



# CHURCH NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

five sheep: Te Moana Reihana, sundries to the amount of \$12.50. Heta gave us the use of the large building in which the meetings were held. The labor was performed by the people of Omatema. Brothers Dugan who, with his family, are the only Salists at Omatema, had labored industriously to make the conference a success.

## IN THE SWISS MISSION.

### Basel Branch as Reported by the Elders There.

The following report is sent from Basel, by Elder Daniel F. Harding: This is a large city of 120,000 people. Our branch is larger, containing more investigators than before known in its history of 23 years. Our meetings average with the best wards in the stakes of Zion. We have worked and struggled for organization, unity, and the bringing forth of the best plants which would bring our Sunday schools to the Bible classes and singing schools on a solid basis. Our present Sunday school has an attendance of 190 pupils, including the theological class. It is divided into three departments, namely: theological, intermediate and primary.

## CONFERENCE IN NEW ZEALAND

### Report of an Important Gathering In That Mission.

The following report by the Secretary of the New Zealand mission, Elder E. J. Young, is dated Auckland, N. Z., Feb. 12: The semi-annual conference of the New Zealand mission, was held at Omatema, a native village on the Kaipara harbor, about 80 miles north of Auckland City, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7 and 8, 1903.

About 50 Salists from Waikato and Hawke Bay, together with Elders composed our company that left Auckland Friday morning by train for Helensville, where we boarded the splendid little steamer Waioa, and after a pleasant voyage of about five hours' duration, landed at the place where the conference was held. On our arrival we found elaborate preparations had been made for our entertainment and a warm welcome was extended us; the leading features of which were a genuine "haka" or war dance and several lively airs played by the native brass band. We also found about 100 Salists, who had traveled overland from the two northern conferences, had already arrived.

After mutual greetings, supper and a short evening service, formal addresses of welcome were given to the guests by the leading chiefs of the village. Appropriate responses were made by the leaders among the guests.

Next morning the conference convened promptly at the appointed time. There were in attendance the Elders from Zion Charles B. Bartlett, president of the mission, Edward J. Young, mission secretary; Sister Emma E. Wright, mission president of the Relief Society; Elders D. E. Davis, D. H. Wood, T. Y. Finlayson, H. C. Niel, L. L. Bates, B. Christensen, R. A. Madson, G. R. Jackson, A. W. Asper, A. S. Ferrin, A. Y. Tiffany, J. C. Resler, P. P. Walker, K. Farnsworth, Andrew Oldroyd, J. W. Silver, K. Q. Cannon, and J. W. Gardner. Most interesting Elders, Hori Maiana and Rewi Maaka. There were also a good representation of the local Priesthood together with about 300 Maori people, the majority of whom were Saints. Two large choirs had been trained for the occasion, one from the Hawke Bay conference under the direction of Elder Andrew Oldroyd, another from the Bay of Islands under the leadership of Wiremu Te Tairua. The excellent singing by each of the choirs was much appreciated.

Six regular sessions of the conference were held. Following is a list of the speakers: Elders C. B. Bartlett, Rewi Maaka, Andrew Oldroyd, H. C. Niel, Hori Maiana, K. Q. Cannon, W. Gardner, P. P. Walker, W. Hoete, Eric Takahi, W. A. Nuttall, J. W. Gardner, George Marriner, Wera Reka, D. H. Wood and A. S. Ferrin. Many interesting subjects were spoken upon, the three principal ones being the apostasy, restoration, and divine authority received the greatest attention from the speakers. Some very interesting personal experiences were also related.

The Bay of Islands and the Bay of Islands conference, under the name of the Bay of Islands conference. The general and local authorities of the Church were sustained.

Following is the list of the appointments of the Elders in the mission: Bay of Islands, D. E. Davis, L. L. Bates, D. H. Wood, T. Y. Finlayson; Auckland, E. J. Young, B. N. Christensen; Waikato, A. S. Ferrin, A. Y. Tiffany, J. C. Resler, Rewi Maaka; Hawke Bay, A. W. Asper, G. R. Jackson, P. P. Walker, K. Farnsworth; Wairarapa, A. Oldroyd, J. W. Silver, S. J. Johnson, Te Hera Karawa; Mahia, C. A. Aldred, J. S. Thompson; Hawke Bay, W. Roberts, C. Wakeley; Tairāwhiti, Henry Peter Watrafanui, J. W. Gardner; Kaitiaki, A. W. Wright; Wanganui, G. T. Hislop, G. Coveley; Taranaki, R. A. Madson, K. Q. Cannon; Wellington, A. L. Curtis, F. T. Pinders, C. S. Parkinson, H. Hendrickson; Waikato, J. W. Wopman, J. B. Johnson, D. D. Christensen; Canterbury, R. A. Jones, H. Christensen; Otago, E. M. Blaylock, G. A. Brown, J. W. Linford, J. A. Glasgow.

