

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



THE MISSIONARY FIELDS

A Visit to Lamoni.

To the Editor:
Lamoni, Iowa, Jan. 29, 1900.—In the southern part of Decatur county, Iowa, about four miles from the Missouri line, lies the city of Lamoni, with a population of 1,200. While being a prosperous city, surrounded by a fertile farming district, it perhaps is noted more especially for being the headquarters of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Here the President of that church, Joseph Smith, the eldest son of the Martyr Prophet, resides with his family. Another son of the Prophet, Alexander H., also lives here, and while being the patriarch to the church he also occupies the position of counselor to the president. Here, too, a number of the quorum of twelve, together with other active church workers, reside, and while a majority of the citizens are members of the above-named church, the Methodists have a small following. Perhaps the most interesting places of note are the Herald building, Saints' home and college. From the Herald building comes the official organ of the church the Saints' Herald, which is issued weekly and has a circulation of 4,500. The president of the church is editor of this paper, his assistant being R. S. Salyard. In this building are also found the offices of the leading men of this organization, and we had the privilege of calling on the president, patriarch, historian, bishop, recorder and librarian. In this library we were shown

some of the text books of the Prophet Joseph, from which he studied Greek, Hebrew, etc.

The Saints' home is located in the northwestern part of the city. It was completed about two years ago at a cost of \$20,000. The object of its erection seems to have been to provide a home for the poor in the church, who have no means of support, as well as to be an abode for those who may have means but not having families, prefer living here rather than staying alone. The rooms are kept neat and clean, each one being nicely furnished with comfortable beds, chairs and necessary toilet articles. We were informed that the home draws no support from the tithes of the church, but is assisted by free will offerings, wherein it fails to be self-supporting. At present there are thirty-four inhabitants, beside the matron, Mrs. Alice Dancer and her assistants.

The college is located in the southeastern part of town and while it is controlled by the church, it is non-sectarian in its teachings and offers a standard collegiate course. The institution is a new one and as yet does not have the attendance they can accommodate.

Near the center of the city stands the main church building. It is made of brick and has an upper and lower apartment. The general services are held in the upper room which has a seating capacity of 600. In the basement the special meetings and Sunday school convene. We had the privilege of attending the Sunday school and the superintendent, George Blair, very kindly showed us through the various departments. The school has a membership of 400, and is graded as follows: two primary departments; an intermediate and senior. All classes have the same lessons, presented, of course, according to the capacity of the various members. The classes all meet in the main room for devotional exercises, and roll call of officers. Then the lesson for the day is read, after which they retire to their respective rooms for recitation, all returning in time for closing exercises. The department of the school is good and every-

thing seemed to move off smoothly.

The writers came here three weeks ago, and during that time we have held a number of meetings, and visited with many of the citizens. We have been treated very kindly by most of those whom we have met, many of them having once lived in Utah.

We were given the privilege of holding meetings in the church and the house was lighted, and heated freely as well as being well filled with attentive listeners. The right was reserved, however, for one of their ministers to reply to our discourses, and the readers have no doubt seen the account of some of the meetings before now. So many of the people were kind to us in providing for our wants, etc., that we will be unable to make mention of them in a special way. We desire, however, to recognize the kindness of Mr. J. D. Bennett in our behalf, as he took especial pains to see that we had a good place for lodging, and that we wanted for nothing. We will long remember the friends made in Lamoni, and their kindness to us.

We were offered the use of the Evergreen church, six miles from town, and went out there and held one meeting with the people, having a crowded house and an enjoyable time. More meetings would have been held here; but we had to return to the city and make preparations to leave for our conference, which will be held at Winteret, this State, on the 27th and 28th of this month.

The weather here is delightful. It seems more like spring than January; but we think we are entitled to an extra amount of sunshine to repay for the extreme cold months we have had winter. Some of us got so thoroughly chilled that we hardly got thawed out during the summer months.

Your brethren in Christ,

O. K. HANSEN,

D. M. BICKMORE.

In Norway,

Petersburg No. 4, Stavanger,

Jan. 12, 1900.

