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The NEWS is ever our welcome harb-
inger of good tidings. M. THOMAS,
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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 impossible for a Mormon to obtain a hearing 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 Meadow 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 instruction 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 Woodruff 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 until 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 headquarters 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 quarantine 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 members of the reorganized Church who received us very kindly, and at present we are making their home our headquarters.

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 Woodruff 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 spreading the Gospel truths, and were awarded 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' conference 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 Gospel.

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 valuable paper, thinking it will be both instructive 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 themselves treasures in heaven, and to hear our humble testimonies of the truthfulness of the cause we represent.

Our labors were commenced by calling 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 during 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 favorable 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 people in such a way as to awaken an interest in them in regard to our religion. This is done by always carrying a cheerful countenance and being kind and charitable to all, adapting ourselves and our conversations to the circumstances.

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