FROM VARIOUS MISSIONARY FIELDS.

GOOD WORD FROM CALIFORNIA.

Experience of Mormon Missionaries—Kind Treatment—An Old Utah Pioneer.

SANTA ANA, California, December 23rd, 1896.

To the Editor:

Writing from the hotel Richelieu, the best in the city, we can say that this is one of the finest and best laid out cities in the state. It lies in the heart of the orange country, is the seat of Orange county, and has a climate to be envied by any city in the union. Though it is near Christmas time it is as pleasant as a summer day in June.

It seems rather strange to see them preparing for Christmas when everything is so green and the orange trees laden with fruit, and to hear them talking of evergreens for Christmas trees, why, we set out on the train for Auckland, New Zealand, where we arrived on the 24th and were met by Elders John Jensen and F. S. Brewning, and went to the beloved premises of Elder William Gardner who assigned us to our fields of labor. Elder Ellis being appointed among the Maoris in the Manaia district, Elder Ashby among the Europeans of the Otago district, and myself to assist Elder R. Lee Bird in the European labor in the Marlborough district.

Elder Bird and I labored together until April conference, 1896, when he was appointed to the Manaia district, I accompanied the week close until October 19th, when I was sent by Elder Joseph G. Cooper, of Buffalo, Salt Lake county, Utah, to Napier, Hawke's Bay district, where I was joined by Elder Bird we performed three baptisms and spread the word into the new villages. Some he left I have been working the ground broken while we were together, and am in hope of the harvest being good in the near future.

A few months back one of the Saints decided to send one of his daughters home with a company of Elders and Indians. This caused some of the relatives, who make a great profession of religion, through the press, which caused a new feeling of prejudice towards us in this and surrounding districts. We replied to all the newspaper reports, our replies having a very good effect; but it will no doubt be a good while before the feeling of prejudice will cease, for many have gone out in a manner about our being agents working to secure girls for improper purposes. We are laboring very hard to get the truth before the people, and we know it is mighty and will prevail. Though the clouds at times look dark, we bear in mind that the darkest part of the night is just before the day. Now that I have a companion to assist me, we feel that we will be able to spread the work to a much better advantage.

As a rule we are treated well wherever we go, and although there are a great many who look upon us as the offscourings of humanity, we have a great many friends and at present only a number who are earnestly investigating the Gospel. We feel that the time is not far distant when this district will be among the most flourishing in the mission. At present there are only sixteen European members, but the number of the Maoris is about 250 and there are good prospects for more in the near future.

At present the following Elders from Zion are laboring here: Walter Bonner, president of the mission, and Benjamin E. White in the Maori work, and Jedediah G. Casper and myself in the European labor.

The winter that has just passed has been extremely mild, but a very backward spring followed.

The health of the Elders is good, but there is some sickness among the Saints.

HYRUM COOK.

In Indiana and Illinois.

PAYNE, Indiana, December 24th, 1896.

To the Editor:

That welcome visitor, the NEWS, finds its way here regularly, and I can assure you it is perused with interest. I left Salt Lake City on the 19th of January, twenty-six in company with Elder J. R. Clark and others, to fill a mission in the Northern States my destination was Marion, Williamson County Illinois. At Kansas City we stopped over and visited Independence, then continued on our journey. I arriving at Marion on the 22nd and was assigned to labor in Johnson County Illinois. I remained there till conference, which met in the latter part of March. I have nothing but praises for the people of Southern Illinois.

At conference I was appointed to labor at Gentry, Monroe County Indiana, and found a kind, hospitable people. I had the happy privilege of baptizing a good number which I am pleased to say are all as faithful as can be found out here. After laboring six months I went to Conference, which met in Crawford County Indiana, and after our Conference I was directed to return and organize a branch of the Church in Monroe County, which I did, and it is a very good one. Much interest is being taken, and in the near future the branch will be increased in number.

