



THE LORD WILL PROVIDE.  
Means Given to the Elders—An Ancient Civilization.

Elder F. W. Wood sends this letter from Pine, Arizona, Feb. 2:

On the 26th of December, 1902, I arrived at Holbrook, Ariz., from New Mexico, where I had been doing missionary work during the summer. A few days were spent in Holbrook awaiting the arrival of William T. Witten, who arrived on the 31st of December, with a letter from President McKee of the Colorado mission, instructing us to go to the Verde valley and labor for the advancement of truth.

We at once set out for our field, but were detained at Flagstaff on account of the wagon road being blocked with snow, and our carfare exhausted. While staying at the above named place, waiting for the Lord to open the way, we held four meetings at which we enjoyed an outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord. Before closing our last meeting a gentleman arose and said: "Friends, these men are traveling without purse or scrip, and need some aid in order to accomplish their journey. Come, let us put them on the train." And, giving us \$3, he started the car, which continued until we had sufficient means to convey us to our destination. After bidding the good people good bye and offering a prayer in their behalf, we went to the Verde valley, where we at once began to canvass, converse with the people and hold meetings, ever receiving the blessings of the Lord.

While laboring in the valley our attention has often been attracted by visible signs of an ancient civilization: Marks of farms; irrigation ditches, whose survey appears to be as accurate as the surveys of today; pottery in unbroken state; grave yards containing numerous skeletons, large and small, having dark brown hair; implements used for various industries, cliff dwellings and castles. While laboring at Camp Verde we were privileged to visit the Montezuma castle, an ancient dwelling situated on Beaver creek some three miles from Camp Verde.

The castle is about 100 feet above the creek bed on the side of a huge cliff that is 150 feet in height. The dwelling contains 13 small rooms, and is divided into three stories, above which is a long porch or observatory, having on the front a wall some four feet high, through which are portholes and other small openings, used, no doubt, for the purpose of detecting the enemy and of defending themselves in time of trouble. A ledge above the castle projects far enough to protect the dwelling from storm and dampness. The walls of the castle are composed of rock and mortar; the ceiling of cedar, cork and cane foder and dirt; the floor of dirt and rock, etc.

Ladders are used for the purpose of ascending to the castle. Cane and corn fodder, also oaks; cotton in its first stage, mummies, pottery, tools and weapons, etc., have been and are being discovered in the ancient wonder.

From all appearances the inhabitants of the dwelling and of the surrounding country were a civilized, educated race; far superior to the Indians who roam upon the American continent today, or who were so numerous upon this land at the time of the discovery of America by Columbus.

The castle appears to have been a place of refuge, being sheltered on the north side by a mountain and being so situated that an opposing force could be detected by its inmates some time before being in shooting distance. Who can doubt the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon when external evidences are so plentiful? Every discovery adds proof, that the Book of Mormon is true.

The "News" and "Era" are welcomed by us and read with pleasure.

#### INFORMATION FOR ELDERS.

Those Called to Labor in the Middle States Mission Interested.

Elder Ben E. Rich, writing from Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 2, asks for space for the following:

We generally assign the large majority of our Elders to country districts upon their arrival, because of better opportunity to exist there for them to hold meetings; converse upon the principles of the Gospel, and become more proficient in expressing their thoughts in public. None of our Elders so laboring are wearing Prince Albert suits, and when an associate brother comes into the missionary field, he feels somewhat out of sorts when he finds himself dressed so different from his companions. We have made this change on account of the many requests of so many of our brethren, who find it very inconvenient to use the Prince Albert suits. I think it only an act of justice to give publicity to the above for the benefit of those who are continually leaving home for an extended stay in the missionary field, and who are usually very much cramped for means with which to defray the expense of their missions.

#### COLORADO MISSION.

New Meeting House and Conference at Pueblo.

