

ELDERS EXPELLED FROM CENTRAL CITY, WEST VA.

Editor Deseret News—
New York City, N. Y., Jan. 21, 1909.—Dear Sir:—I am writing you a letter by quite a number of people in West Virginia, who are sending you a warning from the Huntington Dispatch regarding some little trouble or controversy that has taken place and also an answer which was written by the elders there. This answer, though, is in brief, was sent to the editor, who had promised to print it, but it did not appear, and the conference president in Huntington, feels that a great deal of good will result if it is placed before the readers of the "News." If you can use this material in any way, to be placed in as news from our mission, we will appreciate it very much.

EASTERN STATES MISSION.

A. B. Anders, Secy.

Under a big double column heading the Huntington Dispatch of Jan. 15 gives the following details of the expulsion of the Mormon elders from Central City, West Virginia:

"Five disconsolate Mormon elders walked through a blinding storm of sleet and rain early yesterday morning, preferring to face the fury of the elements rather than to hazard the wrath of Central City people."

"The secret orders of Central City held a joint meeting Wednesday night and appointed a committee to wait upon the elders and to inform them that if they stayed in Central City they would be expelled. The committee found the elders all gathered in the room of the hotel where they had been boarding in private families of the city, but recently decided that it would be safer if they stayed together. The committee from Central City's frater city informed the elders that they must plan to leave town without saying goodbye to their friends and relatives. The elders demurred, saying that they had inaugurated a widespread campaign for the winter months, and that Central City was being used as the base of operations for all of their so-called, missionary work through West Virginia. The members of the committee suggested that the punishment, might bring disaster, even that very night. The elders gazed upon one another mournfully, murmured in their hearts about, 'And no persecuted them the prophets,' and took up their hats and overcoats to depart."

"The people of Central City have been scandalized by the way the Mormon elders have been carrying on their work. It was a question as to which would act first, the churches or the fraternal organizations. The secret societies took the initiative. It was understood that they were better acquainted with the strenuous methods by which people are made to lose their sense of earthly cares in the confusion of greater matters. The secret societies, the churches, and the fraternal organizations, all have been attached to this act of a tall, and the victim placed upon his back at the same moment in which the match is applied."

The elders are understood to have taken the first train out of Huntington, their decision being hastened by covertly conveyed information that if they tried to stay here, the local fraternal organizations would take the precedent taken by their city brothers."

"The action taken will have great effect in breaking up the strong hold of Mormonism in West Virginia."

Following is the reply sent to the Dispatch, but which was not published: Editor Huntington Dispatch, Huntington, West Va.

Dear Sir: Your morning issue of Jan. 15 states an account of what purports to be an attack on the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called Mormons, and as coming from Central City. As there are many inaccurate statements made, in justice to the said elders, and also the good people of Central City, we beg space for reply, and kindly ask that you give it the same prominence given the said article."

On Aug. 2, 1907, the head office of the South West Virginia conference of the Mormon Church was moved from Charleston to the Schneider building in Central City. And with the consent of the mayor of the city proselyting began by distributing tracts and street preaching. But not being able to procure a hall, we made but very little progress, and no one seemed to oppose us. We followed the eleventh article of our faith very closely. It reads:

"We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may."

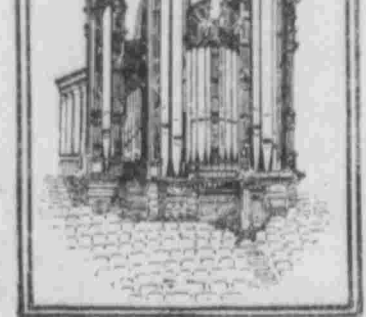
We looked well after our own business, attacking no man's religion; but went from house to house preaching Christ and Him crucified, putting before the people the plan of salvation, using King James' translation of the Bible for our guide. We asked no man for money, believing in the injunction of Christ: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Further than that, we went into the pockets to help the poor. We also visited the sick, bound up the broken hearted, and offered our services to the needy."

We were generally treated with due respect, only a few turning us from their doors. Finally opposition arose through misunderstanding, a few gentlemen used literature from the enemy, also his pulpit to slander and abuse our tenets by misstating our beliefs. And on Sunday, 10th, at 3 p. m., held a meeting in connection with the fraternal order, in which a resolution (being a fair representation of Central City) by a vote decided to fight the elders, of whom two were in the city, all others, 15 in number, being out of the city."

We were not notified by any committee. But on Monday the proprietor, Mr. Schneider, kindly asked us to find other quarters, as he feared trouble. Being law-abiding and peace-loving citizens, we consented, and then sent to Charleston for our conference president. He returned Tuesday evening, and on the following day we moved our head office to Huntington, where we are ready and anxious to receive and meet and answer all inquiries."

