to reside for a time. At least that is if Carrie don't "get lost" again. On the 29th I started in company with Brother Russell, T. Campbell, Sisters Milligan, Coheen, and Lamont for the great Canadian Northwest. The trip and scenery were indeed delightful. Along the north shore of Lake Superior this time of year is a treat worth seeing. For nearly two days a company of us occupied the top of the cabin, viewing the grandest cuts through mountains decked with lakes, log cabins, curved

tracks, and in many places very dangerous shoots through and over rocks where it would take your breath—almost equal to a ride on the "figure eight," "dip-the-dip," or "shoot-the-shoots." That was to me the funniest, fastest, and best ride on cars of my life.

We landed in Winnipeg safe in the arms of J. L. Mortimer and Tommie Seaton, of Ontario, who were watching for us at the depot, and who seemed more anxious than any of us to buy car tickets and lug grips.

Here we met the old time Toronto missionary, George Virgin, who seems as zealous as ever to advance the gospel. At this city now resides as a missionary, Brother James Kelley, son and nephew of Apostle and Bishop Kelley, a brilliant defender of the faith. He and Brother Virgin are to begin tent work there, so we are informed. We met Brother and Sister Arno'd, formerly of Shelburne, Ontario, Sister Conolly and Brother McMullin, together with a band of zealous Saints.

Our stay was but a few days on our way to Rosendale, where was held the Manitoba Reunion. At this place we met a number of old acquaintances, such as Brother and Sister Carter, formerly of, or near Arthur. I spent two weeks here preaching, then on our way to Brandon, where we were welcomed by Brother and Sister Carlton of Toronto, and Brother and Sister Vasbinder of London.

Upon our arrival we found the Brandon Exhibition going on, and Brother Vasbinder presiding over the White Threshing Machine Co.'s exhibit. This was the grandest display of threshing machinery I ever saw. Just think, there were lined up side by side forty-two complete outfits representing different firms, besides other machinery galore. From all appearances Brother John holds his own as one of the most popular salesmen and managers.

The gospel at this place has not been tested as yet, and the families residing there (temporarily) declare if they remain they will be anxious to push it when the time comes.

From there we journeyed to Halbrite, Sask.

where we will remain for some time, as this is the place to which I am sent. Right here I find Brother Tommie Jordan, from Ontario, and his parents, brothers and friend have done a nice work. Brother Tommie has made several new openings and has converted a number. He has always given the visiting missionaries the glory of baptizing. He has now some ready for the water, and like others God has taken recognition of his untiring efforts and has raised him till he now is made President of the newly formed Saskatchewan District.

Now I see this letter is already longer than we intended, but we must not forget before we close to mention the great crowds that go ahead of and so closely follow up all my meetings, yes, they stick to me and give me such a hearty welcome to this country. They are called mosquitos, bed bugs, and fleas. They seem to enjoy my blood at morning, at midday, and at evening. No doubt they are well organized; for they line up for me when I go to bed and sing, "I am waiting, my darling, for thee." And that's not all; we are told, and I partly believe it, that when the frost comes and those zealous crowds of mosquitos disappear another more earnest, effective, penetrating company appear in the form of "flying ants." They say their sting is more sweet and lasting than your mother-in-law's breath. But, hold on, if they keep me as busy as the others do, we'll beg to be permitted to be the "flying uncle" and wander back to Ontario, "the land of the brave and the free," and say farewell to the "north pole," or this land of the "slave and the flea."

Yours till we fade away.

Halbrite, Sask. THE BLACKSMITH

FIRST LONDON DISTRICT CONFERENCE THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO

Greenwood, W. Va., July 27, 1909
Editor Canadian Mirror:—

I have before me the July number of your paper, and I see it gives a report of the dividing of London District into the new London and Toronto Districts. I remember quite well the time that London District had

its beginning. It was at a conference held at Bayham, near Corinth, in the kitchen of Brother Christopher Pearson. (I notice his son Samuel is a counsellor to the President of the London District.) It was the first conference held by the Saints that I ever attended, for I was baptised the same year on January 20th by Elder Joseph Luff. Brother Luff was elected President of the District, if I remember right, and J. A. McIntosh secretary. George Mottashed was Bishop's agent. What is now called the Chatham District was then called Kent and Elgin District.