To the Editor:

We receive the "News" quite regularly, and it is a source of much satisfaction and encouragement to us. It is very interesting to us to note the great difference under which our missionaries labor in the different parts of the world. I almost believe we have as great a variety of experience in this little country as is presented in the world at large. Our greatest enemy here, however, is indifference. Since I came to Stavanger, we have held an average of five meetings per week. We have had as high as ten in one week and one Sunday school. We have one

very friendly paper here, in which I have written considerably. Its editor is a former Lutheran minister and one of Norway's most intelligent men, L. Ofteblad. Our conference (Bergen's) is the smallest in Norway, but there are several both intelligent and energetic missionaries, and small additions are continually made to the fold. Elder Hyrum Jensen, who presides, is a man in whom both the missionaries and the Saints have full confidence.

The climate is much different from my former experience here in Norway. It freezes a little. New Years day it rained, and again a couple of days ago. The moral condition of the people is far below what it was 40 years ago, and the prospect for the future has no encouraging features to present.

While the climate is quite healthy, yet the decrease in physical vigor since I left here in 1861 is quite apparent.

I am very happy to be able to bear my testimony to this great work.

With kind regards, I remain your

brother in the Gospel,

CHRISTOPHER J. KEMPE.

A Pleasant Entertainment.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1900.

To the Editor:

A very pleasant farewell entertainment was given at the Amphion assembly rooms, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday, Jan. 19, 1900, by the Saints and Elders, in honor of Elder John M. Whitaker of Salt Lake City and Marcus Farr of Ogden, who were released to return home. About 200 or 250 Saints and friends assembled, and a most enjoyable time was had. The program consisted of speeches, songs, readings, music and refreshments.

Among the leading features of the evening were the singing by R. C. Easton and the reciting by Miss Agnes Rose Lane; also the piano selections by Mrs. Junius F. Wells, the vocal solos by Miss Lillian E. Hartman, Hugh W. Douglass, Mrs. Henry M. Dinwoody and Miss Irene Colyer.

At the close of this part of the program Elder John M. Whitaker responded with a touching and eloquent farewell address, after which Elder J. Z. Stewart Jr., in behalf of the Elders of the Brooklyn conference, presented Elder Whitaker with an enlarged photograph of the presidency of the Eastern States mission, of which Elder Whitaker is the first one to receive a release since its organization.

Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, etc., and social conversation were then indulged in for some time; after which President of the Eastern States mission Wm. N. Smart paid a high tribute to the faithfulness of the departing Elders.

During the evening a feeling and impressive farewell address was made by our esteemed brother and co-laborer, Marcus Farr.

Social conversation was engaged in until a late hour.

Great credit is due the members of the committee, Sisters Agnes Rose Lane, Belle Schaffer, Estelle Milligan and John Wesley Young Jr., and those who contributed so liberally to the very successful and pleasant entertainment. The Brooklyn conference is in a prosperous condition. A series of lectures is now being given under the auspices of

the conference on subjects relating to "Mormonism," and the following speakers have been secured: Elders E. H. Snow, John M. Whitaker, D. F. Cummings, J. Z. Stewart Jr., B. H. Roberts, Willard Young and Wm. N. Smart.

Considerable interest has already been manifested in these lectures, and the leading papers have treated us with great consideration, advertising and generally reporting our lectures.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Bannock Stake.

Gentile Valley, Idaho,

January 20, 1900.

To the Editor:

The quarterly conference of Bannock Stake was held in Bannock valley ward, January 20th and 21st. There were on the stand Elders Joseph W. McMurrin of the First Council of Seventies; the Stake presidency; nearly all of the High Council and others. The house was filled to overflowing.

Elder L. S. Pond welcomed the Saints and congratulated them upon the favorable conditions in the Stake.

All the wards of the Stake except one were reported, and all are fully organized and doing good work. All the Bishops report that the people are doing better, especially in paying their tithes. There has been an increase throughout the Stake of about 60 per cent.

Elder Amos Hatch testified to the truth of the Gospel and urged all to live pure lives that they may be entitled to the Holy Spirit.

Elder Hildreth Davis said he traveled through this valley before any white men lived here, and spoke of the changes which had been prophesied, and that he had seen

literally fulfilled.

At the morning session Elder L. S. Pond presented the Stake board of education and a list of home missionaries. All were unanimously sustained.

Elder J. W. McMurrin expressed great pleasure in listening to the good reports that had been made, and spoke of the necessity of finding out the right road to eternal happiness. The speaker proved from the Bible that there is one faith and one baptism and one straight and narrow way that leadeth to life eternal.

