

ness here and there the people generally enjoy good health.

SIMON CHRISTENSEN,  
Stake Clerk.

### THAT BISHOP IN MEXICO.

COLONIA JUAREZ,  
Chihuahua, Mex.,  
February 23, 1897.

On my arrival at the Juarez Stake conference, just closed, I was informed of a great deal of dissatisfaction on account of an article in a Kansas City paper of January 15, 1897, alluding to me as Mormon Bishop of the Mexican colonies. I regret that such an error should have crept into print. I aspire to be known only as an Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

All people of other states of our Union do not know the difference between Elder and Bishop.

However, to show you that the mistake was not intentional on my part, nor malicious on the part of the Kansas City paper, I will call your attention to the fact that in that same number I am alluded to as Elder Stuart, and give you an extract of a letter from the author of that article to me, in which I am offered, without solicitation on my part, the agency for the sale of 1,287 acres of land in the state of Chihuahua in the free zone. The whole tenor of the letter proves that I did not ask for such agency, nor for the insertion of my advertisement or poem. If you should like to express any doubt on the subject, I shall be pleased to offer you the whole letter for publication. Now I only quote, "I will in a few days send you some copies of my paper which is already partly printed. In it I give your colonies a nice little notice."

Be pleased to give room to the above, in justice to me, as I am informed that you or some one in your esteemed column, severely berated me for pretending to be that which I do not claim to be. I have just written to that paper, El Trafico Internacional, asking them to correct the "Bishop" statement, which is only an inquiry to me, and inclose a copy of the letter addressed to that paper.

ANDREW J. STUART.

COLONIA JUAREZ, Feb. 23, 1897.

To Elmer F. Todd, Editor of El Trafico Internacional:

Dear Sir—I received your number of Jan. 16, 1897, of El Trafico, and thank you for your good intentions therein expressed, also for appointing me to look after those vast lands as agent, but beg to call your attention to the fact that I am not acting as Mormon Bishop in Mexico.

I claim to be an Elder of the Church commonly called Mormon. I will be pleased to communicate to you any news of interest as soon as it may occur.

Be pleased to not let me appear in print as Bishop of Mormon Church, but as Elder.

ANDREW J. STEWART.

[There was no berating of Mr. Stewart in the columns of the NEWS. The article complained of conveyed the impression that he was acting in behalf of the Mormon Church as a Bishop, and the impression was cor-

rected: It may be further stated here that in his land transactions Mr. Stewart is not representing the Church either as Bishop or as Elder, or in any other capacity. His business affairs are those of a private citizen, who holds membership in the Church, but is not acting for it in business matters. —ED. NEWS.]

### NEWS FROM MOAB.

MOAB, Grand County, Utah,  
February 18, 1897.

There are parties who have been led to form wrong ideas in regard to Moab. Some have an idea that Moab is a large place because a great deal of fruit is shipped from here. Grand valley where Moab is situated, is a small place. There are 2,500 acres of land under water. Some of the people have large farms, so our population is limited. The school pupils number about one hundred and thirty. A great amount of land is in alfalfa, but considerable of it has been plowed up of late and set out in orchards. Last year one man paid \$1,000 for trees, as people who go into the fruit business generally want something that is from afar off and as nursery stock grows so large here and we are thirty-five miles from the railroad it does not pay to go into the nursery business very extensively.

I have propagated trees for the last fifteen years, not for the money that was in it, but to have trees I knew would be adapted to this climate. It will pay every farmer to have a few trees on hand so that when he wants to set out a tree he will be saved from the expense of buying them as needed. When I started I cut off sprouts from trees which had grown up from the ground. I propagated more than I needed for my own use and always found sale at some price. I have not made a business of the nursery only so far as experimenting is concerned. If you have trees of your own raising you can dig your tree and have it transplanted in a few minutes, so that the growth will not be checked.

A nursery man will tell you that if a tree is taken up in the dormant state it does not make any difference about the distance of transportation or the time the tree is out of the ground, so long as the weather is cold enough to keep the tree in a dormant state. I know by experiments that a tree taken up in the spring as soon as the sap starts, and set out without being out of the ground but a few minutes, will grow right along almost as well as if left in the ground.

I herewith give your readers the prices of property last year: John Shafer sold twenty acres of land that had nothing on it but alfalfa and a fence two sides for \$1,400; Tom Trout sold ten acres a few years ago for \$1,000, but there is property that can be bought for less; there are places to be had in Dry valley by building reservoirs.

Flour is worth, or at least it is selling, for \$3; oats \$2, corn \$1.50; potatoes \$2; onions \$4; apples \$4; dried apples 10 cents per pound; peaches the same; eggs 25 cents and butter 25 cents.

We have had more snow here this winter than at any time since the place was settled and it stayed on the

ground longer. The first snow was in December and it is not all gone yet. It is snowing today, and if there is not a change in the next week or ten days there will be heavy loss in stock, as the feed is short and the snow is from eight to ten inches deep and crusted. Monticello had three feet before this last snow. Hay is selling for \$12 and very little to be had for that, but all are rejoicing over the hopes they have for next summer.

O. W. WABNER.

### THE WORK IN VIRGINIA.

KOROR, Bedford County, Virginia,  
February, 20th, 1897.

My place of writing is in a village not far from the old home of our worthy Bishop William B. Preston, in a cosy little cottage, the roof of which is covered with tin. The noise that has been going on above us reminds us that it has been raining, and if we wanted further proof, all that we need do is to take a few steps in the red clay (should be seen to be appreciated) to the banks of a large stream, and there can be seen the effect of the storm, rushing in a clay-colored torrent towards the ocean.

We are in a section of the country that has been visited many times by our Elders, and as a natural consequence, many of the people are prepared to receive us, sometimes however, in a way that don't exactly suit us. But on such occasions, there is consolation in the words of Paul, "Yea, and all they that will gladly live in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution;" and also of our Savior, "Blessed are ye when men revile you," "rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven."

We meet with many kind hearted friends in our travels here, for Virginia is full of such, and is noted especially for open doors. The Lord has a way of softening the peoples hearts, and of making friends of them for us, just when we need them.

We met a gentleman not long since who, after the usual salutations, said: "Gentlemen, I have read your pamphlets, and can see very plainly that you have all the scripture on your side and it is no use to oppose you, because you have the nails clinched. If you have any more reading matter, I'll be pleased to read it." We gave him some a little different, also a Voice of Warning.

Now that was a morsel sweet to us, and went down without paring. But when we meet such stories as this; that if a member goes to Utah, and becomes dissatisfied and wishes to return he hasn't the privilege, but is kept in servitude. Those are stories that will not go in this land of liberty and enlightenment, and will need paring deeply before they can be digested. These stories we meet very often, and they bring to mind the words of Paul, concerning, "strong delusions."

Your valuable paper came promptly for a while, but for some cause or other it has lost its way, and we are looking for it to again appear. We do appreciate reading those sermons, and, although we don't have much time for reading other matter, contained therein, we make time for the welcome News.

The work of the Lord is truly in a flourishing condition in the Virginia conference; and we have got our shoulders to the wheel.

R. C. BUTLER.