

than against the wife; and, as the statute speaks of crimes against her, it is simply an affirmation of the old familiar and just common law rule. We conclude, therefore, that under this statute the wife was an incompetent witness against her husband.

Other questions in the record need not be considered, as they will probably not arise on a new trial.

The judgment of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Utah is reversed, and the case remanded, with instructions to order a new trial.

True copy.

Test: JAS. H. McKENNEY,
Clerk Supreme Court, U. S.

SCANDINAVIAN MISSION.

The following is a translation of an editorial article which appeared in the *Scandinavian Star*, published in Copenhagen, of December 15th, 1890:

Another year is about to depart into the mighty past, and as we stand upon the mighty threshold of a new season, about to bid farewell to old 1890, let us, before we part, take a glance backward and spread before our view a panorama of the labors of the past forty years.

Attention is directed to the yearly report of this number of the *Star*. While it does not show so large a number of Saints in the mission as others have done, yet it is quite satisfactory since we have, with all our emigrations, still a membership of nearly four thousand. During the year, 557 have been baptized and 570 have emigrated. Since December 30, 1880, up to date, 7305 have received the ordinance of baptism, and during the same period 6084 have emigrated. From a compilation of the yearly reports up to date, which will also be found in this number of the *Star*, it will be seen that since the Gospel was first sounded in these lands, 46,716 have entered the waters of baptism, and out of this number, 20,508, not counting, except in two cases, children under eight years of age, or at least 25,000 all told, have gone to the appointed gathering place of the Saints in the valleys of the mountains. As many as 2184 have died before this privilege was accorded them, and rest in their native lauds awaiting the resurrection of the just. Nearly 700 Elders have visited the mission, proclaiming the word of God to all who would listen. Ten thousand copies of the Book of Mormon have been printed, 5800 copies of the Doctrine and Covenants, 43,500 hymn books (15,000 Swedish and 28,500 Danish), 45,500 Bible References, 644,200 various tracts on doctrines of the Church, 9000 catechisms for children, 17,000 copies of the Voice of Warning, besides the *Skandinaviens Stjerne*, which has been published continually since its first issue on October 1st, 1851, with a circulation of each number ranging from 850 to 2000, and the Swedish *Nordstjernen*, which has been regularly issued since Jan. 3d, 1877, with a circulation of 800 to 1000 each issue, the whole

involving an outlay for printing alone of Kr. 126,080.93. This is part of the work that has been accomplished since Apostle Erastus Snow and his co-laborers, Elders P. O. Hansen, J. E. Foragren and Geo. P. Dykes, first set feet upon the soil of Scandinavia, in the months of May and June—the season of roses and fragrance—in the year of our Lord 1850; but it is only a small part of the mighty advancement that has been made—that part that can with some certainty receive the stamp of the statistician. A work has been wrought in the valleys of the mountains which cannot be measured by statistics. Thousands of children rise to bless their parents, and to thank the allwise and merciful God for the deliverance which has come to them because of the Gospel which their parents heard and embraced.

Thrifty cities, whose populations answer to the call of agriculture, the hum of industry, and the bells of schools of culture and enlightenment, have sprung up in the once barren desert; and orchards, and waving fields, pleasant shades and smiling homes, meet the sight where not many years ago—only as far back as the first part of the period of which we write—lay the burning sage plains, roamed the wild red man, and howled the coyote and wolf. The desert has been redeemed, and the prophecy of Isaiah has been fulfilled: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God."

The sturdy sons of Denmark and Sweden and Norway have acted a noble part in this wonderful drama of the last days. It is true they have not done this without sacrifice. Indeed men get only few blessings and make only little advancement without sacrifice, and the case in question is no exception. There have been tears, partings, sorrows, toils and tribulations too numerous to mention. But those who embraced the Gospel did so for the love of it, not for the temporal blessings that obedience to its ordinances were expected to bring. They embraced it because they were convinced of its truths, and they were unmindful of all things else so they were permitted to worship God, and enjoy communion with His people; they sought Him with every sincere desire that they could muster. They little thought it possible, and much less asked to be rushed to the promised resting-place in a few days, and then be carried and cared for upon their arrival. They had a living testimony that the Gospel is right, and its truths were deep-seated in their hearts. Come what might, then they had found peace with God their reward has been realized; and the promise of Jesus has been verified in their lives: "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Lo! what changes these forty years have witnessed: Apostles Snow and Pratt and Rich and Hyde, Presidents Young and Taylor, and many others whose names we all have learned to hear, whose zeal in the cause of truth fired our fathers to deeds of valor, sleep, with many of them, in the silent tomb, but their acts and testimonies whisper sweet consolation to their struggling children, and so being dead they yet speak—speak in their works. Their spirits are laboring in other spheres just as zealously as ever for the cause of God, for the spiritual and temporal emancipation of the children of men. The light of the everlasting Gospel, and the precious truth which it has laid bare, shines just as brightly now as in their day; and, while at this particular time it may not seem as promising as at some other periods in the past, the cause of God is still progressing, and the growth of His work is onward and upward forever. There are today in these lands, out of nearly seven hundred who have at various times visited them, sixty-seven messengers of the Gospel, besides many who are native Elders, proclaiming the glad tidings to the people. They testify with us, and with all who have gone before, that God has spoken from the heavens in the last days; that He has commanded His servants to go unto every clime and nation, crying repentance with a loud voice, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, that He has revealed His will and given authority to His servants the prophets, that His church is organized with prophets, apostles and other officers as in the days of Christ. These messengers are here among the people warning them to repent and turn to God, casting away far from them the evils that beset them; asking them to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost for the remission of their sins by one having authority, that they may be made the recipients of the Holy Ghost which shall lead unto all truth. They are here earnestly warning the people to seek God that they may be free from the calamities that must overtake the ungodly in the hour of God's judgment which is near at hand. Blessed are those who shall hear and obey. The past has been full of important scenes, and the future is pregnant with wonderful events, for God has set His hand for the last time to accomplish a mighty work among the nations. May the dawning year hasten His glorious purposes.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Priesthood convened on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at 11 a. m., in the Assembly Hall, Counselor Joseph E. Taylor presiding.

There was a large attendance of the Priesthood. All the wards of the Stake were properly represented excepting the Fourteenth and Eighteenth city wards, and Farm-