DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 1901,



as the people here are dry weather

Notwithstanding this disadvantage a good spirit prevailed, and all were great-ly edified, and mutually benchited. The conference adjourned until April next. Elders Blaylock and Morris are laboring in the Goulburn district where they are meeting with success.

Elders Mathias, Rose, Cowley, Bryan and Collings are laboring in Sydney where hall and street meetings are bear held with fair success.

The health of the Elders throughout the mission is reported good at pres-ent, and all prospering. People in Zion having friends or rela-

tives in this country, please send ad-Inside It would also be a great favor to the

South Weber, Utah. This is a very busy city of about 120,-600 people. We have some Saints and many friends and investigators. I have enjoyed good health during my ab-sence from home, and have seen the power of God made manifest many times Elders laboring here, if the returned missionaries who make promises to write to friends and Saints would fulfill the same, as many friends are lost by their negligence in this regard. Sydney is preparing for a grand cele-bration; their federal governor arrives shortly, and the first week of the new times. Any one having friends or relatives

The Doctrine and Covenants Shown year will be a public holiday. The "News" is always a welcome friend to Elders, Saints and friends, and all wish it a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

IN MARYLAND.

A Faithful Sister Called Home - Interesting Meetings.

The last two months I have been as-The subjoined items are gleaned from signed to labor in Clay county, W. Va., t correspondence dated Baltimore, Md., Encouraging Reports from Many with Elder G. Wallen. While there we Dec. 21, and signed by Elders E. M. came to the home of 2. J. Williams, who Orme, J. J. Shumway, and E. N. Schonever had had the privilege of hearing field

a "Mormon" Elder speak. While with On Dec. 5th we were called upon to him we talked to him on the Gospel, part with one of our faithful members, in the person of Sister Carrie Gibbs, of and told him if he would seek the Lord Steuerndieb, Hannover, Germany, Noreat Falls, Md. She was baptized by in humble prayer he would have a tesvember 26th; 1897 Elder Nathan Thomas April timony revealed unto him, that he might know whether we were preaching Sister Gibbs was devoted to the cause she had espoused, being a thorough Elders in this conference arrived inthe true Gospel or not. After some days we returned to Mr. Williams' home, and found that he had Latter-day Saint, and we feel that her Hamburg from their different fields of reward is sure. She was born June 6, 1873, and leaves received a testimony of the Gospel. The following are Mr. Williams' words: "Studying over what the Elders had told me I went to seek the Lord in hum-ble prayer. I told Him that I was not seeking for a sign but wanted to know

labor, preparatory to attending Priest-hood meeting. We found in this branch a husband and three small children. We have been privileged to enjoy a visit from Elders M. F. Cowley and E. many hospitable Saints who love the Gospel of Christ with all their hearts. On Sunday morning we met with the Sunday school of the Hamburg branch. H. Snow of the Eastern States mission. They entered our conference and held a They entered our conference and held a meeting in Newark, Delaware, on the evening of the 12th. The following evening a meeting was held in Wash-ington D. C. at which we had with us Representative W. H. King, of Utah, Elder Ben E. Rich and son of the South-This numbers about one hundred and fifty scholars and teachers. Great interest in this work was shown by both teachers and pupils. The attendance at the afternoon service was about two hundred and .twen-ty-five. There was a good spirit presty-five. There was a good spirit pres-ent. The Hamburg choir rendered creditable singing, and Elder A. H. Schultness and R. T. Haag gave timely ern States mission, all of whom, in con nection with Elder Cowley and E. H. Snow addressed the congregation, On Dec. 15 and 16 the Elders of the instructions.

Maryland conference met in Cumber-

into the house and got the Doctrine and Covenants, and opened it at the place, and it was the same as I had seen beland, Md., where an enjoyable time was Saints and Elders betook themselves to spent in conference. place of baptism on the bank of A number of new names have been added to the faithful observers of the 'Hear, O ye heavens, and give ear O On Monday morning, November 12th Sunday, the 16th, three public meetings were held. At the morning ses-sion the general Church Authorities were presented and sustained, after which Elder E. H. Snow addressed the congregation. At the afternoon session Elder E. M. Orme spoke a short time, followed by Elder M. F. Cowley, who spoke of the departure of "Christians" from the doctrines of Christ. th unto the end; 'Great shall be their reward, and McQuarrie of the W. Pa. conference, spoke a short time, after which Elder E. H. Snow addressed the congregation upon the belief of the Latter-day Saints with regard to the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man' Elder M. F. lowley was the closing speaker. Elders Cowley and Snow departed for Grafton, W. Va., Monday morning. The Elders of the conference met to receive their appointments and after hearty hand shake departed for their respective fields of labor. Anyone having friends in this part of

