

IN THE SOCIETY ISLANDS.

Edets Trying to Learn the Language and Freach the Gospel. hie'd Nukuhiva, Sept. 27, 1899.

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in cold water to a thirsty soul, so is cold water on a far country." It not news from a far country." It now been two years and four ints since I left my Utah home, yet ast as anxious to receive mail as The "News," though a month or re in reaching us, is more than a some visitor. The "Church Intelli-ce" page and that portion devoted news of "Our State" are of iterest to us; yet it is all read s interest to us, yet it have been only it were a letter from home. Only such a void to been isolated, as it a on a lonely Pacific isle, can real-the comfort we derive from the comfort we derive from the

nd news from a far country"-Zion. If we months ago the "News" an-and our advent into this (Marquesschipelago, and perhaps it would st your readers to know how we ceived and how we have since

it our last April conference, held at Tahiti, the writer and Elder on were assigned the to-betask of opening up what is not the Marquesan conference. Why dita "to-be-dreaded task," is bethe language is different here, his people have not the Bible and more than heathens. The Roatholics have been here for fifty years, but I do not believe they er translated the Bible into any

Polynesian languages. Holton preceded me to the isl-Takaroa, going by boat, in com-sid the Saints of that isle on

unless he was tatooed. There is an old Bostonian here that has quite a roman-tic story. He came here when a young man, and in a short time became infat-uated with a young princess. In order to obtain her for his bride he submitted to the tatooing custom. But before the wedding came off she deserted him for another. So he spolled his face to win ble lady how end then she disamounted his lady love and then she disappointed him! Through the follies of his youth he banished himself for life; for since then he has been ashamed to return to his native land, "Oh, what fools we

mortals be!" These people are naturally good hearted, but they are ever suspicious of the white man and have no love for himwhite man and have no love for him-he has dealt treacherously with them. And they care little for the "white man's Christianity." "But," as Jude says, "these speak evil of those things which they know not; but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt thereafter."

those things they corrupt themselves." We are well and enjoying ourselves in our labors. And we intend to push the work as much as possible, trusting in the Lord for results. Ever praying for the success of the cause in which we are engaged. I remain your brother in the Gospel of truth, E, Lafayette Cropper.

Chicago Branch Organized.

Chicago, Nov. 16, 1899.

ing the younger Johnson with them, one of the mobbers on either side of him. They were now commanded to come out, which they did, and they were also To the Editor: It may be interesting to the readers seized by the mob, and taken out into the road. Sister Johnson was up and of the "News" to learn that a new branch has been organized in Chicago cailed has been organized in Chicago called the Englewood branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On June 5th of this year, Elders Andrew Jenson of Ephraim, Utah, and Peter Ol-sen, of Moroni, Utah, were appointed by Elder H. J. Carlisle, of Logan, to open up a new field of labor in Engle-wood which is one of the most beautiwas going to follow, but was told to go back and threatened by the leader with death if she appeared again. She at once, so she told afterward, went to the window and on her knees asked God to spare His servants. Immediateful districts of this great city. Its resi-dents are principally of the working class. The following week our president sent us, Elders T. M. Mumford and S. wood, which is one of the mo sent us, Elders T. M. Mumford and S. A. Flilerup, as companions, and Sept. 28 Elders D. T. Clayson and Geo. L. Stew-art were also appointed to labor in En-glewood. The people of this locality have, as a rule, received us very kind-ly, more so than in other parts of the clty, and the Lord has opened a way for us in our undertakings for rightcous-ness. Our street meetings have es-nectally been a great factor in the dispecially been a great factor in the dis-semination of truth and they have been pecially the means, I am safe in saying, of our presenting the principles of the Gospel to thousands of people. Through them we have gained many warm friends and some converts who will be baptized in the near future. Cold weather having set in, necessitated the discontinuation of our outdoor meetings, and realizing the importance of having a place to which we can invite the public, we rented an empty store, furnished it and are now prepared for a winter's labor of love. There are also four Elders located on 34th street, near Cottage Grove avenue, who will work with us our meetings, Sunday school and Mutual Improvement Association. Sunday, Nov. 5th, Elder Carlisle and Elder W. Lyman met with us at our new hall which meeting resulted in the organization of a branch and Sunday school. Elder Peter Olsen was appointed president of the branch with Elder F. S. Parkinson as first counselor, the sec-ond counselor not being appointed. El-der D. T. Clayson was appointed clerk and Andrew Jenson chorister. Elder Anbrethren. drew Jenson was also appointed Sunday superintendent, having been re school superintendent, having been re-leased from that position in the Sab-bath school on the West Side. Elders J. Holt and Francis Neilson were ap-pointed assistants to Elder Jenson and Elder T. M. Mumford was chosen secretary. The Elders all expressed themselves with regard to the organization of God was poured out and the Spirit upon us, bearing witness that God had moved upon those who presided to effect this organization. The prospects for the future are bright and it is hoped that the new branch will be a great factor in the spread of the Gospel. A M. I. A. will organized in the near future and through it we hope to reach some of the younger class.

