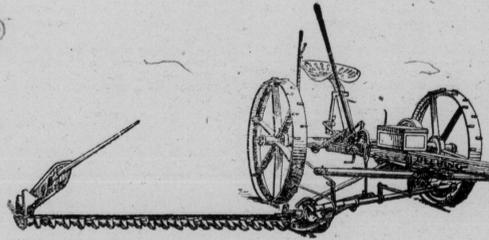


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Missionary Stead's Letter

The following letter was addressed to the officers and members of the Sabbath Schools in the Alberta Stake by W. H. Stead who was the Superintendent before he went on his mission

Pittsburg, May 19, 1908.

Dear brethren and Sisters: It is much joy and satisfaction I take in writing you a short account of my travels and visits on the way to my field of labor, also of my labors since my arrival. After leaving home I spent two weeks visiting friends and relatives in Fremont Co. Idaho. I visited in several of the settlements, but spent most of my time in Parker Ward. While there I had the pleasure of attending the sixtieth anniversary of the Relief Society doings and to my surprise I was the only man present and had the pleasure of speaking to the good sisters, but I enjoyed myself just the same. I also visited the Sabbath School during my stay and am pleased to state that in many respects, our schools are ahead of theirs, although they are blessed with better conveniences. I visited other schools on my journey, but none ahead of ours, and, if made me feel to appreciate ours all the more. While in Parker I had the pleasure of baptizing one of my uncles and a young man sixteen years old the latter having been of Latter Day Saints parentage but owing to the death of his mother while quite young and his father not being of a religious turn of mind he was neglected and had never made it known up to this time, and when I was talking to my uncle about the ordinance he told us about it and was made to see the necessity of having such ordinance performed. I went to Farmington and visited my folks also attended the General Conference in Salt Lake City and enjoyed the spirit of the same very much and met with many old time friends. On the 7th of April a large company of missionaries met in the Annex of the Temple and we were set apart for our mission, Bishop Frank Leavitt and Oliver Orr of our Stake being among them, some going to Mexico, Central, Northern and Eastern States. April 8th at 3.15 p. m. in company with fourteen elders and two sisters, we left on the D. & R. G. route via Denver for Chicago and various parts of the States. We had a special car and plenty of room. In the evening we held a testimony meeting, also offered a prayer to our Heavenly Father for His protecting care over us on our journey and had an enjoyable time.

As we sped over the country our eyes feasted on the beautiful homes and farms of the saints in the valleys of the mountains, also the grand scenery as we passed over the Rockies going to Denver. We arrived in the latter place at 7 p. m. on the 9th, stayed about two hours, which gave Bro. Leavitt and I time to see a large portion of the business section of the city, it being lit up with electricity and gas presented a very beautiful appearance and made a most favorable impression on our minds. We left at 9 p. m. and arrived at Chicago at 7 a. m. on the 11th. On our way we passed Omaha. This place seemed to be very dirty and smoky, but we could not see much of the city from the Depot. A short ride after leaving Omaha we came in sight of Council Bluffs just across the Missouri river but could not see much of it as we passed down the river several miles before crossing. We saw many nice homes and farms as we travelled through the State of Arkansas and

Illinois. The land resembled very much that of our own country in Canada. On our arrival at Chicago we were met at the Depot by Elder Dayton, Conference President at Milwaukee, who came to meet his wife. He escorted us to the Conference House where met a large number of Elders and saints during the afternoon and the next day. Sunday we visited the Sunday School and Meeting and had a very interesting time, nearly the whole body of Saints and Elders present except a small class, were formed into one class studying the Book of Mormon and conducted by Bro. Miles, who is attending one of the Colleges and who is thoroughly conversant with the Book of Mormon. I had the pleasure of addressing the afternoon meeting and bearing my testimony to the people.

Bro. Leavitt and myself were invited to take dinner with Sister German Elsworth and family, after meeting and can assure you we enjoyed it very much. We stayed in the city three days visiting many points of interest such as the great stock yards and Amour's packing plant, saw them slaughter many swine and a number of beef cattle and although it is very interesting in many ways, to see the skilled workmen and the way they accomplish their work so quickly, it also is a very cruel sight. We also visited some of the large business houses, the museum and rode on the elevated railroads. Chicago presented itself as being a very dirty city and by no means a desirable place to live.

Bishop Leavitt and I left in the evening of Monday 13th, went to Southbend where we had the pleasure of going through the Studebaker Bros. Factory, which is a great sight and very interesting to see the way they make their wagons, buggies etc. They treated us very cordially, paying our train fare from Chicago as well as Hotel expenses while there. Southbend is a manufacturing city a very beautiful place, having many nice residences.

Tuesday evening we went to Cleveland, where we boarded a car and went to Kirtland and had the pleasure of going through the Kirtland Temple which of course is a very interesting feature to us as well as to all Latter Day Saints. Our minds revert back to the many trying scenes of our people prior to their being driven and persecuted by a vile and murderous mob. As we look through the building and note the condition it is in today, we think to ourselves, is it possible, that one day two great Heavenly messengers came and visited this place, bringing great and glorious revelations to the children of men, even the Keys of turning the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers etc. Also the Key to the gathering of Israel but how different then than now, clean and pure and Holy above all places. Now it presents a dirty appearance, being used to make money in a way, by letting all kinds of people pass through it, as well as a conference house of the Josephites who claim ownership of same. We next went to Palmyra and visited the Hill Comorah where once stood the Great Prophet of this dispensation conversing with the angel Moroni on the restoration of the Gospel and when he received the plates which contained the glorious Gospel to be preached in these last days to all people. Oh what a glorious time and what joy to sit in the place and reflect over these great events. Bro. Leavitt and I sang "An Angel from on High." Then I offered a prayer to our Heavenly Father, after which we read some

