



SPIRITS BALKED.

"Revivals" a Failure When Attended by Mormon Elders.

Writing from Victoria, B. C., under date of Dec. 26, Elder James S. Lowe reports that the Gospel work is making fair progress, considering the disadvantages there is to contend with. Street meetings are being held quite frequently and much good is being accomplished in that way. The prejudices of the people seem to be the worst foe of the Elders.

A good time has been had by Saints and Elders during Christmas time. The Elders attended, out of curiosity, one of a series of revival meetings, which had aroused considerable interest on account of the peculiar "dances" during the services. The spirits didn't work when the Elders were present, and the minister asked them to withdraw. He explained that his mission was a failure so long as they remained. When a friend of the Elders called on the "reverend" for an explanation, he said that he would not have a "Mormon" in his meetings if he could help it, as the meetings were a complete failure when they were present, a fact, he said, he could not account for.

A FRIEND TO THE ELDERS.

Falls Victim of La Grippe in Louisiana.

Husser, La., Dec. 26.—On Dec. 15, 1904, the friends and relatives of Byron T. Chambers were deeply shocked by his sudden death. He has always been a warm friend to the Elders of the Louisiana conference, especially those laboring in the Opelousas parish. The cause of his death was a sudden attack of la grippe. He leaves a wife, three married children, 14 grandchildren and a large circle of friends who deeply regret his departure and whose hearts beat in sympathy for the bereaved wife and children.

ELDER JNO. A. FORSYTH.

Texas Colony Thriving.

Kelsey, Texas, Jan. 7.—Our colony here is thriving nicely. The Saints honored our married Prophet by commemorating his birthday with an interesting and appropriate program. The following program was rendered: Song by the choir, "Praise to the man" prayer by Brother Wm. Kizer; song by the choir, "Joseph Smith's First Prayer" address of welcome by President Wm. R. Lee; song by Brother J. C. Puckett; recitation by Elder W. D. Johnson; song by Lulu and Sallie Aaron; music by Brother Ed Hall and company; "Life of the Prophet" by Elder David Doble; song by Miss Fannie Cox and company; recitation by Miss Abbie Buckley; music by Runnels brothers; recitation by Miss Della Buckley; closing remarks by Elder W. D. Johnson; song by the choir, "Oh, give me back by Prophet dear" benediction by Elder R. E. Phillips.

The holidays passed off quietly, a public Christmas tree was had, and everyone was remembered. The health of the colony is good at present. Within the last two months 15 families have come here to become permanently located, which makes about 55 families here in the colony.

The soil is very good here, no fertilizers are necessary. It is well adapted for the production of cotton, corn, wheat and timber are here in abundance. Mills are handy and lumber can be had for \$5 per M. Good well water can be had by digging from 20 to 30 feet.

Kelsey is located six miles west of Gilmer, the county seat of Upshur county, on the Texas Southern railroad. The sawmills and railroads furnish labor for laboring men. Wages run from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per day.

We are building up humanity and the Kingdom of God. All Saints and honest investigators are most cordially welcomed. There is no persecution from those surrounding us. This colony was settled 50 years ago by a good class of people.

This place was dedicated for the gathering of the Saints by Apostle Woodruff and President Dunn, about a year ago, and we are getting some excellent people here. Perhaps if you take everything into consideration, this is the best place now open for settlement as a colony for the Saints in the south.

W. DE WITT JOHNSON.

Christmas at La Cross, Wis.

La Cross, Wis., Dec. 26, 1904.—Following is a brief account of our Christmas celebration at the La Cross branch: At 11 a. m., Dec. 26, the Saints and friends gathered at the La Cross branch, which was decorated with evergreens and views of Salt Lake City, and a nicely ornamented Christmas tree, to spend the day in songs, feasting and dance. At 1 p. m. we enjoyed a fine dinner. Immediately after our feast followed a fine program, commenced by an address of welcome by Branch President Joseph Dunn, who gave a most interesting and happy gift giving each one a sack of candy, nuts and fruit, while the older people sat down to a well laden table. Sister Cora Jacobson of Salt Lake City meanwhile discoursed sweet music on the organ and sang the songs of Zion. The tree was illuminated and the evening was spent in song and dance.

ELDER JOHN G. HACKING.

Christmas in Jackson County.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31, 1904.—A little band of missionaries in the immediate neighborhood of the coming city of Zion think it not unlike that some of the "News" readers will like to hear of how we spent Christmas. On the Sabbath day we had our usual services, having the children enjoyed a day, the 26th. On that day Mr. and Mrs. Schanero and family had all of the missionaries spend the afternoon.

Cured of Asthma

After 35 years of Suffering.

