## DESERET EVENING NEWS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5 1908

SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### Interesting Descriptive Letter from President J. L. Workman.

The South Texas conference embraces the south half of the state. There are 13 elders in all laboring here, four in the country and nine in the city. Elders Henry Oyler, J. D. Pratt, Edwin Git-tius and J. C. Qualman are laboring in the country districts, visiting saints, hypothesis.

 In the country districts, using the second se tiansen, P. D. McArthur and J. S. Mar-

We came into the city on July 6 and We came into the city on July 6 and have been making a house to house canyas. We have distributed about 75 Books of Mormon and 500 small books and 4,000 tracts. We have been treat-ed well in the city considering the con-ditions here. A majority of the people are Catholics, many of them Mexicans, The Catholics are taught to be satisfied with their solution and are instructed with their religion and are instructed not to investigate other people's re-ligion. However we find that the in-telligent Mexicans are more interested in the Book of Mormons than any one here. Of course we know the rea-

We divide in two companies and preach at two places on the streets every night. We are never interfered with by the officers, but our rights are

ple to appreciate the value of the lib-erty they enjoy. San Antonio has about the same population as Salt Lake City, about 600 feet above sea level. It is supplied by weter from artesian wells. The river divides the city in halves. In September we leave the city to labor in the country. We get the Des-cret News, the Era and Lianona the Elders' Journal. We are able to do a great deal of good with these papers in various ways. We receive five copies

great deal of good with these papers in various ways. We receive five copies each week of Liahona to distribute. Anyone having relatives in this part should write us at Independence, Mo., and we will look after them. A letter addressed to 302 South Pleas-ant street, Independence, Mo., will reach any one of the 157 elders labor-ing in this mission. Last month the Central States mis-

Last month the Central States mis-sion sold 577 Books of Mormon, 4,301 small books and distributed 40,000

tracts Ever praying and laboring for the triumph of truth I am sincerely, Your brother, J. L. WORKMAN.

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 21, 1908. 

of an unique organization. He has di of an unique organization. He has un-rocted the typek of as many as 500 elders at one time, all engaged in mis-sion work. The majority of these "mis-sionaries," as they are designated, have been volunteers in their cause, laboring without compensation from any source and in many instances not only without personal means but declining all revenue, contented with provision only for being housed and fed as they traveled in the various sections of the h. These men, to the number of , have worked under Mr. Rich's 2,000, hay direction. Mission headquarters are here in

Chattanooga, from which all the south-ern work is directed. Tons of printed matter regarding the Church which ac-cepts the conviction that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God has been dis-tributed. In the 10 years of Mr. Rich's admin-

The to years of Mr. Files a domini-istration the Mormons have erected Church buildings throughout the south. Within the past 12 months it is esti-mated that the reports will show fully 1,000 baptisms in the southern mission. The converts through the medium of the mission are estimated at over 6,500. Chattanooga has been the general headquarters and from here has gone out the literature and here the elders are equipped with their modest belong-

In consequence, Mr. Rich has had im-Chattanooga houses. He is highly es-teemed, acknowledged and respected for his sincerity of purpose, his integri-ty and withal his possession of high ideals of good citizenship, Mr. Rich is succeeded here by Elder C. A. Callis, who was the president

gave a lasting testimony nty. During the time of whom God divinty. of its presidency over the mission more a six thousand honest hearted souls be been led down into the waters baptism, expressing a belief that my p than of baptism, expressing a belief that Jeseph Smith was a prophet of God, and realizing the promise that the Lord would confirm the testimony of the elders by giving them a living testimony by the Holy Spirit. I say God bless the people of the Southers states! Thousands of them, many of whom do not belong to the Church. have states! Thousands of them, many of whom do not belong to the Church, have opened their homes as a resting place for our elders, giving them both food and shelter in the name of a dis-ciple of Christ. At times we have had over five hundred elders laboring as missionaries, the majority of whom were traveling without purse or scrip, and many times most of them were housed and fed by people who were not members of the Church. May God's eternal blessings rest upon them! If I could speak personally to these

God's eternal blessings rest upon them! If I could speak personally to these generous hearted southerners, I would say that the day will come when the Master will say to them, I was hungry and ye fed me, I was tired and ye gave me a bed. I was surrounded by mobs and ye defended me, and if they ask, when did we do this, the Master will point to the Mormon elders and say: Ye have done it unto them, therefore ye have done it unto them, therefore ye have done it unto them, therefore julity of these people and in the woods of the south I have been wel-comed with the best they had. In times of peace they have ministered to

comed with the best they had. In times of peace they have ministered to my conforts, and in times of trouble, when surrounded by armed mobs, they have shown a willingness to lay down their lives for me; and I say again, God bless the people of the south! I shall be grateful if the elders will tell our saints and friends that I carry with me to my new field of labor happy recollections of my missionary days in the Southern states.

