

LIFE GONE FROM "SHILOH"

CARETAKER NOW RULES "HOLY GHOST AND US" KINGDOM.

Religious Community Founded 28 Years Ago by Frank W. Sandford at Durham, Me., Decayed While Leader Was in Prison.

J. R. Fosshee in the Boston Post. Mr. Brown, caretaker, is king of "Shiloh."

Just now it is a bleak ruin on the top of a windswept, snow-covered hill—a place where the disciples of Frank W. Sandford, founder of the "Holy Ghost and Us" Society, once gathered to worship and prepare crusaders who were to evangelize the world.

The story of the "kingdom" began more than a quarter of a century ago. Frank Weston Sandford, the founder, was born in the town of Bowdoinham, Me., Oct. 2, 1852.

He grew from childhood an earnest student. When 16 years old he taught his first public school, and continued in this work for a few years, until he yielded



FRANK WESTON SANDFORD, FOUNDER OF "SHILOH," HEADQUARTERS OF THE "HOLY GHOST AND US" SOCIETY.

to the desire for a more complete education. In 1876 he graduated with honors from Bates college and spent the next year in the Cobb divinity school.

Owing to a somewhat remarkable revival in the town of Topsham as a result of his labors in that place, he gave up his theological course and in 1887 was ordained to the gospel ministry in the Free Baptist denomination.

Sandford and his wife went first to Bowdoinham, the prophet's native town, and there the first meeting was held. For a time the work of the Shilohites was confined to the town of Bowdoinham, but soon men came from all over the country to aid him in the work.

Six years after the foundation of the colony, in 1889, the temple "Bethesda" was dedicated. It was a hospital—an asylum for the sick and the infirm.

Sandford announced to his followers that God brought the phrase, "Like a flint," to his mind, and a great desire to build a corner stone sprang up. In vain he searched for the material. The time when he had hoped to lay the corner stone came and passed.

After telegraphing to various parts of the state, he received notice of an enclosure from the north. Far away on a bluff overlooking Moosehead Lake is the Mount Kineo house and its proprietor sent word that he would furnish, free of charge, the very stone needed.

Here, in Sandford's own words, is the account of the ceremony: "Amid the deepest interest, both to Christ and to Satan, to the angels of our Lord and to those of his adversary, to believers and unbelievers on this earth, this stone was laid, exactly 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Good Friday, 1889, the ninth hour at which he gave up the ghost, and cried 'It is finished.' The flinty rock closed over an open Bible as a symbol of God and man that the corner stone would uncompromisingly contend for the fulfillment of the entire scriptures, and for the utter destruction of the works of the devil."

That there might be no question of his motives, Sandford insisted that "It is not a place for money-making. There will be no charge for board, for prayers, for faith; no charge for power that will drive all hell before it, but all will be as free as the gospel."

The rumors began to circulate that the "disciples," and especially the children, were not being properly fed and were allowed to die for want of medical treatment. This talk went on for years, and received no more attention than the regular round of country gossip.

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had no choice but to remain. But the others—the young and strong, who could make their way in the world, why did they stay? And why did many of them, having once broken away, return?

It is a mystery—and the only answer lies in the strange power which Sandford held over his followers—the power that caused them to believe that miracles were being wrought within Shiloh's gates.

Since the founding of the "kingdom," twenty-eight years ago, four buildings have been erected at a cost of approximately 12 million dollars.

Where did the money come from? Nobody knows exactly—except Sandford.

But for all Sandford's dexterity in the art of gathering shekels, it was financial troubles, plus one other thing—rather two other things—which caused the downfall of the "kingdom."

MARRIAGE RULES UNKEK. First of the two contributory causes was the matter of marriage within the colony.

It seems that only the elect were allowed to live at the top of the "Holy Mount." Those who had yet to prove themselves were confined to the territory around the base of the hill.

It was the proper thing for a young man whose abode was not on the summit to aspire to the hand of a maiden who did occupy a higher geographical position in life.

Then, too, the elders took it upon themselves to pick out a young man's wife for him, when he became able to assume such a burden. That could have but one effect—and it did, viz., it swelled the number of non-official and approved marriages.

When the boat reeled into port, she didn't have a whole sail left. The cabin was a foot deep in water, and the small boats were smashed to splinters.

It came out in the investigation that the party had started out with only eighty gallons of water and an insufficient supply of food—although Sandford himself, who kept to his cabin—did not know of the shortage.

As you travel along the Androscooggin you can see the white towers leaping up out of the pines—just as straight and sharp as in the days of their triumph.

But "Shiloh" has fallen. It is a kingdom without subjects. And Mr. Brown, caretaker, is king.

A CITY MAY BUILD HOMES. Buenos Aires Secs Municipal Aid as Housing Problem Solution.

Action has been taken by the municipal council of Buenos Aires to build a home for any person who can acquire a plot of ground on which to place it.