It will be gratifying to Asthmatic readers to learn that an absolute cure has at last been discovered by Dr. Schlimann. That this remedy is an effective one cannot be doubted after perusal of such testimony as that of C. W. Van Antwerp, Fulton, N. Y., who says: "Your remedy (Schlimann's Asthma Cure) is the best I ever used. I bought a package of your drug and tried it and one box entirely cured me of Asthma, and I have not had it since. I can now go to bed and sleep all night with perfect comfort, which I have not done before for 35 years and I thank you for the health that I now enjoy. I hope that you will publish this letter, that others may learn its wonderful virtues." Sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00. Send 2c stamp to Dr. R. Schlimann, Box 50, St. Paul, Minn., for a free sample package.



and take dinner with them. What with singing our inspiring hymns, conversing with these investigators on the Gospel, and finally eating turkey, oysters and other delicious dishes elegantly served, we passed the time most agreeably. Our Sunday school, under the direction of Supt. Arthur Livingston, had provided exercises for the evening. At 7:30 p. m. the children, their parents and friends of the missionaries, numbering 55 in all, met at 145 Locust street, where a good program was well rendered. Then followed a most interesting and profitable distribution of gifts left by Santa Claus. Mrs. Hanson, Miss Nellie E. Thomas, Mrs. Santa, Elders Livingston, Morrison and Hickman, Bro. Mikken, a student from Utah impromptu songs, recitations, etc., and the entertainment closed with the singing of "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

The success of our effort to bring Christmas cheer to the children and friends here was compensation in part for separation from our loved ones at home.

WALTER E. MORRISON.

Christmas in Tomstown.

Tomstown, Franklin Co., Pa., Dec. 26, 1904.—A very enjoyable entertainment and the first of the kind held in our church was given here on the evening of Dec. 26. Everything went off very pleasantly, and all present pronounced it a complete success. The church was given over to the true Christmas spirit which seemed to prevail.

The program was select and well rendered, and both old and young did themselves credit. Some of the children's parts were especially pleasing. There was a Christmas tree of course, with all the usual trappings, illumination, etc., and about 50 presents. Most of the presents were for the children, but there was a bag of candy for everyone in the house.

Though the entertainment was mainly a Latter-day Saint Sunday school affair and under the direction of the Sunday school workers, it was not confined to church members. Quite a number who do not belong lent a helping hand and added materially to its success. We think that it had the effect of fanning the flames of friendship among the people here and of awakening a renewed interest in the work, and also of increasing our attendance in the Sunday school.

ELDER C. H. CARROLL.

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.

President Heber J. Grant has called a meeting of all conference presidents in Great Britain to meet at 10 Holly Road, Liverpool, Dec. 31, 1904, and Jan. 1, 1905, at which matters pertaining to the welfare of the mission will be considered. The first meeting is called for Saturday, Dec. 31, 1904, at 3 p. m.

President Lofter Bjarnson writes from Iceland as follows:

"During the months of October and November we revisited the homes of our students and held Gospel conferences, distributed 51 tracts, sold 23 books, and loaned 20. Held six well attended indoor meetings, which were in every way a grand success."

"During our stay in Vestmannaeyjar we had won the hearts of the people that many expressed their regrets at seeing us depart. Although we did not make a host of friends, several are earnestly investigating the Gospel."

"We returned to Reykjavik Nov. 21, and since then we have been busy preparing tracts for publication. A tract written by a native investigator, who, for the last two years, has made 'Mormonism' a special study. His article is an appeal to the Icelandic people to accept the Gospel of 'Mormonism' and make many of the falsehoods which a Danish pastor, by the name of Matalen, has written about our people. We hope that this tract will be the means of doing some good."—Millennial Star.

ROBERT L. BRADSHAW.

ERNEST WRIGHT.

Rowenstall Lane, England, Dec. 30.—We have been laboring in this branch since last May and have made many friends, and there are some who seem to be interested in the Gospel. On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1904, the Saints and friends gathered at the La Cross branch, which was decorated with evergreens and views of Salt Lake City, and a nicely ornamented Christmas tree, to spend the day in songs, feasting and dance. At 1 p. m. we enjoyed a fine dinner. Immediately after our feast followed a fine program, commenced by an address of welcome by Branch President Joseph Dunn, who gave a most interesting and happy gift giving each one a sack of candy, nuts and fruit, while the older people sat down to a well laden table. Sister Cora Jacobson of Salt Lake City meanwhile discoursed sweet music on the organ and sang the songs of Zion. The tree was illuminated and the evening was spent in song and dance.

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quiring about the Gospel, and the Saints are trying to live their religion.

Elder G. M. Cafferty of Fairview, Onida county, Idaho, who was set apart for the Northern States mission, Aug. 6, 1902, returned Dec. 23, 1904. He spent his entire time in the Minnesota conference, where he reports the work is growing and the prospects are bright.