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the Southern states. And now to you, my brethren and companions: If this mission has made a good record and is entitled to praise, the honor belongs first to God our Elernal Father, through the Captain of our salvation, who has given us the power of the holy priesthood. After Him, the praise, the honor and the glory, so the praise, the honor and the glory, so far as earthly power is concerned, is due to the numble elders, who have traveled through sunshine, rain and sleet, suffering many privations and often sleeping in the woods, in carry-ing the message of our Blessed Rc-deemer to their brethren and sisters in the word. They are the ones who

deemer to their brethren and sisters in the world. They are the ones who have sought entertainment among strangers, taught them the gospel at their firesides and held public meet-ings in halls, in the woods, and upon the street corners. Between sixteen and seventeen hundred missionaries have labored under my direction, and they have been obedient, clean and faithful. It has been an army of men that I have been most proud to be as-sociated with, and to enjoy the confi-dence and respect of such an army of dence and respect of such an army of workers has been worth more to me and has brought me more happiness than any other that could have been be-

est strings of my heart. Ten years ago missionary work was not done in any of the citles of the south, but today we have neat church edifices in some of them and healthy congregations in many of the cities. We have church buildings scattered throughout the south and a very sub-stantial and comfortable mission head-

ders, the tithes and offerings from the saints and the generous appropriations made by the authorities of the Church. The saints have been faithful in the payment of their tithes and God has fulfilled the promise made that He would open the windows of heaven and shower blessings down upon them. The people of the south and the people of north are now mingling together and the southern people are traveling more, and thus it has become a new south entrely, compared with what it was in 1898. These changes have created new conditions, and men have be broader minded and therefore generous toward the people of more other faiths. Ten years ago it was very

worth of his leadership. He was presi-dent of the South Carolina conference when he received his appointment to preside over the mission. In that field of labor the Lord has of labor the Lord has prospered his management of its affairs, and the work has grown and the elders have been filled with renewed energy. El-der Callis has been present at the last three gatherings of the conference pres-idents of the mission and is personally Babylon. idents of the mission and is personally idents of the mission and is personally acquainted with every conference presi-dent in the mission with one exception. During the last few weeks, without knowing what object was in view, he has been laboring in the mission of-fice with the secretary in directing the office work. I therefore feel that he is now no stranger to the work and can intelligently direct the labors of the el-ders and counsel the saints concerning ders and counsel the saints concerning the work of the Lord in this land. As you have been obedient to me, I beg of you to transfer that allegiance and

love to my successor. As you have offored up your prayers in my behalf that God would inspire me with His Spirit to direct the missionary work in the south I beg of you now to pray for him, and I recommend him to you and to the saints as a man of God, clothed with the holy priesthood, filled with the spirit of his calling and with his heart and soul in the work of the ministry. May God bless him in his important calling; may God bless the elders la-boring in the vineyard of the Lord, and may the choicest blessings of our heavenly. Father hover around the heavenly Father hover around the saints who have listened to the gospel

sound. May the peace of our Master rest in the homes of our friends who have fed, rested and protected the serv-ants of God who, came in the name of the Master, Good-bye until we meet again. Your brother and missionary compan-

BEN. E. RICH. Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 28

To the Elders of the Southern States Mission. Dear Brethren: After a period of

Dear Brethren: After a period of more than 10 years' continuous and faithful service, Prest. Ben E., Rich has been honorably released from the office of president of the Southern States mission. Actions speak louder than words, and the following brief summary of the missionary work ac-complished by the elders under his presidency is a more fitting and en-during tribute to his capable leader-ship than the most eloquent tongue could pronounce: During his administration. 25,000