Various efforts have been made to solve the housing problem, which is one of the most difficult in the world, houses being so scarce that about 85 per cent of the families of workmen are forced to confine their lives within the four walls of a single room in a conventillo, or tenement.

The latest plan calls for aid on the part of the city, which expects to invest \$50 million pesos in constructing cheaply good homes for persons who acquire building sites.

Another effort in the same direction is being made by a private organization called the Argentine Catholic Union, which has laid the cornerstone on the first building of a group which eventually will number 11 apartment houses, where families will be able to secure comfortable quarters at a low price.

This group has been designed in accordance with the most modern ideas and will include a maternity home, a first aid station where medicines and treatment can be secured, ample playgrounds for the children and a location for a co-operative store to supply the needs of the hundreds of families living in the section.

The work already under way includes sixty-four houses. The first group will be ready for tenants within six months, it is expected.

LOVE AND ENDURING YOUTH

ONLY SUCCESS COMBINATION IN THE UNIVERSE, SAYS BELASCO.

Veteran Theatrical Man Sings Up at Anniversary Dinner the Things He Has Learned in Forty Years of Play Producing.

From the New York Times. David Belasco, at a dinner celebrating his fortieth year as a play producer, made a speech which his hearers found so interesting that it is here reproduced in part.

"In all these years it stands to reason that I must have learned something, and it is this—it took years to learn it, and it takes but a moment to say it! Love is the only thing that matters, the one thing that counts.

"Another thing I have learned in my experience in New York and it has grown to be my creed; I believe that God made us to work. I believe that His intent was that we should earn our living by the sweat of our brows.

"But I believe that He made us to love our work so much that we might play at it; and real and profound pleasure in it, and so labor on until, tired out, we might sleep like little children at the end of each day.

"People say to me, the doctors and my friends: 'You work too hard.' I say, 'No—I play a little hard, perhaps—my work is my play.' And it is such good sport that I love it more and more.

"The man who does not love his work—who finds no pleasure in it—who cannot toil at it till he drops—is a slave.

ALL NEED ENCOURAGEMENT. "But, to go on with our work, we all need loving encouragement, recognition. It is a great thing.

"We are all human. "We pet the child, and when it grows up we must not forget it and leave it to its fate, for it still needs love and tenderness and patience and encouragement to overcome the life storms, hardships and terrible disappointments.

"I must scratch his way through miles of mountains, and I must climb the heights. "In my experience in the theater, the changes that have come about are almost inconceivable.

"I marvel at the daily difficulties overcome, only to find increasing difficulties newly arisen—until, sometimes, like a king of old, I say: 'O Lord, remember David and all his afflictions.'

"Yet how much has been accomplished! What astounding improvements have been and are taking place.

"How can I but glory in my profession. "I think I love and reverence all arts equally," our own Charlotte Cushman used to say, "only putting my own just a little above the others; and that was painting; He colored it, and that was painting; He peeped it with living beings, and that was the grand, divine eternal drama.

"The curse of our times is the vast army of people who care nothing for their work—only for their money. No one can do this and succeed.

"We must carry affection into our work to bring inspiration, because 'All that happens, happens again,' as Peter Grimm said.

"King Solomon said it before him: 'There is nothing new under the sun.' "The appeal to love is not only necessary to the drama—it is the keynote of all arts, of all science, of all business.

"It is the foundation, the mortar, the bricks, the beams and the thing itself. "Some one asked Queen Victoria to write her favorite text in the Bible; she wrote: 'Love never faileth.' "Love suffereth long and is kind.' To which I add: 'Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. If a man would give all the substance of his house for love it would be utterly condemned.'

"I have an indexed Bible on my desk, which I very often consult and I find a great space given to the word 'Love.' "There is another love besides the love of work—one which inspires work.

"This love virtually every man has felt for some woman, and it has been the great incentive—the great incentive to his success in business or his artistic career.

LOVE THE INSPIRATION. "He may not realize it now—he may think he has got beyond the sentimental stage of life; but the fact remains that love for woman, wife, mother or sweetheart is the basis of endeavor. How often is the picture painted because of the enthusiasm aroused by the love of

a woman, and in turn passed on to the work in hand.

"Love is the controlling power in art and finance. Love rules the world. "I need say nothing of love of work to women. They are love itself. I will say but this: They best excel when working for those they love; but if they would apply the same love that they bear the home and their dear ones to the arts, to science, literature or business, the result would be so overwhelming as to revolutionize the universe.

"The first sound we hear in the world is a voice singing 'Rock-a-bye, Baby, on the Tree Top,' and the singer of that song carries us as helpless children over the first years of our lives until we are grown and strong; and then we hear the call again and this time it is a girl's voice; and the singer of that song encourages us and cares for us and helps us over the hard road; and in time we hear the song again in our homes; 'Rock-a-bye, Baby, on the Tree Top.' But it is for our children the voice is singing now.

