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BACK INTO THE LIGHT.

Vivid Experiences of a Missionary in Distant New Zealand.

Wanderers From the Flock Discovered After Many Years—Diligently and Bravely the Work Goes On.

Correspondence of the Deseret News.

PORIRUA, New Zealand, Feb. 21, 1894.—Elders of Israel have a varied experience while engaged in spreading the revealed truths of the Gospel of Christ amongst the children of men, and probably a few jottings from personal experiences may interest some of the Saints in Zion.

Thousands of missionaries, who have returned to their homes after performing their duties faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord, can testify to the sense of rejoicing experienced while engaged in leading souls to a knowledge of the true and living God. And yet, there not always sunshine. No pen can fully portray the deep anxiety and anguish of spirit in which many of these zealous ambassadors have sought the throne of grace and pleaded for the divine blessing to sanctify their feeble efforts.

How often the messenger of salvation has reflected upon Paul's exhortation, "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God giveth the increase. So then neither is he that plantedh anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase." Occasionally members are gathered into the fold here who first heard the truth preached in their native lands.

It is evident that often seeds seem broadcast, a humble testimony perhaps of an earnest Elder who yearned to see the fruits of his labors, fall into good ground and are afterwards quickened by the Spirit of God. A new member recently stated that she had experienced no peace of mind for nearly fifteen years, until she again met an Elder of the Church. She could never forget the truths which she first heard in old England, although more than twenty years had elapsed before she was again privileged to listen to a Mormon sermon.

May not these appropriately be termed

Seeds that lay and grow not fruitful, given the birds to eat;
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