

he was transferred to the mainland where he preached the Gospel in the cities of Bath, Cheltenham and Bristol. He reports having enjoyed good health and spirits together with a very promising outlook for the flourishing little branch in the city of Bristol.

The pretty little city of American Fork has had two representatives in the California mission field. Elder John B. Miller left his home in that city on December 1st, 1896, and was assigned to labor in the northern portion of the Golden state, where he traveled half the time without purse or scrip. His efforts were later concentrated in the cities of Stockton, Sacramento, Oakland and San Francisco, there being flourishing branches in the three latter towns. On April 23rd of the present year Sister Louisa R. Miller joined her husband in Sacramento, and together they undertook to hold outdoor meetings upon the streets of that city. At first they encountered discouraging times at the hands of the local police, but upon laying their case and cause before Mayor Land, he told them to "go ahead, and anyone who molested them would be liable to a fine of \$50. From that period they enjoyed splendid times, proclaiming the principles of eternal life, under the blue canopy of the heavens, to large and attentive audiences. Both Elder Miller and his wife enjoyed excellent health during their absence. They returned Nov. 27th, 1898.

The westbound Union Pacific train on Nov. 27th, brought Elder L. S. Mecham, of Riverdale, Idaho, home from his mission in the Northern States. He left his domicile for the Nebraska conference on Nov. 8th, 1896, and was set apart in this city the following day. He labored in Bryan's state for twenty months with good results, although he was afflicted with indifferent health during that period; subsequently he was assigned to break virgin soil in the South Dakota conference, where he traveled for two months, entirely depending upon the Lord for temporal necessities. He reported having stayed at seven or eight hotels, at the solicitation of the proprietors, free of charge during part of that period. Elder Mecham proceeded to his Idaho home last Tuesday.

Two years ago August 1st last Elder T. S. Bess left his home in Granger, Salt Lake county, and proceeded to fill a mission in the Eastern States, where he had been assigned to assist in the spreading of the Gospel. He spent a year in the state of Pennsylvania. While there he had the privilege of seeing some twenty-three souls baptized into the Church from the direct results of the labors of himself and co-laborers. Later he was transferred to the state of New York. His sojourn in the Empire state was replete with incidents that every missionary experiences, to a greater or less degree. He reported on his call at this office to have enjoyed perfect health, good spirits and varied treatment.

Elder David C. Mann, of Bountiful, called at the "News" office during the week. He has just returned from a mission to Colorado, whither he had journeyed in response to a call on January 4, 1897. During his absence he has not enjoyed the best of health while laboring in the cities of Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. He reports the work of the Lord in the neighboring state to be in a very prosperous and flourishing condition, there being several branches, mutuals and Sunday schools in that comparatively new field.

A returned Elder from the Sandwich islands called at this office on Monday last. He was Elder Lewis R. Jenkins, of Puna City, Waikiki county, who left

the Ogden suburb for the land of bananas on April 9, 1895. He returned on November 17, 1898. For the first two years of his mission he traveled on the different islands of the group; latterly he was called to reside at Honolulu. During his sojourn in Uncle Sam's latest colony he enjoyed excellent health and spirits, and reports the work to be progressing and the prospects of saving souls to be brighter each year.

Franklin, Idaho, has sent several Elders into the mission field of late years. The latest to return was Elder Joseph S. Parkinson, who since June 14, 1896, has been diligently spreading the Gospel in the North Carolina conference of the Southern States. He arrived November 23, 1898, the picture of health, and contentment, with his release in his pocket. He reports having had a splendid time in the field and that he had been blessed in his labors and privileged to enjoy many valuable experiences and testimonies. On his return home he visited many prominent cities in company with Elder S. R. South, of Randolph.

#### STAKE CONFERENCE REPORTS.

##### Snowflake Stake.

The good people of Snowflake Stake have lately enjoyed a splendid feast. The regular quarterly conference for this Stake was called two weeks in advance in order to utilize the presence of Elder A. O. Woodruff, who is now making a tour through the southern Stakes of Zion.

The conference was held in the Stake house in Snowflake ward on the 13th and 14th of November. The Stake presidency, most of the High Council, Bishops, and other leading brethren were in attendance, also a good representation of the Saints.

