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A Book of Mormon Claim Substantiated

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Abstract: Helaman 3:7-11 speaks of the use of cement. A recent article in Bulletin No. 145, Bureau of Plant Industry (Washington, D.C.), 1909 confirms that pyramids and ruins found in Mexico, Central, and South America contained cement.

an appointment himself. The preacher said: "You shall not do it; you have no right to preach here;" jerked the chair away from him, and ran away with it. Several of the crowd said: "You have as much right to preach here as he has, and give out your appointment;" whereupon Elder Kimball gave out an appointment for three o'clock p.m., at which time a large congregation was gathered.

After opening the meeting by singing and prayer, Elder Woodruff spoke about thirty minutes, from Galatians 1: 8, 9, upon the first principles of the Gospel. Elder Kimball followed upon the same subjects. The people gave good attention, and seemed much interested in what they had heard. The inhabitants who lived around the square opened their windows to four stories high; the most of them were crowded with anxious listeners, which is an uncommon occurrence. The meeting was dismissed in the midst of good feeling.

Mr. Henry Connor invited the Elders to his house. Soon after they arrived here, Elder Kimball felt impressed to return to the place of preaching. When he got there he found a large company talking about the things which they had heard in the afternoon, and they wished him to speak to them again. He did so, when several persons invited him home with them. While Elder Kimball was preaching, several persons came to Brothers Woodruff and Smith to converse on doctrine, when Mr. Connor offered himself for baptism.

Monday, August 31st, Elder Kimball baptized Henry Connor, watchmaker, 52 Ironmonger's Row, London, in Peerless Pool, being the first baptized in that place, and confirmed him the same evening.

These were the first open-air meetings in London—interesting and fruitful—the predecessors of unnumbered thousands that have since been conducted there by Latter-day Saint missionaries, of which many thrilling and colourful tales could be told, and from which many additions to the Latter-day Church of Christ have come.

Henry Connor, the first of a large London harvest, was soon followed by others of his family and by many not of his kin.

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A BOOK OF MORMON CLAIM SUBSTANTIATED

THE BOOK OF MORMON states that cement was used anciently for building purposes (Helaman 3: 7-11). Those opposed to the book claim cement was unknown to the aboriginal inhabitants of America. In late years, expeditions to Mexico, Central and South America, have found ruins made partly or wholly of cement, which cement still is perfectly preserved, proving that cement *was known and used in those days* as the book states. The following is from Bulletin No. 145, Bureau of Plant Industry, (Washington, D. C.) 1909, page 14:

The survival of the humms-inhabiting animals on the ruin-covered hills is hardly to be considered possible, for the pyramids and chambered buildings which covered the summit, as well as large areas of the elaborately terraced approaches, appear to have been *faced all over with cement*.