

THE MISSIONARY FIELDS

A CONCERT TOUR IN SAMOA

The Elders Give Pleasing Entertainments in Various Places.

Saints Visited and Strangers Approached With the Message of Salvation.

No doubt our Elders in preaching the Gospel to the world are often put to their wits' ends in devising schemes to get the people to lend a friendly ear to their teachings. They are often found with Paul, using a little guilenot to deceive, but to gain an unprejudiced hearing. Fo it is with us in Samoa, and one of our latest methods to meet these ends is school concerts in the English tongue. The idea originated on the Island of Savail, with Elder C. L. Warnick's practical push at its back to carry it successfully into effect. A short account of the first concert tour around that Island appeared in the "News" some time ago. Since then our cause has been upward, and we have even been so bold as to make extensive and important trips around this Island, (Upolu) which we feel, being novel in its way may be interesting to those who have the spreading of the

Saturday, May 12th Elder Warren Longhurst and wife, Elder Warnick and some thirty-five Savail achool children, arrived at Tifftiff, a little-branch of the Church situated about centy-five roller west of Ania. Here

Monday, May 14th-Yesterday we had some good meetings in which we had several speakers-representatives from both branches. The remarks were encouraging rather than doctrinal, and by the spirit manifest I would say they were appropriate and had a good of feet. The children were thoroughly im pressed with the meaning and weight of this tour which we are about make. That they will do their less to conduct themselves as they should, there is no doubt. They have thus far behaved like little ladies and gentlebehaved like little ladies and gentle-men-making allowances of course for all the little freaks of rowdyism that children are belt to. We are beginning to trust them, and with proper watcheare and the blessings of the Lord, we be-lieve we will be able to teach the na-tives in the different villages an object

lesson that will bear fruit for good.

We will go down the coast to the west
with Samanu as our first stopping
place. All told there will be fifty of us part of us going in the boat, and par walking ashore. This will prove more satisfactory than taking two boats, as ten miles will be the longest walk in any one day, to which any of the child-ren are equal, and will avoid the dangers of the many difficult passages in the coral reefs."

"In each village at which we stop w hold meeting. Our principal attracti will be the Tuasivi fife band, led Elder Longhurst, and consisting of fifes and two drums. Some of the s S. S. hymn book, pages, 10, 128, 164, 13 137 and 126. Besides these we have other songs and recitations by individ-ual members; also a duer, with fife ac-companiment, and a quarietts which companiment, and a quarietts when are quite attractive. By way of variety we will have class exercises in reading and spelling, with also imprometu English speeches by some of the leading boys. All in all I think we will be able to give an entertainment of which we meed not be ashamed, not on Samea culv har at home even. It would open people's even as to what can be accomplished among as to what can be accomplished among

these children within three years." Friday, June 8th. "After an abset come down from Apia without calling it at all. There is a scarcily of food it the Asna district which made it advisable to come straight home. Wednes, day, by invitation, the Savaii folks stent with us, and yesterday morning amid a great deal of crying and wavior of handkerchiefs on the part of the school children, the Savaii boat sailes

thankful that we had good accommoda-tions for the hight, and that we had been able to hold our concert. As liro-ther Warnick remarked. "We must not forget that we are Mormons! then will not expect too much and not be

se evening and preaching to almost all se chiefs of the village. So it was to se end of our journey. Where we ex-cited most, we received least; and where prospects were uninviting there we were welcomed,

After two experiences of warning the village beforehand and then not being well received, we decided to change our well received, we decided to change our tactics. It is the custom as samen for strangers when traveling to go straight to the village house and there walt for the chiefs to receive thom as they see fit. So the next day instead of asking anybody where we should stay we simply teak nossession of the largest house all the chiefs to receive them as they see fit. So the next day instead of asking anybody where we should stay we simply teak nossession of the largest house all the country of the largest house and instigators of the points they fracted from the berdera of the chief they fracted from the sean. ply took possession of the largest house we could find. It was not long before the chiefs came in. They brought the "ana" as a sign of welcome and we were well cared for. This also, was the rule thereafter. This change was the keynote to our success during the en-tire Journey so far as procuring comfortable quarters was concerned. In one case only we were not received. That was at Sataon in Safata, where we have two Saints living. They were not at home, otherwise, I think things would have been different. As it was ve were not so much as noticed, so afn to the next village, where we were elected most heartly."

