



which the people shook our hands and wished us "God speed."

Thus the Lord is with His servants and is crowning their efforts with success.

We enjoy reading the "News" and Era.

From Portland, Oregon.

Under date of Aug. 18, Elder Mark H. Brimhall writes from Portland, Ore., of the visit to that city of prominent Utah people.

We had the treat last Sunday of seeing some of our home people and listening to their grand instructions.

The Utah party who were enroute to Seattle to attend the Transmississippi congress, arrived here Saturday evening and remained over Sunday and while here they attended our meetings during the day. Among those present were Elders John Henry Smith and Reed Smoot of the quorum of the Apostles, and others of Utah's most prominent and leading men, most of whom were accompanied by their wives.

They listened to the exercises in our Sabbath school after which Elder Smoot spoke to the children and gave them some fatherly instructions. Immediately after our Sabbath school we held another service. Elder Jesse Knight of Provo and other visitors were the speakers.

Elder John Henry Smith of the quorum of the Apostles was the last speaker. He gave some timely instructions to the Saints.

During the afternoon most of our visitors viewed the principal parts of the city and all seemed to speak highly of the beauty of various parts of Portland.

In the evening we held our usual service at our hall and it was well filled with people. Elder Reed Smoot and others of our visiting brethren were the speakers, dwelling on some of the leading features of "Mormonism."

The Elders and Saints here rejoiced in having the privilege of listening to our brethren from Zion and also to associate with them and to partake of their generosity, they being numbered among that class of men who have so generously contributed to the work of the Lord in a financial way, so they also aided it here, by assisting the Elders financially. We believe that much good will result from our meetings last Sunday.

Last week we had with us Elder Joseph E. Robinson, president of the California and Oregon mission, who also gave us some very good instructions, and we enjoyed his presence very much. The work here is progressing nicely and the Elders feel encouraged, notwithstanding many people are prejudiced and are very indifferent as regards the gospel. Many of the barriers are being removed so that some are investigating and some accepting the truth. We have had five baptisms within the last three months. We have at present six Elders laboring here and they all enjoy fair health and feel well in spirit. They all enjoy reading the "News" and Era, both are welcome visitors.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Box Elder Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Box Elder Stake of Zion was held in the tabernacle at Brigham City on Sunday and Monday, Aug. 23 and 24. Sunday morning at 10 a. m. the Sunday school children occupied the front of the room in the tabernacle, and the exercises were conducted by Elder J. D. Peters, stake superintendent of Sunday schools.

Class and concert exercises were rendered by the schools of the stake. Elder E. A. Box gave a sketch of the Sunday school work in the Box Elder stake. Elder Arthur Winter spoke of the extension and greatness of Sunday school work, and Elder A. O. Woodruff spoke briefly on the principle of obedience.

At the 2 p. m. meeting President Kelly spoke of the changes that are constantly taking place. Some of our most faithful workers are passing away, while some are getting old and infirm. Elder Jeppe Jeppson was honorably released from his duties as a member of the High Council because of his age and physical condition. His release and the recent death of Elder Eph. Wight made two vacancies in the Council, which were filled by the selection of Elders M. L. Nichols and C. E. Jensen.

The general and stake authorities of the Church were presented and sustained. Elder Jas. P. Olsen was presented and sustained as second counselor to President J. D. Burt of the High Priest's quorum.

Elder J. M. Tanner spoke of the increased energy being put forth in the Sunday school work. Home preparations and the co-operation of the parents are very much desired. He commended the study of the life of Christ to the young, and urged them to make Him their example.

Elder Arthur Winter spoke of the life and character of Christ as being the most conspicuous of all ages.

Elder A. O. Woodruff spoke of the danger of riches in turning us from the worship of the Lord. He rehearsed the experiences of the pioneers, showing how they were brought together by trials and privations. He advised the parents to be consistent in their lives that they might be faith-inspiring to their children.

The evening session was conducted under the direction of the stake M. I. A. officers.

Elder Ernest P. Horsley, briefly reported the condition of the work of the young men and Sister Hattie Wight that of the Young Ladies.

Elder J. M. Tanner gave an interesting discourse on the subject of success, and was followed by Elders, Arthur Winter and A. O. Woodruff.

Sister Eliza Lind sang a song.

