



have tried to get us driven out. When we held meetings they would stand and shake the door and tap on the windows. There were five families of Saints, four of the families never saved anything. The one family came very near getting burned. Their children were only clad in their underwear, and they did not have time to dress them. We are helping them with our limited means what little they can. But you do not doubt realize the situation, and know how hard it is for a poor man to get the necessities of life.

Since I arrived here the Saints have been very good to us, and were willing to do all they could for the comfort of the Elders who are laboring here. They are true as steel to the cause they have embraced, and never afraid to defend the Gospel and the character of the missionaries as best they can.

AT KEY WEST.

Introduction of the Gospel Message at That Place.

In a letter dated Key West, Fla., Feb. 9, and signed by Elders E. D. Davis and John Walker, the writers say: Early in November of last year we were appointed to bear the revealed religion to the inhabitants of Key West. As far as we could be learned, no one since the days of the restoration have labored on this island previous to our arrival.

In due time we called upon Mayor Trevor and acquainted him with our intentions in obedience to appointment by President Ben E. Rich of this mission, and asked if the city had any privileges or restrictions for us. We were cordially received and told to our custom, but not to interfere with their city ordinance prohibiting any kind of gatherings on the streets. We were referred to City Atty. Maloney and visited him, meeting also Police Justice Harris and many other prominent officials, all of whom we must say, gave us a hearty welcome.

Until last night there was no friction between us and the executives of Key West. Our opponents entered complaint against us while holding a meeting from the piazza of Mr. Otto's drug store. While Elder Davis was speaking I answered a "phone message" from the mayor who advised us to close our subject as soon as possible, on account of complaints from that neighborhood, and postpone our meeting until other arrangements could be made. Today we met in a little conference. In the meantime the mayor had looked into the situation and when our visit ended, it was with the understanding that no restrictions are to be placed upon our work as heretofore. The restriction against street meetings was removed and the intended check on our onward march was turned into a blessing. We quietly submitted to the breaking up of our meeting to avoid appearing in court, though undoubtedly we would have been acquitted. Our obedience was rewarded.

In the pursuance of our work we find the same falsehoods that have been affixed since the beginning. At a rule the people have been fair enough to hear "our story" and as a result our friends are many. They have liberally received our literature.

There have also been some privileges given us that are out of the ordinary. A very charitable Cuban by the name of Mendez owns the largest and swiftest opera house, San Carlos, in the city. He listened with attention while we explained to him our mission. He then said, he felt it his duty to do something to assist us, so we were granted the use of the opera house for Sunday services gratis, but for night meetings we pay the lighting. Our places for holding meetings, as before suggested, have not been limited to San Carlos. We have several roofless churches; one with a dry goods box for a pulpit. It is at a fish market on the beach. We have had "preaching" from the piazzas of family residences and business houses, on the wharf, in lumber sheds and from under stoops.

Nearing the close of last month we were favored with a visit from President Ben E. Rich. He was returning from a limited tour among these many islands, where he has been investigating the possibilities and advisability of further opening up missionary work. He stopped on "our island" for three days. Accompanying him were his wife, Sister Nina Rich, and Brother and Sister Gardner of Ohio, but their arrangements prohibited them from stopping at the "island city" and we were deprived of an anticipated pleasure. While President Rich was here we held three meetings, one in San Carlos, one at the beach and the third from Mr. Fraw's (our present home) piazza. On account of the inclemency of the weather the first was not well attended but the last two were held in the midst of large crowds.

We fear that the length of our letter but would like to tell, before we close, that we have not been without opposition.

First, Mrs. Dr. Honey, of some years residence in Utah in the interests of the W. C. T. U. and who was doing work here for the same association, ex-

hausted the store of defamatory creations of anti-Mormons before the Methodists in the big stone church. We were present and only those who have heard these things can tell what we suffered by being morally bound to keep silence. Secondly, at intervals there have been published in the paper here, at the instigation of a few ministers, the current popular falsehoods. Thirdly, there is one Methodist reverend who is "tickling the itching ears" of the congregation by preaching "Mormons" and their belief from one Sunday to another. He is in the "snail of bitterness" himself and he draws his arguments from those "blackmailers" of a like frame of mind. These, with the regular precautions and warnings, made to the people by the stated few excited ministers, not to talk with us on religion nor receive "the message," have had to be battled against. We have, however, been wonderfully blessed and have made all things a matter of fasting and prayer.

