



FROM NORWAY.

The Dedication of the Christiania Meetinghouse.

The following report is sent by Elder J. D. Larsson, in the Scandinavian mission.

The Christiania mission house was dedicated July 24, 1903. After the opening exercises, Elder Anthony L. Skanckhy, president of the mission, made all a hearty welcome. He stated that there were gathered together people from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, England and America, and through the blessing of God all were assembled in a fine new hall, which was about to be dedicated. The speaker said it was 32 years ago since Osterhusgade No. 27 had been purchased, upon which this new house stood. An assembly hall was built about that time, but about one year and a half ago it became unsafe for use, and it was decided to build one better in which the Saints could worship God in accordance with the dictates of their conscience. And through the help of the Lord, we are now celebrating its dedication. The speaker stated that all efforts had been made to make it a strong building, which would last for several generations. It is also very comfortable, pleasant and convenient. President Skanckhy encouraged the Saints to do their duty and congratulated them on their willingness in helping to build such a hall.

He read a letter from President Anthony H. Lund, and Elders Andrew Jensen and C. C. A. Christensen. Telegrams containing greetings were also read. The choir now sang a hymn, after which President Skanckhy read the dedicatory prayer in English. The translation was read by President Christian D. Fjeldsted. The choir sang the dedicatory hymn, and Elder Carlson read telegrams from several Saints who sent their regards and best wishes.

President Francis M. Lyman then greeted the Saints and spoke to them at length. The speaker said that there were a great many Scandinavians in America, and he said they were the most industrious people in that land. He congratulated them on the construction of such a building and stated that he considered it the beginning of a new era in the mission work in this country. We have a good house in Copenhagen, he said, and we expect to have a good one in Stockholm and other places. We want you Latter-day Saints to remain here in your own land and live among the people and preach the Gospel to them, and prepare yourselves, that when the time comes to gather to Zion you will be able to stand the temptations and go through the trials and tribulations which will meet you. President Lyman explained some principles of the Gospel and admonished all to be faithful and keep the commandments of the Lord. He blessed all who had contributed to the house, also President Skanckhy, Fjeldsted, and Christopherson for their faithful work.

Sunday, July 26, the conference continued at 10:30 a. m. Elder A. L. Skanckhy presiding. Elder Skanckhy presented to the gathering Christian Larson of Logan, who addressed the audience. He said that he had labored as a missionary in Norway some 30 years ago, and was glad to have the privilege to again be in Christiania, related some of the experiences of his early missionary work. The next speaker was Elder Adam Peterson, president of the Aalborg conference in Denmark.

Elder Skanckhy next introduced Elder Levi E. Young, president of the Swiss mission, who spoke to the assembly for a short time.

The choir sang "Hosanna," and Elder Andrew E. Anderson pronounced the benediction.

At the afternoon session at 3 p. m., the authorities of the Church were unanimously sustained. Elder Jan J. Cannon, editor of the Millennial Star, was presented to the audience and spoke a short time.

The next speaker was Brother John R. Hendrickson of Logan. He said his faith in the Gospel was now stronger than it ever was and he said that the Latter-day Saints were the same here as they were in Utah, they also preached the same doctrine.

Elder Willard Cannon, president of the Holland mission, was the next speaker.

Elder Anthony L. Skanckhy then addressed the conference. He spoke of how Christ had laid down a plan by which we could follow him, he bore testimony that there were many in our day who were following Him (speaking of the Latter-day Saints).

He stated that there were before him 148 missionaries, all whom were out to preach repentance to the world. Also bearing testimony to the world that they may be able to have the blessings that the Latter-day Saints possess.

At the evening session, President Francis M. Lyman addressed the assembly. Elder W. A. Christopherson interpreted. He said all mankind were seeking to be successful in business affairs, but there is something higher for us to consider and that is, which is the best way to eternal life. There are many ways. Some think that all we need to go by, are the sacred Jewish scriptures. But it seems that these have not been enough because they have failed, in the last 1800 years to Christianize the world. President Lyman explained that the Latter-day Saints also had the Book of Mormon to aid them and also living oracles and the servants of the Lord who also obtain light from heaven. "The dead lie, but the spirit giveth light."

President C. D. Fjeldsted was the next speaker. He spoke of the mission of Jesus Christ, and truth of "Mormonism." The choir then sang "Fair is thy night," and benediction was pronounced by President Christian D. Fjeldsted.

