

"Dodge took the plaster of paris cast of the dead face and we reinterred the remains.

"Then I began hunting models. Whenever I saw a girl or a woman with a feature like one of Mary Frances', I got acquainted with her and took her to the artist. He would sketch the features. In that way I got the nose, the ears, the turn of the jaw, the chin, the growth of the hair about the temples, the curve of the lips and other features. I don't think we got any two features from the same person.

"I looked for weeks before I got the eyes. I was almost in despair, although it has never been my nature to abandon an undertaking, and Dodge drew dozens of eyes in the hope of getting the right kind by accident. Finally one night I was at the shupper table in the old City Hotel, and saw those eyes. They were in the face of a handsome matron of 40, but they were the eyes of Mary Frances.

"I inquired who the lady was, and learned that she was Mrs. John J. Crittendon, the first wife of Kentucky's famous senator (his second wife was Miss Ashley of St. Louis), and that she would probably leave Nashville next day. I sent my card to her room, and she came to the hotel parlor.

"What is it you wish, sir?" she asked.

"Madam, I want your eyes," I replied.

"She recoiled in astonishment. She thought I was a madman. Then I explained, telling her what I had done and what I hoped to do. She entered into the spirit of the thing at once. Certainly I will give Mr. Dodge a sitting," she said, and she did, not one, but several, for she seemed as anxious as I that the picture prove a success.

"There remained only Mary Frances' smile to make the picture perfect. There was but on duplicate of it on earth—her mother's. It seemed a hopeless task to try to get that, for since her daughter died Mrs. Watson had never smiled.

"I went again to Mr. Watson. 'Get your wife to sit for her miniature,' I said. He persuaded her to go to Dodge. I was there with Dr. R. K. Martin. Dr. Martin was a famous wit. While Mrs. Watson was posing he told funny story after funny story. He made her laugh. Following her laughter her face was wreathed in just such a smile as she was wont to illumine the countenance of Mary Frances. I signaled the artist. He understood and caught the smile.

"Forty-eight hours later the miniature was completed. It seemed a perfect likeness to me, but to make sure I subjected it to a crucial test. I mounted it on an easel and placed it in the anteroom of the Villeplait seminary, where Mary Frances was a pupil. All her old schoolmates saw it and recognized it at once. That satisfied me.

"I took the miniature to Mrs. Watson and presented it to her without a word. She gave one look at it, then cried for joy, and fell on my neck and kissed and hugged me as though I were her own son.

"Mrs. Watson had the picture framed with a row of pearls around it, and wore it till she died, about ten years ago. It is now in the possession of her sister, Mrs. La Pease, wife of a sugar planter in Louisiana.

"It cost me \$500, but I never got more pleasure for so little money in my life. The Dodge miniatures are very valuable now. Mr. Yeatman has the only one in St. Louis.

"Apollo, the black pony that Mary Frances rode, I would never sell. I took him with me to Louisiana, and after my plantation was washed away by the river I carried him back to Tennessee to my friend Zach Taylor. Miss Betty Taylor admired Apollo and I gave him to her. When President

Taylor was inaugurated Apollo went to Washington along with Old Whitey, the President's war horse, and, I think, died there."

EASTERN STATES CONFERENCE.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 8th, 1898.

On the 20th and 21st of last November, Elder A. P. Kesler, president of the Eastern States mission, with the Elders laboring in the New England States conference, held their first general conference in that section, in Cambridge, Mass. Twenty Elders out of the twenty-two then laboring in that conference were present. Elders H. A. Keeler and Jas. W. Hudson, laboring in Carleton county, New Brunswick, having been just assigned to that locality, were not present.

The meeting held on the afternoon of the 20th was addressed by Elder Ozro O. Crockett, of Preston, Idaho, on the subject of faith, and speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; he was followed by Elder Jas. H. Stevenson, also on the subject of faith, and the Spirit of God. A few closing remarks were made by Elder H. H. Kinsman in regard to the prejudices existing among the people; urging them to lay their prejudices aside, and investigate for themselves.

At the evening session, Elder Kinsman addressed the audience at some length on his personal experiences among the Latter-day Saints, on his advent into Salt Lake City, and his subsequent acceptance of the Gospel, concluding with some remarks on divine authority and general salvation.

Elder Kesler made a few remarks upon the personality of God, Church organization, and immediate and continuous revelation. At the meeting held Sunday, the 21st, a. m., a number of Elders bore each a faithful testimony. Elder Joy W. Dunyon of Draper, spoke at some length on the attributes and personality of God, and the unity of God and His Son.

