

EGYPT IN THE WINTER TIME.

Pleasures of an Excursion in the Immediate Vicinity of Historic Cairo.

HOW PEOPLE ENJOY THEMSELVES

Lunching Beside a Fallen Statue of Rameses—Traveling by Train, Donkey and Horseback.

Special Correspondence.

Cairo, Jan. 30.—Here in the capital of Egypt are the strangest contrasts to be witnessed of any place where the old and the new meet. Each nationality in Cairo has its own quarters. In the Arab quarter there still is the decadence of Egypt, a settlement with narrow, crooked streets and full of the unclean sights and odors prevalent in oriental towns of the old time. Here donkey drivers shriek, neighbors quarrel, merchants scream their wares, and veiled women in black glide cringing to and fro as if apologizing for being on the earth. In the hotels and in the quarters where French, English and Americans live electric lights flash, electric trolleys cars whiz past, the diners and dances of white women and men are as recherche, as splendid and as full of vanity and flirting as if a section of fashionable society had been sliced out of New York, Paris or London and deposited here in the heart of a civilization which taught Moses magic and jurisprudence.

From November to March here is the season of seedtime and harvest. In midwinter vegetation is at its height of luxuriance. To see the rural life of Egypt one can make little journeys of a day out of Cairo into the agricultural region about it. On a Mohammedan festival day lately a small party left Cairo by train very early in the morning to get well on their journey before the heat of the day was on them. They took guides with them; also Arab horses, for they meant to ride back, reaching Cairo by moonlight. The horses were put in a boxcar upon the train. Southward the Nile railway train moves along past one, two, three stations. At the fourth, Bedreshin, the tourists alight. Already the temperature rises high. The party leaves its horses in the shade of some palm trees. They must be fresh for the long ride back to Cairo. Immediately they leave the railway car awnings the travelers begin to mount and ride the ridiculous little small, dingy beasts that wait near by. The tiny donkeys look like those the children ride at shows in America for a nickel apiece, but they are strong enough to bear the weight of a human. The friends select one apiece of the little brutes, mount their backs and trot through dirty Bedreshin with its dried mud houses. They are going to visit the famous fallen statue of Rameses II, which lies a palm grove a few miles away. Once in the long ago? It stood erect, 25 feet high, majestic, splendid, its insatiable granite face bathed in the red light of the rising sun in the morning and of the sinking sun in the evening. Now there is none to do it reverence except white tourists who come from western lands and gaze with awe and wonder upon the prone limbs, the stone lips, around which the donkey boys climb and play. The donkey boys have named the great statue "Rameses asleep." His Egypt has awakened to the touch of modern life and hustle. He needs it not. Along beside the tremendous granite effigy passes the common highway. Camel trains, the animals laden with fodder from the fields to be taken to Cairo, stride and jolt past him. The camels are strung together, the nose of one being held by a small rope made fast to the tail of the one ahead.

Men, women, children and donkeys trail by with a ceaseless chattering, clattering, braying noise. Nile water, eddies and fodder fields, brilliant green, stretch away to right and left of the prone image; the long, gorgeous fronds of the date palm groves wave in the wind. All the fields are irrigated. Ditches and dikes interlace them. Rude machines which draw water up from the Nile and its canals are of the pattern of the Bible times. Now a slow, sleepy bullock turns the crank which lifts the water bucket. Now more man power is employed. The trees the travelers rest and eat their lunch till the shadows begin to lengthen. Then they mount again the tiny donkeys and return to Bedreshin, where the Arab horses wait to take them to Cairo.

As they leave village after village on the return the natives say to them, "May your day be happy and blessed."

FORCE OF HABIT.

Of Fire Commissioner Thomas Sturges of New York a story has been recently circulating through the city hall. This story, which is not avowed to be the effect that Mr. Sturges, a few days after his appointment, boarded a train and sat down beside a fat man in the smoking car.