The dedication of the fine new meetinghouse in Christiania will undoubtedly add to the many notable events which have taken place in these far

northern countries. There were present 148 missionaries, from almost every nation in Europe: Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, England, Germany and America were all fully represented in this body. Two Priesthood meetings were held on Saturday, the 25th, where the Elders were given some very good advice. Also on Monday, the 27th, and Tuesday, the 28th of July, two Priesthood meetings were held, each of these days, Apostle Lyman was the main speaker, which will long be remembered by those present. Each Elder present was given the privilege to testify concerning the message which he was sent out to proclaim and all present bore testimony to the divinity of "Mormonism."

Among the pleasures which the missionaries experienced while in Christiania was a steam boat ride out in the fjord, west of Christiania. There were about 125 on board to enjoy the "world-famed fjord." From a distance one could hear the songs of Zion ascend and one almost feels like he was in "Our mountain home so dear." This joyful trip took three hours and all were thankful that they had seen some of Norway's famous fjords.

Wednesday afternoon, July 29, was a happy time for "Mormon missionaries," made so by Brother and Sister John R. Hendrickson of Logan. The occasion was that of a big dinner. The large assembly hall was cleared and tables placed. They were spread for about 175 persons. At the center table was Apostle Lyman, President Skanckhy and President Fjeldsted. President Lyman returned thanks for the food and then a delicious repast was served. After dinner a very interesting program was enjoyed. About 8:30 the choir came and sang, "Let the mountains shout for joy," "Hosanna" and other songs.

The choir under the leadership of Elder Willard Christopherson, is worthy of much praise for their excellent work.

NEW ZEALAND MISSION.

A Brief Report by One of the Laborers in that Field.

Elder A. W. Wright writes from Dannevirke, Hawke's Bay, N. Z., July 24, as follows:

In company with my wife and others I was sent apart on the 27th of June, 1903. We landed in Auckland on the 28th of July. I have labored in four different cities and have enjoyed my labors very much. I have seen the power of the Lord made manifest many times and have been very much pleased in the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith, and have made many friends. There are many good people in this land. I have had the best of health. My wife has learned the Maori language, and she is laboring among them and is doing a good work.

My companion is Elder A. L. Curtis of Salem, Utah county. The work has not been so much among the Europeans as it is now. I believe many will listen to the Elders. The "News" is a welcome visitor. It helps to refute bad reports about our people.

Mrs. H. P. Meyer of Dannevirke desires to know the whereabouts of her brother-in-law, Johan Hansen, a stone-mason. He formerly lived in Logan, Cache county. They have written to him, but the letters have been sent back. If one of them has relatives in this land will send names, we will be pleased to visit them.

IN MICHIGAN.

The Work Progressing Notwithstanding Opposition.

Elder Albert Nyman, in a letter dated Allegan, Mich., Aug. 17, reports:

The work of the Lord is progressing rapidly in this part of the State's territory, notwithstanding the great prejudice which exists, and the many falsehoods that have been circulated by the press and from the pulpit.

While on our travels we meet those who have not kindly feelings toward us, and speak bitterly against the Saints; we also meet those who treat us like servants of God.

In my travels I have met scores who have visited Zion, and all but one have spoke well of us. The exception is well known to "Mormons." Elder Egbert and myself entered the First Baptist church of Kalamazoo, a few evenings ago. A lecture was delivered by Prof. McCune on "Mormonism." He has spent a dozen years in Utah. While there, he taught the English and German languages at the Agricultural college, Logan. He related some truths and a great many falsehoods, written by our enemies half a century ago.

He said among other things that he once attended conference services at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, and listened to one of the Apostles. He said: "Well, I thought I lived about 2,000 years ago." He did not reflect that the number of years mentioned would take him back to the noonday of time when Christ and His Apostles were on the earth.

Anyone having relatives or friends in this vicinity and wishing them looked up, please address Elder Albert Nyman, Allegan, Mich.

FROM BELGIUM.

Elder Perry G. Snow writes as follows from Liege, Belgium, Aug. 2:

It is now more than 10 years since the Gospel was introduced to this people. During that time some progress has been made here, though not so much as in some other parts. This condition is due to two causes. First, the nature of the people among whom we are called to labor, and a lack of Elders who speak this language fluently.

The people are very strongly Catholic, and wherever we go we find a spirit of being satisfied with that which they have, and without a desire to have anything more. However, there are many honest souls who are seeking after the truth and where these are found they seldom fail to see the beauty of the Gospel.

The work is progressing slowly in this part and we are long to add a few more members to our band. The "News" is a welcome visitor.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

WASATCH STAKE.

The Quarterly Conference at Heber City.

