

easy to find a man who can draw. It is hard to find one who can tell what to draw. What the world needs is men with ideas. We want creative men, and such men receive higher prices every year. They will be worth more and more as time goes on. Machinery does not hurt them. The only factory that can turn them out is God Almighty."

Frank G. Carpenter

AMONG LAPLANDERS.

SUNSDVALL, Sweden, Europe,
August 24th, 1895.

Thinking a few lines from this part of the world may be of interest to the many readers of your valuable paper, at least to those that are acquainted here, I will say the last twenty months that I have spent in the missionary field in Sweden, I have enjoyed myself exceedingly well. The past year I have spent in the northern part of Sweden, taking charge of Sundsvall branch, where I have labored with great interest and have many friends, though we have not so many Saints here, and what there are are poor but most of them good and faithful.

I will give you a short report and idea of our labors in this branch during the past five weeks. Just as my companion, Elder John L. Halborn, and I were ready to start for a long journey through what is called Jemtland, we received a letter from our president, N. R. Lindahl, Stockholm, to meet Elder Huglund on his return from Rysland and Finland, which we were pleased to do. We hired the Temperance hall for him to preach in in Sundsvall city, in the forenoon, and had a very good meeting. In the afternoon we held forth in our own hall at Skonsmon No. 67, where we had a great time together and appreciated his visit very much.

We then continued our journey northward for Jemtland, Elder Halborn and I with our satchels full of books and tracts, also overcoats and umbrellas to pack. The first day we walked about twenty English miles and enjoyed ourselves in feasting on the lovely berries that grow by the roadside. We got lodging at night, but our supper consisted of only hard bread and old cheese which smelled very strong. Next morning we continued; the day after day at missionary work and offering our books and tracts for sale, but had very poor success till after we got above Ostersund. We left Ostersund on the 24th of July and went northward. About noon I lost Elder Halborn and we were parted for two days. I labored as a missionary all day and visited over twenty houses, but received no welcome till I got lodging at a priest's son's residence, where we had a very interesting time and I was very kindly received. I had a good supper and breakfast and it cost me nothing. I continued on northward and after a long chase I caught up with Elder Halborn.

We continued our labor, and walking north till finally we came so far that there was no wagon road farther; so we followed a trail through the woods and swamps and over mountains, at times hungry and tired but jolly and interested. We then came to

a town called Vallrum, where we were very well treated and got the school house to preach in. The people informed us we were the first Mormon missionaries that had been there for twenty years.

We went from there up to Lapland and had the privilege of preaching among these people for four days. We were treated very kindly and they were exceedingly well pleased to have an American-born young man among them, talking Swedish to them. These people talk good Swedish as well as their own language. They resemble the American Indians, although they are more civilized. Some of them live in houses and some of them in wick-i-ups made to resemble the Indian wick-i-ups in shape, but out of poles covered with birch bark. They dress mostly in skins, tanned for summer, but in winter they have regular reindeer skins with hair on, which are very warm and make them look very cute.

After leaving this people we came down to Ytterhog and had the honor of staying over night with Olaf Stafferson, a millionaire. We were treated very well, and had the honor of eating supper at the same table with the millionaire himself. The next morning we continued our journey till we reached Areskutan, a very high mountain, I expect the highest in Sweden. We went over it and down the other side then up to the Swedish Niagara falls, where the water falls 137 feet in one fall. We had the privilege of preaching in the Temperance hall.

We then started our journey homeward, having to go 200 English miles to our headquarters. When we came out on the main road we had a very hard job to get lodging and food, but we were not a night without a bed nor a day without something to eat, though sometimes it was but one meal a day, and a very poor one, and sometimes it was late at night before getting lodging.

On our trip we had considerable rainy weather, and many times swamps to wade through and mountains to climb over, especially among the Lapp, or in Lapland, where it was quite cold in July and August.

I can truthfully say that though it has been quite tough at times, I would not have missed this trip for considerable, and I trust we have done some good and sowed some seed that will grow and bring forth good fruit. We have had the privilege of holding nine meetings and have circulated 215 books and tracts; have visited 590 houses, had 178 Gospel conversations, and on this trip have walked nearly 700 English miles.

I can say, as a rule the missionaries are doing a good work in Sweden and are enjoying the spirit of their calling. On the 21st and 22nd of September we will have the privilege of meeting in conference at Stockholm, where no doubt we will have a good time together.

H. B. NIELSEN.

ALBERTA SNAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake convened in the Cardston meeting house, August 25th, at 10 a. m. according to appointment, President Charles O. Card presiding. Singing.

Prayer by Elder C. O. Card. Singing. There were present on the stand Elders John A. Woolf and Sterling Williams, of the Stake presidency, Patriarch Henry L. Hinman, Bishops Hammer and Pilling, Elders J. H. Gold and S. J. Layton, representatives from West Cardston, Layton and Leavitt branches, and other leading men of the Stake.

Elder Card made the opening remarks, expressing satisfaction and gratitude for the favorable circumstances the Saints were in at the present time.

Elder H. L. Hinman next addressed the congregation, showing the necessity of a continued effort to insure progression in spiritual things; impressing upon the Saints the necessity of performing every duty devolving upon them, and taking that course that would draw down the blessings of heaven.

Singing, "An angel from on high." Elders Johan Anderson, J. E. Layne, James May, Robert Leishman and Samuel Matkin, members of the High Council, each addressed the congregation, in substance exhorting the Saints to forsake evil and draw near unto the Lord, expressing thankfulness for the blessings poured out upon us as a people, showing the necessity of unity of action, and of so living that we might continually enjoy the favor of God.

Singing. Benediction by Elder J. A. Woolf.

2 p. m.—Singing; prayer by Elder J. A. Hammer; singing.

Sacrament was administered by Elders L. Harker and J. H. Gold. Elder Card called upon the following members of the High Council to address the congregation, namely: Neils Hansen, M. E. Beezer, Ephraim Harker, O. L. Robinson and James Quinto; each of whom spoke impressively upon the duties of the Saints, especially assembling ourselves together often, praying for each other, guarding against speaking evil of each other, of fasting to gain spiritual strength; and of setting ourselves and our houses in order.

Bishop R. Pilling reported Etna ward as being in a favorable condition, the different organizations of the ward being in good working order; six new members had been added the past three months.

Elder J. H. Gold reported Mountain View ward progressing as much as could be expected under the circumstances, peace and plenty prevailing.

Elder Card followed with a powerful discourse upon the duties of the Saints, the gifts of the Gospel, the necessity of going before the Lord from time to time and making our wants known, having faith that our prayers will be answered, and especially at the present time that the elements might be tempered that we might gather the bountiful harvest. He counseled the youth to guard against excessive frivolity, and reminded the Saints of the necessity of strictly conforming to the law of tithing and of continuing faithful in every good word and work.

Singing. Benediction by Elder S. Williams.

August 26, 10 a. m.—Singing; prayer by Elder S. J. Layton; singing.

Bishop J. Hammer reported the Cardston ward as being in a favorable