A LETTER FROM IRELAND. our conference president, W. W. Mac-Kay, asking us to hold conference with the Saints of the Patterson branch, Wythe county. The time appointed be-ing Dec. 1st and 2nd. Upon our aerival at Patterson we

Upon our arrival at Patterson we A Spirit of Investigation Among the People found one of the Saints, Sister Mary J. Richmond, suffering from a severe attack of nervous debility. We admin-istered to her and she was immediately Public Addresses by Utah Lady Mishealed

On the day appointed for conferences, many of the Saints and friends of the vicinity, as well as some visiting Saints, met us at the residence of Elder C. O. Richmond, where the meetings were bla

This was the fourth conference held with the branch since its organization, and Eiders, Saints and friends went away rejoicing, feeling they had had a spiritual feast, thus rendering them part of the Lord's vineyard where once iore determined to keep the commandments of God in the future than they ad done in the past.

We have in this branch a thriving Sunday school under the leadership of Elder C. O. Richmond: also one in Smyth county in charge of Brother Allen Clark. Both are doing a good work. Since our advent in Virginia we have ad good health and good treatment. and have only good words to say for the people of this State as a whole. The "News" is always a welcome vis-itor, and its columns are perused with invite us into their homes when we cal to talk of the principles of the Gospel with some success. At our spring con-ference I was assigned to labor in com-

pany with Elder F. C. Beeds of Vernal. nterest by Elders, Saints and friends, tah, in the same county, where we set with many friends, and some sucand investigators, all apparently enjoy-ing the Spirit of the Lord which was It is a great factor in missionary work. cess in holding meetings and selling books. In July I was reassigned to la-bor with Wm. Boyce of Salt Lake coun-

MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE.

The Secret of Success in Proclaiming the Gospel Message.

Utah: we continued our labors in d county with much success until Elder Rich Fugmire writes from Utthe 9th of last month, when I was called be Worcester, Mass. to labor in com-pany with Elder George O. Watts of South Weber, Utah. toxeter, Staffordshire, England, Dec. 6; as follows: Six months' labor in the mission field.

has brought unto me, through prayer and fasting, an individual testimony of the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith Since I began my labors as a mission-

ary, I have learned that if I wish to be iccessful in preaching the Gospel I ust be patient and persevering. I must willing to look at scenes of dis-uragement with an unfilnching and

nduring heart. My experience tells me nat humility and full trust in God will ead any Elder to become happy and uccessful even in his darkest and lonelest hours. This is the source through which I have won the confidence and respect of many nice people of Ottoxe-ter, where I have been laboring along

with Elder F. C. Sanford for the past four months. There is an energetic branch of Saints of Ottoxeter, and the prospect for adding a number to the fold in the

near future seems good. At our last Sunday's services we had

over twenty present, nine of whom were strangers. Sunday previous to that we had thirty-one in attendance. As soon as we obtain a public hall to hold our services in, the attendance

will be much larger. The Deseret News is doing a very good work in Uttozeter. It has been he means of gaining for the Elders, an Cardiff, South Wales, Dec. 15, 1900: dmittance to the house of several fam-lies of the higher class. Although the 'News'' makes no boasts, yet its actions speak louder than words, and I consider a very successful missionary,

CONE TO HIS REWARD.

A Faithful Friend of the Elders Called

Home.

Encouraging Report from Elders Laboring in the State of

North Carolina.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

St. George Stake.

The quarterly gathering of the officers and members of the Church from the wards of this Stake began by the Relief Societies holding two sessions on Friday, Dec. 14th.

On the afternoon of the same day." Priesthcod meeting, well attended, was

On Saturday the 15th, the Stake conference held two sessions under the presidency of Elder D. McArthur, aided by his counselor, David H. Cannon.

appointed president of the Salem con-ference, Oregon, remaining at that pos-till released to come home. He reports having met with good success amon-the people. There was a little opposi-tion, hut generally the people accorded the Elders a fair hearing and goot treatment, and the missionary work in progressing well in that part of the country. Elder Platt came home by way of Logan, where he was married on Dec. 19. Miss Rosetta Miles, o Paradise, becomine his bride. Sister Miles had been in the missionary field After brief opening remarks by Elder McArthur, Bishop Bringhurst of To-querville, reported the condition of his

