DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1903.



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The Elders were then given their ew companions and on the 4th left for their fields of labor.

Some, time before conference Elder James G. Duffin had promised the Saints here that an Elder would be sent to them to toach school it's win-ter and they have been hard at work building a play school hard at work building a nice schoolhouse, which was so far completed that conference was We have a nice Sunday school running at this place and with the addition of a day school, both the old and the young will have a chance spending a very profitable winter at this place. Since last conference the records show 13 baptisms, a number of books sold and many tracts distributed. We have 12 energetic Elders in theis con-

Report of the Work in That Part uine, Viewed by Elders. Of the Field. Elder F. M. Abbott writes from Quincy, Ill., Oct. 3: Elders William T. Ewell, Jr., and John T. Nielsen and William Poole send this letter from St. John, Kan., Oct. 2: The Elders and Saints of the St. John Crossing the river from Montrose to Nauvoo, Elder, Whitesides and I met Mr. Chas. E. Bidamon, son of the man who married Emma Smith, and during The Elders and Saints of the St. John conference met in conference at St. John Kan., Sept. 26 and 27, 1903. Pres-ent were Elder James G. Duffin, our president, 12 Elders and Saints and friends, numbering about 100 in all. Three Priesthood and six public meet-ings were held. At the Priesthood meet-ings Elder Duffin gave us some valuour friendly conversation, he let us see a pocket piece the Prophet Joseph used to carry. It was silver, not quite as thick as a dollar, but just a little larger vords in Latin and the other side Elder Duffin gave us some valuwas filled up with strange characters, We were invited to his home to see some papers that he had in his pos-

able instructions. At the public services all the Elders spoke, dwelling on the principles of the Gospel. Elder Duffin gave us two very session. One that was most interest-ing was a paper, which we thought to be the Prophet's first translation of the Gospel. Elder Dumn gave us two very interesting sermons, speaking on the salvation of the dead and the life and mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. At the afternoon meeting Sunday. the General Church authorities, also mission and conference officers were sustained. Elders John T. Nielson and William M. Poole were chosen as counselors to Elder William T. Ewell, Jr. The for-mer was also appointed conference Sunday school superintendent. Since our last conference ten new members have been added to the fold. Saturday afternoon soon after we came out of meeting, waterrelous were shining on the west side of the meet-inghouse, and all partook of the treat of which Bro. Sylvester Henline was the giver. Elders John T. Nielson and William the giver. We must also mention the hospitality We must also mention the hospitality of all the Saints at St. John. At 3 o'clock p. m., Monday, the El-ders met in Priesthood meeting and were appointed to their various fields of block. of labor. Any reader of the "News" having relatives or friends in west Kansas they desire the Elders to visit, will con-fer a favor by sending us addresses. The "News" and Era are welcome visitions visitors. All communications to the Elders will find them if addressed to 1421 Locust street, Kansas City, Mo.

returned Sept. 23, after a successful mission. He labored in the Sheffield conference, which he reports in a flour-ishing condition, and the Elders from Zion jaboring there are doing a good work.

Elder Loran Dana, of Mesa, Marico-pa county, Ariz., who was set apart Jan. 18, 1901, for the Australian mission, arrived at his home Oct. 2. He labored five months in the Victorian conference, when he was transferred to the Tasma-Davenport and other cities, opening up new fields of labor. He found many honest investigators and kind friends, and the prospects in these fields are very promising.

Elder Howard L, Cordingley of Marysville, Fremont county, Ida., who was set apart Aug. 28, 1901, to labor in the Southern States mission passed through this city Oct. 12 on his return home. His field of work was in the North Ohio and Virginia conferences, in both of which the second market



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NORTHERN STATES MISSION. A Conference Held at Quincy,

Illinois.

This report of conference is sent in by Elder James M. Whitesides from Quincy, III., and dated Oct. 1, 1903: On Sept. 19 and 20 the Elders, Saints and friends met at Quincy, III., to attend the semi-annual conference of the Southern Illinois conference of the Northern States mission

Northern States mission. Saturday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p. m., the Elders assembled on the corner of Washington square where we held an and the surrounding country, the El-interesting street meeting, the speakers were Elders Alpha R. Jaques, Joseph E. Russell, German E. Ellsworth and Asahel H. Woodruff. They all spoke briefly on the first principles of the Gaspel and invited the people to attend the meetings which were to be held in the K. of P. hall, to which we went at 7:30 p. m., and held another meeting. The first speaker was Elder John W. Hibbard, his subject being "Church Organization." Elder Asahel H. Wood-full spoke on the "Divine Mission of the Prophet Joseph." On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 10 a. m., the Elders met in testimony meeting, Sun-day at 2 p. m., another meeting was hald, Elder Alma M. Smith was the first speaker, he spoke for some time on the "duty of missionaries." Elder James interesting street meeting, the speakers

be the Prophel's first translation of the Book of Abraham from Egyptian pa-pyrus. When I went to my room I read the Book of Abraham as we have it in the Pearl of Great Price, and from what I could remember, the same words were used in both. Down the margin strange characters, similar in margin strange characters, similar in appearance to the hieroglyphics on the pocket piece, were placed, one character at the beginning of each paragraph. Mr. Bidamon said that we were the Mr. Bidamon said that we were the first persons to read the paper, and after I explained to him what I thought it to be, he asked me if I would inform the public, for possibly it might be of interest to know about it. In com-pliance with his request I write this, hoping it will not be out of place.

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Progress in Germany.

[Millennial Star, Sept. 24.] That the work is flourishing in Ger-many is evident from the following ex-tract from a letter dated Sept. 17. Zu-rich, Switzerland, written by President Hugh J. Cannon to President Lyman: "I returned a faw days are from from the

Hugh J. Cannon to President Lyman: "I returned a few days ago from a trip through southern Germany. Was very much pleased with conditions which are existing there. In Stuttgart and the surrounding country, the El-dent Heber Q. Hale and the mission-aries under his charge have bash doing considerable traveling without purse and scrip. Nine of the Elders of that conference have made trips out in the conference have made trips out in the

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The Milwaukee Branch of the

Church Growing. The subjoined letter is signed by El-der John A. Hyde and Ashley Bartlett, who write from Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 1:

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in both of which the gospel work is making good progress, notwithstanding the strong prejudices of the people, El-der Cordingby was well received by the hospitable people of the south and had an enjoyable mission.

Elder John W. Stringer of Riverside, Bingham county, Ida., who was set apart June 9 last for a mission to the Southwestern States was released on Oct, 3 on account of continued ill health and returned to his home. He labored with much satisfaction in the East Kansas conference. He says that the work of the Elders there is certainly bringing forth fruit. There is now a branch of the Church there with about 60 faithful members. They have built 60 faithful members. They have built for their use a nice meetinghouse and are endeavoring to serve the Lord according to the light given them

Elder George F. Turnbow of Woodland, Summit county, Utah, returned Oct. 16, from the California mission, for Oct. 16, from the California mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 21, 1902, He labored in San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland with fair success. The Elders there are doing a good work, but find the people indifferent to religion as a general thing.

Elder Robert W. Pike, of Wilford, Salt Lake Co., arrived home Oct. 8, from the Southern States, where he has been doing missionary work since Nov. 6, 1901. He labored in the Flor-ida and Alabama conferences with ex-cellent results. Many friends are being made and a number of converts are being added to the fold. With one ex-ception Elder Pike had a very enjoy-able mission. On one occasion in Florida, he fell into the hands of a mob but further than being banished from the county the Elders were un-harmed. The field was afterwards re-opened and peace prevails.