Elder Lewis A. Lee writes from Pueblo, Colorado, Feb. 2: Last November, through the efforts of the Saints of the Pueblo branch, Colorado Mission, a lot was purchased on East Seventh and Fountain streets, and on Dec. 1, last, a frame building 20 feet wide, was started, the same being intended as a place of worship for the Saints in this part of the Mission. It was finished on Saturday, Jan. 3, 1903, and the next day the first services were held. The building and grounds will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,400. On Saturday Feb. 8, the Branch Conference was held, and the two meetings which were held were well attended, and the Spirit of the Lord was manifested in our midst. Elder Jos. A. McKee, and Lorin M. Mendenhall, P. E.

of the Denver branch, were with us, as also Elder H. W. Merrill, president of the East Colorado conference. Others of the missionaries present were Elders David H. Ward, Wm. O. Hardman, Wm. T. Stevens, Isaac S. Hansen, and Lewis A. Lee, and there were also visitors present from distant parts of the conference.

The conference convened at 2 p. m. and was called to order by Presiding Elder Wm. A. Coleman, Pueblo branch. Sacrament was administered by Bro. Robt. Coleman and Herman Teasdale. Presiding Elder Wm. A. Coleman then reported the Pueblo branch as being in a flourishing condition.

Elder Jos. A. McKee presented the officers of the Church, mission, conference and branch, all of whom were unanimously sustained. He spoke a short time, making suggestions for the betterment of conditions here, and begged the people to do all in their power to aid and assist the presiding authorities. Elder Isaac S. Hansen said we Elders were sent out to preach the Gospel restored, and compared the way the people received the Christ and the Gospel He taught, with the way it is received today.

Elder Hugh E. Cummings noted the unity of the people in sustaining the officers and spoke of the restoration of the Gospel.

Elder L. M. Mendenhall showed that in all dispensations God worked by direct revelations through His servants. Elder D. H. Ward showed that a man must have authority to preach the Gospel and administer in its ordinances.

Elder W. A. Coleman made a few closing remarks.

At the evening session Elder Coleman called the meeting to order.

Elder W. O. Hardman was the first speaker. He told how the Holy Ghost was revealed to him, and what portions of it applies to us.

Elder L. A. Lee explained briefly what the Bible is, and what portions of it applies to us.

Elder W. T. Stevens spoke of the restoration of the Gospel, Elder Hiram W. Merrill said he was pleased with the large attendance we had had, and was about all to seek diligently after the things of God.

Elder McKee took up the remainder of the time. He said he was not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God. He exposed some of the false teachings of the world, and gave a powerful testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

Conference was brought to a close by singing.

#### BOOK OF MORMON.

The New Danish Edition an Excellent Publication.

Elder Andrew Jensen writes from Rotterdam, Jan. 22: About the middle of November last I finished my labors on the Book of Mormon in the city of Copenhagen, Denmark, and as the results of my summer's work I had the pleasure of seeing in bound form the finest book that has ever been published in the Scandinavian mission, at least from a mechanical standpoint. This is the fourth edition of the Book of Mormon published in the Danish-Norwegian language. It is printed on large type on good paper and furnished with an elaborate and plain index, and is intended for a family book more than for pocket use. During the progress of the printing, President Christian D. Fielder assisted me throughout with the proof reading.

In the latter part of November I accompanied President Anthon L. Skanechy on a visit to the province of Jylland, Denmark, during which we attended conferences in the cities of Aarhus and Aarhuus and special meetings in Randers and Odense. We were abundantly blessed in all the meetings, the Spirit of the Lord giving His servants words of utterance and gladdening the hearts of the hearers, as well as bearing testimony of the truths declared in the Holy Scriptures. I had the place of my birth (which I left over 26 years ago as a boy to emigrate to Zion), and made a flying trip to Skagen, the northernmost city in Denmark. Previous to this I accompanied President Skanechy on a short tour to Sweden, where we attended conference in the city of Malmo.

On the 11th of December I took an affectionate leave of the brethren and Sisters in Copenhagen and took my departure for England; but before leaving the beautiful capital of Denmark I had the privilege of baptizing into the fold of Christ five persons, whom I claim at least in part as my own converts. I spent about a month in England, mostly in Liverpool and London, attending to labors of importance connected with Church history. I had a pleasant visit with President Francis M. Lyman and the other brethren at the mission headquarters at 42 Islington, Liverpool, and received a welcome characteristic of Elders of the Church when they meet in foreign lands. I found a fine spirit existing at No. 42.