Miles had been in the missionary field in Eastern Washington, as a visitor The young couple will make their home at Pinto. The "News" wishes then joy and proparties. Bishop Beebe, of Virgin City, reported all organizations in his ward, in active condition. The Bishop himself taking joy and prosperity. leasure in attending the meetings of the M. I. A., Relief society, Primary and Sunday schools. In 1895 there were two Elder Charles Gilbert, of Fairview Onelda county, Idaho, was set apart of the 14th day of December, 1898, for a mission to the Southern States. It ion-tithe payers in the ward; one of spent six months in Louisiana, and the remainder of the time in Virginia. He

non-tithe payers in the ward; one of these is now paying tithing and he trusted the other would. Elder Arthur V. Lee, of Panaca, re-turned missionary, testified of blessings received by him in the missionary field. Sister Ann C. Woodbury, Stake presisays he had an enjoyable mission it every respect. He arrived in this city on his way home, on the 29th of Dedent of the Relief Societies, reported that the officers of the societies in her charge were keeping the law of tithing cember.

Our conference, held on the 18th ult., was well attended by both Saints Elder John T. Horne, of Mill Creek and the Word of Wisdom. Bishop Wm, Isom, of Grafton ward, Salt Lake county, was set apart of the 10th of April, 1899, for the Southreported a good corps of Teachers and ern States mission. He has been labor all organizations, actively working. Last ing in the Kentucky conference al the time, and he says he has enjoyed his mission, although he has been sid poured out abundantly upon the year the ward had three non-tithe pay. Elders Lyman and McMurrin of the European mission; Elder Thompson of the Scotlish conference, and Elder Mitchell of the New Castle conference, ers: now all his people pay tithing. Stake Superintendent D. H. Morris,

part of the time. The conference is in a very good condition. Elder Horne re reported the Y. M. M. I. Associations. In the afternoon home missionaries were turned home on the 21st of December assigned their duties for ensuing quarast.

A returned missionary, Elder Erastus A returned thissionary, Ender Enadors Anderson, expressed the joy he had in laboring in the Northwestern States mission. The quartet, "The Harvest Time is Passing By," was sweetly ren-dered by members of the St. George choir. Bishop James Andrus reported mony, Washington county, was set apart on the 6th day of July, 1898, for he Northern States mission. He spen he entire time in the State of Missouri where, he says, he found the people as a rule, very kind to the Elders. H the organizations of St. George ward as complete. Sister Mary Thompson re-ported the Young Ladies' Mutual Immade many friends and feels confident his work is not without fruit. He ar-rived in this city, on his way home, or provement associations as in good working condition. Bishop Haten, of Santa Clara, said his ward has no non-tithe payers. the 27th of December last.

Elder Hezekiah Duffin, returned mls-sionary, felt much blest in his mission to the Southern States. He tes-tified to the power of the Lord which had rested upon him in his missionary labors. The morning of Sunday, 16th, was

and the morning of Sunday, 16th, was spent in Sunday school conference un-der presidency of Stake Superinten-dent George E. Miles. At 2 p. m., Sunday, the Stake con-ference was resumed. The General authorities and the Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sus-tained by the conference.

Salt Lake City. Elder David H. Cannon, of the Stake Elder Andrew Bowman writes from

> Elder McArthur expressed full grati-Elder McArthur expressed full grati-fication with all the proceedings of this quarterly gathering of the Saints, and testified to the truth of the mission of the Prophet Joseph. The speaker warned the people, by stating that non-obedience to the law of July 8th, 1838, would result disastrously to the dis-obedient energy.

The Y. M. M. I. A. and Y. L. M. I. A. held sessions of their conference on the evenings of Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th, December, Both sessions were characterized by fervor and earn-est devicing

JAMES G. BLEAK, Stake Clerk.