Preaching services were held in Brother Pearson's orchard, where seats and a platform were arranged. A large crowd gathered, I should judge there was over a thousand people assembled, for they came for miles to see "the Mormon prophet." It had been previously announced that Joseph Smith, son of the martyred prophet, was to be there. Before Brother Joseph made his appearance on the stand as the speaker at 2.30 we heard numbers of them remark, "Which is him?" and "What does he look like?" while others remarked, "Why he just looks like other men," etc. Brother Joseph was in the prime of life at that time and rather pleasant both in looks and manner. His text that Sunday afternoon was from Habukkuk 3: 3, 4, more especially the 4th verse, "And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power." I remember it well because he held up his hands to the crowd and asked them if they saw any horns coming out of his hands, which caused a sensation of laughter.

Bishop George Blakeley, of Galeen, Michigan, and Apostle William H. Kelley, who was in charge of the Mission, were also present. The London District was very small at that time. There were the branches at London, St. Thomas, Corinth, and Osborne. I don't recollect if the branch at Toronto was organized at that time. Brethren R. C. Evans, George Harrington, and myself were boys then; so you can see what thirty-one years has brought about.

I should very much have liked to have

been at the conference at St. Thomas, but circumstances prevented; but my eldest son was in attendance, as strong in the faith as his father was thirty-one years ago when he attended the first conference of London District. Many, many changes have taken place since then, too numerous to mention at this writing. Who can foresee what shall be thirty-one years from now.

The experiences of the past have taught me that the best course to pursue is to be true to God, keep his commands, and be faithful to the charge entrusted, and we shall conquer by and by. I hope success may attend the new districts, and that their officers may be faithful to their trust. One thing in their favor is that they are men of experience, having been engaged in the work for years; so I hope for them and the work a prosperous future.

Brother Editor, in your June issue, in my description of the Mound at Moundville, West Virginia, page 3, in the 21st line, it should read "eighty rods," instead of "eighty miles."

Our district conference convenes with the Cabin Run Branch the first Saturday and Sunday in September. Only one conference a year is held in this district yet. After conference I expect to go into Virginia for the fall and part of the winter. It is certainly warmer here in the summer than at London. From noon till five or six o'clock the best place for a Canadian is under a shade tree.

I am, as ever,

Yours in gospel bonds,
SAMUEL BROWN

TORONTO DISTRICT LIBRARY WORK

We all should avail of this chance of advancing the library work. It has within its resources a glittering wealth of knowledge that requires but effort to be made available for practice. The results of such effort will place the worker ever higher, whether in agriculture, mechanics, or any other field. Keep yourself better posted, more in touch with God and man. We should spare no pains to put this library work on its highest

footing for the sake of the young who are coming up.

We might open up reading rooms where opportunity presents, to keep and to gather our people, who can if they will, be the greatest of all people, with the accomplishments of a good life and lots of energy. Results of such a life will be wonderful. Look at all great achievements, such as Howe's, Franklin's, Bell's, Edison's. Their achievements have not been without much labor, thought and research. Results follow apace. Then to the work with all wisdom, knowledge, and zeal!

Now for a start in branches, Sunday-schools, and Religios. Make appointment of a library board, one representative for each organization. Let them meet once a week to arrange work until all is going OK, then once a month. Let them appoint a librarian to look after all books, papers, magazines, etc., keep a correct account of same, and report to board for their approval, the same to be sent to the Secretary of the District Board at the close of each half-year. All members of board remain in office till others are appointed. Libraries should be open a reasonable length of time before and after meetings. Subscribe for the Exponent and keep in touch with the work. The Exponent will contain from time to time articles on library work. Advise District Board of all wants, that they may post you on anything desired.

Let us hear from all soon as to progress being made in the library work. Sister Hannah Leeder is Secretary of the Toronto District Library Board. Address Box 4, Port Elgin, Ontario.

Yours in the work,
W. S. FAULDS

Brother Thompson Reports

Gooderham, August 31d

I am holding forth here with good attention and interest. Some are near the kingdom, and many calls made for preaching. So the good work rolls on. "God speed the right."—J. T. Thompson.

TWO-DAY MEETING AT CLAVERING

On Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4, the Saints of the Toronto District held a two-days meeting at Clavering. There was a large crowd present, delegates representing Stokes' Bay, Colpoy's, Wiarton, Southampton, Port Elgin, and Owen Sound branches being in attendance.

The meetings were in charge of Elders John Shields, James Pycock, Jos. Thompson and Grant St. John, and the sermons were both interesting and instructive, and both speakers and hearers were blessed with a degree of the Holy Spirit. It was the best attended meeting ever held by the Saints in this part of the District. To show how fast the Saints have increased in this part, the writer of this article well remembers eleven years ago, the first time he ever passed through Clavering, only two Saints could be found within almost a day's travel, viz., Robert Humphries and father. Through their living lives worthy of Saints they began to attract the attention of the people. Upon this occasion it was estimated easily three hundred Saints were present.

