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MISSION FIELDS.

A Trip to Australia.

To the Editor:

Morgan Morgan Cox, Utah, May 16.—On the 23d of June, 1896, Sister Mary Ann Simmons, now 21 years old, left her home in Morgan City to visit her brother and other relatives who reside in Australia. After going to Salt Lake City to purchase her ticket, she went, in company with Elders Nuttall of Bothwell and Hansen of Idaho, to Seattle in Washington, and thence to Vancouver, where they spent a couple of days waiting for the steamer ship to leave port. On this vessel they sailed about a week and arrived at the Australian port, Victoria, where they visited the zoo, Queen's hospital grounds, Morgan's home and Mission house. This several days we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves in these different places of interest by one of our young native sisters. The Elders conducted their journey to the Fiji Islands and after a short stay went on to Wellington, New Zealand, into Hawaii, Salt Lake and finally to the country to fill their missionary appointment and the old ship finished its journey in about 28 days. We visited the South Wales, Australia. The next day Mr. Simmons went by rail to Melbourne, where he left his sister with her brother, Mr. Ford Knight, whom she had not seen since her girlhood days. After her arrival she was conducted by the mission officers it went to Williamstown in Victoria and was taken to her brother's home. Early next morning Mr. Knight was midwinter in Australia, yet the most beautiful flowers were all in blossom and the short time were twining around the windows and over the roofs of houses. The people are mixed up considerably in the style of living, yet the same as that of the English people. They are somewhat behind the times in Australia. The Mormon Tabernacle show was visited and at the for Mrs. Simmons saw some large animals, she stayed in Australia with her relatives until April 6th, 1898, when she left Williamstown for Utah. At Sydney she went on board a steamship and sailed to Auckland, New Zealand, where Elder White of Farmington, Sanpete, and Elder Lyons of Mill Creek, Sugar of Salt Lake and the old Elder chief joined the company and then left for Utah. Early next morning when they saw a war ship have port and could see the smoke of the battle which was fought the night before. These vessels not long ago. Here Elders Wright from Salt Lake City, Hendricks from southern Utah, and Elder Hall joined the company. After many days sailing they arrived at Honolulu where they met Elders Wright and Hendricks, accompanied by Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Martin, Elders Wright and Hendricks on the top of the mountain. After driving as far up the mountain side as it was possible, they alighted and walked to the summit, where they witnessed something they had never before seen in their lives. The ship all those had continued its journey toward San Francisco. When about two days on the journey from Honolulu, they met two ship loads of soldiers on their way to the Philippines. The ship sailed by Manila and Hong Kong, sight of them and stopped while the military band played "The Star Spangled Banner." The ship was again continued and they soon arrived at San Francisco. Before leaving they city they visited the Mission Home, the Golden Gate Park. While crossing the Sierra Nevada mountains over the Southern Pacific railroad they traveled for forty miles through snow sheds. The company arrived at Ogden on Saturday, Feb. 4, 1899, at 8 a.m. Mrs. Simmons was not troubled in the least with sickness, nor was she sick a day on the journey. Although she saw many beautiful places while traveling to the other side of the earth, yet none of them suited like the mountains of Utah.

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Pittsfield, Ill., May 12th, 1899.

To the Editor:

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As this county is one whence arose the origin of Mormonism, it is there still remains some of this spirit, as it is received by the unshaken and untrothful people, who are ignorant of the nature of preaching the people against us, and the work of God. But we find people who are pure in heart, and who are desirous of knowing the truth.

We held a public discussion with one of the "Josephite" missionaries five days ago, which lasted five evenings. And I think it will be the means of several converts to the Gospel in this portion of God's vineyard.

Our health is the best, and our labors are greatly blessed. We are proclaiming of the Gospel truths, that the torrents of the rack could not force us to deny.

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labor, being much refreshed in spirit. We have a band of bright, earnest, active missionaries in this part, and they are doing a great work, and meeting with much success and trying interference. The Saints, as is their usual custom, treated the Elders in a most hospitable manner, and did much to increase their happiness.

NELLIE HOWLAND,
Secretary pro tem.

The Scandinavian Mission.

The subjoined letter from Elder Platte D. Lyman, president of the Scandinavian mission, written from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Elder E. Partridge, president of the Pacific Islands mission, is published in the Press Gazette of May 1:

It is six months today since I left Utah, and as a whole I have passed very pleasantly, and there have been few days when the time has hung heavily on my hands. The Saints in Sweden are good and on the score of personal comfort and general good feeling I have no cause to complain.

Our bunch saw today I left England to visit the conference in the Scandinavian mission, and we left Germany, Switzerland and Holland. We passed through Hamburg on our way here. Hamburg is a very large place, and it took us a few days to see the sights. We spent in Denmark and Sweden. Although I have not turned to speak much Danish, I am getting along with it all the time, and can understand more or less of what is said. I have attended three conferences in Denmark and one in Sweden, and have two more to visit in Sweden and one in Norway, before I am through with this part. I will then return to Germany and spend two months visiting the branches there and in Switzerland, and then in a few days in Holland. I will return to England.

