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"Relation of Mormonism to the Chris-tian Churches," which was handled in his vigorous and thorough style, and much appreciated by saints and strang-

much appreciated by saints and strang-ers. Two sessions of conference were held at Great Falls, Mont, on Oct 31, at 2 and 7 p. m., in the Odd Fellows hall. Elders E. F. H. Jones, J. W. Jones, F. A. Curtis, spoke in the first meeting and President Ballard occupied the time in the evening, assisted by Elders Thomas Wolford and Wolf, both from Canada. There were many strangers and some investigators, as well as saints present. The work in this con-ference has just recently been opened up, and excellent results are being ob-tained, many baptisms, a friendly feei-ing among the people, and good pros-pects for holding regular meetings in the future.

pects for holding regular meetings in the future. Nov. 14, conferênce was held at Spo-kane, Wash. Meetings were held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Spokane branch was never in such good condi-tion as now, and the meeting in the evening was the most successful and largest attended of any yet held in Spo-

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Very pleasant evening in conversation with a Confederate veteran, Capt W. E. McElwee. The captain, by the way, heard Elder A. O. Smoot preach many times at Post Oak Springs in 1835-6. He had a commission under Albert Sidney Johnston and is at present a member of the Tennessee bar. During the evening the conversation drifted to the Book of Mormon and, after inquiring the date of death of its last living witness, Capt. McElwee said in substance as follows: "In 1884, after having stiended the

Cupt. McElwee said in substance as follows: "In 1584, after having attended the court proceedings in the temple lot case at Saint Louis, I went from the town of Cuba to Richmond, Mo., riding 30 miles by team, to see Mr. David Whitmer, one of the witnesses of the Book of Mormon. Finding the old gen-tleman seated under an apple tree, I talked with him for about an hour I told him that I had traveled ra-through interest and curlosity to see him; that if his teatmony be true, I considered him as most remarkable character—the only man living, in fact.

NORTH SANPETE

The thirty-seventh quarterly confer-ence of the North Sampele stake con-vened in the Moroni tabernacie Satur-day, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m., President Chris-tian N. Lund presiding Aithough the weather was cold and unpleasant, a fair representation of stake and ward officers and members were present on the first day, and though a continuous snow storm prevailed during Sunday, the meetings of the day were well at-tended.

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A report of the growth and present conditions of this colony may prove of interest to readers of The News. From the year this colony was first settled (\$99) until it was visited with and development was rapid and would have done credit to much older and more favored localities. But alas for the hopes of puny man! The floods came and surpassed all previous rec-ords for destructiveness in the history of this generation. The owners of up-wards of 4.000 acres of rich bottom heir fields one evening whisting a tuny to their happy and prospectivy to their happy and prospectivy bounds; the next evening that loss heing rapidly carried to distant loss heing the tho Yaqui. The labor of the years of a number of hard uneers with orchards, vineyards, etc. Men the waters had subsided and men had time to ponder, many could and advice that had been given to

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NORTHWESTERN STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

RESIDENT MELVIN J. BAL LARD has just finished to ding conferences and making ass gn ments of the clders in all parts the mission and also visiting nearly the elders in Idaho, Montana, Ore

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and Washington. On Oct. 17 the second conference of the Bozeman, Mont., conference was held at Big Timber, at the Cartis with President Balard in a area very instructive and inreceives were held at (115) m., 2 and 7:30 p. m. Despite the m cy of the weather, the attend the meetings was poon such nerved a ready mercest in the reaction of the second secon mi, maring the includes ressolution of a conservery "includes results of any-ism" and revelation. At the coord session, a report of the work g none in the contracted was given and reber Swindle, showing this mosts or the four enters anothing Y have, rieber Swindle, sn.wung t. at the enorts of the four enters aboring ere had won for the cluse is baptism in a children biessed autiag the ar thus all, with the prospects of the year. Friends have been made acreve the clerk have been made and have been an an acre baptism of the summer been and the authorities of the much, which were unanimously sus-hed. He also gave figures showing e satisfactory growth of the work roughout the mission, and the prom-tes of the Lord to those was would stain the work by developing them-ives and paying their titles. The ne of the evening session was taken President Bailard, several yoen se-tions were rendered by President Blard throughout the conference, lich touched the hearts of his audi-rs as no capression of word could. Monday at 10:30 an elders' meeting as held, at which the elders received eir instructions before continuing eir work. Three new elders' meeting as held, at which the elders' meeting is rough wening found President Bal-