could pronounce; During his administration, 25,000 Books of Mormon have been sold; 15,000 Orson Pratt's works; 160,000 Voices of Warning; 150,000 Durants; 25,000 song books; and 40,000 miscel-laneous books bearing on the gospel; 3,500,000 gospel tracts have been dis-tributed. All of the above, excepting the Eooks of Mormon, have been pub-lished and distributed in the mission lished and distributed in the mission There have been upwards of 6.800 baptisms; add to the foregoing the bundreds of thousands of gospel conversations the elders have held with friends and investigators, and one gets an idea of the magnitude of the

servant of God. And the large and elegant mission house in Chattanooga is evidence of his wisdom in the man-

to every phase of missionary life is well known. Like Paul, he has "learned that in whatsoever state he was, therewith to be content." other words, he has done the w will the Master with a willing heart. He has ably and eloquently expounded the word of God to large and intelliexpounded gent congregations in the centers of learning and culture in the south; and he has preached the glad tidings of great joy to the humble farmers if their little churches that nestle in the shade of the oak and the pine. He has dined today with railway magnates and prominent business men, and on the morrow he has been a welcome guest of the husbandman and taken of his humble fare in his cabin in the forest. Prest. Rich has been successful be-

cause he has been humble and sought at all times the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He has been bold and cour-

ful officers and saints. Bishop Miller referred to the mater-ial growth of the Church and urged upon the saints to sustain the work of God in a practical way, also to observe proper economy and not pattern after selors to bishop Connelly, voluntarily retired. The officers of the various organizations were honorably released, and com-plete reorganizations will be effected in the immediate future.

the immediate future. There were present at the meeting, in addition to the local authorities, Elder Rudger Clawson of the council of the apostles, and Elders Jonathan S. Page Elder Andrew Jenson dwelt upon the favorable conditions prevailing among our people, due to the observance of the commandments of God and imand Hyrum Lemmon of the Utah stak presidency. The general meeting con-vened at 7:30 p. m., preceded by a Priesthood meeting at 2 o'clock.

SNOWFLAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of Snowflake stake was held at Snow-flake, Arizona, Aug. 15 and 16, Elders Heber J, Grant and Hyrum M, Smith

Heber J. Grant and Hyrum M. smith of the twelve were present and gave many timely instructions. The saints attended quite generally, and the Spirit of the Lord was plainly mani-

Spirit of the Lord was planny mani-fest. At the priesthood meeting two home missionaries were added to the list and two were released. The Relief society held its conference on Friday, the 14th. The presidency and secretary of that organization from it, Johns stake were special visitors.

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and a highly beneficial time was had. The crops here as a rule are good, and an abundance of rain during the last seven weeks has made the stock-men rejoice. MARTIN R. TANNER, Clerk.

NEBO STAKE CONFERENCE.

The discourses throughout were fraught with instruction, advice and counsel, which, if lived up to, would make the saints better, broader and more faithful to the teachings and principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ

sity of having a testimony of the gos-pel; the advantage in embracing op-

portunities while young; the great benefits derived from obtaining a theological education; the love we should have for our fellow men; the

evils of intemperance and the bless-ings resulting from observing the Word of Wisdom. The general Church and stake au-

The general culture and state does thorities were sustained unanimously. The meetings were among the best ever held in this stake. The saints who were in attendance most assured by derived benefit and strength there-

by. After the M. I. A. meeting in the evening, conference adjourned for

**BIG HORN CONFERENCE.** 

Special Correspondence. Byron, Wyo., Sept. 1.—The quarterly conference of the Bighorn stake of

Zion was held at Byron, Aug. 29 and 30. The first day's sessions were held in the bowery, but rain necessitated the

holding of Sunday services in the meet-inghouse. An overflow meeting was held Sunday afternoon in the school-

There were present Elderss David O. McKay of the quorum of of apostles, and Joseph W. McMurrin of the first

and Joseph W. McMurrin of the first council of Seventy; of the local authori-ties, all of the stake presidency. It high councilors, bishops of all the wards and a full corps of stake auxi-

THOMAS W. LERWILL,

Stake Clerk

three months

house.

liary officers.

the commandments of God and im-pressed upon the young people the necessity of taking up the labor of their parents and following those who have practised righteousness. President Anthon H. Lund said that to love our enemies may very often be summed up by not seeking to re-taliate. The beautiful pattern by the Savior was held out as the safe way for Christians to follow. If we desire to become perfect we must practise to become perfect we must practise self denial rather than indulgence. The saints were admonished to keep the Sabbath day holy, to worthily partake of the sacrament; children should honor their parents, and all honor God. The usual M. I. A. conference was held Sunday evoning and addressed by President Lund, Elder Jenson, Bishop Miller and others, NILS LIND,

Stake clerk.

