

ly thanked him. Our next business was to call upon the mayor at his office to obtain permission to canvass the city. We presented ourselves before the honored mayor in faith that we would receive, and desired to be as gentlemanly as possible. We introduced ourselves as ministers of the Gospel representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, better known as Mormon Elders, at the same time looking him directly in the eye. "Well," said he, "there is much prejudice in this town against you people, but you both appear to be gentlemen and I think you have done right in presenting the matter before me." We told him we were to do no harm but good and thought that prejudice was no part or portion of Christianity. "We do not wish the preaching of polygamy," said he. We replied that we were not preaching that doctrine today. We here presented the distinguished gentleman with a tract and Voice of Warning requesting him to give the same a very careful Scriptural and reasonable test. "Well, gentlemen," said he, "call at 4 o'clock this evening and I will let you know about this matter, after consultation with our attorney." We returned at the appointed time and were treated very kindly. He took time to tell us that this was a land of free thought, free speech and free press and to go ahead and do all the good we could. We kindly thanked him and left rejoicing. We were entertained (after several refusals) the first night at one of the leading boarding houses, the proprietor being a magistrate of the city. We took trouble to make ourselves well known among the boarders and freely distributed our literature. Next morning we called upon the editor of the News, who received us kindly and gave us a favorable introduction to the people through the columns of his paper. We explained to him that we preached the Gospel as the Prophets of old and would feel very grateful to him for the use of his paper gratis which favor he liberally granted. We now commenced a systematic house to house canvass of the city. We met with very little opposition in distributing our tracts. The Lord raised up a friend almost every day while canvassing who, without solicitation, kindly entertained us during the night. When such invitations were not received we applied for entertainment at boarding houses and hotels. In our canvassing we always accepted invitations into the homes of the people and while there we made every minute count in explaining the Gospel. Before leaving we asked the privilege of singing a hymn, reading a chapter and holding prayer and would offer the Voice of Warning for sale, after our explanation. By taking advantage of our opportunities we made a few good friends in various parts of the city who would say on leaving "Come again gentlemen." When this invitation was extended we suggested that a few of the neighbors be invited in to listen to our explanations of the Scriptures. This was done by our newly made friends. On meeting together we would sing several hymns to attract the attention of the people toward the Gospel. Then we would speak upon the Gospel and emphasize particularly the duties one towards another as the children of God and that envy, strife, evil-speaking and persecution do not belong to the Gospel. Our acquaintance was thus extended. The people who heard us talk invited us to call upon them. We did so and proposed the same program. As our acquaintances and friends increased we made it a special point to call on each one every day for a few minutes to clinch the acquaintance and counteract all influences brought to bear against us by our enemies. Our friends now became immovable and assisted us in the spread of truth. People who persecuted them for entertaining us were

loaned the Voice of Warning to read and after reading, their home was open to us. We would make engagements several nights ahead to explain the Gospel and sing hymns. The way to make lasting friends is to show you are more interested in their salvation than their bread and butter and purse. After a day's canvass and a call upon our friends, we would make a visit to the homes of ministers and trustees of churches to obtain permission to use the church building to hold services in. Along this line of work we were not successful because of hate and prejudice towards us. After we made many friends and they began to investigate the Gospel, many misrepresenting articles appeared in the press which caused greater interest to be manifested in the reading of our pamphlets by the people. Persecution only makes the work of the Lord advance more rapidly in the earth. The two powers, good and evil, can then be contrasted by the populace. We always took pleasure while in this city to visit the variety of churches and Sunday schools that we might acquaint ourselves with their teachings and members. Our visits were interesting and profitable. Being interested in education, we solicited Prof. Graham, the superintendent of public instruction, the permission to visit the public school. We found the professor to be a gentleman in every respect. He gave us an introduction to the many teachers and scholars and explained to us the work of each department. Some of our good friends kindly escorted us through a large cotton factory, making us acquainted with the superintendent and some of the laborers. This was another school to us full of study and contemplation. While laboring in this city the barbers have kindly trimmed our hair; the laundry man washed our shirts for which we feel to thank the Lord (for whom we are laboring) and the hospitable people of Charlotte for our excellent treatment while in their midst as ambassadors of righteousness. Your brethren,

W. E. ROBINSON, Prest.
S. B. THATCHER, Clerk.

IN THE ANTIPODES.