"It would get tiresome for me to go to detail concerning the events and mannings in every village. From appenings in every village. From gained of the treatment we re-It was courteous yet reserved. We were well provided with food, and in one village unly did they deny the privilege to hold meetings. (Lona, Fagaloa). Still they seemed to be cautious especially in a religious sense. From beginning to end there was not a spirit of investigation shown. For this reason our Gospel conversations were very few. We feel, however, that we did much to counteract this spirit, and no doubt our efforts will yet bear fruit. "A few words might well be added

now with respect to visiting our Saints in the different branches, as well as those scattered from village to village. There is hardly a baptized person on labor that it would puzzle older denom-inations to excel.

"Our first Sunday we spent at dinner, and it did indeed seem a bleasing to rest from the care and anxiety of being among strangers. It was a spiritual awakening for old Sumner, the like of which it has never witnesses since the organization of the branch. Our fifes and drums woke them from their long slumber to a realization of the fact that they should be doing something. The strangers also seemed to partake of the spirit of the occasion and came out to visit us. They drank "ava" with us and made us a food offering—a thing they have never done before. One meetings were crowded to overflowing, a great number of strangers being present. Juoging from the way the Saints are feeling. Elesala is no doubt doing a good work. We are pleased to think our native Elders are doing so well, and are so well liked by slumber to a realization of the the Saints."

ishing touches to our trip. The amount of food with which they presented as was simply amazing. Something like ten pigs, Lthink, came in as our share. ore surprising."

Every branch in Atus was represented, We held our meetings in the new house. It stands on a high foundation; is well. American co vell to finish such a piece of work within the last six or seven months."

"Our Sunday school conference

our schools.

"The week occupied to going from Malacia to Peace, a broach wer Apis, was pleasant and full of interesting events. But I must peek them by being as they affect as in a general way andy. We spent three days with the any. We spent three days with the any. The series and had a very please.

Lording back and considering our "About noon, May 15th, we began our short on the same and the same and

best attention. As so in as our program was completed the chiefs gave the word for the crowd to disporse, and then inviting us into the house they made speeches of welcome, and told us to make ourselves at home and remain in the hig house over night. This was the end we wished to gain, as Soo's bouse was much too small so we giadly accepted. We did not ask to hold meet-cepted. We did not ask to hold meet-cepted. cepted. We did not ask to hold meet- | an opening.

THE ORIGIN OF FREEDOM.

An Inheritance from the Northern Lands of

The Ancient Scandinavians Enthroned and Dethroned Their Kings at Will.

conception of freedom is a treasure which the Anglo-Baxons inherit from Rome, or that it is a Roman thought planted by Roman education in the hearts and minds of the Anglo-Saxons. This is a mostake. This divine idea of freedom was brought by the Anglo-Saxons from England to Amerlos. To England it was brought by the Toutons and the Scandinavians. To them it was brought by their noble the rude, but substantial vaults which they erected for the protection and in the honor of their usast. It is by these

about the magnificent ancient existing among the nations who bull them. At the same time they point to lonic forefathers. But those buildings are really a sign of a betberic, and moscount lives, both of men and women tures. Prisoners of war were forced to

rn Histories, Vol. 4, page 160.)
"There had for a long time been much enmity between the king of Sweden and assemblage at which he used disgrace-ful language regarding the king of Norway and in scornful and threaten-ing terms called Earl Engived a traitor, for having made friends with the king of Norway. Then a worthy "lag-man" by the name of Thorgny arose and sald: "The people of Sweden are not any longer going to suffer from your indiscrete and haughty manner. We are tired of this trouble, which has cost us losses, both of lives and by our consent only that you are a learned. The ag and you must carry out the will the people, or else they will kill you labor with the people, or else they will kill you. y elected their own raters, but made

