



HEARD IN THE STREETS.

Elders Refused a House in Which to Preach the Gospel.

But a Large Congregation Assembled in the Open to Hear Their Testimony.

Elder S. H. Forthingham writes from Rome, Ga., June 5:

The Elders of the Chattanooga conference met at Rome, Ga., June 4th, in conference. The Elders had been carrying on an effective work in the city, generally meeting with success; this of course had a tendency to rouse the adversary, so he decided to muster his forces. The City of Rome furnishes a number of active workers for the suppression of God's work.

Mr. Gamman, a respectable citizen and gentleman, acting president of the board of commissioners, gave us permission to hold conference in the court house. Members of the board on learning this and being prompted by some pious "Christians" deemed it very necessary to call a hasty council and elect the people of Rome from "Mormon" delusions. Two conferences were united in one and as President Gamman and Benson were released, Elder Thos. R. Canova, formerly from the Ohio conference, was chosen and unanimously sustained as president.

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Missionaries in Kentucky Meet at Louisville.

In a letter dated Louisville, Ky., June 4th, Elder J. T. Hamilton reports as follows:

The Elders of the Kentucky and North Kentucky conferences met at Louisville, Ky., on June 1st and 2nd, 1901.

Since our last conference, which was held on Jan. 30th, the Elders have been laboring assiduously in all parts of the State, but in obedience to the counsel of our president we met again in conference, where we received much counsel, and advice from our president, Elder Ben. E. Rich and Apostle Mathias F. Cowley.

On Saturday two council meetings were held. In the morning the greater part of the time was spent in listening to the testimonies of the Elders, and the other was occupied by Apostle Cowley, who encouraged the Elders to be faithful and energetic in their labors.

Elder Rich then read the names of sixteen Elders who were to receive their releases in the near future.

A public meeting was held that night, when those present listened to the first principles of the Gospel explained by Elder Rich.

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"Those who came to scoff,"

Monday the 15th, at 10 a. m., we began our Priesthood meeting. Elder Haug presiding. The forenoon was given over to reports from the Elders laboring in this conference. All reported as feeling well in the work of the Lord. Nearly all the Elders had been somewhat hampered in their efforts on account of sickness.

Priesthood meeting in Leipzig last January a prophecy was made, that Satan would do all in his power to prevent the work progressing, even to bringing sickness upon the Elders. This prophecy has been literally fulfilled, as very few of the Elders have not been sick. But thanks to our heavenly Father and the prayers of loved ones at home, which are ever ascending to the throne of grace in our behalf, with one or two exceptions the Elders are now enjoying the best of health and spirits. The work is advancing. After the reports had been given a short recess was taken.

At 2 p. m. we again assembled and a short time was devoted to asking questions and general discussions. The visiting Elders were also given an opportunity to express their feelings.

Elders McDonald, Schulthess and McMurrin then occupied the balance of the time in the afternoon, speaking with power and by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. They gave us counsel and advice which was listened to with great interest. We were all sorry when the time came to close.

At the meeting in the evening the general and local authorities of the Church were presented and sustained by all present. Elders Haug, McDonald and McMurrin addressed the meeting, giving general instructions, and speaking on the duties of the members as members of the Church of Christ. A pleasant time was had.

Even as our meetings had been successful, so also was the concert given on Tuesday night, for which special pains had been taken. This was the musical event of our conference and was a fitting climax to such a glorious feast. Those taking part made extra exertions and all did exceptionally well. The program consisted of duets, solos, recitations and instrumental music, and when I say we have those among us here who are exceptionally gifted in these lines, we will understand that not one of the 400 people present went away dissatisfied. All had words of praise to utter. Those on the program were C. P. Ferrin, Walter Wallace, Emma Ramsey, Emma Lay, Gates, Agnes Dahlquist, Oscar Kirkham and J. Percy Goddard. Elder Schulthess also gave a short talk on "Our Mission Work in Germany."

Our conference has been productive of great good.

You have no doubt heard so much praise of the Desert News from all quarters, that you may begin to think it is an old story, but I just want to say that we here in Berlin appreciate the "News" very much.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

A Profitable Gathering of Saints and Elders at Cumby.

Elders Jos. A. Stewart, Jr. and Geo. W. Hammond write from Cumby, Texas, June 4th:

On the 1st and 2nd of June, this year, the Saints of the North Texas conference assembled in semi-annual conference.

Elders James G. Duffin and John A. Call, from Kansas City, were welcomed by all.

Conference commenced by Elder Jas. G. Duffin, calling to order the Elders in Priesthood meeting. At 10:30 o'clock a. m. general meeting convened. After the devotional exercises, Elder Jos. A. Stewart, Jr. spoke words of comfort.

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The mission of the Prophet Joseph was explained by Elder James G. Duffin.

The afternoon meeting was given to Saints in bearing testimony.

Elder J. A. Call, who is about to leave for Zion, occupied the remainder of the time, testifying that the Holy Ghost is enjoyed by the people of God, and that it can come into any through the proper channels as in any.

At 5 p. m. refreshments were spread beneath the sturdy oaks.

Our evening and closing meeting was a success. Closing remarks were made by Elder Duffin. Conference closed by singing "Home Sweet Home."

Elder Joseph A. Stewart was sustained as conference president, with Elder J. N. Heywood and N. T. Porter as first and second counselors, and George W. Hammond as Sunday school superintendent, and Elder J. A. Lyle as companion. Our laboring force consisted of the following:

On the morning of June 3 the Elders were assigned to their various fields of labor.

Appointments—Elder George G. Smith has been appointed to labor in the Scottish, Elder H. B. Blood in the Grimsby, and Elder Freeman Tanner in the Norwich conferences respectively.