The fat man took a cigar from his pocket and put it in his mouth. Then he struck a match, but before he could make use of it, Mr. Sturges blew it out. The fat man glared at the commissioner. But he said nothing, for he thought that perhaps the match had been blown out by accident. He lighted another match, regarding his companion closely as he did so. This time there could be no mistake. Mr. Sturges, who learned over, detested his cheeks, and—puff—the match was blown out. "By Jingo," said the fat man, "this is the second time you have deliberately put out my match."

"Pardon me," said Mr. Sturges. "It is force of habit. I am the fire commissioner."

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RETURNED MISSIONARIES

The friends of Elder W. F. Wiscombe of Springfield are happy to greet him at his home again, after an absence of a little over two years, spent in the California mission. He was set apart Jan. 8, 1902, and returned March 10 of this year, having labored in the Sacramento and San Francisco conferences. He reports the mission as being prosperous, with many investigators, some indifference but not much opposition. He has kept well and has returned with added testimony of the great work in which he and so many are so vitally interested in.

Elder O. C. Thurber of Richfield, Sevier county, has just returned from a two years' course in the missionary field. He first labored in the Ohio conference, when it was part of the Middle States mission, and of course it later became part of the Southern States mission. He left home March 19, 1902, and returned March 12, 1904. His labors were in the Ohio conference. The people whom he met were kind, courteous and considerate, and he has a very high opinion of the hospitality of the people of the south.

March 8 of this year Elder Ernest P. Henrichsen of Holladay returned from Germany, where he has sojourned since the 6th of June, 1901, as a traveling Elder. His labors were confined to Koenigsberg and Stuttgart, and was twice served with banishment notices. He enjoyed excellent health and his labors were pleasant. Elder Henrichsen returned by way of Rome, Paris and London, and was thus permitted to see considerable of the world.

On the 14th of February, 1902, Elder Gordon O. Beckstead was set apart, and shortly thereafter left for the Southern States. He was detailed to the Virginia conference, and later to the Ohio conference. Elder Beckstead is an organizer and musician of ability, and in this capacity he made many friends, both for himself and the cause he represents. He is of the opinion that the Smoot investigation is of benefit to the Elders rather than a detriment, as it opens up opportunities for a hearing. Elder Beckstead returned on March 3.

The Avon ward in Cache county welcomes home Elder Harold Carter, who has just returned from a mission to the Northern States, whither he left on Jan. 14, 1902. Eighteen months of his time was spent in the Iowa conference, and the remainder in the Minnesota conference. He says he had the average experience of the Elders, that the work is prosperous and that he has had fine health; enjoyed his labors and returns not only to meet his Utah friends, but also his parents whom he left in England over 10 years ago, and who, during his absence, came to Utah, and have settled in Forest Dale. It was indeed a joyful meeting.

Elder John H. Hill of Mill Creek has returned from his mission field in Great Britain. He is full of enthusiasm in the great work of salvation. Elder Hill was set apart on Nov. 26, 1901, and was assigned to the Leeds conference, where he remained until released, returning home on March 3 of this year. His health has been excellent and he reports the success of his efforts as being fair, but eminently helpful for himself. Elder Hill says the Leeds conference still leads the mission in its record of baptisms reported.

Another of Idaho's favored sons returns home from the missionary field, bearing with him the knowledge that he is favored. Reference is made to Elder Thomas Taylor, Jr., of Elba, Ida., who was set apart for a mission to Great Britain on Oct. 15, 1901. He returned March 10, 1904. Elder Taylor labored in the Scottish conference during the entire time, and divided his work between the cities of Glasgow and Dundee. For a portion of the time he acted as clerk of the conference. He reports the work as being somewhat disheartening, as the people are so cold—few seeming to take much interest in religious teaching. There are about 30 Elders in the mission, and he looks for better results in the future, as a better understanding is being had of how to reach the honest in heart at least.