At the morning session, January 20th, Elder D. Jensen spoke upon the principle of tithing. He said that he will always have something to pay with. The speaker very forcibly and convincingly urged the people to pay a full tithing.

Elder J. W. McMurrin spoke again and counseled the people to train their children right and to set them a good example.

In the afternoon session C. Eldredge of the Stake presidency spoke for a short time of the tendency of almost all people to find fault with us, and said our turn will come some day. Not to return evil but to return good for evil by preaching unto them the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Elder Campbell spoke of his labors as a missionary to the young men, and said that they are improving.

Elder Thomas Ranter bore his testimony and spoke on the subject of authority. Elder L. S. Pond spoke upon some of the evidences of the divinity of the Gospel. The speaker commended the choir for the good music rendered and adjourned conference for three months to meet in Listerfield.

The choir sang an anthem and benediction was pronounced by Elder J. W. McMurrin.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Charles A. Hardy of Vernal, Utah Co., was set apart on the 8th of October, 1897, for missionary labors in the Eastern States. He was assigned to the Maryland conference, where he performed a successful mission. He returned home on the 24th of January last.

Elder H. J. Robinson, of Grantsville, Tooele county, was set apart on the 3rd of November, 1897, for missionary work. He labored the first eleven months in New Jersey; three months in New York, and the remainder of the time in the Northwest Virginia conference. Part of the time he acted as counsellor to the president of the conference. He reports this field in a prosperous condition.

Elder Thomas Nichols of Riverton, Tooele county, was set apart on the 17th of November, 1897, for missionary work in the Bristol conference during the whole time; enjoyed his labors and reports the branch in a prosperous condition. The public entertain a bitter feeling against the "Mormons," but Elder Nichols believes it will all be productive of much good.

Elder Charles A. Berg, of Sandy, Salt Lake county, was set apart on the 17th of November, 1897, for a mission to the East Tennessee conference, returned home on the 23rd of January last. He reports that he enjoyed his labors very much. The Elders are doing good work in the conference, and they are meeting with fair success.

Elder George Brinkerhoff, of Thurber, Wayne county, was set apart as a missionary on the 19th of November, 1897, and then went to the East Pennsylvania conference, where he performed missionary work with considerable success. He returned to this city on the 20th of January, last. He says there are 16 Elders in the conference and they are able to reach the intelligent class of people. The conference is in a good condition.

Elder Marcus Farr, of Ogden City, who was set apart on the 7th of October, 1897, to labor as a missionary in the Eastern States mission, returned home on the 23rd of this month. He was assigned to Long Island, where he met with much success. The Elders there travel without purse and scrip and are kindly received by the people. A Sunday school has been established, and the work is progressing.

Elder Peter C. Cornia, of Woodruff, Rich county, was set apart on the 4th

of Nov., 1897, for missionary work in the East. The first five months he labored in West Virginia, and the remainder of the time he spent in Pennsylvania and Worcester, Mass. Elder Cornia has turned to this city on the 23rd inst. His reports having met with good success and having enjoyed his labors.

LUXURIES

As well as necessities for the every-day table, can be secured from our choice stock of goods in glass and tin. Our exquisite preserves, canned olives, brandy peaches, pears and cherries, calves' foot jelly and preserves, as well as our fine vegetables are the best. Our canned peas should be tested they have a natural sweetness and flavor that you seldom find. We take pride in delivering goods promptly and always the exact goods ordered. Our stock is unexcelled for quality and assortment.

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Prompt Delivery.

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For 30 Days.
Our \$10.00 Calicoes for \$6.00 each.
Our \$4.00 Calicoes for \$2.50 each.
Extra Suits \$10.00 to \$15.00.
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A FEBRUARY SALE OF MUSLIN UNDERGARMENTS

\$10,000 Worth of Fresh New Goods in full readiness, all of standard make. There's no skimping! No pieces simply thrown together, but every garment made in the greatest perfection. Monday at door opening this great sale—which has come to be expected and looked forward to by the women of this city, "Because of immense stock shown, because of excellent qualities carried, because of the incomparable low prices"—will begin, when snowdrifts of Muslin, Cambric and Nainsook Underwear in generous sizes, correct shapes, best qualities and styles, in the latest French and American Lingerie will be placed at your command, at prices that are tempting and beckon you here. Don't question the quality of the cheapest garments though they do begin at 10c each, everyone of them is made in clean, commodious well ventilated factories, insuring perfect healthy garments. The entire gathering is characterized by an up-to-date freshness and loweft prices ever named. Be wise, come early, and buy in quantities.