After the organization we were called to Rush County to labor and open up a new field. We arrived with no purse or scrip and found a place to put away our big grips. The old Court House having been torn down, and the new one not being completed, and no available room being taken up by the city officers, we went into the country to try and hold meetings, but everything was closed up against us. We went through well, but a great deal of prejudice exists. It is necessary to feed the preachers on the fat of the land here, and we are no exception to the rule. This is one of the wealthy countries of the states. We have some friends, are making more and the evil one is howling mightily because he thinks their craft is in danger. The little opposition we get only tends to strengthen us and make us more determined to see more seed and reap a better harvest.

FOSTER W. JONES.

MORMONS IN CHICAGO.

An Interesting Time at Christmas—Progress of Elders and Saints There.

CHICAGO, Illinois, December 22nd, 1896.

To the Editor:

At the request of President J. N. Davis of the Northern Illinois Conference, I send this report which may be of interest to the many readers of your valuable paper. Being through with our labor in Washington, Elder Lewis McCaney and myself, by request of our president, went to Chicago arriving there the evening of December 5th, finding the Saints and Elders of this branch feeling splendidly and everything in a flourishing condition.

We also found that as the eventful 25th came nearer and nearer, Old Santa Claus had not been forgotten, and that preparations had been made to enter into the children, both old and young, by having a christmas tree at the home of one of the Saints. Accordingly, about 4 o'clock smiling faces began to appear until the house was soon crowded to fifty-two happy souls.

The Christmas tree was splendidly decorated, and in the course of the evening was lit up by little wax candles making a very beautiful picture, as great care had been taken in arranging the ornaments, etc. After singing one of our inspiring hymns, and having the blessings of the Lord invoked on the entertainment, an interesting program was rendered, and the children seemed to have a couple afternoons of little songs, recitations etc. and thus the evening passed pleasantly away amongst the children, with a number of songs, recitations etc. by the older ones. Santa Claus made the hearts of the children glad with good cheer, nuts, etc., and the Elders, laboring in Chicago, were shown the good feelings of the Saints toward them, by a gift to each.

The Relief Society has been organized here only with Sister Bergin Bonner president, Sister Charlotte Eder Jensen and Clarissa Sutherland as first and second counselors, and Sisters Eva Jensen and Brumley, secretary and treasurer, respectively. The part of the branch is also strong in its duties, and it is to them the Elders, relatives and friends, owe thanks for the enjoyable time spent.

We are very proud of Utah's representative in Chicago. Besides the Elders whose names will be mentioned hereafter we find with us Doctors E. B. Ingvorn, David Badger, Julian E. Young and H. Thatcher, who will graduate from the Chicago Medical and Chicago Dental colleges and whom the west can well be proud of.

Our president, Elder Davis, was chosen master of ceremonies and filled that part of his duties with the same success as he does all others assigned to him. President Lewis A. Kelsch, of the Northern states mission, was also with us, and his cheery voice went toward making the evening one of the most enjoyable ones of the year. The Elders present were Brothers John F. Dugan, 845 West Division street; Christian L. Morck, 1289 Milwaukee avenue; George A. Clawson, 258 Weller street, Chicago, and Lewis McCarty and William J. Harrison. At an early all dispersed to their several homes, having in their minds a feeling of thankfulness to the Lord for the enjoyable time spent. At no other time has Chicago been honored with such an event and she may rest assured that the good work has commenced within her borders and bears much fruit. In connection with this the sisters also sent out a number of boxes of good things to those who were needy, making them cheerful and happy.

President Kelsch anticipates moving the mission headquarters from Kansas city to Chicago, the homes of truth will be more extensively opened, and the cry of repentance will reach the ears of the unbelievers until the honest in heart are all warned.

Your valuable paper is eagerly looked for and perused.

My address is 3[illegible] Michigan avenue, Hammond, Indiana, Brother J. L. McCarty and myself having been appointed to labor in this place, we find it a number of the vineyard. Should there be anyone having friends here, the Elders will be glad to visit them, if their addresses are sent to us.

The Elders are well at present, and are heart and soul in their work. I have been from home some six months and do not know how much longer I may be counted among those who are worthy to bear the message of truth and bring glad tidings of great joy to those hungry for light. I feel, though, truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

I hope the end of the year 1896 will find me all farther advanced than we were one year ago, and before I close I wish all the Saints a happy New Year, and that the blessings of the year 1897 may find us all a step nearer the heavenly goal.