The brethren seemed to dwell together in peace and love, and each man attended to his special duties with a zeal and consciousness worthy of his calling. Elder Joseph Ekekyes is President Lyman's first assistant, he has charge of affairs generally when the president is away, and attends to all emigration and transportation matters. Elder Joseph J. Cannon is assistant editor of the Millennium Star, which of late has appeared with much interesting original reading matter. In its columns many valuable articles being contributed by Elders of literary ability now in the field. Elder Jesse B. Higgs is General bookkeeper, and Elder Alfred A. Robinson mailing clerk and general assistant in the business department. By my historical investigations I learned that nearly two million books, pamphlets, tracts, etc., were printed and circulated by the Elders in the British mission in 1902. This is a fair sample of what is being done annually in the British Isles to spread the truth by means of the written word. In London I found the Elders and four missionary sisters comfortably located at the conference house at 97 Paraleil Road, Stoke-Newington. Elder Henry H. Hood, of Kaysville, Utah, is president of the conference. It seems to require Herculean efforts to make converts in London. I attended two public meetings, while in that city—one at

Pinsbury townhall, and the other in Stratford, at the mission house. I was introduced to a number of good and intelligent local Saints. Among those recently baptized in London is an Italian of considerable literary ability.

I left London on the 19th inst. for Rotterdam, Holland, where I am now spending a few days engaged in historical labors. The Netherlands mission, embracing the Kingdoms of Holland and Belgium, is steadily growing in importance, and now has a baptized membership of 1,494, or 2,625 including children under eight years old—or nearly as many members as the German mission; 27 Elders from Zion, 5 local Elders and 1 missionary elder from Zion are doing the missionary work here at present; 21 persons were baptized in the mission last year; the mission is divided into six conferences (four in Holland and two in Belgium), and there are 16 organized branches of the Church the most important of which are at Rotterdam and Amsterdam. Elder Willard T. Cannon presides over the mission; Elder Gerrit J. Kruijsboos presides over the Rotterdam and James W. Hurren over the Amsterdam conference. Elder Albertus Braonje is secretary of the mission and Gerard J. S. Abele writer for De Star, which is now running on its eighth volume and is the German Der Stern, a semi-monthly paper published in Dutch and French literature is used in this mission.

#### TWELVE PERSONS BAPTIZED

A Time of Reaping in the Field at Boise, Idaho.

The following account is from the Idaho Mission, Feb. 2: The rite of baptism according to the faith of the "Mormon" Church was administered at the Natatorium yesterday morning.

The ceremony was extremely simple. Elder Melvin J. Ballard read 12 persons into the water, and, after calling each by name, said: "Thou art now commissioned of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." They were then immersed in the water. Elder Ballard explained that this was the way the Lord had commanded, and that the imposition of hands for reception of the Holy Spirit would be attended to Sunday morning at the sacrament meeting.

The Elder and his associates have found that members of their Church residing in this vicinity, when the work was commenced two weeks ago by the visit of Elders Paul and Ballard it was not known that there were any of their Church living in Boise.

Today at 10 a. m. in Christensen's hall a church will be organized and regular services will be held each Sunday.

They will hold special services today in the Christensen hall at 2 p. m. and again at 7:30 p. m. President Joseph W. McMurrin of Salt Lake City, one of the leaders of the "Mormon" Church, will be here to assist in the meetings; also President Branwell, presiding over the Churches in Oregon and northern Idaho, will assist in today's services, as will also other traveling Elders.

Elder Ballard promises another fine musical program at each meeting.

#### THE WORK IN LONDON.

Indifference the Greatest Obstacle to the Gospel.

Elder Robert L. Anderson, writing from London, Jan. 21, says:

