

large, powerful young man. His brother, Heber C. Nielson, is very much broken up over the accident, but says no blame can be attached to any one.

Superintendent Eselstyn did everything in his power for the corpse and the brother. Pat Devlin took them to Ploche, where arrangements have been made to send them through to Milford as fast as possible, and then on to their home.

City Recorder Backman has received a letter from his brother George at Maui, under date of Oct. 1st. Speaking of the routine of a soldier's life he says: "I have been busy since the first of September. Up to the 24th I was detailed on special duty in the depot kept busy all day long. Barrack life here is pretty monotonous: We get up at 5:30, have breakfast at 6, then drill from 7 till 8. After that the time is our own until 5:15 p.m., when we fall in for retreat; we have 'tattoo' (call to quarters) at 9:15, and 'taps' (lights out) at 10. About one day each week we have guard duty to perform, when of course we are on duty the entire twenty-four hours. Since the arrival of the recruits we have thirty men in each section, and the chief of each section is allowed to issue seven passes from 9 a.m. till retreat, and five from retreat till taps, each day. The remainder of the men cannot leave the barracks. Sergeant Ford Fisher, the chief of our section, is sick in the general hospital, so that I am acting chief of section. Captains Young and Grant are absent on a months visit to China, and First Lieutenant George W. Gibbs is in command of the battalion, while Second Lieutenant Naylor is in command of Battery A.

"We have organized a Mutual Improvement association in the battalion, with George Seaman as president. I tendered my services as a teacher of Spanish to the organization, and they were accepted. Captain Young admonished the members to avail themselves of the opportunity, and I have now a class of twenty members, meeting three times a week.

"The Utah boys are all pretty well, and there are very few cases of sickness among them, but in some of the other commands there is a great deal of sickness, and the hospitals are full to overflowing. I was told by the steward in charge at the general hospital that they average about two deaths a day. My health is very good and I feel no inconvenience from the climate."

A SHAMELESS LITTLE JOB

Some facts which have been published in regard to the "Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies" indicate that a peculiarly contemptible job has been perpetrated upon taxpayers in connection with the publication of this work.

It is more than thirty-three years since the civil war came to a close, but the publication of this "record," like Tennyson's book, shows signs of going on forever. More than 100 volumes have already been printed, and the series is far from being finished. The cost of the undertaking up to date exceeds \$2,500,000, or an average of over \$25,000 per volume.

The value of an accurate and exhaustive compendium of the kind which was promised when this work was begun is indisputable. But there can be no earthly excuse for extending the publication over a lifetime, or for compelling the people to pay several millions of dollars for such an enterprise. Either the task should be finished at once in an honest and economical manner, or else it should be dropped altogether, and the clique that has been milking the treasury under its cover be compelled to look elsewhere for a livelihood.

FROM THE MISSIONARY FIELDS.

In Sunny Kansas.

Lawrence, Oct. 31, 1898.

The work of the Lord is progressing in this part of the vineyard slowly, but surely.

Those who are honest at heart receive the Gospel. By saying those that are honest at heart, I do not desire to have people infer that we mean that just those that are converted to the principles of the Gospel and obey those, are "financially honest;" men may be ever so honest between themselves, and yet not honest between themselves and God.

The recent rains and snows, in this vicinity, have rendered it almost impossible to perform missionary work.

We had a very severe snow storm here October 18, followed by a warm rain, which made the roads so muddy that an empty wagon was a load for a team. Nevertheless we are endeavoring to do our duty and magnify the calling whereunto we have been called.

We realize that should we neglect to magnify the calling of our Priesthood, great would be our condemnation and fall.

It was evidently this that caused this remark from that great Apostle to the Gentiles who endured so much for the cause of truth:

"For though I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel." I Corinth. 9: 16.

This should be the motto of all, "For though I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to glory of," whether in the mission field or in the peaceful vales of dear Zion. We pray ever for the advancement of the holy faith and for the prosperity of Zion.

Yours for truth,
CHAS. W. GOODLIFFE,
ISAAC JONES.

Ohio Conference.