A son of Heber Farrell is presiding over the Holland or Netherland mission and A. A. Hinckley is laboring in that mission. Some of the Sanpete Saints and one of Charles Merrifite are in the German mission and are doing well. Charles is president of Elders in England, he is also doing good work. I find I still have a warm feeling for many of our old Millard county people.

I have traveled nearly the whole length of this kingdom, and several times, and am very favorably impressed with the country and the people. This is considered the garden of Denmark. The land is good and comparatively level, and nowhere does it rise much above the level of the sea. It is well fed, and just or dry and is used mostly for fuel. The other absence of coal, peat and other minerals are the scarcity of water power, probably the possibility of any extensive manufacturing industries, and consequently there are not many large towns and all the houses of any consequence are square brick. There are large houses forty-two miles apart, or thereabouts, as the crow and land it reminds one of Nebraska and Western Iowa.

Denmark is composed of islands, and a peninsula that is indented by many lakes and bays, and that there are water ways nearly everywhere.

The country at large bears a general air of prosperity, and the people appear to be comfortable and fairly contented with circumstances. Although all the people drink, there seems to be much less drunkenness than in Sanpete county. There is no evidence of the abject poverty, destitution, and mendicancy so common in the large towns of Europe.

Denmark is one of the most inveterate and conservative nations I have ever met, and the Elders place resistance of satisfy beauty and comfort.

The population is 2,250,000 and they belong to the country of the Danish, if not exposure royal family, an army and navy and all the other adjuncts and appurtenances of a modern kingdom. Besides they support in idleness and comfort several hundred thousand idlers, who are supported by the people with more consideration and affection than many children are in some parts of the Christian world.

Copenhagen is a beautiful city of about 325,000 inhabitants, has a good harbor, and is located on the residence of the king and is the principal city in the kingdom. Many of its streets are lined with shade and fruit trees, and it is better supplied with public parks, pleasure resorts and museums than any other city that I have town I have visited. It has an electric street car system, and there is a chain of lakes extending right through the heart of the city. There is no district in it but what has good air. There is not so much smoke and soot hanging over it as here or in England. But the air is clear and bright, and many of the days are as pleasant as in Utah.

In Scandinavia, we have something over 1,000 members and there are about 30 Elders laboring here with marked good progress. Some are being added to the Church, and all our meetings are crowded and the people are hungry for the Gospel. If we had the religious liberty that prevails in some parts of the world, there would be more than many thousands would obey the truth.

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Tahiti is the geographical and commercial center of the South East Pacific Islands. The unique little city of Papeete is the seat of French legislators and principal city. Two kilometres from Papeete is the beautiful district of Fautaua in the Lower-Day Saints headquarters. A neat little church lately erected and neatly painted stands between the shade of spacious fruit trees, while all about the tropical vegetation chase the view to the sea.

This district is the home of three Elders born at headquarters, two latter arrived from Zion, most of the others having been sent in the place of those to attend conference. They are all enjoying each others society in meeting and in exchanging experiences. They are well known only to "Mormon" Elders in these parts.

This is the first time in the history of this mission that a conference has been held in Tahiti. A fortnight before conference the natives began to arrive in boats from the Tuamotu Islands, the low coral group to the northward. It is a sensing that islands that we have our greatest following. Some of these native had never before been away from their low coral reef homes, upon which only a sparse vegetation subsists. Tahiti with her high mountains wooded hills and verdant shores was a great and surprise to them. Living upon low and scanty shaded reefs and diving in the cool water has made them much darker than the ordinary Tahitian, who lives among the dense shades of tropical trees. Notwithstanding such disadvantages of isolation the Tuamotuans seem to be quite as intelligent as the Tahitian. Diving is the great occupation of pearl shell they dive for and the quantities of pearls they procure, most of them live in grass houses, have more money and wear better clothing than the ordinary Tahitian. A great many of them can read.

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Sunday, April 9th at 8 a.m. services began, after the singing and prayer Elder G. W. Andrus spoke upon the Godhead, Elder Hyrum A. Chandler spoke on the same subject. At the mid-day services two native Elders, Tomatoa and Uriah, spoke upon the Conference. In the afternoon meeting Elder Osborne Wilkins spoke, taking as his text the words, "Ye are Christ's." Elder David Neff more upon God's covenant with Abraham. Elder Miller spoke upon the Gospel. The Saints in Tahitiamoos, Conference adjourned to meet at Pakarava. The local class exercise was given by a native sister.

During the conference we were favored with the presence of President Smith. The people are especially gifted with strong, full voices. They have quite a keen sense of harmony and rhythm. The songs have been our old familiar hymns translated into native. The music is very pleasing. We celebrated a number of English hymns very creditably, the enunciation of words in English being quite good.

The above subjects may seem somewhat incorrigible and difficult to those who have never lived in the mission, however, that many of them have been to the Church for forty years and farther back, and have been preaching the Bible all their lives. Having no other book and much leisure time they have become marvelously well versed in the scriptures. There is probably no class of people who read the Bible more than the Latter-Day Saints. Why each of it, to true, is of the Gospel, and yet they learn to think on biblical questions with an unlocking degree of correctness. They need instruction however in systematic study. They are naturally a religious people but it cannot be denied that their ideas of morality and cleanliness are as high as ours.

