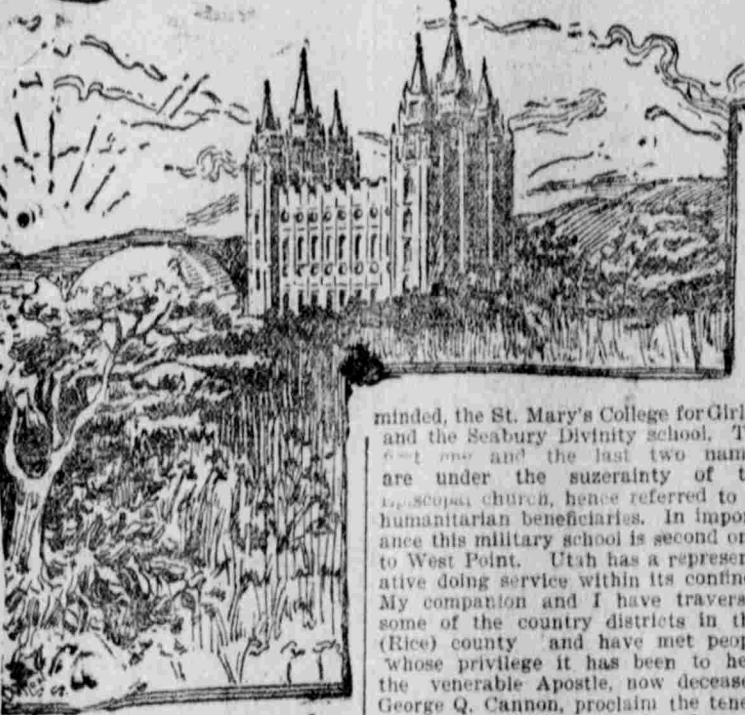


## CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



## IN A MODERN ATHENS.

Elders Proclaim What Appears to be an "Unknown" God.

And Yet It Is the God of the Bible Revealed Through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Elder George D. Casto, in a letter dated Faribault, Minn., Oct. 25, says:

Elder Charles Bergeson and the writer are located at Faribault, Minn., having been appointed to labor here at our last conference held at Minneapolis two months ago. This is a city of 9,000 inhabitants, and is one of the educational centers of Minnesota. It is commonly called the Athens of the northwest and the term is partially applicable in that the city not only resembles that of ancient Greece in its educational aspect, but is also similar in spiritual aspect. Paul, we are told by holy writ, preached the unknown God to the Athenians, and bitterly inveighed against the idolatrous practices prevalent among them. Notwithstanding their colossal rank, educationally, (Athens at one time being the capstone of the grand educational structure of the world), the Athenians were spiritual dwarfs. In their mad race for intellectual superiority they had kept in dark oblivion the inner man, the neglect of whose development is very disadvantageous to the human family. These same conditions obtain among these modern Athenians. I am sometimes led to remark that the Athenians of today are equally idolatrous. Some stand against at the thoughts of this strange utterance. Said a resident of this city to me the other day: "Behold our churches, number them if you will, and then ascertain how many missionaries we have in the heathen world, winning souls from the avenues of sin and ungodliness." I replied: "Yes, my friend, you have truthfully spoken, in your city there are many churches, in fact your city is intoxicated with 'churchanity.'" We are declaring that same unknown God about whom Paul preached. The modern sects have manufactured a God of whose nonentity, immateriality and incomprehensibility they make open and emphatic declaration. To him the modern theologians point the sinner, and bid the applicant for salvation render homage accordingly. Against such theological procedure we are daily protesting. In this city are located the Shattuck Military school, the Institute for deaf Mutes, the State School for the Blind, the State School for Feeble-

minded, the St. Mary's College for Girls, and the Seabury Divinity school. The first one and the last two named are under the suzerainty of the humanitarian benefactors. In importance this military school is second only to West Point. Utah has a representative doing service within its confines. My companion and I have traversed some of the country districts in this (Rice) county and have met people whose privilege it has been to hear the venerable Apostle, now deceased, George Q. Cannon, proclaim the tenets of Mormonism to multitudes that assembled in the small school houses. The people in this vicinity have been quite thoroughly warned of the edicts pronounced upon the Impenitent, iniquitous and ungodly, by Almighty God, through His duly appointed servants, not only in times past but in this day and generation. We are living in the eye of fulfillment. We are to leave the city for another field in the near future.

Most of the papers in this city have tried to enliven the minds of the people against us. We are thankful to the Lord, however, for working discrimination in our favor among the members of the press. One journalist, the editor of the Referendum, has defied us creditably and has pleaded our cause among the reading public. He is loud in his denunciation of what he terms "punctilious Christianity," and "un-Americanism," making frequent reference to that clause in the declaration of our nation guaranteeing freedom, pure and unadorned, in thought and activity, religious and otherwise. Recently we wrote a letter to the directors of the public library tendering them an offer of a free copy of the Book of Mormon, which, as yet, we have received no response.

