Elder.

Scattered Saints Remaining Faithful

of Russia.

Elder C. L. Anderson, Jr., in a com-

munication dated Sundsvall, Sweden,

part of the country spreading tracts

o inbor as a missionary, but

Dec., 13, 1900, says:

Haptism in the Capital

Sunday afternoon, and so far we have IN SWEDEN AND FINLAND. had good meetings and well attended. We have only one member here, a wi-dow, 50 years old, a good old soul, so we have plenty of room for new mem-A Lutheran Clergyman and a "Mormon" bers. FAREWELL TO A CENTURY.

> Saints of Sacramento Sing "O My Father" at Midnight Hour.

Elder Parley Nelson writes from Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 4: On Monday evening last the Elders and friends met at the home of Sister Peterson, to bid farewell to the wonderful nineteenth century, and to welome the dawn of the mystic twentieth Judging by the number present and the congental feeling manifested by all,

t is apparent that the work of the Lord My first experience in missionary work s steadily moving onward and upward commenced in Upsala branch; here I this city. Many sentiments peculiarly fitting to was welcomed by the presiding Elder,

the occasion were expressed, and a most enjoyable time was had by all present. M. Erickson and Elder A. C. Pearson, In connection with these brethren and

In connection with these brethren and Elder G. A. Anderson, who came a few weeks later, I labored in the branch distributing tracts, holding meetings and performing such other duties as fall to the lot of an Elder. To begin with it was rather a difficult task as my knowledge of the Swedish language was very limited. On the 1st of March, this year, myself and Elder M. Erickson The evening was occupied by some of the talented members of the branch, who executed a very interesting program of songs, recitations, and instrumental selections. To add to the pleasure of the oc-

casion, games were indulged in, and a bountcous repast was served and enthis year, myself and Elder M. Erickson

As the bells tolled the knell of the were called to organize a new branch in the city of Geffe, which is between dying year and century, all assembled on the porch and sang. "O My Father," which rang out on the ley air of night seventy and eighty miles north of Up-sala. Here we labored two months during which time we distributed be-tween 1,800 and 2,000 Gospel tracts, some books, and held sevas a grand finale to the old, and a sweet welcome for the new year and century. The sweet chiming bells rang out the dying year and century, and rang in the new born year full of hope and joy, and the twentieth century in which we eral meetings in temperance halts which, through the kindness of the managers, were rented to us. One day while I was out tracting I happened into a minister's residence. When I told as a people may look for the establishment of the Millennial reign, and for the Master to come to reign "as King of kings, and Lord of lords." into a minister's residence, when I told him who I was he threw out both hands and in rather fierce tones ex-claimed: "Out with you!" Then he commenced telling me what bewilder-ing doctrines we "Mormons" taught, and that it was all from the devil. He

very pleasing feature of the enterainment was a soprano solo by Bro. Edward Garlick, who has a mezzo sorano voice of peculiar sweetness, and of rare range and tone.

said, several years ago there had been "Mormon" missionary through this After prayer by Elder H. C. Sharp, all dispersed, feeling grateful for the blessings enjoyed.

Saints and Friends Have an Enjoyable Christ-

mas Gathering.

Meeting Houses to be Erected - Business Men Interested in the Work of the Elders.

From La Grande, Oregon, Elder Hyrum Monson writes under date of Jan.

used this privilege. They told me all heir laws were subject to Russian con-The Saints living in the Grande Ronde Valley, upon invitation from the memrol. I labored in this country about wo months, held a few meetings, disbers of the Springville Branch, met in ributed over three hundred tracts, sold some books and met some who became their new meeting house on Christmas night in a dance and picnic, which was carnest investigators of the Gospel truths, I also visited St. Petersburg, nterspersed with many songs, recitations, speeches, etc. Elder E. D. Whiting of the Spring.

