FROM THE ANTIPODES.

Elder Cannon Writes from a Distant Isle of the Sea.

PUTUAHARA, ANAA, Tuamotu Islands, June 17, 1895.

To the Editor:

After a lapse of three months we have again heard from the outside world, May 22nd, having brought us our January and February mail. It is true that we cannot tell when we may get mail, being in such a scattered condition and in such an out of the way place, but we can generally depend upon hearing from our loved ones every three or four months. Although it is sometimes rather long between mails we do not feel to complain, unlike a brother writing from the Southern States, who said that he had to wait so long for his mail, when he actually had to wait three weeks.

Times have taken a turn since we last wrote you. Persecution has again come upon the Church, and the evil one seems to be trying his best to stop the work of God in this part of the world. We realize, as also do our native brethren and sisters, that this is not the first time that he has tried to work against the Church of God in these islands. In former days, when the Gospel was first preached here by Elders Grouard, Brown, Pratt and others, the arm of persecution was raised against them. Some were banished and imprisoned and the natives were left practically to themselves, with the native Elders as their guides, the white Elders having left, and the evil one seeing that the Saints still held the faith, soon brought his forces to work against them and tried to overcome them. But the seed had fallen in good ground, and had brought forth, some a hundred fold, some sixty, and some thirty. After trying to stop them from praying to and worshiping their God, and seeing that they were not successful in this, they set about to imprison those who would not renounce their faith. But thanks be to our Heavenly Father, there were some who were not to be shaken or made afraid by the threats of poor, weak, mortal man. They trusted in a superior Being, who they knew was able to save, preferring to fear not those who are able to kill the body, but preferring rather to fear Him who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell. We can say that such people are well grounded in the faith, and are like the man that built his house upon the rock, that when the rain descended and the floods came, and the wind beat upon that house, it fell not, because it was founded upon the rock. Such was the case of some of the people who received the Gospel in early days. They knew that God had again spoken from the heavens, and that He had again set up His Kingdom upon the earth to stay; that when revilings and persecutions came upon them, they did not falter or become ashamed, but remembered that it was better to suffer persecution than to persecute others.

Some forty years had elapsed from the time when the white Elders returned to their homes in America in early days until the time when the Elders of the Church of Christ returned to these islands in the year 1892. During this space of time, grievous wolves had entered in amongst them and had not spared the flock. They came in the shape of men, who said that they were missionaries of the Church of Christ, and "true" successors of the Church established by the Prophet Joseph in the year 1830; that they came to seek those who had been baptized by "their" missionaries in early days. How ridiculous and absurd when we come to think of it, that their church never existed until many years after our missionaries had returned to their homes in Salt Lake, and while in fact they themselves were the first missionaries of their church who had ever visited the island. In this way were many led away from the truth by the cunning craftiness of men, and in this way the Church was found by the Elders who came here in 1892 and succeeding years.

The evil one, again seeing that the work of God was spreading since the return of His servants, has again set up his power against them and is trying with his might to overthrow them and the work of God which they are establishing. But we, knowing that the power of God is greater than that of Satan, trust that if it is His will, we may be able to stay here and fulfil our missions, by preaching His everlasting Gospel and establishing His work amongst the honest in heart; that the honest-hearted Saints who have received the same may not be left without shepherds to guide them and be amongst them. Jesus said to His apostles, "Blessed are ye when men revile you and persecute you; rejoice and be exceeding glad." If we are persecuted for our belief and the way that we worship our God, let us not feel sorrowful, but rather rejoice, knowing that, as Paul tells Timothy, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

At the present time Elder George F. Despain and myself are at this island, Anaa, having arrived here from Tahaa on May 2nd. The natives are busily engaged in getting the cocoanuts in and making "pata," or copra, which finds a ready market but brings a rather low price, being sold now for 5 cents and 6 cents a kilo in Chilean money, which is equal to about 3 cents a kilo in American money. Respectfully,

EUGENE M. CANNON.