The following Elders were released to return to Zion: W. A. Nuttall, R. S. Newman, Elder George Marriner was released from his calling as local Elder. Elder H. C. Niel was sustained as general traveling Elder in the mission.

A relief society meeting was held during the interval between the morning and afternoon sessions on Sunday. The food for the people assembled, no inconsiderable item, was provided by the Salists of the two northern conferences who donated cash to the amount of \$12 and the people of Omatema (non-members) who contributed besides numerous smaller items the following articles: Sheep: Apo fatality, one beef and five sheep; Rone Erstera, one beef; Tivou,

greeting through these columns, to the Elders that have visited him. In his letter he further says: I have quite a number of name cards on those that visited me, some of whom were numbered among the dead. Among those are Elders H. C. Petty, and James Larsen of Brigham City. I was so shocked to learn of the demise of James Larsen. He was so prominent among our people, and a grand young man. I suppose our loss is the gain of those in the spirit world. Elder Larsen was once president of this Middle Tennessee conference, and while he was held at our rooms, 1222 Park Ave., Elder A. H. Woodruff presiding. All the Elders expressed themselves as feeling that Elder Larsen had been a great blessing to some of his instructions.

## THE GOSPEL IN GERMANY.

### Report of the Progress in the Stuttgart Conference.

Elder Willard Ballam sends this report from Stuttgart, Germany Feb. 21: An event which will long be remembered by the Elders of the Stuttgart conference was the first of the month, a constructive conference held in the city on the 15th and 16th of February. The meetings were announced in the city papers, and all friends were personally invited.

## ADDED TO THE CHURCH.

### Encouraging Report from the Grimsby Conference.

Elder Roscoe E. Grover writes from Hull, England, Feb. 25: On the 21st inst. seven more members were added to the branch in Hull, the baptizing being performed by myself. A good spirit prevailed both at the baths and at the confirmation meeting following and we expect another such occasion within a few weeks.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE HELD AT ST. JOHN, KANSAS.

The subject of the letter is dated St. John, Kas., March 6, and is signed by Elders W. T. Ewell and G. W. Coons: St. John, Kansas, conference was held in the latter-day Salist church in St. John, Feb. 28 and March 1, 1903. Sixteen Elders and a number of Saints were present. Four Priesthood and six public meetings were held. The instructions given to Elders by our mission president were very much appreciated by the Elders.

## A SOCIAL PARTY.

### Farewell to an Elder—People Exercised About Senator Smoot.

Elder James U. Herrick writes from Albany, N. Y., March 7: Feb. 27, at 7:30 p. m., the Elders prepared a social or farewell party for Elder B. H. Bitner who had been released from his labors as a missionary in the Eastern States mission after filling an honorable mission. We invited our friends and all together we enjoyed several hours of singing, socials, and farewells. A farewell speech by Elder B. H. Bitner, at the close of the program refreshments were served by the friends. Mr. L. A. Johnson, our friend, Mr. L. A. Johnson, made some very interesting remarks in favor of the latter-day Saints. He said that while he was not a member of the Church, still he believed in the doctrine taught by the latter-day Saints Elders and if he ever joined a church, it would be the "Mormon" Church.

## BRISTOL CONFERENCE.

### The Prospects Said to Be Very Bright In That Part of the Field.

Elders Joseph Ogden and Henry P. Baker, laboring in the British conference, sent the following communication to the Elders of the conference, dated Bristol, England, Feb. 19: We have 12 good, earnest workers here, a good prospect are very good, but we cannot say more.