The quarterly conference of the Pothe principles of the Gospel, and the honest in heart are accepting the truth catello Stake convened in the Assembly ber 9th and 10th, 1900, at The "News" was always received with Pocatello, Idaho. pleasure, and is doing a good work in allaving prejudice. Elder Porter There were present on the stand of prejudice. the Council of Apostles Heber J. Grant and Rudger Clawson; of the First Council of Seventies Jos. W. McMurrin; of the Stake presidency, Wm. C. Park-inson, Wm. A. Hyde and N. S. Pond, several High Councilors and Bishops, reached home on the 25th of December last. Elder Edwin S. Budge, of Paris, Ida., returned on the 19th of this month from a mission to the Southern States. He was set apart on the 14th day of De-cember, 1898. For eighteen months he and a good representation of the peop of the Stake. Among the visitors wer Elder Andrew Jenson of Salt Lake City labored in the State of Tennessee, three The Sunday school convened at months in Columbus, Ohio, and the re-mainder of the time in Cincinnati. clock, and was in session until 11 o'clock. when the conference commenced, Elder Parkinson presiding. Brother Budge says he found the people of the South, as a rule, prejudiced against us, but many were willing to listen to the Gospel message. He has en-Elder Andrew Jenson was the first speaker. He dwelt principally upon the mportance of careful record-keeping. Elder McMurrin referred to the imjoyed the mission. portance of our children receiving prop-er training. The Sunday school was a Elder George Glover, of Lehi, Utah Co., reports by letter that he was set apart for a mission to Great Britain October 21st, 1898. Arriving in London on Nov. 9th, he was appointed to labor grand institution, but it could not take the place of teachings children should receive from their parents. Elder Heber J. Grant spoke a short time, and Sang "Who's on the Lord's Side, Who?" in the Bristol conference. He labored in the city of Bristol nearly eight In the afternoon session, after the nonths, where the Elders and Saints usual opening exercises, Elder Parkin-son reported the condition of the Stake, Elder McMurrin followed and dwelt upad much persecution to contend with Then he labored in the Stroud and Cheltenham districts. His health was on the necessity of the Saints becoming poorly for some time; otherwise he en-joyed his mission. The work is pro-pressing favorably and some are being added to the fold of Christ. He arrived a prayerful people. Elder Heber J. Grant expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Saints again of the PocatelloStake, He said: "If tome on December 6th last. our religion was worth anything, it was worth everything," and salvation was the greatest gift of God to man. Many Elder E. S. A. Henrie, of Pangultch, Garfield county, arrived in Salt Lake people were desirous of seeing an angel City on January 2, 1901, on his way home from a mission to Great Britain, out the speaker said that angel-seein would not keep anyone in the faith. Elder Rudger Clawson spoke of the magnitude of the great latter-day work; He was set apart for this mission on October 21, 1898, and on arrival in England was assigned to the Liverpool con-ference. He traveled and preached in the perfection and beauty of its organization. various districts, meeting with good success. The Liverpool conference has Elder Heber J. Grant sang, "God moves in a mysterious way," etc. shown a marked improvement in recent years, Elder Henrie says, in the number The conference continued during Sunday evening, and one long session from people baptized into the Church and 10 o'clock to 1 on Monday, Apostle Grant in the evening was par. the willingness of the population to give serious attention to the message ticularly earnest in urging the young people to support the Young Woman's brought by the Elders. Brother Henrie enjoyed fairly good health during his mission. He left Salt Lake City for his home in Panguitch on January 3. ournal and Improvement Era, citing the great value of many of the articles He was especially emphatic n referring to those articles which up Elder John A. Blomquist of Labelle, Fremont Co., Idaho, who was set apart held the succession in the presidency o our Church, over that of the reorgan zed, or "Josephite" church, Nov. 4, 1898, for a mission to Scandina-He bore via, arrived in Salt Lake City on his re-turn home Jan. 2. He labroed while abroad in the Stockholm conference, powerful testimony to the divinity of the great latter-day work. Subjects spoken upon by the brethren on Monday were: The firm establishwhere he met with gratifying ment of the kingdom of God; the Word Sixty new members were added to the Church during the past summer. He enjoyed good health and was well Wisdom: tithing, record-keeping sustaining home industries, etc. Elde Wilford Bennion of Rockland, recently

Elder Le Roy E. Cowles, of Harris. ville, Weber county, was set apart or the 6th of July, 1898, for the Easterr States mission. He was assigned to the West Pennsylvania conference where he has spent the entire time of his mission. He returned home or work done, he says, during the last year, consists in the removal of prejurespect.

ing missionary work in the East Kan-sas conference, where, he says, he had an enjoyable time and met with good success. He returned home on the 26th of the last month.

Elder James B. Porter of Mt. Fleasant, Utah, was set apart on October 1, 1898, for a mission to the Southwest-ern States, and left Salt Lake City the same day. His labors were confined en. tirely to the State of Kansas. With the exception of the latter half of the first year, which was spent in clerical work at the mission headquarters. St. John. Kansas, his time was devoted to the duties of a traveling Elder. Elder Por-ter says he enjoyed the labor and has gained much valuable experience and many convincing testimonies of the di-vinity of the latter-day work. The work of the Lord is progressing nicely in that part of His vineyard, the barriers

Pocatello Stake.

of prejudice are being torn down, giv-ing place to earnest investigation of

tween the services, all were invited to partake of genuine Irish hospitality. The following day seven were added to the Church by baptism. THE ELDERS IN THE WORLD Their Message Often Derided and Re-

But They are Ever Upheld by the Divine Promises of Final

A solo, "Just for Today," was ably rendered by Mr. H. H. McKorkle, of

presidency, expressed the pleasure he felt in the proceedings of the confer-

est devotion.