of the mission advise the old apostolic way of traveling without purse or scrip. About the middle of July Elder Farr suggested that we act upon the advice given, break up house-keeping and go out without money, trusting in the Lord to open the way. We did this and can add our testimony to that of thousands of others that our prayers were an-swered and our wants supplied in a. manner many times truly remarkable. Sometimes when hunger stared us in the face and the only alternative for 'sleeping seemed to be a place in the woods, with our grips for pillows, and the canopy of heaven for a covering, money-two dollars at a time-has been given us, thus enabling us to put up given us, thus enabling us to put up at the hotels. We have made quite a number of

friends, removed a great deal of preju-dice and found some few who evince considerable interest in our doctrine, and have commenced an investigation. and have commenced an investigation. Generally speaking, however, the peo-ple are indifferent to religious appeals. Much bitterness and hatred are mani-fested towards everything pertaining to "Mormonism." The ministers are es-pecially active in opposing us, with misrepresentation and abuse. The pub-lic mind just at present is greatly in-flamed. flamed.

As a means of disabusing the public mind of its misconceptions and enlightening it upon Utah questions in general the "News" is an all-important factor.

Your brethren, MARCUS FARR, WILLIAM J. SNOW, Ocean Side, Long Island, New York.

The "News" Appreciated, Elder J. R. Hodson, writing from Ac-

crington, England, kindly says: The "News" is a welcome visitor, and we feel indebted to it for the timely in-

we feel indepted to it for the timely in-structions and well directed efforts in the establishment of justice and truth. We are proud of having such a paper to refute the misrepresentations and faise charges that are brought against the Latter-day Salpis. Success

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South Texas Conference.

Apple Springs, Tex., Nov. 21, 1899. To the Editor:

Having received a communication from the office some few weeks ago in-forming us that Elder Wm. T. Jack would be accompanied by Apostle Cow-ley, in visiting the conferences, we began to look forward to the time when we should meet, with great anxiety. Later word was sent from the office, informing us that Apostle Cowley's visit through the mission had been postponed, and that Elder Jack would not meet with us until a later date. Notwithstanding this disappointment Elders and Saints met on Nov. 14, 15 and 16 and held five public meetings. at which the principles of the Gospel discussed In the morning of the first day James

G. Read spoke on individual and gen-eral salvation and was followed by Elders James M. Larsen and Jacob C. Jensen, who spoke upon faith and the personality of God. In the afternoon the time was occupied by Elder Hyrum O. Pack, who spoke upon repentance

o. Pack, who spoke upon reperturve and the necessity of baptism. In the morning of the second day Elder Peter A. Norton spoke upon the Holy Ghost and Elder Pack made a ew closing remarks. In the afternoon Chas. W. Hansen

discussed "church organization" and also occupied the time the following morning proving the authenticity of the "Book of Mormon." The afternoon of



Storage of "THE BEST LINE OF VE-HICLES, IMPLEMENTS AND FARM MACHINERY" in our new building on State St., half block south of Theatre. We expect to move on or about January 1st, 1900. The cost to move our immense stock from the premises we now occupy will be several thousand dollars. We are not advertising,



from conference. On April Elder I. L. Wright and I took Brother Mapuhi's schooner most and after stopping at sevsiands on the way, we joined Eliton at Takaroa on May 1st. h enjoyed our four weeks' stay the Saints of that branch; and it with reluctance we left them and Wright on May 27th and boarded