Ladies' Night Gowns



Ladies' white muslin gowns in all sizes, with tucked front and double back yoke, well sewed, splendid muslin, a good 40c grade. Sale price—

25c

Ladies' gowns of good white muslin, well sewed, in all sizes, trimmed with embroidery, lace, and fine tucks, feathered cambric, ruffle on neck and sleeves double back yoke, a 50c gown, in this sale at—

29c

At 50c Each.

Ladies' white muslin gowns, liberally cut, and extra well made, richly trimmed in lace or embroidery, comes in the Princess or Mother Hubbard styles, high round, V shaped, and low square neck, beautiful styles, in regular 75c and 85c quality, sale price—

50c

At 75c Each.

A grand variety of Ladies' Night Gowns, in all the new popular styles, extra well made, finely finished garments, magnificently trimmed in open worked embroidery and lace, these goods cannot be duplicated for less than \$1.25. Our sale bargains at—

75c

At \$1.00 Each.

Beautiful styles in lace and embroidery trimmed night gowns of best quality muslin or fine Cambric, eight pretty styles to select from, any one well worth \$1.50, go in this sale at—

\$1.00

A very handsome gown like above cut, magnificently trimmed in lace open worked embroidery, and tucks, in the very latest design, sizes 14 to 16. Our \$2.50 gown in this great sale at—

\$3.50

Our Ladies' gowns at \$1.20, \$1.35, \$1.45, \$1.75, \$2.10, \$3.00, \$3.50, are the greatest sale bargains ever shown.

LADIES' SKIRTS



Ladies' white muslin skirts, with 5-inch ruffle, in regular width, all lengths, regular 40c quality at—

25c

Ladies' extra wide splendid quality white muslin skirt, with 10-inch deep flounce and extra dust ruffle, all lengths special sale price—

50c

Ladies extra quality muslin skirt, with 10-inch deep, fine lawn ruffle edged, with 2 1/2-inch wide embroidery, all sizes, a splendid 90c skirt for this great sale at—

60c

Choice at 75c Each.

Ladies' fine white muslin skirts, in four different styles, trimmed with wide embroidery, lace and insertion, or three hemstitched fine wide lawn ruffles, any one of them well worth \$1.25. In this great sale at—

75c

At \$1.00 Each.

The line of ladies' skirts shown at this popular price are superb; we have them in a number of beautiful lace and embroidery trimmed effects, never before equalled for less than \$1.75. Our sale bargain at—

\$1.00

At \$1.45 Each.

Ladies' extra quality muslin skirts, with 15-inch deep lawn ruffle, trimmed in 8-inch deep embroidery and fine tucks. A skirt never equalled for less than \$2.00, in this sale at—

\$1.45

Ladies' fine muslin skirt, like above cut, with 14-inch deep lawn ruffle, trimmed in 4 1/2-inch wide embroidery and two rows of insertion between clusters of fine tucks, a very handsome \$3.00 skirt, in this sale at—

\$2.15

Our special sale skirts at \$1.75, \$1.85, \$2.15, \$2.75, \$3.50 and \$4.75 each are bargain wonders.

LADIES' CORSET COVERS



Ladies' Cambric Corset Covers, well sewed, with turned seams, trimmed with embroidery or lace. Sizes 32 to 44. Sale Bargains at—

10c

Ladies' Cambric Corset Covers, trimmed with Valenciennes Lace or Embroidery, V shaped neck, well sewed, all turned seams. Sizes 32 to 44. Sale special at—

15c

Ladies' Cambric Corset Covers in high square or V shaped neck, lace or embroidery trimmed, in plain or with draw string on waist, well made and nicely finished. Sizes 32 to 44. Regular 40c grade at—

25c

Ladies' short French Corset Cover of fine Cambric, trimmed in Torchon lace. A very pretty garment at each—

29c

Ladies' Corset Cover of fine soft finished Nainsook, in four different styles, trimmed neck, front and arm holes, with or without waist draw string. Sizes 32 to 44, special sale bargain at—

50c

At 70 Each.