Monday morning Elder L. A. Snow of the stake presidency was the first speaker. The stake presidency, the High Council, and the stake officers, he said, were all working in harmony. He urged the people to live exemplary lives.

Brief ward reports were made by the following: Bishop W. L. Grover of Garfield; Thos. Yates of North ward; A. Goodfellow of Snowville; James Nelson of Perry M. School of Mantua.

Patriarch Wm. L. Watkins spoke of the support due to the Church's organizations. Elder J. D. Burt reported the condition of the High Priest's quorum, and Elder S. N. Lee stake chorister, spoke of the work of the choir.

In the afternoon meeting Bishop Lars F. Johnson reported the condition of the Box Elder ward.

Elder Oleen N. Stoh of the stake presidency spoke of the evils of card playing, horse racing, prize-fighting, and kindred vices.

Elder Arthur Winter and President Charles Kelly made the concluding address.

NEPHI ANDERSON, Stake Clerk.

Snowflake Stake Conference.

Woodruff, Arizona, Aug. 18.—The regular quarterly conference of Snowflake stake was held in Snowflake ward, Aug. 15 and 16, 1903. The pres-

idency of the stake were all present, and we were also favored with the presence of Elders Rudger Clawson of the council of Apostles, and Joseph W. McMurrin of the First Council of Seventies, and Sister Agnes Campbell of the Y. L. M. A. All the local quorums and organizations were very well represented.

The Bishops' reports indicated a very good condition throughout the stake, both spiritually and temporally. The speakers were all earnest and sincere, exhorting with power, and urging the Saints to be faithful. The visitors especially pleased for and with the young.

The general and local authorities were sustained by the unanimous vote of the assembled Saints.

A general feeling of fellowship and kindness prevailed among all. The presence of the visitors from Salt Lake City and their kind and wise instructions were particularly appreciated.

L. M. SAVAGE, Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Charles H. Green of Elwood, Boxelder county, passed through this city Aug. 21, on his return from the Southern States mission, to which he was set apart Nov. 4, 1902. He labored in the state of South Carolina, where the Gospel work is making good progress, both in the cities and the rural districts. Elder Green was released at this time on account of sickness.

Elder Joseph H. Jensen of Monroe, Sevier county, who was called April 16, 1901, to fill a mission in Scandinavia, reached this city Aug. 27 on his return. He reports having had a very happy mission. He labored one year in Upsala, and afterwards in Ostersund in Sweden, where he reports the work making some progress, particularly in the last named.

Elder James M. Peterson of Castle Dale, Emery county, passed through this city Aug. 27 on his return from Denmark, where he has been laboring as a missionary since April 18, 1901. He reports that part of the Scandinavian mission in a prosperous condition. While the harvest may be said to be over the gleanings are still good. There are now nearly 50 missionaries from Zion in Denmark, all doing well. In the town of Frederikshaven a devoted member of the Church, Niels Solus Peterson, has from his own means, built a nice house of worship and put in an organ for the benefit of the local branch, and to give his fellow townsmen an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Elder James M. Peterson of Richfield, Sevier county, returned Aug. 27 from a mission to Norway. He was set apart March 4, 1901, and labored in the Trondheim conference where he met with much encouragement and where the prospects for a spread of the gospel are favorable. Elder Peterson had good health during his absence and enjoyed his labors very much.

Elder Arthur L. Heppeler of Richfield returned Aug. 27 from a mission to Germany, for which he was set apart Nov. 6, 1900. He labored while absent in the Dresden and Berlin conferences, where he reports the work in good condition despite the opposition of the government. Elder Heppeler had a great many interesting experiences which only tended to make his mission the more enjoyable.

Elder Octavius F. Gudmundson of Springfield returned on Thursday last from a mission to Norway. He was set apart April 16, 1901, and spent the entire time of his absence in the Christiania conference which he considers a good field for future missionary work. He had the privilege of seeing many embrace the gospel and returns home highly pleased with his experience.

Elder W. A. Martindale of Oakley, Cassia county, Idaho, returned Aug. 27 from a mission to the Southwestern States, for which he was set apart May 14, 1901. The first 18 months he labored in the North Texas conference, after which he was called to preside over the Lone Star conference where he labored until released to return home. Elder Martindale reports the work in Texas in good condition and says the people are kind and hospitable and treat the Elders with great respect. He says the Saints have recently started a colony in the Lone Star conference, and that it is doing well and has a meetinghouse partially built. Sister Martindale spent the past few months with her husband and enjoyed her visits among the Saints immensely.

