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THERE ARE.

Beautiful words never spoken,
Whispers of cheer that might save
Hearts drifting, weary and broken,
Down to the night of the grave.
Silence more deadly than passion,
Glances that slander can send,
Fram'd in the world's devilish fashion,
To murder the heart of a friend.

Looks, spotless virtue impeaching,
Souls lying crush'd on the plain,
With tear frozen eyelids beseeching
The touch of love's sunlight again.
Burdens to bear for the weaker,
Jewels to dig from God's mine;
And gems, fairer still, to the seeker
In the angels' thara that shine.

Within us the soul's silent treasure
Waiting the kiss of the light;
Sweet scented blossoms of pleasure
Our fingers may cull from the night.
Fruit shining ripe on toll's mountains,
Pearls that sleep under life's sea;
Music in God's laughing fountains
Undream'd of by you or by me.

Larks singing down in love's meadow,
Throats that pipe by the hill;
Out of time's darkness and shadow,
Whispers that comfort and thrill.
Voices within ever singing,
Melody soften'd by tears,
The phoenix of hope at last springing
Serene from the ashes of years.

J. R. PARKE.

THE SCANDINAVIAN MISSION.

Editor *Deseret News*:

It may prove interesting to your readers to hear a few words from the mission field in Scandinavia. Let us ask the thousands who have gathered out from these lands to Utah to lay aside mines, politics and their pressing every-day duties for a short time, and read a few paragraphs about the progress, in their native lands, of the great work for which they gathered to Zion. It might be well that all others do so also. The diversion will probably do them good even if conference reports are deemed dry reading. The life of a subject lies in its interest to us. For fear that the reader should tire before the finish, it may as well be remarked right here that two religious papers are published in this mission—*Skandinaviens Stjerne* and *Nordstjernen*. Those who are interested in the cause can do much good by sending \$1 for one year's subscription for either of

these publications. The periodical chosen will be sent to any address for this amount.

Regarding the fall conferences, it can be said that they were profitable to those who participated and attended, and the trip was full of pleasant experiences. As early as September 5th the conference in Aalborg was held. On that evening a number of Elders occupied the time of the meeting in bearing testimonies of the restoration of the Gospel. On Sunday morning, 6th, the reports of their labors during the summer were given by the branch presidents, from which it was learned that satisfactory progress was made in the various fields. President F. C. Mickelsen gave a condensed report of the conference, showing that the work was progressing in a very satisfactory manner. Quite a number of strangers were investigating the truth and forty-three persons had joined the Church by baptism since the March conference. The Saints, of whom there are 255 in this conference, are filled with the spirit of the Gospel, as appeared from the large attendance, and the good order and feeling manifested in the gatherings. The Elders are united, and labor with zeal in their callings. The meeting house was nicely decorated with flowers and evergreens. Meetings were also held at 2 and 7 p.m., at each of which the hall was packed with attentive listeners.

On the following Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12th and 13th, the Aarhus conference was held. Here also a live interest is taken in the cause, and quite a number of Saints were in from the country. The hall was nicely decorated with evergreens. The choir rendered some choice selections at the various meetings, and a time of rejoicing was experienced by all who attended. A report meeting was held Saturday night, and three meetings were held on Sunday. A Priesthood meeting was held on Monday morning, at which important questions were asked and answered in relation to the missionary work and at which good instructions were given. There were fourteen Elders from Utah present, who had a time of rejoicing together, in relating their varied experiences as well as in preaching the Gospel to the people. Since last conference there had been fifty-six baptisms, and the conference numbers nearly 400 members. There

are eight branches in these two conferences in Jylland, and an effort is being made to widen the field in both conferences, and establish new branches in the west part of the country where the Gospel has not been preached for many years. President F. C. Mickelsen, of Aalborg, who has been instrumental in doing much good in that field, was released in November, to return home, and Elder L. F. Johnson has been appointed to succeed him.

The southern Swedish conference was held in Malmoe on Oct. 3rd and 4th. Elder Fred Lundberg having been called to preside over Stockholm his place in Malmoe is filled by Elder John Swenson. A Saturday evening report meeting was held, besides three meetings on Sunday all of which were well attended by the Saints and by a few strangers. The work in this region is making some headway, principally in the eastern part where there are openings to preach, and a few here and there who will listen. A priesthood meeting was held on Monday in which the conference labors were discussed and instructions given to the missionaries.

The Goeteborg, or central Swedish conference was held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10th and 11th. The comfortable hall was beautifully decorated with flags—American, Danish and Swedish—festoons of evergreens, pictures, and flowers, natural and artificial, making a very neat appearance. The Saturday evening meeting was devoted to hearing reports from the presiding Elders. A lack of missionaries had somewhat retarded the work, but the progress was nevertheless marked, as there had been 43 baptisms since the last conference, and the prospects were quite flattering, and in no branch more than in the city itself, where an unusual interest, when compared with the indifference of recent years, had been shown by strangers in listening to Gospel testimonies. On Sunday three meetings were held, and the hall was packed with people who listened generally very attentively to the explanations of the Gospel doctrines advanced by the speakers. On Monday morning a priesthood meeting was held, and on the same evening there was a pleasant social gathering in which the Saints and Elders enjoyed themselves in conversation, songs, etc. On Wednesday morning in company with Presi-