Elder Jesse N. Smith, Stake president, and the Bishops, gave encouraging reports of the condition of the Saints, both spiritually and temporarily. The speakers throughout the conference strongly urged the Saints to a more united and faithful life. Elder A. O. Woodruff especially seemed to be overflowing with good, kind and fatherly advice.

After the conference was adjourned, Elder Seymour B. Young arrived. He also held meetings with the Saints in Snowflake and Taylor wards. These two brethren go from here to St. John's Stake.

L. M. SAVAGE, Clerk.

##### San Juan Stake.

Monticello, Nov. 20, 1898.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake of Zion convened at Monticello, Nov. 20th and 21st.

On the stand were Elders F. A. Hammond and Wm. S. Catts of the Stake presidency, with a fair representation of the Stake and local authorities; also Elder Brigham Young of the Council of Apostles. After the usual opening exercises Elder F. A. Hammond advised the Saints to refrain from wandering in their thoughts, but center their minds on the objects of the meeting. He was just returning from a tour around the Stake and could see a decided improvement among the people. Plenty was noticed on every hand, something that the people should always feel thankful for, notwithstanding low prices seemed to rule. The reports from the several wards were encouraging and showed that a general improvement was among the people.

The principal speakers were Elders F. A. Hammond, Wm. S. Catts, Brigham Young, Wayne H. Redd, Bishop Jens Nielsen, Henry Holyoke, Nephi Bailey, Hiram Taylor.

The subjects dwelt upon were: The law of tithing; looking after our children; getting suitable reading matter

for our Sunday schools, and of excluding such books as are not truthful in their make-up. Elder Brigham Young was very emphatic in this regard. The time for settling tithing is drawing nigh and the people were asked to make a careful estimate of what they owe and pay an honest titling, and not be contented with saying that is a "pretty good titling for me." Elder P. D. Lyman having been called to preside over the European mission and being one of the presidency of the Stake was released and Elder Wayne H. Redd, late returned missionary, was chosen and set apart as second counselor to Elder Hammond, being unanimously sustained in that position.

At the Priesthood meeting the brethren were shown the importance of honoring so high a calling and not to treat it as a common matter of course. The meeting was given to asking and answering questions and some light was thus obtained.

The Seventh judicial district court was in session at the very time as our conference and this tended to draw some from the meeting as jurors and witnesses. Two convictions were made, both for grand larceny.

Conference adjourned for three months.

L. H. REDD,  
Stake Clerk.

#### ARM OF PEACE.

The Madrid Imparcial's obiter dictum to the effect that hereafter we shall count only as the most numerous and opulent of hordes is quite as instructive as is the Cologne Gazette's coincidental remark that we ought to be ashamed of ourselves for pushing our Eastern pretensions at the moment when the powers are preparing to get to work and disarm. But the powers are preparing to do nothing of the kind. By one and all the Tsar's rescript has been recognized as a confidence trick. Everybody is aware that Russia's sole object is to finish her dinner off Asia undisturbed. No one need blame her for that. But to fancy that other nations are going to unbuckle their swords and sit around and wait until she has eaten the sweets and had her fill is naïf. Even otherwise a general unbuckling would not tend to secure peace; it would invite an invasion of the Occident by the Orient and promote civil disturbances to boot. Since the Franco-German affair, when the scope of general armament may be said to have become perfected, the one first-class fight which has occurred was pulled off in the Yellow Sea. Practically speaking, during the entire period, now over a quarter of a century long, Europe has been quiet. In modern history cases of similar extent are hard to find. The cause is as simple as A, B, C. It consists in the constant oiling of the machinery of war. Moreover, Russia has talked peace before. That was at the Brussels conference in 1874. Immediately afterward she was making it hot for the Turkomans. It is worth noting, too, that armed peace does not necessarily mean armed poverty. France and Germany are astonishingly prosperous, and if the same thing can't be said of Italy and Spain it is because they would be bankrupts either way. What the latter need is not to disarm but to regenerate. To return, however, to the Cologne Gazette and the Madrid Imparcial. Supposing, in view of their rebukes, we were to relinquish Eastern pretensions. In that case how long would it be before the Kaiser set about picking up our cigarette stumps?—Collier's Weekly.

In a Graeco-Roman wrestling match last night at the People's theater, Cincinnati, Hall Aludi, the Turk, threw Tom Cannon in the first bout in 45 minutes, and in the second in 15 minutes, winning the match.