

# CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



## FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Account of the Killing of a Latter-day Saint.

The Spirit of Apostasy Leads to Murder—The Elders Striving Against Prejudices.

Elders Wm. A. Nuttall and J. B. Johnson in a letter dated Palmerston North, N. Z., Nov. 4, give the following details of a shocking tragedy:

We were much grieved Tuesday, Oct. 29th, to receive news that one of our number, Geo. Wm. Hobbs, of Foxton, had shot his adopted daughter, Ethel Cameron Hobbs, and then fired a bullet into his own heart, dying instantly.

It seems for some time past said Hobbs had acted strangely and made threats of violence. Monday October 28, he came to Palmerston on the train, purchased a revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition, returning to Shannon on the evening train, arriving there about 7:30 p. m. Some words passed between him and Ethel who was keeping house for a son of Sister Emma Hobbs at the time. Hobbs also was stopping at the same place and on Tuesday morning arose and left the house only to return in a few moments and open fire upon her as she was about her work in the kitchen. One ball penetrated her abdomen, the other three lodging in her arms and hands. Another ball was fired at Mrs. Hobbs' son as he came to rescue his sister, but fortunately missed him and took effect in the door post, and the one in the pistol ended the life of himself.

Sister Ethel was brought to the hospital at Palmerston, North, where all was done that could be done by medical skill, but the tender cord which holds together body and spirit was severed about 11 p. m. Wednesday night. Funeral services were held in Foxton Sunday afternoon, remarks being made by Elders R. A. Madsen, J. B. Johnson and Wm. A. Nuttall.

A large cortege followed the remains to the cemetery.

Sister Ethel Constance Cameron Hobbs died a faithful Latter-day Saint. She was known for her kind and cheerful disposition and was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand wherever she could.

She was born in Wanganui, N. Z., June 13, 1882. For the past ten or twelve years she made her home with Bro. and Sister Hobbs. She was baptized by Elder H. C. Jex, March 23, 1896 at Levin, N. Z., and went to Utah with Brother and Sister Hobbs in March, 1900, and returned again last January.

After Hobbs' return he professed no religion and spoke against the Church and its members, and thus we see his end.

Ethel was engaged to be married to a respectable young man who was driving coach for Bro. Hobbs and it seems that she took offense at the match and often spoke against it, although his consent was given when the agreement was drawn up.

Her many friends will be shocked to hear of her sudden death.

Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife and mother, who received messages of consolation from all who knew them.

Elder R. A. Madsen came up from the funeral service to assist in the funeral service.

The newspapers here treated the case very fairly and published a statement to the effect that his "Church" principles had no bearing upon the terrible crime.

We are now enjoying our summer weather, crops look well, and prospects point to a good year for the farmers here. We are doing our best to lay prejudices which we find quite strong in places. Many people still have the idea that said Lake City is a place where once entered you can never leave again of your own free will. With the blessings of our Heavenly Father we hope to do our part and give all a chance to hear the message of truth. Friends of people at home will be glad to visit if addresses are furnished as at Palmerston, North, New Zealand.

## THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Reports Show Progress in that Part of the Field.

Elder D. B. Brinton writes from New York, Nov. 18:

The New York conference of the Eastern States mission met at Danah hall, corner of Twelfth street and Fifth avenue, Lansingburgh, Nov. 16. There were present eight Elders of this conference, and Elder John G. McQuarrie, president of the Eastern States mission. We held four public meetings, one Saturday evening and three Sunday with a fair attendance and very good order, and we had a very enjoyable time. Elder McQuarrie occupied a portion of the time at each meeting and the balance of the time was taken up by Elders Wolf, Griffin, Sloan, Blinn and Brinton. All who attended were pleased, for the instructions were dictated by the Spirit of the Lord. Monday the 18th at 10:30 the Elders met in Priesthood meeting and gave in their reports and received instructions for future work. Two of the Elders have been laboring in Ontario, Canada, and have had four baptisms. In Washington county and two in Saratoga county since our last conference. They all feel much encouraged where they have been laboring. We feel sorry to see our conference diminished one half since last fall. Two of our Elders have gone to the western part of the state to visit Saints and investigators, and four are engaged to labor in Albany this winter. If any of the readers of the "News" have friends or relatives in this section they would like visited, send their addresses to 710 Broadway, Albany.