WILLIAM J. HARRISON.

NEWS OF ST. JOHN.

Interesting Progress at the Headquarters of the Indian Territory Mission.

ST. JOHN, January 1st, 1897.

To the Editor:

St. John, Kansas, is still the scene of lively interest in Gospel matters. A good work is being done here. On Friday nights our Elders conduct a Mutual Improvement meeting, commenced at both ayes, where at least one hundred participate. Our exercises are taken from our Mutual Improvement manual. At present we are handling the subjects of the Gospel, the New Testament subjects, Church history and civil government. In our program for tonight, the Hon. T. W. Morley, of the firm of Morley and Dixon, attorneys, is to handle the last named subject. St. John's stationery store keeper, Mr. Lamoreux, is editor of our "Golden Sunset" monthly journal, to be read tonight, and we anticipate an able paper.

Our Sunday schools, with an average of forty, is what might be called a success in every particular, and our Sunday evening meetings entertain and instruct from twenty-five to one hundred, who wish to say, this constitutes the best element of the community.

Our choir, directed by Elder Samuel Kirkman, far exceeds anything else in this place, and even the surrounding country. At 12 o'clock last night various church bells, including curfew tolled forth and announced the glad New Year.

ANDREW KIRKALL.

In Maryland Conference.

RICEVILLE, Montgomery, Co., Maryland, December 11, 1896.

At our last conference held at Metz, West Virginia, I was appointed to labor in this vicinity, with Brother J. Metz and attended the conference held at Pratt, Maryland. While there we had a good time and received valuable instructions from our president, Elder Samuel G. Spencer. From there we came on to this place and went to work according to instructions, without purse or scrip. We went to see the mayor and got permission to distribute tracts in the city, and then went to the board of education to see if we could get schoolhouses to hold meetings in, but were refused. We met with kind people who took us in to old administered to our wants. On the 6th of October, Elder Heber Hogan and Nathan Thomas, from Cache County, Utah, arrived here. E. Tanner and Heber Hogan went to Harford County to labor.

We find a very hospitable people in this county and I think we have made a great many friends, although we cannot yet many baptisms to hold meetings in. We travel from house to house distributing tracts, selling many copies of the Voice of Warning, and talking with the people wherever they invite us into their houses. We went into a small town called the Great Falls on Saturday night; went in the room that had charge of the hall and got the privilege of holding meetings there on Sunday. We then went to the hotel and told the proprietor who we were and how we traveled, and he took us in and treated us very kindly. This gave us a pleasant morning for the people, and on Sunday they came pouring in on bicycles and in carriages to spend the Sabbath in pleasure. But we held our meeting and had a good interest at both of them, and we were invited to spend Monday with a family at this place. There we found some honest souls seeking after the truth. They had many questions to ask us, which were all answered to their satisfaction, and on their request we held a meeting at their house in the evening. A few of the neighbors came in and we had a good time. We left with them on coming out to bear us. On Tuesday morning we passed their baby and bade them good-bye.

Leaving there we went down the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, by which it is transported coal from Cumberland to Washington in means of large boats which are drawn by two or three mules; they travel very slow. We went to Washington in canal boat, and while there we went through many of the public buildings. While in the White House a guard stopped us and asked us where we came from. We gladly told him who we were, what we were out for, and offered him a tract, and gave one to his friend. We find that a great many of the people have been prospered and the Lord has blessed them with riches and now they think they are full and need no more, and some are right, but who has not got as much as they have. We stand and pray to the Lord in and keep us through the holidays, and we had a good Christian dinner.

Your valuable paper comes regularly and we take pleasure in reading the news from home.

The address of the Elders in this conference are as follows:

Hence T. Robertson, president, and Nathan Thomas, Rockville, Maryland; E. Tanner, Jr., Hagerstown, Washington Air, Harford County, Maryland; A. L. Hudson and K. P. Gillespie, Romney, Hesshire County, West Virginia; A. S. Fabian and Geo. M. Wells, West Hunter, Cattaraugus County, Maryland.

