

the state into two conferences, viz: the Eastern and the Western. Elder Copenig was appointed to preside over the Western and I the Eastern.

The following Elders now comprise the Western Arkansas conference:

Frank L. Copenig, Geo. E. Brim, Jos. A. Wright, Thomas H. Gleason, Edward I. Cox and Joseph A. L. Larson.

The following are the Eastern Arkansas conference:

John H. Peterson, Jas. P. Anderson, George N. Atkinson, David M. Nelson, Richard R. D. Brown, Sydney O. Rust, Herbert W. Webster and Wm. Burton.

We expect a new force of Elders in the near future. Both conferences now enter upon the threshold of a new era with bright prospects in view.

Our friends at home need not consider themselves unfortunate if they should be called to labor in this part of the vineyard, for we think it a very desirable place. The Elders here are not at all sorry that their lot has been cast among the "hills and hollows and rocks and stumps" and hospitable people of Arkansas.

F. L. COPENING,
Pres. Western Arkansas Conference.
J. H. PETERSON,
Pres. Eastern Arkansas Conference.

SOUTH CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Los Angeles, Oct. 20, 1897.

It affords me pleasure to report another conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in southern California. Conference convened on Sunday the 17th at 10 a. m. The conference president, Elder J. D. Irvine, made opening remarks. Elder A. G. Bowman reported kind treatment and high prospects in Los Angeles county; he and companion traveled entirely without purse or scrip and God had manifested His power to them in many ways. Elder C. Brown reported the labors of himself and companion, Elder Jos. Goates, in Santa Barbara county; they, too, had received much encouragement. Elder W. W. Lunt reported the experiences of himself and companion, Elder Geo. Fix, in Ventura county; like the rest they had traveled in the Lord's appointed way and had had their wants provided for, having found many friends in that county. Elder German E. Ellsworth reported Orange county; he and companion, Elder W. F. Egan, had met with some opposition, but had made many friends and had baptized a few; he bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

In the afternoon the general Church authorities were presented and unanimously sustained, as also were Elders E. H. Nye and G. F. Harding as mission and conference presidents. Elder J. D. Irvine being released to return home; Louise Edwards was sustained as conference secretary.

Elder J. W. Nixon addressed the congregation; after a brief report of his labors in San Diego with Elder West he presented the subject of "the birth of the water and the Spirit," closing with an exhortation to the people to comply with the conditions that God has given for eternal life and exaltation. Elder Rensen reported his labors in San Diego county, and testified that the Lord had prepared the way before them. Elder J. I. Hatch gave an account of the work performed in San Bernardino county by himself and companion, Elder Parley Magleby; he felt to rejoice in the Gospel. Elder J. S. Berry referred to the wonderful manifestation of the power of God while he and Elder J. W. Nixon were laboring together as meteoric Elders, mentioning one case of instant healing. Elder G. F. Harding related a story, illustrating the benefits of the Gospel. Elder Irvine made a few

closing remarks and bore a faithful testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

In the evening Elder E. H. Nye addressed a large and attentive audience upon the subject of "Man's existence after death."

On Monday, the 18th, at 10 a. m., a Priesthood meeting was held which lasted six hours; much valuable instruction was given, and the Elders all seemed to be filled with the spirit of their calling and a renewed determination to prosecute their labors.

At 7:30 that evening Elders, Saints and friends met at the hall to participate in a grand sociable that had been arranged by the local Saints. After a short program, consisting of speeches of welcome, songs, recitations and instrumental music, all hands (119) sat down to a beautifully decorated and heavily loaded table. After partaking of the bounties and luxuries of the board, the musical instruments gave signal for the dance, which was also much enjoyed. Great credit is due to the Saints of Los Angeles for the manner in which they entertained the conference guests.

The following is the assignment of Elders to their respective fields of labor:

San Diego City—J. W. Nixon and J. I. Hatch;

San Diego County—Thos. Culbery and Geo. Fox;

Santa Barbara County—German E. Ellsworth and Jos. Goates;

Los Angeles City—G. F. Harding, B. A. West, G. A. Chandler and B. F. Platt;

Los Angeles County—A. G. Bowman and A. Athay;

Orange County—W. E. Hawkins and W. F. Egan;

Riverside County—Alvin Bensen and P. Magleby;

San Bernardino County—Jno. Yearley and C. Brown;

Ventura County—W. W. Lunt and E. Stott.