East Liverpool, Ohio, Oct. 31, 1898.

The Ohio semi-annual conference was held in the Ferguson Hill hall, Saturday, 7:30 p. m., October 29, 1898, Sunday, 10 a. m., 2 and 7 p. m., Oct. 30th, Monday, 9 a. m., Priesthood meeting was held at 7:30 p. m., and finished our conference meetings.

We were blessed with the presence of Elder Louis A. Kelsch, president of the Northern States mission.

We had a most enjoyable time both in our public and Priesthood meetings. The Spirit of God was with us and we indeed had a spiritual feast as well as a temporal one. People who came out to listen to the Gospel truths disseminated by the Elders of Israel were highly edified. In our public meetings the first principles, authority, Church organization, apostasy, and restoration were treated upon. The Elders showed the condition of the Christian world today and the necessity of inspired Apostles and Prophets to guide the people in a straight way. The Apostle Paul, speaking to the Galatian Saints, said: "But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other Gospel than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

Elder Louis A. Kelsch bore a faithful testimony of the appearing of God to ancient patriarchs.

We were favored with the company of Elder Barnes, Leander S. Harris and B. F. Llewellyn from the West Pennsylvania conference. The Priesthood meeting was a time of rejoicing. The Elders received their companions, after which each Elder reported his labors during the past eight months. All felt encouraged, and were fired with re-

newed determination to press stronger ahead in the future for the proclamation of truth.

Elder David J. Davis was honorably released to return home. Elder William F. Burton was sustained as president of the Ohio conference, with Elder John B. Erikson as his assistant, and Elder Edward F. Turley as clerk of the conference.

Elder David J. Davis was tendered a vote of thanks for his labors in the Ohio conference. Elder Louis A. Kelsch encouraged the Elders to faithfulness.

The Elders were given their companions and assigned to their respective fields of labor as follows:

Elder William F. Burton, John B. Erikson, Salem, Col. Co., Ohio.

Elders Edward F. Turley and George Christensen, Youngstown, Mahoning Co., O.

Elders F. Malan and James Sanders, Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio.

Elders George J. Shurtliff and John M. Boothe, Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., Ohio.

Elders Joseph E. Wilson Jr. and Edward A. Hardy, Chardon, Geauga Co., Ohio.

Elders Fredrick J. Wadsworth and Lars Nelson, Ravenna, Portage Co., Ohio.

Elders Anders K. Hansen and Thos. E. Cottle, Canton, Stark Co., Ohio.

Elders William C. Behunin and Thos. Warnock, Steubenville, Jefferson Co., Ohio.

Elders R. Garn Clark and Alma Hansen, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

Any of the Saints having relatives or friends living in this neighborhood and desire the Elders to call upon them, please send full address and introduction.

The "News" is a welcome visitor. We remain your brethren in the cause of Christ, WILLIAM F. BURTON, President.

JOHN B. ERIKSON,
Assistant.

EDWARD F. TURLEY,
Clerk.

(Ohio Conference Report.)

As we are now just holding our closing conferences, prior to going to Lale headquarters, for the general semi-annual conference there, we thought a few lines from "the pride of the Pacific, land of persistent summer," would be acceptable to the valuable columns of the "News."

We must say to begin with that this has indeed been a prosperous term in Ohio conference. Quite a number have joined the Latter-day Saints. Others are sincerely investigating. These new converts are not confined to the natives only, but a portion of them are whites. Another feature which causes us to feel that God has blessed our efforts, is that the Saints among whom we have been laboring are, in a measure, more energetic than heretofore and seem to be trying harder to live up to their duties as Saints. There are, of course, "black sheep in every fold," and our fold is not without its few.

A new meeting house is being erected here in Hilo City, which should have been completed, and dedicated this term, but for various drawbacks, it will go over until some time next term, when we anticipate a splendid time.

The work of the Lord is spreading and enlarging in this part of the vineyard, and we feel greatly blessed. We have been well and have realized the spirit of joy and happiness in our labors of love. The people treat us hospitably, and food is always their first thought, and question when one enters