of the last chapter of the Book of Mormon, talked over the events and sang "Hail to the Prophet" Bro. Leavitt offered prayer and then we went to the sacred grove where we prayed and sang as before, and while singing the beautiful song, "Oh How Lovely was the Morning" our thoughts went back to that most lovely scene of the Prophet Joseph. The weather was so beautiful and warm and everything so quiet while we sat their under the same tree when he offered prayer. We felt a Heavenly influence and in our prayers we remembered our loved ones, our co laborers and people of the Alberta Stake. We also visited the home of the Prophet and was in the room where he and Oliver Cowdry commenced the translation of the plates.

We also visited the old farm of Martin Harris which was mortgaged to obtain means to carry out the work in publishing the book. While visiting and walking from place to place we were full of joy peace and love and felt like we could remain there a long time. How nice it would be if you all could have the same privilege of visiting these most glorious places. Our next stop was New York City, we arrived there Saturday 18th at 7 a. m. left our grips at head office, during the day we visited the main business section and in the evening we met Elder Thomas Wilson of Leavitt, we all went to the great Hippodrome and witnessed the presentation of the Fall of Port Arthur, a regular battle being fought on the stage showing hundreds of men, horses etc. in action, it was the grandest sight I ever looked upon and thousands of people go there twice every day to see it. After the play we went to Newark on a steamer, the river seemed alive with boats of all kinds lit up with various kinds of lights making a beautiful sight and we enjoyed our trip although it was late and we were very tired.

Next day being Sunday we attended the Sunday School and meeting of our people in Newark, met the Saints and a few investigators who are very friendly to our Elders, the Sunday School consisted of about ten or twelve, all grown people and formed into one class, studying the Articles of Faith, we enjoyed ourselves among the people very much. Monday we returned to New York through the tunnel under the Hudson River. During the day we were sight seeing, riding on the Elevated Railroads as well as the Subways. Tuesday we received our appointments, Brother Leavitt being assigned to Central City, West Va. and I to Pittsburg, Pa. We purchased tickets over the same road and travelled together as far as Cumberland, Maryland. On our way we visited Philadelphia, Baltimore and the City of Washington, in the former place we went through the Halls where the first congress of the U. S. was held, was in the room where the Constitution was signed, saw the table and ink stand that was used, seen the old Liberty Bell that rang out in sweet tones of a glorious victory and the freedom of a nation. We passed through the rooms where transpired many important events pertaining to this great nation. Some of the furniture used by George Washington remains in this building. We also visited many of the monuments of Generals and Soldiers that fought and bled for this country's cause. Went down to the Delaware river and visited some of the large ware vessels, going on board of one. This city is a very large place containing many points of interest to the people of the nation. We only stayed

a short time in Baltimore and went from there to Washington, we visited the Capitol, which is a most magnificent building, met Congressman Howell, and Senator Smoot of Utah, had the privilege of attending two sessions of the Senate and listening to the great men of today discuss the necessity of building more war ships. We went on top of Geo. Washington's monument which is 550 high and obtained a beautiful view of the city and surrounding country. We took supper with Congressman Howells and family after which we spent the evening with Senator Smoot and family. Next day we went through the U. S. Treasury and after wards was escorted to the White House by Senator Smoot where we had the pleasure of meeting President Roosevelt, shaking his hand and then visiting all of the various rooms of the beautiful building and I can assure it is a most lovely place inside. We visited the U. S. Library which is a new building recently erected also a very nice one.

April 26th at 9 a. m. we left the city for our fields of labor; parted at Cumberland, I arrived at Pittsburg 6.15 p. m. I had difficulty finding the office, no one seemed to know the address, not even the police. I travelled in different directions until about ten or eleven o'clock that night and then put up at a hotel. In the morning I tried several business men to find the street and they looked up the map and we went at least five streets and avenues by the same name, so I started out for one of them and the first one I came to was the place and to my surprise the street is just one block long and I did not find a man that could tell me where such a street was until I got within a block or two of the place. One of the Elders went with me across the river for my grips, four or five miles distant, where I had left them the previous night with a private family.

In the afternoon we went right to work tracting among the millionaires of the city, and the most beautiful homes I ever saw, so thus I received my first initiation in the work, so far I haven't had the door slammed in my face but have met some very cool people, who would not care to take a tract, but I usually talk most of them in the notion of reading one anyway. Some few would not. One lady laughed at me and wanted to know what I wanted, she was a Catholic and said they had the truth and I could not convert her, after I had talked a while she said, "Well you are a pleasant man anyway," I got her to take a tract also to read a small book. I haven't called since. We meet with many indifferent people also many good people. I have been invited back to several homes and they are reading our literature. The rich class haven't time for religion, they are too busy and there is too much pleasure, but many of the servants will accept the tracts also buy some of our books. There are many beautiful Churches, Cathedrals and Jewish Synagogues in this place. The city contains about 600,000 people. We see many children among the farmers but not many others unless it is the negroes, but every woman has a little dog or cat, they even have their grips fixed with wire in one end so they can carry their pet on the train with them.

The weather has been very stormy and bad so we haven't been able to do much tracting but hope to do more in the future. I have only distributed 161 tracts, had 83 Gospel Conversations, loaned 15 books and sold eleven and held 5 open air meetings, preached (continued on back page)

Government Reading Room