

Among the Dykes of Holland

Tenth Ward Missionary Writes an Interesting Letter to His Former Companions in Salt Lake, Wherein He Depicts the Customs and Traits of the Dutch People Generally.

The following interesting letter from Holland addressed by Orson H. Willie to the officers, teachers and members of the Tenth ward Sunday school was read before the various classes assembled on Sunday morning last:

The popular conception of the Dutch is, so far as I can judge, about correct. Rather inclined to be slow and plodding, taking life very seriously. It would seem that the physical features of the country have impressed themselves on the character of the people. It is a misty, rainy, wet, land, not, however, without its attractive features. The Dutch have intense love for the "Vaderland," are easily governed, and are very religious. The somber Calvinistic doctrines of the Reformation readily took root and have held their ground to this day.

As is well known, most of the country has been literally reclaimed from the sea. For long ages European rivers have been bringing down sediment which formed a delta on a level with the ocean. This piece by piece, has been surrounded by dykes or embankments, the water pumped out, and the fertile land thereby rendered productive. This origin of the country formed a handy pretext for Napoleon in 1810, when he calmly annexed it, saying that it was formed from deposits of French rivers. On a pleasant summer day the landscape is very attractive, everything is so trim, so clean and so neat. The tiny farms, laid off with their canals instead of hedges or fences are so green. The cottages are so bright and clean—no houses, one could well imagine in a toy land. Even the sleek cows contentedly browsing in the fields, each one carefully blanketed, are reminiscent of the toy painted cows of our childhood.

You have all heard of the windmills of Holland? They are to be seen everywhere. Along some of the canals there are hundreds of them. They spin the sails, and you see them on the edge of the towns, where they grind flour, saw lumber and do all sorts of things. They give a great charm to the landscape. They look so alive that I don't wonder that Don Quixote took one for a giant and wanted to fight him. These mills are all old, and it must have cost many millions of dollars to build them. Their day, however, is past, and but few new ones are building, and we may yet have a Holland without windmills. The canals here are just about as thick as the ditches are at home, and are almost as thickly populated as the waterways of China. Every barge one passes, has its family upon it, an evidence of thousands of Dutch families which live and die upon boats. Babies are born upon them and many live no other home. One can frequently see children tramping up and down the roofs of the barges with six inches of drowsing, and now and then a little one tied with a rope to the mast. On many of the boats as you pass by you can see the women cooking, and others hanging out the washing line. The canals are almost everywhere walled with stones. There are no stones in Holland. Every pebble has to be brought in from other countries, and every one of those stones was laid by hand. Each one took a part of a man's life to put it in its place, so that in reality the lives of generations have been swallowed up by these canal banks.

It is wonderful how these people love their queen. They speak of her as "Our Child," and will not tolerate anything said against her, and at the same time she has all the elements of popularity. Holland is a small country, but its inhabitants are among the richest of Europe, and not everybody wears wooden shoes, just the country people, and most all the school children. I like the quaintest of all characters of the Netherlands, and they remind you of the pictures of Holland you see in the galleries.

The people of the larger cities dress about the same as we do, but in the back districts are girls with lace caps and helmets of gold, silver and brass, and also cork-crowned doll horns sticking out on each side of the eyes about the size of a small bed spring. The women working in the fields wear black hats and wide linen skirts, and it is not uncommon to find a young man with a thick mop of hair cut straight off at the neck, a richly embroidered skirt, a round about with enormous silver buttons and trousers of velveteen which look like enormous bags tied in at the knee. The Dutch are plain and simple

in their ways. They are sober looking, but don't laugh upon occasion, and many of them as a rule are very hospitable. I have learned to love the people more each day, and it is true when I say they have a heart as big as a "watermelon." If you will excuse that expression, and I can't be too thankful to my heavenly Father for calling me into the land of Holland to preach His word unto this people who are less fortunate than we.

