

day last. Our hearts feel sad at the premature release of our co-laborer Elder John Walker who (on account of ill-health) is unable to perform his labors. It was therefore deemed advisable by President Gardner to release him to return home. May he speedily recover on his arrival at our "mountain home."

The News comes frequently to hand, is read with interest by the Elders and Saints, and is then mailed or handed to non-Saints who are friendly towards us, and investigating the Gospel which we represent.

May Zion prosper and flourish as the habitation of the Saints of God.

"HORI."

## GOOD TIMES IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, Germany,  
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Not often are the Elders of the Swiss and German mission blessed with the presence of an Apostle, or of the president of the mission; nor are they often privileged to feel the good spirit which these men possess and whose influence is so desirable to those who are lending their time and the talents God has given them for the building up of the kingdom and the establishment of peace on earth.

The Elders and Saints of Berlin were made glad by the presence of Elder Anthon H. Lund, president of the European mission, and Elder Geo. C. Naegle of the Swiss and German mission, accompanied by his wife. The object of this pleasant visit was to learn the condition of the branch, to encourage Elders and members by holding meetings with them, and for the purpose of imparting such instructions as are necessary to bring about the desired results. The good Saints had decorated the pleasant hall at 707 Dresdener street, and previous to the opening of the meeting the honored guests were presented with beautiful bouquets in profusion.

At three o'clock the hall was filled to overflowing, when Elder Ed. R. Frei called the assembly to order. Elders A. H. Lund, Geo. C. Naegle, Ed. R. Frei, Oscar Wilkins and A. O. Woodruff represented the Priesthood from Zion. There were also present Elder C. H. Harris who is here as a student of music and Sister Sibra Naegle accompanying her husband through the mission.

Elder Woodruff was called upon to explain the object of the Sacrament and after the administration, Elder Naegle expressed his joy at meeting with the Saints and friends of the Gospel; said he had a pleasant visit through the mission from Geneva to Berlin; was glad to note the increase of membership since his last visit and that the seed of the Gospel sown by the Elders had borne good fruit; he remarked that we are to promulgate the doctrine of Jesus Christ and to do the will of our Heavenly Father; spoke of the limited amount of liberty which exists in Bavaria and other parts of this empire and was thankful for the almost perfect degree which we enjoy in Berlin; said that religious liberty was increasing for us. People ask why we should come so many thousand miles to preach the Gospel when the people already have pastors and the Scriptures. Asked if such pastors,

pretending to be the servants of the Lord, had told us that God had restored the everlasting Gospel—if they called the people to repent and be baptized from one having authority for the remission of sins—if they taught that God had established His kingdom on earth with Apostles, Prophets, etc., according to the prophecies of the ancient Prophets? We are sent out with authority from God to administer in His name—we are laboring for the love we have for our fellow men and the establishment of peace and righteousness on earth—not for an earthly reward. We must live as Saints—be Saints not only in word but in deed. We believe the Gospel must be proclaimed in all lands before the coming of the Son of Man. Let us be true to God and His kingdom—in this way alone can we gain true happiness and the crown of everlasting life. The Prophet Joseph said: "There are three things we must overcome to insure salvation, Satan, the flesh and the world." Closed with words of encouragement to keep the commandments of God, and thanked the Elders for their truly fulfilled duties, and prayed God to bless them and the Saints for their noble work of love for the children of men.

Elder Lund said he wished he was in a condition to speak the German language fluently; was very pleased to be in our midst and wished to bear testimony to the truth of the Gospel as revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith. We do not believe as the majority of the so-called Christians that God has revealed all that is necessary for our guidance in the Bible, but we believe in continued revelation from God, without which His Church can not exist as it did in the days of our Lord and Savior. Apostles and the same organization must remain in the true Church until all men shall come to a unity of the faith, which is at the present time not the case. We find many religious systems in the world which do not contain the necessary functions to constitute the Church of Christ. He exhorted the people to do the will of our heavenly Father, and prayed God's blessings on the branch of Berlin and those who preside over the same.

Elder Ed. R. Frei bore testimony to what had been said, and in a few words expressed his warm love for the cause of Christ. He announced that there would be a chance for questions directly after meeting, and another gathering at 7 p. m.

In the evening the hall was again filled. The meeting was called to order by Elder A. O. Woodruff, and after singing and prayer, Elder Lund spoke. The assertion had been made that Joseph Smith was a false Prophet; Moses tells us how we may know a false or a true prophet—if the prophecies which he speaks be fulfilled he must be sent of God. The speaker showed from the Doctrine and Covenants that the Prophet Joseph through the inspiration of God had told of events which were to take place many years before they happened and that his predictions have been literally fulfilled. The Prophet spoke of the gathering of Israel in the tops of the mountains many years before it really took place. The speaker bore a powerful testimony to the divine mission of the prophet of

the nineteenth century and declared that he had seen many miraculous healings under the hands of those holding the Holy Priesthood; that the blessings do follow the believers in these days as promised by our Savior. He spoke at some length of the mighty and wonderful work which the Lord has commenced in these the latter days.

His fatherly advice and love is much appreciated by every missionary in the field. We truly feel that he is a father indeed to those working under the direction of the Priesthood in those European countries. He is now able to converse and speak to the Saints with great ease in the German language, which we appreciate very highly.

Elder Naegle spoke to the assembly, imparting excellent instructions and explaining the principles of the Gospel.

Elders Frei, Wilkins and Woodruff followed with short speeches, expressing their gratitude to the visiting brethren for their kind instruction and fatherly advice, with a strong desire to carry out the same and discharge their duties to the honor of God and the holy Priesthood.

Meeting was dismissed and all seemed to feel that we had had a truly blessed time and a spiritual feast. We feel that much good has been done, at least many friends have had a privilege of hearing the glad tidings of the Gospel and Saints have received new courage. Our guests spent the 2nd and 3rd in Berlin. On the 2nd we attended the Kaiser's parade and the celebration of the battle of Sedan between the French and the Germans—twenty-five years ago. We secured places upon the railing of the "Belle Alliance" bridge where we saw the emperor pass, leading the best drilled company of the Prussian army; we also saw among other royalty the empress of Germany, King Albert of Saxony and many dignitaries, including several members of the royal family. Berlin was illuminated at night affording some very beautiful sights.

On the morning of September 4th Elders Lund and Naegle together with Sister Naegle, continued their journey to Hamburg, Kiel, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, where they expect to visit branches of the Church. We wish them God's speed on their journey.

Frei, Woodruff and Wilkins.

## THE CITY SCHOOLS.

Two communications appeared in the columns of the News recently in which, as a citizen, I was much interested. The first was published in the issue of the 23rd inst. over the nom de plume of "Anon," and the second on the 25th signed "Bernard."

Both writers deal with the school tax question and both are apparently of the opinion that an excessive if not illegal levy has been made for the present year. "Anon" frankly states he desires to do a little "respectful, pertinent growling," and then proceeds to deal with the general tax levies for 1895. He correctly states that the levy for school purposes is six mills, quotes a part—but a part only—of the Territorial statute on that subject, "that