The works of man inherit as is just, Their author's frailty, and return to dust But truth divine forever stands secure, Its head as guarded as its base is sure; Fixed in the rolling flood of endless years,

No pillar of the eternal plans appears The raving storm and dashing wave de fles. Built by that architect who built the

There.

sionaries a Pleasant Feature

There are only seven Elders at pres-

ent laboring in this green isle. The

cause of truth is progressing in this

lived many of the Latter-day Saints who now are numbered among His peo-ple in the valleys of the mountains.

During the past year there has awak-

ened a spirit of investigation among this people which promises to be pro-

ductive of much good in allaying preju

Christ

peakers.

attendance.

demption of souls;

dice and bringing souls into the fold of

Our hall meetings are well attended

by investigators and many others who do not attend read our literature and

together with a number of our mission

aries from the same conferences were in

One feature that was appreciated by

all was the presence and speaking of three of our sisters from Utah. Sister Parrish of Centerville, Sister Penfold of

Park City, and Sister Booth of Provo, all of whom are missionaries laboring in England and Scotland for the re-

Refreshments were prepared and served in an adjoining room where, be-

jected.

Victory.

"CYMRU AM BYTH!"

of a Conference.

skies."

It was so ordained from before the foundation of the world and will continue so throughout all eternity. How sadly and with what indifference and even disrespect has this great fact been

treated by the inhabitants of the earth! The servants of the true and living God

-Cowper.

dices, and the feeling is general that much has been accomplished in this

Elder Henry A. Pace, of New Har.

city on September 27, 1898. He labored in Spokane and Walla Walla and vicin

ity, in the Eastern Washington con

ference, for about two years, being ap pointed president of that conference in April, 1900. In September last he was appointed president of the Salem con

Elder Isaac Jones, of Summit, Iror county was set apart on the 30th of September, 1898, for a mission to the Southwestern States. He has been do

for the Lord is God, and besides him law of tlibing. there is no Savior. Great is His wisdom, marvelous are His ways, and the extent of His doings none can find out? "'His purposes fall not, neither are there any who can stay His hand? From eternity to eternity, He is the same, and his years never fall;

seeking for a sign, but wanted to know whether the "Mormon" Elders were teaching the true Gospel, or not.

"After returning from prayer I went to chop some wood, and as I raised my

head there appeared before me a bright

light in the air, in which was the Doc-trine and Covenants opened at the 76th

section. I read the first nine verses as

It was in the air before me. I then went

fore, which was as follows

A REMARKABLE VISION.

The Experience of an Honest Inquirer for

Truth.

to Him by a Supernatural

Messenger.

Elder Jos. J. Porter of Escalante,

Utah, writes from Charleston, W. Va.,

Dec. 29;

'For thus saith the Lord, I the Lord am merciful and gracious unto those who serve me in righteousness and in truth unto the end:

eternal shall be their glory; "'And to them will I reveal all mys-

teries of my kingdom from days of old, and for ages to come will I make known unto them the good pleasure of my will concerning all things pertaining to my kingdom? Yea, even the wonders of eternity shall they know, and things to come will I show them, even the things of many generations;

'And their wisdom shall be great and their understanding reach to heav en: and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish, and the understand ing of the prudent shall come to naught

After this I had the privilege of leading Mr. Williams down into the water, and baptizing him for the remission of

his sins. I have received many a strong testimonial and seen the power of God made manifest in many ways.

IN FAR OFF AUSTRALIA.

The Mission Reported as Being Prosperous.

Brief Account of an Interesting Conference - Other Items of News.

Elder W. N. Rose writes from Erskineville, Sydney, Aus., Nov. 20, nal weight of glory." 1900:

I am pleased to say the work is progressing. On the 12th of November we gave our Sunday school a picnic out at Lady Robinson's beach, all the Saints, a number of friends and investigators being present.

Sunday the 18th, our semi-annual conference was held in Sydney. This should have been held in October, but owing to the expectations of the arrival of a new president from Zion it was postponed.

At 10:30 a. m. our Sunday school convened as usual, and had its regular exercises after which a Priesthood meet ing was held, the following Elders from Zion being present: J. B. Mathias, W N. Rose, E. A. Cowley, B. F. Blaylock W. H. Bryan and J. W. Collings; also Bro. Frank Carter, local Priest.

