

# CHURCH INTELLIGENCE

## AWAKENING IN THE ISLANDS

Natives Searching for the Truth of the Gospel.

Notes on the Missionary Work—Pearl Fishing—Some New Fields Opened Up.

Hikueru, South Seas, April 10th, 1900.

To the Editor:

Our conference is over. There were in attendance about two hundred, all feeling well in the work of the God.

By reading the pages of the "News" one would gain the information that it is a time of awakening in the land of Zion among the Latter-day Saints. That spirit has reached the South Seas, for some of the native people are searching for the truth daily, for some seem to realize that they have been deceived.

We had three days' conference, having three meetings a day, and at each meeting three speakers; yet, the people did not seem to tire. Some of them gave a strong testimony of the truth of the work in which we are engaged. At the first meeting Elder J. E. Magley, of the New Zealand mission, at Kawa Kawa, on May 13th, 1899, from there we came to the islands. He was the first of the important visitors in this conference. Elder Magley brought his magic lantern with him, and gave lectures on "Utah, and Life Among the Mormons," at most of the villages. He was placed at our command, free of charge, and in all but one instance the lectures were well attended by appreciative audiences. Three lectures were delivered in the afternoon, and the balance were given to the natives in the Maori language.

On May 15th, we were at Otua, and had the privilege of seeing a hospital opened in the village. It was held by a Mr. Maori, "prophet," a great many people were gathered there who were suffering from various complaints and diseases. They were all cured by the use of the magic lantern, which was kept at the proper temperature by heating part of it. A "rapu" or holy stone, was placed in the tub to purify the water, which, no doubt, needed it, but after the first meeting had been treated. While the patients were being treated, the attendants sang a chant to keep away evil spirits.

The next day, Elder Hain went to Kaitake to attend the Bay of Islands conference, which was held on May 25th and 26th, in the new Latter-day Saints' meeting house, which is the first one erected by the Saints north of Auckland. It is a great credit to the people of Kaitake, as they are very poor and have worked hard to saw the lumber in a pit saw and plane it with hand planes.

Elder R. K. Brown and H. C. Nicol, of the Whangarei conference, met with us and held seven meetings. The report of our conference was given as follows: Baptisms since June 4th, 1899, 41; children blessed since June 4th, 1899, 12; deaths since June 4th, 1899, 27; deaths since June 4th, 1899, 9.

The principles of the Gospel were expounded and much good instruction given. About 300 natives were present, and five applied for baptism. A mile after the first three meetings and talked a great deal between them, but when Elder Magley made a reply to his remarks his own members turned away with kind hospitality.

Before we separated Elder Hain united in wedlock a popular young couple of Kaitake, and as most visitors close their stories with a wedding, I will tell you about the wedding by lengthening this letter. I remain,

Your brother,

WILLIAM B. EREKSON.

The Gospel in Wyoming.

Lander, Fremont Co., Wyo., June 26, 1900.

To the Editor:

I have read so many interesting letters written by the Elders in different lands, and I thought perhaps a few lines from this part of the Lord's vineyard would be of interest to some of your readers. When I left home in April, 1899, I went directly to Albuquerque, New Mexico, laboring in that Territory one year. The latter part of April, 1900, I returned to Lander, where I am now laboring. I went to Denver, to attend a general conference.

On May 14th, the writer and Elder N. A. Kimball, of the same mission, went to labor in Wyoming, and accordingly we set out for Cheyenne, where we met our devoted Sister Elizabeth Blix.

Leaving here we went to Casper, a beautiful little town of 7,000 inhabitants, located on the banks of the North Platte. From this town we went on foot to Lander, a distance of 100 miles. Then we stopped with the shepherds and road ranchers, who treated us with kind hospitality.

Arrived at the Big Wind river, which was unfavourable, we continued on up the bank, until we came in sight of a sheep camp, where we found refuge with Mr. Ed. Early, who proffered to take us in to Lander, and we were glad to accept his offer.

The next day after our arrival here, we made the acquaintance of the town officers, also of Brother Peter Anderson (commonly known here as Bishop Anderson), the pioneer of Lander. He made us at home with him and family.

Soon after our arrival here we obtained the use of a nice hall to hold meetings in. We held several well attended meetings.