Adelaide, South Australia.

February 8, 1898.

Knowing that the readers of the "News," and especially the Elders who are laboring in the various parts of the earth, are interested in reading the progress of the Gospel in its march through the nations, we take the liberty of penning a few lines. It is not often that anything in the shape of correspondence from this city appears in the "News." Adelaide is the capital city of the colony of South Australia, and if I am not mistaken, it can claim the honor of being the first city in Australia to accept the teachings of the Latter-day Prophet. That was a good many years ago. For a great number of years there were no Elders here. Accordingly when Elder Walter Baker of Richfield, Utah and Thomas Clayton of Preston, Idaho, came here last year to re-open the field, our adversary the devil followed in their wake and stirred the people up so that for a time the Elders did not have a very "soft snap," so to speak. But they labored energetically and the result is one member who is happy in the knowledge that she has been placed on the bright and glorious path which leads to the presence of God.

After a few months in Adelaide, one of the Elders was taken violently ill and had to be released to return home, the other accompanying him. Three months elapsed and then Elder Benjamin Clegg and myself were delegated to continue the work here, and for two months we have been talking Gospel to anyone who will listen to us.

A Mormon Elder can see the hand of

God in a good many things that an ordinary sectarian would attribute to luck. We wish to mention an instance. When we landed in Adelaide we were strangers to the place. We had the address of our Saint whom we tried to find, but were not successful until we had found a family who had been friendly to the other Elders. We were intending to locate ourselves in the same district that the other Elders had been working, but on account of a combination of circumstances we settled in an entirely different part about three miles away in another direction. We had not been here long before we found that our next door neighbor had a brother in Salt Lake, and consequently he became interested in us. We had several talks with him and finally he said he knew an old gentleman who would be glad to see us. Accordingly one evening he took me to see the old gentleman, whom I found was one of our lost sheep who had left England thirty years ago and came to this city, where he has been ever since. From the day he landed here he was desirous of meeting some one of like precious faith as himself, but up to the evening spoken of he had not had that pleasure. Now, in this circumstance any Mormon Elder will acknowledge the hand of God, and we relate it as another proof of the truth of the poet's words: "God moves in a mysterious way. His wonders to perform." Let the world say what it will, there is a Divine power guiding the footsteps and protecting the lives of the Mormon Elders, and we know it. In connection with all the rest of our brethren who correspond with the "News" we can say that it is a very welcome visitor, and the missionary columns receive our special attention. This is a hot place. If that lake spoken of in the scriptures is any hotter than the climate of Adelaide it would be advisable for people to avoid it. The thermometer very frequently registers 105 degrees in the shade. So much for the time, more some other day. If any of the Saints have friends or relatives in this part of the world we will be pleased to call upon them if their names and addresses are sent to Benj. Clegg, G. P. O. Adelaide, South Australia.

Yours for Mormonism,
A. E. CARR.

MEETING HOUSE DEDICATED.

Golansville, Caroline Co., Va.

March 3, 1898.

The Saints of the Golansville branch have just had a particular good time at the branch conference held last Saturday and Sunday at our new church that has been finished lately and was dedicated last Sunday morning. We had with us Elders M. B. Shipp and John P. Morris of Salt Lake and Elder S. E. Taylor of Payson, Utah. The weather was fine and the Saints felt to rejoice in the blessings of the Lord in sending His servants among them. Elder Taylor presided at the dedication services and Elder M. B. Shipp offered the dedicatory prayer. The Saints rejoiced greatly in the testimonies of the Spirit that was given unto them that the Lord approved of their labors in building a church where they could meet and worship Him without fear.

Elder Taylor gave good instructions to the Saints, taking for his text "Obedience is better than sacrifice."

In the afternoon Elder Shipp preached a sermon upon the Book of Mormon. There were several strangers present. Elder Morris followed with a powerful testimony in behalf of the Book of Mormon.

When our conference was over, before the Saints separated, Elder Shipp called our attention to the birthday that was near at hand of the Prophet, Wilford Woodruff and thought, perhaps, the Saints would like to hold