

aries do a great deal of local labor. It is necessary in the growth of the work of God that the labors of the ministry should be more widely distributed, because the people are increasing, and it is out of the power of the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles and the Seven Presidents of Seventies to do all the labor that was done formerly. It should be the aim of the Presidents of Stakes to call into the ministry young men and to lay the burden upon them of preaching the Gospel at home. Let them cultivate the gifts that they may be enabled to speak in power, and in the demonstration of the Holy Ghost, to the people, and I know, and you know, that when men have that power resting upon them, though they are not Apostles, or members of the First Presidency, the people listen to them with delight, and receive their teachings with avidity. I hope the idea will never prevail among our people that God confines his gifts and graces to the First Presidency or to the Twelve Apostles, or to the Seven Presidents of Seventies. I know that God is the God of this people, and every young man, or middle-aged man, or aged man who will seek for the power of God can obtain it, and he can declare the truth of God in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, and it is just as good as if it were told by the President of the Church or by one of the Twelve Apostles. I would like to encourage the Elders with that view. The field is white for the harvest, and laborers are wanted. It is beyond the power of the First Presidency and Twelve to do all the labor. Therefore, the Elders are called to the ministry, and they should seek for the gifts and for the power and authority of the Holy Priesthood and exercise it, and not think because they are not Apostles, or Presidents, that therefore they have not the right to teach and to speak with authority. If you have any doubts upon this, read the sixty-eighth section of the Doctrine and Covenants and see what the Lord says upon this point.

Among the nations where the Elders are laboring the blessings of God rest upon them. In the islands of the sea a great work is being done. Samoa has received the glad tidings. The Friendly Islands have been preached to. Doors are being opened there for the conversion of these degraded remnants of the House of Israel. The Sandwich Islands is a long-established mission. The Elders are laboring there with a good deal of success. On the Society Islands our Elders are bringing many into the fold of Christ. In New Zealand and Australia the work is prospering. The Elders have lately opened a new field in Tasmania, and are laboring there with some degree of encouragement. In Scandinavia the work is progressing, particularly in Sweden, and souls are being gathered out. In Germany the accounts are most favorable. There is an immense field opening up before the Elders in those regions. Austria and Hungary and the Danubian principalities will yet hear the Gospel. The Lord will break down the barriers. As the Elders go forth He will open the way before them, and they will be the means of bringing souls into the fold. There are regions which seem almost impenetrable at present, but if we are zealous in our labors, if the spirit of our calling rests upon us, and our souls are filled with ardor, the Lord will open

the way for the preaching of the Gospel in lands now closed to the bearers of the Gospel. In Great Britain the work is apparently reviving there, and we receive reports that there are more baptisms now than there have been. The people are paying better attention to the preaching of the Elders, and at a recent conference at Preston the hall was filled to overflowing. Preston, you know, is the place where the Gospel was first preached in Great Britain.

These are encouraging reports, considering the circumstances which have surrounded the Elders and the missions. The First Presidency have been led to advise the President of the European mission not to rush the people out here too hastily. We have suffered from this. Some of our Elders in the south and in the northwest and our Elders in Europe have seemed to think that as soon as a man is baptized into the Church he must be rushed off to Zion. This is unwise, and we have cautioned the presidents of these missions not to do this. Let the Saints stay there and get a little knowledge and experience of the work, and not come here almost entirely unacquainted with the trials that Latter-day Saints generally have to contend with. Let them remain and be a sustenance for the Elders who are laboring there, to comfort them and strengthen their hands, and not leave the mission wholly destitute of experienced members. There has been too much of this disposition manifested by many Elders. You who have had experience know that to have new members immediately gather to Zion is not attended with good results. They come here unprepared to meet the trials that they have to contend with, and frequently apostatize. We do not want to bring people to this country to apostatize. We want to bring them here to be steadfast to the faith and to prove a support to the work of God. Their faith should be ripe through experience, so that they can endure the vicissitudes and trials which naturally have to be contended with in coming to a strange land. We believe that this policy will be attended with good results. According to my view there has been too much of a spirit prevailing that Elders must go away from here well equipped financially—not without purse and scrip, as in former years. I do not believe in such doctrine. I never have believed in it. God will have to give me revelation that I have not yet received to cause me to believe in it as a proper method of preaching the Gospel of the Son of God to the nations of the earth. I do not believe in the Elders going with purse and scrip. I believe God is able to feed and clothe His Elders today as He ever was. This is my personal expression. I do not speak for everybody. It may help the Elder, if branches can be left awhile to be strengthened by the addition of new members and to be a support to the Elders who go there to preach.

Our prospects, therefore, looking over all the field, are encouraging. We have nothing to mourn over, unless it be our follies and sins. God is doing His part. As every one of you who read the newspapers must be conscious of, He is bearing testimony now by the judgments which He said should follow the testimony of His Elders. His agents also, invisible to us, are doing their part. We need not think that we

are alone; for God and the Heavenly host and the agents whom He sends here are doing their part in this great work and are bringing to pass His glorious designs. Every one of us should be encouraged to labor while the day lasts in this great work. And He will open our way and will lift us up on high if we are obedient to Him. There is no promise that He could give that He has not given to us. I pray God to bless us, and to fill us with the Holy Spirit and the gifts of our religion, which I humbly ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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### CANADIAN MISSION.

CARDSTON, Alberta, Canada  
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The Canadian mission embraces all the Saints residing in the northwestern territories of the dominion of Canada. Nearly all of them belong in the provincial district of Alberta, or in Cardston and vicinity. Elder Charles O. Card, formerly president of the Cache Stake of Zion, presides over the mission; he acts without counselors. The numerical strength of the mission, according to the last statistical report, is 121 families, or 674 souls, namely 18 Seventies, 20 High Priests, 56 Elders, 9 Priests, 18 Teachers, 46 Deacons, 252 lay members and 258 children under eight years of age. The mission comprises three organized Bishop's wards, namely Cardston with 483 souls, or 86 families, Aetna with 119 souls, or 23 families, and Mountain View numbering 72 souls, or 12 families. Besides these there are several other families of Saints, who on account of having brought no recommendations from their former places of residence, are not counted in the above statistics. There is a mission presidency of Relief Societies, Sunday schools and Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations. The High Priests, Seventies and Elders are organized into a mass quorum, presided over by Elder Truman Leonard. It is expected that the Saints in Alberta will soon be fully organized into a Stake of Zion.

Cardston, the chief settlement of the Saints in Canada and the headquarters of the mission, is situated on Lees Creek, about two and a half miles above the junction of that stream with the St. Mary's river. Part of the town is built on the creek bottom and part of it on the rising prairie land extending from the creek westward. The survey embraces a mile square regularly laid out in blocks thirty-four rods square, with streets six rods wide, crossing each other at right angles. The original survey embraced the north half of a section of land, while the other half was platted the present season. Most of the lots of the old survey are occupied and improved while the new survey has as yet not been improved very much. Nearly all the private dwellings of Cardston are log and lumber houses. Stables and barns built of the same materials are plentiful. The meeting house, a lumber structure, 26x40 feet, with an adjoining log building, 21x40 feet, used for school purposes, are the only public edifices in the settlement. An elevated