

word of God. At this time we had fully determined to leave the city the day following, as it appeared to us our work had come to an end, for repeatedly the privilege of street preaching had been denied us. Before acting we called upon the Lord to grant us the privilege of holding meeting, but if there was no opening on the morrow we would be perfectly willing to take our departure. Morning came and with it a message from you which gave us much courage. We know that letter to have been inspired. There was power upon its very pages. While reading this phrase: "Hold on to the mayor, and don't let him shake you off," we were much enthused and impressed with a spirit strong and bold. We offered a word of prayer to God that His spirit might rest upon the mayor and soften his heart.

Calling upon the mayor, and making our wants known, we could plainly see that the Spirit of God had successfully done its work. The Mayor said, "we had determined to make the rule a general one, that no man could be granted the privilege of preaching upon the street corner, but as you are so far from home we will make this the exception; go; therefore, and preach."

The Lord taught us a very important lesson in this particular instance. 1st: (quoting your language.) We have learned that by persistency, with the help of the Lord, we can come out successfully. 2nd: We are too apt to leave our field of labor too soon, thinking it is God's will, when in fact it is the shallowness of our faith; and 3rd: that the reins of this government and her officials are firmly held in the hands of our God.

The Mayor said go. We did go. Our first street preaching was upon the corner of 12th and Buchanan St., May 13th, 1896, and we have continued each night up to date. At the close of one of our meetings an aged colored man stepped forward and gave us five cents. It was gratefully received and this day was invested in stamps. It was small like the widow's mite, but peradventure it was all he had. Saturday night May 16, the electric light failing to do its work the kind people provided us with two tables and chairs and three lamps, and our meeting continued.

President Kimball, it is remarkable with what power we discoursed upon the first principles of the gospel. Our street meetings have been among the most pleasant experiences of our mission. There has been an average attendance of about two hundred at our meetings, not counting all the people who have stood in their front yards for two blocks around, fearful to come any nearer lest popular eyes fall upon them and their high social standing be jeopardized. If they wont come to us, we will send our voices accompanied by the Holy Ghost to them, or at least its sound. One of our friends not far from this place informs us that one night during the past winter his puppy dog was frozen stiff, so completely so that life seemed extinct. Thinking much of the puppy dog he placed it before the fire for the purpose of thawing it out. In the course of two or three hours life returned and he still lives. Excuse the comparison, but this people are frozen stiff. Dead or alive they must be brought in contact with fire, yea even the fire of the Holy Ghost.

The following is a summary of our

work in round numbers from April 21st to May 18, 1896, while laboring in the city of Lynchburg: Miles walked 139; families visited 913; tracts distributed 925; rejected testimony of Elders 363; families re-visited 40; refused entertainment 7; books given away 56; books sold 2; meetings held 8; five of which were on the street. Lynchburg has a population of 25,000 and ranks fourth, according to population, in wealth in the United States.

Now you have our report; though inadequate it is yet as near as our feeble pen can give. Last conference you declared to the Elders that if they would go without purse and script they would be more favored of heaven by receiving of the Holy Ghost, and they should go among the people in great power. This has been verified and the Elder who ignores this counsel thrusts from his hands the key which insures him admission to the treasures of heaven.

We are receiving letters from the presidents of the various conferences of this mission declaring it their intention to work all cities without purse and script. May God bless them in all their efforts. If they are humble and in possession of much faith all cities both large and small will thus be worked. Much faith is needed. Be assured that we have not been without an experience. At times smoke was seen if not fire. Blessed be the name of the Lord for the commandment is his, who will obey?

ORSON S. TAYLOR.
THOMAS C. ROMNEY.

West Appomattox Virginia, May 21st, 1896—We felt prompted to stop our meetings for Sunday night as we dreamed of evil consequence, such as a rabble. Well that we did so, for the very following night (Monday) the street was paraded by drunken men, and as we were lodging but two blocks away could hear them yell. The police force is very deficient and more especially so when it comes to our protection as they are in many instances, very prejudiced.

We think it would be a good thing if when Elders are called to the cities, all the Elders in the conference would make a special fast for those particular Elders and the people of that city. The fast should not be delayed until the Elders have entered, but weeks before, so that the Spirit will have time to make warm hearts for the reception of the Elders.

ORSON S. TAYLOR.

SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION.

The following letters are self-explanatory, and are published because of a former letter to the News from Mr. Croll, who complained that he had not had his letters to Elder Rose answered.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 12.

The inclosed letter, with photographs was received by this morning's mail, with satisfactory explanations from Elder S. W. Ross. I am much obliged for your notice in the News.

A. CROLL.

LEHI CITY, Utah, Aug. 10, 1896.

Mr. Alex. Croll, Salt Lake City:

Dear Brother—I have just returned from a trip in the canyon. I found your letter written a long time since awaiting me on my return. The piece in the News was also brought to me last evening. I am very sorry I

have not been able to see you ere this, as I sincerely intended, but circumstances have united to prevent it. I would have visited you the day I stopped in Salt Lake on my way home but as the photos and letter of address were in my valise, which did not follow me for two days later, I called on some Irish people whose address I knew. But I should have sent the photos up as soon as they came, which I would have done but I fully intended coming up to Salt Lake City and calling on you.

I called on Mr. Grant two or three times while I was in Belfast. Previous to receiving your letter I had left some tracts with his wife which I think never reached her husband. Mr. Grant treated me very kindly and we took "tea" with them twice. Once I accompanied him to the Independent Sunday school, of which he is superintendent. He did not ask me to speak, but did ask me to dismisse the school, which I did. I was unable to draw him out on the Gospel to any extent and I fear that the Church works you sent him have been very lightly perused. Yet he may have something to cause him to investigate the truth. Although his church teaches and practices infant sprinkling only, yet Mr. Grant has been fearful enough to go and be immersed by a sect called "The Brethren."

Charles Peterson succeeded me as president of the conference. He accompanied me on one or two visits to Mr. Grant and was intending to continue. I also saw Mr. Grant's brother the day before leaving, but did not talk with him. If you write to Mr. Grant, kindly remember me to him and his wife, for she is a woman whom anybody would love. Don't send him any more Gospel books till he asks for them. A scriptural quotation once in a while in your letters might do some good. The literature on Salt Lake City has done much good. Hoping to see you some day and have a talk with you, I am your brother in the Gospel,
STEPHEN W. ROSS.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake, was the presiding officer at the Tabernacle services yesterday afternoon.

Choir sang the hymn:

What was witnessed in the heavens?
Why an angel earthward bound.

Prayer was offered by Elder A. H. Raleigh.

Choir further sang:

Glorious things are sung of Zion,
Enoch's city seen of old.

Elder William D. Bowring who had recently returned from the Indian Territory mission was introduced to the congregation. He had nothing premeditated to speak upon or to present for the consideration of those present, so he would depend wholly upon the Spirit of the Lord as to what he should say. The speaker knew that the Holy Spirit dwelt in the places of worship that had been dedicated to His name, and that knowledge gave him the satisfaction that all would be well if the Saints exercised their faith in his behalf.

Elder Bowring had had much joy and pleasure in his ministerial labors