Leaving here, we visited all the houses on the South Fork of Big Popo, also holding some meetings. Here we found nature in her loveliest. When we left this place we crossed the valley and hills, and arrived on the north fork of the Snake, where the scene is fascinating; yet it has not the picturesque beauty of its sister. Here we found one or two families of Saints.

The people are very generous and hospitable. They treat us with every kindness in their power. I must say that with but one or two exceptions they have shown no prejudice against us.

We have many warm friends here, and many of them are the kindest people I have become acquainted with on my travels.

We have recently been in the path of the Snake river, where they have made some lasting friends.

The "News" is a most welcome visitor. Beginning tonight we hold another series of meetings here in Lander, where there are some who are investigating the truth.

Should any readers who have relatives in this part, we would be glad to call upon them, if they would send us their address.

M. R. STREETER.

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respecting the duties of the various officers, and then spoke upon those duties and functions.

2 p. m.—After the opening exercises Elder O. F. Murdock gave a satisfactory report of Greenville ward. Elder Wm. Petheringham, Stake superintendent of business school, reported that the organizations doing a good work. Elder David A. Smith, counselor to the Stake superintendency of the Y. M. M. I. A., was requested to make report of these organizations. He delivered a discourse on the subject of the Y. M. M. I. A., and was very successful.

Elder W. G. Bickley, superintendent of religion classes for the Stake, reported that the classes were doing a good work. He delivered a discourse on the subject of the Stake superintendency, and was very successful.

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## Mrs. Pinkham's Advice

Vegetable Compound has restored health and happiness to scores of women. This is not a mere advertising claim, but a positive fact.

The reason Mrs. Pinkham is so qualified to advise women is because for 20 years she has been treating and studying woman's ills. Her address is Lynn, Mass.

If you are ill, write to her for help, as thousands of women are doing.

Lidia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

relieves painful periods and regulates menstruation. It cures backache, kidney troubles and all uterine disorders.

Read the letters from women appearing regularly in this paper.

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Elder Rudger Clawson spoke of the responsibilities of the presiding Elders, and was very successful.

President Joseph F. Smith spoke on the subjects of Mutual Improvement work and the efficiency of our Church schools, and was very successful.

President Cannon spoke of the blessings to be received by this people by obedience to the laws of God, and of the consequences of disobedience, and was very successful.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock the cornerstone of the Joint Tabernacle and academy building was laid by President Cannon.

But one meeting was held Monday, beginning at 10 and lasting until 2 o'clock in order that the visiting brethren might take the 3:30 train for the south.

After the opening exercises the General and Stake Authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Rudger Clawson was the first speaker. He dwelt upon the work to be accomplished by this people through united efforts and faith in the Lord, and made some remarks applicable to the building of our Stake academy.

Elder D. M. Todd spoke on educational matters and explained the work done by the Stake academy in the past year and of the hopeful prospects for the future.

President Cannon was the next speaker. He spoke of the peculiarities and characteristics of this people and of the powers and authority of the holy Priesthood.

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spiritual food necessary for our advancement and development in the Church of Christ.

During the intermission between the forenoon and afternoon meeting a Priesthood meeting was held during which much valuable instruction was imparted by Elder Lund.

In the afternoon the Stake conference was held, and the general Church and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Seegmiller, in addressing the conference, said that the Church was prospering and that the time of its organization and from that time until the present it has made a steady development and will continue to do so.

Elder A. H. Lund delivered an interesting and instructive discourse on the rise and progress of the Church of Christ in this dispensation, and reminded the people of the great blessings in store for those who will diligently serve God and keep His commandments.

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reply was the slowness of the process. A weak current being necessary to ensure a smooth and perfect deposit. Various devices have made it practicable to work with more powerful currents, and in a given period several times as much copper may be deposited as was obtained from a similar bath ten years ago. One means of overcoming the tendency of the rapidly-made deposit to become granular was the continuous passing of an agate burr over its surface. An oiled sheepskin was then used as a burnisher, and by the new plan of Sheard & Coles the copper is deposited on a rapidly rotating vertical mandril, the centrifugal force and the wash of the electrolyte keeping the surface clean and free from gas and assuring a smooth and dense deposit.

Elders John P. Roberts, of Brigham City, Boxelder Co., and B. F. Llewellyn, of Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., returned in company with Elder Spillbury, from the Eastern States. They were both set apart for their mission on the 28th of May, 1899.