Elder I. G. Clark of Ogden returned Aug. 15 from a mission to the Eastern States, for which he was set apart June 21, 1901. The early part of his mission was spent in the Brooklyn conference where he enjoyed his labors and met with much encouragement. Later he was transferred to the New England conference and labored with much success in Boston, where the work is progressing satisfactorily. For the last two months he presided over the New England conference and was succeeded by Elder W. L. Van Wagoner. Elder Clark says the missionaries are actively engaged in tract and holding street meetings, particularly on Boston common. Street preaching has also been resumed in New York.

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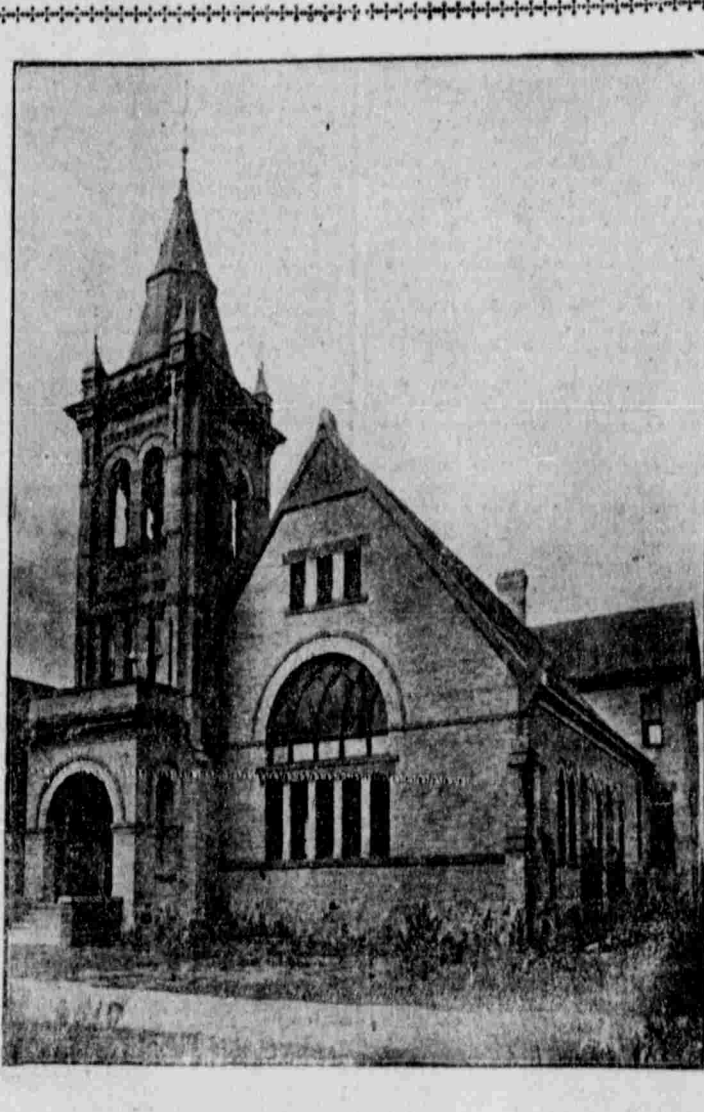
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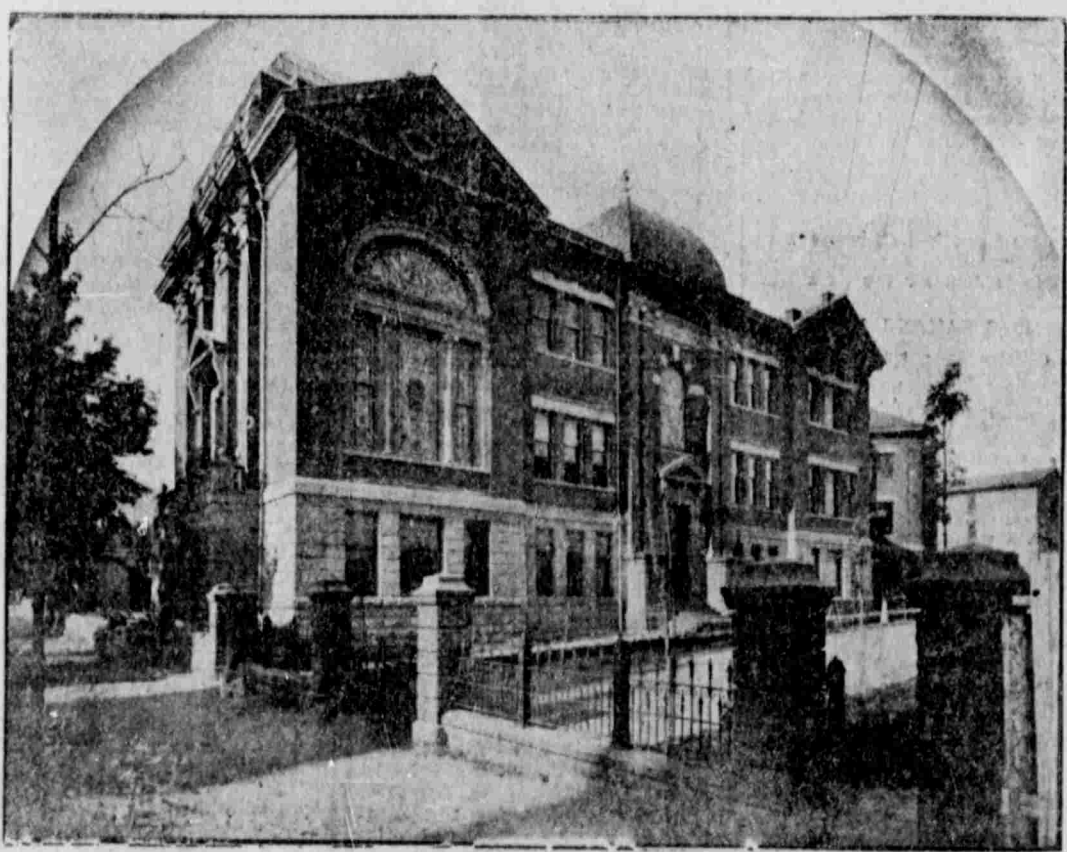


