

spire the beholder with admiration, reverence and awe.

We left the stately tomb, the majestic cathedral, the pretty village, and all pertaining to the honorable name of Stewart, and returned to our quarters at Hempstead, feeling well paid for our visit.

We left Hempstead on the 10th inst. and came to our present address. We are now in Greater New York which also includes villages still further east. Prospects seem good for effective work in Jamaica. The three village papers have opened their columns to us, and published a short announcement of our presence here, which will be followed up by other articles. If we can find a suitable hall, we intend holding a series of lectures and discourse on Utah's history and religion, assisted by a few of Zion's singers stationed in Brooklyn. At present we are tracting the adjacent villages, and reserving Jamaica for further consideration, trusting the press notices may stimulate investigation and open up a way to the honest in heart. We feel encouraged in our new field. The people receive us kindly and freely converse upon religion. The Saints at Oceanside are in spiritual health. We meet with them twice each Sunday and they rejoice in the Gospel.

Friends wishing to communicate with us will address as follows:

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MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

Minneapolis, Jan. 27, 1898.

The first conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints held in Minnesota for about ten years, convened in Rawlins Post hall, a spacious room in the Masonic temple, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and 24. Mr. Norton, the gentleman having charge of the hall, kindly tendered us the use of it. The press also advertised our meetings, free of charge.

Six Elders have been laboring earnestly in Minneapolis since September, 1897, and our number has been gradually increasing, until now we are ten strong, with a hope of doubling our number soon.

Conference assembled Sunday morning at 11 a.m., Elder W. J. Harrison presiding. We were favored with the presence of Elder L. A. Kelsch, president of the Northern States mission. A number of friends and investigators turned out to hear the word of God proclaimed in simplicity.

The morning session was opened by singing and prayer. Elder J. H. Andersen then spoke upon the subject of faith, dwelling particularly upon faith and works.

Elder L. A. Kelsch addressed the conference upon the necessity of knowing of a doctrine, whether it be of God or of man. He also dwelt upon the fact that revelation was necessary for the guidance of the Lord's people today, as in all ages of the world.

At the evening services after singing and prayer, Elders J. W. Seamons and Joseph Hansen spoke upon the subjects of baptism and the Holy Ghost respectively, showing from a Bible standpoint the necessity of complying with the ordinance of baptism and receiving the "birth of the Spirit."

Monday at 2:30 p.m. the first meeting was held. Elders Chas. E. Clark and Andrew Peterson addressed the assembly upon the subjects of baptism and Church organization respectively.

At the evening services after singing and prayer, Elder W. J. Harrison addressed the assembly upon the subject, "Was Joseph Smith a Prophet of God?" taking the subject up from a Book of Mormon as well as a Bible standpoint.

Elder L. A. Kelsch spoke a short time and bore a strong and faithful testimony to the truth of the Gospel and the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, thus leaving the people assembled without excuse. Conference was dismissed by singing and benediction.

Monday, Jan. 24th, at 9:30 a. m., we all assembled in Priesthood meeting. Elder L. A. Kelsch spoke at some length upon the duties of missionaries, and gave much valuable instruction.

The Elders were assigned their companions and fields of labor, after which each in turn was given a chance to express his thoughts. All expressed themselves favorably regarding the work and the appointments. A good spirit prevailed and we received much spiritual strength. With renewed determination, all made new resolutions to push the work of the Lord more vigorously in the future, if possible.

Elder Kelsch departed early Tuesday morning for Oskanoba, Mich., where he will do some prospective missionary work.

The work in this part is progressing nicely at present. So far the weather has been very favorable for the pruning of the Master's vineyard, and we have hope of a bounteous harvest in the future. Old settlers say they have not seen such a remarkable winter in the history of this state. The roads are dry and dusty, and we have had no snow worth mentioning.

The appointments of the Elders with their postoffice addresses are as follows:

W. J. Harrison, Andrew Dudley, J. H. Andersen, Franklin Smith, 1408, Fourth Avenue, south, Minneapolis.

Andrew Peterson, D. H. Hammon, Chas. E. Clark, Wm. A. Chadwick, 615, Second Avenue, south, Minneapolis.