Russia, where we have a family of Saints. While there I baptized their elle branch made a speech of welcome. Elder F. S. Bramwell of the North-western States mission congratulated oldest boy, I also baptized one person in Finland. While in St. Petersburg I saw more misery and poverty exhibited than Elder Whiting, and the members of his branch, for their untiring efforts, and ever before or since, but what seemed the most deplorable was the religious he great success which they had met

At our fall conference, which con-A very pretty feature of the program vened on the 2°th and 3°th of Septem-ber in the same place as before men-tioned, myself and Elders N. O. Gyl-lenskog and P. W. Erickson were sent was the presentation of a photograph album and an autograph album to El-der Whiting, by the members of his branch, each member having previously to labor in the Sundsvall branch which extends from north latitude 61% on written his sentiments in the autograph album. Sister Luella Johnson in a neat the south beyond latitude 64, on the north and from the boundary of Norlittle speech made the presentation. Not until the small hours had come way to the Baltic or gast coast of Swe-den. Here in the land of the North where, it was once said many of the house of Israel should be found, though

did the crowd disperse, and all re-turned to their homes rejoicing. The meeting house, just finished, is

1899. On arriving in Chattanooga he was assigned to labor in the Georgia conference where he spent the entire time of his mission. The first nine months he spent as a canvassing Elder. The remainder of the time he visited Scintz and release. In Acrel 1899, when Saints and friends. In April, 1899, when nearly all the Elders were moved from Southern Georgia to the northern par of the State he, in company with Elde B. T. Stewart, was left in the lowe part of the State. Here he contracted malaria and the remaining five month of his mission he suffered with chill and fever, and accordingly was re-leased to return home. His mission, h says, was the happiest and by far th most profitable part of his life. Th Georgia conference is in a flourishing

condition. Elder Thorvaid S. Jensen, of this city, was set apart for a mission to Den-mark on the 15th day, of September, 1898, and left on the 17th for his field 1898, and left on the I7th for his field of labor. One year he labored on the island of Bornholm, and one year on the island of Siaellani, and the re-mainder of the time in the city of Vi-borg. Brother Jensen says he had a very pleasant time while on his mis-sion, although the accessions to the Church are few, except in the city of Copenhagen, where the work is pro-gressing very well. While abroad he visited the Paris exposition, and also the city of Wittenberg, Germany, where the city of Wittenberg, Germany, when he spent some time with relatives. He returned home on the 4th of this month

in good health and spirits. Elder W. Haskins, of West Portage. Boxelder county, returned on the 6th of this month from a mission to the Southern States. He was set apart on the 17th of May, 1899, and has been laboring in the South Carolina conferenc Speaking of the mission, he says it is in a flourishing condition. A small com-pany of Saints from South Carolina came in company with Brother Haskins. Most of them will seek work and es tablish homes in this State.

Elder Sylvester H. Cox, of Orangeville, Emery county left on the 24th of January, 1898, and was set apart by Elder C. D. Fjeldsted February 2, and having been detained on his way East by snowslides at Glenwood Springs Colo, only arrived at Chicago February 9th. He was assigned to labor in the Missouri conference, in which place he IN GRANDE RONDE VALLEY. Missouri conterence, in which had was labored for eighteen months, and was then changed to the Iowa conference, to enable him to visit relatives there. He enjoyed good health the greater part of the time, while on his mission. However, on two occasions he was sick enough to learn that God could heal him when all other things failed. He enjoyed his labors greatly, and, while he was firm in the faith when he went away, he returns with his faith greatly strengthened, and rejoices to again be at home with family and loved ones

> Elder F. M. Cowley, of the Council of Apostles, returned on the 5th of this month from a tour of the Eastern States mission, where he has been traveling visiting the various conferences, and held meetings. He started for this trip about two months ago. Brother Cow-ley says he had a good time. The attendance at the meetings was not flattering, but the Elders are energetic and making headway, and the converts at from among a good class of people The Saints are firm in the faith, and devoted to their religion. There are about 130 Elders in the mission, scattered over

about ten States. Elder Horace L. Shurtliff of Harris-Elder Horace L. Shurthin of Harlis-ville, Utah, reports by letter that he was set apart for a mission to the Eastern States Oct. 12, 1898, and an-cordingly started for the East on the evening of the 13th, At Brooklyn, N. Y. he met Elder A. P. Kesler, and was apne met Elder A. F. Rester, ind was ap-pointed to take up his labors in the Northwest Virginia conference, where his time was devoted to the cause of truth until the time of his release, Dec. 20, 1900. He reached his home on the morning of the 26th. The first fifteen months of his mission were spent tray.

