

will be able to accomplish it, though we are looking for a great time. I should like to see home again, but I guess I can wait awhile for that.

The following is a copy of a bill our enemies are distributing against us—"Anti-Mormon Meeting. An open air meeting will be held in Sabina Street, Sunday July 5th, at 3 p. m. Protest against the girls of the town and district being sent thousands of miles away from home by Mormon missionaries. Parents, take care of your daughters; brothers, protect your sisters; come and join us and drive these Mormon fiends from our midst. May heaven bless our righteous work."

The bottom line I consider the greatest burlesque of all. But from this you will see what they think, or pretend to think of us. Show it to the boys. We are called Bible devils, and said to have thirty wives here and thirty in America. F. J. A. JAKUES.

### THE WORK IN MONTANA.

REXBURG, Idaho,  
July, 31st, 1896.

A brief account of our visit to Montana may prove of some interest to your readers. According to previous appointments, Elders T. E. Ricks and Ben E. Rich, with a quartette of male voices, consisting of Elders Joseph S. Adams, Charles I. Durrans, Thomas Elliott and C. L. French, left the Barnock Stake of Zion, last Saturday to assist Elders Edward Stephenson and M. F. Cowley in their missionary labors in Montana, which field is at present under the care of this stake. Meetings were held at Butte Sunday afternoon and evening, and at Anaconda Tuesday evening. At Butte, Sunday afternoon, about four hundred people assembled at the Auditorium and heard Brother Stephenson discourse upon the "Immortality of the Soul" and "Oh! Man, who art thou and whence hast thou come." The audience paid strict attention and manifested much interest throughout the venerable Elder's remarks.

He was followed by Joseph S. Adams, rendering the favorite hymn "Oh! my Father," in a beautiful manner. At the close of this, Elder M. F. Cowley, spoke with much power and spirit upon the first principles of the Gospel. Brother Cowley has a style of oration peculiarly his own and he never fails to attract and hold his listeners. His discourse Sunday elicited much favorable comment and at the close of the meeting many inquiries were made concerning our principles.

In the evening Elder Ben E. Rich occupied the attention of the eight hundred or more who had gathered and gave them a most forcible and logical argument upon the truths of the Gospel, and the only Gospel that was acceptable to God. Strict heed and interest were given him throughout, and when copies of his book "Mr. Durant" were loaned to the people at the close of the meeting the demand was much greater than the supply.

After the rendition, by request, of "O! My Father," by Joseph S. Adams, a few remarks were made by some of the other brethren and the meeting closed by the quartette and benediction.

At Anaconda Tuesday evening fully six hundred gathered at the Lyceum and were addressed by Elders Stephen-

son, Cowley and Ricks and a quiet and attentive hearing were given throughout.

The singing at this place and at Butte fairly astonished the people, some of them being of the opinion that the Mormons did not sing. Many words of praise were bestowed for the music.

A good work is being done by Elders Stephenson and Cowley and the aid given them by the President of our Stake, Elder Ricks, and by Elder Rich with the corps of singers from the sage brush plains of Snake River Valley is greatly appreciated by them.

There is a demand for Elders in Montana and missionaries will find a field ripe unto harvest. A branch of about sixty members, as we understand it, was to be organized at Anaconda on the 30th inst. There is already one at Lima of about forty, and Butte will soon be ready for a third so the good work goes on and the Lord is spreading knowledge and light among the people. Every where the best of treatment was given and courtesy and hospitality were proverbial. NOMAD.

### JENSON'S TRAVELS.

#### LETTER NO. LVI.

On my arrival in Auckland, New Zealand, from Tahiti, April 14th, 1896, I found no Elder to bid me welcome; but on the following day Elders William Gardner, John Johnson, Wallace C. Castleton, John G. Young, J. H. Willard Goff, Thomas J. Morgan, Hial B. Hales, Edgar O. Best, Robert H. Bodily, Fred W. Ellis, Lysander C. Pond and wife (Sister Louie K. Pond) and their two children, and Albert E. Asper arrived from the Hawkes Bay district, where they had attended the annual conference of the Australasian mission. They all came on the steamer "Waihora," together with two families of Saints and a sister who were emigrating to Utah. During the following week I completed my historical labors in Auckland, and also visited Brother Charles Hardy and family, who lives in the Horseshoe Bush, about twenty miles from Auckland.