The preaching of the Gospel is carried on in the usual general way as in the other parts of Europe, visiting from city to city, distribution of tracts, and so on, explaining the principles of the Gospel and the mission of the Church in these days. Owing to the religious character it is not unusual to gain access to them in this way, preaching the Gospel is mainly by means of the Bible, with which the people are wonderfully familiar. Indeed, I know of no other people that are the equal of the Dutch in this regard. In consequence the elders have to be well informed, and woe to the missionary who needs a good old fashioned, plain, straightforward, and a thorough knowledge of his Bible text. The direct results of house to house distribution of tracts are not always so encouraging, but of the ultimate good accomplished by this means there can be no doubt. Many are the instances where one person has been reached by a tract who has afterwards been the means of bringing family after family into the Church.

At present there are but two or three cities of considerable size in Holland where the Gospel has not been preached. The Church in the country, and this number is constantly increasing. In the large cities are to be found large regularly organized branches of the Church of over 400 members, and the Sunday schools are equal to many of those in Zion. We have a very good Sunday school in the city of Arnhem, numbering about 75, and the little children walk miles to attend school every Sunday morning, and come in wooden shoes at that. Last Wednesday, Aug. 11, the Arnhem Sunday school gave a "concert" of songs and choruses was rendered by the scholars, who, one and all, acquitted themselves nobly, receiving great credit upon their teachers.

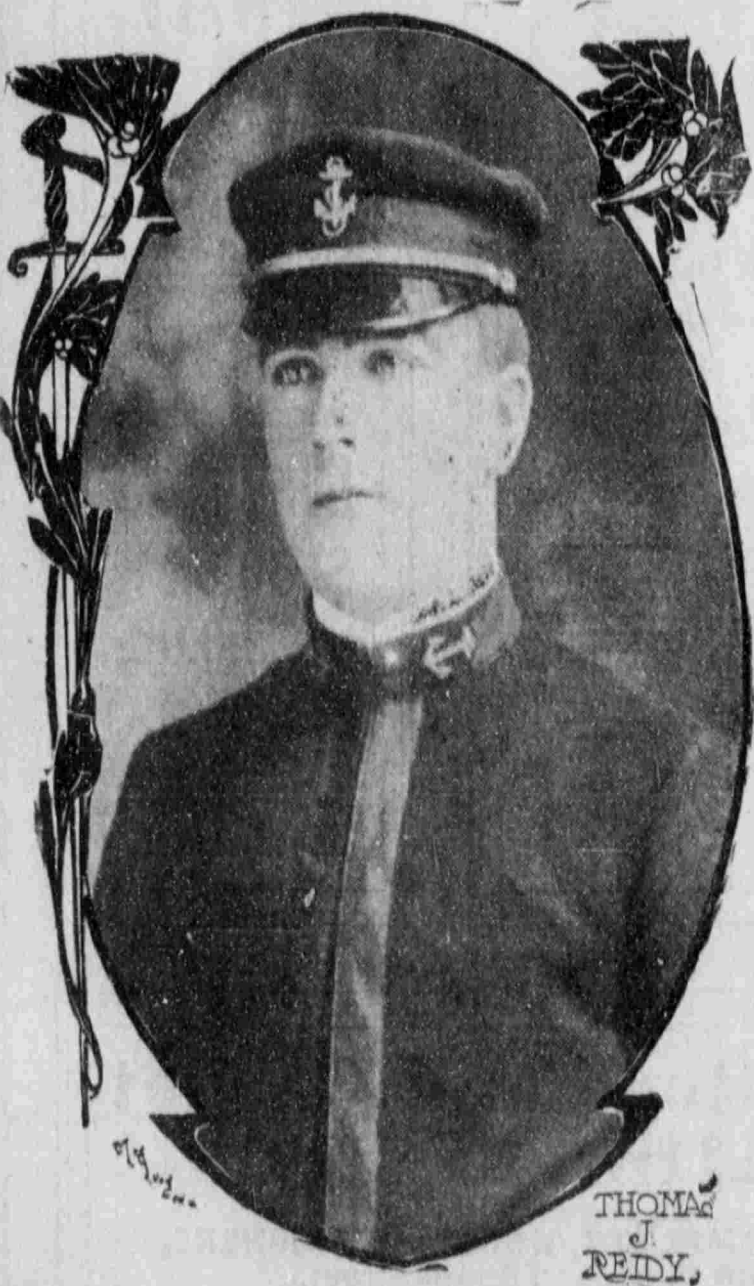
I am enjoying myself in the work of the Lord very much. The work here is progressing very nicely, and I just feel that I am a full fledged native-born Dutchman now, and can eat anything they can eat, and live with them, and with the mission, and I want to tell you right here that I shall never be able to thank the Lord enough for calling me on a mission. I feel that it is the greatest privilege and blessing of my life, and I believe I have learned more, and acquired more knowledge of men and things, and of the lessons of life than I ever should have learned otherwise or dreamed of before.