## NEW ZEALAND MISSION.

Maoris, Formerly Unfriendly, Welcome the Elders.

Conference Well Attended—Reports Encouraging—Good Work of the Relief Society.

Elder Andrew Oldroyd, in a letter dated Te Aroha, Hauraki, N. Z., Nov. 5, reports as follows:

Having learned some two months ago by letter from Elder J. E. Magleby, that he was coming overland from the south and would be able to pay another visit to this district on his way to headquarters, we Saints and Elders, availed ourselves of the opportunity and after obtaining his approval for the work of preparation for a two days' conference.

On Saturday, October 19, I met him at Tauranga, in our neighboring district which bore the same name. After spending Sunday with the Saints, we proceeded to Hauraki, in company with two of the Elders from Tauranga district. Our first night out we stayed at a large sheep and stock ranch, consisting of about 500 acres, situated in the tops of the mountains, some 100 miles from the town of Tauranga. The day following we reached Hauraki valley about noon, our companions going on to Te Aroha. Elder Magleby and I crossed the Waikato river near Matamata station, by a road leading through the valley west of the river.

Our object in going that way was to visit the Maoris of Matamata, who had for a long time rejected the Elders, and refused to entertain their friends. It having been more than a year since they had been visited by Elders, and thinking there was a possible chance of doing some good, and no harm, at least, though perchance we would have to lodge in the Star hotel, we set out to see them.

Very rarely do Maoris turn strangers from their homes at the near approach of night, and we made our way into their village with the setting of the sun. To our happy surprise, we found the place fairly alive with Maoris, many of them having come from other places. There were between 150 and 200 of them there participating in a "Tangi tangi," or the service over the dead body of a little boy, in whom they had seen a great character, even a "god." But for some reason, they said, perhaps some sin which they had committed, the Lord had taken him from them.

At our first entering their village they seemed kindly and favorably disposed toward us, and Elder Magleby, with his extensive knowledge of the customs and language of the Maori race, and his easy way of approaching them, was not long in winning for us a warm welcome.

Ere the bell had ceased ringing for evening devotion, the big house used for special gatherings was filled to its utmost capacity. A Maori minister of the English church took upon himself the liberty of conducting the service. And, without making any explanation, he arose, said his little piece, and while the echoes of the "amen" yet lingered in the room, he disappeared through the door, as if afraid to prolong his stay.

By request of the people we sang a hymn and, after reading to them Matt. 23: 1, 2, Elder Magleby spoke very interestingly upon the Gospel.

They were not yet satisfied and asked him to continue his sermon, which he did. And again a third time by their urgent request he arose and talked until his voice became very hoarse.

He closed by giving them a short account of the Book of Mormon to which they listened with great attention, and were only too anxious to hear more.

Not wishing to wear out our welcome, we left them early next morning, and rode on to Te Aroha, where we remained until Friday evening when we took train for Kiri Kiri, arriving at that place, where the Saints had already gathered, and everything was in readiness for conference.

The evening was spent in greeting among the Elders and Saints, and on the following morning, October 26, at

10 a. m., conference opened without a vacant seat in our little church, presided over by Elder Magleby. There were also present Elders J. E. Taylor, of the Atlanta district; P. O. Marriant, P. P. Walker and P. S. Parkinson, of Tauranga; A. S. Ferrin and William Wozman, of Waikato; E. J. Young, from Auckland; William Ferguson and R. S. Newman, about Thames; the latter and companions, Elders J. A. Bates and George R. Jackson.

Immediately after opening exercises, a district conference was given of work done since January 1, 1901, during which eight new baptisms and thirteen children blessed. The district records show a death roll of five souls, leaving an increase of sixteen, which gives us a present total of 235 souls in the district.

It will be seen by the report that the growth of the Church is not very extensive in this portion of the field. "The harvest has been; the gleaners now are," and a few honest souls are being won here and there, and added to the fold.

The majority of those who have accepted the Gospel are trying to be Latter-day Saints, still there are here, as in the north, some "Mormons," who "try their fruits you shall know them," and the law of tithing is a most excellent test.

After the report was given Elder Magleby occupied the time remaining of the forenoon meeting.

We have here, in Hauraki, the second, in order, of the New Zealand mission, our organization was effected by Elder Magleby while here at our conference on the 8th of June last. Since that time the sisters have done all in their power to keep the work on the move.

