

band's mind that in a fit of despondency and gloom he this morning attempted to kill himself by drawing the blade of a large pocket-knife across his throat.

It was about 7:30 o'clock when the deed was committed and at 8 o'clock Drs. W. F. Beer and Alfred Taylor were at the wretched man's side stitching up the very dangerous and almost fatal wounds. Grow had thrust the knife-blade into the left side of the neck, then drawing it around to the front had cut the carotid artery and barely missed severing the jugular vein. The wounds were bleeding very profusely when the physicians arrived, and it was with difficulty that the flow of blood was stopped.

After being cared for, the case was reported to the county authorities and arrangements made to convey the man to the hospital, where he could receive the treatment necessary to heal his wounds and further prolong the life which he in a despondent moment had tried to cut off so abruptly. It is said that Grow has attempted self-destruction once or twice before.

The funeral services over the remains of the two Christens, the unfortunate victims of last Wednesday's snowslide, were held on Saturday at noon, in the Sixth ward meeting house, Logan which was well filled by the friends of the bereaved family. The body of the father lay in a black coffin and that of his son in a white. The bearers were of the same color. Addresses were delivered by the following brethren: C. D. Fjeldsted, Moses Thatcher, Orson Smith and Bishop Skandhy of the Sixth ward, the one where the family resides. Each of the speakers could, from intimate personal acquaintance, speak highly of the deceased as a kind husband, a loving father, good citizen and faithful servant of God. The procession to the cemetery was a lengthy one, and expressions of sorrow and sympathy from bystanders along the route were frequent.

Immediate want is not added to the sorrows of the family. Generous hearts have taken the matter in hand and their efforts have prospered. The proper clothing for the dead was furnished by the Relief Society. The father's coffin was provided by the quorum of Seventies, to which he belonged, and the son's by his Deacon's quorum. Bishop Skandhy was also particularly active in looking after the welfare of the family. In addition to the lightening of the burden by these means, subscription lists have been circulated and quite liberal response made. One gentleman secured \$115 by the circulation of a list; another one \$40, and there are still others who have not yet reported. These sums may still be considerably augmented as others have opportunity or become able to assist. Hyrum Jepsen may be considered out of danger, but he is still a long way from complete convalescence, and has to be assisted to turn in bed.

During the late immense drive of sheep eastward through Wyoming and Idaho by Swift & Co., nearly 800 large weathers died from drinking too freely of the strong saline waters of Salt creek.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WORK IN WISCONSIN.

AUGUSTA, Wisconsin.

November 3rd, 1896.

Our conference was held here on Saturday and Sunday, October 31st and November 1st, in the opera house. Three meetings were held each day. Conference was presided over by Elder Frederick Christensen, president of the Wisconsin conference. Elder Samuel G. Spencer, president of the Northern States mission being here, Saturday and Sunday evenings were selected to hear from him.

Saturday morning was taken up listening to the brethren making their reports of their labors for the last six months. They all gave very encouraging reports of their work done through this country.

Saturday at 2 p. m., we heard from Elders Frederick Christensen and F. M. Dayton, on the principles of Faith and Repentance. Saturday evening the time was taken by Elder Samuel G. Spencer on the subject of general and individual salvation; he first spoke on general salvation.

Sunday morning, Elders Simons and Christensen took up the subject of baptism, showing its necessity for salvation. Sunday afternoon, President Christensen took for his text the Holy Ghost and how it was conferred.

Elder Spencer also took up a few minutes on this subject and brought forth many scriptural evidences to bear on the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

Sunday evening, Elder Spencer took for his text, who has the authority to baptize? He dwelt some two hours on this subject.

Monday forenoon we held our Priesthood meeting, where we received encouraging and instructive counsel from our beloved president, after which we were appointed to our several fields of labor, as follows.

John J. Simmons, president of the conference, will labor in Grand Rapids, Wood county, Wisconsin.

Francis M. Stephenson and Andrew Larsen will labor in Fond Du Lac, Fond Du Lac county, Wisconsin.

F. M. Dayton and John Boice will labor in Eau Claire, Eau Claire county, Wisconsin.

Hyrum Christensen and Burton S. Rupp in Madison City, Dane county, Wisconsin.

Elder Frederick Christensen having been out twenty-six months, has been honorably released to return home, having filled an honorable mission. By Elder Christensen being released, it became necessary to fill his place. Elder John J. Simmons was appointed to the presidency of the conference.

BURTON S. RUPP.

Clerk of Wisconsin Con.

IN BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE.

THE HEATH, Uttoxeter.

November 3rd, 1896.

We held our conference on the 25th of last month, and had a time of great rejoicing. There was quite a number of visiting brethren present with us. To attempt to describe the feelings we

have on meeting each other would be impossible. If there is a position on earth to make a man feel humble this is the one.

I have got a change of field of labor and also my partner, I am now laboring with Brother Randall of North Ogden. The folks feed us four meals a day—it is just like being home. I am afraid it will spoil me, because I had got pretty well used to roughing it. The town is rather small, there being but six thousand inhabitants. We do not meet with so much opposition as we did in Mansfield. I entertain good hopes for this place, as they seem to be more anxious to investigate.

I am spending my time as usual, tracting and conversing with the people; have been unable to hold many but door meetings because of the stormy weather; and now winter is coming, so I expect we will not be able to hold many more.

We rather envy the missionaries of the Southern states, when we read of the success they are having, but I think there are a number of honest souls here yet who will embrace the Gospel if the sound of the same could only reach their ears in an intelligent manner. The devil is using every means at his command to overthrow the plans of the Lord, but we who have received testimonies from Him who is the creator of all things, know that the time is not far distant when Satan will be bound.

I am thankful for the privilege of coming forth to raise my voice in defense of the cause of truth; for I can say with Paul "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation." We know that we hold the authority from God to go forth and call men to repentance and teach them the plan of redemption which all men must obey to gain exaltation in the presence of our Father. The people do not like this when we question their authority, but we have to do our duty whether it pleases them or not, since we are here to do the will of our Father in heaven.

W. GREEN.

REPORT FROM LOUISIANA.

ZACHARY, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, November 23rd, 1896.

Receiving your very much appreciated and valuable paper, and regularly scanning the home and other news it contains, also the interesting articles from our fellow laborers who are working for the spread of the Gospel of Christ, we thought it proper to ask you kindly to add a mite from us and our conference, that other Elders interested as we are, might be encouraged by a few lines from our fields, as we are from others. It is through bearing of the success of our fellow laborers that we are aided to press forward in the good work, with renewed vim and energy, to attain to greater success and achievements.

For sometime past this state was somewhat feared by the Elders on account of its low swampy lands and peculiar climate. Not until October 28th, 1895, were there any Latter-day Saint Elders down here. Since that time the work of the Lord has been