My most earnest desire for every young man in the Tenth ward Sunday school or in the Church, who is worthy, is that he may have the privilege of taking a mission to a foreign land, where he will have to learn a strange language and adapt himself to the manners and customs of strange people. But above all, that he may get the missionary spirit and experiences—to sacrifice everything, and spend all his time and talents working for the salvation and elevation of those who hate and despise him, to learn to have patience, and preach the Gospel in a spirit of love to those who shut the door in his face or insult and mock him; to love mankind and the Lord, and to work for their welfare. It is true that out here in the world we are subject to rebuffs, scorn and ridicule, but these things only help to bring out the nobler qualities, the cheviots, the soul of the mission. My soul is swollen with gratitude to my Father in heaven, that He has given and helped me to go forth to become a messenger of glad tidings. This is my testimony. "Tis but a humble one, but it has been nourished in the sunniest garden spot of my heart.

The Best Doctor.

Rev. B. C. Horton, Sulphur Springs, Texas, writes, July 14, 1899: "I have used in my family Bullard's Snow Linctament for coughs, colds, and croup, and have proved it certainly satisfactory. The linctament is the best we have ever used for headache and pain. The cough syrup has been our doctor for the last eight years." 5c, 20c, 50c. Sold by Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

MIDSHIPMAN WON OFFICIAL PRAISE.



THOMAS J. RELY.

A letter has been received at Annapolis from the United States navy department which highly compliments Midshipman Thomas J. Rely, of the third class, for his part in the rescue from drowning of a sailor who fell overboard from the Hartford, of the Atlantic training squadron. The midshipman, whose home is at No. 76 Hoyt street, Astoria, L. I., dived from the deck, seized his drowning comrade and swam with him to safety.

OLD FASHIONED NAMES.

Old-fashioned names for girls are in favor again, after three years of Given, Helen, Margaret, and Alice. Katharine and Marie. The girl who would once spell her name Carrye now signs it demurely Caroline, and rejoices in the beautiful old-fashioned name. Sara has resumed her final "h," which she once dropped in scorn. Mollie, Marie and May are now Mary, that most beautiful of all names. Lottie would be horrified if you called her anything but Elizabeth, and Jennie wants to be known as Jane, and no mistake about it. Suzette and Suzanne are glad to return to the plain, digni-

fied old name of Susan, and Nan calls herself Nancy with more pleasure than she ever dreamed of. Lou, Louise and Lila are now Louise, and one girl who was christened for her grandmother but always called herself Annie is proud of displaying Hannah on her cards. It is a revival quite in keeping with the other old styles in dress and

house-furnishing which have been with us of late. The plain, old-fashioned names possess a dignity and charm which no other can. The most abused of all names, Catharine, which has been distorted in all sorts of ways, with such variations as Kate, Kathryn, Katharine and so on, has come into its own with this revival.—Buffalo

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the Salves you ever heard of, Bucken's Arnica Salve is the best. It sweeps away and cures Burns, Eruptions and Piles. It's only 25c, guaranteed to give satisfaction by Z. C. M. I. Drug Store.

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Conference Week Bargains

VISITORS!

"The Store for all the People" bids you welcome and extends to you the hospitality of this establishment. As Shrewd Buyers you are looking for the Best Store—This is It—Come and see us and you will know it. Arrange to meet your friends here—You Are Welcome.

MILLINERY BEAUTY.

Has seldom been so conspicuous, so noteworthy, as you find it here and now. If you wish to see the prettiest effects possible in millinery art, visit this department this week. You will see what the creative genius of Paris has accomplished. You will be surprised at what the inventive talent of New York has presented in the way of original ideas and last, but not least, you will marvel at the masterpieces which have come from the deft hands of our own famous milliners. Aside from the pleasure of seeing all this beauty, we have arranged for conference week a SPECIAL SALE OF TRIMMED HATS.