## INDIANA CONFERENCE.

### The Elders Refused a Public Hall—Excellent Meeting.

The following communication is dated Indianapolis, Ind., March 5, and signed by Elders Francis M. Shaffer and H. E. Shurtliff: The semi-annual conference of the state of Indiana convened in this city on the 28th ult. and 1st inst. There were present: Ashael H. Woodruff, president of the Northern States mission; Prof. John M. Smith, of the University of Chicago, and 12 Elders of the conference. Arrangements had been definitely made by Mr. Stafford, chairman of the board of state commissioners, for the use of the criminal court of the city for the purpose of the conference. Mr. Stafford informed us that we could occupy the janitor and nightwatch. This was accepted as definite on our part, and the conference was duly announced in three of the leading papers. Saturday

afternoon myself and Elder Hatch went to the courthouses to make some further arrangements when we were informed by the chief janitor and one of the board, that Mr. Alfred, criminal judge, had filed a positive objection to our occupying the criminal court room. We immediately procured Mr. Alfred's name, I suppose our loss is the gain of those in the spirit world. Elder Larsen was once president of this Middle Tennessee conference, and while he was held at our rooms, 1222 Park Ave., Elder A. H. Woodruff presiding. All the Elders expressed themselves as feeling that Elder Larsen had been a great blessing to some of his instructions.

Our first session was opened Saturday afternoon, Feb. 28, at 7:30, Elder F. M. Shaffer of the Indiana conference, presiding.

Elder C. M. Hatch first spoke, Prof. Mills followed upon the persecutions of the Saints. Elder A. H. Woodruff occupied the balance of the time, speaking of the many sacrifices made for the Priesthood.

Our general Priesthood meeting was held at our rooms, 1222 Park Ave., Elder A. H. Woodruff presiding. All the Elders expressed themselves as feeling that Elder Larsen had been a great blessing to some of his instructions.

Our second general session convened Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Elder Francis M. Shaffer in charge.

Elder Ira Peterson, who had been released to return home, spoke briefly upon the ordinance of baptism.

Elder D. H. Hopkins spoke in a general way upon the Gospel.

Elder Woodruff occupied the balance of the time.

Our Sunday evening session convened at the O. R. C. hall at 7:30. A few moments was occupied by Elder Shaffer, speaking briefly upon our duties as Latter-day Saints.

Brother Mills then occupied the time in a lecture on the Book of Mormon.

poned Elder Bitner to the train when he left for New York, thence to Zion. His presence is missed very much by the Elders here.

There are four Elders laboring in Albany at present, Elder T. C. Richardson, G. W. Bruce, J. P. Herrick and Jas. H. Holley, residing at 176 Hamilton street, holding services every Sunday evening with fair attendance. We held sacrament and testimony meeting

every Sunday evening at 6 p. m. The press and people of Albany, Cochos, Troy, are greatly concerned about the Smoot question. We are receiving comment in nearly every newspaper, some for and some against us.

Friday, March 6, 1903 Elder Holley and I were invited to listen to a lecture on the menace of "Mormonism" and the evil that would result if Annette Reed Smoot was seated in the Congress of the United States, delivered by Mrs. Sarah Jane Elliott in the Fulton street Baptist church of Troy, N. Y. to a large audience of women. She rehearsed some old stories which have been rehearsed so much by our enemies—they are nearly worn out. The principal point of her discussion was polygamy, the present topic of the day: Annette Smoot taking his seat in Congress; but

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# Knowledge Necessary....

The growth of a crystal takes place merely by additions to its outside; the new matter is laid on particle by particle and layer by layer, and when once laid on it remains unchanged in a living structure, on the other hand, as, for example, a brain or a muscle, where growth occurs, it is by addition of new matter, not to the surface only, but throughout every part of the mass.

A man's body is not composed of exactly the same particles day after day, although to all intents he remains the same individual. Almost every part is changed by degrees; but the change is so gradual and the renewal of that which is lost so exact, that no difference may be noticed except at long intervals of time. A lifeless subject, such as an oyster shell, is formed by the living animal which it encloses, but is as lifeless as any other mass of inorganic matter, and not subject to the constant decay and reconstruction which belong to the living, like, for instance, the hair and nails. In the treatment of any ailments there is an imperative necessity for thorough understanding of the modes as well as means of repair. Even the man who is a close, earnest student, and has a determination to leave nothing unlearned which will add to his usefulness in modern channels of medicine, can only expect to be successful by confining his practice to a specialty. He must map out only that which he can master. Man's ability and powers are limited, and with overhauling clouds, more grain should not be cut down than the harvester can care for. There are thousands of diseases in the text-books, and one mind cannot entirely master them. The field is too large. Years ago I made up my mind that I would rather treat a few diseases understandingly, and with satisfaction to the patient, than to be uncertain in them all. I, therefore, selected

## Varicocele, Stricture, Piles, Blood Poison and Reflex Disorders

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