

that has ever been upon the earth. God has chosen the Latter-day Saints to lay the foundation of a work that will stand forever. For one thousand years there will be uninterrupted peace on this fair earth of ours. Satan will be bound, and will not have power to tempt. There will be such a righteous people that they will not listen to his temptations. The Latter-day Saints are the people whom God has chosen to do this work, if they will. If they will not do it, He will raise up those who will; for this work cannot stand still. It may be that many of this people will be like the children of Israel whom God led out of Egypt. He designed, if they had been willing, to have led them into the promised land. He did everything that he could for them. He manifested His power; He led them with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night; He fed them with angels' food from heaven, as the Psalmist calls it; He brought them water from the flinty rock; He wrought many miracles in their behalf. Yet it is a sad thing to say that out of the multitude of the Israelites who left Egypt, only two of them over twenty years of age lived to enter the promised land. The carcasses of the people laid in the wilderness, because they were hard in their hearts, and they provoked the Lord, and He swore in His wrath that they should not enter into that land. He took away the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood from them, and gave them the Aaronic Priesthood, and the law of carnal commandments, which should be as a schoolmaster to bring them to Christ. So hard in their hearts were they that when they were bitten by the fiery serpents, they perished because they would not take the trouble or did not have the faith to look upon the brazen serpent which Moses had made at the command of God. The Savior, in alluding to this, said that He should be lifted up even as Moses lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness, and those who looked to him should receive salvation.

Now, my brethren and sisters, we may not be so hard in our hearts as they were, but we are in a somewhat similar condition. We are in a state of probation and of trial. God has assigned us a great work, if we will take hold of it. It should be the desire of every man in this Church to so live that the promises of God will be sure to him; that God will spare his seed, so that in every generation, as long as time shall last, he will have faithful men of his descent bearing the Priesthood, to stand up before God and to serve Him. "Oh! that my posterity may live and be faithful to the truth, so that when wickedness and all who do wickedly shall be swept from the face of the earth, they will remain numbered among the people of God!" This should be the feeling of every Latter-day Saint. And how shall they remain? Only by keeping the commandments of God ourselves, and teaching them to do so. Every man should feel that there is a great responsibility resting upon him to set a proper example before his family, and every woman should feel the same, that their children may copy after them, and with profit, so that it shall not be said that through our unfaithfulness our children have gone astray and done that which is wrong. Some of them perhaps will go astray anyway, do the best we can; but there will be no responsibility attaching to us if we do our duty; we will at least have our garments clear of their blood and

the blood of all other men. Therefore, in all our dealings, my brethren and sisters, let us remember who we are; let us remember what God has promised unto us, and what He has chosen us to do. He has chosen us to be kings and priests, and to hold great dignity and power in the eternal worlds, and we should live worthy of it. We should bear testimony unto our Father by our lives that we have not received these blessings in vain; that we shall not be cut off as the children of Israel were without seeing the fulfilment of the promises of God, but that we may live out our days, and our children after us, to behold the goodness of God and the going forth of His mighty power in the earth. For His power will be more and more manifest, and wickedness will be swept from the face of the earth. The day is approaching when this will be the case, and when all who practice wickedness will share the dreadful fate of which the Lord has spoken. God grant, my brethren and sisters, that we may be faithful, that we may keep the commandments of God, and cherish His word in our hearts until it grows and fills us from the crown of our heads to the soles of our feet, that we will be full of light and intelligence, and full of the testimony of Jesus, and that eventually we may be saved and received by our Lord in His presence, and be counted worthy to sit down with Him, and with the righteous of all ages who have gone before, in the kingdom of our Father and God, which I humbly ask in the name of Jesus for all of us. Amen.

LETTER FROM STOCKHOLM.

STOCKHOLM, February 9th.—[Special to the News.]—Gustavus Adolphus and the late celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of the Swedish king were recently made a subject of discussion in the Prussian Reichstag. The government has been greatly taken to task by the Catholic members of the House not only for allowing the celebration to go on, but still more for its giving an official stamp to the same. The Protestants were up in arms. One of the Catholics, who styled the great Swedish king as an incendiary, came, it is said, near to be thrown out of a window. The discussion ended with a speech by Dr. Friedberg, in which he praised Gustavus Adolphus as the hero of Protestantism, simultaneously denouncing Rome and the Pope under the most vigorous protests from the Catholic side of the House.

King Oscar has just conferred with the Norwegian leaders of the left and some ex-ministers of the state in regard to the present political crisis. His majesty has attentively listened to the advice of the politicians, but refuses to divulge anything which can give even the slightest clue to his own opinion in regard to the situation.

After an absence of several years Princess Marie and her husband have returned to Copenhagen, where they were met at the railroad depot by King Christian, the crown prince and crown princess, Princes Christian and Carl, Prince Jean of Orleans and Prince Hans. The wild rumors, which have been circulated to the effect that the princess should be a chronic alcoholic, a loose woman, etc., are said to be without any foundation whatever, and

the royal reception tendered the princess may be regarded as an official denial of another rumor that her highness should be a persona non grata at the Danish court.

A Swedish expedition to Terra del Fuego, or Fireland, will leave Stockholm next October. The leader will be Dr. Otto Nordenskiöld, a son of Professor A. E. Nordenskiöld of arctic fame. Another man of science, who will accompany the expedition is Dr. Axel Oklin, recently back from the expedition, which was sent out to rescue Björling and Kallstenius, the young Swedish explorers.

Claude Monet, the famous French artist and the so called "father of impressionism," will spend a few weeks in Christiania for the purpose of painting Norwegian scenes.

The world's record in heavy lifting was broken here last Sunday at an exhibition given by the Stockholm athletic club, Arvid Anderson, an amateur athlete, performing the feat by lifting a 362 pound dumbbell over his head.

The city aldermen of Stockholm have granted an appropriation of 300,000 kronor for the international industrial exposition to be held here in 1897.

Captain C. Sparre, of the Norwegian navy, was greatly reprimanded a few days ago by his superior officers on account of his having written the following threats against Sweden in a Christiania paper: "He who believes that the sword of a Norwegian officer will stay in the sheath, as soon as an armed Swede shows himself on this side of the frontier, will be greatly disappointed and must take the consequences of his disappointment. Will Sweden have peace, she shall have peace, but does she want war, war she shall have. We are neither afraid nor do we despair of the result."

Monsieur Lugne Poe, the French actor and theater manager who is said to be a descendant of Allan Edgar Poe, the American poet, received recently the *Literis et Artibus* gold medal of King Oscar as a reward for the great interest Mr. Poe has manifested in introducing Scandinavian dramas to the Parisian theater-goers.

A commercial treaty between Norway and Portugal will probably be signed in a few days by representatives of both countries. Negotiations are now going on and promise a good result.

A number of young Swedes, all born in Stockholm, are doing service in the Japanese army, and according to letters received here, many of them have been promoted since the war against China was declared.

At the skating tournament in Trondhjem last Sunday Wilhelm Manseth won the 500 metre race. He covered the track in 46 4-5 seconds, smashing all previous records for that distance.

An elaborate banquet in honor of Baron Tamm, the president of last summer's Americanist congress, was given here by the arranging committee of said congress. Several of those attending declared their intention of visiting the next Americanist congress, which is to be held in Mexico.

Mormon missionaries who visited Sweden, Norway and Denmark last year, report the number of converts as 464. Since 1850 45,000 Scandinavians have become Mormons, of which number about 20,000 have emigrated to Salt Lake City, Utah.