

save it were among a few of the Lamanites, who were converted unto the true faith; and they would not depart from it, for they were firm, and steadfast, and immovable, willing with all diligence to keep the commandments of the Lord."

They are a wise people who pay heed to the lessons which history furnishes. When they read of evils that have brought calamity upon the people of past ages, they will avoid the shoals upon which the ancients stranded, and take care that in such matters, history does not repeat itself.

The Saints ought to make up their minds to live in accord with the admonitions and instructions administered by the servants of God during the late conference. They will thus be prepared for the events of moment that will doubtless crowd themselves upon them in the near future, for the work of the Father is advancing with rapid strides.

COUNT DE LESSEPS UNDER A CLOUD.

THAT is a sad story related of the Count de Lesseps, the famous constructor of the Suez Canal, and later on of the attempted Panama Canal. He is now over eighty years of age, and quite feeble. The closing days of his remarkable life are clouded by an investigation now being prosecuted in the Supreme Court of New York, relating to his business methods in the Panama canal project. It is charged by the French government that, in federation with American financiers, he consummated a swindle, by which 63,000,000 francs were dishonestly obtained. The par value of Panama stock was only \$100 per share, but it is charged that \$268.25 per share was realized on some 38,000 shares or more.

The inquiry before Judge Beach proposes to disclose the secret of this deal, and how far the famous engineer or his agents are responsible for the swindle.

AUSTRALIA CLOSING HER DOORS.

REPORTS from Australia state that in all the colonies great industrial depression prevails, and that vast numbers of men and women are unemployed. However, it is said that the depression is not entirely the result of adverse circumstances in trade, but is more directly to be attributed to the surplus labor thrown into the colonies by State-aided immigration from the mother countries.

Queensland has taken decided action. She has provided measures for the almost absolute prohibition of landing emigrants from Great Britain. Hereafter Brisbane closes its doors to all laborers from the "old countries," and it is thought that in the near future Sydney and Melbourne will do the same. Feeling against a further influx of Europeans runs alarmingly high in all the Australian colonies, and secret societies already exist for the purpose of excluding immigrants of all nationalities.

More than 7660 car loads of building material have been received on the exposition grounds.

A VOICE FROM DENMARK.

Under date of March 3rd, 1892, Elder Joseph Christiansen, who presides over the Aarhus Conference, Denmark, writes the following very interesting letter to President Edward H. Anderson, of the Scandinavian mission. He says:

The prospects here in Aarhus for the spread of the truth are exceedingly good at present, and a new interest has been awakened among the people. Our meetings are attended by a large number of strangers, who are attentive listeners, and many are earnestly investigating the Gospel. We had the privilege of baptizing three intelligent persons on the 4th inst., and many others will come in the near future. Invitations to visit strangers in their homes are so many that we are unable at present to fill all the requirements. Brothers J. C. Berthelsen and S. C. Sorensen have been laboring in the country around Silkeborg as well as in that city the past four months with good results. Some have been added to the Church, and a large number of honest people are investigating. Very little missionary labor has been done in that neighborhood for many years; the Gospel appears to be new to them, and even the press is commenting upon it. The Saints in this branch are living their religion as a rule, and they are hospitable to the servants of God who are sent among them with authority from God to preach the Gospel.

Last fall we removed the headquarters of Horsens branch from Horsens to Fredericia, our reason for so doing being that the people in the first named place took no interest in hearing the truth. Now since the Elders are no longer there, they begin to wish them back again, which is abundantly manifested in the increased attendance at meetings occasionally held there by Elder C. Meyer. Those who reject the Gospel will truly have reason to wail when they shall hunt from shore to shore for the word of God and not find it. Quite an interest has been taken in Fredericia and a number are investigating. The branch is large, making it difficult for the Elders to get over their district and do it justice. Notwithstanding this, regular meetings are held in Esbjerg and Fredericia, and many meetings are held in the country, all well attended. Keeping two halls in this branch makes it quite expensive; the Saints as a rule are poor, and hence the missionaries must bear much of the expense as well as support themselves. Since Schlesvig as far as Flensburg was added to this branch, these brethren have made some tours into that region causing them additional outlay. Yet they do not complain, but are desirous and determined, by the help of the Lord, to do all in their power to spread the glad tidings at any cost. President Myer says they found many in Schlesvig that never had heard the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints, and that if the same freedom was found there for holding meetings that exists in this country many would gladly obey the truth. The prospects for bringing some to a knowledge of the truth are promising. The Saints in this branch are feeling well. Much credit is due the missionaries for their energy under the prevailing circumstances.

In Odense an unusual interest is manifested. Many meetings have been held in the country during the winter which have been so crowded that many were unable to get in; as a consequence many are studying our principles and it is a long time since such an interest in the truth has been exhibited by the people on the island of Fyen. The missionaries have not been able to fill all the calls for fireside conversations. While attending a branch meeting in Odense on January 17th, I learned that the city of Assens had not been visited for a long series of years by Elders. I advised Elder P. Sorensen to try and open a field of labor there. He did so, hiring a hall for a few months, and the results are regular meetings largely attended. The people and authorities have so far acted very kindly toward us, and our hopes that the opening will result in good are great. Regular meetings are held in Odense three times each week. Another missionary is needed very much at present.

The Grenaa Branch, formerly included in Aarhus, was organized in October, 1890. Half of its present membership have been baptized since its organization. The people live up to their duties and are a great aid to the Conference; they are united as one. Elder J. C. Berthelsen presided until October, 1891, winning the favor and confidence of the Saints. Elder M. P. Sorensen has presided with credit since that time, but since New Year has been unable to get about owing to severe illness. The Saints feel well and are preparing themselves to be worthy of gathering with the body of the Church.

In the Randers branch quite a number have been baptized during the past year, but in the city of Randers the harvest seems to be over and very little gleanings to be found. The chance of holding meetings in the country is also limited. The few who attend seem to expect amusement rather than information, as a rule. Some good is being done in Demstrup three and a half Danish miles east of Randers where a number of honest people are investigating. Meetings have been forbidden, but fireside preaching is bringing the truth to some. The main opening in the branch is in Skive, where we have hired a hall that will seat about 150. The Gospel has not been preached in this place for about thirty years and is entirely new to most of its inhabitants. They seem to know no more about it than before it was introduced in 1850. Some of Zion's most faithful Saints emigrated from that part in early years. A new generation has now grown up unacquainted with the plan of salvation, and as there are many honest and good people among them we look for a number to obey the glad message of salvation. I went to Skive on February 19 expecting to begin our regular meetings on the 21st, but on account of a severe snowstorm was compelled to delay the opening. In the meantime we dedicated the hall to the service of the Lord asking his peace and power to attend our labors therein. Elder Jacob Jorgensen and I went to the chief of police informing him of our intentions to hold meetings and asking his protection in case of disturbance, while we were preaching the Gospel of