



ANTI-"MORMONISM."

A Brutal Assault by a Preacher Upon Two Elders.

Elder C. F. Martineau sends this report dated Wilmington, N. C., June 8: A little incident occurred in the missionary experience of Elders J. Clark Owens, and Lorenzo DePriest, on May 12, which is not important in itself, but since some of the newspapers have published a story according to their liking, I have thought best to send you the story as it happened, that the Saints and friends may get the correct version and be able to defend the servants of God.

On Friday, just as we were leaving Wilmington, Friday county, after leaving received our mail, a short distance from the postoffice, we noticed a man walking along behind us. Finally he asked us if we were "Mormon" preachers. Then he went on with other questions and at last brought up the smoot case. I did not like his actions, and if I had done as I felt, I would have walked off and left him. But I thought that would look cowardly, and I decided to defend our faith. He asked if we thought that Joseph Smith and Brigham Young were inspired of God, and if God acknowledged men who had more than one wife.

To the first question I answered yes, and then proceeded to explain the scriptures in support of the latter, closing with the statement that Christ was a descendant of David who had more than one wife. He spoke out pretty hard against us and then said that he did not want us to preach around that country, etc. Then he caught me by the throat and hit me twice in the mouth. Afterwards he kicked Elder DePriest several times and told us to "get out of there."

He took Elder DePriest's grip and threw at him twice, almost knocking him down. We started off and he got me by the arm and used his foot somewhat freely, then with a few threats he left us. A number of men stood a short distance from us, looking on. These men were, no doubt, of his own stripe and were there for a purpose. It was a preacher who made the assault and right here we ask, did he show a single characteristic of the man he claims to represent? What an object lesson and how nobly taught!

AT SOUTH BEND.

Elders Visit That City in Indiana And Give a Testimony.

Elder G. H. Burr writes from Chicago, Ill., June 7:

South Bend, Ind., was treated to a visit from 35 of Zion's valiant sons, who, accompanied with boldness the law of the Lord, in halls and upon the streets, until many people, as they passed from one corner to the other, were heard to say—"the city must be full of 'Mormons'!"

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to heart and put in practice by the returning pairs of Elders to their fields of labor.

One pair write, "We have been out four days, held four evening street meetings in four small towns, distributed 350 tracts, sold 14 Voices of Warning, and were well entertained." "We heartily approve of your plan of going into small towns and notifying them to come out on their public corner and listen to the Gospel, for in every case we have been eminently successful. We shall tell it further and trust in the Lord to provide a place to sleep after we have done our duty by warning the people from their street corners." Besides encouraging letters from Elders who are following the mission plan for country work, comes good news from South Bend to Europe to meet the Gospel by several honest souls as a reward for the Elders' visit to that city.

635 W. Adams street, mission office has been visited with calls from several people from home, among them being Mrs. Charles A. Nelson, Miss Alice Reynolds, Miss Campbell, Edgington, and Miss Tuddingham of Salt Lake City and Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Logan and Mrs. Carol Cannon, who was en route to Europe to meet the Gospel by several honest souls as a reward for the Elders' visit to that city.

The value of the "News" is very much appreciated as a missionary among the people of this mission.

Young Mother's Sad Death.

Kinston, N. C., June 3.—Mrs. Maggie Sparrows died about two weeks ago, after a short but painful illness. She was about 32 years of age and a loving wife and affectionate mother. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a faithful worker, filled the office of secretary with honor in the first Sabbath school organized in this part of the Southern States mission; and for her earnest efforts will be greatly missed among her folks and many friends. She was always ready to give reason for the hope that was within her, and bore a strong testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel, and her only regret was that of leaving her dear little children without a kind, loving mother's care. She leaves a husband and four small children, the oldest being nine years.

There being no Elders in that neighborhood at the time of her death, the funeral discourse was given several days after the burial at the home of her parents, Brother and Sister Ivy Andrews. Elder L. W. Johnson took charge. Sister Sparrows was baptized by Elder J. W. Telford in July, 1898. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved father and family.

L. W. JOHNSON.

THE SWISS MISSION.

General Conference Held at Zurich.

Elder J. Fred Evans reports as follows, in a letter dated Chaux de Fonds, May 27:

A general conference of the Swiss mission was held at Zurich, Sunday, May 22. The Elders assembled the day before at 10 a. m. at Gemeinde Str. 25 in Priesthood meetings, to listen to instructions from Apostle Grant. President Levi Young, President Hugh J. Cannon and others. Every Elder reported himself well in body and spirit. Apostle Grant occupied most of the time.

At an afternoon meeting the instructions were continued. Sunday morning meeting convened at 10 a. m. in a beautiful hall near Gemeinde Str. 26, the house being crowded with Saints and friends. President Young gave an address of welcome and presented the names of the authorities of the Church. All were sustained unanimously.

