

small and powerless but it is as everlasting as the invisible powers of nature, whether in Zion or in Babylon. What will be done to us only the Lord knows. But what He has in store for us, that will we submit to as a trial necessary for the perfecting of our faith. Without labor there is no reward, so also, without suffering there are no blessings. If anything is proved against us, the penalty will be a fine and banishment from the kingdom for the Elders, and a fine for the members. Well, whatever happens, will be for the best. The Saints are very strong and our friends who were present have become strengthened in their belief in the Gospel.

**LATER:** The affair a short time ago that we looked upon as trouble has turned out to be the best thing for the branch that could have happened. I have called on the American consul and had a very friendly interview with his honor, and did not leave until he promised to exercise his influence in our behalf. We have written twice to the prince regent, at present the highest personage in the kingdom. We have also sent a petition for freedom to the minister of the interior and several communications to the chief of police. We have visited most all of the commissioners, who are really mayors of the different additions to the city of Munich. I have visited one of the commissioners five different times and developed very friendly relations. Indeed, so much so, that he invited me to pay him a visit at his home, and introduced me to his daughter.

During one visit I politely suggested the propriety of returning our books, etc., which were confiscated on the day of our arrest. He seemed surprised that they had not been returned and told me not to trouble about them as he would see to that personally. The next morning a fine-looking officer marched in with everything that had been taken from us. Upon another occasion I spoke to the commissioner in regard to the fines which had been imposed upon us. I told him I could not expect it otherwise with myself, but I hardly thought it justice to fine the members of the branch. He promised to do what he could about it, and soon after we received papers exonerating us all from the fines.

I have been brought face to face with about fifteen government officials through our trouble, and have given them to understand what the Mormons are, which seemed to be quite a revelation. We are now thankful to the Lord that we are given this privilege, as the gain is far greater than the loss. We shall have a great celebration here on Easter; it will be more of a concert than a meeting, as meetings are forbidden. We shall invite several government officials.

If the Lord has so planned things that we are to have freedom here, the Munich branch will be one of the largest and most united in the European mission. Now, we have more to do than two Elders can properly attend to, and should we gain liberty, at least six Elders will be required.

We are all well and the work is rolling on. Love and the blessings of the Lord upon all. Your affectionate son,  
LE ROI O. SNOW.

### GOOD NEWS FROM MONTANA.

ANACONDA, Mont., May 5, 1897.

Since writing you in February last many changes have taken place in the Montana mission field, some of which are worthy of notice.

We have had six Elders in the field, and five a portion of the time, which is the present complement. The openings for preaching the Gospel are such that at the present time a dozen Elders are needed to initiate the work even to a small degree. The Elders all report kind treatment and welcome reception everywhere they go, with slight exceptions. Meeting houses and school-houses are opened to them more freely than can be accepted of in some instances. Every where where meetings are held the people turn out generously to hear what these much talked about Mormons have to say. Idle curiosity is not all which prompts the attendance of many to listen to what this strange people have to say. If it is, we can only say, "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." Many are investigating what we teach. Some have obeyed by going into the waters of baptism. Others have passed in their names and will be immersed in due time. Four candidates will be added by this ordinance tomorrow in Anaconda. These will make ten since last December. Others are ready (if not already baptized) in another part of the state.

Elder F. S. Bramwell paid us a visit February 20th and did some very effective preaching both in Anaconda and Deer Lodge valley. His services were much appreciated. Since that time the writer has visited Jefferson valley where Elders O. J. Black and Geo. S. Young have been laboring since December last year. These Elders are doing a good work and their labors already have borne precious fruit.

President T. E. Ricks called on us January 24th, and set the Gospel work into better order than formerly. His counselors, W. F. Rigby and T. E. Bassett, have been with us, the latter on March 28th, and the former April 28th; each of them staying a few days and preaching to the people, as well as settling in more perfect order the affairs pertaining to the mission.

Their arrival was duly noticed in the Standard and Recorder, both of which treat our cause with the utmost courtesy. Our newspaper, the Whitehall Zephyr, remembered us nicely and printed our Articles of Faith in full. Such kindly acts as these deserve a warm place in the heart of all liberty loving people.

The railroads are not one whit behind the times; they, too, extend the hospitalities over their lines to our Elders. Thus, we see a spirit of fairness brooding over fair Montana, such as was never known before in the history of the latter-day work.

On the 3rd instant, about forty friends met to enter in appreciation of the labors of Elders Willard Johnson and Wm. Thornley among them. These brethren left Anaconda yesterday for Jefferson valley, intending to treat the country from Gaylord to Dillon and Lima.

Elders Young and Black will labor in Deer Lodge valley until the middle of June.

Sunday, the 2nd inst., a Relief

society was organized in Anaconda branch. Sister Mary P. Davis was elected president, Maria S. Short, first counselor; second not chosen; Sarah Jane Truscott, secretary.

The first Sunday of each month is observed both here, at Lima, and at Gaylord as fast days, among the Saints, and meetings are well attended.

In my letter to the DESERET NEWS last February I requested all the Saints having friends or relatives in Montana to write to us so we could look them up. In less than nine weeks we received a letter from Sweden, Europe, replying to our request. This is evidence that the letters of missionaries appearing in your paper are well read. To me those letters are the most interesting part of the paper. We repeat our request for letters of inquiry.  
P. TEMPEST.

### HONOR GIVEN WHERE DUE.

The 75th anniversary of the birth of Sister Bathsheba W. Smith, wife of the late President George A. Smith, and second counselor to Sister Zina D. H. Young in the Relief Society organization, was celebrated in fitting style on Monday, May 3rd at the residence of her granddaughter, Mrs. D. R. Allen of Forest Dale ward.

There were about seventy-five guests present, mostly relatives, and after all had assembled together Elder John Henry Smith made a very eloquent and powerful address of welcome, in which he made reference to the noble traits possessed by the woman in whose honor they had met. These followed the following letter of congratulation from President Joseph F. Smith:

SALT LAKE CITY, April 3, 1897.

My Dear Aunt Bathsheba:

For some time I have been doting upon attending the reunion of loved ones, kindred and friends in honor of the seventy-fifth anniversary of your birth, but Providence has willed it otherwise; or rather, my physical condition is such that prudence and the counsel of Dr. Richards will prevent me from doing so.

I therefore take this method of expressing regrets for my deprivation, and most earnest desire for the happiness of all who shall gather around you this evening to do honor to the loved and worthy object of their affections, in cherished memory of, and in gratitude for your auspicious natal day.

Your life has been one of constant energy, fraught with toil and sacrifice of personal comfort, and mixed with plentiful sorrow. Along its way are strewn the mortal remains of a darling son, cut down in his very youth by ruthless, savage hands; of a beloved, and loving and honored husband, who untimely fell beneath the overwhelming weight of multiplied responsibilities, in the very midday of an eventful, noble, useful, wellnigh indispensable life; and of the martyred brothers and kinsman of your lamented husband—whose martyrdom sealed their testimony to the divine and deathless truth which lies at the foundation of the cause of Zion, for which you have endured so much. And yet, your life has been full of good works, and true womanly deeds, with real Christian patience, and with love divine, the crowning virtues of a well spent, virtuous, generous life.

I regard you as a most worthy companion of a most noble man—one of the anointed and chosen of God.