

and when anyone begins to be favorable he has his agents around to try and stop it; but where the honest have a chance to hear the truth his plans do not work. It really is a test to all that join the Church here—"Forsake all and follow me" is the command.

We have had a very mild winter compared with what we had last year—have not had any snow and very little frost. It no doubt would look quite strange to you people in the mountains to see cabbage growing all winter, but such is the case here, and they are beginning to ship to the north. We will soon have watermelons in the market, first from Florida and a little later those raised here.

Elders Rick and Terry have just arrived from Washington county, and on reaching here Elder Terry received a letter from home informing him that one of his beloved family, a little boy, has been called back to the Great Creator, during his short absence. But there is one source from which we can receive comfort when all others fail, for He has promised to dry up their tears, and heal up their wounds, and those who prove faithful will find that these are truths.

The Elders are well as far as I know, and for myself I never enjoyed better health; I have enjoyed my labors while in the South. I never would have thought that I could be anxious to talk to a congregation, but I had not been here long before that was just what I did want, and wherever we can get to speak to the people we always make friends.

Ever wishing the welfare of the NEWS and the Saints, we remain as ever,

Yours truly,

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RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder Henry C. Taylor, of Salt Lake City, and Orlando Bradley, of Moroni, Sanpete county, called at the NEWS office today, both having returned yesterday, March 31, from the mission field.

Elder Taylor left on Sept. 19, 1894, and has been laboring in New York and West Virginia. Elder Bradley has been in West Virginia. He left on April 14, 1894. Both state that they have enjoyed good health during their absence and met many warm-hearted friends in their respective fields of labor. Prejudices against Mormon Elders are gradually melting away, as people learn to know them and the cause they represent.

Elder Hugh W. Dougall of this city, who left home January 20, 1895, also returned from the Southern States mission field March 31. The first year of his absence was spent in the State of West Virginia, after which he was called to preside over the North Carolina conference, in which capacity he served thirteen months. Until recently there were thirty Elders laboring in the conference, but three have returned home and one has been added, making a total of twenty-eight now preaching the Gospel there. The people are kind and hospitable, and although there is no great amount of inquiry being made with regard to Mormonism, the Elders are treated with respect, and some converts are being made. The

work of the ministry is extending into the larger cities of the South and many of the well-to-do are being made acquainted with Gospel principles. Elder Dougall has enjoyed excellent health, as do nearly all the missionaries laboring in that vicinity.

Elder Alex. S. Campbell of this city is another recent arrival from the Southern States. He too left home on January 20, 1894, and upon arriving at the mission headquarters in Chattanooga, was assigned to labor in Alabama, and shortly thereafter was transferred to the state of Texas. After nine month's time in the field he was called to the office at Chattanooga where he spent the remainder of his time. Like his fellow-laborers he has enjoyed his mission immensely and is loud in his praises of the people among whom he labored, they displaying much kindness to the Elders as they visit them from time to time.

Elders O. M. Sanderson of Fairview, Sanpete county, Walter Christensen of Redmond, Sevier county, J. M. Allen of T. querville, Washington county and Isaac W. West of Washington city and county, arrived in this city from the Southern States mission. All have been laboring in the Tennessee Conference and report having had a pleasant time among a people who are now filled with kindness for the Mormon Elders. A vast change in sentiment towards the Latter-day Saints is visible and where a feeling of much hatred existed when these brethren entered the field, nothing but respect and hospitality now reigns. Elder Sanderson left on Feb. 1, 1894, and has presided over the Tennessee Conference for the past year; Elder Christensen left on Jan. 20, 1894; Elder Allen left on June 29, 1894; his early return was occasioned by sickness in his family; Elder West left on Feb. 3, 1894. They all return in the best of health and spirits, and expect to remain in the city until after Conference.

Elder W. H. Ingham of Salt Lake City was among the missionaries who returned home on Tuesday, March 31. He has been laboring in North Carolina, for which field of labor he left on January 20, 1894. He says he has enjoyed good health during his absence and reports the mission in a prosperous condition.

The Rio Grande Western train arriving at noon Thursday bore to this city Elders Robert H. Fife of Inna, Idaho, and William Cutler of West Jordan, both of whom have been laboring in the Virginia conference of the Southern States mission. They left this city on Dec. 30, 1893, and have labored during their whole absence in the state above named. They report the inhabitants of Virginia as being a kind, hospitable people and say that Gospel principles are being investigated by a great number of people, some of whom have recently joined the Church. New fields are being opened up and the Elders are enjoying the best of health. These brethren left the city of Richmond on their return trip last Saturday morning.

Elder James Tucker of Morgan who left home on April 21, 1894, to take up a missionary labor in Great Britain, has recently returned. The time of his absence was spent in the Chelten-

ham conference, England, where the Elders are generally treated with respect although not much inquiry is manifested with regard to Mormonism. Elder Tucker returns in good health, and with the satisfaction of knowing that he has been in the line of his duty.

Elder Bird Murphy of Sugar House ward, this county, called at the NEWS office Friday afternoon, stating that he returned from Alabama on the 30th of March. He has been laboring as a missionary in North Alabama conference, over which he presided since June 1, 1894. He left for his field of labor on January 20, 1894, and says he has enjoyed good health during his absence, as well as met with much success. The Elders are well treated in that part of the country and find many friends among the people.

Elders William M. Holt of South Jordan and P. P. Lechtemberg of Logan gave the NEWS a call Monday and reported their return from the Southern States mission field, whither they went on December 16, 1893. The former labored the greater part of his time in the Mississippi conference, and the latter spent all his time there. They have nothing but words of the highest praise for the people residing in that state and the treatment they have received has greatly encouraged them in their labors.

Elder Holt has been in the Louisiana conference since its opening on October 28, 1895, he having gone there in company with Elder William A. Kerr of Ogden, commencing the work of the ministry in the city of New Orleans. The prospects for the spread of the Gospel in that state are very encouraging, the citizens taking kindly to the Mormon missionaries and treating them with much respect. The returned brethren speak very highly of the young Elders now out in the field and state that they are doing much good among the people. Elders Holt and Lechtemberg were with Elder Barton of Kayville when his death occurred some time ago in McComb county, Miss. They return in the best of health.

Elder E. W. Robinson of American Fork arrived in this city after an absence from home of nearly three years' duration. He left here in June, 1893, to take up a missionary labor in Switzerland and Germany, but after spending about six months in that field, he was called to accompany Elder John R. Clark of Farmington, to Turkey. Elder Clark's death occurred shortly after arriving there which necessitated Elder Robinson's laboring alone for some time. He was president of the mission and as such traveled over the greater part of the Turkish empire, dispensing Gospel principles wherever an opportunity afforded itself. Not much freedom is extended to missionaries in that country, and consequently progress is very slow, but three branches are at present established there, the membership consisting mainly of Armenians. Although the climate of Turkey is such as to render sickness almost inevitable, Elder Robinson has enjoyed good health during his whole absence, and returns looking physically perfect, and enjoying the satisfaction of knowing that he has fulfilled a duty.