Ladies' trimmed Hats that rival in every thing but price the Parisian Gams, and which are worth \$7.00 Special for this week at, each..... **\$3.98**

A TRADE WINNING

Bed Sheet Special.

See how we cut under Regular Prices. By such enterprise this department has become known as Headquarters for Domestic.

100 bleached hemmed bed sheets, the double bed size measuring 81x96 inches, made of a dependable brand quality, worth 75c, on sale Monday and balance of week at, each..... **53c**

That Will Amaze Our Visitors As Well As Our Residents.



AND ILLUSTRATE to them why this store has grown so great in the public favor. Besides the Special Sales Advertised (which will continue all week, providing the lots last that long), we offer you the largest stock of the most reliable merchandise the world's markets afford, to make your selections from. Every day this week you'll be greeted with an array of phenomenal and unusual values. Everyone of our thirty-two departments enters spiritedly into this event; all step forward with items most seasonable every one of which is a big money-saver, which you cannot afford to overlook. It is up to you.

ESTABLISHED 1864

F. A. Zerbach & Bro.

ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD

Big Linen Special!

You have but yourself to blame if you miss this snap which will be ready for you Monday morning promptly at 8 o'clock.

400 yards table linens, Irish and German makes, among them the celebrated Richardson Linen, two yards wide, and the soft finished German Damask in 60 inch widths, all new designs. A bargain at \$1.00 a yard, on sale Monday and balance of week, per yard..... **67c**

Bed Spread Values

To interest today's readers. To bring trade next week—to add to the Fame of this department.

200 full sized, very heavy and fine white chochet bed spreads, made from especially selected yarns, pearl hemmed or knotted fringed suitable for iron beds, \$2.00 and \$2.25 values, on sale Monday and balance of week at, each..... **\$1.45**

The Energetic Drapery Dept.

Adding Fresh Laurels Conference Week with the strongest in values. No greater specialties ever emanated from this source of Bargains.

100 ruffled white swiss curtains, 2 1/2 yards long, not to be matched anywhere at 75c. On sale Monday and balance of week, per pair..... **36c**
Two lots of \$3.00 and \$3.50 lace curtains, choice designs, extra fine qualities. On sale Monday and balance of week, per pair..... **\$2.10**

3000 Fashionable Tailor-Made Garments

Representing the products of the best makers of this and foreign countries—by far the greatest variety in the city—illustrating every new innovation and every fabric at prices you will not be able to match.

NEW TAILORED SUITS!

AN EXCEPTIONALLY POPULAR FALL SUIT, of fine all wool cheviot, in navy blue, brown and black. The coat is Norfolk style, strapped and trimmed with small buttons. A wonderful value at..... **\$8.75**

WOMEN'S TAILOR MADE SUITS, made of fine all wool cheviot, new Norfolk style, with belted back; coat lined with satin; full sleeves, with turn back cuffs; skirt full plaited; rare values at..... **\$12.50**

NEW LONG TOURIST COAT SUITS, from the new fall mannish mixtures and blue, black and brown cheviots; new long coats, full loose back with belt; satin lined; easily worth \$22.50; our special price..... **\$15.00**

WOMEN'S CUSTOM TAILORED SUITS—In this lot there is a great collection of garments of mannish mixed suitings, smart coats in various styles, all sizes; values up to \$20.00, on sale..... **\$22.50**

Special Items for Conference Week

SKIRTS AND PETTICOATS

Walking Skirts, made of fancy mixtures in all wool tweeds, etc., correctly tailored; all lengths; none worth less than \$5.00; Monday and week they go at..... **\$3.50**

New model walking Skirts in etamine cheviot, in navy blue and black, elaborately strapped and tailored sketched around bottom; all lengths; \$7.50 values..... **\$5.00**

Little Petticoat, made of heavy flannel, trimmed with 12-inch knife pleating, with 2 1/2-inch bias ruffle attached to bottom of pleating; a grand value..... **98c**

Special Bargains for Our Visitors.

WAISTS AND WRAPPERS.