Elder H. A. Davis, a young man of the Center ward in this stake, has just returned from an interesting mission to the Northern States, where he labored in the Minnesota conference since the 1st of July, 1902. He returned on March 14, having enjoyed his labors very much; had fine health and an experience that is not always had in the United States. Early in this year he, with Elder H. Ostlund, were laboring in a town of 5,000 population, called Albert Lea, from which four Elders had been driven out some four years ago. Elder Ostlund has a number of relatives in this town, and soon rumors began to come that trouble was in store for the Elders. They began to worry about the matter and urged the Elders to leave. They were averse to this, however, until the 14 ministers in that town became united in the mobocratic cry to "put them out." The Elders remained until a gang was actually formed and were preparing to commit an act of violence, when they received word that it was unsafe to longer remain. They then left just in time to escape what would have been a public disgrace for the state of Minnesota, and could be directly charged to the ministers of that town.

The following letters have been received:

Heber City, Utah, Jan. 25, 1904.—President Joseph F. Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah.—Dear Sir.—I was released from my labors in the missionary field on the 13th of January, 1904, on account of ill health, having had the chills and fever prior to my release. I was set apart to labor in the Southern States mission on July 1, 1902. I can say it was the happiest days of my life while permitted to engage in my work. I labored in the states of Ohio and Kentucky. The Elders are doing a great work.

Logan, Utah, March 17, 1904.—Editor Deseret News, Salt Lake City, Utah.—Dear Sir.—Having returned from a mission on the 14th of this month, and not having an opportunity to call at the "News" office, I will give you the following: I passed through Salt Lake City on the 14th of March; was set apart for a mission to the Southern States on the 15th of January, 1902. My fields of labor were in the North Alabama, Middle Tennessee and Ohio conferences. The work of the Lord is making good progress in the south, and much good is being done.

Respectfully,
ERNEST L. STEWART.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Regular services of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held tomorrow at 8 o'clock in the Tabernacle; Sunday schools in the various wards at 10 a. m., and meetings in the city ward assembly rooms and adjacent wards as follows:

SALT LAKE STAKE.	
First.....	2:00
Second.....	2:00
Third.....	2:00
Fourth.....	2:00
Fifth.....	2:00
Sixth.....	2:00
Seventh.....	2:00
Eighth.....	2:00
Ninth.....	2:00
Tenth.....	2:00
Eleventh.....	2:00
Twelfth.....	2:00
Thirteenth.....	2:00
Fourteenth.....	2:00
Fifteenth.....	2:00
Sixteenth.....	2:00
Seventeenth.....	2:00
Eighteenth.....	2:00
Nineteenth.....	2:00

Scandinavian meetings are held in this city every Sunday at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the Assembly Hall. All are cordially invited.

Religious services in the German language are held every Sunday morning, at 12 o'clock in the Assembly Hall.

Proposed New Stakes.

All members of the Priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints residing in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Twelfth, Twentieth, Sixteenth, Thirtieth, Thirty-second, Cannon, Brighton and Pleasant Green wards are requested to meet in the Assembly Hall in Salt Lake City, Monday, March 21, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of considering the organization of a stake comprising these wards. Also on the following Thursday, March 24, at the same place, at 7:30 p. m.; all members of said Church residing in the above mentioned wards will meet to complete the organization.

All members of the Priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, residing in the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Center wards, are requested to meet in the Assembly Hall in Salt Lake City, Tuesday, March 22, 1904, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of considering the organization of a stake, comprising these wards.

Also on the following Friday, March 25, at the same place, at 7:30 p. m., all members of said Church residing in the above mentioned wards will meet to complete the organization.

JOS. F. SMITH,
JOHN R. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency.

Liberty Stake Notice.

There will be no ward meetings in Liberty stake next Sunday evening, March 20. All the Saints residing in said stake are cordially requested to attend the stake conference in the Assembly Hall at 7 p. m.

ARNOLD H. SCHULTHEISS,
PHILIP S. MAYCOCK,
Counselors in the Stake Presidency.

Liberty Stake Conference.

A conference of the Saints of Liberty stake will be held next Sunday evening, March 20, 1904, at 7 o'clock, in the Assembly Hall, Salt Lake City. As only the one session will be held, it is strongly desired that all the Saints in the stake will make a special effort to be present.