Heber City, Wasatch Co., Utah, Aug. 11.—The quarterly conference convened at Heber City last Saturday and Sunday was a most joyful and successful event. Nature tempered the elements to the good of the gathering and the Lord was exceedingly gracious in the outpouring of His Spirit on both the speakers and hearers.

Elders George Teasdale and Reed Stoot were present from the council of the Apostles; besides whom, the stake presidency, seven Patriarchs, 11 High Councilors and a good representation of the stake and local officers were present.

The vote sustaining the general and

local authorities was enthusiastic and unanimous. Joseph R. Lamborn was sustained to fill a vacancy in the High Council and Edward Clyde as an alternate member thereof. Don L. Biglow and John W. Carille were added to the home missionary list. Reports from Presidents William H. Smart and Joseph R. Murdock, indicated a spirit of harmony in the presidency and leading stake officials, which extends quite generally among the people at large. Progress is continuing in the various departments of the stake, and prosperity smiles upon nearly every home.

Similar sentiments were expressed by some 30 other of the brethren and sisters who made brief remarks and reported their respective departments.

Elder Walter Cluff, representing the R. Y. A. Society, spoke upon the subject of education.

Elder Smoot said in part, that he was impressed with the magnitude of the Church in its organization; its members cannot get out of working in some department or other, provided they are willing. One of the secrets of our success is that we handle all the members of the Church, commencing almost at the cradle and continuing till they reach the grave. He referred to the duty of parents towards their children and also to the subject of education.

The speaker deprecated the necessity importing so many artisans among us, and our own boys and girls are either working at inferior occupations at low wages, or forced to leave home. The speaker strongly denounced the habit of card playing and enumerated several instances where those who had persisted in the practice had wrecked their lives.

Elder Teasdale admonished the Saints to be kind to themselves and to be kind in their lives in order that they may be long lived, and the blessings of the Lord. The speaker contrasted the Church of God to the man-made systems of the world and showed the necessity of having living oracles to guide the Saints continually. The speaker plainly showed that there can only be one Church upon the earth which God recognizes, and that Joseph Smith was not deceived when he was told that all systems of religion then extant were false. He stated that the spirit of hate against the Saints is as strongly manifested now as it ever was, so far as the leaders of religions are concerned, and that our only safety is in giving ourselves to the Lord, keeping His commandments and letting Him fight our battles as He has promised to do.

NEBO STAKE.

Encouraging Reports at the Quarterly Conference.

The regular quarterly conference of the Nebo Stake of Zion convened in the pavilion, Spanish Fork, at 10 o'clock a. m., Aug. 15, 1903.

Present on the stand: Apostle M. F. Cowley, the full presidency of the stake, seven High Councilors, three Patriarchs and seven Bishops.

Music for conference furnished by the choir of Spanish Fork.

Roll was called and the quorums of the Priesthood, and all the auxiliary organizations were represented. The clerk read a summary of the reports for the last three months, showing that there had been 38 baptisms, 113 children blessed, 62 received, 75 removed, 42 births reported, 18 deaths, 15 individuals married in the temple, 11 married by proxy, 10 deaths reported, six missionaries returned. Condition of Saints and health of people good; 116 meetings of the various bishoprics, 1479 families in the stake, and 32 of the stake have relatives in Utah. 24 ordinations to Lesser Priesthood. Tithes received not quite equal to the same period in 1902.

President Page reported the stake organizations comprising the Presidency of stake working in harmony and the Priesthood laboring for the good of the stake.

Saints generally are prospering both spiritually and temporally. Reports from various wards and associations were very encouraging.

Apostle Cowley spoke of the need of preaching the Gospel at home as well as abroad. Reported some of the work being done by the bureau of information. Spoke of the progress of the work of God at home and abroad. Activity and energy are the watchwords of today. The auxiliary organizations are all laboring in one great cause, the good of humanity.

Commended the statistical and general report. Urged more activity in gathering fast offerings, that no one should be allowed to suffer, no matter what their creed may be.

One by one the principles of the Gospel as revealed to Joseph Smith are being adopted by the various sects of Christendom. President Page spoke of prophecy and revelation, and the fulfillment thereof.

On Sunday, the 16th, the pavilion was crowded both forenoon and afternoon. We had with us also the Patriarch of the Church, John Smith, and Apostle A. O. Woodruff. The main themes dwelt upon were chastity, liberty, activity, tithing, keeping the Sabbath day holy, the necessity of energy in all our duties and labors. Education was also emphasized by the speakers.

The observance of the Sabbath day by the sisters was urged by the speakers. Sunday forenoon was principally devoted to Sunday school work. In the afternoon, patriotism to country and Church was urged upon all. The general and stake authorities were presented by the clerk and unanimously sustained. The necessity of educating the heart, the head and the hand was a prominent feature.