In a social way we have been received on an equal footing generally and are favored with the privilege of mingling frequently with the people in their private social circles.

We deem it a favor that we are receiving the "News" direct from the office. It is always welcome.

RAN FROM THE MOB.

How Two Young Girls Saved Copies of the Commandments.

Minersville, Utah, Feb. 12.—In a note in the Desert News of Jan. 15 of a Brother Taylor believing he was the only person to save a few of the first commandments of a like frame of mind. These, with the regular precautions and warnings, made to the people by the stated few excited ministers, not to talk with us on religion nor receive "the message," have had to be battled against. We have, however, been wonderfully blessed and have made all things a matter of fasting and prayer.

When the mob was tearing down the printing office, a two story building, driving Brother Phelps' family out of the lower part of the house, they (the mob) came to some large sheets of paper, saying, "Here are the Mormon commandments." My sister, 12 years old (I was then 14) and myself were in a corner of a fence watching them. When they spoke and saw us, they (the mob) turned away, and we were able to have some of them. So while their backs were turned, prying out the gable end of the house, we ran and gathered up all we could carry in our arms. We ran out of the house and into the mob got down off the house and called for us to stop, but we ran as fast as we could, through a gap in the fence into a large corn field, and the two men after us. We ran a few rods, then laid down on top of them. The corn was very high and thick. They hunted all around us, but did not see us. After we were satisfied they had given up the search, we got up, and found we were safe. The corn was so tall we thought we were lost. On looking up we saw some trees that had been gnarled to kill them. We followed them and came to an old log stable, which looked like it had not been used for years. Sister Phelps and family were there, carrying in brush and piling it up on one side of the stable to make their beds on. She asked us what we had. We told her and also how we came by them. She took them and placed them between her beds. Subsequently Oliver Cowdery bound them in small books and gave me one. I gave it to Apostle Richards shortly before he was killed. We have, however, the commandments to Sidney Gilbert.

Soon after the mob tore the printing office down, I saw them tar and feather Brothers Partridge and Allen, in the streets of Independence. I joined the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

MARY E. ROLLINS LIGHTNER.

SPEAKING OF SENATOR SMOOT

Elders Find People Ignorant of the Point in Controversy.

The subjoined paragraphs are from a letter signed by Elders Lewis A. Lee and John W. Chambers, Jr.: The work of the Lord is progressing favorably here. We have been well informed on ordinary subjects, too, and almost invariably they express the opinion that the agitators object to the senator because he is a polygamist. We are rejoicing to hear that they learn that he is not. This shows how badly informed the people are generally on the "Mormon" question. It accounts largely for the million odd names that are in against Smoot.

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Over the course of the past few years, we have the privilege of drawing a comparison between the fantastic, distorted stories of those who are seeking to bring down the name of the Lord, and the honest, conservative men of this country have expressed themselves as opposed to the present crusade.

We enjoyed a visit a short time ago from our conference president, Elder John McCarrey and Elder Silas D. Smith, and were greatly encouraged and strengthened by their visit.

When they left, we escorted them over to Nebraska, across the Missouri river on the ice. They expected to walk to Schuyler via Pender, and probably to Omaha, visiting friends, Saints and Elders on the way.

We have had an extreme cold winter, but with very little snow, and it has been quite difficult to get among the people, but we have succeeded in making quite a number of friends.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

WOODRUFF STAKE.

Quarterly Conference Recently Held at Randolph.

Woodruff, Utah, Feb. 13.—The quarterly conference of the Woodruff stake convened at Randolph, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6 and 7. Elder John M. Baxter, president, presided. Morning services were occupied by some of our local brethren, and at the afternoon session and the remainder of the conference Elder Hyrum M. Smith of the Council of Apostles, accompanied by Elder James Sharp, were in attendance.

A good representation of the local Priesthood, as well as of the Saints, greeted the brethren. The reports from the various Bishops of wards and stake organizations were of an encouraging nature. Elder James Sharp spoke of the Prophet Joseph Smith, his calling and the organization of the Church.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith spoke of contentment. We should do our plain duties, he said, without having to be commanded; we should be contented in our labors and work for the advancement of God's cause here on earth.