H. T. ROBERTSON,
NATHAN THOMAS.

THE CALIFORNIA MISSION.

Historical Sketch from August, 1895, to February 1896.

Opening of the Mission—Organization of Branches and Sunday Schools—Cases of Healing.

PRESTON, Idaho, January 4th, 1897.

To the Editor:

I wish to present to the readers of the NEWS, with your kind indulgence—a few facts concerning the opening of the California Mission. In your issue of December 27th, 1896, I saw a letter from Elder G. F. Harding, wherein he is conveyed that the mission has been opened only three years. In a previous letter from one of the Elders he states that there are four branches organized in the state.

In the spring of 1891, I received a letter from Box E, calling me on a mission to open up and take charge of the California and Western States mission, but owing to circumstances, I did not start on my mission till August 18th, 1892. I left Salt Lake City on a Wednesday, Monday morning August 22nd, 1892, and the names and addresses of a few Saints. Tuesday August 23 I crossed the bay to Oakland; I readily found the house of Brother J. P. Jorgensen, at Fruitvale; Brother Jorgensen accompanied me and we visited Sister S. P. King, in Alameda, and Brother N. H. Phillips in Oakland. Brother Jorgensen kindly consented for us to hold meetings in his house, which we accepted with thanks.

Sunday August 28th I held meeting with a congregation of five all told myself, Brother Jorgensen, wife and daughter, (aged nine years) Elder N. H. Phillips and Sister McDonald; I administered the Sacrament and spoke to them, and then called on the Saints to express their feelings, which they did; the spirit of God was with us and we had a good time. I held meetings in Brother Jorgensen's house three Sundays when the Saints decided we would rent a hall, which I did, Fraternal hall, on Washington street, between 12 and 13th streets, Oakland, for $10 per month. Sunday afternoons for one month; a few strangers attended our meetings. I also heard of and found quite a number of people, who claimed a standing in the Church.

In October 1892, I baptized one in Oakland and three in San Francisco. Ordained Joseph Mattress an Elder, and organized a branch, with Joseph Mattress president, and with Elder John Peter Philipp Van Den Berg, as his counselor, Elder John Peter Jorgensen as second counselor and Elder N. H. Phillips as clerk. Also in October I baptized five persons in Sacramento. November 27th, 1892, I organized a branch in Sacramento. Elder Aaron Garlic President; E. Garlic, clerk. The same day I organized a Sunday School, James T. Garlic, superintendent; A. Garlic first and Edward Garlic second assistants. So you see that in a little various months from the time of our arrival I had baptized eight persons, ordained one Elder and organized two branches and one Sunday school.

Through the kindness and good will of Elder (Doctor) P. P. VanDenBerg, in giving us the use of a hall free of rent on Sixth street, San Francisco, we were able to hold meetings in the metropolis, so on January 15th, 1893, we commenced holding meetings on Sunday evenings in Van Denberg's hall, but still continued holding them in the day time, Sundays, in Castle Hall, East Oakland. In April, 1893, Elder VanDenBerg gave us the use of furnished rooms free of charge, till this time, April 1893, I had labored alone, when in this month Elder Niels Johnson, of Ogden, Bear Lake county, came to us. May the same year Elders Alva S. Keller and Henry B. Williams, of Mill Creek Ward, Salt Lake County, and George H. Maycock of Fairview, Weber County, arrived, June 14th, 1893; Elders Williams and Maycock left by steamer for Los Angeles, to labor in the Southern part of the state, and on the 14th, Elders A. S. Keller and N. H. Phillips went to Sacramento.