Cache Stake S. S. Conference.

The Cache Stake Sunday school conference convened in the Tabernacle at Logan October 19, at 10 o'clock. There were present of the general Sunday School board, Superintendents George Goddard and Karl G. Maeser and Joseph M. Tanner; of the Cache Stake board, Superintendent O. C. Ormsby, [illegible], James P. [illegible], Samuel R. [illegible] and Joseph E. Cannon.

Saturday morning's session was [illegible] the general [illegible] Goddard was pleased to meet with the Stake [illegible] and know we must have the spirit of our work [illegible] positions that our Sunday School [illegible]. During this session [illegible] of the school superintendents reported the condition of their respective schools, which showed a marked advancement. Superintendent Karl G. Maeser spoke of the greatness of this work and the goodness of God to wards us in giving us testimonies which show that irrespective of our high or humble position in life God has a work for each to do.

The session of Saturday afternoon was much larger than the other. At this meeting reports of the condition of schools were made and much valuable information was given by Bros. Goddard, Maeser and others.

At Sunday morning's session the tabernacle was crowded to overflowing. A fine program, which had been prepared for a previous Sunday school jubilee, and which was postponed on account of a big storm, was rendered during part of the meeting. It consisted of actual work done in the different departments of our schools and was very interesting and instructive. Dr. J. M. Tanner was pleased to see them with so many here in the capacity of a Sunday school conference; where there is unity in our work there is also more courage; religious gatherings of all kinds are the best conditions under which people can meet, and this should be often. Supt. O. C. Ormsby asked all Sunday school workers to stay after dismissal as a special meeting would be held.

In this meeting Supt. Maeser gave many valuable instructions to officers and teachers. The manner in which classes should be taught, Sunday schools managed, capabilities and requirements of teachers, etc. A number of questions pertaining to Sunday school work were asked and answered. Superintendent Goddard also gave much valuable instruction.

At the afternoon session the remaining part of the program was rendered, and the general and Stake Sunday school officers were sustained. There is no change in these over last year, excepting that Joseph E. Cannon has been called as acting secretary and treasurer in place of Brother Joseph Quinney Jr., who is now on a mission to Samoa. Superintendent Ormsby gave a brief report of the work done in this Stake during the past year.

A night session was held at 7:30 at which Brothers Goddard, Maeser and Tanner addressed the people more especially on Sunday school matters.

Your valuable space will not permit of but a very brief report of our conference. We all feel that we have been blessed in having the privilege of meeting together again in Sunday school conference capacity and being instructed in things pertaining to this work. Much good was accomplished, the fruits of which will be plucked by the present and future generations.

JOSEPH E. CANNON, Sec'y.

Manti's Prosperity.

MANTI, Sanpete County, October 24, 1895.

To the Editor:

The people of these valleys are noted for their home-building propensities, which is significant that they are true lovers of home. The lines of John Howard Paine, "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home," are echoed and re-echoed by the sentiment and act of our people.

This prosperity is exemplified in a very large degree at Manti. True there are humble homes here, but for large homes, homes on the broad plan, Manti takes the lead, irresistibly drawn into this by the superior quality of her building rock, which lies around in such profusion, every stone seemingly a candidate for the privilege of being placed in any good substantial wall. Houses here are so large as to materially increase the amount of travel performed by your canvasser in finding his way around their solid rock walls to the kitchen, where almost invariably the inmates are found and where they spend the greater portion of their indoor time. Many of these houses, as in other of our towns by their magnitude and general appearance, convey an idea of wealth and solid comfort. In some instances, however, we find that the people have overbuilt themselves, their income not being sufficient to employ the necessary help to keep their houses in order after they have built them. The kitchen being used so much as the common dwelling room, its construction should be well studied, and its appointments and furnishings so wisely planned as to meet the various requirements exacted of this room, in which we spend so many hours of our existence—more especially have I reference to the comfort of the fair sex.