The "News" which we circulate among our friends, is always accorded a hearty welcome. All admire its integrity and fearlessness in the advocacy of truth and righteousness. Any one having relations in this section of country to whom he would like to recommend us will favor us greatly by informing us of the fact.

## ARRESTED IN LEIPZIG.

Elder Valentine Arrested for Attending a Sunday School.

Elder Spencer Clawson, Jr., writes his father as follows from Leipzig, Germany, under date of October 14: My companion, Brother Valentine, has just come to jail for a three-day term as punishment for holding a Sunday school in one of the suburbs. It all happened before I came. Brother Valentine was the only one who held the Sunday school but he had got away to America before the trouble came up. Brother Valentine was only a visitor on the occasion, but they arrested him just the same. He could have paid a fine of 15 marks and they would have let him go, but he said they had no right to fine him as he had broken no law and he would not pay it. The consequence is he is now a prisoner. I was up with him to the jail thinking they would perhaps give us a chance to say something in his defense, but they refused us the privilege of saying one word. He had given me his money and beforehand, which was a good thing.

They asked me what I wanted and I told them I was only a friend of Valentine's, and they told me I better get out as soon as possible. They wouldn't

even give me a chance to speak to him. I advised him right along to pay the fine, but he said he would rather go to jail than do it.

## IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

Particulars of the Death of Elder James at Liege, Belgium.

Concerning the death of Elder Henry Robert James, of Logan, at Liege, Belgium, Oct. 16, Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon sends the following data to the Millennial Star, of Oct. 17. His letter is dated on the 11th of that month: "On Sunday, September 23, he had some pain in the region of his stomach, which was supposed to be a sort of cramp. This continued with him, growing slightly worse, until the following Tuesday night, when the pains became more acute. A doctor was called who, after a careful examination, pronounced the sickness inflammation of the bowels and indigestion. Brother James grew constantly worse until Saturday, October 6th, when his condition became dangerous. Sunday morning jaundice set in. That day the missionaries and Saints in various parts of the mission remembered him especially in their fastings and prayers, and I came down to visit him. He was administered to, and that evening felt much better; in fact, he talked of getting up the next morning and going to continue his labors. His improvement continued until Tuesday morning, when I left. That evening, however, he became somewhat worse, and the following morning the doctor pronounced the beginning of pneumonia. Following jaundice, and said there was little hope. That afternoon one of the best physicians of Liege was called, who pronounced it the same. Brother James during the day was considerably out of his mind, at times raving, and during the evening the suffering increased. At intervals it was terrible to see the way he suffered. Wednesday evening he said to Elder Beus who was with him, who was, however, not sure whether he was in his right mind or not, 'I am going to leave you.' Brother Beus said, 'No, you are going to remain here.' He repeated, 'I am going away.' You are trying to keep me here, but I am going away at half past two. About midnight he calmed down somewhat, and from then on until death occurred at 2:33 Thursday morning, October 16th, he gradually became quieter and weaker. A short time before his death his breathing became very bad. I telegraphed you that his death occurred about 7 a. m. From the telegram received I understood that it had just occurred, when in fact it was earlier. When I arrived here yesterday the body had been washed and dressed in garments and a suit of white underclothing, white socks, and a white shirt. It will be placed in a fine case and hermetically sealed for shipment home.

"The doctor who was attending Elder James was very friendly to him, and is to the missionaries generally, and his services have been given without charge; in fact he would not accept pay. Likewise, in the case of the eminent physician who accompanied him on two occasions. He explained to him the nature of the missionary's law, and he in turn charged nothing for his services. The American Consul will seal the coffin and give us a certificate. We obtain certificates from the doctor and from the city, and a permit to transport the body. In all these things we have received the utmost kindness and courtesy, and we feel that the Lord has truly opened the way for the satisfactory accomplishment of his business."

## In the European Mission.

[Millennial Star, Oct. 17.]

Releases—Elders Edward E. Jenkins, Francis T. Bailey and William B. Dougal, of the London conference, and Francis F. Smith, of the Nottingham conference, have been honorably re-

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Elder John Cook, of the Manchester conference, was honorably released some time ago, and sailed for home on Thursday, the 10th inst., but through oversight the announcement was omitted in previous issues of the Star. Elder Thomas C. Greaves, of the Liverpool conference, has been honorably released on account of matters requiring his personal attention at home. He sailed by the steamship Norseman on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

## IN NORWAY.

Elders in Fredrikshald Fined for Performing a Baptism.