In the early spring Elder Mattress, our branch president returned to Utah, and on July 2nd, 1893, Elder Franz Green said was set apart as President of the Oakland branch, with M. F. Mortensen, as assistant. Owing to the serious illness of the wife of Elder Niels Johnson, I released him and he returned home July 10th, 1893. On August 2nd, 1893, Elder J. D. Cummings of Mill Creek Ward, Salt Lake County, arrived. I appointed him to labor with Elder A. S. Keller, in Sacramento. On November 13th, Elder Ezekel U. Rodgers, of North Ogden, Weber County, arrived. In December 1893, we concluded that we had a branch—about twenty-five members—sufficiently strong, so that we could rent to a hall, and we impose on the good will of Brother VanDenBerg, any longer, so on December 23rd, 1893, we rented a hall at 627 Mission street for $10 per month for Sunday, all day, and evening. We had the following brethren visit us: November 29th, 1893, Elder Joseph G. Kimball, Moroni, Elder E. H. Roberts, Juab, Elders John Morgan and Calvin Farr, the latter of Ogden, and his brother, Bishop Winslow Farr, of Old Station, Utah. Organized a Sunday School in San Francisco, with Elder George E. Hyde as Superintendent and W. R. Lewis, secretary.

During our labors we enjoyed the rich outpourings of the spirit of God, and His power was made manifest in our midst. July 4th, 1893, I received a letter from Sister Elizabeth Rawlinson (sent to Professor J. E. Talmage)—saying that her son, a young man, was dangerously ill and asked us to come to her mother's home and young Rawlinson was not a member of the Church. Elder A. S. Keller and myself went to her home No. 1[illegible] Sixth street, San Francisco. The doctor attending the young man had left word that no one was to go into the room but his mother. She was acting as nurse. Brother Rawlinson wanted the Elders. I asked the young man a few questions respecting his faith in God, etc. Brother Keller and I consecrated some oil, and had a few words of prayer. Brother Keller anointed him, and I was mouth in sealing the anointing. As we had just got out of the room the doctor came. The letter was supposed to see the change for the worse in his patient. Of course he did not know that Mormon Elders had been in the room, so on meeting the doctor came and he was astonished, said he, "Every particle of disease has left your body, you don't need my services any longer and I shall come no more." The young man was entirely healed. Brother Mortensen's daughter Nora, was very sick and was also healed by the power of God, and also a number of others.

January, 22nd, 1894, I received my release from the First Presidency. Elder Karl G. Maeser was appointed to succeed me, and February 22nd, 1894, I left for home via Portland Oregon.

During the time I was there, I baptized seven persons, ordained one in Oakland, nine in San Francisco and six in Sacramento, ordained two Elders, organized two branches and two Sunday Schools, had Elders in Sacramento, and also in Southern California, and succeeded in getting Elders F. M. Lyman and B. H. Roberts to come to the southern part of the state to assist the Elders there for a short time during the early part of 1894.

This communication is a little lengthy, but I have tried to be brief, as I could, and I hope you may give it a place in your valuable paper.

JOHN L. DALTON.

Relics in the Lower Animals.

We have a fox terrier whose happiness was complete until Dodgerfield came. She is very affectionate, consequently very jealous. If jocks and geesls would kill, Dodgerfield would die many times a day. Both dogs eat from the same dish and sleep in the same room. One day last week we fed Dodgerfield first. The fox terrier was very hungry and begged hard for first dinner. Dodge seemed to eat more slowly than usual, and Nettie watched doubtfully.

Finally hunger got the better of her honesty, and she barked sharply three short barks. Dodge left his plate and sprang to the window, looking excitedly up and down the street. Nettie looked neither to the right nor the left, but made straight for the plate of food as soon as Dodge's back was turned. If this was not an exhibition of reason and human intelligence, then mankind in general possesses a large degree of animal "instinct."—Dog Fancier.

Two Lists of Presidents.

John Adams	Andrew Jackson.
J. Q. Adams.	Thomas Jefferson.
W. H. Harrison.	James Madison.
John Tyler.	James Monroe.
James K. Polk.	Andrew Jackson.
Franklin Pierce.	Martin Van Buren.
Zachary Taylor.	Zachary Taylor.
M. B. Hayes.	Millard Fillmore.
James A. Garfield.	Abraham Lincoln.
Chester A. Arthur.	James Polk.
Benjamin Harrison.	U. S. Grant.
	Grover Cleveland.

There they are—about half and half. It is worthy of note that the even numbered presidents are all in the right hand column. Those in the left hand column were college graduates; those in the other column were not.—Western Teacher.

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