Joseph Hansen, J. W. Seamons, Monticello, Wright county, Minnesota.

The "News" is a ever welcome visitor, as its contents are especially interesting.

W. J. HARRISON,

President of Minnesota Conference.

J. H. ANDERSEN,

Clerk.

CONCERNING ELDER PAXMAN'S DEATH

Auckland, New Zealand,

Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of Zion's Maori Association, Salt Lake City, Utah:

Beloved Brethren and Sisters—Sad indeed was the intelligence conveyed by our home mail of Dec. 2nd, informing us of the death of our beloved brother and former mission president, Elder Wm. Paxman. We had learned previously of the painful accident which had befallen him whereby he was confined to his room and deprived of the pleasure of attending the October conference and meeting of the Maori association, but had hoped and prayed that his confinement was but for a short time, and that a few weeks would have found him at his post of duty, there to comfort, bless and encourage the Saints as was his wont at all times. Never for one moment did we think the grim reaper would take our brother from us.

Through the death of President Paxman we feel that the Saints of God throughout all the world have been called to mourn the loss of a loving brother, a wise counselor and truly a man of God. Our fair State has also lost one of her brightest citizens, and the people generally have been deprived of the association of one of whom it can truly be said: "The world is better for his having lived in it." The Maori association and other organizations with which he was so closely connected will feel keenly their loss, but with us will also feel to acknowledge that God doeth all things well, and will bow in humble submission to His decree.

As the news of Brother Paxman's death spread throughout this mission, sad and numerous were the expressions given vent to by the Elders and Saints located in these parts. Those of our native brethren and sisters who had been blessed with the privilege of associating with our departed brother, and of receiving counsel and advice from him at various times, felt that they indeed had lost a valiant friend. Though it is many years since he presided here, he has ever remembered us at our annual conference, by sending an epistle, full of loving exhortations, which has been read in our meeting and has assisted materially in making our conference successful and beneficial to all.

During a conference held at Te Huapuni December 25th and 26th a memorial service was held in honor of President Paxman. No sooner was the suggestion made that such a meeting be held to show our love and respect for our noble brother than it was taken up most heartily by our Maori brethren and sisters, the result being a most impressive service.

Our worthy president, Elder Ezra F. Richards, who had labored under the presidency of Brother Paxman in these islands, spoke most effectively, portraying many of the godlike qualities of our departed brother, and paying glowing, yet deserving tribute to his labors performed here. He also made reference to prophecies uttered by President Paxman, and testified of their literal fulfillment. In the remarks of the Maori Saints, some testified of the fulfillment of prophecies in their behalf, which had been uttered by President Paxman. Others spoke of his untiring efforts to present the Gospel of Christ before them in plainness, and of the lasting impression made upon their minds by his labors and example in their midst. In the remarks of every speaker there was plainly manifested that love which is only felt among those who, through the death of a fellow laborer and associate, feel they have truly lost a brother and friend.

We condole with you, all in the loss of your able president, but feel that God has called him to perform some greater work in the great beyond. Our sympathies also go out to the grieved family who have been deprived of the association of a loving, devoted husband and father.

Praying for the comforting influence which cometh only from our heavenly Father to rest upon all who mourn, and exhorting all to follow the example set by Brother William Paxman, I am, in behalf of the New Zealand mission, your brother in the cause of truth.

W. C. CASTLETON,
Mission Clerk.

NEWS FROM PAROWAN.

Parowan, Iron Co., Utah,

February 2, 1898.

A very largely attended funeral service was held here yesterday over the remains of Alva Curtis Eaves, the Tabernacle being filled. The deceased was a young man who came to this country in company with another man as prospectors from California about three years and a half ago. He located in Parowan and worked around with one and another for about two years, when he became convinced of the truth of the Gospel taught by the Latter-day Saints, and was baptized into the Church about a year and a half ago. Since then his course has been very commendable, and he was growing in the respect and confidence of this community daily. He was a leading member of the Sunday school Theological class, was 22 years of age and single. Lately he followed the business of well