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Tuesday evening found President Bal-und 60 miles west of Bozeman where a excellent cottage meeting with the lattice and their friends was held in lat part of the conterence. From Oct. 25 to 29 the fourth Inter-ational Dry Farming congress was eld at Billings, Mont., which the elders Hended as delegates from Utah, with thers, President Ballard being ap-pointed a member of the committee on webuiltions and executive committee pointed a member of the committee on resolutions and executive committee-man from Utab. The dry farming uestion is a living issue in Montana nd excellent opportunities are offered or new home seekers. On Oct. 22 a splendid meeting was eld with the clders at Missoula, Mont. 1 the Severth Day Adventist church. large number of strangers and inves-

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MISSION ADDRESSES

For the convenience of travel-ers, the Descret News gives here-with the addresses of the various missions of the Church where this paper will always be found on file, and where travelers will receive courteous attention: New York City-31 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth St. Chicago-149 So. Faulina St. San Francisco-1413 Baker St. Los Angeles-423 West Tenth St. 0000

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tigators, as well as some saints, wer-present and thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. Conference at Butte commenced Sun-day morning at 10 o'clock, and con-tinued at 2 p. m. at which the elders of the Butte conference occupied the time. The speakers were Elders Cox, Fullmer, Acord, Dahlquist, Porter, Cow-ley and Roberts. Meeting was held in the Latter-day Saints' hall. The eve-ning meeting was held in Odd Fellows' hall, and an excellent crowd of the best people in the city was in attendance.

Ward Photos by Utah Photo Materials Co. SOME NEW MEETING HOUSES IN SALT LAKE THIS YEAR.

Fully 300 people were in the hall. Presi-dent Ballard took for his subject the kane. There were many strangers and investigators present and at the close of the services several expressed them-selves as being ready to join us. Elder isaac Allred was honorably released to return home, and R. J. Thompson was appointed to take his place as president of the East Washington conference. Elder E. F. H. Jones was released as president of the Great Falls con-ference, to return home, and F. A. Curtis appointed in his place. Elder E. Thomas, Jr., was released to return home, and Elder J. H. Hiller, who has been laboring in the Portland conference, was appointed to succeed him as president of the Boise confer-ence.

the visitation of an angel. I reminded him that his remaining years of mortal life would be few at most, and if there was a future condition of rewards and punishments he had everything to gain and nothing to lose in recanting, if his testimony was untrue. The old man's eyes flashed. Stamping his cane on the ground and looking me straight in the eye, his voice trembling with earnest-ness, he said: 'I am as sure of the things of which I have testified as 1 am that the sun shines. Do you know what this is?' tapping the branches above him with his cane. I know those things are well as you know that this is an apple tree.' "My experience in the courtroom has taught me to observe a man's expres-

10th Ward

President East Tennessee conference. City, reported conditions existing in those wards, in which very good work is being performed by the local officers. The stake superintendents of Sunday schools, Young Men's and Young La-dies' Improvement associations report-ed exceptionally progressive conditions and results for good existing in those organizations. The report of President Christian N. Lund was an interesting feature of the conference, as showing conditions of material and spiritual growth of the people of the several wards, all of which should fill the hearts of the saints with gratitude to the Giver of every good. President Lyman and Bishop Miller made several addressee seach, on the every-day duties of the saints, ear-nestity enjoining them to live nearer to the Lord by keeping his command-

every-day duties of the sentences of the Lord by keeping his command-ments: also to utilize the many un-developed resources of the country, which course would bring many in-creased comforts to the people. Many beautiful pieces were well ren-dered by the local choir, under the leadership of Elder James Larsen. The conference was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. AARON HARDY, Clerk of Stake.