Referring to Elder Charles Kingston expecting to soon move from the stake, he was honorably released as second counselor to President Baxter, and as president of the Y. M. M. I. A. of the stake, Elder Thomas J. Tingey was sustained as a second counselor to President Baxter. Henry Hoffman was sustained as president of the Y. M. M. I. A., with



WEST BOUNTIFUL'S NEW WARD MEETINGHOUSE.

Handsome House of Worship, Entirely Paid For, Will be Dedicated Tomorrow.

West Bountiful, Feb. 20.—The accompanying illustration gives a fairly good idea of the meetinghouse just completed in the West Bountiful ward of Davis Stake. It is situated near the center of the ward, and just one-half mile north of Woods Cross. The building is remarkable from a number of standpoints. It has been built nine months in course of erection. Ground was broken April 10, 1903, and now the building has been completed for one month. But more remarkable than this is the fact that it cost \$11,000, while there are but 42 souls in the ward. Of this number there are 28 widows. This amounts to nearly \$35 a piece, for men, women and children. There is no indebtedness whatever on the building. We believe that we should look in vain

for a parallel to this record. Great credit is due Bishop Dan Muir for his unceasing effort. The building committee, consisting of James A. Eldredge, Bryant Stringham, and Walker X. Pack, should come in for its share of the praise. The people without an exception have done all in their power to make the effort a success.

The structure consists of six classrooms and the assembly room, which is capable of seating 400 people. The room is octagon in shape. The seats are arranged in arches of concentric circles facing one corner, in which the altar and the choir seats are arranged. The slanting floor and arrangement of seats make it possible to have a complete view of the stand from every point in the room. Between the assembly

room and two adjacent rooms are large swinging doors. These opened and the building will seat over 600 souls. Steam is employed for heating. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Eldredge and mother have given an elegant pipe organ. The structure is well built from foundation to spire.

Under the direction of the building committee a general plan for the building was adopted. Walker X. Pack, mechanic in charge, worked out all the details and made many general suggestions, which were adopted by the committee.

The building will be dedicated Sunday, Feb. 21, 1904, at 2 p. m. President Joseph P. Smith and others of the leading Church authorities are expected to be present.

Elder Alvin D. Crockett, late from a mission, gave an excellent report of his labors and bore testimony of the Gospel.

At the afternoon meeting the house was packed. There was an overflow meeting. Elder Parkinson spoke at length of the history of the stake since its organization 28 years ago.

Elder Rudger Clawson read a portion of a revelation from the Doctrine and Covenants in which it says, "A marvelous work and a wonder is to come forth, and upon this subject."

Sunday evening a conjoint meeting of the Y. M. M. I. A. was held at the academy, and a good program was rendered, to the enjoyment of all.

Monday, 10 a. m., Elder Solomon H. Hale spoke of the faith and stability of the Latter-day Saints, and referred to his early life, and acquaintance with Joseph Smith, the Prophet. He bore a faithful testimony to the divinity of this work.

Elder Joseph S. Giddes referred to the fact that we were all in the grand council in heaven, and voted to come to this earth to fill a mission, and to gain a reward. Admonished the people to keep in mind the reward, and work to obtain it.

Elder Clawson continued the subject spoken upon yesterday, and referred to the episode of the Johnson army, and the fulfillment of the purposes of God in connection therewith. He then spoke of the army of United States marshals sent here to prosecute the "Mormons" for polygamy and showed how even this experience had turned to the good of the people.

At 2 p. m. Elder Goarland presented the General and local Authorities, all of whom were sustained by unanimous vote.

Elder Arthur Tippetts, James E. Swann, lately returned from missions, reported their labors and gave interesting talks upon the principles of the Gospel.

Elder John Johnson spoke upon the consequences of sin and gave some striking illustrations from the history of the Nephites, and from the history of the Jews, bearing upon this subject.

Elder Clawson again spoke upon the subject of idolatry and warned the people against this great evil.

Elder Parkinson said he was greatly pleased with the counsel given at this conference and admonished the Saints to carry the good influence home with them.

The choir furnished beautiful music for the conference and received due compliments from our visitors.

C. D. GOARLAND, Stake Clerk.

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RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Walter E. Francis of Morgan, Morgan Co., returned Feb. 14, from his return from the southern states, where he has been laboring since Feb. 18, 1902. His field of labor was the Georgia and Mississippi conference, where he reports the Gospel work making excellent progress, friends, Elder Francis spent many of the time of his absence laboring in the larger cities.