Elder William H. Ellis, of Logan, Cache Co., returned home from the Southern States mission, on the 29th of June, last. He was set apart on the 10th of March, 1899, and was sent to the State of Virginia, where he labored for the time. He says he enjoyed excellent health and found many hospitable and nice friends. He baptized five persons during his mission.

A new bullet-proof shield, made at Sheffield weighs only about seven pounds, yet it is claimed to protect the soldier from the service rifle at a range of 400 yards. The shield plate is an eighth of an inch thick and is covered being about 150 square inches. The shield can be bent, punctured or drilled, but offers great obstruction to penetration by projectiles.

The upper strata of the atmosphere still offer great opportunities for investigation. Near Berlin a systematic study is to be made—day and night when possible—at heights of two to three miles, kites and balloons being made to take up registering apparatus that will record automatically the pressure, temperature, humidity, and wind velocity.

Photography is the name given by Wilhelm Marckwald to a change of color by light without alteration of composition or structure. Chloride of quinquina is turned from yellow to intense green heat in a few days in the dark restoring the original color.

In attempts to photograph lightning flashes at Dover, Eng., Sydney Webb has been successful in making a number of pictures. The field of the camera included a number of arc lights, and on developing the pictures it was found that an irregular luminous line passed through the center of the flash, and a flash occurred in the clouds. On one occasion, he has since succeeded in seeing, with the unaided eye, a stream of electricity descending from an arc lamp. The pictures have interested Sir George Stokes, who notes that the iron filaments may have had some effect by attracting atmospheric electricity, and that the discharges may have been induced by an underground high-tension electric cable toward which they seemed to pass. He thinks this may be a case of nature's wireless telegraphy. The resulting air about the lamp seems to act like the coherer of the telegraphic receiving apparatus, a difference of electrical condition or potential between the lamp and some other point may take the place of the battery current that is held in restraint by the coherer. The flash may open a path for the current through the air as in the coherer.

Those who speculate upon the inhabitants of other planets usually forget how slight a change of present conditions on earth would suffice to extinguish the forms of life we know. Mr. Lowell has suggested that the "Mars" may be a planet of a different nature of being akin to the human race, but an English astronomer points out that the force of gravity is only about a tenth as great as on earth, and that a consequence of this would be that the atmosphere would be thin and the water would be retained in the lighter gases and probably under an atmosphere of nitrogen, argon and carbonic acid, life must be very different from anything we can imagine.

Battle, an ornamental product of natives of the Dutch East Indies, is made in a similar way to the Hague. Designs are outlined with a pencil on linen, silk, velvet, or leather, the ornamented parts are covered with a stiffening liquid, and the rest of the fabric is cut away by the needle. The resulting substance is finally polished by boiling.

Some years ago vanadium was detected in coal ash from an Argentine Republic. It has since been found in Peruvian coal. If common in coal, this metal might be put to use.

The ordinary camel, which will never hurry under any circumstances, has been transformed in southern Algeria into an animal so different in size, temper and appearance that it may almost be looked upon as of different race. This animal, the result of many generations of careful breeding, which has been encouraged by valuable prizes, and it can be depended upon for nine or ten miles an hour, which it can keep up for several days without a stop. Its value is five or ten times that of the beast of burden. The camel races are popular sport, and are made exciting by the evident interest of the creatures themselves in winning.

One of the most beautiful of sympathetic or secret inks seems to be that lately brought to notice in Germany. Writing made with a weak solution of phenolphthalein in dilute alcohol is scarcely visible, but is brought out in intense red when a piece of cotton soaked in soda or other alkaline solution is passed over it. This ink, however, is not suitable for important documents, as it is readily effaced by acid vapors and even by the carbonic acid of the air.

As the propositions of nicotine do not satisfactorily explain the poisonous effects of tobacco, H. Thoms assumes that the toxic substance is a new oil he has detected in tobacco smoke. This oil produces violent headache, trembling, electric shocks, etc., and by treatment with a two per cent. potassium solution yields a phenol-like body with an odor like creosote.

A remarkable investigation by Prof. Dewar and others has thrown doubt on the common idea that disease epidemics may be checked by freezing weather. A great number of disease germs were cooled by liquid air to 100 degrees C. below zero, but the microbes survived twenty hours or even this great cold and were afterward as active as ever.

Statistics collected in Bavaria and Sweden and from water tends to preserve the teeth and that disease tends to increase with the lessening of the earthy salts in the drinking water.