

middle of his head is purring slowly, thinking perhaps of his little friend who is no more there, but whom he shall see again perhaps, who knows!—At other times it is a little sister who is regretted; she was five years old when she was taken away and if she had lived she should now be seven. At that recollection, a beautiful, brilliant tear, more precious a thousand times than the most pure diamond appears in the eye of the young mother; sometimes, also it is papa who passed away, and then everyone has to depend only upon that poor mama, so good and so devoted; she will have to put everyone to bed this evening, she will kiss each one of them good night, she will calm quarrels and shall preside at the evening prayer which shall always be ended with a beautiful verse, composed purposely and recited religiously for papa who, for sure, can see his dear little ones praying for him; some other times—the most often—it is mamma, poor mamma herself, who is dead; think of it! She was not quite 30 years old and has left three children, almost infants; two boys and a girl. The two boys are there, thinking of nothing, and are amusing themselves in a corner of the room; the father, in his great arm chair, his eyes lost in space, seems as if he was seeing and looking at something; something very charming indeed, for just now he smiles to the invisible one and at that moment, as a consolation, his charming little girl—who has not yet forgotten mamma—already a woman by the serious expression of her face, comes gently on the arm chair and steals from the lips of her father—her good papa, young still, whose hair has turned almost white since little mamma has departed—this pure kiss of love that he was intending for the gentle companion of his life whom he had seen in a moment of ecstasy!

This is, my dear friend, the atmosphere of purity and of simplicity, that one breathes in French families, and I could be still more lengthy on the subject, but I notice that my letter is already quite long, and in weighing it I am struck with horror at the thought of the postage I shall have to pay extra. I shall nevertheless write to you next week again and give you details and appreciations on the life of the French women, married and unmarried.

Your forever devoted cousin,  
JULES CAMBON.

#### DEATH OF ELDER JENSEN.

The following letter, written at Copenhagen, June 6, 1898, by Elder George Christensen, president of the Scandinavian mission, gives further particulars respecting the death of Elder Ole C. Jensen, who, as stated in a former issue of the Star, died on May 30, 1898:

Having just returned from the trip to Jylland, which I took in order to attend Elder Ole C. Jensen's funeral, I shall endeavor to give you a brief account of this matter. As I wrote before, the first intelligence we received here at the mission office of Brother Jensen's illness was the telegram announcing his death. I left for Randers Thursday, June 2nd, and was joined at Aarhus by Elder H. P. Nielsen, president of Aarhus conference, and other Elders who had gathered to pay the last respects to Brother Jensen.

The funeral took place Friday afternoon, June 3rd, permission having been secured through the kindness of the local priest, Rev. Vilhelm, to conduct the funeral exercises. At 12:30 the Saints of the Randers branch and a number of strangers gathered at the hall, where appropriate hymns were sung and remarks were made by Elders M. Mickelsen, J. C. Breinholt,

George Christensen, Lauritz Lauritzen, Dykes W. Sorensen and H. P. Nielsen, who spoke in the highest terms of the excellent qualities of the deceased. From the chapel in the old churchyard the body was borne by Elders from Zion to the burial place in the new churchyard, where an excellent location had been chosen. "Nearer my God, to Thee" in the Danish translation was most beautifully sung, and I dedicated the grave.

In the evening the hall was crowded with Saints and strangers, who listened most attentively to discourses which were delivered by President H. P. Nielsen and myself. The Saints as well as many strangers seemed much moved by the occurrence and the brethren expressed the view, that it might be the occasion for several who had been holding back, to take the important step and receive the ordinance of baptism, as well as for making our brethren acquainted with some very nice strangers whom they had not known before. Thus it seems that the Lord can turn all things for the good of His cause.

There were present 15 Elders from Zion, viz: George Christensen, H. P. Nielsen, Lauritz Lauritzen, M. Mickelson, Hyrum Nielsen, J. C. Breinholt, Dykes W. Sorensen, Anton Andersen, Christian M. Mickelson, Joseph L. Petersen, Peter S. Nielsen, Niels L. Andersen, Christian Steffensen, Louis O. Dorius and Frederick J. Holst, the largest number of Elders ever congregated in this branch.