"And so goes over and over again the divine story goes on! All that we are—all that we would be—we owe to women.

ENDURING YOUTH. "I shall name no date in this anniversary. I am entirely indifferent to the flight of time—because I hold with those who perceive that time is an illusion.

"Time may have dusted my hair, but I have never been older than 25—and I have never seen and I never shall see a woman looking older than 21.

"As I stand here all the teeming memories of the past come surging back and I seem to see many a friend and comrade of other days, whose names have long been written in the book of death: John McCullough, Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett, the Wallacks, Augustin Daly, Richard Mansfield, Billy Florence, Charlotte Cushman, Adelaide Neilson, Ada Rehan, Henry Irving, Helena Modjeska.

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always in the commonwealth. But provisions are made for the leasing of lots at an annual rental, exclusive of taxes, of not less than 5 per cent of the unimproved value as assessed by the municipality. The land is to be reappraised after the lease has been running for twenty years, and each ten years thereafter. Building operations must begin one year after the granting of the lease and completed twelve months thereafter. All mineral rights are reserved to the crown.

It is expected after the city is completed, it will be the model municipality of the world.

An Echo of 1816.

From the Corn Exchange, Philadelphia. Extract from original letter of Edward Everett, secretary of state under President Fillmore, minister to England and president of Harvard university, whose letter was addressed to John Vaughan, Esq., of Philadelphia, June 15, 1816, at Göttingen, Germany, and is published through the courtesy of Mr. John Vaughan Merrick, grandnephew of the original recipient. It gives us, at this late day, a perspective that will make us all the more appreciate the need of a new basis for world security.

"You will see by all the European papers that the discontent and uneasiness are universal, and that the social system is far from being in Peace. The old Prescriptions, oppressive as many of them were, are essential to public tranquility. When the beginning is once made of Altering and New Modeling, more virtue is required, than can be found in old and corrupt States, to preserve men from atrocious abuses. Comparatively pure as we are in America, from the moral and political corruption of the Old World, who would not tremble at the thought of having to make the Constitution over a new, at this day? The Allies have in general acted upon Buonaparte's principles, and the common people, to whom in all ages and all countries, nothing is so true as 'Quicquid delirant reges peccantur Achivi,' know and feel that they are bartered and portioned, by the Congresses and Negotiators, as they were by the Emperor—Poland, Saxony, Bavaria, Belgium, the Spiritual Electorates, the Dutch Colonies, Norway and Finland are all proofs of this. Nor is there one of the Allies that has justified, in its partition of the Spoil, the intentions with which it went to War. I have made it my business to have as many opinions as I can on the subject, but I have not in Europe found one man content with the boon purchased by twenty years of War and bloodshed. New Kingdoms and new Kings have been made, and new jewels set in Imperial Crowns, and Generals and Marshals have grown rich and metals been struck and monuments erected; and the people everywhere left, not only where they were found by the commencing French Revolution, but where they were brought by the most oppressive of its conscriptions. Meantime the love of liberty increases, as the prospect of obtaining it declines; and emigration, I understand, is pouring forth to America. You must not think I have become one of Chamberland's dampers by these remarks. If the people must be ground, it is better that each Nation should suffer from its own rulers, for there was something humiliating as well as oppressive in being all beneath a foreign despot and adventurer."

Emery, Bird, Thayer Company. GOOD MORNING: Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 25, 1921. Yesterday being Sunday, no weather report was received. Weather today, fair, with rising temperature. One year ago on corresponding Monday, at 12 o'clock noon, the temperature was 11 degrees above zero; weather cloudy.

On account of Christmas falling on Sunday this year, this Store will not be open for business today, December 26.

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Special Laundry Announcement! On April 1, 1921, this company reduced the price for laundering Collars and Shirts 20%. We now Charge for laundering COLLARS, 3c SHIRTS, 12c Up Minimum Charge, 25c January 1, 1922, We Will Reduce the Price of Our Family Rough Dry Service 20% Or to 8 CENTS Per Flat Work Ironed Friday and Saturday Starch Garments Starched Pickup Soft Work 88% Ready for Wear 7 Cents Per Pound Minimum Charge, \$1.00 Bundles Less Than 10 Pounds, 10c Per Pound Minimum Charge, 60c CALL THE LAUNDRY YOU WISH TO PATRONIZE AND A REPRESENTATIVE WILL CALL. Woolf Bros. Laundry, Silver Laundry, Fern Laundry, Gate City Laundry, Speth Domestic Laundry, Progress Laundry, Globe Laundry, Kansas City Laundry. THE ABOVE LAUNDRIES ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY KANSAS CITY LAUNDRY SERVICE CO. L. H. Fisher, President E. Dorn, Treasurer

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