Transfers—Elder Joseph H. Bodily from the Liverpool to the Birmingham, Elder Arthur R. R. Reddish from the Nottingham to the Sheffield; Elder Charles Munns from the Norwich to the Leeds; Elder William H. Banks, from the Sheffield to the Grimsby; Elder Cyrus E. Snell, from the Newcastle to the London; Elder Joseph B. Harris, from the Birmingham to the Manchester; Sister Isabel Penfold, from the Scottish to the London, and Elder Alex. Buchanan, from the Scottish to the Liverpool office.

(Millennial Star, May 26th.)

Release—Elder Wm. H. Hill of the Nottingham conference is honorably released to return home on the s. s. New England, leaving Liverpool on June 6, 1901.

GOSPEL WORK IN NORWAY.

Reports at a Conference in the Capital of That Country.

Newspapers Treat the Elders in a Liberal Spirit—Many Investigators—A National Celebration.

This report is sent from Christiania, Norway, by Elder H. A. Petersen. It is dated May 22:

A few days ago we closed one of the most successful conferences I have attended outside of dear Utah. Elder A. L. Skanck, president of the Scandi-

navian mission; President C. D. Fieldsted, who is now in Scandinavia on a short mission, and also President McMurrin of the European mission and Sister Booth from Provo, were present with us, and we had a most enjoyable time. All our meetings were attended by more people than our comfortable hall could accommodate, and many of the Gospel principles were presented.

The Lord has greatly blessed the labor of His servants since last conference, and a very good work has been done. 34,777 houses have been visited, 47,969 tracts and 89 books have been distributed; 600 meetings have been held and 90 persons have been added to the Church. In the city of Christiania our meetings have been, and are well attended and as a usual thing our hall is crowded on Sunday nights with nice, intelligent people and many of them seem to be more or less interested in the Gospel.

The Lord has indeed softened the hearts of the people in this city. We are kindly treated by the majority of the people and have all the freedom we can wish. Of course things are quite a trial to some of them.

Last winter some of the newspapers here published an article against us, but they were far enough to take our reply also, and it did us good. The God of Israel has greatly blessed those of us who have been means of bringing many honest souls to a knowledge of the truth. Every Elder in this conference is keeping the Word of Wisdom.

The 17th of this month was a great day in Norway. It is celebrated in memory of the 17th of May 1814, when the constitution of this country was signed at Elvdslo, and is to this people what the Fourth of July is to Americans. This year it was celebrated more extensively than usual, on account of the unveiling of a monument to the great Admiral Tordenskjold, who lived about 200 years ago. The dedication was very impressive and was witnessed by many thousand people. The monument was placed on a square close by the sea, which now bears the name of Tordenskjold's "Plads." Windows in buildings close by were in great demand, and people paid as high as \$40

for a window from which they could witness the dedication. One of the admirals gave the oration in which he described the life and works of the dead hero. The crowd cheered. The other features of the celebration were also very interesting, especially the children's parade in the forenoon of the day, about 20,000 school children nearly all dressed in white, carrying the national colors, red, white and blue, and singing with great enthusiasm the Norwegian alle, "Ja vi elsker dette landet." It was a beautiful sight.

We tried also to spend the day as pleasantly as possible, and in the afternoon we had a feast for the Sunday school children and many of their parents. A fine program was presented. Our Sunday school is doing a good

work. Many strangers' children are attending and some of the children have been the means in the hand of God in bringing their parents into the Church.

In the evening we had the members of the Mutual Improvement associations together and spent a very sociable time with them.

The weather is fine now and the days are getting very long. The tourist season has already begun. Thousands of tourists from all over the world are in the summer to see the midnight sun and nature's grandeur. Norway is a beautiful country in the summer, but the winter is long and severe.

A LETTER FROM GERMANY

The Missionary Work Making Wonderful Progress.

Baptisms Reported in Several Places—The Happy Life of the Gospel Messengers.

The subjoined paragraphs are from a private letter from Elder Jesse W. Smith, dated Elbing, Germany, April 21:

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We have had all kinds of weather lately. Today the sun shines brightly, but we have to wear overcoats still. I don't know whether they have any spring in this country or not. If they have I would like to see it.

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Looking Back

to the time when we first started to build shoes for men and boys, and remembering how good they were then, we've come to the conclusion—with the improvement of each year—that we must be building pretty good shoes for men and boys right now.

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After spending about four months in this city, at which place we held our spring conference, I was assigned to labor in the city of Detroit. This is by far the largest city in the state, having a population of 255,000.

Detroit is situated on the north bank of a river which bears its name. On the opposite bank is Windsor, Canada. Detroit is a most beautiful, modern and up-to-date city, with perhaps the best street car service in the United States. The waterworks of the city contain four large engines, each weighing 500 tons. In case of necessity they can furnish the city with 100 million gallons of water every 24 hours.

While laboring here I took in an excursion to Niagara Falls.

Shortly after our last fall conference I was sent to open up a new field in company with Elder L. A. Bingham, who was in ill health, and after laboring as my companion for a short time, he concluded it would be wisdom on his part to return home, which he did.

At Pontiac we made some good friends.

I have enjoyed good health until last January, when I caught the "erry" while at Pontiac and had to be removed to Detroit.

At our last conference, which was held in February at Jackson, Elder Orange D. Leavitt and the writer were assigned to labor in Coldwater, a city of about 7,000 inhabitants, which had never before been canvassed by a "Mormon" Elder.

On our arrival here we had but little or no trouble in finding suitable quarters to stay in, while we prosecuted our labors. We have succeeded in holding open air meetings. The city authorities are very generous minded, and treated us with as much respect as they would, any other religious denomination.

The public press of the city also has been very liberal.

We thank you for the "News." We have some friends who, like us, appreciate it very much.

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