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The "Forgotten Missionary" booklet, the Story of Elder Ezra James Clark, compiled by Antone Clark

Ezra James traveled to England from New York via ship and landed in Liverpool on Aug. 11, 1865. At that time he was appointed to labor in the Worcestershire conference as a traveling elder. Little is known of the specifics of his service during the early part of his mission in central England because no journals were kept and there is little evidence of what he did.

He apparently proved faithful in his initial thrust because he was appointed to preside over the Dorsetshire conference on Jan. 30, 1866. It was while in service in that conference that he purchased a pair of leather-bound journals in which he would detail his comings and going and, later in his mission, some of his thoughts and impressions.

CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Elder Joseph G. Brown is appointed to balor in the Bristol District, under the Presidency of Elder Joseph E. S. Russell.

Elder John Barker is appointed to labor in the Sheffield District , under the Presidency of Elder Collins M. Gillet.

Elder William S. Warren is appointed to labor in the Norwich District, under the Presidency of Elder W. W. Raymond.

Elder William R. Smith is appointed to labor in the Manchester Conference, under the Presidency of Elder Finley C. Free.

Elder John Hoagland is appointed to labor in the Swiss, German and Italian Mission, under the Presidency of Elder W. P. Nebeker.

Elder Francis A. Brown is appointed to labor in the Dutch Mission, under the Presidency of Elder Joseph Weller.

Elder C.W. Penrose is appointed to labor in the Manchester District under the Presidency of Elder Charles S. Kimball.

Elder James McGaw is appointed to labor in Cheltenham Conference, under the Presidency of Elder Elnathan Eldredge jun.

Elder Archibald N. Hill is appointed to labor in the Birmingham District, under the Presidency Elder David P. Kimball.

Elder Joseph S. Horne is removed from laboring in the London District, to labor in the Swiss, German and Italian Mission, under the Presidency of Elder W.P. Nebeker.

DANIEL H. WELLS, BRIGHAM YOUNG. JUN. Presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the British Isles and adjacent countries.

Elder Clark's appointment to the Worcester Conference is shown in this Aug. 11, 1865 clip from the Millennial Star.

"In each of these positions he labored faithfully and with earnest zeal, gaining the confidence and esteem of the Saints among whom he labored and of those who presided over him in the British Mission," Jensen wrote. "His modest, unassuming

manner, combined with his truthfulness and circumspect conduct, won for him the admiration and good will of his associates," Jensen added.13

Eating, sleeping concerns

While there was some infrastructure in place to travel, most of Ezra James' mission travel was done by walking from one place to

13 Latter-Day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia, Vol. III

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