Apostle Grant, speaking in English with Elder Keller as interpreter, addressed the congregation. He said in part that the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith was being proven more clearly by daily events. The people should not be unduly excited over the alacrity that are being hurried against them by the press for their contradictions and misquoting statements prove themselves false. It was a false article of this kind that started Carl G. Maeser to investigate "Mormonism." President Young followed with his farewell address. He is soon to depart for home, after a most successful mission. He thanked the Saints and Elders for the love they had shown him and the manner in which they had sustained him. He said the mission in a most flourishing condition and has enlarged it by the addition of branches in the French part. The Swiss and German missions will hereafter be combined with President Hugh J. Cannon at the head.

In the afternoon meeting Elder Rohrer of Basel spoke on the first principles of the Gospel. Sister Mohr followed with a solo beautifully rendered. President Cannon spoke on repentance and closed with a powerful testimony of the Gospel. Elder Pike delighted the audience with a solo, after which Apostle Grant addressed the congregation. At the evening meeting President William Cannon of the Holland mission bore a strong testimony. President Young spoke on revelation and Elders Campbell, Pike and Keller followed with a trio. Elder Robinson of the Liverpool office bore his testimony, and Apostle Grant closed with the experimental knowledge of the Gospel.

Monday the Elders had a photograph taken of them. In the evening Saints and Elders met in a farewell reception for President Young and Elder Wilmann.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Encouraging Progress Reported In That Field.

Writing from Forest Lodge, Sydney, April 28, Lucian L. Noyes says: Our annual conference of New South Wales convened Sunday, 24th inst., with very gratifying results. We were favored with the presence of Elder Duckworth and wife, president of the Australian mission. Other Elders present were G. H. Hall, conference president; B. L. Robins, Lucian L. Noyes, J. F. Walk and Delbert Stanger. Two sessions were held in the old Fellows hall, Wilson street, Newtown, Sydney. Notwithstanding the threatening stormy weather our hall was nearly full at 2:30 p. m., the appointed hour for the first meeting, the largest attendance in an afternoon service in the history of the conference.

Elder G. H. Hall presided. The sacrament was administered by Elders Walk and Stanger. Elder Duckworth made a few explanatory remarks as to the manner in which the Church upholds its presiding authority. He then presented the Authorities, both general and local, which were unanimously sustained. Elder B. L. Robins gave the opening address on "Church Organiza-

tion." Sisters Duckworth and McLean, and Brothers de Witt and Noyes rendered a selection. Elder Noyes occupied the remainder of the time.

When the time for evening service arrived—7 p. m.—our hall was filled with a very intelligent audience, fully half of whom were strangers and inquirers. After singing and prayers, Elder Hall spoke at some length on the divine mission of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Church. A quartet, "Sunshine in the Soul," was then rendered by the above mentioned four. President James Duckworth gave the concluding address on popular opinions of "Mormonism," and the character and history of the Latter-day Saints.

New South Wales has every reason to rejoice. It is in a thriving condition. There is a larger attendance at our hall services than ever before. We also get a respectable hearing at our open air meetings.

Bitter attacks are frequently made by the Josephites, but this only has a tendency to promote the cause of truth.

Our Sunday school and M. I. associations are growing very rapidly. Quite a number of those in attendance are non-members of the Church. The Elders, though very few—five in number—are working very zealously for the cause of truth. One by one the honest in heart are being led through the gateway into the fold. The "News" and tracts are always welcome visitors.

LAID TO REST.

Sister Martha A. Studdard of Rutledge, Georgia.

Elder E. I. Whiting writes from Rutledge, Morgan Co., Ga., May 29:

All the Elders and Saints who knew Sister Martha Studdard will regret the death of one of Georgia's most faithful Saints. She was the wife of H. H. Studdard, one of Morgan's most prosperous farmers. She was born June 2, 1833. April 1, 1899, she and her husband were baptized by Elder J. J. Facer. They were the first in this county to embrace the Gospel.

As many as 25 Elders have been at their home at one time and over 100 different Elders have visited them since they joined the Church. Their home has been compared to an oasis in the desert. Sister had been ailing for some time, but was only bedfast one day and was on her feet just a few minutes before she died. Heart failure seemed to be the cause of her death, which occurred on Feb. 1, this year. All who knew her will regret her good name. I quote the following from the Rutledge Herald and also the Madisonian: "The funeral services were conducted from the residence by Elder James P. Jensen of the Georgia conference, and were of a most impressive and appropriate manner."

"Mrs. Studdard was well known for her Christian character; though she is dead, she yet speaketh through the life she lived before her children and neighbors, and her influence for good will be felt long after her death. We know of no more appropriate epitaph that could be placed over her grave than this, 'She lived an unselfish life, and died a triumphant death.'"

