OGDEN NEWS ITEMS.

Major Dow Retires from the Management of the Reed Hotel.—Sudden Death.—Funeral of Mrs. Friend.

Major Dow, the genial and popular manager of the Reed hotel, says the *Standard*, retired from the management yesterday. The major will take a trip east shortly, and on his return will go into a new business venture. He has been succeeded here by M. H. Coleman.

The funeral of Louis, wife of Captain John G. Fries, who died at her home in Rawlins, Wyo., last Saturday, was held at the Second ward meeting house at 2 p. m. yesterday. There was a large concourse of friends and relatives assembled to assist in the last rites.

A. M. Geisinger was found in an unconscious condition in his bed at his residence, 505 Twenty-second street, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Medical aid was summoned and every effort made to save his life, but he was beyond help and breathed his last yesterday afternoon. Deceased was about 45 years of age, unmarried, and had no relatives here. His remains were taken to Binney's undertaking parlors and a telegram sent to his brother in Toledo, Kansas, for instructions as to their disposition. No inquest was held, the physicians finding that death was caused by diabetes.

LETTER FROM DESMARK.

Progress of the Work of the Lord in that Part of the Field.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 19, 1894.

Editor Deseret News:

It may be interesting to some of the many readers of the NEWS to hear from this part of the Lord's vineyard, and ascertain what progress the Gospel is making. I therefore take the liberty of giving you a brief outline of the condition of the Copenhagen conference.

On my arrival in this little kingdom I was appointed to labor in this conference, and with the exception of two or three months, my labors have been confined to the Copenhagen branch.

My health has been excellent. The twenty months I have been absent from my happy home have passed like a dream, and in looking back I can hardly account for the time gone. I am sure I have profited by what I have seen and learned since I left my mountain home.

I have had the privilege of visiting the greater part of Scandinavia, and have taken great delight in seeing all that was praiseworthy and interesting.

I have found the majority of the people to be kind, polite, honest and industrious, as well as God-fearing in their way, but through the influence of priestcraft have been kept in darkness concerning the will of God. However, the influence of the priests is gradually diminishing and prejudice and tradition are vanishing from the minds of the people.

Especially is this the case in the larger cities. Here in Copenhagen the people, as a rule, are very liberal-minded. Many are investigating the principles of the Gospel and attending our meetings, of which we hold from four to seven weekly. There are 325 members in this branch, the majority of them being good, faithful Latter-day Saints.

Our Sunday school is in an excellent condition. The children take great interest in it, and quite a number of strangers send their children to the school, where they can be taught of the ways of the Lord.

The members of the Relief Society association are doing a splendid work in the way of comforting and assisting the poor and needy, the widows and the fatherless, and those who may be depressed in spirit. Our chair does much to attract the attention of strangers and draw them to our place of worship, and consequently we get the principles of the Gospel before them. I have visited all the branches in this conference but one, and I find the prospects very encouraging, even though but few are embracing the Gospel. We meet with less opposition, and are being respected and looked up to, as a people, more than ever before. In this conference there are six branches, in which fourteen missionaries are laboring. Of the local Priesthood we have 41 Elders, 7 Priests, 25 Teachers and 11 Deacons; 305 members; making a total of 389 souls. At the last yearly report, ending November, 1893, there had been 40 baptized, 7 received from other conferences, 10 excommunicated, 2 removed, 2 died, and 27 emigrated. There are 132 subscribers for the Scandinavian *Stjernen*, and 147 members who pay their tithes and offerings. Since the yearly report a few have been added to the fold, and we expect others to see the necessity of complying with the ordinances of the Gospel in the near future.

We have had the pleasure of holding special meetings at Holbaek, Heslinger, Hillerod and Slagelse, where large and elegant halls have been hired. The meetings were thoroughly advertised in the different newspapers and we had large attendance, and all seemed interested in the remarks that were made. Some were quite surprised to hear that our doctrines were founded on the Bible. Many tracts were distributed, and we trust that the seed sown will take root, grow and bear fruit in the Lord's own due time.

I have never been interested in any work that has given me so much joy and satisfaction as that of laboring for the promulgation of these glorious truths. I am exceedingly thankful to my heavenly Father for the many blessings I enjoy, and I am willing to sacrifice anything I possess for the furtherance of His cause.

With kind regards to all my friends, I remain, your brother in the Gospel,

ADAM PETERSEN.

Loved to His Fate.

They sat in the parlor, gazing at the natural gas flames as they caused each other over the subject matter.

The two were Miss Sentiment and Mr. Van Doom, and the young man was in love with the young woman. He was doubtful of her feelings toward him, however, for she was such a girl as delighted in love, if she felt any, with it was sought. The young man had just spoken the words of the ardent. The sun started of the ardent. The conversation turned upon commonplaces and in the course of the discussion Miss Sentiment said:

"Do Romeo the second propose to the men?"

"Here I with we were in Romeo," the young man replied, with a slight stress on the second syllable.

"It would, if you thought it as good if we were," replied the girl, and Mr. Van Doom did not linger that evening.—New York Recorder.

Anonymous.

"What do the good people think you are, do you?" asked the editor as she of the sweets passed out the building.

"I don't know. I suppose an anonymous letter is about the most disagreeable thing known."

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