American compatriots to declare their

IN THE MISSION FIELD. Where the Work is Progressing, Op-

Six months hav etapsed since I bid

ate again, while I remained in the same county. We have monthly appointments in different neighborhoods where

wish to be baptized. Then the mints ters commenced to atir up the people against us. It would be a good thing If they understood that we are to be furiged by our fruits. We were going to hold a meeting as usual on the third Sunday of July, but when we arrived at the appointed hour, to our surprise the doors were bolted. Of course this showed to us that our presence was not wanted and I could not help but think of the words of our Savior. "If you were of the world, the world would love you, but because I have chosen you out of the world therefore the world hateth you." At the time we went in hateth you." At the time we went in that neighborhood the church members were fighting each other, but they have become united and fighting us. they would stop and think for one n ment they would see that they were doing themselves an injury. Yet with all opposition we feel that God has some whom He wishes to know the truth. And we feel to do our duty at all times. The community at largs have much to say against those who take us in and care for us. Therefore we feel to thank God that those who have been able to see that we have the truth still remain our friends and wish us to continue our meetings. They have decided to build us an arbor where we will hold a series of meetings, begin-ning the third Sunday in August.

The "News" is a welcome visitor and helps to allay the prejudice that is existing between us and the world at large today. I ask God to bless these who are working for the spread of truth. T. S. KARREN.

AFRAID OF CONTROVERSY.

A Preacher Challenges the Elders but Changes His Mind.

"Mormon" Elders Have an Argument With a Young Student of Theology.

Nashville, Tenn., July 28, 1900. We are often asked, "What good are Hy some it be asked in enriest, but by the great majority it is asked in derision and ridicule. No matter what may be the mind of the questioner, the God's kingdom is drawing near; He has Apostles, Prophets, Pase say to you, receive the light, ac-Ith us the blessings of His Holy Spir-

quire of our success, who wonder how the work of God is progressing in the Our success is not always apparent. It is hid, covered up but access are sown which must grow.

Word from the Elders in the different

counties give evidence of success. Their reatment in the main is good. The report of tracts distributed, books sold, and meetings held, is indeed gratifying. opic in some localities are gradusl-awakening to the position taken by e Elders, and are expressing desires know more of us and the cause we few weeks ago Elders Fuller and

"There had for a long time been much enmity between the king of Sweden and king of Norway. Finally Olaf, the king of Norway, came to the copclusion that he would send messengers to King Olaf of Sweden, to sue for peace, at the same time asking for the hand of the latter's daughter. Ingergerd, Ragnvald, the earl of West Gothland, interceded with the king of Sweden in behalf of the Norwegian ruler, and his ambussador whose name was Biorn.

No fears were entertained by the friends of the Baptists as to his ability to "do up" the "Mormona" But the preacher himself evidently thought differently. The day before the debate was to have commenced, the Elective was to have commenced the Elective was to have commenced

of the arguments present many of the "Durran Yolces of Warning" as we leave an Orson Pray haps a Book of Marmo

line, handling his sub-

ments in different neighborhoods where we have been doing much good.

We have held (welve or more mostlings in one neighborhood, and had many good friends, and many who were investigating.

Some have become converted and

Finding himself unable to meet a single issue, he resorted to abuse. He referred to the character of Joseph Smith and Hrigham Young and the "Mormon" people in general as an evidence against the book,

After be had concluded Elder Coombs

again spoke on the character of those his opponent had assalled. An extralarge crowd heard the debate through. A good feeling was manifest throughout the discussion. We have every reason to believe many friends were JOHN REEVE

GOOD WORK IN ENGLAND

Books and Tracts Distributed and Many Meetings Held.