Coar du Sud for this port. and here on May 30th and the assistance of the manager of 0.," (a German mercantile which we rented for the nominal a d three "pols" Chile (about \$1.30 for money), per month. The United is mail vessel left here three days freeur arrival. It carried three new as from Zion, one of which was to topped off here, but as we were there to maet him, and he did not or then we would arrive, he went iti. After we had become settled new home, we tried to procure holic prayer book and a Frenchsolten out for their own use were unsuccessful. Finally ared, by working through the naa prayer book and another conthe gospels of St. Mathew and

and short life of through these and And been have we is the language for the past four But do what we could, the have so far succeeded in keep. the grammar out of our hands. at without any Bible, grammar or monary to assist us. But we are proand have done as well as could apected under such unfavorable ons. My being able to speak an helps me a great deal for quite nber of these people can speak a Tabilian; besides there are sevtantian, besides there are see. Additions and Tuamatuns here. coming here I have been making from which I will write a short mar to assist the Elders who may We will also try to compile a ary. But I trust that we will able to procure. the Frenchsan grammar and have it trans-

Sabbath since our arrival we d services in the Tahitian for of the people who underthat language. And I trust that been able to do much good But this people are very in-in regard to religion. They in regard to religion. They be a different race to those whom we have hitherto labored. water part of them go to church to gratify their curiosity or to a new dress or a new suit of They have little or no respe Sabbath. It is their day for and sporting. This people are at a low ebb spiritually. And it almost impossible to get a re-current started to flow through One of them said to me that he see why they should desert their sods, and then bow down to the of Mary or Peter, or Paul. sy that the priests used to put Prison if they were found wortheir heatnen gods-A Chrismethod of christianizing heawonder that the Chinese rebat the so-called Christian mis-

made quite a number of and in time we expect to be able as up a branch of the Church here. we have the government (in-9), and other adversaries to batsi; but through the power of thood, and with the blessings avenly Father, we will prevail. hese people are of Israel they ien to us. We do not derive our at from our present sucat from the promises of the Lord, se know must shortly be ful-

to of which are inhabited. They it of which are inhabited. They itree 129 and 142 degrees west bude and 7 and 11 degrees south the They are all of volcanic for-meters. numbers ten islands in all. And f and 11 degrees south They are all of volcanic for-the coral reef as are the volcanic bad coral reef as are the volcanic

"News" is welcomed and appreciated by the Elders and Saints. A. JENSON.

Laboring in Faith.

Lone Star Conference Nov. 18, 1899.

To the Editor: Our conference has just convened and we are on our way to our fields of la-

We feel to acknowledge the love our Father has toward us, through the columns of "our paper."

were somewhat disappointed at We not having the privilege of meeting our beloved mission president and one of the Apostles at our conference, but there was nothing but sorrow on our part, when we learned of our president's Mictio

As in all other of our conferences we enjoyed the spirit of the Lord to a marked degree. There were over forty of the members of this conference present. The instructions we received were of the best and when we separat-ed it was with the usual feelings of

emotion Our appointments being given, Elder Lehi S. Heward of Tuba City, Arizona. and the writer were assigned to the western portion of Angelina county, and on our way down we are visiting some friends in Houston county. We are pleased to acknowledge the fact that the Lord blesses His servants today as in the days of old, and as we study the sacred records, we see the necessity of complying with its ordi-nances, and of living up to its statutes.

by the saw a large light in the shape of a ball pass over our heads. When the mob came out into the road they began to question the Elders as to what they were doing here. They told them they were preaching the Gospel. "Yes," said the leader sneetingly. "You are here the leader, sneeringly, "you are here trying to persuade our women and girls to go to Utah, and we aren't going to stand it. We have preachers and don't need you." He then called out to "No. 10 and 15 to give the Elders the lash." This was done with glacrity, each of them receiving fourteen blows over the head, shoulders and back. They then told them that if they would leave the county by sunrise next morning they could go, but if not, they would hang they to a limb. They now left them, fir-ing guns and laughing as they went.

a breinminary taik asked the Eiders to state briefly their feelings. Elder F. P. Carlisle, narrarted his and Elder J. E. Myler's experience on the night of Nov. 7th. He said they had been la-boring in Butler Co., Ky., near Morgan-town and had had much success there.

