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## THE SONG FOR BREAD.

In the market-place, in the early morn,  
A poet stood, and he sang for bread,  
Some passed him by with a glance of scorn,  
And some who pitted his look forlorn  
Flung him a coin instead.

The king came out for his morning ride  
In golden laces and velvet dress,  
And the threadbare poet was pushed aside,  
And he crept away to the wood and died,  
His lyre to his bosom pressed.

His cold, dead hand in the brook afloat,  
They found him there on the daisied sod—  
And they buried him deep in his shabby coat,  
With never a prayer or a funeral note  
To wait his soul to God.

The wood is felled, and the king is dead,  
The steps of his palace are green wild mold,  
But the song that the poet sung for bread  
Has bound the world with a silver thread  
And girdled it round with gold.

MINNIE IRVING.

## LETTER FROM SCANDINAVIA.

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The Saints in Scandinavia have had the pleasure of a visit from Apostle Brigham Young, the President of the European mission, who attended the conference held in Copenhagen, April 24th, 25th and 26th, Christiania, May 2nd and 3rd, and Stockholm May 11th and 12th. After a pleasant trip over the North sea, President Young arrived in Copenhagen on the morning of the 25th of April, accompanied by Elder John F. Squires, of the Liverpool office. The roomy hall in Copenhagen was neatly decorated, and the congregations were large and attentive. The excellent choir rendered some choice selections which greatly enlivened the meetings. President Young spoke on three occasions, his speeches being translated by President A. S. Schou. The Saints were greatly blessed by the wholesome counsel and strong testimony which he gave.

Monday and Tuesday were spent in viewing a number of the many places of interest in and around Copenhagen, and in visiting among the Saints. On Wednesday noon, April 29, accompanied by President Edward H. Anderson, of the Scandinavian mission, and C. E. Thorstensen, of the Copenhagen office, the party boarded the steamer "Melchior" for Christiania. President Young, as well as the other

members of the party, greatly enjoyed the pretty scenery up the Christiania Fjord. Upon arrival on the 30th, at 11:30 a. m., the party were met by President O. H. Berg and others of the Elders. On the same evening the regular Thursday evening meeting was held, which was attended by the visiting brethren. The conference opened on Saturday evening, at which the travelling missionaries rendered reports of their labors. On Sunday three meetings were held, all of which were well attended. President Young bore strong testimonies to the divinity of the work of God, and to the restoration of the Gospel by revelation in our day. President O. H. Berg translated his remarks. The choir rendered some excellent singing which greatly enhanced the interest of the meetings. The hall was neatly decorated with evergreens, and with artificial and natural flowers. During the stay the party visited several places of interest surrounding Christiania, particularly enjoying the trip to Frognesateren, a mountain in the neighborhood from which a grand view of the city and its beautiful environs is obtained. The party attended the Bazar of the sisters of the Relief Society on Monday evening, and on Tuesday evening a meeting of the missionaries was held at which President Young gave some timely and excellent instructions.

On Wednesday, May 6th, at 4:20 p. m., the visiting brethren took leave of the Elders and good people of Christiania, and went by train via Charlottenberg for Stockholm where they arrived and were met by President A. P. Anderson on Thursday evening at 6 p. m. having greatly enjoyed the rural scenery of meadows, lakes, rivers hills and woods along the route. The hall in Stockholm was beautifully decorated. Two meetings were held on Saturday and three on Sunday, also one on Monday. Apostle Young spoke with great power on the early history of the Saints, their trials and triumphs, and bore strong testimonies that God had revealed himself in our day, and established his Church with constituted authority to perform the ordinances of the everlasting Gospel. The translation was done by Elder O. N. Stohl. During the stay quite a number of the Saints were visited, and the brethren also had an opportunity to view the scenes in and around Stockholm. On Wednesday morning, the 13th, the

party, including quite a number of the missionaries, took steamer via the romantic Lake Malaren to Upsala where an interesting meeting was held the same evening. Pres. Young also spoke here. The following day the brethren visited the noteworthy scenes and places, in and around this old city, including the old church, the cathedral, the university, etc., and at 3 p. m. left by rail for Norsholm where they took a Gota river steamer over this famous canal, lakes Wetteren and Neunern via Trollhattan to Goteborg where they arrived at 7 p. m. on Sunday, May 17th; and were met by President L. Dahlquist. During the journey its pleasure was marred by a severe attack of quinsy from which President Young suffered. He was so far recovered, however, on Monday that he was enabled to speak in the meeting which had been called for that day at 4 p. m. This was the Pentecost holiday, and there was a fair attendance of strangers. President Young spoke for a short time with great spirit, his remarks being translated by President Dahlquist. On the 19th the brethren viewed the scenery in and around Goteborg. On Wednesday, 20th, at 7 a. m. President Young and Elder Squires returned from Goteborg by Wilson steamer for Hull, and thence to Liverpool, where they arrived in good health and spirits, on the 23rd. President Anderson went by steamer to Copenhagen, and arrived there at 6 o'clock the same evening.

President Young as well as Elder Squires was very favorably impressed with the people in Scandinavia, and took great delight in becoming acquainted with the Saints. They were pleased with the uniform good treatment and attention which they received from the Saints and Elders as well as from friends and strangers, and said upon departing that the visit was one of the most pleasant experiences of their lives, which they will always remember with delight. Speaking for the Saints and Elders, it is safe to say that their visit will likewise be remembered and appreciated. The instructions given will do much good, and doubtless encourage the Saints to a firmer determination to perform their duties and live their religion.

There is everything to encourage the Elders in these lands, since the prospects for the progress of the work of God are good in nearly all parts of