

## A LETTER FROM DENMARK.

Of a letter, dated Aarhus, Denmark, April 19, 1892, and addressed to the Seventies' quorum, Levan, an extract is here given by kind permission. The writer, Elder Martin Nielsen, after thanking the quorum for pecuniary assistance rendered, says:

It is not so easy to get along without money here for a missionary under the present circumstances. Not that I doubt the Lord being able to take care of His servants, but we all feel that we can do much more in spreading the Gospel and warning the people when we have some money; that is, if we are willing to use it in that direction. I will try and explain my reasons for this.

First. There are not many Saints in this country now, and what few there are, are very poor.

Second. In order to make the people familiar with our doctrines, they must have books and tracts to read. But the law of the land will not permit us to sell them, so we must give them away, and of course we must pay for them ourselves.

Third. We are not allowed to beg. If we do, we run the risk of arrest which always results in banishment from the country.

Fourth. For the last three or four months a change seems to have taken place, at least in this (Aarhus) conference. Missionary labor around in the country has mostly been abandoned, and the attention is turned towards the cities. There is nobody that will open their doors for us to hold meetings in the country, but in the cities, as a general rule, we can rent halls. In many cities regular meetings are now held in rented halls. This is expensive, and the conference cannot stand the expense. So here again, the missionaries have to help one another to pay, and if we have no money, even this opportunity would be closed to us.

Fifth. As our labor is mostly in the cities, we have to dress well and appear respectable.

Sixth. As there are towns where halls cannot be hired for money, by "Mormons" we take the last resource we have, which is advertising the principles of the Gospel in the newspapers. Thus we have advertised in four newspapers here in Jylland, forcing the people to receive or reject the Gospel plan of salvation. But this is a very expensive way of proclaiming the truth, and here, again, it falls on the missionaries' purse.

My wife writes to me that the people of Levan are very good to helper in many ways. Such acts are praiseworthy, and accept of my sincere thanks. Your kindness in that regard will always be remembered by me. I feel that the people of Levan are indeed my friends.

There seems of late to be a general hatred stirred up against the Latter-day Saints in Denmark. Several of our missionaries have been banished. They are given but a few days to get out of the country. The newspapers have given us a rough game and the priests are delivering lectures against the Mormons twice a week here in Aarhus. It seems to me that there will soon be something else coming upon this country, but there is yet some honest souls to be gathered out from here and as long as there is any

that will receive the Gospel the Lord will hold back the destruction that surely awaits the wicked. We have added fourteen to the Church here in town the last two months, all of whom are good, intelligent people, and more are expected in the near future.

In regard to myself I can say that I feel encouraged, and my mind is on my labors. I am enjoying good health; the Lord has blessed me in that regard. I have not had a sick day since I left Levan, with the exception of a few days of Influenza, and I must say that I enjoy my mission. I feel that it is a great privilege to be a preacher of righteousness and to teach those who know not God nor the plan of salvation, and to cry repentance to a wicked and corrupt world. I have seen great manifestations of the power of God. I have seen the sick healed instantly, evil spirits and devils rebuked. Not to our honors but to the honors of Almighty God be this said. I have seen much wickedness and sin, misery, poverty, disgrace and shame. I have learned that it is good to live in Zion. I can tell you, my brethren and sisters, that I now appreciate my home in Utah. Sometimes, when I reflect on the condition of the world, I shed tears of joy and feel that I cannot be thankful enough to my heavenly Father for His blessings towards me, that I have a home and family among the Saints of God. I feel that I cannot be thankful enough to my parents for bringing me out of this terrible land of misery and terror. I am thankful for the opportunity I have of gaining experience and seeing the conditions of the world. It is a good school for a man to go through. I have learned to depend upon God and He has not deserted me, but has blessed me beyond my expectations both spiritually and temporally, and I feel to praise Him and hope that I may continue to labor for His cause and fulfill my mission in honor and to return home rejoicing over what little I have done in bringing the Gospel to the honest in heart.

I feel to say to the brethren of the Seventies, be diligent at home. I will admit that when I was at home, I did not fully realize or comprehend what good I could have done at home in laboring for the cause of truth, but I have learned this lesson now, and if the Lord will permit I will try and redeem the past when I return home again.

I have a word to say to my young brethren and sisters with whom I have grown up, who have been my playmates. My thoughts often wander to you, and I wish you could get some of the experience that I have had since I left you. Thank God that you have the privilege to live in Zion. I wish you could appreciate what your parents have done for you in bringing you out from a terribly wicked world, and that you live among the people of God, where you can be taught true and correct principles. If I were with you I would plead earnestly with you, to be grateful to your Creator that you have been permitted to be born in Zion, of Latter-day Saints.

I did not appreciate my home in Utah as I should have done before I came here. Now, my young friends, live your religion, for I know as sure as

I know that I live, that Mormonism is true. Be honest and upright. Above all, live lives of virtue. Study the principles of the Gospel, that when you are called to go and preach you may be prepared. Try to cultivate singing. It is hard, many times, for a missionary when he cannot sing. Read good books. Improve your minds and you will become men of much value in the Kingdom of God.

## THE SILVER QUESTION.

*Editor Deseret News:*

Am pleased yourself and "Democrat" have opened up on the above as its about time Utah was falling in line and organizing silver leagues same as Colorado, Idaho, Montana and Nevada. In Denver alone the membership is over 12,000. The main feature of the Silver League is that each member agrees in writing not to vote for any candidate for "any" office in county, State or national, who is not in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver. This is pretty strong and gets at the meat on the bone, and to say these leagues only commenced this January and now have a membership of over 100,000 with many States and Territories to hear from will convince you we are in earnest.

You see, Mr. Editor, that the low price of silver hits us where we live; that is, west of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio, as when silver is low so is wheat, cotton and corn, and in fact, sir, everything we raise in this portion of the country is low when silver is, hence the cotton planter and farmer are as much interested as the miner, and we are urging these leagues so as to unite our main interests, and try to obtain a plank in one of the national party's platforms embodying our views; if they don't, we will take what action seems best. We are not wild, Mr. Editor, but decidedly enthusiastic and active, and realize if the South and West will unite and do their duty we can nominate the next President.

This last remark seems dreamy. Why? Simply because of the previous inaction. Don't you think the Southerner and Westerner are getting more enlightened to their interests every year? What good does protection do for us? where are the articles manufactured that needs protection? yet we suffer with the balance to help the whole country and help build up Eastern manufactures, at the expense of the South and West if you please.

I don't think Democrat is wrong in saying Congress "refuses to coin and regulate its value." I think he can prove it beyond a reasonable doubt and that Mr. Sherman demonetized silver in 1872 by deceit and against the knowledge of the majority of Republicans, and that as silver is so cheap in the U. S. and about \$1.37 per oz. in India, its plain to the writer why Wall street and other bankers with England as principal, in making so much per cent. out of the American dollar, object to the free and unlimited coinage of silver and suggest a monetary conference. What for? Why to delay that consummation. Do you think, sir, they are in a hurry to lose this percentage which it is their especial business to obtain?