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TO A NIGHTINGALE.

Immortal voice, that with such strange de-
light
Woost the lonely hours in passionate
strain!
Enthralled we listen where the clear re-
frain
Is borne upon the enchanted breath of
night.

With ecstasy thou surely dost invite
To some high joy, but sadly comes again
The long, low, plaintive note that speaks
of pain,
And hearts that break through sorrow in-
finite.

Voice of the voiceless! Still thy deathless
-song
Thrills passion-laden souls, who listen-
ing tell
In thy full notes their tale of love or
wrong,
Too deep for human words, and so dispel
The stifling thoughts that all their senses
through,
In waves of melody beneath thy spell!
L. M. H. OLIFORD.

CELEBRATION AT EPHRAIM.

The third meeting was held on
Monday, September 15th. The
choir first sang: "Hymmed er Lam-
mets Brud vel lig," etc.

Prayer by Knud H. Brunn, the
first man ordained to the Priesthood
in Denmark. The choir sang: "O
Fader lad mit Hjerte faa," etc.

Elder C. C. A. Christensen, one
of the first native Elders who
labored diligently in Denmark and
Norway, rejoiced in contemplating
the fruits that the preaching of the
Gospel in the north countries had
borne. He was baptized nearly
forty years ago and had spent ten
years of his life in the missionary
field. He had experienced the hand
of the Lord in many different ways
and felt thankful that he possessed
a strong testimony of the truth of
the latter-day work.

Elder Andrew Jensen, of Salt
Lake City, spoke of the circum-
stances surrounding the Church in
the mountains in the fall of 1840,
when Erastus Snow and fellow
missionaries were called to open
the Gospel door in different coun-
tries, and how the hand of Provi-
dence in a most marvelous manner
shielded them from the winds and

storms while crossing the moun-
tains and plains almost in the dead
of winter. Arriving in England,
the Apostles and co-laborers pro-
ceeded to their respective fields of
labor, Erastus Snow going to a
country then comparatively un-
known to the Elders. But the Lord
opened up the way, and prospered
the labors of the Elders in the
North; for of all the missions
opened about the same time, no one
has furnished more material for the
Kingdom of God than the Scandi-
navian Mission, and no civilized
country in the world has given up
so large a percentage of its sons
and daughters to the cause
of Christ as has Denmark, Sweden
and Norway. Since the introduc-
tion of the fulness of the Gospel
into Scandinavia 40,155 souls have
been added to the Church there by
baptism, of which number 21,655
were in Denmark, 13,663 in Sweden
and 4818 in Norway. Out of the
total number 20,533 have emigrated
to Zion, to which may be added
about one-third more by reckoning
the unbaptized children who have
accompanied or been parts of the
different emigrant companies, thus
making a grand total of nearly
30,000 Saints who have emigrated to
Utah from Scandinavia—17,000
from Denmark, 10,000 from Sweden
and 3000 from Norway. This result
is most gratifying indeed to all, and
especially to those who were the in-
struments in the hands of the Lord
to lay the foundation of the work.
The attendance on the present occa-
sion of so many veterans and faithful
members, of both sexes, who have
borne the burden of the day during
the past forty years, and their
strong and powerful testimonies
borne in these meetings, ought to
almost in and of itself convince
every honest soul present of the
Divinity of the great work intro-
duced by the Prophet Joseph Smith
in this last dispensation.

Elder Peter F. Madsen, of Brigh-
am City, who had labored as a
missionary in Denmark several
years ago, bore a faithful testimony
to the truth of the latter-day work
and exhorted the Saints to continue
faithfulness and diligence.

Elder Fredrik Petersen of Salt
Lake City, who emigrated to Utah
with the first company of Scandi-
navian Saints in 1852, bore testimony to

the literal fulfilment of a prediction
made by Apostle Lund when the
company left their native land. It
was to the effect that if they all
would obey counsel and keep the
commandments of God, not one of
them should lose his life on the
journey. Although cholera raged
terribly in the companies they
traveled with and scores of other
emigrants died, not one of the little
company, consisting of 28 souls,
from Denmark, perished by the
way.

Elder H. O. Magleby, of Monroe,
who at an early day labored as a
missionary in Norway, where he
was imprisoned several times for the
Gospel's sake, related some of his
experience in an interesting and
spirited manner. He had suffered
many hardships and passed through
considerable persecution, but felt
thankful that the Lord had pre-
served him in the faith through it all.

Elder C. A. Carlquist, of Salt Lake
City, who had spent some time in
the ministry in Sweden previous to
emigrating, expressed his desire to
devoting the remainder of his life
to doing God's service. He bore
testimony to the fresh impetus given
to the work of God in Sweden by
the publishing of the Book of Mor-
mon in the Swedish language sever-
al years ago.

Elder Martin Christophersen, of
Salt Lake County, related how the
Lord had blessed and preserved him
while laboring as a missionary in
Norway, when he, through the
mercy of God, had initiated about
one hundred persons into the
Church by baptism, and spent many
happy days in spreading the Gospel.

Elder Christian Andersen, of
Ogden, lately returned from a mis-
sion to Norway, rejoiced in being
one of the fruits of the Gospel from
that land, and bore a powerful testi-
mony to the truth of "Mormonism,"
which he had embraced many years
ago, and ever since loved it with his
whole heart.

A purse of \$252—means donated
by the Saints in different parts of
the Territory—was then formally
presented by President Petersen to
Elder P. O. Hansen, who is poor
and feeble in health. Elder Han-
sen expressed his gratitude in an
appropriate little speech.

The choir sang, "Amen, raabe
hver en Tunge, etc."