Manti still continues in this line, there are over thirty-five dwelling houses now in various stages of construction, showing a state of prosperity that causes one to think that the cry of hard times has not rung in the ears of the people here for many a day. Tuttle & Co. have erected a fine addition to their business block on Main street, and the stores therein are all rented. But the chief addition to the city is the remarkably fine district school house, which stands out boldly in its magnificent proportions, calling forth the admiration of all beholders, a fitting companion for the beautiful temple, on the massive pedestal of stone which overlooks this city and away beyond, over the prolific valley, the garden of Utah.

Of course this grand addition in the educational line, together with a fine water system lately added has entailed upon the people the payment of quite a heavy sum in the simple matter of the interest on the bonds issued in payment of these public benefits; for while the good people of Manti may boast that they live in their own houses, it can scarcely be so stated of their school population. But with all of this, Manti is there, there in its cool, solid stone, enjoying its pure water, the magnificent addition to its schools, privileges, and the reading of as many copies of the DESERET NEWS as any town of its size in the Territory.

ALBERT JONES.

Personal Paragraphs.

George H. Crosby, Omaha, is at the Knutsford.

Judge Thomas Maloney, of Ogden, is a Walker guest.

F. M. Wheeting, of the U. P. R. R., puts up at the Cullen.

R. L. Henshaw, of New York, is a guest at the Templeton.

W. M. Schumacher, of San Francisco is stopping at the Knutsford.

L. O. Wilkerson is down from Ogden and at the Walker.

Wm. Sproule, of San Francisco, has his name on the Knutsford register.

F. A. Daggett, of Spokane, Washington, is enrolled as a Templeton guest.

Thomas Kearns, the well known Park City mining man, is at the Cullen.

B. Davidson, of Lafayette, Indiana, is visitor to Salt Lake, registered at the Walker.

C. W. Shores and Wm. Larkan, both of Grand Junction, Colo., are domiciled at the Cullen.

F. W. Hansen, commission merchant, Salt Lake, is registered at the Baldwin, San Francisco.

A. Land Walters, a tourist from London, arrived in town today and is now numbered among the Templeton guests.

A. M. Spencer, who figures prominently in Mercur mining circles, is partaking of the hospitalities offered by the Walker.

John Hales, of Chicago, G. R. Dalton, of St. Louis, and A. T. Wells, of Denver, are registered at the Knutsford for a short stay.

T. H. Brown and Mark Clawson both of New York, and H. Isdman of Cheyenne, Wyo., are at present stopping at the Cullen.

W. H. Sears of New York, and S. L. Spear of Chicago arrived in Salt Lake this morning and took up their temporary abiding place at the Templeton.

G. A. Simmons and wife of Evanston, Wyo., W. C. [illegible] attorney of Montpelier, Idaho and H. Carter, a resident of Provo, are among those stopping at the Walker.

Miss Allie Sanders, Miss Gertrude Allen and Mr. Albert Ilsen, all residents of this city, have appended their names to the Templeton register, as guests at the favorite hostelry.

LITERARY NOTE.

The publishers of McClure's Magazine have undertaken a very important art enterprise, which is now possible with the introduction of enameled paper in the magazine. They sent the famous artist Mr. Will H. Low to Europe to collect photographs of the 200 most important paintings now in this country. The result of Mr. Low's travels in Europe will be supplemented with the most important work of American artists, and the pictures will appear in the magazine with text by Mr. Low.

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SUMMONS.

In the District Court in and for the Third Judicial District of Utah Territory, County of Salt Lake.

Frank Thompson, as Administrator of the estate of James Thompson, deceased, [illegible]

vs.

C. T. Carlson, J. F. Beck, [illegible]

The People of the Territory of Utah send greeting

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[SEAL.] [illegible] DAVID C. DUNBAR, Clerk.