Our people observe the marriage relation and are among the very few people here who are not heavy users of tobacco. Most of them abstain altogether. They have not yet been taught the principle of tithing, but will be introduced in that principle at the next conference.

Conference was being over the natives are hasting for their various island homes. Some of the white Elders will accompany them on their little boats. Elder Hyrum W. Andrus will leave for Anaa tomorrow, Elders E. L. Cropper, Eli Hoton and L. L. Wright will go to Takaroa. The Elders left will remain there until the steamer calls on its way to the Marquises, when they will go to that group to begin work. Elder Wright will remain at Takaroa and attend to the completion of a fine new meeting house there. This Church building will cost the native $12,000. Takaroa is the home of Maputi one of our followers, who is the richest and most influential native in the French colony.

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The Marquises group lies to the north of Tahiti between seven degrees and eleven degrees south latitude and are on the sub water line much more darker than the ordinary Tahitian, who lives among the dense shades of tropical trees. Notwithstanding such disadvantages of isolation the Tuamotuans seem to be quite as intelligent as the Tahitian. Diving is the great occupation of pearl shell they dive for and the quantities of pearls they procure, most of them live in grass houses, have more money and wear better clothing than the ordinary Tahitian. A great many of them can read.

According to appointment conference began on Wednesday, April 5th, and continued until April 9th. Friday, Saturday, a day always observed by the natives as a day for preparing food for the Sabbath, was also observed by the observed by the natives. Sunrise had the gray dawn vanished to a glowing tropical morning and the Saints began to arrive. At 8 a.m. our little church was filled with happy natives. Thirteen white Elders from Zion, native Elders and native sisters, conference was called to order by President Smith of Tahiti, who, Papeete, Mataia and our several branch, made up the congregation. Elder Miller called the meeting to order. A stirring native hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by a native Elder. After singing Elder Miller addressed the conference, representing the Saints of the Priesthood. At the mid-day meeting Isaac L. E. Willey spoke upon the apostasy, Elder W. H. Cannon upon Joseph Smith's call to the restoration of the Gospel. At the afternoon meeting Elder E. L. Cropper spoke upon modern revelation. After meeting the Takaroa branch gave a class exercise which was conducted by a native sister, who is a good teacher. Later in the day a general preachment meeting was held. The attendance was good, the number up to 100 was set apart as a fund to begin a church at Pakarava. A note of a mission was received from Elder Hyrum A. Chandler, who was called upon and sustained as worthy of being ordained to various offices in the Melchizedek Priesthood.

Thursday, April 6th after singing and prayer Elder David Neff spoke upon the Godhead, Elder Hyrum A. Chandler remarks. At the noon meeting Elder Osborne Wilkins addressed the Saints upon the Divine Sonship of Christ and the Gospel. The general authorities were presented for acceptance by the conference.

Preparations having been previously made for a feast, we all repaired to a shady place, and in Tahitian fashion ate of the good things provided, there spread out upon mats of plated cocoanut leaves were baked pigs, fish, chickens, bananas, native salad and oranges. These were arranged in long rows beneath the shade of the trees, and while the ground food had been prepared in a lush native oven. At 12 m. a hundred and twenty-five pair of brown hands and fifteen pair of white dry were while were doing the trinities and said a babel of languages. No wonder it confounded the Saints. Sailors, soldiers and the like to burden with good hands. After the feast was over Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks photographed the scene and photographed the party arranged in order beside the little church.

At the afternoon meeting Elder F. H. Nye addressed the Saints upon Sabbath and the Lord's day as a day of rest, the Old Testament celebrate and Elder David Neff followed speaking on the same question as viewed in the light of the Old Testament scriptures. After meeting the Fakarava and Fauna branches gave a class exercise.

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Elder Frederik Peterson of Murray, Salt Lake county, returned home on the 14th of this month, from a mission to Sweden. He was set apart March 21th, 1897, and on arrival in Copenhagen was assigned to the Christiania conference, where he has performed a powerful mission. He reports having had an enjoyable time in that far away country, where the Church is gaining many friends.

In company with Elder Peterson, Elder P. S. Olsen of Cache Creek, Idaho, returned from the same part of the world. He was set apart for his mission there on the 16th of April, 1897.

Elder F. L. Sheffield of Kanosh, Beaver county, who was set apart Aug. 15, 1897, for a mission to the Southern States, returned on the 16th inst. He reports having had a powerful time in the Tennessee conference, and in the North Carolina conference, he says, new friends are constantly won over to the Church. The cry is from all parts of the conference for more Elders.

Elder Edward Simmons of Layton, Davis county, also arrived home on the 16th of this month. He was set apart for a mission to the Southern states, Aug. 15, 1897, and labored for twenty months in Louisiana. Then he was sent to North Carolina. There he met with much success in his field, and returns home feeling well in every respect.

Elder C. A. Call of Chesterfield, Idaho, has returned from a mission