# BOXELDER CONFERENCE.

The Boxelder stake quarterly confer-ence convened Saturday morning, Aug. 29, at 10 o'clock. The visitors ap-pointed by the first presidency to be in attendance had not arrived, so the time was occupied by local officers. In-teresting reports were given of their

time was occupied by local officers. In-teresting reports were given of their labors and some excellent counsel to the saints. There was a very good at-tendance at the meeting, considering the busy fruit season now on. At the Saturday afternoon services there was a good attendance. Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., came in during the services, having arrived on the af-ternoon train. The theme of the speak-ers was, "The saints should avail them-selves of the opportunity to get some Nebo stake conference convened Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 29 and 30, in the pavilion, Spanish Fork, There were in attendance, of the general Church authorities, Eldera Rudger Clawson and A. W. Ivins of the quorum of apostles; Rulon S. Wells of the First council of seventy, and George H. Brimhall, president of the B. Y. U., together with the stake presidency, high councilors, etc., and a fair attendance of saints in general. The singing was furnished by the choirs of the Spanish Fork four wards. selves of the opportunity to get some of the good land which the state is sellof the good land which the state is sell-ing for \$2.50 per acre. The methods of some public officials, who had ex-hibited a "land grabbing" spirit were denounced in strong terms. During the afternoon services a quar-tet, composed of Elfied L, Jensen, Col-lie Lund, A. W. Ensign and C. C, Jen-sen, sang "Calling for Me." Elders O. F. Whitney, of the coun-cil of the aposties, and Seymour E. Young of the first council of seventy, came up on the evening train from

principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The following are some of the sub-jects talked upon: Necessity of un-derstanding the gospel; purposes of stake conferences; the difference be-tween our Articles of Faith and those of other denominations; the message and mission of the Book of Mormon; the Lord's mercy and love for His children; the importance and neces-sity of having a testimony of the gos-pel; the advantage in embracing opcill of the apostles, and beginners, Young of the first council of seventy, came up on the evening train from Salt Lake City, and attended the priesthood meeting held in the evening. Both gave excellent instructions. The tabernacle was filled Sunday morning with Sunday school children and saints, presenting a beautiful pic-ture. The exercises for the first hour were under the direction of the Sun-day schools, and were most interest-ing. The program consisted of class exercises, concert work, music and songs, and the story of Daniel in the Lion's den by little Jesse Hooper of the kindergarten class. Elders Smith, Young and Whitney made interesting remarks.

remarks. At the afternoon services the building was again filled to overflowing, and a good spirit prevailed. President Oleen N. Stohl made a report of conditions throughout the stake and pre-sented the authorities, all of whom were unanimously sustained.

were unanimously sustained. Elder O. F. Whitney, in a masterful address, explained the beauties of the gospel, and was listened to with rapt attention. Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., bore his testimony to what had

been said. The M. I. associations held an in-The M. I. associations held an in-teresting meeting at 8 o'clock in the evening. A program of songs and speeches was rendered. The singers were, Roger brothers, Miss Lottie Owea of Salt Lake, and Waldemar Call of Willard. The speakers were Rose Wallace Bennett, Joseph F. Smith, Jr., and O. F. Whitney. The singing furnished by the taber-nacle choir and soloists during the con-ference was of a high order, and added much to the interest of the meetings.

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### CHANGES IN UINTAH STAKE.

The report of the stake presideny was that the people are living their religion more fully than ever before since the The eighty-fifth quarterly conference of the Uintah stake was held at Vernal, Utah, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22 and 23. President Francis M. Lyman organization of the stake. Prosperity in material things is evidenced on every hand. The themes discussed were the reward of a laborer in the Church and and 23. Fresheric Functo in Source and Anthony W. Ivins of the council of the twelve and President Charles H. Hart of the first council of seventy, naving of tithes In material things, the paying of three and offerings; and spiritual growth. A priesthood meeting was held Satur-day afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Elder McKay explained the necessity of all the quorums being actively engaged. The lesser priesthood should be given responsibility and something to do in their quorums. He explained how the boys could be awakened to interest in their quorums.



unusual to find people in the south who had visited Salt Lake City. Today it almost a daily occurrence and they



ELDERS LABORING IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Reading From Left to Right-Top Row-A. J. Cordon, P. D. McArthur. Center Row-J. H. Luke, J. S. Martin, M. F. Hixon. Bottom Row-W. E. Bay, J. L. Workman, Niels Christiansen, J. E. Mitchell.

protected as other people. One man tried to raise a little disturbance one night, but was silenced by a policeman was standing by.

