

No Weapon Formed Against Zion Shall Prosper.

Address Delivered at the Seventy-Fifth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday, April 9, 1905, by

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Report of Visit to Southern Part of Mexico—Wise Rulers and Superior Race of Nations—The Work of God Will Triumph—Fidelity and Patriotism Enjoined.

My brothers and sisters, on the 21st of February I started upon a journey to the state of Tabasco, telling President Smith upon leaving that I would return to attend this conference. My purpose in going was the discharge of a sacred duty, and also in the hope of securing my complete return to health. I presumed that I had so arranged matters that I would be able to be in attendance at the first day of the conference. Two weeks ago yesterday I left the town of Cardenas, in an Indian canoe to make my way with my companions to the capital of the state, San Juan Bautista. We reached the latter on the 24th in the anticipation that on the 25th of last month from Fontana the steamer would bring us to Vera Cruz, but upon our arrival we learned that the steamer would not sail until the 30th, and so we remained in the capital of the state for a few days, dealing with the leading men, having interviews with the governor and Jefepolitico, and finding to our surprise a wonderfully fine people. The city is said to contain about 26,000 inhabitants, and is located upon Grijalva river. The people are mostly of Spanish extraction, with an intermixture of the Indian races. We were treated with the greatest courtesy by the people of the state and by the people with whom he mingled. We left there on the 24th, in the anticipation that upon the 25th we would be enabled to leave Fontana upon our way home. On arriving there, we learned that the sailing of our boat would not occur until the next day, and on the evening of that day we left Fontana. We reached Vera Cruz, crossing the Gulf of Mexico, just after noon on Sunday last, and at once made our way to the railroad. Part of our company remained in Vera Cruz; Elder B. F. Grant and myself started immediately for home. We succeeded in getting along, making the railroads very nicely, until we reached El Paso, Texas, where we found that a quarantine had been put into operation against what was said to be the fever districts of Old Mexico, and as we had come from Vera Cruz, which had been especially tabooed, we were forced to remain continuing our tour for 24 hours, thus preventing us from reaching here yesterday as I had expected to do.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Leonard S. Harrington, of American Fork, Utah county, passed through the Northern States on his way from the Northern States mission for which he was set apart June 2, 1903. The conferences of Northern Illinois and Michigan were his fields of labor.

Elder S. E. Brimhall of Spanish Fork, Utah county, who left this city May 14, 1903, for a mission to California, returned June 18, 1905. The conferences of San Francisco and Los Angeles were his fields of labor. He reports that the people in the progress of the work are progressing rapidly, while like all the missions he has found a good mission he accredits his experience in preaching the Gospel the most joyous time of his life.

Elder William W. Hardy of Sterling, Alberta, Canada, passed through this city June 1, 1905, returning to the British mission where he was set apart March 20, 1903. The Newcastle conference, which was his field of labor, is in a very prosperous condition. In all the branches the Elders are doing a good work, and they are looking bright for an incoming harvest of home souls. Many are anxious to receive the truth. The thinking classes, Elder Shurtliff says, have a good word for the "Mormon" people.

Elder Svante Johan Kasyin of Montpelier, Bear Lake county, Idaho, passed through this city June 14, 1905, on his return from the Scandinavian mission for which he was set apart June 2, 1903. The conference was his field of labor. The last two months were spent at Key West, where the cloister had never been presented until about two years ago. There is now a nice little branch of the Church there.

Elder Alma Hanson of Hyrum, Cache county, returned June 24, 1905, from the British mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 27, 1903. The conference of Newcastle was his field of labor. He reports the work there progressing and the people becoming more favorable towards the latter-day work.

Elder William P. Davidson of Pratt, Fremont county, Idaho, arrived in this city June 26, 1905, from missionary labors in England and Colorado, to which he was assigned Nov. 4, 1903. The Bristol conference was his field of labor for 14 months, when, on account of ill health, he was transferred to the Colorado mission, where he labored the remainder of the time, enjoying his labors greatly in both missions.

Elder John E. Peterson of Oakley, Cassia county, Idaho, reached this city June 27, 1905, on his return from the Swedish mission, for which he was set apart March 31, 1903. The conference of Gothenberg was his field of labor. The church is progressing steadily in that part of the mission and the Elders are making many friends and some converts.

Elder Lewis Hughes of Samaria, Oneida county, Idaho, passed through this city June 27, 1905, on his return from the British mission, for which he was set apart April 25, 1903. The Manchester conference was his field of labor. The Elders are meeting with very good success in the towns throughout Lancashire and many honest souls are accepting the principles of the Gospel and rejoicing in helping the Elders to spread the message among their friends.

Elder John E. Bone of Lehi, Utah county, returned June 27, 1905, from the Eastern States mission, for which he

had the balance of the time looking over the country, studying the conditions, making the acquaintance of the people and satisfying myself as to the characteristics of the land. My associates in the field were pleased with their experience. Some of them, I presume, are on the way to this city, and I arrived here at 1:30 today.

I am pleased to be with you in conference, to hear the voices of those who have sung their glorious songs for us, listen to the remarks of the Elders, and then go up to the scaffold of prayer that have gone up to the scaffold of prayer for the interest of the people of God and of all the children of our Father. I rejoice in the glorious work the Lord has established, and have always held it in some degree the trained mentality which is found among the intelligent class of the Christian people of the world; but there are within them the elements of success, as has been shown to the lives of such heroes men as Peres, Diaz, Benito Juarez. I trust that the heroic spirit shown by these men may continue through generations, that liberty and truth, justice and mercy, may characterize that nation and that the visitation of the Savior of the world in past times, which made an impress upon their souls and which they shall find themselves utterly discomfited. I trust that, in fulfillment of the great mission God has assigned to this people, the spirit of liberty, of justice, of mercy, of determination, and ingenuity to devote themselves to the betterment of the conditions of mankind shall in no sense be checked but that it is the onward march and growth of this work its sons and daughters shall be found upon the side of every correct principle and in favor of the broadest liberty and the greatest freedom of man's creation. When we remember that we are the instruments of this great work the whole human race, excepting those who have rejected the Lord and the men who stand with him establishing the kingdom of God, shall be numbered among the sons and daughters of the church he created in their folds furnishing no sort of inspiration for the progress of the reform. The church and the champions of the church so much need and which their people so much desire.

It is a great inheritance the drinking father of today is laying up as a heritage for his son of tomorrow that he be born after the flesh, and in bondage of drink. It is a shame to any country, much more to a churchly America, a shame to any church to have so many breakers ahead of them prepared to attack us by way while the leaders of the church lie created in their folds.

Witness the Clerk of said Court with the seal thereof affixed this 20th day of June, A. D. 1905.

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