SCANDINAVIAN MISSION.

Interesting and Satisfactory Report From the Far North.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

As on the Ground is Fair For Truth and Used as a Bridge Between Sweden and Denmark.

Editor Deseret News:

In the fall of 1892 I was called to succeed Elder Edward H. Anderson in the presidency of the Scandinavian mission. Having arranged matters in the Aarhus conference, where I had passed sixteen months, I came to Copenhagen to acquaint myself with the affairs of the mission office, which I found in very satisfactory condition.

The time for the fall conference had been fixed, and we held our gatherings in accordance therewith, in the three Scandinavian countries, visiting first the Aalborg conference, in northern Denmark. From this portion of the Danish peninsula, many of the early Saints, now joining citizens in our Territory, have emigrated to Utah. Notwithstanding the length of time the Gospel has been preached here, we are meeting with striking success, since many are joining the Church, and the prospects for progress in the future are bright. Meetings are well attended, and there is but little opposition. Occasionally an Elder is stoned, but this is in the sense so much from the jealousy of the people as from the bitterness and hatred of the priests. Three Elders have thus been exiled from Denmark during the past year.

In the Aarhus conference, embracing the eastern portion of the country, we have seventeen Elders exclusively labouring to proclaim the word of God, and their efforts are successful. The large hall was crowded with people who listened tenaciously to our testimonies. New fields have been opened within district, so that during the year many have heard the Gospel for the first time.

Sailowig, as far south as Flensburg, was added to this conference early in fall, and we have made some efforts to introduce the Gospel there. In February we had two Elders working at a time, but, as their influence grew, we were entertained by the officials lest the citizens would join the Saints, and the Elders were ordered to leave the country within twenty-four hours. Men are many honest in heart, good people, in Schleswig, and we hope to see the privilege of proclaiming the Gospel to them, but with present surroundings it must be done under difficulties.

The Copenhagen conference embraces the remaining portion of Denmark. We have a good Sunday school in it. The people occupied the time of a successive meeting, knowing that considerable progress is made in teaching the children the principles of truth. Quite a number attend the meetings and are interested. This, by which means the Gospel is placed to many who would not otherwise hear. The hall was overcrowded at conference, many not being able to find room, so it must be said that the Copenhagen branch particularly, is in a prosperous condition. The singing of many who are thus led to bear the testimony of the Elders. A Sunday School Relief Society renders valuable assistance to the afflicted and grieving.

Intended, there are three conferences, Malmo, Goteborg and Stockholm, in the first named there are twelve Elders laboring in the district, twelve and in the last, twenty-seven. The id conference southern Sweden, and, notwithstanding it is a little field in the land, a work is progressing favorably, the good seed is sown, having invested to the Church within the acting interest. A new field has been opened in the Halmstad branch, in which many have heard the word for the first time.

In Goteborg conference forty-three new members were added during six months, at a new branch was organized, with headquarters in Kungar, on the Halmstad.

The Stockholm conference includes the whole southern Sweden, stretching rather thousands of miles, and was to Norway. Out of the twenty-seven Elders in this region, six are native Saints last conference seven-and-a-half new members had been added. The prospects are good, and the Elders are enjoying the labors earth into new fields alongside Bay of Bothnia, as rapidly as the limited number will allow, to who find they have home blind, calling in thousands who have never yet heard the true plan of salvation.

The whole Norway is included in the conference with headquarters in Christiania. In all the Elders at present our gatherings, pleased to meet after a six month's long absence among the life and dis. We have all been successful so far in the field, and while the round of our labors, as far as we have baptisms concerned, are not so gratifying as in other parts of the mission, they have certainly been the means of bringing word of God to many homes for a first time, and we have good reason to hope that their actual efforts will be a lost fruit in the future. As in Sweden, we are here trying to enlarge our fields to the far North. Two our brethren have labored in Tromso, a city lying 70 degrees north latitude, over 1,000 miles north of Christiania, during the most cold, and we intend to send further north. There are no branches of the Church within a 500 miles, and does not come at all in it place, while it seems sometimes as if the summer season of a month passed. Remaining in the city, Chamberlain our brethren expect to go as far north as Hammerfest, thousand's miles from the capital city, being dominant in the profession the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Crossing the bare wilds, deep snows, hundreds of miles lived among the Nagian mountains, the scattered Sabbath of the Saints and the lonely sons of toil, looked country over by the Elders have go, they are usually unearthed and willing to the participation of the blessings of life in which by are enjoyed.

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