Conference convened at 2:30 p. m., be-ing presided over by Elder W. N. Rose After opening in the usual way the Authorities and local officers Church Acting President Australian Mission B. Mathias; N. S. W. conference president W. N. Rose; president Sydney branch Frank Carter and traveling Elders E. A. Cowley, B. F. Blaylock, A. A. Morris, W. H. Bryan and J. W. Col lings were presented and unanimously sustained

The speakers at this meeting were J. W. Collings, W. N. Rose and Frank Carter: subjects treated upon were "Revelation," "Resurrection" and "Sal-vation for the Dead," Before closing Bro. Thomas Baggaley bare a strong testimony to the truthfulness of the

The speakers in the evening meeting were E. A. Cowley, B. F. Blaylock, W. H. Bryan and J. B. Mathias, the sub treated were Apostasy, Restorafects tion and Gospel in genera

We were very unfortunate as to the weather, as it was raining all day, and consequently our attendance was small, to labor with Eider Samuel Knight of

the Lord's vineyard whom they desire the Elders to visit would confer a favor by sending their address,

FIRM IN HIS FAITH.

A Virginia Convert Refuses to Leave the Church.

Brother Callie F. Yeatts, in a letter lated Hinesville, Va., December 22nd, writes about his experiences with chool trustees who have refused him place as teacher because of his religion, though he is fully qualified to each school, and then concludes thus: "I am glad to know that I have been privileged to hear and embrace the true and everlasting Gospel. I know that the power of God lies latent among the Latter-day Saints, and that they enjoy the same gifts and blessings that the ancient Saints enjoyed. Though obedience to the Gospel has brough trials and persecutions upon me. yet can count it all joy and go on rejoi-ing, knowing that our light afflictio which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eter-

Grateful for the Gospel.

A Sister O. Smith, of Kansas City Miss., says that although she had been living a conscientious life as a member of the Methodist church for years she was never fully satisfied until she embraced the Gospel. Herself, her husband and a 10-year-old son were baptized in April, 1899. The writer continues

thank God for sending His misionaries to teach me the way of eleral life. Ever since I embraced the lospel of Christ, all is peace and hapiness. I no more have that longing or something better, for my heart is filled with peace and love, and joy that words would fall to express. I seen have grown nearer to my family hey are all more dear to me. My love for them is stronger than ever before, I often look back upon my past life and wonder how I ever could have en-loyed myself and how could I ever have een led to believe that I was in pos-ession of the true plan of salvation for what I now possess is so much su-perior to what I ouce possessed, that I do not see how I ever lived in any church, but I do know, for it was not God's will, nor His time, at that time for me to see the light, for I was not pared to receive the truth. And now have the sweet comfort that no one

a true Latter-day Saint can have and I have the testimony from God and not from man. THE GOSPEL IN MASSACHUSETTS

Elders Are Told to Preach to Pa-

gans and Not to "Christians."

Elder George A. Nixon, in a letter ated Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22, 1900

The first two months of my mission were spent in Litchfield county, Conn. In company with Elder J. R. Thomas of Paradise, Utah. Then I was assigned

at 10 oclock, the Elders met in Priest-hood meeting. The reports from the different branches showed good work having been done and good results achieved. During the year there had been thirty-nine baptisms in Hamburg fifteen in Hannover, ten in Lubeck and in the other branches quite a number had been received into the fold of The reports showed that great hrist. improvement had been made among the members in their better keeping the commandments of God, espe the Word of Wisdom and tithing. They are also working more zealously helping the Elders to spread the cause of truth. At the close of the meeting we received our appointments and reof truth. turned to our different fields of labor, feeling greatly blessed and benefited. In Hannover there is a little branch of the Church. We are enjoying the blessings of the Lord and are making good progress. Any one having friends in this vicini-

On Sunday evening about thirty

Here we witnessed the baptism

in this city that would like us to call on them, please send addresses.

THE HAMBURG CONFERENCE

Nine Souls Have Been Added to the Church

by Baptism.

Branches in the German

Mission Field.

Elder Arthur J. Done writes from

On Saturday, November 10th, all the

ty would confer a favor upon us by sending their addresses,

PREACHING IN VIRGINIA.

Elders Meet Opponents-Modern Jannes and Jambreses.

Zigns Follow Their Administrations -Missionaries Well Treated by the People of That State.