Black Satin Waists, new tailor made style, including fancy colored flannellets; tucked front and back; sizes 32 to 44; special..... **75c**

New Taffeta Silk Waists in all the latest shades and styles; new pleated fronts and sleeves; fancy stock collars; \$5.00 values..... **\$3.50**

Ladies' flannellette House Wrappers; come in neat pattern of blue, black and red ground with stripes and dots; flounced skirt; special price..... **\$1.00**

NEW TAILORED COATS!

New fall Coats, semi-fitting back, made of Kersey, in tan, castor, brown and blue; lined throughout; trimmed with metal buttons; a splendid selection at..... **\$3.95**

Large variety of latest style Fall Coats, made from superior quality Kersey cloth; military storm collar; trimmed with velvet and fancy metal buttons; 27 and 30-inch lengths, choice..... **\$8.95**

New three-quarter length coats of heavy melton cloth. These models are semi-fitting, box collar, style, full sleeves, dainty braid ornaments; come in castor tan and black; special this week..... **\$14.50**

The season's swiftest novelty is the new automobile coats; come in plain grey covert cloth, three-quarter length; each coat furnished with automobile cap and the new automobile piece for special price..... **\$21.95**

Silks and Wool Dress Goods at Special Prices!

Nearly 400 Pieces of Splendid Dress Fabrics—the Season's Newest Creations purchased for considerable less than the usual selling prices—will be placed on Sale Conference Week. The offerings are extremely tempting.

BLACK & COLORED SILKS

59c FANCY SILKS.

25 pieces fancy silks in small checks and stripes, in colors brown and white, blue and white, green and white, red and black, and others, and every yard pure silk, no cotton filling, 19 inches wide and well worth 85c per yard. Selling price this week (per yard)..... **59c**

69c—BLACK TAFFETA SILK.

Black Taffeta Silk, 27 inches wide, firm, soft and lustrous quality, regular price 90c per yard, selling price this week (per yard)..... **69c**

49c—BLACK TAFFETA SILK.

Black Taffeta Silk, 19 inches wide, extra heavy quality, very lustrous and all pure silk, regular price 95c per yard, selling price this week (per yard)..... **49c**

ASSORTMENT NO. 1.

100 PIECES OF NEW AND UP TO DATE DRESS GOODS. Endless in variety and of every imaginable shade and color, consisting of granites, Henriettas, serges, zibelines, chevots, Scotch tweeds, granites, plaids, etc. This assortment is of pure wool materials and regularly sold at 75c and 85c a yard, SPECIAL PRICE FOR THIS WEEK AT..... **50c**

ASSORTMENT NO. 2.

75 PIECES OF NEW, STYLISH, ALL WOOL DRESS GOODS, in plain and novelty zibelines, tweeds, chevots, granites, mohairs, and serges. Come in blue, tan, brown, green, gray, red and black. VALUES UP TO 90c A YARD. SPECIAL PRICE FOR THIS WEEK..... **63c**

ASSORTMENT NO. 3.

75 PIECES ALL OF THIS SEASON'S LATEST STYLE DRESS GOODS, guaranteed all wool qualities, consisting of granites, storm serges, chevots, tweeds, mohairs and Scotch mixtures. Come in blue, brown, tan, gray, green, red and black, 44 to 56 inches wide. VALUES UP TO \$1.50 A YARD. SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK AT..... **83c**

Phenomenal Values in Ladies' and Children's Fall and Winter Underwear and Hosiery.

Keen Observers of Low Prices on Good Reliable Merchandise will discover in this list the best Underwear and Hosiery values ever presented in this city, but they are but fair samples of what we offer in these departments this week.

Ladies' cream or gray Jersey ribbed fleeced Union Suits in all sizes, excellent 75c values, sell this week at..... **50c**

Ladies' extra quality fine cashmere ribbed wool mixed Union Suits, nonshrinkable, all sizes. This is the best \$1.75 grade in the city, for this week..... **1.39**

Ladies' jersey ribbed cream silk and cotton mixed Union Suits, extra fine grade in the hand finished Harvard make, all sizes, special value at..... **\$2.35**

Ladies' jersey ribbed cream fleeced Vest and Pants, all sizes, an exceptional 35c value, on sale at..... **25c**

Ladies' cashmere wool and cotton mixed fine ribbed Vest and Pants in natural gray. All sizes, equal to the best \$1.00 grades 75c at..... **75c**