Elder Ole C. Jensen resided in Mayfield, Utah, and was at the time of his death about 68 years old. He arrived in Copenhagen on his mission December 25, 1897, and was appointed to labor in Aarhus conference. His labor was mostly confined to Grenaa branch, where he has some relatives. His general health was very good for a man of his age; he was very energetic in his labors. A short time ago he took an extensive trip to the west of Jutland in company with Elders Mickelson and Breinholt, and although urged by his brethren to spare himself, he performed his part of the work, and seemed to feel quite well excepting a little fatigue; indeed he seemed to enjoy the trip very much. Upon their return they stopped a few days in Randers.

On the 22nd of May, Brother Jensen attended Sunday school, and not feeling right well stepped into the yard. Here he was seized with a violent attack of illness and would have fallen but for the assistance of a brother who was with him. He remained at the rooms of the brethren for several days, but in order that he might have better care and more comfort he was moved to the home of Sister Andersen near by, and to the credit of this family be it said, that they did all in their power to alleviate his sufferings. The Saints in general and many strangers were very solicitous of his welfare. He was administered to repeatedly by the Elders, also had the care of a physician, but he sank steadily and passed peacefully away on the afternoon of May 30th, the doctor pronouncing his case "inflammation of the lungs."

Brother Jensen was conscious to the last and expressed his gratitude for all that was being done for him. He made disposition of such things as were not already arranged before his departure from home; among other things he bequeathed means to emigrate Sister Andersen and her children, in whose home he died. He leaves a wife and a family of grown up children in Utah and our prayer is that God will bless and uphold them in this hour of sorrow.

The Elders here deeply feel the loss of a true and faithful fellow-laborer, but we realize that with him all is

well. He died while nobly engaged in the cause of God and his reward is sure.—Millennial Star.

#### BANNOCK STAKE CONFERENCE.

Rexburg, Idaho, June 22, 1898.

The Bannock Stake conference was held in Parker Sunday and Monday, the 19th and 20th inst. There were present Elder Seymour B. Young of the First Presidency of Seventies; Elders Thomas E. Ricks, F. Rigby and Thomas E. Bassett of the Stake presidency; Bishops of wards; Patriarchs and other leading brethren.

Sunday, 10 a.m.—Elder Thomas E. Ricks, Stake president, was the first speaker. He congratulated the people of Parker for having their large meeting house so near completion and reported all the organizations of the ward in good order. Building of new meeting houses, he said, is going on in many of the wards and the people are with few exceptions living their religion.

Elder Wm. F. Rigby spoke of the growth of the Stake. Elder Wm. M. Palmer discoursed upon the purposes of the Lord in gathering the Saints to these valleys and the responsibility devolving upon us spiritually and temporally to prepare for those who are yet to be gathered.

Sunday, 2 p.m.—Elder Douglas M. Todd spoke of the varied characteristics of the different communities. They are like individuals having their birth, infancy and youth, etc., some having a reputation for good and others the reverse, right from the beginning.

Elder Seymour B. Young gave a brief account of a recent visit he had made to the Transmississippi Exposition. Having also visited Nauvoo and Carthage jail, he related many things of peculiar interest to Latter-day Saints pertaining to the early history acted in Nauvoo which the speaker had witnessed in his youth and which refreshed in his memory by his late visit and added greatly to his testimony now.

Monday, 10 a.m.—The general and stake authorities were presented and sustained.

Elders J. L. Stoddard and Walter G. Paul, returned missionaries from Montana, told of the progress of the Gospel in that state. A great change had been brought about there recently and many are being added to the Church.

Elder Wm. F. Rigby discoursed upon the practical work of the Priesthood and the necessity of training our young men in all the duties thereof.

Elder Thos. E. Ricks spoke upon the principle of tithing; wanted the Saints to pay in the season and kind thereof. Be honest in the quality of the tithing we pay and if there was anything we worshiped in the shape of a fine animal, get rid of it by taking it to the tithing storehouse and go to and worship the Lord.

Monday, 2 p.m.—Elder Seymour B. Young occupied most of this session preaching upon many topics of interest to Latter-day Saints.

Referring to the principle of tithing, said the Word of Wisdom and other laws equally binding must be kept by the Saints; otherwise this land will not be a land of Zion unto us.

Elder Thos. E. Ricks made the closing remarks, thanking all for the part they had taken in making the conference a success. He had never enjoyed a better time at any previous conference.

Singing by the choir.  
Benediction by Patriarch A. E. Hinckley.

JAS. GILLESPIE, Stake Clerk.

Even the barnacles in Cuban waters are operating against Spain.