Who was standing by We are treated well by the banks and business people. A leading news-paper here, the Gazette, has given us and business point it is a given us paper here, the Gazette, has given us the use of its columns for several lengthy articles. Mr. Shelton, the edi-tor, said he was treated so well while he was in Sait Lake that he wanted to do something in return for the kind-ness. I want to say right here that the bureau of information is one of the greatest forces for good that we have in the Church. It is doing more to al-lay prejudice than most any other thing. We meet scores of people that tell us of the kind treatment received in Sait Lake by the bureau people. In 1853 at the dedication of the Sait Lake Temple President Woodruff pro-phesied that from that very hour the

Lake Temple President wood an inter-phesied that from that very hour the persecutions of the saints would begin to lessen. I can testify to the truth of this as I spent two and a half years in this state some 10 years ago, and ind now that conditions are greatly changed for the better. People are less harsh in their atti-tude toward us. Many of the truths

People interfess initial methods due tude toward us. Many of the truths of Mormonism are being incorporated into the creeds of the world. The hon-est people in the churches demand it and the clergy must keep pace or lose their positions. The fires of the old orthodex hell are about burned out and reason is taking its place. Predestina-tion is being cast off, too. Their God Is changing. Some are advocating tith-ing. The principal of the state normal school at San Marcos recommended his class in general history to read the Book of Mormon, and the elders sup-piled them. Mormonism will yet be recognized for what it is—the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, whole truth and nothing but the truth,

### SAN ANTONIO.

The city of San Antonia was settled in 1689 by the Spaniards. It is a quaini-old Spanish town with its plazas, crook-ed, narrow streets and architecture of Spanish style. The last 10 years has done much, however, to change it into an up-to-date city with its tall build-bus etc. There are many attractive ings, etc. There are many attractive features in San Antorio. It claims more park acreage than any other city in the United States which I believe is the United States which I believe is true. You find parks and plazas, cov-ered with bananas and palms in every part of the city you desire to go. Brackenridge park is made by nature and herds of elk, deer and buffalo roam-under the shade of the pecan, walnut and other native trees.

under the shade of the pecan, wainu and other native trees. San Antonio has the healthiest eli mate and best waiter in Texas, conse quently thousands of tourists and in valids flock here in winter.

The chief attraction to tourists, he ever, are the missions built here by t Catholic fathers 200 years ago and t center of interest is around the Alar The Alamo is a sacred spot for Tex and it justly deserves to be place on the 22nd day of 1836, began the siege of th of February the Alamo t commanded 1836, began the siege of Travis, Bowie and Crockett Texans about 190 numbering Against this little band of patricts was arrayed a Mexicun force of 6000 com-manded by the heartless Santa Ana The Texans sent out a man with an appeal to the clizens of the country everywhere to come to their aid, but the country was so thinly settled that when aid could be obtained it was to They paid the price of liberty. Their blood sanctified the spot, and the Alamo is kept intact as a remembrance of what happened there, to help the peo-

# ELDER BEN E. RICH

Is Reviewed Most Favorably by the Chattanooga Times.

The annexed article, clipped from th Chattanooga, Tenn. Times, of Aug. 30, is self-explanatory. It is reproduced as going to show the liberal thought outh, and there are others in D vhose attitude towards the Chu and its adherents has materially

and its adherents has materially changed in the last decade. The ar-ticle is as follows: Chattanooga is to lose a good citizen. Ben E. Rich, who for ten years has made this city his headquarters as president of the Southern States mis-sion of the Church of Latter-day Saints, is going east, commissioned by his church authorities as president of the Eastern States mission.