The Saints used the church for serving meals, and the members of the Orange Lodge at Clavering were kind enough to permit us to hold preaching services in their hall, and in spite of it being large it was filled to its utmost capacity. The chairman had only to intimate the necessity for a choir, when a number of good singers presented themselves and the singing and music was in harmony with the rest of the services and went to help make the meetings a success. The meetings were a success from every point of view, and the Saints of Clavering, and community and local committee are to be congratulated for the orderly manner in which everything was carried out.

HENRY RIBBEL, Recording Sec'y

THE MANITOBA REUNION

The Manitoba Reunion was held in the McCreary Church, Treherne, from July 8th to 11th. There was a good representation present. Of the general missionary force

there was Apostle R. C. Russell, missionary in charge of Canada, who was made president of the reunion, and Elders J. L. Mortimer, George Buschlen, and James Edmund Kelley, who were associated with him.

During the reunion the Winnipeg District was organized; also a District Religio, and District Sunday School Association.

District officers:—

President, Nelson Wilson, Treherne.
 First Counsellor, Jas. E. Kelley, Winnipeg
 Second Counsellor, T. R. Seaton, Winnipeg
 Secretary, W. S. Carter, Spy Hill, Sask.
 Treasurer and Bishop's Agent, L. H. Carter, Spy Hill, Sask.
 Librarian, Elsie Carter, Spy Hill, Sask.

Sunday School District officers:—

Superintendent, Mrs. Nelson Wilson
 Assistant Superintendent, W. S. Carter
 Secretary, Stella Hayward, Indianford
 Treasurer, William Henry, Rosendale
 Librarian, Lily Vennard, Treherne
 Recommended for appointment as Home Class Superintendent, Martha Burr.

District Religio officers:—

President, Thomas R. Seaton, Winnipeg
 Vice-President, Stella Hayward
 Home Class Supt., Ethel Conlin, Winnipeg
 Secretary, Wm. Hadath, Winnipeg
 Treasurer, W. Wilson, Treherne
 Librarian, Kate Morgan, Treherne

Next District Conference is to be held at Winnipeg, date to be set by District Presidency. The Conventions to be held at the same place Thursday and Friday preceding.

The reunion presidency did the preaching. All enjoyed abundant liberty. Two children were blessed, one baptised. Some of those administered to were remarkably blessed. It was a peaceful time from first to last. Everyone seemed strengthened and encouraged to greater service.

Winnipeg District begins under encouraging conditions, with good prospects if the Saints all stand as a unit.

William Hadath, Sec'y Reunion

James E. Kelley, for Press Committee

Send for "The Marvellous Work and a Wonder" by Elder Daniel MacGregor.

T. R. SEATON WRITES FROM WEST

July 8, 1909

Dear Mirror :—

At last I take up my pencil to write a few words to let you know that I am still living, and also how the Saints are doing in this western city. I reached this town two weeks ago, June 24th. After dinner I found Elder J. L. Mortimer and was introduced to the president of the branch, Elder Henderson. At his home I met with Sister Henderson, Sister Kelley, wife of Elder James E. Kelley who is doing missionary work up here, and her sister, Sister Hare of Lamoni. There were no meetings, so we spent our time working through the day and with J. L. Mortimer in the evening. On Sunday, 27th, we went to meeting. Met a nice company of Saints. Having no church, the meetings are held in the Saints' houses. The following week was a busy one, meetings every night. Tuesday night was set apart for business, both for Branch and Sundayschool. Officers were elected, and the advisability of organizing a Religio local was considered with the result that a special meeting was called for Friday, July 2. This meeting was called to order by Elder J. L. Mortimer, and Apostle R. C. Russell was appointed chairman. Short talks on Religio work were had from Elders Mortimer, Buschlen, Virgin and several others. When the meeting was closed a full staff of officers had been elected, and the Local was organized. The first meeting will be held on Friday, July 9. As last quarter's lessons started at the beginning of the Book of Mormon, it was decided to use them and take up two lessons a week until we catch up. We hope that Religians will all feel interested in this move and lend us their prayers. With the exception of two or three, all are new Saints.

There is a move on foot to build a church here. May God add His blessing to the movement, is the prayer of your brother,

T. R. SEATON

A two-day meeting was held at Redickville last month. More good done.

To the Members of Zion's Religio-Literary Society London District

Greeting :—

Having been elected President of the London District Religio, I take this opportunity of addressing you that we may become better acquainted.