NEW THIRD WARD MEETING HOUSE, PROVO.

The above is a representation of the Provo Third ward meetinghouse, which will be dedicated tomorrow. The picture shows the east elevation. The main hall, which will be used for ward and other public meetings, is 48x55 feet. The building is three-story in the back. This portion is conveniently arranged for Sunday school and other auxiliary association meetings. The lower or basement floor is divided into four rooms, which will be used by the Sunday school. The second floor is practically one room divided by folding doors. This is intended for M. I. A. meetings.

On the Third floor are rooms for the use of the Priesthood.

The building presents a very fine appearance, and is conveniently arranged and nicely finished. It was commenced March 1, 1901, and has cost about \$11,000. It is all paid for, and when it is considered that the ward contains only 738 souls, 141 of whom are children under eight years of age, leaving but 597 adults, the building is certainly a magnificent testimony to the devotion and public spiritedness of the people. Bishop Taylor and his counselors and all who have taken the load in this improvement are to be greatly commended for their enthusiastic efforts, which have been crowned with such evident success; but the Bishop does not claim any credit; he says it all belongs to the people, and he is very proud of his ward.



LATEST NEW BUILDING OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' UNIVERSITY.

The Brigham Young Memorial building of the Latter-day Saints' University of this city, as finally completed, is shown above, this photograph being taken from the south front. The main front is on the north, where the paths and grounds are being put into shape. The south front faces a fine boulevard with cement walks and lawns, recently put in under the direction of Bishop William B. Preston. This building, the gift of the late President Young, is now ready for occupancy and beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 8, all the high school and normal sections of the school will be conducted here. Within the most notable feature is the memorial room, which is a very beautiful apartment, with art glass windows and skylight. It is now filled with oak tables and Vienna chairs and will be the library and study room. Other interesting apartments are the physical and biological laboratories and the art room with skylights, for the classes in drawing and painting.

FROM THE MEXICAN MISSION.

Death of an Elder.

Elder Alonzo L. Taylor, writing from the City of Mexico, under date of Aug. 20, 1903, sends the following report of conditions in the Mexican mission:

On the 15th and 16th of this month the semi-annual conference of the Chicalo district was held in Atlanta and was well attended by members and visitors, some of the latter came out of curiosity but most of them attended with a desire of learning more of "Mormonism."