The Eastern States mission. Until Mr. Rich's liluminating ad-ministration of Mormon missionary work in the south, there was disposi-tion on the part of people to surround the work in which he was engaged with protons and frequency of the sources. the work in which he was engaged with mystery and frequently absurdity. Until recent years Mormons in the south were bogies inciting prejudice and passion. Mr. Rich, more than any other man, is responsible for a truer conception of the work in which he and his colleagues have been engaged. This work has been of a missionary character, depending upon education-al literature and personal mission work to make known the gospel as the Mor-mon church Interprets it. The tenents of the Church as taught by Mr. Rick and his co-laborers are not menacing

and his co-laborers are not menacing to either peace or propriety. The ritual of the modern Latter-day Saint is of prosiac character, free from text or suggestion that is not apparently de-vout and normal, even in this day and time of fads and fancies, so frequent-iy masquerading as religion. There is considerable of the practical combined with the spiritual in the Mor-mon missionaries. It must be so, for theirs is a peculiar work of combat-ing prejudice, reasonable or unreason-able, this combination is marked in Mr. Rich. He is truly a man of affairs, preacher, teacher, executive, councilor and business man. and his co-laborers are not menacin

nd business man. He has been the head and forefront



of the Florida conference. Previously he was located in South Carolina. In Introducing him as his successor to the following in the south, Mr. Rich, in an

open letter to his parishioners, says As you have offered up your pray-ers in my behalf that God would in-spire me with His Spirit to direct the missionary work in the south, I beg of you now to pray for him, and I recommend him to you and to the saints as a man of God, clothed with the budy priorities filled with the saints as a man of God, clothed with the holy priestbood, filled with the spirit of his calling and with his heart and soul in the work of the ministry. May God bless him in his important calling; may God bless the elders labor-ling in the vineyard of the Lord, and may the choicest blessings of our Heav-enly Father hover around the saints who have listened to the granel sound

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## FAREWELL AND GREETING.

#### Presidents Ben E. Rich and C. A Callis Address Missionaries.

The two following letters are self explanatory, and are published as writ-ten by their respective authors, Elder Ben E. Rich, late president of the Southern States mission, and his successor, Elder C. A. Callis: Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 28, 1908, To the Elders of the Southern States

To the

My Dear Missionary Companions-Ter years ago last June, 1 was honored with a call to preside over the Southern States mission, and from that time until the present I have tried to the best of my ability to honor the important position whereanto I had been commissioned by the authorities of the Church. The same authority which sent me to this part of the Lord's vineyard has given me an honorable re lease from my labors and honored m lease from my labors and honored me with a call to the presidency of the Eastern States mission. I am grateful to my Heavenly Father that I have been considered worthy to labor among the southern people, because the south is the land of my fathers. The blood of my ancestors comes to me from Kentucky, the birthplace of my father, and from South Conclusion the load of Kentucky, the birthplace of my failher, and from South Carolina, the land of my mother's purents. The south, therefore, has been a very pleasant field of labor, and through you, my brethren, '1 desire to extend to the saints and to our friends my heartfelt appreciation for all the kind and gen-erous hostitality which has been exappreciation for all the kind and gen-erous hospitality which has been ex-tended to mc. There will always be a warm spot in my heart for the people of the south, and I carry away with me many fond recollections of southern chivalry and bravery. I say bravery because in many hours of peril south-arm men have been willing to lay dear ern men have been willing to lay down their lives for me, and my heart is over flowing with gratitude for the multi-tude of kind acts towards me, done by the people of the south. I have sai

many times in public and in private and I desire to repeat it here, that th southern people are the most religious, the most God fearing and generous people with whom it has been my privi-iege to mingle, away from the body the Church,

There is a saying that in the mis-benary field is found the seed of the hurch, and I desire to bear testimony that many of the strongest and ablest defenders of the faith were south men who accepted the gospel and to

have brought back with them many fond recollections of their visit to the "City of the Saints." We have felt the good results eminating from the works of the faithful missionaries connected with the bureau of information upon the tabernacle grounds. They de-serve great praise for their work, and in blessing the elders and the saints, I also feel to say, God bless Brother Goddard and his associates in that im-portant mission of the Church.