We are not after trouble, but are peace makers. If, as your paper states, the people of Central City have been scandalized by the actions of the Mormons, we call for evidence. If visiting the sick, helping the poor, comforting those who are bowed down in sorrow, and paying our way is scandalous, then



CHURCH MISSION ADDRESSES

For the convenience of travelers, the Deseret News gives here with the addresses of the various missions of the Church where this paper will always be found on file, and where travelers will receive courteous attention:

New York City—33 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth St. Chicago—149 So. Paulina St. San Francisco—1443 Baker St. Los Angeles—423 West Tenth St. Denver—622 West Sixth Ave. Chattanooga, Tenn.—711 Fairview Ave. Portland—26 Hancock St. Independence, Mo.—302 South Pleasant St. Mexico—Calsada Sta. Maria (la rondona) num. 4 (altos). D. F. London, England—Deseret High Road, South Tottenham, n. London. Liverpool, England—295 Edge Lane. Bristol—10 Albert Place, Cheltenham, England. Zurich, Switzerland—Hochengasse 68, Munster. Copenhagen—Korsgade 11. Stockholm, Sweden—Svartensgatan 3. Honolulu—Punchbowl St. Tokyo, Japan—No. 16 Kasumi-ssokamachi, Yotsuya. Toronto, Canada—659 Bathurst St. Rotterdam, Holland—Groenwijkstraat 8. New Zealand—53 Upper Queen street, or P. O. box, 72, Auckland.

We plead guilty. If teaching mankind to love one another is scandalous, we plead guilty again. West Virginia has had from 20 to 35 elders in her state for the past 20 years, and not one of her laws has been broken by them. The South West Virginia conference has 280 members of the Mormon faith, and they are among her best citizens, respecting her laws and the rights of others."

We are tried, condemned and sentenced without a hearing by a few who have allowed prejudice to eat its inroads into their hearts. When we are persecuted in a city we will flee to the next, and we will not have gone over all the cities of the earth until the Son of Man hath come."

In conclusion we ask, When have we offended, and what has been our offense?"

ELDER FRANK LEAVITT, Conference President.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION NOTES

302 South Pleasant Street, Independence, Mo., Jan. 22—"Snow" and "Mud" are two words used in most of the letters from the elders in this state. Those in the Independence conference are going to work in cities in south Missouri. In Arkansas they will cross the state in two companies, traveling 12 miles apart and meet altogether once a month."

While the weather has been very unfavorable for country work, most of them have stayed at it with good results, as the following items will show. At the last two places we distributed song tracts among the congregations, and for an hour before preaching, we practiced the songs of Zion. The young people especially took much interest in the singing which had something to do with drawing a larger crowd. Many suggested that had the weather been good the house would have been too small. We commenced a series of meetings tonight. The people seem to be glad we are back again."

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house office, has been sent with Elder Kepner Sessions, Jr., to New Orleans, La., to open up the work there. The old town has long been the Mormon elders, but now its municipal authorities have thrown it open to holding meetings and distributing literature freely, but not for selling any."

Elder Murdock, who has been president of the Y. M. M. L. A. here, is succeeded in that office by Elder Amos Wood.

Elders W. D. Wilcock of St. John and J. H. Bradshaw of Oklahoma conferences, having held good and honorable missions, are released to return home."

Elder Andrew Jensen, Church historian, en route to Scandinavia, where he is to preside over the mission, is making us happy by a two days' visit."

ELDERS SHARE PULPIT WITH PREACHER

Birchtree, Mo., Jan. 20.—On Sunday we visited a M. E. church, having in mind the words of Paul, "To prove all things and hold fast to that which is good."

Soon after we approached the chapel, we formed the acquaintance of Rev. Mr. Nickelson, a Shannon county circuit rider."

He desired that we share the time of the meeting with him and allowed us the first half in presenting the truth of Mormonism. The people listened with great interest; when the Rev. Nickelson took the stand he endorsed the words we spoke, and told his congregation to listen to the servants of the Master. At the close of the service we gave out our meeting for the following evening. Several asked us home to dine with them. In filling our appointment, we held a very good meeting; the schoolhouse was well packed with respectful and attentive listeners."

THADDEUS F. CORBETT, NEWELL N. DALRYMPLE.

REPORT FOR 1908, NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Boston, Mass., Jan. 12.—At the beginning of 1908, the church membership of the New England conference was 95, an increase of 23 members added by baptism 22, and three were received from other branches. One death has occurred and five have removed to other branches, leaving 114 at the beginning of 1909. At the beginning of 1908, we had 15 elders from Zion and during the year 15 more have arrived; five have been released and two have left, leaving 23 now in the conference. 14 of this number arrived in Dec., 1908. They have spent 9,465 hours in traveling; families visited in traveling 29,521; visits to homes, 4,599; hours in gospel conversation, 4,499; number of gospel conversations, 8,290; no of tracts distributed, 53,498; standard Church work sold, 468; other books, 1,561; hall meetings held, 179; cottage, 205; open air, 232; post-roads, 10; fast meetings, 20; children blessed, 6; subscriptions to Liaison, 59.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Occupation dermatitis, or skin inflammation attending certain kinds of work, has been investigated at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, by Dr. F. Gardner, and in the 18 months ending with June, 1908, not less than 100 cases in males came under observation and 85 in females. The affection seems to be most prevalent in early life and to follow the work of the hands, such as in the case of laborers, miners, painters, joiners and rubber workers were most affected among male housewives, laundresses and rubber workers among females. It was not always easy to trace the cause of the disease, but it could be determined, however, the irritation was due to soap and washing materials, moisture and mud, hot substances, acids, alkalis, sugar, flour and paraffin. In this order of frequency, the trouble in many cases, the arms, hands and feet are most often affected, but in 10 cases the whole body was involved. As a rule, there was no general ill health, though such disturbances as anaemia, dyspepsia, influenza and pneumonia were noted in 25 cases."