They had made had much success there. They had made many friends, and some converts, some of which had applied for baptism. They had given it out that on the 8th they would attend to that ordinance. They were stopping with a family named C. C. Johnson. On the such the success they had here over

a tamity hamed C. C. Johnson. On the night in question they had been over to his son Rado's. When they re-turned they went quietly to their room. They had just gone to sleep, when they were awakened by a gruff voice demanding to know of Brother Johnson if "Them 'Morman' Elders' visce there."

demanding to know of Brother Johnson if "Them 'Mormon' Elders were there." to which he answered, "No," not know-ing that they had returned. The mob-had compelled him to come to the door, where he was met with the muzzles of several guns and pistols. Two of the mob selzed him by the arms and took him along with them as they went over

him along with them as they went over to the son's house. However, they left a guard around the house. The Elders at once arose. The mob returned, bring-

The Elders slept but little the re-mainder of the night, but were up early and off to the river with those who wished to be baptized. They attended to the ordinance and were put across the river in a skiff by Brother Johnson, Jr. They went on their way rejoicing that they had the privilege to endure ill-treatment for the Master's cause. Other Elders made short talks. President Rich made a few closing remarks, expressing sympathy with the brethren. At the afternoon meeting more of the Elders spoke, bearing their testimonies. Elder Rich spoke of the signs and powers of the Gospel.

In the evening, Elder Joseph Later was the first speaker. He was followed by Elder Rich on the phan of salvation, as taught by the Latter-day Saints. On Thursday, the 16th, Elder Price was the first speaker. He gave much good counsel and exortation to the The Elders were then assigned to their various fields.

The conference was then addressed by Elder P. A. Rogers, B. Brough, W. W. Osborne and William B. Hall, W. Osborne and William B. Hall, with closing remarks by Elder Rich. At 2 p. m. Elder W. G. Waldron spoke on the power attending the Elders in their labor of love. Elder S. D. Fullmer then spoke on the perect plan of salvation. Elder Rich made the closing remarks,

showing that it is unsafe to judge a people evil because they are unpopular, because the Savior was the most un-

popular of any one on earth. At 7 p. m. Elder Rich occupied the entire time, speaking on the marriage relation of the "Mormon" people and of the Roberts case.

There were many present, as notice had been put in the daily paper that that would be his subject. Said the "You people of the South had speaker: your trouble with the government and met on the battlefield. We had trou-

ble with the same power, but met in the court room. Each had to submit the court room. Each had to submit to the same power. Now let the time of reconstruction go on as provided by law and in time things will be adjusted as the law designs, and let the religious bigot keep his hand off of our affairs as the politician should or did off of

yours, then all will be well." All listened with attention to his eloquent remarks.

Our conference was a perfect success s far as holding meetings is conas far as holding meetings shown corned. 'Many kindnesses were shown us by the hotel and the hall people us by the hotel and the half people giving us half rates, even merchants made reduction in their goods. The Saints as well as the Elders' were pleased and renewed in their faith. Thanking you in behalf of the Elders

"News," and praying for the onward march of the Gospel of peace, I am your brother, S. D. Fullmer, Sec'y.

Brooklyn Conference.

50 Concord, Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1899. To the Editor:

My missionary experience dates from une 26th, 1899, at which time I comof Long Island with Elder Marmenced active cus Farr as my initiating companion, he having labored eighteeen months in and around the vicinity named. One pleasant duty devolving upon us is to pleasant duty devolving upon us is to hold services with a branch of the Saints at Ocean Side each Sunday. This is a small town about twenty-two miles from Brooklyn, and is the home

to the "News!

The Work Prosperous.

East Bribane, Oct. 16, 1899. To the Editor:

Just a few lines to let you know how we are progressing in this part of the world. On Sunday, the sth inst., be-ing conference day, our little branch held Sunday school in the morning, a meeting in the afternoon and another in the evening Regarding our Sunday school I might

say that the average attendance, which is about 60, is very satisfactory, considering the unpopularity of our re-ligion, and we are slowly but surely making progress in numbers in this department of the work. As a rule our Sunday afternoon meetings are very well attended, chiefly by the adult portion of the Church; but on conference Sunday we had a particularly good at tendance, and also a splendid meeting. After the different officers of the Church (from our beloved President Lorenzo Snow down) had been sustained by the vote of the members, our presidents of the different branches of the work gave a report upon the prog-ress or otherwise of that part over over which they preside and I am glad to say that altogether everything in progressing satisfactorily in this branch. At the afternoon meeting we had earn-At the atternoon meeting we had earli-est addresses by Elders George H. Islaub, (who is the president of the Queensland conference, and Rudolph Korth. Each of the Elders gave us some good instructions; they also horted the Saints to diligence and faith in the work upon which we are engaged.

We also had a good meeting in the evening when we had a Gospel discourse by Elder Islaub, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, including peo-ple outside the Church membership. As before stated we are progressing

slowly in numbers and expect in the future that the ordinance of han. near tism will be performed on at least half dozen more. All the Saints here send their best

regards to the Elders who at different times have labored in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Yours respectfully, W. HOARE, Clerk of Conference.