Elder Gerrit J. Knuthouk, of Salt Lake City, who was set apart Jan. 25, 1902, for a mission in the Netherlands, arrived home this week. During the last 15 months he presided over the Rotterdam conference, and reports the work in Holland in a prosperous condition, with bright prospects for the future.

Elder Chauncey Sessions, of Bountiful, Davis Co., returned Feb. 14, from the Southern States mission, where he has been presiding since April 22, 1902. He labored in Arkansas and Oklahoma, where he reports the work in excellent condition and making good progress. Elder Sessions was sick with the chills and fever and later with asthma, otherwise he greatly enjoyed his sojourn among the hospitable people of the south.

Elder Lawrence Taylor, of Ogden, returned Feb. 7 from a successful mission in the Eastern States, performed in the Eastern States conference. He was set apart Jan. 21, 1902. He reports the Gospel work in New York, in fair condition. There were 20 baptisms in the metropolis in the past year. The branch has a membership of 40 active people. The prospects are very promising.

Elder John W. McDonald, of Heber City, Wasatch Co., reached this city, Feb. 14, on his return from California, where he has been engaged in the mission field since Jan. 21, 1902. Though there is in general much religious difference among the people of the Golden State, the Church members are to be commended for their zeal in the performance of their religious duties. Elder McDonald labored 20 months in the Los Angeles conference, and the last four months in San Francisco.

Elder Culbert L. King, Jr., of Coyote, Garfield Co., who was set apart Jan. 21, 1902, for the California mission, passed through this city Feb. 14, on his return. He labored in the San Francisco conference, and reports the work where he reports a good work being done by the Elders from Zion. The exception of a siege of typhoid fever Elder King had good health while from home and greatly enjoyed his mission.

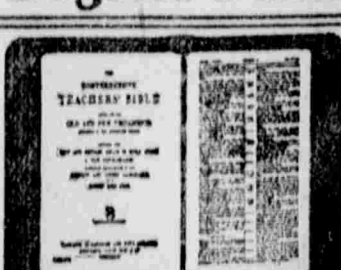
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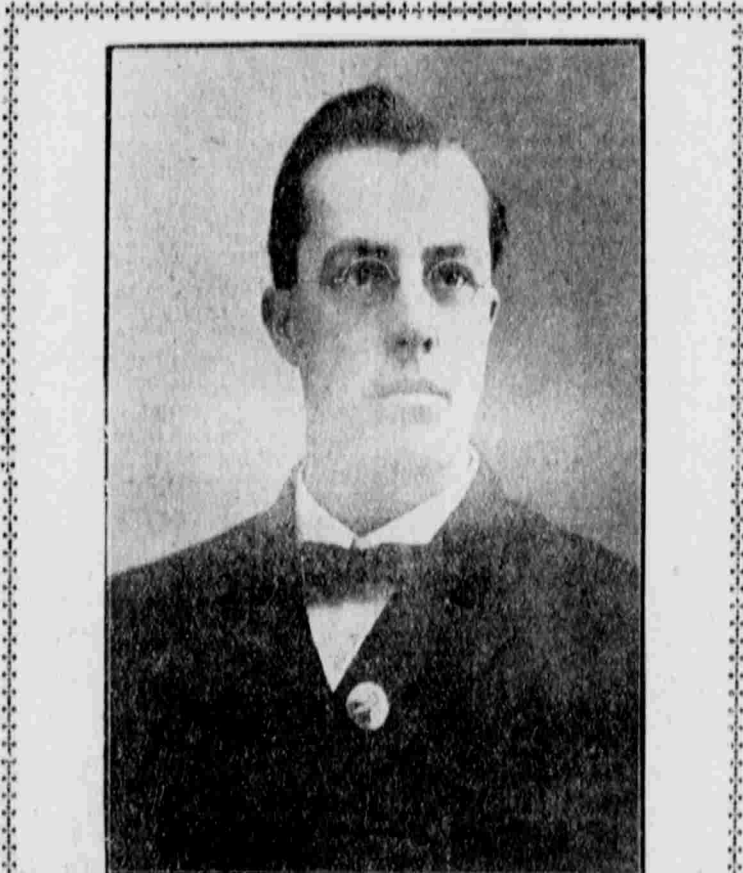
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