At the afternoon meeting, Elder Kesler delivered a logical and instructive address on the organization of our Church, and its relationship to modern Christianity. In his remarks he referred to the apostasy and the restoration of the Gospel. He was listened to with marked attention. The attendance was fair, considering the fact that but little work had been done in Cambridge and vicinity. The meeting Sunday afternoon was attended by from 50 to 75 strangers.

A number of Saints and friends came quite a distance to attend.

The reports of the Elders in regard to their several fields of labor, were very encouraging. All expressed themselves as feeling well in the work, and all felt satisfied that the work of the Lord is progressing in this part of His vineyard and that a good work can be accomplished in this conference. After some good advice to the Elders given by Elders Kinsman and Kesler, the conference adjourned.

H. H. KINSMAN, Prest.

WILLIS K. JOHNSON JR., Sec.
Subsequent to adjournment the following assignments were made, with addresses as subjoined:

Elders Jas. H. Stevenson and Willis K. Johnson Jr., to labor in Providence, R. I., 25 River St.

Enoch Cornea and A. J. Wagstaff, Centerdale, R. I., 819 Manton Ave., Providence, R. I.

Ozro O. Crockett and Don C. Spafford, Fall River, Mass.; No. 4 Turner St.

Joy W. Dunyon and Samuel Knight, Lynn, Mass., No. 8 Stickney St.

Joseph Wallace and Geo. W. Esplin, Ipswich, Mass.

Geo. E. Hanks and John A. Mayer, Dedham, Mass.

Geo. C. Murdock and E. S. Green, Marlboro, Mass., No. 9 Howe St.

S. S. Hooker and Wm. L. McAllister, Putnam, Conn.

Hyrum A. Keeler and Jas. W. Hudson, New Brunswick. Present address, Adcock, York Co.

President H. H. Kinsman, W. W. Crockett, Henry Abplanalp, Walter Graham, Boston, Mass., 84 Camden St.

Since the foregoing assignments were made, Elder Geo. E. Hanks, has been released from this conference to labor in Pennsylvania, and Elder Abplanalp assigned to labor at Dedham, Mass.

The condition of the conference at this date is even better than at any previous time. And all are anxiously awaiting the coming of spring to increase their activity. Some of the Elders report considerable opposition and persecution, especially from the denominational ministers. Elders Keeler and Hudson report that they were turned out of the place in Speerville, where they were stopping, as the fair name of Elder Hudson's cousin was being trailed in the dust. But undaunted, they went out, and are scattering the seeds of truth from place to place, preaching as they find an opening, winter or no winter. They report that they are slandered on every hand, and find it difficult to secure places to preach in, but they "go around all obstacles or go over them," and they have not yet wanted for food or lodging; and say that where they are, there is room for many more Elders. At Ipswich, Mass., some of the ministers are put out, because of a tract which Elders Wallace and Esplin have circulated, entitled "Is belief alone sufficient?" The ministers united in cautioning the public against reading it.

On the 12th ult. Elder James Holmes of Montpelier, Idaho, arrived in this conference, and his son William is shortly expected from the Southern States, where he has labored for about twenty months. Elder W. W. Crockett has been honorably released and expects to leave for his home in Pima, Arizona, on the 20th inst.

If those having friends or relatives near where any of the Elders are laboring will send names and addresses or better still, send letters of introduction, the Elders will be pleased to call and see them.

H. H. KINSMAN.

A GRAND SURPRISE.

Ogden, Jan. 29.—Monday evening, January 24th, will long be remembered by the good people of the Fifth ward of our city as an evening most pleasantly and agreeably spent by nearly all the members of the ward; the occasion being the 50th anniversary of their beloved Bishop, T. J. Stevens. The arrangement was a program of exercises at the meeting house to be followed with a grand ball at the ward institute. When the meeting was called to order, at the appointed time, the house was filled with an appreciative audience; the central figure on the stand was the Bishop surrounded by the leading members of his ward, the presidency of the Stake and a few invited friends from other wards. The program was in charge of Heber H. Thomas. The first on the program was, "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation" by the choir. Next followed prayer by Counselor Chas. C. Brown. "America" was sung by the choir and congregation. Counselor Larkin gave a short historical sketch of his association with the Bishop from the time of the organization of the ward, which was eleven years ago, to the eventful evening of the 24th of January, 1898. He stated that through all the trying scenes the bishopric had always been united and God had blessed their labors. This was followed by a mandolin and guitar selection by the