KANE COUNTY.

Descriptions of Its Various Settlements, —A Solid Home — Cave Dwellers, Etc.

Editor Deseret News:

I have now visited the different settlements of the Church in Kane county, attended the Sunday Union conference held in Kanab on the 5th and 6th of March and held special meetings with the Saints in Glendale, Orderville, and Mount Carmel. I have had a good time with the people, been treated with the hospitality and kindness characteristic of the saints of Southern Utah, and been successful in obtaining a great deal of valuable historical information.

The Kanab Stake of Zion embraces nearly all of Kane county, Utah, and a small portion of northern Arizona; it contains only five organized wards including a number of mere branches, and the total membership is 1,175 souls, of 231 families, which is 107 souls and 20 families less than the Stake contained in 1887 when it was first organized. This decrease is probably due to the principally the breaking up of the United Order at Orderville about seven years ago, which caused a number of families who had settled in Long Valley for the sole purpose of identifying themselves with that institution, to move away again, as soon as the order was discontinued.

The present Stake presidency consists of Edwin D. Woolley, of Kanab, President; Thomas Chamberlain, of Orderville, First Counselor, and Daniel Seegmiller, of Upper Kanab, Second Counselor.

As most of the readers of the News perhaps already know, Kane county consists of a vast tract of desert country of that peculiar character which marks the land in other parts of the Colorado river. The surface of the country is very broken and considerably of mud hills, mountains and a variety of clay formations. There are also several notable mountain peaks on the northern part, and a number of elevated table lands or plateaus, all conducing the opinion expressed in the report of "Physical Clark" descriptive of the country lying below the rim of the county, known as Kanab river, that it was a valley containing land, which by great labor and unyielding perseverance has been made very productive. Most of the land in the valley, adjacent to the sandwaters of the Rio Virgin and Kanab creek, the two principal irrigation streams in the county, Long Valley excepted, is of a light clay loam, some excellent farming land, which by great labor and unyielding perseverance has been made very productive. Most of the land in the valley adjacent the sandwaters of the Rio Virgin and Kanab creek, the two principal irrigation streams in the country