

President Grant In Frankfurt, Germany

TYPIFYING the love of the saints in the Swiss-German Mission for their beloved President and Prophet, Heber J. Grant, approximately 1,000 of them gathered together in a large, fittingly decorated hall in Frankfurt, Germany, to hear his message. Many of them had come long distances per Autobus to be present on this occasion. The congregation consisted of members from the Southern section of the Swiss-German Mission.

In the afternoon, before the general meeting in the evening, an inspirational missionary meeting was held. President Grant told of how his work had been mainly among non-members but that he had never doubted the truthfulness of the Gospel as taught in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He narrated the story of his reading the Book of Mormon for the first time in his life, and then said, "And I have believed, ever since that first reading, that it contains the word of God." He spurred the missionaries on to obtain a testimony so strong that they can stand up before disbelievers and tell them that they know without a shadow of a doubt that the Gospel as we preach it and as contained in the Book of Mormon is true! President Lyman, President Hugh E. Brown and our own Mission President, Philemon M. Kelly, also gave short addresses.

The general meeting in the evening began at eight o'clock with the beautifully decorated hall completely filled. Fresh flowers gave the stage the resemblance of a garden. The Frankfurt Choir sang parts of "The Vision" by Evan Stevens. The speakers, as well as the audience, expressed their deep appreciation for the music and their joy at finding such high type singing among our saints here in Germany.

President Hugh B. Brown, the first speaker of the evening, gave his address on "The Means of Proving the Gospel". He stated that as a lawyer he had learned how to get at truth, and further, that with the same type of evidence as is used in a courtroom he could prove that Jesus lived. "That, however", he continued, "is not the most important proof for us; it is the feeling inside."

President Lyman, having been in Frankfurt a few months previous,



President Grant and his party in Basel, Switzerland, July 4. Left to right, Pres. Hugh B. Brown, Pres. Richard R. Lyman, President Grant, Pres. Philemon M. Kelly of the Swiss-German Mission. In the rear of President Grant is seen his secretary, Joseph Anderson.



President Grant and party overlook the Alps. President Grant reports they were even more thrilling than the last time he saw them.

spoke very briefly, leaving with the saints his blessing and making the statement that they undoubtedly were anxious to hear from President Grant.

Our own president, Philemon M. Kelley, took for his theme the words of the resurrected Lord, as he said, "Go ye forth into all the world and preach the Gospel". The necessity of carrying out these instructions in this day was strongly and ably stressed by the speaker.

It was almost nine o'clock before President Grant opened his remarks. He began with the First Article of Faith and made brief, but impressive explanations of our belief. He explained the first

principles of the Gospel and gave our conception of the trinity of the Godhead. He made clear that we believe in a resurrection of all mankind and that all mankind can be saved through obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel. He encouraged the members, as well as those visiting, to pray and be persistent in all that they do; that work is a saving factor. His stories of his life thrilled the audience and gave them food for thought for many months to come. At 10 o'clock, all were reluctant to have him close his remarks.

The meeting was directed by the District President of the Frankfurt District Anton Huck.

Max Zimmer, a member of the mission office staff, deserves special credit for the wonderful way he handled the translation of these

speeches, giving the congregation these wonderful messages in their own language.

Those who live on the American Continent, who have the opportunity of seeing President Grant often, cannot realize what this visit means to the members of the Church in far off Germany and Switzerland. To see, hear and shake hands with the President of the Church has been the wish of thousands here. Many a tear was shed by these good, faithful members on this occasion—tears of joy and thankfulness. To hear them express their gladness at having shaken hands with President Grant, and to see him, though almost eighty-one years of age, reaching his steady hand to each one present, caused us to express our gratitude for a man who so loves the saints in all parts of the world that he gives them the greatest joy of their lives.—By Hyrum J. Smith.

These children presented flowers to President Grant in native costumes of Switzerland.



The Assembly Hall in Frankfurt, where the meeting was held. President Grant and party are seated at the long table.