The following is part of a communication, dated Marion, Smyth county, Va., Dec. 4, and signed by Elders D. C. Shupe and C. W. Riggs:

Being assigned to labor in Smyth and Wythe counties, we met at Jonesville, Lee county, July 30, 1900. While in the city we were granted the privilege of holding a meeting in the court house on condition that we would let a Rev centleman from Parkersberg, W. Va., ollow us in our remarks. The proposition was gladly accepted, and at 2:20 p. m, the spacious room was filled to its utmost capacity. During services deep attention was tendered us. After the discourse, the above mentioned minister asked several questions entirely foreign to the subject under discussion. The questions we believe, however, were an-swered to the satisfaction of those present. Seeing his attempts were vain, he at once began the old cry of "Mormons" and polygamy, evidently to encourage mob violence. In the course of his remarks he became so violent and abusiv that it was necessary to call him down A local minister then asked a few questions, which the answered as the others were. At the close of the services the two gentiemen thought it wise withdraw from the throng.

On the following day we commenced . our journey to our field of labor. How ever it was not until Aug. 21st that we reached our destination, having spent ome ten days with the Saints in Russell county, holding meetings with, and instructing them in their religious du-

Since the last named date we have been laboring in the counties assigned us, meeting with very good success in olding meetings, selling books, and therwise publishing the Gospel. During this time we have had the privilege of leading four honest souls down into the waters of baptism. We have also seen the power of God manifested in many ways.

On the evening of Aug. 28th we were alled in to see a lady who was suffering from a severe attack of paralysis. Being asked to administer to her we did so. Almost immediately she was re-stored to her health. The next day she was able to go about her household duties. This is only one of many similar Instances

this communication from ean, send Princeton, Johnston Co., N. C., Der. 16: In looking over the pages of the "News" we see items of interest from almost every quarter of the globe, and specially so in the "Church Intelligence" department.

The voice of the Elders of Israel is heard in every land and clime, all delaring the same glad message to fallen humanity, and each bearing record that the hand of God is over His servants as well in the frozen zones as in the emperate or torrid; in foreign lands as well as in every State in our own country, or on the islands of the sea.

We have been laboring together in Johnston county, N. C., a little over three months. During this time we have enjoyed ourselves very much. The people here as a rule are very kind and hospitable; many of them, while they have not seen fit to unite themselves with the Church, yet treat us well. Such a man was Mr. David

Barden, whose death occurred but a short time ago; and since his roof has sheltered so many of our Elders, we deem it an obligation to give a brief sketch of his last illness. Mr. Barden was a large, strong man, 42 years of age, very jovial, and ap-parently the very picture of health and

manly vigor. About the 11th of Nov. he was suddenly and violently taken, with congestion of the brain, and notwithstanding everything was done for kindness and love Barden that en numbered, and we could not keep back the messenger of death which summoned his spirit to a home beyond the veil. His funeral services were con-ducted by us. Elders Edward Duffin and Joseph P. Bischoff were the speakers, and had the privilege of address. ing two hundred or more attentive lis-teners upon the subjects of death and

pjects, upon which the world at large nive very vague and distorted ideas. funeral services were held on Nov. ith, and on the following Sunday we ad the privilege of leading five sincere and intelligent converts into the waters and interment converts into the waters of baptism. The work of the Lord is progressing in this part of His vine-yard. There are two branches and two Sunday schools in the county, all n a healthy condition, and show good

We are now on our way to confer-ence, which will be held in Goldsboro. City, N. C. Elder Ben E. Rich will be with us, and we expect a spiritual feast.

FROM THE STATE OF MAINE.

The Influence of the "News" Felt in the Mission Field.

Elder L. E. Leuel, who left his home on the 9th day of November, 1899, for a mission to New England, writes from Portland, Me., Dec. 10, as follows:

aid which the "News" renders me. It is a good teacher for a beginner in the mission field. "I have many points from which have assisted me to ver antagonists. And by reading the xperiences of others, in the ministry, have derived energy and courage We were pleased to have Apostle owiey and Elder E. H. Snow, of the Eastern States mission, speak publicly here in Portland. We are hopeful of good results from it. From here we all went to Boston, where the New Eng and conference convened on Dec. 2 and We all enjoyed the Apostle's visit exceedingly. Those who listened to him were certainly animated with the Spirit with which he spoke, which made a lasting impression upon them.

Enjoying His Mission.

Elder Heber C. Sharp, who is perrming missionary labor in California, writes from Sacramento, Dec. 29, 1960, that he is enjoying his missionary labors, and rejoices in the work of the Lord. The letter is addressed to the On Nov. 23rd we received a letter from eth ward M. I. A.

Elders Edward Duffin and Burton J. living message of light and life. Are they given a reception that bearers of such a message to any civilized coun-try should warrant?

Quite the contrary, they are maligned, derided, persecuted and treated with the greatest acrimony and utmost con-

Their message is ridiculed and rejected by an enlightened people living in the ninetcenth century, who should have learned to profit by the history and experience of those who have gone to make restitution for their presumption and folly in rejecting just such messages of divine truth.