Elder Lorenzo Anderson, writing from Fredrikshald, Norway, Oct. 10, says: The work of God is making good progress in this part of the great vineyard. Today Elder Andrew F. Ahlman and three who have recently embraced the Gospel were summoned before the judge of the court and the former was fined 10 kr. (\$2.70) for baptizing them before they were legally separated from the Lutheran church. The "News" is a most welcome visitor.

## BAPTISMS IN OREGON.

Missionary Work Prosperous in That Part of the Vineyard.

The Number of Latter-day Saints Increasing—Well Attended Services in Portland.

Elder A. H. Lindquist writes as follows from Portland, Oregon, Oct. 29:

On my arrival in Baker City, Oregon, I was appointed to labor in the East Washington conference. I labored for a short time in Walla Walla, Wash., and was then sent to Spokane to labor with Elder J. T. Reese from Benson, Utah. While in this part we met with good success. In our travels we met many who were desirous of investigating our message.

It was during my eight months' labor in this part that I was afforded the privilege of leading several to baptism in heart into the waters of baptism, and it was on a beautiful Sunday morning in the month of August we met on the banks of Lake Shoshone, a beautiful body of water situated thirty miles east of Spokane. There were present about sixty people who had come from surrounding towns, thirty and forty miles distant. When all was quiet we sang the beautiful hymn, "On the Water's Brink we Stand." The waters were then dedicated. The penitent believers were then one by one led into the part of baptism. Then we called the multitude together and held a meeting under the shadow of the pines.

Since December 23, 1900, I have labored in the Portland conference, my work being confined to the city. The conference at the present time is presided over by Elder H. B. Hawkes, and I rejoice in saying, it is in a prosperous condition. We often praise the blessing of seeing the fruits of our labors. We have in the conference at the present time about one hundred and fifty members, all faithful Latter-day Saints. Services are held every Sunday in hall 400, Alisky Bldg., corner of Third and Morrison streets, at 2:00 and 7:30 p. m. On Sunday, October 27, we had with us Elders P. S. Bramwell and C. W. Abbley, of the Union State of Zion. Their remarks were impressive and interesting.

The "News" is a welcome visitor and is read with deep interest by all.

## Conference in San Francisco.

The semi-annual conference of the San Francisco branch of the Church convened at No. 909 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., Sunday, October 20th, 1901. Conference President Walter Jensen, presiding.

Conference was called to order by the president. After a brief address of welcome by Joseph E. Robinson, president of the California mission, the following Elders occupied the morning session, taking for their subjects, the three first principles of the Gospel, viz: Elder Alma F. Wells, who had been laboring in San Jose, spoke on "Faith"; Elder Calvin Price, of Oakland, "Repentance" and Frederick Clift of San Francisco, on baptism.

In the afternoon session the general authorities of the Church were presented and sustained by a unanimous vote; after which Elder Arthur W. Hale from San Jose, spoke on "The Office of the Holy Ghost"; Elder Walter Jensen of San Francisco on "Authority"; and Elder John F. Bowman from Oakland on "The Scattering and Gathering of Israel."

At the evening session, Elder Joseph E. Robinson delivered an address on "The Authenticity of the Book of Mormon," and conference was brought to a close.

Priesthood meeting was held at the mission headquarters Sunday evening. The Elders present gave brief accounts of their personal experiences, and made many suggestions for the spreading of the Gospel.

Monday evening a social was held, at which a large number of Saints, friends and investigators participated.

Tuesday evening a social was given by the Mutual Improvement association. After a very interesting program, refreshments were served. On account of the inclemency of the weather, the picnic which was to take place at Golden Gate Park on Wednesday, had to be abandoned. H. B. SCOVILLE, Secretary.

## IN DENMARK.

A Time of Gleaning, but the Work is Progressing.

Elder C. C. Bindrup, Jr., writes from Aalborg, Oct. 16: In Denmark the time is one of gleaning. Many believe, but do not accept the Gospel. However, the work is steadily rolling on, and people are being

warned of judgments to come. It makes a Utah-reared boy wonder how there can be so much ignorance and disobedience to the commandments of God among so enlightened nations. If there is anything that they can not give an account for in their creeds, they will say we refer that to the time of the hereafter. Saints having friends in this country, whom they desire visited, please write to mission headquarters.

## A LETTER FROM GERMANY.

Preaching the Gospel in the City of Meissen.

Several Baptisms Have Been Performed There, and Many Are Becoming Interested.

Elder Robert I. Burton sends the following interesting communication from Dresden, Oct. 11:

On the 10th of May last, Elder Robert I. Burton and H. Herman Hoff went to Meissen, according to instructions of Elder John E. Hepler of the Dresden conference, to open up a field of labor there.

Elder Hepler had long been convinced of the wisdom of this move, but owing to the small number of Elders, it had been impossible to carry it into execution.

