



CHURCH NEWS

FROM FAR AND NEAR

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Our faith is in the Lord, and we feel sure He will inspire His Saints to contribute freely towards the payment of the indebtedness on this house, so that our work can be made good to those who were willing to sign our security for the 12,000 crowns. The balance of the debt, which draws 4 1/2 per cent interest per annum, will be paid in 30 years by the rentals of the property.

It is our hope and prayer that the Saints, both here and at home, will help us with their means, that the work of the Lord may progress. In closing, we say that any donations, however small, will be received with pleasure at this office.

Conference was then adjourned until October.

Monday we held Priesthood meeting. The Elders were then assigned to their fields of labor. Monday evening the Improvement association gave a social at the mission house, and we had a fine large crowd. A program was given and refreshments served. Sister Ramsey again favored us with a solo, which was enjoyed and appreciated.

The Elders always look forward for the days that bring the Desert News and Improvement Era. Although saints are not very far away from home, still news from home is always welcome.

FOR A NEW MEETINGHOUSE.

The Saints in Aarhus, Denmark, Purchase a Building.

Elder Don C. Sorenson writes from Aarhus, Denmark, April 9: Elder Adam L. Petersen of Huntsville, Utah, presides at present over this part of the Scandinavian mission, known as the "Aarhus conference." Since his arrival in this field of labor he has been impressed with the necessity of procuring a more commodious and up-to-date house of worship than the one the Latter-day Saints have used the past 30 years, and with this object in view he has labored unceasingly.

On the 8th of April, 1904, a building fund known as the "Aarhus conference building fund," was started with 27 crowns and 25 cts. To this was added a few crowns each month by donation, so that by Christmas, 1904, we had gathered 120 crowns.

After looking in vain in various parts of the city for suitable quarters, and consulting contractors and builders, without satisfactory results, it was made a matter of fasting and prayer, and occasionally the Saints would join us in these fasts.

Shortly before Christmas the "Echo Temperance society" made him an offer of their property, known as 12, 14 and 16a, together with their large brick building, known as "Echo," located on Borupsgade. After numerous meetings with the directors of the society, the

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Called Home.

The following death notice is sent in a letter dated Squatchie, Tenn. April 19, and signed by T. J. Russell:

A number of Elders have been to Brother and Sister Chris Wagner's of Squatchie, Marion county, Tenn. They will regret to learn of the death of the son, Fred James. He took sick on March 24, with a bad headache. In a day or two his head swelled out of shape. After the doctor had attended him, he was able to be out of his bed, and although the doctor again treated him, he did not know any one except once in a while. On the 10th of April, at 6:15 a. m., he died. He was born in the county of Duval, South Dakota, and came to Tennessee in 1889 with his parents. In 1891 they settled in Squatchie. In 1902 he was baptized a member of the Church. All who have met him know he was a good member. He often spoke of going west where he would be with the Saints.

Religion Class Conference.

The following account is sent to the "News" by A. Hawkes from West Weber, April 27:

Sunday, the 17th, our Religion class conference was held in our meeting-house at 2 p. m. After the usual opening exercises and administration of the sacrament the meeting was given into the hands of the Religion class workers.

After a few opening remarks by N. Hawkes, superintendent of Religion class work in the city, the class was divided into three sections, each of which, under the direction of their teachers, went through the six steps, to let the parents see just how the class was conducted. One of the members took lead both in singing and in recitation of the closing prayers. All was done without the use of books. The other classes sang some songs and gave some exercises.

Both in the afternoon and evening the participants well rendered which showed that the teachers at members were earnest and had the spirit of the work.

L. Monck, state superintendent of Religion classes, was present; also Elders Langway and Parker, members of the board.

The officers and teachers were presented and unanimously sustained. An evening session was held at which Elder Parker was the principal speaker.

Elder Baker of Salt Lake City and Bishop R. McFarland, each made a few remarks.

The best planning is about half done. We are having it quite cold with showers of rain and hail.

Death Notice.

In a letter from Aurora, Lawrence county, Mo., and signed by Elders Daniel O. Larson and Simon R. Storrt, the writer reports the death of Brother Jefferson Davis Mitchell, at his home in Coy, McDonald county, Mo., on the 8th of April. The writer continues:

Brother Mitchell had been ailing for several years. At intervals during this time he had lain prostrate upon his bed, and friends and physicians had relinquished all hopes of his recovery; but through faith and the administration of the Elders he was raised to a degree of health. All hoped for his complete recovery, but the Father had decided otherwise. We arrived at his home the day after his death, and he promised visit. His wishes were that the Elders would attend to his burial and preach his funeral sermon; this we were able to do. His last words to a great friend were: "I am going to the house of the Father and go to the house of the Father."

Brother Mitchell and family had been members of the Church scarcely a year. Well attended funeral services were held at which consoling songs were sung and remarks made. Elder Storrt delivered an impressive and comprehensive discourse upon "Salvation for the Dead." Many listened with rapt attention.

A Bro. Tauby, a "Christlike" preacher, who was present, was invited to take part in the services. His remarks were full of comfort and encouragement.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Ezra T. Clark of Farmington, Davis Co., returned April 1 from the Southern, Middle and Eastern States missions, where he has been doing fairly successful missionary work since March 25, 1902. The North Ohio and South West Virginia conferences were his fields of labor, where he reports the work progressing nicely. While absent Elder Clark visited the old home of the Saints at Kirland, O.; also the Oberlin college, where he was the Solomon Scambling manuscript; visited the Hill Cumorah, Independence and other places of interest to Latter-day Saints.