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Walker House.

ating Germany from the other countries and making it a mission of itself. The headquarters of the new mission was located at Hamburg, and Peter Loun-tensock, who formerly presided in the S. I. & G. mission, was placed in charge as its president. There was at that time a thriving branch in Hamburg, and the locating of the mission head-ounter there. there have life and enuarters there, infused new life and en-rgy into both the members and the ders laboring there. For a time all nt well and the prospects for a rich harvest grew brighter every daw, but as is usually the case under such cir-cumstances, the adversary began to wake up to the fact that the cause of ruth was making dangerous inroads nto his supposedly impenetrable pos-essions, and he too began mustering is forces into action, and by hypocritiwielding his old sword of falseally hood and calumny, he succeeded in so tar prejudicing the minds of the city officers, that those dignitaries felt themselves justified in unceremoniously banishing all the Elders laboring there, including President Loutensock and Secretary Olsen, these two however afterwards received a modification of their banishment decree, which permit ed them to remain and transact business of the office, but not to do any missionary work. This condition of af-

CHVRCH INTELLGENCE

In the meantime President Louten-sock and Sceretary Oisen had been re-leased and an entirely new set of offi-cers, with President Arnold H. Schulthese in charge, had taken hold of the reins. In spite of the unfavorable conditions which existed, the branch continued to grow, the meeting hall had become too small, making it necessary to remove to more commodious apart a Sunday school had been or ganized and grown to such proportions that it was pronounced by Elder Mo-Murrin, of the presidency at Liver-pool, to be the largest and best conducted Sunday school in Europe. Under the direction of Elder R. T. Haag who had hear relied to Europe. Under the direction of Elder R. T. Haag, who had been called to the office as editor of the Stern, and to whom is also due a great deal of credit as one of those most active in building up the Sunday school there, a choir had sprung into existence and was making wonderful progress in learning to sing the beautiful songs of Zion. The progress of the work there was too marked to be overlooked of ignored by those who had taken upon themselves to oppose it, and they not being able to find any missionarie registered there, conceived the idea that the office men were not confining themselves strictly to business matters but were doing missionary work as well, and so they began stirring around in the puddle they had made, and suc ceeded in bringing about a condition which made it advisable for those in

ing, which, as he explained, was to be used especially by those Elders who went out to preach the Gospel in the way the Lord had commanded,-with-out purse or scrip. The next morning the printer received an order for 100,000 of same, and now about 20,000 of them have been sent out to fill orders sent in by the Elders, and we receive letters almost daily from different brethren relating their experiences and relateing in the success they are meeting with. President Schulthess, desiring to demonstrate his readiness to practice what he preaches, and wishing at the same time to gather some of the interesting experiences for himself, has just made fairs existed until about the first of May of this year. No missionarles were allowed to register in Hamburg, and all work that was done there had to be They were well received and enter-tained by the people, and return with the conviction that a great work can be done in this way. Although we cannot tell as yet how our efforts to the this way fill be received by conducted in a quiet, unpretentious

LONE STAR CONFERENCE.

Hospitable People-An Epidemic Interferes With Meetings-The Suirit of Gathering.

The Lone Star conference comprises a strip of country in the central part of Texas, from three to four countles



labor in this way will be received by the authorities of the land yet we have every reason to feel encouraged, and know that the Lord will open up the way in accordance with His divine With kindest greetings, your brother

in the cause of truth

ly been discussed by different mission-

aries in the various conferences and branches, and the opinion had often

been given that the time was not far distant when it would be introduced in

this as well as all other organized mis-sions, so that the sermon of President

Cannon on the subject came more as a confirmation of the peregal workings of

the spirit of the Lord on His servants in various parts of the world, than as

a surprise to us. As soon as the ser-mon appeared in the "News," a marked

mon appeared in the News, a marked copy of same was sent to every Elder, in the field, and soon afterwards our President visited the different confer-ences and held Priesthood meetings with the Elders, at which the matter was discussed. The smile of satisfac-tion which he ways as he left each of

was discussed. The similar of satisfac-tion which he wore as he left each of the various conferences to go to an-other, indicated that he was not at all dissatisfied with the result of his meeting there, and on his return to headquarters, he shut himself up in his reach and when he comercial a few

room, and when he emerged a few days later it was to ask our opinion on a tract that he had just finished writ-

We read with pleasure the many letters written from the different missions of the world testifying of the goodness



Progress of the Gospel Work in the Kalser's Realm Interestingly Described.