ARNOLD H. SCHULTHEISS,
PHILIP S. MAYCOCK,
Counselors in the Presidency of the Stake.

Relief Society Conference.

The general annual conference of the Relief society will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, in this city, Saturday, April 2, 1904. Meetings commencing at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. It is expected that each stake organization of the Relief society will be represented by the president or an authorized representative. All members of the society are cordially invited to attend the conference. Bishops and brethren interested in the charitable work of the sisters will be most welcome, also officers and members of the Y. L. M. I. A. and Primary associations.

BATHSHEBA W. SMITH,
President.
ANNIE TAYLOR HYDE,
IDA SMOOT DUBENBERRY,
Counselors.

Relief Society Officers.

M. ISABELLA HORNE,
President.
JULIA S. WOOLLEY,
Secretary.

California Missionary Reunion.

All who have ever labored as missionaries in California are requested to meet in social reunion Monday, April 12th, at 4:30 p. m., in Room 35-3 Brigham Young Memorial building, Salt Lake City. The presence of families and friends and California Saints is desired.

H. S. TANNER, President.
JOS. H. DAVIS, Secretary.

South Carolina Conference Reunion.

There will be a reunion of missionaries in the South Carolina conference, Tuesday, April 5, at 4:30 p. m., in room 202 L. D. S. U. Business College building, Salt Lake City. The presence of your families and friends and Saints from the South Carolina conference is desired.

H. S. TANNER, President.
THOMAS J. YATES,
Secretary.

Polynesian Reunion.

The committee of Zion's Maori association is actively engaged arranging for a reunion of all returned Elders and Saints from New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia. The gathering will be held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday evening, April 2.

The program will consist of "A trip to Maoridom," with stereoscopic views and musical selections by some of Utah's best artists.

Elders who do not receive circulars promptly are requested to address the secretary, James N. Lambert, care Lambert Paper Co., Salt Lake City.

Scottish Conference Reunion.

The Scottish Missionary society kindly invites the missionaries and Saints of the Scottish conference to meet with them on Monday night, April 4, at 8 o'clock, in a grand reunion to be given in the Fourteenth ward assembly hall. This invitation includes all members of the society and those who are desirous of becoming members. The meeting

will also elect officers for the ensuing year.

D. O. McKAY, President.
ALEX BUCHANAN, JR., Secretary.

GRANITE STAKE.

Big Cottonwood.....2:00
East Mill Creek.....2:00
Farmers.....2:00
Forest Dale.....2:00
Grantsville.....2:00
Huntsville.....2:00
Mill Creek.....2:00
Murray.....2:00
South Cottonwood.....2:00
Sugar House.....2:00
Taylorsville.....2:00
Wilford.....2:00

Granite Stake Fast Day.

As the general conference of the Church will commence on the 2nd of April, the first Sunday in the month, which is the regular fast day, the Saints of the Granite Stake of Zion will observe the monthly fast on Sunday, March 27, 1904.

All home missionary appointments for March 27 are cancelled, with the exception of the county infirmaries.

FRANK Y. TAYLOR,
EDWIN BENNISON,
JOHN M. CANNON,
Stake Presidency.

TEMPLE NOTICES.

The Salt Lake Temple will close on Friday evening, April 1, and reopen on Tuesday morning, April 5, for baptisms only, and will be open again on Thursday morning, April 7, for other ordinances.

JOSEPH F. SMITH.

The St. George Temple will close.

Friday evening, March 25, 1904, and will reopen Tuesday morning, May 24, 1904.

DAVID H. CANNON,
President.

Manti, Utah, March 9.—The Manti Temple will be closed the 1st of April, 1904, reopen for ordinance work on the 12th of April, 1904.

JOHN D. T. McALLISTER.

The Logan Temple will close on Friday evening, April 1, 1904, and open again April 11, 1904.

M. W. MERRILL, President.

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