FROM INDIAN TERRITORY.

Prospects of the Work There—Words to Young Men.

Editor Deseret News:

CHEROKEE P. O., CHEROKEE NATION.—Thinking that a few words from the land of the Lamanites would be of interest to the readers of your interesting and valuable paper, we are able to report in the cause of Salvation. I will say it is in my humble way to get to be a little more into measuring the progress of the Elders. A branch is in part of the Vineyard. The united efforts of the Elders generally is good. Some have had a little spell of sickness, but not of long duration, and, out of a character in exodus there long have their labors, although at this time of year, we are unable to do much traveling on account of the hot weather. We put in our time visiting our friends and conversing on the principles of life and salvation, a subject, which is at the greatest importance to the present generation. Our labors in earnest, will commence about the first of September, and we look for good results therefrom this coming winter, for we expect a good supply of Elders from Zion about the first of September.

Elder Chase and myself are visiting the Couple settlement where we have about thirty Latter-day Saints who are firm in their faith and are trying to live in such a way as to claim the blessings promised to those who serve God in spirit and in truth. The more educated class of people in this country, are beginning to see the position they hold in this life, and also we can get them to read the 13th chapter Hall. from the 13th to the 30 verses, they can see that something is wrong, and out of the one thousand and six denominations that now exist in the world, one thousand and five must be wrong. We have more calls for our reading matter, and the people generally give more attention to our meetings than they have in the past. There seems to be a spirit of investigation among the people.

The condition of the people in this country, is a religious sense is far good. They have been carried about by every kind of doctrine, until many do not believe there is a Supreme being. They have become hardened children, and nothing but patient labor and the Spirit of the Almighty will break through the cloud of darkness that is slowly but surely covering them. The majority of the people in this country are in darkness concerning the Scriptures. In asking some as to whether the Bible is a good book or a false book or is it God's book or man's book, they will tell you that it is a good book, but there are others just as good, that is the condition in this wild and unsettled country. I sometimes think our young folks at home do not realize the importance of acquainting themselves with the Scriptures, especially our young men who are living with a view of filling a mission. From experience, I find they have the same old excuse, lack of time, but if they chance to pick up a novel, they will generally find time to look at the first two or three chapters to find out who is the hero, then run through to the last chapter and learn who was killed, who was hung, and who was married, and then they can pretty well guess the rest, for there is usually about so much swallow put in the middle for stuffing, why will they not do that much for the Bible; in that book, God declares the beginning to the end. It is not only a chart which guides weary weary pilgrims towards eternal rest, but it is record of the great plan and purpose of the Almighty, concerning the world which He has made and the Church which He has redeemed. It unfolds God's everlasting purpose as manifested in Jesus Christ. O my young brethren will read the first three chapters of the Bible, then turn and read the three closing chapters, they will be struck with the correspondence which there exists, and when we get the plan of the Holy book, we will feel that it is more than a book of detached sentences, good maxims, comforting words, it is a book which upholds the divine purpose, and not only reveals the way of salvation, but it marks the pathway through this world of trouble, revealing into the destiny of the world which God has made, and the Church which he has redeemed. This book comes not from the empty heart, but springs from the eternal depths of divine wisdom, love and grace. PHILIP H. MARGETTS.

The Palmetto Regiment.

The proposed gathering of the surviving members of the Palmetto regiment at the Cotton States and International Exposition will be an interesting reunion of some historical importance. After the battle of New Orleans, General Jackson, who was a native of South Carolina, received from the ladies of that city a handsome souvenir cane as a token of their great admiration for his great powers in the war with Great Britain. On his death, General Jackson willed the cane to the bravest soldier that South Carolina should send to the next session war. The Palmetto regiment went, returning to the Mexican war, but only survivors returned. A committee was appointed to decide which was the bravest of the men, but where all were brave to value the committee held a separate vote. The cane then went into the possession of South Carolina, and the legislature then undertook to dispose of it according to the wishes of General Jackson. The legislature finally disposed of the matter by dividing that the cane should give the last survivor of the Palmetto regiment. There are now only two of the survivors, and they coming to Atlanta will bring a distinguished group of men. The cane will be exhibited, and as an object of interest, it is of solid silver, and resembling cedarwood, being chased, engraved, inlaid with gold. J. J. Norton, of Atlanta, one of the surviving members, is the gentleman, which will consider the cane. The cane was exhibited at the New Orleans Exposition in city, where the members of Jackson's staff were known to present and shake hands with the venerable old soldiers.

Humanity as Well as Justice.

The officials of the state shop, city officers, who have discovered [illegible] will be an odd thing, [illegible] to be allowed one or more months [illegible] the people, who have distinguished themselves in [illegible] and in attempting to do their duty in a [illegible] manner, [illegible] the majority of the people who [illegible] of their opinion of [illegible].

Mayor Hadley, Lynn, whose personal [illegible] in the state [illegible] as widespread as recognition of his [illegible] abilities as an actress, is almost a rival among the women of the country for her time in her apostle or pulpit [illegible]. Aside from her literary work, which, in spite of its occasional eccentricities, has always attracted attention, she has displayed a remarkable talent for platform-speaking. Strength, humor, all her efforts at this kind have thus far been successful. The world [illegible] of her [illegible] "The Ship of Fools," "Tom Brown," "The Wrong Twins," "Lady Bountiful," "Lady Bountiful," "Lady Bountiful