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The News is ever our welcome harb-
inger of good tidings. M. THOMAS,
President of Conference.

REPORT FROM ARKANSAS.

DENMARK, Arkansas,
June 29th, 1896.

This conference of the I. T. mission
was first opened in October 1895, by
Elders S. P. Gheen and John M. Knight.
Previous to this time it was almost im-
possible for a Mormon to obtain a hear-
ing in this State, and on our arrival here
we found many things to contend with.
We first interviewed Governor James J.
Clark, to ascertain the truth of the
statement made to us, that there was a
law in this state prohibiting a Mormon
from preaching here. To our joy we
found there was no such law; and after
visiting the places of interest in and
about the capital, we proceeded to Clay
county, and obtained headquarters with
the estimable family of Squire C. C.
Cates at Piggott, the county seat.

Elder Gheen and myself canvassed a
large part of the county, making many
friends and finding many enemies to the
cause of truth. Much prejudice exists
here on account of the Mountain Mea-
dow massacre, which is kept fresh in
the minds of the people by the press,
and from the pulpit.

Although threatened with violence on
a number of occasions we were not
molested and continued to sow the seeds
of righteousness, leaving our literature
at almost every house.

For a time it seemed almost impossible
to obtain places to preach in. Both
church and school house were closed
against us. We succeeded in holding
a number of meetings in private houses,
and at last with the aid of some of our
friends a number of the school houses
were thrown open, and whenever a
meeting was announced we had a
crowded house.

About this time small pox was raging
in Boydsville. Sixty-nine cases were
reported and soon twenty percent of
them were laid in the silent city. Not
desiring to expose ourselves to this
dreadful malady, Elder Gheen and I left
Clay county early in December, 1895,
and went into Green county spending
most of the month canvassing the
houses. Meeting a number of people
who had entertained Elders Holt and
Libbert in 1889, they told us that by
entertaining those Elders they had made
many enemies for themselves and they
would sooner we would not call again.
We also came in contact with some who

had assisted to mob Elders Holt and
Sheppard, while they were laboring in
this county.

Elder Gheen was taken sick, due to
exposure, so we returned to Clay county,
stopping with Dr. James Rouse for
twelve days. There we were well cared
for, spending a lovely Christmas at their
home. Brother Gheen soon regained
his strength and on the advent of the
new year we again resumed our labors
canvassing Clay county.

Word was received from President
Andrew Kimball that two Elders from
Utah would soon join us, giving instruc-
tion for us to separate as soon as they
arrived. January 20th, 1896, Elders James
E. Sorenson and James L. Nielson from
Fountain Green, Utah, arrived in Piggott,
and after visiting among our friends for
a week's time, preparations were made
for Elder Nielson and I to go to Wood-
ruff county. On January 27th, the
following telegram arrived, addressed
to Stephen P. Gheen.

"Estella very sick. First Presidency
approves of your coming home."

This was signed by Stephen H. Gheen.
In response to this our worthy president
S. P. Gheen left for home January 28th,
1896. I immediately informed President
Kimball and Secretary Bowring of what
had occurred, was instructed to assume
the responsibility of this conference un-
til further orders.

February 12th, 1896, Elder Charles F.
Solomon joined us from the Indian
territory. Leaving him and Elder
Solomon to labor in Clay county, Elder
Nielson and I proceeded to Gray's
station, Woodruff county, expecting to
find Brother James T. Brooks. To our
disappointment we learned that Brother
Brooks had died on January 15th, 1896,
and that his family had removed to
Tennessee. We were told that Brother
Brook's greatest desire just previous to
his death was to emigrate and do his
work in the Temple.

We were indeed strangers in a strange
land. We set about canvassing the
houses and after two days work we
succeeded in making a temporary head-
quarters with Mr. H. B. Angus. There
we left our trunks and again set out on
our labors. It was not clear sailing.
Small pox broke out simultaneously on
all sides, and it became impossible to
get entertainment. Even at the public
taverns travelers were refused lodging.
Some of the towns lost two per cent of
their population in a week's time, the
scare became general and necessitated
us leaving Woodruff county and going
into Jackson county.

At Newport we were held in quaran-
tine for some three or four hours, and
after promising to cross the river we
were permitted to pass through the
town.

We proceeded to Denmark, White
county, where we found a family of mem-
bers of the reorganized Church who
received us very kindly, and at present
we are making their home our head-
quarters.

We held a number of meetings in
this locality. Measles became prevalent
all over White and Jackson county,
many people dying from them. The
schools were all closed and public
gatherings prohibited for a time. In
April we made a second trip into Wood-
ruff county, found the people much
interested and distributed a number of
tracts among them. Meetings were out
of the question on account of sickness,

so we contented ourselves visiting the
white families and conversing with them
around the fireside, promising to come
back and hold some meetings during
the summer.

We returned to Jackson county once
more and continued our labors in spread-
ing the Gospel truths, and were award-
ed with two baptisms. Others have
made application to have this ordinance
performed. "Paul may plant and
Appollos water but 'tis God alone who
can give the increase." We have much
cause to rejoice at seeing the fruits of
our labors made manifest.

May 21st, 1896, Secretary W. D.
Bowring and assistant secretary W. E.
Newman visited us; a three days' con-
ference was held in the Hedley school
house, Pollard, Clay county, May 23rd,
24th and 25th. Our meetings were well
attended, the best of order and attention
was given while the Elders spoke with
power upon the principles of the Gos-
pel.

Many are earnestly investigating the
doctrines taught by the Latter-day
Saint Elders, and the outlook is bright
for the accomplishment of a great work
in this part of the vineyard.

The Elders are all enjoying good
health, and have been greatly blessed of
the Lord in all their undertakings, they
are working with zeal for the spread of
the Gospel truths among the people of
this state. Much credit is due them for
their efficient work, and the manner in
which they have deported themselves.

JOHN M. KNIGHT,
Conference President.

COSMOPOLITAN ASHEVILLE

ASHEVILLE, North Carolina,
July 4th, 1896.

We take pleasure in submitting the
following for publication in your valu-
able paper, thinking it will be both in-
structive and of interest to your many
readers. On the 29th of April, 1896, we
entered the city of Asheville, N. C., for
the purpose of making a house to house
canvass; preaching the Gospel and
warning the people in that city of wealth
and refinement to turn their hearts and
thoughts from the things of this world
and its turmoil, and lay up for them-
selves treasures in heaven, and to hear
our humble testimonies of the truthful-
ness of the cause we represent.

Our labors have been commenced by call-
ing on the mayor, Mr. W. A. Blair and
the chief of police, Mr. Carter, both of
whom bade us welcome to their
domains, and assured us that we should
have their support and protection dur-
ing our sojourn here, for which we
heartily thanked them. We next called
on the editors of the two daily papers,
the Gazette and the Citizen, both of
whom, in their next issue published fav-
orable articles about the Mormons and
announced our presence in the city
and our object in being here.

Our labors have been very pleasant
indeed, thus far, and God has prospered
us. Our object is to approach the peo-
ple in such a way as to awaken an inter-
est in them in regard to our religion.
This is done by always carrying a cheer-
ful countenance and being kind and
charitable to all, adapting ourselves
and our conversations to the circum-
stances.

The Ashevilleians are the most sociable
and refined people we have met during
our travels in the south of about a year.