The Descret News Placed in Publie Libraries and Read Extensively.

27 Cavendish Road, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eug., July 19th, 1960.

It is now nine months since I left my mountain home in response to a call, to all a mission to this land, arriving at Liverpool on the 1st of November last, after a pleasant and prosperous jour-ney of sixteen days, having been absent from ray pative country ten days, short of fifty years. While there are a lew places I recognize as familiar, there The population has increased, and pecessarily the cities, towns, and vil

lages are enlarged.

On my arrival I had the opportunity of visiting my birth pince, Sheffleld, and it being the time of the conference in that district. I had the pleasure of meeting with the Saints.

After visiting relatives and friends for

After visiting relatives and friends for a few days, I went to the Manchester conference, where I have a large family connection, and spent a number of days, making renewed acquaintanceship, and then came to Newcastle-op-Tyne, the field in which. field in which I had been appointed to

My duties regulte me to visit all the small part of Yorkshire. I have enseen many manifestations of the divine favor and rejoice in the repeated testi-

My health, I am happy to say, has

been as good as I can expect in fact better than I had reason to hope for. The work is progressing steadily; the twenty missionaries in this conference are faithful laborers in the cause, constant in season and out of season; dur-1800, our conference report includes: Tracts distributed, 8,609; books sold, loaned and given away, 343; strangers' houses visited, 2,757; Gespel conversa-tions, 422; meetings attended, 256.

our testimony; many are the street meetings, that the congregation is is of very little moment; that which we find here, is very clustic, and suitable to he varied notions of all classes. All

to be taught in the principles of the Gospel. We have some faithful Saints. terest of the cause of God, and the bleesings of the Lord are manifest in their behalf.

The "News" is halled with loy and

The "News" is halled with Joy and read with asyldity. We have obtained permission to place a copy of it in eight public libraries in this conference, since I arrived here, and we have evidence that they are being read extensively. In addition to my conference duties I have buared and found many of my wife's relatives, residing in this district, and have been rewarded with long lists of geneslogies and family records.

I am, very respectfully, your brother,

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Wayne Stake Schools.

The Wayne Stake Sunday school con convened at Loa, July 14th and

There were present on the stand, Dr. Karl G. Maeser and Elder L. John Nut-tall, of the Sunday School Union heard; Stake Superintendent Joseph Eckersley and his assistants, Watter H. Jeffery, and Moroni Lazenby, and others of the leading brothren.

The conference was a very enjoyable

one, although there was not a very good attendance the first day. However, on

Sunday morning all seemed to have and up to date. The twenty-one quez-partaken of the spirit of conference, in tions for superintendents were above. consequence of which there was a large attendance. The time was taken up in hearing reports from the different Sun-day schools, and in receiving instruc-

tions from the visiting brethren. Saturday morning the Stake Superin tendentcy gave their reports, after which Brothers Karl G. Masser and L. Nuttall spoke upon Sunday school work. Sunday morning Brother Masser explained some points on Sunday school work and Brother Nuttall spoks of the

taking notes.
The Sacrament, Word of Wisdom. punctuality, obedience and prayer were spoken of by the brethren. The conference closed Sunday evening after a pleasant time of rejoicing.
TIRZAH HANSON, Sec.

Sunday School Conference.

Sunday school conference was held at the tabernacle in Brigham City Satur-day and Sunday, July 28th and 29th On the stand were Stake president, Elder Charles Kelly and his counselors. Cosen N. Stohl and Lucius A. Snow. Stake Supt. of Sunday Echools A. H. Spow and his assistants, John H. Bott and Justin D. Call; J. M. Tanner and I. M. Mills of the general Sunday school

Stake Supertintendent A. H. Snow reported the work of the past year. There are 34 schools and 3,371 officers,

and union with the board, which held weekly meetings, all work was reported and recorded. He had visited the western schools at Park Valley and ande visiting day for Sunday school

Assistant Stake Superintendent J. H. Bott reported the Sunday school work in the Stake. He said many schools ere improving. Assistant Stake Superintendent I. D.

all said that the members of the much in visiting, superintendents and assistants had been willing to reye and follow instructions.