Elder H. J. Sheffield, Jr., of Kaysville, Davis Co., returned April 29 from the Tahitian mission, for which he was set apart Oct. 24, 1900. The low-lying group of islands was his field of labor, where he reports the work progressing nicely. He enjoyed good health while on the island save for blood-poisoning brought on through burying the dead bodies left by the cataclysm. The prospects in that mission are very encouraging. New churches have been built on the submerged island. The people are hospitable and the Elders are well received by the natives, who send greetings to President Joseph F. Smith and the Saints. Notwithstanding the limited diet of coconuts and fish, the Elders enjoy good health, except as noted above.

Elder H. W. Phillips of Lyman, Wyo., reached home April 16, from a mission in the Southern States, to which he was set apart Nov. 4, 1902. He was assigned to the South Carolina conference, laboring in the city of Charleston 11 1/2 months, acting as secretary of said conference part of the time. The remainder of his time was spent in the country districts. During his labors he met with fair success, enjoying his missionary work very much, coupled with good health. On Feb. 18 last he was laid up for an abscess, which caused him much pain for 41 days when he was relieved by a successful operation, performed by Dr. Smullyan in Atlanta, Ga. He reports the Gospel work in that conference progressing very nicely; the Elders are making many friends and a few converts.

Elder Ezra P. Jensen, of Brigham City, Boxelder county, returned April 15, from Scandinavia, whither he was sent to perform a mission, Oct. 1, 1901. The Tromsund conference was his field of labor, where he has been doing successful work.

Elder Thomas J. Russell of Lehi, Utah county, who was set apart Dec. 19, 1901, to labor in the Southern States

mission, returned April 25, in the usual good health and spirits. He speaks very highly of the kind people of the south, among whom he made many friends. The East Tennessee conference was his field of work.

Elder Frank Pingree of Ogden, Weber county, returned April 25 from the German mission, to which he was assigned March 18, 1901. He labored with satisfactory success in the Frankfurt and Dresden conferences. The year just passed he labored with Elder Wetzel in the reopening of the Hungarian mission. Notwithstanding the organized opposition encountered in Germany, and the decree of banishment enforced in some places, the work of the Lord is progressing among the Teutons.

Elder Landon R. Porter of Porterville, Morgan county, returned April 27, from successful missionary labors in the Middle Tennessee conference of the Southern States mission, where he was sent April 2, 1902. Since the first of October last he has presided over that district, and the work of the Lord, he says, is progressing very nicely. The people treat the Elders kindly, but manifest general indifference to religion.

Elder Ernest J. Herridge of the Twenty-third ward, Salt Lake City, who was set apart March 4, 1902, for the Southern States mission, returned April 27. He labored the entire time in Middle Tennessee conference, and met with fair success. Many new friends are being made and much prejudice is being allayed.

Elder Wm. T. Stevens of Holden, Mil. land county, returned April 27, from the Colorado mission, where he has been proselyting in the East Colorado and Denver conferences since April 2, 1902. The mission is in fair condition, and prospects good for the future; street meetings are quite a success and have a tendency to allay much prejudice.

Worst of All Experience

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured an unbearable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters, and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Z. C. M. I. Drug Store.

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From Ogden, Portland, Butte, San Francisco, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Denver, intermediate points, 9:10 a. m.
From Ogden, Cache Valley, and intermediate points, 11:55 a. m.
From Ogden, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver and San Francisco, 4:35 p. m.
From Ogden, Portland and San Francisco, 8:55 p. m.

DEPART.

For Ogden, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis, 6:00 a. m.
For Ogden, Portland, St. Anthony, San Francisco and intermediate points, 9:10 a. m.
For Ogden, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and San Francisco, 1:15 p. m.
For Ogden, Cache Valley, Butte, Helena, Portland, San Francisco, and intermediate points, 11:45 p. m.
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Current Time Table. In effect Nov. 22, 1903.

LEAVE SALT LAKE CITY.

No. 1—For Bingham, 8:00 a. m.
No. 2—For Park City, 8:15 a. m.
No. 3—For Denver and East, 8:20 a. m.
No. 4—For Ogden and West, 1:15 p. m.
No. 5—For Ogden and East, 3:15 p. m.
No. 6—For Ogden and Local, 5:00 p. m.
No. 7—For Denver and West, 6:35 p. m.
No. 8—For Ogden and West, 12:10 a. m.

ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY.

No. 6—From Ogden and the West, 8:10 a. m.
No. 7—From Ogden and Local, 9:45 a. m.
No. 8—From Denver and East, 10:40 a. m.
No. 9—From Denver and East, 1:35 p. m.
No. 10—From Ogden and the West, 3:05 p. m.
No. 11—From Bingham, 6:15 p. m.
No. 12—From Ogden and the West, 7:35 p. m.
No. 13—From Denver and East, 11:30 p. m.
All train stations Nos. 1 and 6 stop at intermediate points.
Ticket Office, Dooley Block, Phone 206
Gen. Art. Pass. Dept.

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San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake R. R. Co.

DEPART.

From Ogden, Short Line Depot, Salt Lake City.
For Provo, Lehi, Fairfield and Mercur, connecting at Nephi for Mant and intermediate points, 7:10 a. m.
For Garfield, Beach, Tooele, Stockton, Mammoth, Eurka and Silver City via Leanington cut-off, 8:00 a. m.
For Provo, American Fork, Lehi, Juab, Milford, Frisco, Colletts and intermediate points, 9:35 a. m.
From Provo, Lehi, Fairfield, Mercur and Sanpete Valley, 4:35 p. m.
From Silver City, Mammoth, Eurka, Stockton, Tooele and Garfield Beach, 5:35 p. m.

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