A Successful Conference. Pilgrim's Rest, Henderson County

Texas, November 16, 1899. To the Editor:

About a month ago we received the lad news from Elder William T. Jack rlad news that he and Elder M. F. Cowley of the Council of Apostles would meet with us in conference here in this quiet retreat, between the 9th and 13th inst. This word was sent to the twelve Elders aboring in a half dozen different counties, and friends and members in as When about two weeks many more. later the news came that Brother Cowley's trip through the mission had been stponed, and we would proceed with the conference without even the presthe conference without even the pres-ence of Elder Jack, as the presidency, we were greatly disappointed and troubled knowing that some would come long distances to meet a living Apostle of Jesus Christ. Trusting that we would receive help from on High, we with humility faced the changed conditions.

The warm, clear weather with bright onlight nights has been very favormoonlight hights has been very favor-able for our traveling and holding meetings, and when at the first gather-ing, on Thursday night, November 3th, there was such a cordial greeting and good spirit manifest, it betokened a successful conference.

following morning by 10 the On o'clock all the visiting Saints coming in from a radius of about 80 miles and the Elders, including four new arrivals, met the local Saints and friends at the met the local same and treefds at the old church house and received a hearty welcome. The meeting was called to order by Elder J. G. Ash, and the usual opening exercises followed. Explana-tions were given by several of the

the third day was spent in Priesthood meeting at which all the Elders bore testimonies of the truth of the work in which they are engaged and expressed a determination to press forward in the cause of truth, after which they were assigned to their respective fields of labor. The kindness and hospitality of the people of "Apple Springs" will long be remembered by the Elders.

CHAS. W. HANSEN, Conference President. HYRUM O. PACK Assistant.

Oakhurst, Tex.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder John N. Hicks of Murray, Salt Lake Co., who was set apart on the 13th of Oct. 1897, for a mission to eastern States, returned on the 25th of No. vember last. He labored in Southern Illinois, and in St. Louis, Miss., where he found many kind friends among the people. The work is making fair progress.

Elder G. M. Pickup, of Vernal, Ulntah Co., was set apart on the 11th of Nov., 1897, to perform missionary work, and returned on the 25th of Nov. last. He fabored in Ethingham and Pike counties, Ill., and in St. Louis, Miss. and states that he has greatly enjoy d his experiences in the missionary field, and there have been several additions to the Church.

Elder Joseph E. Wilson, Jr., of Logan, Cache Co., was set apart on the 28th of July, 1897, for missionary work and returned from the field on the 25th of Nov., last. He labored in the Ohlo conference twenty-four months; in Southern Illinois two months and the remainder of the time in St. Louis, He says he has enjoyed good health and found good treatment among the peo ple

Elder William O. Phelps of Montpeller, Idaho, returned home on the 26th of Nov. last from a mission to the Northern States. He was set apart on the 20th of October, 1897. His field of labor has been Northern Indiana of labor has been Northern Indiana conference, where, he says, he enjoyed his labor, notwithstanding his health has not been the best at all times. At he feels well, and is pleased to present have had the privilege of preaching the Gospel.

Elder George E. Barton of Kaysville, Davis Co., was set apart for the Northern States mission on the 28th April, 1897. He labored in the of April, 1897. He labored in the Northern Indiana conference, over which he presided since July 14, 1898. He reports the conference in a progres-sive condition. A branch of the Church has been organized in Indianapolis and two Sunday schools, and there are many friends and inquirers. Elder Barton returned to this city on the 24th of Nov. last.

Elder A. W. McKay of Huntsville, Weber county, Utah, was set apart on the 15th of June, 1897, for missionary work in the Southern States. He was first assigned to East Kentucky conference, and then to North Kentucky. He was one of the Elders sent to open He was one of the Louisville in the latter part of June, this year. There are now some members and friends. The El-ders are preaching on the streets and distributing tracts. He returned home on the 24th of Nov. last.

Elder Willard W. Pitkin, of Millville, Cache Co., came home from a mis-sion to the Southern States on the 24th of Nov, last. He was set apart on the 19th of Oct. 1897, and was sent to the East Kentucky conference, where, he easy, the mission is making fair pro-He has enjoyed good health gress. during his absence.

Elder Arthur C. Candland of Mount Pleasant, Sanpete county, who was set apart on the 26th of October, 1897, for