Elder Geo. F. Evans of Salt Lake City, arrived home Dec. 29, 1904, from the British mission, whither he was sent Sept. 16, 1902. The conferences of the Southern States mission were his fields of labor, both of which are in a flourishing condition.

Elder Easton Clement, of Fairview, Sanpete county, passed through Salt Lake City, Dec. 31, 1904, on his return from the Northern States mission. For which he was set apart Nov. 4, 1902. The Michigan conference was his first field of labor, where he remained till Feb. 7, 1903, when he was transferred to the southern Illinois conference, where he traveled in 17 different counties, visiting the scattered Saints, finding most of them staunch in the faith, though they had not been visited for some time before. He spent about 9 months in the city of Quincy, Ill., at different intervals, and met some old people there who welcomed the "Mormons" to Illinois, in 1838 and 1839, when they were driven from Missouri. The Gospel is making fairly good progress in southern Illinois, and the prospects are bright for the future. The Smoot investigation is having a good effect in many ways, and prejudice is being allayed by the efforts of the Elders.

Elder Geo. R. H. Smith, of Salt Lake City, returned Jan. 5, 1905, from the German mission, for which he was set apart April 2, 1901, and soon after reaching his field of labor succeeded Elder Andreas Peterson, of Logan, as president of the Scandinavian mission, comprising Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

For a considerable time there had been felt a growing necessity for better meetinghouse accommodations in those countries, and it was suggested to Elder Skanchy that he endeavor to procure suitable buildings, to be owned by the Saints, especially in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Accordingly, land was purchased during the summer of 1901, and on the second of the following March the erection of a Church edifice was undertaken. By July of the same year it was completed and on the 4th of that month was dedicated by President Francis M. Lyman of the European mission, in the presence of a large number of Saints and about 135 missionaries, many of them from various parts of the British mission.

The Copenhagen mission house is a substantial two-story brick building, 40x89 feet, with a basement. In the latter are situated the kitchen, dining room, etc., as also a baptismal font. The first floor is occupied by offices and sleeping apartments, while the assembly hall, takes up the entire second story. The edifice well lighted with electricity, heated by steam and has a seating capacity of about 600. It is situated at Karsgade 11, and cost 130,000 kroner, or something like \$25,000.

ONE IN CHRISTIANIA.

So pronounced was the success of the Church ownership of an attractive place of worship in Copenhagen that

steps were immediately taken to provide similar ones in other cities of the mission. The Saints of Christiania had for some time owned a parcel of ground upon which stood a rather dilapidated and unsafe building. This was razed and in its place now stands a handsome three-story brick structure 40x83 feet, with basement. In addition to the building, which has a seating capacity of 600 and cost 60,000 kroner, there is a three-story tenement building on the corner ground. When the church was dedicated, July 24, 1903, by President Francis M. Lyman, the Christiania papers gave unstinted praise to the building and commended the enterprise of the people who built it.

STOCKHOLM MISSION HOUSE.

To buy ground and build a mission house in the Swedish capital was the next important financial move to be made by the Scandinavian Saints, assisted by their friends in Utah. Some two or three years ago a building fund was started by subscription, and ere long sufficient means had been subscribed to warrant the purchase of ground, upon which stood a splendid four-story structure, but which was wholly unfit for meeting purposes. The northern walls of a portion of the lower floor were removed and heavy pillars were provided for the support of the three upper stories. The rear wall of this section was taken away, and an addition added thereby making a hall 75 feet long and 40 feet wide, and affording a seating capacity of 80, including the gallery. The cost of the land and building was 130,000 kroner, and the expense of alterations an additional 30,000 kroner. This house was dedicated Oct. 22, 1904, by President Heber J. Grant.

Each branch of the Church mentioned has a splendid choir, which is materially to the interest of the meetings for strangers, and Elder Skanchy reports that the services are well attended by people of high and low degree.

How to Avoid Pneumonia.

We have never heard of a single instance of a cold resulting in Pneumonia or other lung trouble when Foley's Honey and Tar has been taken. It not only stops the cough, but heals and strengthens the lungs. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitution offered. Dr. J. C. Bishop of Agnew, Mich., writes: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." For sale by J. J. Hill Drug Co.

TEACHERS.

Dr. Talmage's new book, "The Great Salt Lake (Great and Part)" should be in the hands of every educator. The amount of information it contains relating to the great saline sea, makes it an invaluable work for reference in study. Deseret News Book Store, Salt Lake City, Utah.

LEGAL BLANKS, a full supply, all the latest forms at the Deseret News Book Store.

The Spirit of Winter.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cherry sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in knocking bad things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—it easily repairs and, and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

ROBERTS' COMPLETE WORKS.

"Outlines of Ecclesiastical History," \$1.75, \$2.50, \$2.75; "The Gospel," \$1.25, \$1.50; "New Witness for God," \$1