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MORMON MEXICAN COLONY

Colonia Morelos, Sonoro, Mexico, Nov 7.-On the 20th and 21st inst. Elders Junius Romney and H. S. Harris of the stake presidency, Prof. Guy C. Wilson of the Juarez Stake academy and members of the stake Relief so-clety met with the saints of Morelos in

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ward conference. The 600 or 700 suints of the ward attended with enger in-terest and received valuable and en-couraging instructions. to build and improve the lowlands along the river too much, but give their at-tention to the upiands. A few had not the courage to face the improvement of new lands and sought other and "greener pastures." but the characteristic fortitude of pio-neers predominated with the majority, and with undaunted courage their ener-gies were directed toward the reclama-tion of the lands back from and out of danger of the river. The result is that Morelos is one of the most independent Mexico. Five or six years ago all breadstuff was imported at a great cost, at present almost every family in the colony is raising its own bread, and hundreds of tons are shipped to the mines and other markets. An up-to-date roller flour mill, steam thresher and modern harvesting and planting machinery have been accuired and are being made use of within the past few years.



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STAKE CONFERENCE

tended. The conference was favored with the presence and valuable counsel of Presi-dent Francis M. Lyman of the council of aposities, and Bishop Orrin P. Miller of the presiding bishoprie. Five interesting meetings were held, including priesthood meeting on Satur-day evening, at which there was an attendance of 290 officers and members, The bishops of Chester, Freedom, Wales, Mt. Pleasant South and Spring

Top row from left to right-Leonard G. Hardy, first counselors 1855-1883. Edward Hunter, presiding bishop, 1851-1883. Jessy C. Little, second counselorr 1856-1874. George Goddard, bishop's clerk, 1856-1883.

Second row-Henry Moon, third bishop of the First ward, 1855-1870. Phineas H. Young, fourth bishop of the Second ward, 1864-1873. Jacob Weiler, second bishop Third ward, 1856-1895. Thomas Jenkins, second bishop Fourth ward, 1866-1875. William H. Hickenlooper, first bishop of the Sixth ward, 1849-1877.

Third Row-Thomas McLelland, fourth bishop Seventh ward, 1865-1870. Elljah F. Sheets, sec-ond bishop Eighth ward, 1855-1901. Samuel A. Woolley, third bishop Ninth ward, 1864-1900. John

Proctor, second bishop Tenth ward, 1863-1874. Fourth Row-Alexander McRae, second bishop Eleventh ward, 1857-1891. Edwin D. Woolley, sec-ond bishop Thirteenth ward, 1853-1881. Abraham Hoagland, second bishop Fourteenth ward, 1851-1872. Andrew Cunningham, fourth bishop Fifteenth ward, 1859-1867. Frederick Kesler, second bishop Sixteenth ward, 1856-1899.

Fifth Row-Nathan Davis, third bishop Seventeenth ward, 1851-1894. Lorenzo D. Young, second op Eighteenth ward, 1851-1873. Alonzo H. Raleigh, second bishop Nineteenth ward, 1856-1877.

John Sharp, first bishop Twentleth ward, 1858-1885. The Fifth ward is not represented by any bishop. Thomas Winter was the first bishop of this ward. He resigned in 1830 and the ward was attached for some time to the Sixth ward, of which

William H. Hickenlooper was bishop. The Twelfth ward bishopric is not given. The bishops were, Benjamin Covey, 1849-1856; Leon ard W. Hardy, 1856-1877; Alexander Pyper, 1877-1882; Hyrum B. Clawson, 1882-1904, followed by Thomas A. Williams until the union of the ward with the Thirteenth ward.