For his iron, reduction without blast furnace or fusion, J. T. Jones, of Iron Mountain, Mich., claims special economy and effectiveness with low grade ores, slightly inclined cylinder 8 feet in diameter and 120 feet long is rotated on bearing wheels, and the ore falls from the upper and slowly moves to the lower end, where gas from a special producer gives a powerful reducing flame, with a temperature of 1,500 degrees Fahr., in which all oxides are reduced. The hot gas emerges from the upper end of the cylinder, and carbon dioxide at 400 degrees. It is stated that 40 pounds of fuel fed to the producer does the work of 2,000 pounds of coke in the blast furnace, and yields a ton of good iron."

The ingenious plan by which Debris, a French inventor, measures the distance of an invisible vessel, depends upon the difference in the velocity of sound waves, which travel about 1,100 feet per second, and of Hertzian waves, the passage of which is practically instantaneous. The receiving station—which may be a lighthouse on shore—has a train of clockwork that moves a pointer over a dial one division per second. A sound wave from an air whistle and a Hertzian wave are started simultaneously from the ship, and the Hertzian wave sets the clockwork in motion, while the receiving observer notes the position of the pointer when the sound arrives. The number of divisions passed over multiplied by the velocity of sound per second gives the vessel's distance. A suggestion is that lighthouses on the coast, having the simple receiver necessary could determine its position at any time."

A simple method of obtaining argon in considerable quantity has been worked out by Fletcher and Ringe, German chemists. A powdered mixture of 90 per cent of calcium carbide and 10 per cent of calcium was heated to 300 degrees, and the gas evolved was passed through a solution of caustic soda, which absorbed the carbon dioxide, leaving a mixture containing 95 per cent of argon and 5 per cent of helium, neon, krypton and xenon. In two days about three gallons of crude argon was obtained."

Whether war is spread by contact has been much discussed. A Glasgow physician mentions that a maid with many warts on hands and arms was employed in a certain family and warts soon appeared on the hands of the three children. The youngest, a boy of 8, with a habit of biting the fingers, developed two warts on the lip and one in the mouth."

The punkah, or large fan so necessary for securing a comfortable nap in tropical India, is operated by a native servant. Attempts to drive it mechanically have failed, but success at last is claimed for an electrically-driven punkah that, by means of a lathe-shaped spring gives the jerking or slapping motion needed to keep away the insects."

BISHOP MICHAEL MATYS
Of Murray First Ward.

BISHOP U. G. MILLER,
Of Murray First Ward—Retired.

ARTICLES OF FAITH, Of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.
3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.
4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy," and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, namely, Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.
8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.
9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the ten tribes, that Zion will be built upon this continent, that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.
11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our consciences, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may.
12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.
13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all MEN; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "We believe all things, we hope all things, we are able to endure all things, and we hope to be able to endure all things, if there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."—Joseph Smith.

GENEALOGY

All communications for this department should be addressed to the Secretary of the Genealogical Society, Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., care of Historian's office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Meservy, Roberts, Haman, Laurens, and Constance Families—Elder Joseph R. Meservy, of Wilford, Idaho, would like any one who may be interested in any of the family lines given above, especially as coming from the Jersey Islands, from which he has procured his own names in these families, to communicate with him, as he wishes to secure further information and also to avoid duplication of work."

Ramseyer, Wursten, Guerne and Ducommun Families of Switzerland—Elder A. Adolph Ramseyer, is working on the above families, all but the last of them (Switzerland), the last named being of Neuchatel. Any who may be interested in these lines will please address A. Adolph Ramseyer, care of Salt Lake temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

A PLEASING INCIDENT.

Last week there appeared a large company of people at the temple gates very early in the morning. It developed that they were representatives of the Latter-day Saint workers from Davis stake, invited to spend one day in that edifice by their energetic stake R. S. president. This goodly company so filled the temple courts that at least a hundred resident applicants of the city were unable to fulfill their own plans and desires of also spending that day within those sacred walls. But, even so, the crowd was so great that every heart was full of rejoicing to see the awakened interest and desire among the people to work for the departed loved ones."

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS.

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