Last year our reports showed \$43 bap-sms in this mission and I have frequently expressed the opinion that for the year 1908 the Southern States mission will show 1,000 baptisms. You have been laboring under strict in-structions not to unduly influence anybody into the waters of baptism; not to administer this ordinance to persons unless they first express a sincere and honest conviction that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. 1 know this will was a prophet of cool. I know this will also be the counsel of my successor; and still I firmly believe that through the earnest labors of the elders I will not be disappointed in regard to 1,000 baptisms for this mission when the report is made up at the end of the

It has pleased the authorities of the Church to name Elder Charles A Callis as my successor in the presi-dency of this mission. He is no stranger to the conference presidents, nor to the elders and saints of two important conferences of the mission. He labored earnestly and successfully as presiden Florida conference, and under dership it grew as it had never his leadership it grew The baptisms and the grown before. The baptisms and the tithes of that conference showed the



The medical term for "kidney tron-ble" is Nephritis. Medical works agree that it is curable during the acute or first stage and that it is incurable in the second or chronic stage.

the second or chronic stage. When is the line crossed? One of the latest authorities, James Tyson, M. D. Prof. of Medicine in the Univer-sity of Penn, says in his late work, page 121, that the changes have been observed as early as the tenth week and are probably established in all cases by THE SIXTH MONTH. The name Nenhritis manys inflam-

The name Nephritis means inflam-mation of the kidneys and the books having nothing for it physicians have been helpless (the deaths have grown to 170 dally), and Prof. Tyson plainly says: Page 156 as to curative measures to restore the kidney to its normal con-ditions the purpose dition, "I BELIEVE THERE ARE NONE."

The inevitable logic of this situation is that as Fulton's Renal Compound is the only thing known that reduces in-flammation of the kidneyf after it has become chronic, it is the only thing in

become chronic, it is the only thing in the world that people can look to for recovery who have had kidney trouble longer than six months. (Note—In fact, it is the only thing that acts directly on kidney inflam-mation at any stage, first or last. But it naturally reduces it more quickly be-fore than after it becomes chronic.) Literature mailed free. JOHN 1 FULTON CO

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ageous in defending the gospel and leading us onward in the fight for leading us onward in the fight for truth; but he has never been overbear-ing He has gained access to the hearts of the elders and the people with the key of love. His solicitude for the elders: the tenderness; and the love he has shown for them, has won thely gratitude and undying af-teriors. They have been instructed and inspired by have been instructed and inspired by his wise and fatherly counsel, and before the rays of the sunshine of his hopeful and buoyant disposition, their trials and discourage-ments have field. He has shared their joys and their sorrows; and wh duty called or danger threatened, has been quick to respond. The sa The sacri fice he has made is sacred unto th Lord, We bid him goodbyc with re-gret, and pray the blessings of God upon him, and wish him abundant success in his new field of labor.

Dear brethren, as you already know, the Church authorities have chosen me to succeed Prest. Rich as president of this mission. I have accepted this call in the spirit of humility, and in the same spirit, with the help of my Heavenly Father, I will do my duty and work hard with you, my co-laborers, in bringing souls unto Christ That is our mission. Let us be loya to the Captain of our salvation; loya to our leaders—for their hearts are filled with love for us; and loyal to each other. Solomon said: "Trust in each other. Solomon said: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understand-ing. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." In your ministry set a good example-and build up the members in the faith. The word of the Lord to the Darket Lorench on this point is one Prophet Joseph on this point is ap-plicable to us: "Therefore, strengthen your brothren in all your conversa-tion, in all your prayers, and in all your exhortations, and in all your

Brethren, be patient and diligent; have faith, hope, charity and love, and press forward like true soldiers of the cross. Work while it is yet day, for night cometh when no man can

Work Shortly after the general conference, which I am going to attend, I will visit all the conferences in the mission and will then have the pleas-are of becoming personally acquaintd with all of my brethren in the

With very best wishes and prayers remain, for your success.



### JORDAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

son and Bishop Orrin P. Miller: the presidency of the stake, high council-ors, bishops and other officers and a large attendance of members. The singing was by the ward choirs of South and West Jordan combined and was well rendered and appreciated. The speakers during the various ses-sions were Robert E. Dimond and Bishor, Willard P. Emiss lately ra-

sions were Robert E. Dimond and Bishop Willard B. Enniss lately returned from missions, Charles Peter-sen of the high council and Stake Clerk Nils Lind, Joseph M. Holt, who reorted the Sunday schools and Josuna

very favorable report of the conditions in the stake and commended the faith- Alma T. Madsen, who had been coun-

were present.