The afternoon was given to them and at 3 p. m. their meeting, presided over by Panikana Totaea. For the benefit of Elders who have labored here I will insert the names of the other officers: First counselor, Panikana Totaea; second, Mata Popena; secretary, To Aua. A general report of their work was given; also a financial report, showing nearly \$20 cash on hand. Some of which has been contributed by members of the society, the balance they collected by making and selling native ratchets. These ratchets are made from iron and steel which is cut, trimmed, or carved with a knife and dried, then dyed with different colors to suit the taste. And when braided or woven together answer well the purpose of a small ratchet.

The society has an enrollment of twenty members. A general meeting is held once a month, usually attended by all the members. Apart from this the officers, having been chosen from the several branches, are carrying on the work to the best of their ability at the places where they are laboring.

An interesting evening service closed the first day of our conference.

Sunday morning the conference continued with a Priesthood meeting beginning at 10 a. m.

At 10 a. m. met again in general meeting, Elders A. S. Ferrin and F. O. Marchant being the principal speakers. According to the report the European working Elders of this district a European service was held for the special benefit of some of their friends and investigators, beginning with the Church authorities were sustained, and Elder J. E. Taylor spoke on the restoration of the Gospel and the persecutions of the Saints.

An interesting feature of the Sunday evening service which was taken up in short speeches, was the singing of "Kind words" by four little Maori girls, who won the compliments of all present.

Monday morning at 7 o'clock our Elders' meeting convened, lasting five hours.

It being too late for the Elders to leave for their several fields of labor, it was decided to close our conference with a conference of the Elders and the missionaries of the Latter-day Saints, as compared with the ideas entertained by the ministers of other churches.

The following morning the Elders were paired off and assigned their fields of labor.

Elder Edward C. Bagley was sustained as president of the conference, with Elders J. B. Johnson and S. Smith, counselors; headquarters of the conference to remain at 270 South Fifth street, Columbia.

Monday morning the Elders met in the Star hotel, Sacramento was administered. One person was excommunicated from the Church. Some instructions were given in relation to the duties of the Elders and the missionaries for their respective fields feeling that they had had a good conference.

The "News" is a welcome visitor and much appreciated.

## A GATHERING IN NEW YORK

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All three meetings were well attended. Many Salt Lake people, who are at present visiting and studying here, met with us in all our meetings.

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"I was very weak and nervous when I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' about a year ago," writes Mrs. M. E. Berette, of 3000 Street, Westmont, Ont. "I had been suffering for years long and had taken medicine from a number of doctors but no relief. My nerves were in such a state that I would start at the least noise. I felt terrible at all times, was not able to do any of my own house work; had to keep help all the time. How I suffered and how I longed to be cured. I was cured by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I feel like a new woman now. I am able to do all my own house work, and I am well and happy. I can truly recommend this medicine to all who suffer as I did. I never had better health than I now enjoy, and it is all owing to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."

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## LATTER-DAY SAINTS MEETING HOUSE, LAGRANDE, ORE.



The above picture represents the exterior of the Latter-day Saints meeting house recently erected at LaGrande, Ore.

In a letter received from Hyrum Munson, secretary of the Northwestern States mission, he says:

When the Elders first came to LaGrande with the Gospel message, the doors of the Elk's hall were thrown open to them, free gratis, and thus a place was provided for the assembling of the people to hear the Words of Life. Later, as the Saints began to locate here and organizations became necessary, the Elk's hall became the home of these organizations and its walls have often resounded with the humble fast day testimonies and the able discourses of the Elders of Israel, moved upon by the Spirit of the Lord. The Saints feel greatly indebted to Mr. J. W. Scriber, cashier of the Farmer's & Trader's National bank of this place, through whose kindness this beautiful hall has been opened to them for a meeting place. It has been open to us for over three years and only the completion of our new meeting house was the cause of our removing our place of worship from such a pleasant place.

Only a year ago a Latter-day Saints meeting house for LaGrande began to be talked of. Some weeks passed before anything was done, but toward spring operations began, and in a remarkably short time the building arose and the middle of June saw its completion. The kindness and liberality of the people of Oregon were plainly apparent in the erection of this building by the liberal contributions that were received from the business men and citizens of LaGrande and vicinity. These contributions amounted to over \$500, without which it would have been almost impossible for us to have erected such a large and substantial structure as the enclosed photograph represents. Much credit is also due the Saints who, though few in number, united their energies and means for the accomplishment of their purpose, and today we are worshipping under our own roof.