Elder T. C. Winn, writing from Berlin, Germany Dec. 11, 1900, says: Only those who have filled missions in

foreign lands, where not only the manners and customs of the people are new and strange, but the language also must be acquired, can appreciate the predicament in which the young Elder finds himself on first arriving in the kaiser's city. He has of course been given full instructions by the brethren at Liverpool as to what trains he should take to make proper connections, etc., and assured that on his arrival in Berlin he would be met by one of the missionaries, who would at once recognize him and escort him to headquarters, where a hot supper and good warm bed would be anxiously waiting to bid him welcome and make him feel at home in his new surroundings, but in his anxiety to follow out directions, he has, as a matter of course, taken the wrong train. and arrives at a depot about three miles south of the office at just about the time the brother who had been left at home to go and meet him, is getting ready to start for the other depot, which lies about the same distance in exactly the opposite direction. Not finding anybody at the depot who seems inclined to claim acquaintance with him, he begins to soliloquize on the possibility of the brethren at Liverpool having made a mistake in giving him directions, and decides to telegraph them at once. In trying to find out where the telegraph office is, however, he discovers to his great surprise that he can neither make

That Field Reported to be in a Thriving

Condition.

of God towards His servants.

scomes the center of attraction of all the station hands, ticket punchers, baggage smashers, loafers, and what few policemen happen to be awake in the immediate vicinity, the latter, following their usual order of procedure. commence at once piling him with ques. tions as to his place of birth, social standing, in what part of the city he lives, how long he intends to stay, if married or single, and if so how many children he has, what his name is, etc., etc., etc. He has been growing more confused and uneasy all the time, not having understood a word of what was said to him, and now becomes almost desperate, but just at this critical juncture a good-natured old German who can "speak a little English" happens along and helps him out of the difficulty, by advising him to take a hack to his destination, which he does, having fortunately noted the office address before leaving Liverpool.

In the meantime the brother who should have met him makes his way leisuraly toward the other depot, meets the train, and not finding his man de the train, and not infining institution cides very logically that he didn't come on that train. In the interest of econ-omy he decides to walk back home, a distance of about four hours, and a balk saving of about two cents and a half, and as a result of this very economical undertaking, he is still about three hours away when the new brother ar-rives at the house in which the office is located, and full of excited anticipation hurries up the stairs to the office door on which the president's name stand out in bold letters, leaving no possibility for a mistake. He rings the bell and then draws back, straightens himself up and holds his breath wondering how he will be received. He repeats this a number of times, and then it suddenly number of times, and then A subset of the second se of the words as possible, so that he can show the brethren when they come that he has already made a good start in the language. In a little while, however he begins to get tired of not being able to catch a single word that he can hold, and his mind wanders off onto other things. In about half an hour he has things. In about hait an hour he date filled an honorable mission met with unheard of success, received his release and made the trip back to Utah, and is just in the act of being received and welcomed by his loved ones there, when he is suddenly aroused out of his revery the backing English. he is suddenly aroused out of his revery by hearing someone talking English, and before he can realize what has hap-pened two of the brethren, who have just returned from a meeting down town, have ushered him into the office and almost buried him with all kinds of hearty welcomes, and just as they are trying to figure out how it happened that there was no one at the train to meet him, the other brother gets hack from the depot; explanations are made and the first chapter closes with a hearty hand-shake and general greet-

ings from all to all. This article would be entirely too long for publication, if we should follow our new Elder to his field of labor and en-deavor to relate even a tenth of the interesting experiences he meets with during the time of his missionary labors now we have seen him safely in the mission headquarters, we will give him a few weeks off to learn the language, and turn our attention to the mission in

The German mission as an independ ent factor dates from February, 1898 Up to that fime the German empire was Up to that time the German empire was included as a part of what was then called the Swiss, Italian and German mission, embracing the three countries named, with beadquarters at Berne, Switzerland. The territory covered, was, however, thought by the presiding brethren to be too extended for one man to preside over and give to all corts, the attention necessary to subparts the attention necessary to sub-serve the best interests of the cause, and so the idea was conceived of separ-

himself understood, nor understand a charge to seek a new location for the mission office. After prayerful consideration and careful discussion, Berlin was decided on as the most suitable place for locating, and the secretary at once left Hamburg with the books and other office equipments, and opened an office in Berlin, preparatory to the moving of all office effects, which took place three months later-on the lat