Though all the hosts of the infernal regions, including all prospective so-journers with the "Black Prince" at their head, array themselves for dreadful battle against the servants of the Almighty God, no matter how fierce their assaults, truth will prevail and in the end the victory will be to Him who cannot lie, even the great Jehovah.

Thank God there are always a few who, when it is presented to them, are willing to accept the Gospel in its fulness and purity as revealed to one of the greatest prophets the world has ever known, who was cruelly murdered by a nefarious and bloodthirsty mob of "modern Christians," led on by an or-thodox minister, for declaring the thodox minister, word of God and for the testimony of Jesus.

I am sincerely thankful to my heavenly Father for His infinite kindness ould suggest, his days seemed to have in that I have been accounted worthy and permitted to come into the world as a living witness to the truthfulness and divinity of the testimony for which Joseph Smith died, and though as yet my success has been limited. I am still laboring with bright hopes for a more prollific future, warning the people to the best of my ability of the impending great and mighty judgments, believing the resurrection, heaven and hell. re- that God will bless and assist me in my wards and punishments and kindred efforts in proportion to my faith and

> In the Welsh conference prospects ap. pear more propitious than for some time

> > months.

he met.

IN WEST VIRGINIA.

A Well Attended Conference at Charleston.

From Elders John A. Morrison and Walter Jarrell, the following commu-nication, dated Charleston, W. Va., 25, 1900, has been received: The semi-annual conference of the thurch of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which convened in Charleston Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 22nd and

21rd, met with good success. The public met at 7 p. m., and were addressed by Elder E. H. Snow on the apostasy. Sunday morning at 10 a. m. public reassembled. Meeting the public reassembled. Meeting was called to order by Elder George Hen-rle, president of the conference, El-der Snow, president of the mission presented the authorities of the Church who were unanimously sustained. Sacrament was administered by Elders E. H. Snow and M. F. Cowey, after which the Apostle the congregation with power and great plainness upon the atonement, the abominations and wickedness of the present time, and the resurrection. The afternoon session was addressed and his field of labor was the Washing-ton conference. He says he has had first by J. A. Bonham, one of the Saints, who bore a faithful testimony, A powerful sermon was then delivered by Elder M. F. Cowley; followed by a scourse upon the Book of Mormon by H. Snow, Business urging, Eldere wley, Snow and Henrie bade the Elders good hve

The last session of our conference, which convened Sunday evening at 7. was left in charge of Elder Ballard and local Elders.

ference, and there, he says, he had fair Elders, Saints and investigators were success and enjoyed good health.

leased to return home, and Elder C. A. Thompson, one of the Saints of the conference, was appointed to fill the vacancy. The "News" is a very welcome visitor among the Elders, and is a treated by the people generally.

returned missionary from the Southern states, bore his testimony, and related Elder A. A. Haws, of Vernal, Ulintah Co., arrived home Jan, 1 from the Northern States mission, where he has some of his experiences, which, said he had greatly strengthened his faith in the promises of the servants of God. Conference was adjourned for three been laboring very successfully in the Minnesota conference. He was as-signed to that mission Feb. 1, 1899. He had good health and enjoyed his labors Stake Clerk, very much.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

L. C. POND

Elder Frands Christensen, of Elsi-

nore, Seveir county, returned home on the 30th of last month from a mission

set apart on the 12th of October, 1898,

an enjoyable time among the people

Elder William A. Brown, of Wood's

Cross, Davis county, arrived in this city on the 25th of December, last,

to the Northwestern States.

Elder Carl G. Westerberg, of Hyrum Cache Co., returned home Dec. 31 from the Northern States mission, whither he was sent November 9, 1898. He la-bored in the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin with excellent success work in these States is making very satisfactory progress.

Good Advice.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects. such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart. Heartburn, Waterbrash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach. Yellow Skin, Costed Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth

Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, Etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two dages will relieve you. Try it. Get Green's Prize Almanac. For sale at A. C. Smith's

wish to express my gratitude for the

returning from a mission to the South-ern States. He was set apart on the 15th day of February, 1899. His field of labor was the North Carolina con-

well pleased and highly edified. The singing was enjoyed by all. Elder E. G. Cheeny was honorably re-

Elder Thomas Platt, of Pinto, Washington county, reached Salt Lake City on his way home, on Dec. 28, and continued his journey south that evening. For more than two years he has been a missionary in the Northwestern States source of much good among the people. mission, having been set apart in this Drug Store.

ospects for the future.

Mr.