Conference headquarters, 516 Temple St., Los Angeles.

G. F. HARDING, Conf. Pres.
LOUISE EDWARDS, Con. Sec.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

Fireplace fittings grow again, embracing furnishings appropriate for every style of fireplace, from the massive Queen Anne log fireplace to the daintier fin de siècle grates and mantels. Among the season's novelties are wood baskets of sealing wax red enamelled wicker and forest green.

As women's toilets grow more elaborate the great brains of masculine inventors, snarled doubtless by exigencies arising in their own households, have taken up the problem, and beds, couches, trunks and bags for the housing of these treasures are rapidly making their appearance.

New couches are made so that the top, turning easily back, discloses an airtight storage place, where skirts may be spread at full length. For the waists, the brass bedstead opens a refuge. In two dust-proof drawers placed underneath. One drawer opens up at the upper end of the bed, and one at the foot, the length of both being the width of the bed. There is a space between the closed top of the drawer and the bed to allow for the free circulation of air between. A pleated curtain to match the draperies of the bed is tacked to the front of the drawers, hiding them from view when closed. So much for the kind offices of the cabinet maker. Nor is the trunkmaker far behind. A new dress suit case for women is made in extra light to hold an entire gown without crushing; while a hat trunk with places for seven hats makes "mildady" a happy woman. There is in this a velvet rest,

to which hats are pinned, but which may be removed, if occasion requires.

Before putting the winter's supply of vegetables into the cellar, see that it is absolutely clean. Sweep and dust out the bins; brush down the fall's accumulation of cobwebs, wash and swing shelves, and put a thick coat of whitewash on the walls. If possible keep the winter's supply of canned fruits in a closed cupboard; but failing that, wrap each jar in a newspaper to exclude the light, write the name of the contents on the outside, and stand in orderly rows on the swing shelves. Thus protected the fruit will keep its natural color until opened.

To be sure that the house is on a healthy foundation, and that no animal or vegetable product is left unnoticed to decay and invite disease germs, inspect often, sweep weekly and air a few hours daily, excepting in extreme cold weather.

A salad dressing for lobster that is much affected by Philadelphia housewives is made in this fashion:

Take two raw eggs beaten together, one cupful of milk, one-half teaspoonful cornstarch, four hard boiled eggs, a quarter of a teaspoonful of cayenne pepper, one teaspoonful of salt, four large mustard spoonfuls of mixed mustard, one cup or one-half cup of olive oil.

One tablespoonful of vinegar sprinkled over the lobster before mixing in the dressing. When the milk comes to a boil, put in the raw eggs and cornstarch, stirring all the time to make it smooth. Take off the range when thick, and set away to cool. This can be made in the morning and allowed to stand until evening. Have ready the four hard boiled eggs, wash the yolks fine and add the cayenne pepper, salt and mustard. Then beat up the cold dressing and add it, stirring all the time. When it becomes like cream add the oil as slowly as possible. Mix part of the dressing through the lobster, and mask the lobster with the remainder. This quantity of dressing suffices for one large or two small lobsters.

With the best intentions in the world most young mothers are quite as ignorant as baby No. 1 itself regarding the care required to keep its small person in order. To such, a word from an experienced nurse may settle doubts and "make assurance doubly sure."

As soon as the teeth come, clean daily with a soft rag or a soft tooth brush, and inspect carefully once a week for evidence of decay or spots. If the latter appear, rub with a little pumice stone. Cut a match like a chisel, dip in pumice and rub the teeth. In cutting the tiny nails, do not round them too much at the corners, especially the toe nails, as it is apt to give rise to ingrowing nails. In regard to the hair, a brush and coarse comb are all that should be used, as the fine comb is a relic of barbarism. If the skin on the heel is inclined to become "scurfy," rub with vaseline to soften, then wash off with warm water and castile soap, taking care not to press heavily on the fontanelles or soft spots. If the hair tends to fall out, use bay rum and quinine in a proportion of twenty grains of the latter to a half pint of bay rum.

Once more the coming of the stormy days, snowy evenings and whirling blasts, brings with it the suggestion that the season for home-made candy is at hand. The craving for sweets is a perfectly legitimate one, often, indeed, indicating that nature is reaching out instinctively for needed help. Indulgence in such cases—where sweets are pure and are taken at a