of August of the present year. In Berlin conditions were found much more favorable. We were permitted to register as missionaries, and also ucceeded in getting permission to pub-

lish our books and tracts. In most of the cities of Germany we now have a reasonable amount of liberty, although in some few citles our Elders have been banished, and in some others we are not allowed to distribute tracts or hold meetings. We are, how ver, looking forward to the time when more liberty will be granted us, which we hope is not far distant, as only re-cently a measure has been passed by the Reichstag which may prove very advantageous to us, since it provides "Religious freedom for the new sects," something that has not been fully

granted up to this time. There was a time in the history of this mission when it was thought that nobody could live in Germany without drinking more or less beer. There are indeed very few restaurants where one can buy a meal without taking beer, and everywhere you go that is the first thing offered you. It is the principal Arizona. thing offered you. It is the principal refreshment of the country, and any-one who refuses it is regarded as either a curiosity or fanatic. It must be said to the credit of President Schulthess, that since his there in the president schulthess. wever, that since his incumbency it w the Eiders who were inclined to way to this seeming unavoidabl evil, have been so severely taken to task that it has been entirely rooted ut, and every Elder in the field can raise his hand with a clear conscience and say that he is keeping the Word of Wisdom in this, and i believe in every respect; as a result, the health of the missionaries in general is good and all are relateing in their labors. There has only been an average of about two thirds the number of remainaries in the field this year on fast, but their faithfulness and can hest in neasured by a ri-ist, where the " the buttism hanthed in thur of las shown to be about where, so far year, and conditions as the members are toning to live their religion, a improved. We now have thirdeen fully organized Sunday schools, the most of We now have thirteen fully which have been organized since the first of this year, also choirs in a num-ber of the branches, all of which are doing a good work, and speak well fo corps of missionaries who, unde the direction of our beloved president have been able to accomplish so much, in spite of difficulties with the language and other disadvantages. The organization of so many Sunday

schools has caused a demand for song books to be used in same, and the prep-aration of such a book, containing a collection of one hundred songs, many collection of one hundred songs, many of which are translations from the English, in addition to his other duties as editor of the Stern, has kept Brother Haag out of mischief for the last two months. Same is now in the hands of the printer and should be ready for sale before Christmas. The mission will also issue a new hyme book in the period sale before a new hymn book in the near future, which has been in course of preparation for some months. That this will be of very high standard is assured from the fact that on the comassured from the fact that on the com-mittee of three appointed to pass on the work, our beloved friend and brother, brof. J. J. McClellan, was appointed as musical critic, and no music was as musical to appear in same without brst being passed upon by him as be-ing suitable. Much credit is due Broth-er Méclelian for his zealous labors in etting same in shape during his re-ent sojourn in Berlin, as well as since his return to Zian.

his return to Zon. A new experience in this mission direction the time where it which is rapidly proving a success is that of traveling without purse or scrip. This is a principle which had frequent.

wide and extending from Louisiana t New Mexico. It is presided over by El. der E. Hunsaker. He has a force of sixteen Elders. We are at present in a

thriving condition. The people of Texas as a rule are hospitable, and the prejudices are giv-ing way to a spirit of kindness and inestigation. Our fail conference was to have been

held at Grub Hill school house, in Hill county, on Nov. 25th and 26th, but on account of a reported epidemic of small-pox we were unable to hold any public meetings. The Elders came in from their various fields with a look of disappointment, but made the best of the situation under the circumstances. We enjoyed each others' company, and all went out to their fields in possession of

the spirit of their calling. Nineteen happy months have passed since I left my home in Utah, and the valuable experience which I have had Valuable experience which I have had has more than repaid me for my time and expenses. Most of my time has been spent as a tracting Elder. I am now traveling among the scattered Saints in the eastern part of the State in company with Elder C. A. Ashby of Woods Creat Utab

Woods Cross, Utah. The Saints all seem to have a desire to gather to Zion, and some of them making their way to Mexico and

TWICE A JOSEPHITE.

The Experience of One Who Has Now Joined the Church Briefly Told.

