

and how much harm your silence is doing among Saints and strangers, you would keep sacredly every promise you have made in this regard.

This applies with even greater force to the returned missionaries who have failed to keep their promises to write. Much of the good work they accomplished is being undone, and the high esteem in which they were held is lessened by this course; and, although it may require some sacrifice of time and means, these promises should be kept. Some care should be exercised also in what is written, for letters have been received here that it would have been better to have left unwritten.

The Elders in these parts are feeling well and laboring with zeal and energy for the spread of the truth. Their health, in the main, has been good, notwithstanding that a number of them have suffered during the winter from attacks of la grippe.

Much of an interesting nature might be said of the large and beautiful city of Copenhagen; but, as I have already trespassed too far upon your valuable space, I shall not attempt to add anything upon that subject.

The News is regularly received, and its perusal is one of our great pleasures.

GEORGE CHRISTENSEN.

BAPTIZING AND BLESSING.

NEW ENGLAND, Alleghany Co., Pa.,

March 20th, 1897.

We have been having some success here in helping to roll on the work of the Lord and in adding members to the fold.

Last fall, at our conference, we were given Butler county, Pa., to labor in. We met with success there at first. After we were there awhile, it seemed the people became indifferent to the truth; but we kept up our work with fasting and prayer, till we had gone over the county, leaving some 2,000 tracts with the people, also some Voice's of Warning. While there, we read an account of Elder B. H. Roberts being in Pittsburg, and I took the time and pleasure of going and hearing him, and stayed till I saw him and his companions start for Philadelphia. While with him I got the names of some Saints who were living some twenty miles up the Monongahela river from Pittsburg, in a place called New England; and after we got our county done, we were sent there by the president of our conference.

We came over to New England about the middle of February; and as B. H. Roberts had spoken up here, the people were waiting to hear more of the Gospel. We got the schoolhouse, and gave out notice of a meeting. The house was filled as full as it could be, some of the people standing up because all of the seats were taken. We held some six meetings, and on February 21st, we led eight honest souls down into the waters of baptism. We also have a great many more investigating. We were invited to visit the people and hold meetings in their houses, which we did, and we find that it has a better effect than holding even large public meetings.

Last month we held twenty-two meetings. We also had the pleasure of blessing ten children; only two of their parents belonged to the Church. We still continue to hold meetings. It seemed we could not talk enough on the

Gospel for them. On the second of March we led three more as fine young men as can be found, down into the waters of baptism. On the third of March we blessed five more children. The parents do not belong to the Church. On the sixth we blessed two more children; making seventeen children we have blessed since we came here.

On the seventh we got a letter asking us to come up to a place called Smithdale, some six or eight miles distant. We went the next day. While there we held a number of meetings, and had a large crowd every night. On the seventh we led one more into the fold. While there, the water was so bad I was taken sick, and returned to New England. When we got back, we found Brother Samuel S. Florence, of Porterville, Morgan county, Utah, and also a letter from our president, Elder Lewis Kelch, telling us we were to be parted. I was to go to East Liverpool, Ohio, while Brother Decker was to stay here.

We have held twenty meetings already this month, and have one given out for tonight. We also have some more asking to be baptized, which we will attend to tomorrow. We have now some twenty-one or twenty-two here, and we expect to see a nice branch started up. The people here have a fine leader, in the person of Brother George Barnes. He has belonged to the Church for a number of years, and many of the Elders who traveled in this part, know of his kindness.

Well, I can say for the young men who are called to Pennsylvania for missionary labors, they can consider themselves blessed. I will say, also that our success is due to strictly following out the advice of those who preside, and fasting and prayer.

I would admonish all the young men of Zion to prepare and to be workers, for "the harvest is great and the laborers are few." Let us buckle on the armor of truth and acquit ourselves like men, in helping to roll on the great work.

J. Y. BARLOW,
M. M. DECKER

FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

BRIGHTON, Sussex,

South Coast, England,

March 14th, 1897.

A little over a year ago I left my mountain home for the missionary field in Great Britain; and up to the present moment, it has been a labor of love, in traveling from town to town and village to village in the midst of strangers. There may be dark moments, yet the bright star of hope is our constant companion—even the Holy Ghost, which makes our yoke easy and our burden light.

I can testify that I have seen the hand of God in many things which I should never have seen if I had not been blessed with the happy privilege of leaving my home to come to this land, to bear testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith. Every missionary, who lives strictly in the line of his duty, receives his pay as he goes along, heaped up and running over. What once was a trial to me is now a blessing; when I think my heavenly Father found me worthy to labor in the vineyard; and try, in my weak way, to raise His sons and daughters to a higher scale of being

in this life, and, if faithful to the end, to inherit the presence of our Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

I have noticed many a faithful servant of God has sown the seed of truth in the hearts of sons and daughters of God, but perhaps they have not seen the harvest. After awhile another servant of God comes along and he gathers the wheat into the garner. We all see such fruits of our labors as peace to the soul is far above the riches of this life.

In the early part of my missionary labor, it appeared to me that the laborers were many and the harvest light. As I go along I learn that I don't know much about the ways of God, only as He reveals a little to me in process of time.

Elder Solomon Smith, of Draper, and I, baptized some into the Church of Jesus Christ, at Portsmouth, a short time ago. Elder Weatman and I baptized eight good faithful souls in one day in Southampton. Who can say the work of God is not growing? It appears to me now that the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

I have attended many places of worship since my arrival in Great Britain, and to my astonishment, they nearly all tell me they are saved by the grace of God, without works on their part. Some will go so far as to say that the more works we do the less chance we have of obtaining eternal life, as Jesus came and did all, and if we give our hearts to Him, all is done. But the Bible does not teach this.

Much might be said to show that the revelations of God are true and faithful; and that just men have fallen by the wayside, is a proof that men are not already saved; but there is a judgment day, or the word of God must be wrong.

I want to encourage the youth of Zion. They are blessed, indeed, to be born in that goodly land. Many yet have to learn how to appreciate their parentage and their blessed homes in the peaceful vales of Utah. Young people, love and honor your fathers and mothers, that your days may be long in the land. I have spent most of my life in Utah; and I want to testify, that as far as I have traveled in the world, the Latter-day Saints are the best living people that I know anything about. As far as I have been, Salt Lake City is the most orderly city, and the best laid out, of any I have seen yet, and I have visited England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

A MISSIONARY NOTE.

KENNETT, Square Pennsylvania,

March 23rd, 1897.

It is with much pleasure that I drop you a few lines, this morning to let you know how I am getting on and to thank you for your most welcome paper which brings to me glad tidings.

I have been one of the Elders laboring in the North Carolina Conference for something over twenty-seven months. I now have my release and have left the State of North Carolina and traveled Northward to Pennsylvania where mother and I are visiting relatives and friends. This we expect to spend the period of gleanings, we still find many good honest people who are desirous of learning the truth and who have faith sufficient to accept the Gospel.

During the year 1896, there were laboring in Scandinavia 107 missionaries;