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## THE SURGEON'S KNIFE

Operations for Ovarian Troubles Increasing in Our Hospitals.

Mrs. Eckis Stephenson of Salt Lake City Tells How Operations May Be Avoided.

The universal indications of the approach of woman's great enemy, inflammation and disease of the ovaries, are a dull throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness, and heat low down in the side with occasional shooting pains.

On examination it may be found that the region of pain will show some swelling. This is the first stage of ovaritis, or inflammation of the ovaries.

If the roof of your house leaks, my dear sister, you have it fixed at once, why not pay the same respect to your body? Neglect and the dreadful surgeon's knife go hand in hand. How many thousands of our poor suffering sisters might have escaped the hospital and its dreadful experiences if they had only done as the lady whose portrait and letter we are permitted to publish. Oh, what more can we do to make women believe.



MRS. ECKIS STEPHENSON.

State Chairman Young Peoples' Temperance Union, Salt Lake City, Utah.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered with inflammation of the ovaries and womb for over six years, enduring aches and pains which none can dream of but those who have had the same experience. Hundreds of dollars went to the doctor and the druggist. I was simply a walking medicine chest and a physical wreck. My sister residing in Ohio wrote me she had been cured of womb trouble by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and advised me to try it. I then discontinued all other medicines and gave your Vegetable Compound a thorough trial. Within four weeks nearly all pain had left me; I rarely had headaches, and my nerves were in a much better condition, and I was cured in three months, and thus avoided a terrible surgical operation."—Mrs. ECKIS STEPHENSON, 250 So. State St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

## Another Operation Avoided in Philadelphia.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Some time ago I was taken very sick with pains caused by internal trouble (ovarian) and was unable to attend to my household duties. I consulted several doctors but got no relief. They advised an operation which I was almost tempted to undergo when I read in the paper of the wonderful cures Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was making. So I began taking it and after taking several bottles feel like a new woman. No praise is too great for it. It is my friend and no woman should be without it."—Mrs. LIZZIE MILLEN, 1616 Tenth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Remember, every woman is cordially invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham if there is anything about her symptoms she does not understand. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass., her advice is free and cheerfully given to every ailing woman who asks for it. Her advice has restored to health more than one hundred thousand women. Why don't you try it, my sick sisters?

**\$5000** REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can prove that the above testimonial letters are not genuine, or were published without obtaining the writer's special permission. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

return home and I am going into the western part of the territory. The "News" comes as a welcome visitor and an assistance in the good work.

## THE WORK IN TEXAS.

Reports of the Elders Show Good Progress.

Elder Jas. A. Brooks writes from Spurger, Tex., Dec. 2:

The Elders, Saints and friends of the south Texas conference met at the Cole settlement, Orange county, Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 24, for the purpose of holding their semi-annual conference. Besides the Elders laboring in this part, we had with us our mission president, Elder James T. Duffin. Providence favored us with beautiful weather. The reports given by the Elders showed the work to be in a prosperous condition, each expressing himself as feeling well in the work, and desirous of pressing forward. During our entire conference which consisted of four general and two Priesthood meetings, the Spirit of the Lord was enjoyed and each of the speakers spoke in a clear and impressive manner.

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## COUGHED IT UP AT LAST.

Yesterday morning about 5 o'clock Lonnie T. Alsmen, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Alsmen, was taken with a violent fit of coughing, and after a hard struggle succeeded in raising from his lungs a timothy head which was swallowed by him June 18, 1899. The piece of hay was two inches long and in perfect condition.

He was picking his teeth with the straw over two years ago when he had a severe cough and was thought to have consumption, although his family felt that his sickness was the result of the timothy head which they thought was lodged in his bronchial tubes or on his lungs. The boy says he plainly felt the timothy head leave his right lung and, time and feels much relieved with the exception of a little soreness where the piece of hay was lodged. The family now feel much encouraged for the complete recovery of the boy's health. Mr. and Mrs. Alsmen live south of the city on the Leroy road two and a half miles.—Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph.

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into taking cheap washing powders in the belief that they are equal to PEARLINE! Grocers who want to work off unsaleable goods; peddlers, prize-givers, etc., all say "This is just as good," "much cheaper," "same thing." Don't be deceived. The most effective, most economical, best made, is

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