As you are no doubt all aware of the change made necessary by the division of the original London District, it will be needless for me to comment on it further than to say that while the area and membership of our District is smaller, our field of usefulness is even broader; for we may now concentrate our efforts and work to better advantage than heretofore, as there are a greater percentage of officers to bear the burden of the work.

In order to facilitate the work of the Secretary, it is essential that all Locals report promptly to Miss Lucy Yerks, Waterford, Ont. We hope that this will be observed, as some Locals have been delinquent in the past in this regard.

The Locals at present organized in the London District are London, St. Mary's, St. Thomas, Stratford, Vanessa, and Waterford.

We desire to be of any assistance possible, so hope you will keep us advised as to your progress or difficulties. My address is 411 Hill St., London, Ont.

Hoping to have your co-operation in this auxiliary work, I remain,

Your brother in the common hope,

JOHN JUDKINS

Niagara Falls Item

A large gathering greeted Elder Shields of the church here Sunday evening, July 25. This is the first sermon he has delivered here in sixteen years. It was appreciated.

Notice to Western Fair Visitors

The Ladies' Aid Sewing Circle of London Branch have for dining hall during Fair week booths 1 to 4 under north end of grand stand. Patronage of visiting Saints solicited.

"A MARVELLOUS WORK AND A WONDER."

We are pleased to announce that we have the above work now on sale. It is written by Elder Daniel MacGregor and is one of the most complete and up-to-date works ever published in the interests of the "Latter Day Glory."

It is a credit to the writer, a benefit to the church, and a convincer for the truth seeker. We recognize the fact that nations are arming themselves with all the latest and most improved weapons. The same principle should guide us as the army of the Lord; we must be up-to-date in order to meet the Satanic army with all their modern tactics. In this book is contained new thoughts, and more evidence of the divinity of this work. We want you to arm yourself with this new weapon. It will help you discharge the duty of warning your neighbors and friends.

We can recommend "A Marvellous Work and a Wonder" as the best medicine on the market for sectarian sickness, and if the directions are carried out to the letter, a permanent cure will be effected. The patient will quietly enter the fold, and if faithful be saved in the kingdom of God.

The price is 10 cents each, or 3 for 25 cents, postpaid. Write for price on larger quantities. Order early from Frank Gray, 534 English St., London.

MANITOULIN ISLAND

Manitowaning, July 10,

Dear Mirror:—Please find enclosed list of subscribers. We pray that your paper may reflect much credit to its publishers, and that they may be blessed with divine wisdom and power to publish such things as will bring a blessing to the Canada Mission.

Our hearts were made to rejoice last Monday by the arrival of our old friend, Elder G. C. Tomlinson, who came just in time to conduct the funeral service of a young man not of the church who was instantly killed in a new sawmill here. Elder Tomlinson preached a very impressive and effective sermon to a large audi-

ence of friends and neighbors.

The work throughout the Island is in a somewhat depleted condition, and needs to be revived. Elder Tomlinson is the right man to bring about better conditions, as he was the first missionary to open the work on the Island, and is a favorite with all both in and out of the church.

I remain, as ever,

Yours in gospel bonds,

W. R. SMITH

CHILDREN'S DAY AT LONDON S.S.

Sunday, August 8, was Children's Day at London Sundayschool. The first service was held at eleven o'clock. After a short song service and opening exercises, Bro. O. W. Cambridge, Assistant District Superintendent, made his chairman's address and took charge of program, on which were the following excellent numbers:

Paper, "Trial of Jesus," Irene Pope
Reading from the "Two Sticks," Joseph Heaslip, "Stick of Judah"; Lillian Pope, "Stick of Ephraim."

Song by primary classes

Short talk from the "Model," by the Superintendent, Frank Gray

At the latter part of the service four of the pupils of the school were baptised by Elder Fligg. Their names are George Edward Fields, Ruby Parker, Dorothy Roberts, and Margaret Kennedy.

The Superintendent, Frank Gray, acted as chairman at the afternoon session. The "cradle roll" was called, showing 22 members in that department of the school. A paper was read by Ruby Parker, on "Our Sundayschool." The four candidates baptised in the morning were confirmed.

It was a very successful and enjoyable Children's Day. The services were attended by a larger crowd than at any time this summer, and in spite of the fact that it was the hottest Sunday thus far this season. Many Home Department members and visitors from West London Sundayschool were present. The annual Sundayschool picnic was held at Springbank Park, on Thursday, August 12th.—R.J.F.