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The brethren were met at Colton on the D, & R, G, railway and conveyed through the stake from west to the by private conveyance. President Wil-liam H. Smart met the party at Theodore. There were large and enthusias-tic meetings held at Theodore, Myton and Roosevelt in the western part of the stake.

the stake. Bishop Ephraim Lambert having been called into the high council, he was honorably released as bishop of Roose-velt ward, formerly the Duchesne ward, and Bishop Dan Lambert was installed as his successor, with Owen Bennion and John Austin Pack as counselors. When the conference convened Sat urday morning, there were present in addition to the visiting brethren al-ready named, the stake presidency, all of the high council, all of the bishops of the stake and a good representation-of other stake and ward officers. shakes.

The meetings throughout the conferonce were well attended and the re ports given by the stake president and bishops showed the stake to be in a prosperous condition.

A good spirit prevailed and the gen-eral authorities present gave timely and impressive sermons, especially enphasizing the necessity of observing the Word of Wisdom, Sabbath day, law of tithing and family and secret prayer The visiting brethren spoke very encouragingly of the Uintah basin, calling attention to the immense possibilities of that region of country for making

During the conference Elder Archie S. Richardson was released as a high councilor on account of being called to other duties. Elders Reuben S. Collet other duries. Enters Redden S. Coher and Nelson Merkley were sustained as high councilors to fill vacancies in that quorum, and Edwin J. Winder and Byron O. Colton, Jr., were sustained as alternate high councilors. After the Sunday afternoon meeting. President Charles H. Hart met with the

President Charles H. Hart met with the seventies and filled vacancies in the presidency of the Ninety-seventh quorum and ordained a number of seventies, and gave some very good instructions

to the The M. I. A. of the stake held a very interesting session Sunday evening, b ing addressed by President Charles H.

Hart. The visiting brethren in connection with members of the stake presidency visited Glines and Naples wards and in each case filled vacancies in the bishop-In Glines ward Second Counselo John Holfeltz was honorably released and Ernest Eaton was chosen as his successor. In Naples ward Elder Adel-bert T, Collett was honorably released as second counselor to Bishop James M. Shaffer on account of removal, and Sylvanus Collett sustained as his suc-

David Dean was released as ward clerk of Glines ward, he being on a mission, and James O'Nell, Jr., was sustained in his place





At a meeting held in Eureka Sun. At a meeting heid in Eureka, sun-day, Aug, 30, a change in the bishopric was effected as follows: Elder Peter Borup was set apart as bishon to suc-ceed Elder Daniel Connelly, the latter having been honorably released, at his

own request Elders William J. Adams and Paul Wirthlin were chosen as first and sec-ond counselors, respectively, to Bishop Borup. Elders Arthur N. Wallace and

Sunday evening the M. I. A, held a ession and Monday a Sunday school session convened. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed

throughout all the meetings and a gen-eral time of rejolcing was had.

The Bryon ward choir, under the leadership of John J. Simmons, realeadership of John J. Simmons, reli-dered beautiful hymns and anthems for the conference. The fellowship and love of the gospel was made manifest with the saints of the different wards in kind greatings and friendly hand kind greetings and friendly hand

> EMANUEL THOMAS Stake Clerk

## PANGUITCH CONFERENCE.

Special Correspondence

Panguitch, Aug. 31.—President F. M. Lyman and Elder Heber J. Grant capie to town last Friday to attend quarterly conference, which was held Aug. 29 an 30. Together with the many valuable instructions given, the following busi-ness was transacted: President David Cameron, having formerly resigned, the following organization was effected: James Houston, president of Panguitch stake; John N. Henrie, first counselor, and Joseph E. Heywood, second coun-selor. Elder John L. Sevy retired from the high council on account of ill health and Stephen Walker. Ir, was health, and Stephen Walker, Jr., was chosen in his stead. Leonard C. Sar-gent was chosen superintendent of Y. M. M. I. A. of the stake, vice J. N. Henrie, promoted, with Ralph Delong as first assistant and David E.

ron, second assistant, and David E. Can-ron, second assistant. The brethren continued their journey south today to the Kanab stak

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## EXCURSION TO OGDEN.

Sunday, September 6th, via Oregon Short Line, Round trip \$1.00. Any train except Los Angeles, limited. Returning, trains leave Ogden at 2:05 p. m., 5:15, 5:45 and 8:10 p. m.

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P. Terry, of the Y. L. M. I. A.; Joseph Mickelson, returned missionary, The presidency of the stake gave a