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Conference Held in the City of Philadelphia.

Our semi-annual conference convened May 29 in the city of Philadelphia. Fourteen Elders were present: Elders A. V. Call, Jr., George T. Foutz, W. D. Van Dyke, Frank M. Snow, Ben Neild, Rosal Hyde, H. D. Itope, Seth C. Jones, all of Philadelphia; Elders Chas. A. Stephens, A. Whiting, W. T. Fletcher, Melbourn De Mill, of Baltimore, including mission president, Elder John G. McQuarrie, of New York, and Brother Elihu Call, who has been studying vocal music in Baltimore; also Sister A. V. Call, Jr., from Afton, Wyoming.

Conference began with a Sacrament meeting held at 10 a. m. in the Columbia hall, President A. V. Call, Jr., presiding. Sacrament was administered, and general officers of the Church were sustained. Elder Call was honorably released, and Elder Fletcher chosen to succeed him. Elder McQuarrie spoke of prophecies made by the Prophet Jos. Smith and their fulfillment. Testimonies were then given by those present.

In the afternoon Elder Fletcher spoke of difference between a mere belief in Christ and a living faith. Brother Elihu Call sang "Dream of Paradise." Elder Call spoke of the restoration, and showed that Joseph Smith was a true prophet.

Elders Stephens and McQuarrie occupied the time during the evening. The meetings were well attended and a good spirit prevailed.

Conference was concluded by a social Monday evening, and a good program was rendered.

IN THE SAMOAN MISSION.

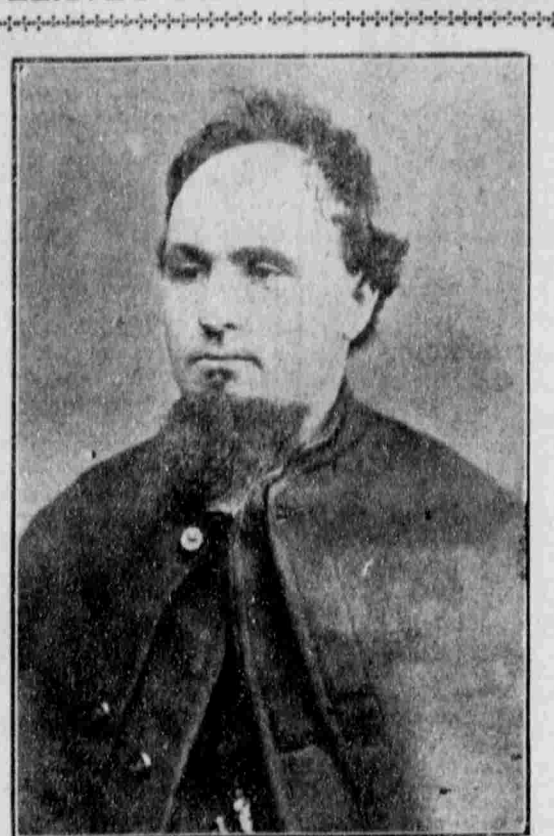
Four Conferences With Beneficial Results.

Elder J. C. Bolander Jr. writes from Mapusaga, Tutuila, Samoa, May 13: Our local conferences, four in all, which have been held on the different islands of Samoa, are just over and we feel assured that they have been, as usual, productive of much good.

The Savali conference convened on the 2nd of April in the village of Taleima, on the extreme west end of the island. The Elders and Saints from the various branches in this conference gathered at the place above named on Friday the 1st under very favorable circumstances, the greater portion of them having come in boats. All were possessed of an spirit which indicated that they had with a desire of being spiritually renewed. There were about 125 Saints in attendance. The Elders present laboring in this conference were: John Fredrickson, F. D. Baird, A. C. Merkle, Frank Kunkel, J. L. Burns, L. E. Brim and F. M. Young. Prest. Saunders and Elder Bolander were present from Upolu. The conference continued during Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 2, 3 and 4 of April, adjournment taking place in the afternoon of the last named day. Six general meetings were held, together with testimony and Sacrament meeting held on Sunday, general fast day—also general Priesthood meeting. Young Men's and Sisters' meetings were also held. The same good spirit, the word of God was expounded and all enjoyed a spiritual feast. Six baptisms were performed and ordinations to the Priesthood were made. An entertainment was given by the schools. Tusavai (German) and Taleima, to the enjoyment of all. The Saints returned to their homes feeling well paid for their journeys to conference.

Conference of the Tuamasaga and Aana districts of Upolu was held at Manono, a small island about 4 miles off the west end of Upolu. Our number of Saints on this little island is very limited, but notwithstanding this, when

LEAVES FROM OLD ALBUMS.