In the evening the M. I. A. held a crowded session. Improvement and education were the main themes. Taken altogether the conference was one of the most spirited, interesting and instructive that has ever been held in the Nebo stake.

CASSIA STAKE.

Quarterly Conference Held at Oakley.

Oakley, Aug. 12.—The quarterly conference of Cassia Stake convened at Oakley Aug. 8 and 9, 1903. The stake presidency, a majority of the High Council, and the Bishops of all the wards and many other leading brethren were in attendance. There were none of the General Authorities present.

President Wm. T. Jack reported the stake as being in a very prosperous condition.

A ward teachers' convention was held

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on the evening of the 7th of Aug., and very valuable instructions were given to that body of the Priesthood.

The Saints are blessed with good crops, and hay is in great demand at the Twin Falls canal as it is a great help. The meetings of Saturday morning and afternoon were well attended. Reports were given of Blaine, Almo and Albion wards by their Bishops. Saturday evening was a general Priesthood meeting. We were favored with the presence of Elder D. M. Todd of Granite Stake, who gave excellent counsel to the young people, and our duties generally as Saints of God. At 10 a. m., the opening exercises of the Oakley First ward Sabbath school were held. Very appropriate remarks were made to the children and parents by Elder D. H. Ward, a lately returned missionary. Also Elder D. M. Todd and S. P. Worthington, the new stake Sunday school superintendent.

At 2 p. m., Sunday, after opening exercises and the administration of the Sacrament, the general and local authorities were unanimously sustained.

Elders John L. Smith and William T. Harper, counselors in the stake presidency, made very spirited and profitable remarks, fully endorsed President Jack's report of the condition of the stake.

Elder Todd then addressed the conference upon the duties of Saints in every-day life.

President W. T. Jack gave the closing remarks and announced the opening of the Cassia Stake academy on Sept. 7, 1903. Four large additional rooms for the accommodation of students would be ready and furnished for the opening. On Sunday evening was held the Y. M. and Y. L. conference. President Wm. T. Jack and Elder D. M. Todd were the speakers, devoting much time to the social conditions that should exist among the young people.

The singing was a great feature of the conference, and then in the best conference held in Cassia Stake. JOHN J. MILLARD, Stake Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Sister Georgina Leonard of Huntington, Emery county, returned to Salt Lake, Aug. 17, from a mission to Colorado. She was set apart June 4, 1902, and labored during her absence, in the city of Denver, where she met with gratifying success. Sister Leonard was released June 19, but during the interim has been visiting with her husband, who is president of the West Colorado conference. She reports the outlook in that state all that could be desired and says the missionaries have much to encourage them in their work of tracing and open-air preaching. There are still four lady missionaries in Denver.

Elder H. W. Merrill of Richmond, Cache county, was in Salt Lake on Tuesday of this week on his return from a mission to Colorado. He only remained a few hours on account of the serious illness of his wife. Five days prior he received a telegram announcing that she was dangerously sick and that his immediate return was imperative. Accordingly President McRae released him to come home and he started at once. Elder Merrill was set apart for his mission June 25, 1901, and went to Colorado. He labored in the northern part of the state for the first four months, after which he was made president of the Pueblo conference, with headquarters at Pueblo. The conference has but 13 Elders, but it is in a flourishing condition and all are doing an excellent work. One of them, however, is now ill with typhoid fever—Elder Sweeten of Mendon, Cache county. A new brick church building has been erected at Pueblo recently, and best of all it is more than half paid for, with the prospect for the liquidation of the entire obligation in the near future.

Elder Roy S. Kent of Lewiston, Cache county, was set apart July 10, 1901, for a mission in the Eastern States, and returned July 23. He labored all the time in the state of New York in Albany, Cohoes and New York city, where he reports the Gospel work progressing nicely. There is a small branch and a Sunday school at Albany.

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Elder Charles R. Mabey, of Bountiful, Davis county, returned July 1, from the German mission, where he has been laboring with some success and pleasure since July 21, 1900. His fields of labor were in the Dresden and Berlin conferences. He left just in time to miss receiving banishment papers. Elder Mabey reports the Berlin conference, over which he presided for 10 months past, in a flourishing condition. A good work had been done there up to the time he left.

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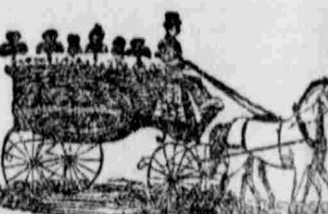
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