Jos. M. Tunner gave timely and high-instructive addresses upon the union

W. V. Bunderson, aid to the board sported the Snowville schools in good

M. Mills gave excellent instructions on the physical, mental and spiritual training of our young people. He spoke on the plan of sajvation, punctuality, discipline, force of habit, Word of Wis-Stake President Charles Kelly said

that all the exercises had reflected great credit upon the teachers and acholars. He contrasted the Sunday school work with that of thirty years ago, and gave timely instructions counsel upon the observance of the Sabbath day.

Class exercises were solendidly ren-dered in fact, they were models, by the following schools: First ward. Sec-end ward. Third ward. North ward. Bear River City. Concerted recitation by all the

schools was given at each meeting.
The singing reflected credit upon the charisters. Miss Amelia Grachl and Victor Madsen, for their careful and thorough training of the young peo-

The general and Church and Sunday school authorities were presented and

ent of Sunday schools, A. H. Snow Stake first assistant superintendent, John H. Bott, Stake second assistant superintendent, Justin D. Call; Stake Call: Stake organist. Miss Amelia Graebi: Stake assistant organist, Isa-bei Jensen: alds to board, John F. Bowring, W. V. Bunderson, Waldemar Madsen, and John Bott, Jr.

well, teaching the command of the or-Reports of schools were given at

ach meeting, superintendents showing them to be in good order, progressive | tion,

wered by all, showing good work in

Great credit was due to I. H. Bott. I. F. Bowring and Miss Hattle Wight for the lovely decorations of the build

Sunday school banners, flags, flowers and mottos were displayed everywhere to advantage; also to I. F. Bowring for the accommodation of the visitors.

CHARLES D. BROWN.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Stake Secretary

Elder Ell M. Lec, of Oakley, Cassia county, Idaho, was set apart on the light of April, 1898, for a mussion to the Southern States. He arrived in the city, on his return from the field, on the th of this month, after having in the Chattanooga and Ohla ences. Elder Lee was released ial request of the president of) to enable him to take charge work necessary for the comple ward meting house. He say goved his mission, having rec kind treatment wherever he connection with his compan Reld he baptized right person his labors. The Ohio confer comparatively new field, but are making many friends than

Elder J. S. Smith, of Sugar ward, Salt Lake county, was a n the 9th of April 1888 For he Great Britain. He was trict then to Aberdeen where companions reopened the catablished a branch of the list of July last. Everythin Scotch field is prosperous. 7 are united and doing their spread the Gospel. They are guidance of Elder Henry who presides over the conferady missionaries, Eliza esephine Booth, are doing allaying prejudices.

Cache county, returned on the 4th this month from the Northern sta mission. He was set apart of June, 1898. His field of in State of Iowa. Elder Bi the prospects in that State. The

reports being read with much interesthis month. He labored in the th conference. He was set apar on 13th of April, 1898. He says he has excellent health while in the missis-

Elder L. W. Phister, of Baker Cir. States. He returned to this city on the 3rd of this month. His field of labse was western New York, where he made many friends. To infestion is in a pros-

Elder Willis Call, of Woodruff, Rid ounty, writes August 2nd that he was et spart May, 17, 1899 for the South era States. After arriving in the Utah, July 12, 1900.

Elder Henry Erickson, of Mill Crest, Salt Lake county, returned on the E of this month from the Northern State boring in the State of Iowa, where, anys, he met with encouraging succe The mission is in a promising cond



have plenty of time to read everything else in the paper." That is what a woman writes to us, and she's a woman who ought to know. How large a part of your time is spent in getting things clean? Haven't you something better that you'd like to do if you had the time for it? Time is one of the things that Pearline

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