

CORRESPONDENCE.

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ELDER AARON GARLICK.

MIDWAY, Wasatch County,
February 6, 1896.

Will you allow me to supplement the obituary note of our late and respected brother, Aaron Garlick, as it appears in the issue of February 1st, DESERET WEEKLY.

When young Joseph Smith set up his claim to the succession of his father as leader of the Latter-day Saints, Brother Aaron Garlick, probably like many others, thought he would be in the right track to follow him. Before this, when he left Utah, he had not yet been vested with any charge of the Priesthood, but after joining the new departure, by his worthiness he rose to become president of the Josephite church of Sacramento. Subsequently he found his mistake, relinquished the presidency, priesthood and membership in that organization, without losing the friendship and respect of the congregation, whose meetings he used to attend. In 1871, an Elder from Utah passed through California, making a temporary sojourn there, on his way to Switzerland. Hearing of this, Brother Garlick sought and found him; after considering his case, the Elder felt justified in rebaptizing him, his wife also, and baptized the two sons, James and Edward. At the time of their confirmation, and with the consent of Brother Frederick Merryweather, Brother Aaron Garlick was ordained an Elder, that he might preside over his family and little flock. His baptism and that of his sons took place on the 29th October, 1871; that of his wife on the 30th, their confirmation on the same day, and that of the wife on the 5th November. On the latter date the Elder told him, or gave him charge, to preside over that little branch, including Brother and Sister Merryweather, who gave their consent, with instruction as to the admitting or refusing new members, as he might think proper. In 1874 on his return to Utah, the Elder found Brother Merryweather in Salt Lake City, who told him that the little congregation had increased in numbers to about a dozen members. Some four years afterward, Brother Crosby of St. George visited California and was with them some time, and knew of these facts. The Elder referred to, although not a missionary appointed to that particular mission field, had considered himself authorized to act in such case, as there was then no California mission, and himself, being for the time being, a Seventy at large; and a report of the proceedings was sent to the Historian's Office at the time.

Peaceful be Brother Aaron's rest, and a loving remembrance to his bereaved family. PHILIPPE LEUBA.

ELDER OTT'S DEATH AND BURIAL.

DRESDEN, Germany,
Jan. 24, 1896.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, the mortal remains of Elder Joe. A. Ott, of Tropic, Garfield county, were laid to rest in

the St. Paul cemetery. Through the providence of God the Elders were permitted to perform the last loving offices for their departed brother, a privilege for which we thank our heavenly Father. Though not able to speak the German language, having been here but a short time, yet Brother Ott was filled with the spirit of his mission and was hopeful and happy. His Master called him to another sphere of action. The messenger of death was diphtheria, to which he succumbed after an illness of some twelve days. With tender care and brotherly affection was he nursed by Brothers McEwan and Weller, who remained by his side day and night. He suffered apparently very little pain and wanted to be up and around, but in obedience to the doctor's instructions he kept his bed most of the time. Death was entirely unexpected, even by himself, and it is doubtful whether he had any intimation whatever, because not a word in relation thereto was said. The afternoon previous, he was so much better that he sat up for some time, joined in singing a few hymns and was victor in a game of checkers played with one of the brethren. He ate a plate of soup on the morning of his death, and seemed quite well. Yet the end was near and he knew it not. A little later the doctor came and pronounced the case hopeless, as inflammation of the heart had set in. At a quarter before 2 p. m., Jan. 18th, Brother Ott fell peacefully asleep to awake in eternity.

The funeral, as stated, was held on the 22nd. There were present the following Elders: Wm. McEwan and J. M. Weller, of the Dresden branch; A. O. Woodruff, A. C. Meyer and C. D. Schettler, from Berlin; Brother Ernst, local Elder in Sorau; Karl D. Houtz and O. W. Andelin, from Leipzig; from the latter place also Brother J. A. Anderson, of Grantville, who is there studying music. At 11 o'clock the corpse was carried to the grave by the Elders, the Saints and a few friends following. The coffin, which was covered with wreaths brought by the Saints, was then lowered into the grave and the funeral services began, the first Mormon burial conducted in the royal city of Dresden.

After singing O mein Vater, Elder Andelin offered prayer. Singing, Jesus leht. Presiding Elder McEwan then called upon Elder Woodruff to speak, which he did under the power and influence of the Holy Spirit, explaining the object of our presence in this land and the great work that the Lord had set His hand to perform in this day and generation. Brother McEwan followed with some heartfelt and earnest reflections concerning the deceased and invoked the blessings of heaven upon the family in this their dire affliction. Singing, Naber, mein Gott, zu Dir. Elder Weller dedicated the grave. The strangers present watched the ceremonies with curiosity and evident interest.

Thus was laid away our faithful and beloved brother in this far-off foreign land, one grave among thousands of

others, one more servant of the Lord who has given his life for his Master and the Gospel. There was no pomp nor display, no hopeless wailing, no robed pastor, no firing of cannons, no tolling of bells; only a simple funeral, the last sad rites being performed by a few of his humble fellow laborers in the new and everlasting covenant, and a handful of sincere and lowly followers.

We filled up the grave ourselves. While shoveling the soil, a human skull, pieces of clothes, and the remains of a coffin were encountered. The inspector informed us that these were the remains of a person buried twenty-two years ago. So the ashes of one helps to cover the ashes of another. "Of dust thou art and to dust shalt thou return," comes forcibly to mind; but not with regret or sorrow, because we know the spirit still lives and will live in the eternity to come. At the resurrection the Lord will give him a glorified and exalted body, one suitable for an ever living spirit and for endless progression. We mourn not for the departed, but our hearts go out in love and condolence for the bereaved wife and family, and pray that our merciful father will give them strength to yield uncomplainingly to the decree of the Almighty. May the young wife who said farewell to her husband forever on this earth, after a marriage of three weeks, be comforted. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Grant our, Father in heaven, that this blessed promise of the Savior's may be realized upon the heads of those loved ones left behind.

Although the occasion which brought the Elders here to Dresden was a sad one, yet it was a pleasure to have so many Utah "boys" together at one time and we enjoyed each other's presence very much. It made us feel that we were not so far from home after all.

The papers containing the news of Utah's admission into the Union came the same evening, so the joy of our association together was added to by the news of this happy and important event for our dear Utah. A friend and investigator invited all nine brethren to supper. After partaking of his hospitality a meeting was held at which the Spirit of the Lord was richly made manifest. To attend a meeting where eight of the Utah brethren were present was a blessing which we deeply appreciated. On the day following all the brethren except Brother Meyer and Andelin returned to their fields of labor, the two mentioned remaining a few days longer to visit the most important points of interest in the capital of Saxony.

Very sincerely,
O. W. ANDELIN.

TETON ITEMS.

TETON, Idaho, Feb. 9, 1896

Our new rock house in course of erection will be finished in another year if all goes well.

The health of the citizens is good. There have been very few deaths since the visit of diphtheria nine years ago.

Our weather is beautiful, not more than about three inches of snow; two or three days at a time of a cold wave, then a long spell of pleasant weather just like spring. This is the kind of