Children's fast black fine Saxony wool knitted Hose, with double heels and toes, unsurpassed for wear. Instead of the regular price of 35c a pair, they go this week..... **25c**

Infants' fine fast black cashmere wool Hose, with merino heels and toes, the excellent 25c grade this week at..... **17c**

Ladies' fine cashmere Wool Hose in fast black, all sizes, a fine 35c quality. You 25c can buy them here this week at..... **25c**

Ladies' extra quality black Cashmere Hose in ribbed or plain with ribbed top, all sizes, the 50c grade, at..... **35c**

Ladies' extra quality plain fine black fleeced Maco cotton Hose, all sizes, with double soles, heels and toes, best 35c grade, 25c at..... **25c**

Boys' Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Dept.

SPECIMENS of the matchless values to be found Conference Week in our Boys' Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Dept. Every other grade is relatively as rich in the character of its value.

Boys' Long Pant Suits

In black chevots and wool mixtures, ages 12 to 20 years, a good serviceable warmer worth \$7.00, \$3.00. Special price for next week..... **\$5.00**

Boys' Three-Piece Knee Pant Suits

In fine wool mixtures, ages 9 to 16 years, worth \$5.00. Special price for next week..... **\$3.50**

Boys' Double Breasted Knee Pant Suits

In dark and medium wool mixtures, ages 8 to 16 years, worth \$5.50. Special price for next week..... **\$2.50**

Small Boys' Overcoats

In dark and medium plaid neatly trimmed with belt and plated buttons, ages 3 to 8 years, worth \$4.50 and \$5.00. Special price for next week..... **\$3.50**

Youths' Overcoats

In dark and medium patterns, these are extra good values, ages 11 to 20 years, worth \$7.00. Special price for next week..... **\$5.00**

Good News About Blankets and Comforts.

Every drop in temperature brings another rush for good warm blankets and comforts. The selling during the past two weeks has been something phenomenal. Those who have not bought yet will be mightily interested in the special values we offer for this conference week.

Hand Knotted Silkoline Comforts, light, fluffy and warm, covered with flowered Silkoline, both sides filled with pure white cotton. Size 72x90. Value \$2.50. On sale Monday and Tuesday..... **\$1.64**

Just 24 pairs extra fine white lambs' wool California Blankets, steam-shrunk, 11-4 size. Value, \$9.00. On sale Monday and Tuesday..... **\$6.60**

Strong Specials in Flannels.

Rare exhibit of exclusive Elegance in Waistings. The charm of beauty and economy lies in every piece. Since our last announcement new patterns have arrived. Overflowing shelves, counters and tables with the best the season has produced. The Imported Waistings are particularly pleasing to us, and will doubtless meet your heartiest approval. Just look over the specials we are offering for conference week!

1,000 yards extra heavy Unbleached Canton Flannel, well napped, none better at 15c. On sale Monday and balance of week, per yard..... **10c**

A 75c quality white, all wool flannel, full yard wide, the Bal-lantyne Brand, none more satisfactory. On sale Monday and balance of week, per yard..... **49c**

Great Special Shoe Sale!

One Week of Extra Bargain Giving in Our Shoe Dept.

CHILDREN'S SHOES.
Infants' shoes, (90c value), sizes 1 to 5..... **45c**
Children's shoes, (85c value), sizes 5 1/2 to 8..... **65c**
Children's shoes, (\$1.00 value), 6 to 8, heavy..... **80c**
Girls' shoes, (\$1.15 value), 8 1/2 to 11, heavy..... **95c**
Misses' shoes, (\$1.35 value), 11 1/2 to 2, heavy..... **\$1.10**

LADIES' SHOES.
Ladies' Kid Shoes, (\$1.50 value), all sizes..... **\$1.25**
Ladies' Kid Shoes, (\$2.00 value), all sizes..... **\$1.65**
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Ladies' Kid Shoes, (\$3.00 value), all sizes..... **\$2.65**

BOYS' SHOES.
Boys' Calf Shoes, (\$1.25 value), sizes 8 to 12 1/2..... **95c**
Boys' Calf Shoes, (\$1.40 value), sizes 1 to 2..... **\$1.15**
Boys' Calf Shoes, (\$1.65 value), sizes 2 1/2 to 6 1/2..... **\$1.35**