PRESIDENT H. S. GOWANS

As we looked at this missionary of another generation ago.

Many of the British Saints, particularly those of Scotland, will have little difficulty in recognizing the features of this half-breed. They are those of President Hugh S. Gowans of the Twelve Stake of Zion. They show him as he looked while on a mission to his native land about a generation ago. At that time he was as hale and brawny a Scot as could be found in a day's travel, even among the Highlands of a country that has been notable for its men of brawn as well as of brain. Today he is well preserved and discharges the duties of his office with customary promptness and fidelity. The photograph from which this cut was made recently came into the hands of relatives from friends in Idaho, and its publication will probably surprise no one as much as it will President Gowans himself.

We arrived there on Friday, April 15, and the few Saints there in readiness to receive us. All were well provided for.

Conference commenced Saturday morning April 16, and adjourned Monday. Six general meetings were held, and which the principles of the Gospel were well expounded, a Sunday school conference was also held and a very interesting program rendered. A report was given by the schools, at the Priesthood, Young Men's and Sisters' meetings were all held with good results. A good spirit prevailed throughout and an enjoyable time was had by all. There were about 145 in attendance. The Elders present were: M. E. Sanders, A. C. Bolander, Jr., S. L. Fish, A. C. Merkle, J. B. Cook, John Haselmann, W. W. Emery, C. Q. Cannon, John E. Rupper, F. M. Young and Sister Young. On Tuesday, 19, the Elders and Saints dispersed, bidding each other kindly, and many of their boats gayly ringing, they paddled their way toward their homes.

The President and party arriving at headquarters had one day's rest and then resumed their journey to the east end of the island of Upolu where preparations were going on for conference to be held on that part of the vineyard. On Friday, April 22, the Elders and Saints of this district gathered at the village of Siuapapa, which is about 10 miles from Malaloa, our main held in this section. We found the few Saints and people of Siuapapa all ready and pleased to receive us.

Peace reigned with fair weather during this conference, as we were in those previously held. The rain fell in torrents (such as is known only in South Seas) nearly all the time conferring was in session, but notwithstanding this we had a good time together, the principles of the Gospel were well explained in the five general meetings which were held, a testimony meeting was also held and Priesthood, Young Men's and Sisters' meetings were held. The other conferences above reported, a good spirit prevailed throughout. There were about 100 in attendance. The Elders present were: Sanders, Bolander, Cook, Merkle, J. C. Kirby, A. G. Meyerhoffer and C. L. Smart. The entertainment given by the Malaloa German-English school was much enjoyed by Elders and Saints.

Elders Sanders, Bolander, Merkle and Cook arrived from Upolu per S. S. Mavir and were present at the conference held at Mapusaga, Tutuila on May 7, 8 and 9. Elders and Saints of the conference gathered on Friday May 6, under most favorable circumstances, the weather being fine and everything promising a good conference. There were about 200 in attendance, including old Saints, school children and non-members. The Elders of the Tutuila conference were all present: James Ricks, conference president; Geo. A. Goates, M. E. Frazier, Geo. A. Lewis, G. E. Hawley, E. F. Smith and R. E. C. Howard. The latter has just arrived from Zion and we take delight in welcoming him to this land to join us, a happy band of workers for the cause of truth.

We held six general meetings, Priesthood, Young Men's and Sisters' meetings as usual. Each meeting was actuated by the Holy Spirit, much good encouragement and exhortation were given and received, the principles of the Gospel were explained and a spiritual feast was enjoyed by all. The Mapusaga (Vaoa-Penina) English school demonstrated by its entertainment given that it is rapidly progressing, so also the Pago Pago and Aloa schools, who had parts in the program. The branding of the May-Pole by a number of little tots of the Pago Pago school was also a marked feature of the day. Much good is being accomplished by all the schools on this and adjacent islands. Our greatest hopes are with the young generation of this people, as well illustrated by a remark made by one of our old chiefs, "Take our children and we will diligently with them, that they might become useful and be saved in the kingdom of God, but as for us old people, let us continue along in our old ruts, for that's where we will go anyway; we are too far gone to be covered." While the old man's statement might be moderated a little yet we realize that it is only too true. We hope in the near future to obtain land here at Mapusaga and other places on the islands sufficient to maintain larger schools than we have at present. During the last 10 months there have been 36 baptisms made here on Tutuila. The Elders' labors, as a whole, throughout the mission have been quite encouraging, and we have great hopes for the future progress of the work. The native missionaries are laboring in every branch of the mission except three. Our large concert meetinghouse in Tusavai, Savali, is nearing its completion, the carpenter work thereon is now about to be commenced and we anticipate the dedication to take place and our next general conference be held in it next October.

There is much to be done throughout the mission and as four or five of our old Elders are about to return to Zion we are brought to realize that the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

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