A reader of the "News." Brother Quincy Anderson, writing from Ozark, Mo., Dec. 29, gives the following account of his experiences in seeking for light and truth:

I am now a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was baptized seven months ago by El-der Jacob N. Larsen of the Missouri onference. I was formerly a member of the Josephite faction for five years. but not three weeks at a time satisfied with that church. I did not know they claimed to be a "re-organ-ized church" when I first united with them. I became dissatisfied with them because they falled to practice their doctrines, and not knowing, as I do now, which was the true Church, I renounced "Mormonisu When I began to find out where the true Church is, I took back my renouncement but just as I was preparing to join the Church Josephite Elders came to me with extracts from the discourses of President Brigham Young, and made me, for awhile, believe his discourses taught, that it is right to lie

steal, murder, gamble, and borrow money and not pay back. After they had induced me to believe that he taught such things, I joined the Joseph he ites a second time. But now I investi-gated the teachings of Brigham Young further. The editor of the Deseret News, Brother C. W. Penrose, by publishing the context of the publishing extracts from Brigham Young's dis.

curses on those subjects referred to, proved to my mind that President Foung did not teach such doctrines. Then I was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at Springfield, Mo., May 27th, 1900.

Springfield, Mo., May 27th, 1900. I am now firm in the faith. I know that I belong to the true Church, which holds the God-given authority of the Priesthood. God told the Church through his chosen mouthpiece Joseph Smith to always be Temple builders, and all these little factions. Josephites included, who claim to believe in the revelations God gave Joseph, have revelations God gave Joseph, have never from the beginning built a single temple, while the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has not only been building temples, but performs those solemn acts therein, such as baptism for the dead and other sacred ordinances. I am looking forward to the time when I will be under the proper freumstances to go to Zion and receive those sacred endowments, and to be where the people of God hold all their

oubt has been gathered, there are the truth and we have some earnest investigators. Since I came to this branch I have had the pleasure of lead-ing three persons into the waters of baptism, a young lady and her two brothers; notwithstanding there was snow on the ground and some ice on the water of the small lake where this oly ordinance was performed. After being confirmed, which occurred by the After vater's edge, they expressed their hap-iness that they had become numbered n the true fold of Christ.

In a meeting a few weeks ago some of our local brethren also bore testi-nonies of gladness that they had been ound by the Elders and now they were sure they had found the truth and knew that God lived and answered rayers. Though false reports are plenthe walls of prejudice are getting reaker

We are always glad to receive the "News." From it we gain many en-couraging and noble thoughts.

THE WORK IN NORWAY.

Many Additions to the Church in Christiania.

The Meetings in the City of Christiansand Now Are Well Attended.

Elder Joseph A. Halvorsen, of this city, now on a mission in Norway, writes to Bishop G. R. Jones, of the Twenty-third ward, from Christiansand, Norway, Dec. 9, as follows: In New York I met, at the hotel fif-

teen missionaries, a few with whom I was acquainted, also on their way to Europe. We boarded the ship Penn-land, and after thirteen days' journey we arrived in Liverpool. One of our company, Brother Christensen from Suit Lake, was so sick that he was brought to the hospital in Liverpool, and you probably know that he died there, so he did not have the chance to see his folks in Denmark, that coun-try being his destination. Of course, we all felt very sorry to leave our brother in that condition, (sick in the hospital.) knowing as we did that he would not be able to get over his sickness; but we had our mission to fulfill-so with sor-row in our hearts, we left him and Liverpool, and went over Hamburg to Copenhagen, where we were welcomed Elder Peterson and the brethren in the office.

I went to Christiania, Norway, the place of my birth, and I assure you, dear brother, that it was with rather peculiar feelings that I again put my foot in that city, after an absence of about sixteen years. My relatives received me in great style, and I had the great pleasure to baptize one of my hunts, and I have hopes of seeing at least one more of my mother's sisters come forward to embrace the Gospel. Great meetings are held in Christiania. the hall seating between three and four hundred people, being crowded every Sunday night, and a great many strangers come to the meetings. During the summer there were baptized, in the Christiania conference, between 40 and 50 persons, and most of them in Christiania city. There has not been much labor done in this town by our people. They were here some years ago, but were driven out. Up till about a year ago, very little was done here. and no meetings were held all summer; in fact not for nearly a year. When we came down here Brother Willard Christophersen from Sait Lake being my companion, we hired a hall, and

a well built frame structure, 15x42 greater part of the harvest no inside, and is a monument to the strength and unity of the Saints, especially when it is considered, that it was built by members of only six familles, and all within two or three months from the time that it was first suggested

Steps have been taken in the three other branches in this valley toward the erection of meeting houses and from present prospects, all will be completed long before another Christmas finds us, and all will be able in a year from now to celebrate Christmas under their own roofs. The people here are very kind in their feelings toward us, which is especially manifest in La Grande, where the business men have contrib uted several hundred dollars toward the erection of a Latter-day Saints' church or meeting house. The work of the Lord is progressing

The work of the Lord is progressing in this part of His vineyard and the Elders are working with zeal and en-ergy throughout this mission to bring the Gospel before the people and warn them of the judgments to come.