On the evening of the 14th a testimony meeting was held but was poorly attended and it seemed that it was a poor beginning, but the following day there was a much better turnout. There were present Elder Hyrum S. Harris and wife, all the Elders, who are laboring as missionaries in the field, Brother Henry E. Bowman of Colonia Dublin, A. R. Ivins and Misses Alice Whiting and Nara Taylor from the Colonias. On Saturday, the 14th, two meetings were held during the day and were presided over by Elder H. S. Harris, the speakers were, H. S. Harris, James Jacobson and H. L. Hall at the morning meeting, and Elders H. E. Bowman, Simon Post and T. P. Pomeroy in the afternoon. Principal topics were duties of members and first principles of the Gospel.

Sunday morning we had a full house and listened to the reports of branch presidents and the general and local authorities were presented by Elder Alonzo L. Taylor, and they were all unanimously sustained, after which Elders Jos. B. Adams and H. S. Harris gave timely instructions upon fruits of the Gospel. At 2 p. m. we assembled and had a still larger attendance, the speakers were Elders Alonzo L. Taylor, Marsena Foster and Margaretta Bautista, all speaking on first principles of the Gospel. In the evening a social entertainment was held and the time was spent listening to songs, recitations and speeches, rendered by the native Saints and Elders and visitors, after which refreshments were served consisting of cake and lemonade, and it was plainly evident that all enjoyed themselves very much and many remarked at the conclusion that never had they enjoyed a conference so much as this one. We had a comfortable house in which to meet, which belonged to one of the newly converted members.

DEATH OF ELDER HOOKS.

After the good spirit enjoyed at conference we were called upon to experience an opposite feeling, caused by the death of Elder Elmer Hooks of Provo. His death came so sudden and unexpectedly that it cast a feeling of sorrow and gloom over all the Elders. Elder Hooks came here in the latter part of June of this year, and only made one trip out and returned to the city ill, complaining of headache and stomach trouble, but did not seem to be very ill, but as he did not gain any strength President Harris deemed it wise to consult a physician, who pronounced Elder Hooks to be suffering with walking typhoid fever, so he was immediately taken to the American hospital, where he died on the night of Aug. 17, at 11 o'clock. He was given a respectable burial in the American cemetery and was buried in proper clothing. Elder Harris dedicated the grave.

After the burial we visited the grave of Elder Sylvester D. Collett of Mesa, Arizona, who died in this city of typhoid May 5, 1888, while filling a mission, and who was buried in the American military cemetery.

Elder Jos. B. Adams of Parowan, Utah, will shortly leave his labors as a missionary in this field to pursue his work in the B. Y. academy, and he will take with him all the belongings of Elder Hooks and deliver them to his relatives in Provo. All the Elders sympathize with the family and relatives of deceased and desire to send a message of condolence to the bereaved, knowing that their dead is doing a grander work than he could have accomplished here on earth and knowing also that he died in his Master's service and with a desire to do his duty, and this should be a source of satisfaction and comfort to all.

Preaching in Colorado Mining Camps.

Elder F. W. Wood writes from Victor, Colo., under date of Aug. 22, 1903:

On the 16th of July I arrived in Victor, Colo., from Arizona, where I had been laboring together with Elder Wm. P. Witten, for the spread of the Gospel and the enlightenment of the inhabitants of that sandy and sun-kissed land.

At Victor I became acquainted with Elders Chas. Leatt and J. K. Heddlington, who came here a few days previous. They introduced me to their work, the most attractive feature of which was street preaching, and we soon found ourselves busily engaged in the work assigned to us. We had little trouble in getting the attention of the mayors of the various mining camps, to do missionary work, and feeling quite brave, we chose one of the most prominent corners in Crisples Creek and held a meeting. The crowd paid good attention, and the Elders were richly blessed of the Spirit of the Lord in giving utterance to the truth. Some little opposition to the usual kind was manifested, but did no harm to the cause. An old preacher tried to create a feeling against us by rehearsing old anti-"Mormon" stories, but little notice was taken of him. We thanked the crowd for listening to both sides of the story, then offered the people our literature, which they eagerly received. While we were disposing of the reading matter the old preacher, becoming somewhat troubled, said: "Be careful what you read and where you read it. After which he left the crowd and perhaps went home to dream of his success. We had the privilege of answering a few questions asked by honest investigators, after