On Monday, April 20th, I boarded the steamer "Anglian" and sailed for Sydney, Australia, together with the following Elders and Saints: Elders Fred W. Ellis, Lysander C. Pond and Sister Louie K. Pond, returning home from missions to Tasmania, Elder Edgar O. Best, on his way home from a mission to New Zealand, and Elder Robert H. Bodily, also homeward bound from a mission to Queensland, Australia; all these missionaries had received an honorable release from their respective positions in the Australasian missionary field at the late conference, after long terms of faithful missionary labors; their countenances beamed with that joy and happiness which is characteristic of the laborer in the vineyard who after making good records abroad begins to contemplate the reunion with dear ones left for the Gospel's sake in Zion. There were also Brother Robert Menzies and wife, old members of the Church, Brother George Wilson, wife and six children and Brother Thomas Finlayson, wife and ten children, emigrating to Zion. These, together with the sister emigrating from Tasmania and Brother and Sister Pond's two little children (both born in Tasmania) made a company of thirty souls, bound for Zion, who went to Australia on the "Anglian,"

there to re-embark for America. Our voyage of 1282 miles from Auckland to Sydney was somewhat unpleasant owing to the stormy weather which prevailed part of the time, and the unusual and unceasing rocking and rolling of the "Anglian." I lectured twice on board, once in the second cabin and once on the quarter deck in the first cabin department of the ship. I was listened to with good attention on both occasions, but beyond that only a very little interest seemed to be manifested on the part of the listeners, many of whom afterwards exhibited deep-seated prejudice against our people and doctrines. Our meeting in the second cabin, when Elder Ellis also spoke, was conducted in the usual way of holding Latter-day Saint services, while that on the first cabin deck was purely a lecture, at which the captain of the vessel presided and introduced the speaker.

On Saturday April 25th, we arrived at Sydney, where we were met by Elders Jedediah Goff, who has charge of the missionary work in New South Wales, and George W. Lewis, who is returning home from a mission to the colony of Victoria, Australia; also the following named brethren, who had arrived at Sydney per steamer "Warrimoo" a few days previously (Wednesday, April 22nd), as Elders from Zion called to labor in the Australasian Mission: Charles J. Peterson, Hans Petersen and Alexander P. Hamilton, of Mill Creek; Charles A. Orme, of Tooele; Francis W. Kirkham, of Lehi; and William Harvey and Edward A. Carr, of Salt Lake City, Utah. Elder Goff, after securing quarters for the other Elders and Saints who had arrived on the "Anglian," took me to his missionary headquarters on Jesson street, Alexandria, one of the suburbs of Sydney. They consisted of a single room occupied by himself and Elder William G. Park, his missionary companion, whom I met in the evening. The brethren pay a small rent for the use of the room and board themselves. Later in the evening I had the pleasure of accompanying Elders Goff and Park to a secluded spot "where there was much water" just outside of the suburbs of Alexandria and witnessing the sacred ceremony of baptism administered by Elder Goff to eight persons, who through the labors of the missionaries had been converted to the truth of the everlasting Gospel. The evening was a most pleasant one; the moon beamed beautifully upon us, and seemed to confer additional enhancement upon the mighty scene and give assent to the divine ordinance which was being performed in strict harmony with the revealed plan of life and salvation.

After the baptism, we all repaired to the home of Sister Alice Andrews, where we held a confirmation meeting; and in laying hands upon the new converts for the reception of the Holy Ghost, the influence of heaven rested upon us, and we all rejoiced exceedingly in the Lord and his mercies. Elder Goff and his missionary companions have labored with great zeal and perseverance in Sydney and vicinity for quite a while and there baptisms, together with about a dozen others previously performed bid fair to lay the foundation for a flourishing branch of the Church in the metropolis of Australia, where the work of preaching the pure Gospel has been neglected for many