Called Home.

Elder C. R. Humpherys, president of the South Carolina conference, in a let-ter dated Columbia, S. C. January 4, advises us of the death, on November 17 fast, of Sister Sarah E. Gaskins. The deceased was born May 2, 1833, She was the wife of Brother Hugh Gas-bins and has balanced to the Church kins, and has belonged to the Church since June 7, 1898, when she was baptized by Elder Alfred Keral. She was faithful unto death.

STAKE CONFERENCES. Sevier Stake.

Richfield, Jan. 2 .- The quarterly conerence of the Sevier Stake of Zion was held here in the Stake tabernacle Sat-urday and Sunday, Dec. 29th and 30th 1900. Of visiting brethren there were present Elder Anthon H. Lund of the Council of Apostles and Seymour B Young of the First Council of Seventles

On Saturday a number of the Bishops reported the condition of their wards which taken as a whole indicated an increase of interest among the Saints toward living their religion, and not-withstanding the partial failure of last vinsuanding the partial failure of last year's crops in most places, the amount of tithing paid would equal the pay-ments of last year and in several in-stances the Eishops reported it would exceed considerably that of last year. The time of the meeting not occupied

by reports and other business was i ly used by Elders A. H. Lund and Soymour B. Young.

The authorities of the Church and The authorities of the Church and Stake were presented and unanimously sustained. Robert F. Gould was or-dained a Patriarch in the Stake by Apostle Lund, and William L. Marble, Cyrus Avery, William Greenwood and Joseph R. Hooton were ordained High **Priests**

John F. Anderson was ordained Bishop and set apart to preside ove Burrville ward, with Leonard A. Hi and Norman Fillmore as his first second counselors. George Hi Wright was also ordained a High Pries and set apart as second counselor to Bishop E. A. Bagley of Koosharem ward.

Saturday evening a meeting of the Priesthood was held, during which much waluable instruction was imparted, the speakers were Elders Joseph S. Horne, Wm. H. Seegmiller, A. H. Land and Seymour B. Young. The Richfield and Monroe choirs fur-

nished the singing during the meetings. which was

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Elder George A. Matthews, of Matthat he reached home on January 1901, from a mission to the Souther now we are holding meetings every States. He was set apart on July 19th.

elling among the people. On January 27, 1900, he was called into the conference office as counselor to Elder Jasper A. Bird, and to do office work. He SAVA he enjoyed his labors very much. The work seems to be progressing very fa-vorably in northern West Virginia. The Saints generally are trying to live their religion.

Elder Samuel M. Taylor, of this city, a son of Elder Joseph E. Tay-lor, first couselor to the president of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, arrived home on the 4th of this month from the British mission. He was set apart for that field on the 14th of Oc-tober, 1898. He has been laboring in the Shaffield Sheffield conference during the entire time of his absence, and he reports that

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Elder F. S. Beck, of Paris, Idaho, re turned to this city on the 3rd of this month from the Eastern States mission, where he has been engaged in missionary work. He was set apart on the 11th of October, 1898, and has been laboring in the East Pennsylvania conference. He reports that he has, as a rule, met with hospitable treatment

and found many friends. Elder Alfred Jensen, of Ch'cleville Plute county, Utah, returned on the 4th of this month from a mission to the Southern States, for which he was set apart on the 14th of September, 1898. He has ben laboring in the Georgia conference. He reports he had an enjoyable time there, and that the mission is prospering.

Elder W. J. Atkin, of Tooele City, Togele county, was set apart on the 19th day of October, 1898, for a mission to the Southern States. He has been laboring in the East Tennessee conference, where, he says, he met with some persecution, but nevertheless had good success. He arrived in this city, on his way home, on the 4th of the month.

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