conterence, was appointed to success the provident of the Boise conference.
The Weiser, Idaho, branch was recently re-organized, with W. E. Stoddard, president, and Elders Inglestrom and F. P. Wellman, counselors. The Nampa, Idaho, branch was also reorganized, with L. C. Pond, as president, and Horace Woffenden and W. A. Willow, as counselors.
Elder J. L. Cook has been aprointed president of the Portuned configuration of the Portuned configuration.
Work con the Sestile meetinghouse is progressing, and the building will ic compressing, and the building will ic compressing, in the building will ic compressing, and the building will ic compressing, in the city, located high up on Queen Anne hill, overlooking a view of the business district. Capital Hill, the fashionable relidence district. Fremont and Chiversity, two suburban towns, now a part of greate? Seattle, Mrz Shartinf, from Logan, Utah, have speat the past month and a half at mission headquarters, with President and Mrz Ballard. Their assistance in the branch organizations was much appressing and they returned home, leaving any warm friends among the suburb.

saints. Thanksgiving day was fittin ly cele-brated by the saints of the P.: 1 and branch. Services were held at 11 a.m., at which President Ballard and Elder H. C. Mortensen spoke on topics sug-gestive of the day. Some musical selec-tions were rendered, and the meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. In the evening the Mutuals gave a dancing party, which was attended by most of the saints, and afforded pleas-ant recreation for all.

ant recreation for all. The following elders have recently arrived in the mission: Wilford R. Tol-man, Rupert Best, Oliver L. Peterson, Oliver Dunn, Rosel H. Hale, J. V. Pe-ley, William J. Lamborn, A. W. Cros-hy, H. Melvin Rollins, James C. Orr, J. W. Crosland, Samuel Knight, T. C. Sessions, Lamoni Holbrook, J. W. Ames, George W. Larsen, C. E. Tillot-son, A. R. Emery, S. M. Hawley, Charlie Roper and J. W. Bodily. terson, Hyrum K. Elmer, John L. Day-Belenses have been issued to the fol-

terson, Hyrum K. Einer, John L. Day-Releases have been issued to the fol-lowing elders: W. G. Shleids, J. C. Cowley, E. F. H. Jones, J. W. Jones, E. Thomas, Jr., Henry Barnes, Isaac Allred, Lorenzo Page and E. L. Hooper. The health of the elders is good, the work is prospering and the outlook for the future is exceedingly brisht. H. C. MORTENSEN, Mission Secretary.

ANOTHER BOOK OF MORMON EVIDENCE Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 27.-A week go,Elder J. H. Shaw and I spont a

Those him with his cane. I know that this is an apple tree." "My experience in the courtroom has taught me to observe a man's expression and manner of testifying, and I am convinced that David Whitmer at least has no doubt but that his testimony is true. His excommunication and estrangement from the Churca seems not to have shaken it in the least. "In telling of events in ancient American history and the present external evidences that the American Indian is of Israelitsh origin. Mr. Whitmer read from his memorandum book of a certain Capt. McLewe who had found a Jewish coin. I told him that that was my name; that I had the coin but that helewe with the Hebrew inscription. Jerusalem, the Holy City,' and on the other, 'Shekel of the Tabernacle.' The old man was delighted. Grasping my hand he exclaimed: 'You know you have seen and handled those golden plates, shown unto me by an angel, though all the world may doubt my testimony."

ARTICLES OF FAITH,

Of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

1. We believe in God, the Eler-ual Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gos-

ve believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, faith in the Lor? Jesus Christ: second, rependance; third baptiam by immersion for the remission of sias. fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
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5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy, and by the laying on of hands," by these who are in authority, to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

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 We believe in the same or-ganization that existed in the primitive church, namely, Apos-tics, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.
 We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.
 We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also be-

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machinery have been accurred and are being made use of within the past few years. A school, supported by private contri-butions, employing a principal and six efficient grade teachers, affords ample opportunity for the children to complete eighth grade work. With a climate unexcelled for health and productiveness, soil seldom equaled on the continent, good water. 50 miles from United States line and Douglas. Ariz. (a town of 12,000 inhabitants, sprung into existence since the settle-ment of this colony), and surrounded by some of the richest and best mines of Moxico, there is no reason why this should not become one of the strongest colonies of the Latter-day Saints in Mexico. The acquisition of a thousand acres of rich farm lands adjoining the colony on the north some time ago gave room for expansion in that direc-tion. A branch has been organized and a ward organization is expected to fol-low ere long. C. W. LILLEWWHTE.

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