The city of Meissen is small, scarcely numbering more than 20,000 inhabitants. Its situation, however, is delightful. It lies in a little low valley, snugly nestled among the hills, and lulled to a quiet repose by the rippling waters of the Elbe.

On approaching the city, from either up or down the stream, the first sight to attract the attention of the stranger is the dark outlines of what appears to be an old fortress or castle crowning the top of an elevated hill. And such it is. Built in the year 1475, the Albrechtsburg must have been impregnable in those days of strife.

But this is only a feature. Meissen claims our interest mostly from the fact of its being the birth place of the late Karl G. Maeser.

This alone is sufficient to give Meissen an imperishable name among the Latter-day Saints.

Often, as I paced the narrow streets, have I thought of the boyhood days of our departed brother, and wondered how many times he played upon the selfsame streets. Often have I tried to imagine a second Karl G. Maeser among the children, as I saw them busily engaged in their little games and prattling a strange tongue.

To trace the story of our labors, for the first few months, would be only to trace the story of many another field, except in some details.

Our tracts were accepted and refused; we were treated friendly and otherwise; and our joy and sorrow, hope and discouragement rose and fell in direct proportion to the reception we found.

A number of meetings were held, with always a poor attendance. Still we felt that there were good honest souls in Meissen, waiting and watching for the Gospel's truths. And we were not disappointed.

A few good friends were found, and before the writer was called to his present field, August 29, 1901, he had the pleasure of baptizing four souls. And since then there have been several more baptized. Prior to this, however, a little difficulty with the police was experienced. While Elder Burton was absent for a few days, the police caught Elder Hoff tracing, and immediately took him in charge. Not being sufficiently acquainted with the language to give a satisfactory account of himself, the police forbade the Elders to distribute any more tracts. Upon Elder Burton's return, it was decided best to visit the police and explain our purpose in being in Meissen. Fortunately, we were led to the head man of the city, to whom we gave tracts and made explanations. He treated us kindly and gave us permission to distribute as many tracts as we wanted. From that time on all went well. Regular meetings are now held every Monday evening, and the people are becoming interested. In fact, two pastors became, if not interested, curious, and visited us in our meeting two or three times.

At the close of our second regular meeting, one of the pastors could contain himself no longer. Feeling that it devolved upon him to defend the principles of the Lutheran church against what he termed "our attacks," he asked rather excitedly for the privilege of speaking. As a matter of fact, he had not mentioned any church, but had simply preached the Gospel, as we understood it.

As it was rather late it was decided to arrange a special meeting, in which the pastor and Elder Hepler should have each a half hour to present their views. Brother Hepler proposed that we procure a larger hall, but the pastor evidently thought enough people had heard of the "deceptive Mormon doctrine," so the same hall was secured for October 6.

The results of that meeting, viewed from either side of the controversy, would have been startling, had it not all been in direct fulfillment of prophecy. In spite of the strange language and the learning of his opponent, might also have caused amazement did we not remember the words of Jesus to His Apostles: "Take no thought of what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak." (Matt. 10: 19).

As a direct result of the meeting the Elders in Meissen have a number of friends and a full house at each meeting.

The work in Germany generally is progressing, although we sometimes are handicapped on account of lack of freedom.

The sad intelligence of President Snow's death has just reached us, and it casts a gloom over all. I am sure I express the thoughts of every Elder in Germany, when I say, "God bless his dear ones, whom he has left behind, and comfort them in their hour of trial."

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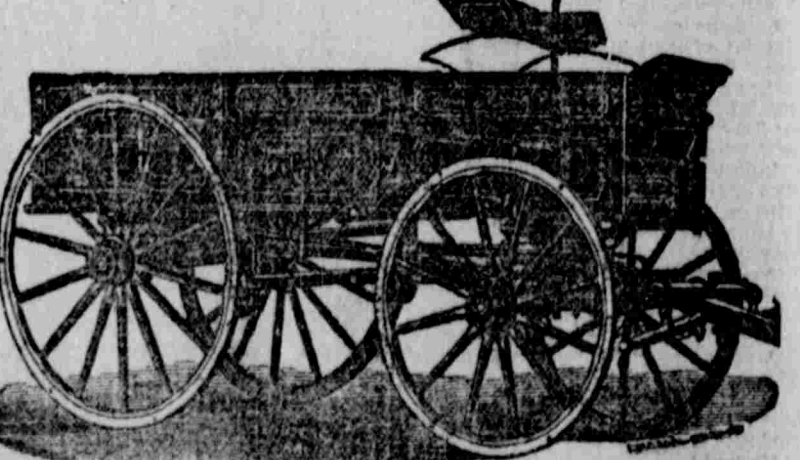
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