I was among the 329 Elders and 37 lady missionaries that were "called" to go forth, etc., last year. Great Britain was my assignment. President Lyman sent me to London conference, where I am now laboring under the direction of President Henry H. Blood. The characteristics of the various missions is as varied as the experiences that we meet, or the people that we encounter, therefore it is all the more difficult when we win the absolute devotion, unswerving fidelity and unbounded love and harmony, that exist among the servants of God, under the most trying circumstances. Fortunately indeed are those who have been blessed with this "Gift," and have been in possession of the true missionary spirit. If all the Saints were endowed with the love of the Gospel as it is witnessed and enjoyed by the faithful little band of workers now engaged in the service of the Master, Zion would surely be in evidence. Practically the entire humber of the British Isles has been visited and treated more or less by our missionaries since the introduction of the Gospel into England. We are going over the same ground again, with our message, and, I feel, some might be missed, when the western world will permit. Our voices are raised upon the street corners, in the parks and squares. We are often jeered and hooted. The newspapers are loud in abuse and malignment. Therefore today, the people feel "Mormonism" is a new religion, known through the efforts of the British. As a rule opposition is preferable to absolute indifference. The old hue and cry and the vicious charges against the Latter-day Saints are not so prominent as in early days, but we are treated to pronounced indifference, sheer indifference. True, this unconcern for religious matters is being felt amongst all the churches and chapels throughout Christendom, and some harm is being expressed concerning another. The mass of the people are disheartened and covered with concern, the prevailing discontent, various are the reasons assigned, but the chief reasons adduced, taking a mass of published opinions in one of London's dailies as authority are: The disgust of the masses at the amount of cash displayed by the clergy, the ever present "caste" as viewed in the pew system. The utter absence of that unity as taught by Christ all tends to discourage the thinkers and scholar, hence we find by statistics that only one-fourth of the population is found at churches on Sunday. London is the city of the world. No other place approaches it. Elders that have labored in its precincts for years have gained but a faint glimpse of its vastness—indeed it is difficult to say where London begins and where it ends. Its population is nearly six millions, and strange to relate, it is stated that in the outer ring the population is steadily increasing, and that during the last 10 years it has increased more than 20 per cent. My present mission experience is only of short duration, being but a "beginner." My first labors were confined to the northern part of the city or more correctly in "Hackney," where I did some house to house tracing. Here let me express and say a word in behalf of the efforts of the lady missionaries now in London. These sisters are truly brave, faithful, energetic workers, trusting in all kinds of weather, visiting and holding cottage meetings during the worst nights and Sundays they are usually among the speakers at our public meetings. Their monthly record show a greater percentage of Gospel conversations than is shown by the brethren and their efforts are bearing

good fruit, in encouraging the local Saints. They are of inestimable value. We find many old Saints here who, through a variety of circumstances, have not gathered to Zion.

A dear old sister recently passed away in the Norwich conference, who was baptized in the river Ribble in 1829. All the Elders for the past 40 years will remember Brother Ellis, who has been president of the London branch for over 30 years. I met Brother George Duncan of Faversham also Kent, who has been with the Church in England 40 years, and many others might be mentioned.

President Lyman is greatly beloved by the missionaries.

#### Sunday School Conference.

Elder Chas. D. Brown writes from Promontory, about an enjoyable gathering at that place.

First annual Sunday School conference was held at Promontory, Boxelder county, Utah, Sunday, Feb. 8, 1903. Three sessions were held on Sunday. The morning meeting was devoted to Sunday school exercises and the afternoon work was very good. At the afternoon and evening meetings a select program was rendered very creditably by the children. The house was crowded by parents and visitors who were delighted to see the splendid results of their excellent training by Supt. Fred C. Houghton and Miss Mattie Monteth and the teachers. In the evening a pleasant surprise took place on Sat. Fred C. Houghton. He was presented with a large family bible given by the generous people of the place as a mark of appreciation of his faithful labors. The members of the stake Sunday school board present were First Asst, Supt. John H. Bott, Meltrude Hunsaker, Florence Christensen, and Chas. D. Brown, stake scribe. They also took part in the devotion. Many former members of Promontory came up to attend the conference and sociable at the invitation of their friends. Several former attempts have been made to establish a Sunday school here, but this is the first that has been a complete success. The Saints were well entertained by L. A. Nelson, F. C. Houghton, T. G. Brown and R. Murphy. On Monday a sociable was held at which most of the residents attended. Music was rendered by Prof. C. Christensen, Chris. A. Anderson and John Brooks. Refreshments were served and a good program was rendered.

#### STAKE CONFERENCES.

SOUTH SANPIETE STAKE.

Good Speeches and Business Transacted at the Conference.

Ephraim, Feb. 9.—The conference of the South Sanpete stake of Zion was held in Ephraim, the 7th and 8th of Feb. The opening prayer was given by the late President Peterson to the attention of the Saints, and said it should be in every family of the Saints. Parents should be careful to have their children baptized at the time the Lord has said is the proper time. Neglect of this requirement may have serious consequences.

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