We are placing on sale three magnificent styles of fine soft finished Nainsook, Lace or Embroidery trimmed Corset Covers, equal in beauty, style and quality to the best regular \$1.25 grade. In this great sale they go at—

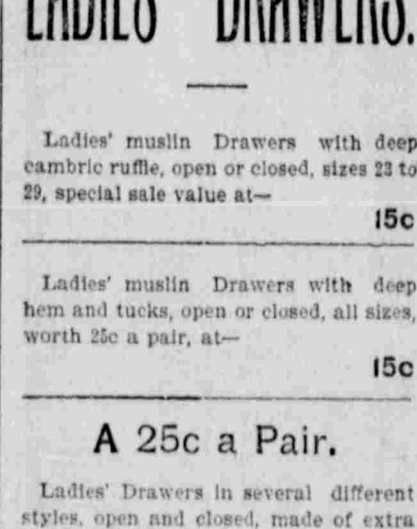
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Ladies' finest quality Cambric Corset Cover, trimmed in rows of Nainsook insertion, edged on neck and arm holes with fine embroidery, finished in Heringsbone braid like above cut. Sizes 32 to 44. Special sale price—

85c

All other grades of Ladies' Corset Covers at great price reductions for this sale.

LADIES' DRAWERS



Ladies' muslin Drawers with deep cambric ruffle, open or closed, sizes 22 to 29, special sale value at—

15c

Ladies' muslin Drawers with deep hem and tucks, open or closed, all sizes, worth 25c a pair, at—

15c

A 25c a Pair.

Ladies' Drawers in several different styles, open and closed, made of extra quality muslin, well sewed, in all sizes. Bargain sale value at—

25c

At 50c a Pair.

Ladies' Drawers made of extra fine muslin, trimmed with four rows of hemstitching, and embroidery or lace, also trimmed with two rows of Valenciennes insertion and edging, sizes 22 to 29, open or closed, regular price 85c a pair. Choice in this sale at—

50c

At 75c a Pair.

Ladies' Drawers trimmed in rows of lace insertion and edging between rows of hemstitching, or wide embroidery ruffles, in open or closed, all sizes, regular \$1.25 grades for this week's sale at—

75c

MISSES' NIGHT GOWNS.

Misses' muslin Gowns, well made, with double back yoke, of good muslin, Cambric ruffle around neck and sleeves, in 6 sizes, Greatest Bargain ever offered, at—

25c

Misses' muslin Gowns of extra quality muslin, Embroidery trimmed, well made, in 6 sizes, special sale price—

50c

Infant's Long and Short Dresses

We are placing on sale this week over One Thousand samples—no two alike—this is the complete sample line of the largest manufacturers of Infant's Long and Short Dresses. They are new, fresh goods and offered at fully One-third less than similar goods can be purchased at any other time. Don't miss this chance, come early and make the best selections.

40 doz. Infant's long slips, well sewed, of good material, usually sold at 20c. During this sale—

10c

40 doz. Infant's long slips of good cambric, yoke in embroidery these are regular 30c goods, but go during this sale at—

15c

40 doz. Infants long slips of fine cambric, trimmed in embroidery and Valenciennes lace, a great special value at—

25c

MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS.

Men's plain white bleached night shirts, cut full, large throughout, nicely made and finished, assorted sizes. Regular \$1.00 values. Each—

39 Cents

Men's white bleached night shirts, collar, front and cuffs nicely embroidered to match, cut full. Regular 75 cent values.

39 Cents

LADIES' CHEMISE

Ladies' muslin Chemise well sewed in sizes 22 to 44, this is the regular 50c grade put down for this sale to each—

15c

Ladies' Chemise, trimmed in front with embroidery insertion and tucks and cambric ruffle around neck and arm holes, in sizes 34 to 44, regular value 50c, each at—

25c

Ladies' Chemise of extra quality muslin richly trimmed in open worked embroidery insertion and edging, sizes 34 to 44, regular 85c quality, for this sale at—

50c

LADIES' SKIRT CHEMISE

Ladies' fine skirt Chemise, yoke of embroidery insertion and fine tucks with cambric ruffle around neck and arm holes edged to match, a very handsome garment, in all sizes, regular price \$1.25, at—

50c

Ladies' skirt Chemise, made of fine cambric, yoke made of lace or embroidery insertion and Valenciennes lace, with wide embroidery or lace ruffle around the yoke and bottom, neck and arm holes edged to match, a very handsome garment, in all sizes, regular price \$1.25, at—

75c