

and Edinburgh conferences; he labored one year in those conferences then he was released to return home. He reached Iowa city in June, 1856, in company with about 500 Saints and returning Elders; here the company was fitted out with handcarts for further emigration. One of these handcart companies composed of Welsh people, was given to the charge of Elder Bunker. He left Iowa City with his company June 23rd, and arrived in Salt Lake City October 2nd, 1856. Owing to exposure and excessive labors, he was confined to his bed a portion of the way. Soon after his arrival home, he was ordained Bishop of the Second ward of Ogden, serving in that capacity until he was called to fill a mission to "Dixie" which was in the fall of 1861. In the fall of 1862, he was called to preside over the Santa Clara ward in the St. George Stake and presided there until 1876, when he resigned on account of ill health, during which time he assisted in making a settlement in Clover Valley, Nevada. He was one of the first to embrace the United Order when it was first introduced by President Young. In the spring of 1877, he came with a colony of Saints to found the town which now bears his name, and which he has lived to see grow, after years of hard struggling, into a thriving settlement; and he looks with joy and pride upon the fruits of his labors in this part of the Lord's vineyard. In June, 1852, he entered the order of celestial marriage with Sarah Browning Lang, a widow with two daughters. Unto them were born four sons and three daughters, all living. April 20th, 1861, he married for his third wife, Mary M. McQuarrie, by whom he has had eight sons and two daughters, two of whom are dead. His posterity now numbers, in children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, 107. Of those, five children and twenty-two grandchildren are dead, which leaves to him eighty living representatives.

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY.

WAGENER, Aiken Co., S. C.,
February 24th, 1896.

We write, not wishing to overburden your paper with encouraging reports from the south, but offer a few words in favor of the people of Aiken county, South Carolina.

July 19th, 1895, Elder A. W. Wright and myself entered the county for the first time, and for a few days we hardly went to a house but that we were invited to call again. We labored together with good success till we left to go to conference, which was held in Williamsburg county. At conference Elder D. A. Wilcox was appointed to labor with me.

We made our way back into the county and found our friends anxious to see us. We continued to labor together till January 3rd, 1896, at which time Elder D. C. Woodward was sent to work with me. We find that we are making friends so fast that it is almost impossible to visit them as often as we would like, besides doing the canvassing that we ought to do. We find the people as a rule are very friendly toward us, but they do not seem to understand the necessity of finding out and complying with the plan of salvation. At the same time they realize that there is something wrong with

the so-called churches of today. While most of them are careless regarding these things, there are a few that are truly investigating the principles of the Gospel, and some very likely will be baptized before long. We are satisfied that there are at least thirty families here that are always glad to see us and that make us welcome.

There is one old gentleman by the name of Daniel Gunter who has been to hear us preach five times and twice he had to walk three miles through the sand. He is in his ninety-first year. We feel as though we are doing a great deal of good.

Thanking you for the NEWS, we are, as ever, your brethren in the cause of truth.

JOB H. WHITNEY.

D. C. WOODWARD.

"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES."

We can but feel sorry to hear of the sad affliction that has overtaken the Rev. Joseph Cook, of Boston, whom your readers will remember best by his connection with the Boston Monday lectures, and his very unfavorable utterances toward the Latter-day Saints. In expressing our sympathy in all sincerity we do but fulfill that passage of Scripture found in Matthew v: 44: "But I say unto you, love your enemies, do good to them that hate you," etc.; which is further endorsed in a revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in Kirtland, Ohio, Sept. 11th, 1831, which, among other counsels in the same connection, says: "I the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you—the Latter-day Saints—it is required to forgive all men."

Mr. Cook is a man of some ability and learning, having studied at the colleges of Yale, Halle, Berlin and Leipzig, finishing his education by extensive foreign travel and experience. A few months ago, says the Interior, page 70, No. 1,338, vol. 27, of January 16th, 1896, he set out on a lecture tour in Australia and the Orient. He was seized with a severe illness in Japan. Coming home he passed through Chicago a broken down and helpless man, both mentally and physically; and sad to relate, there is no hope held out for his recovery.

R. J. F.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Mining excitement in Davis county is growing intense.

The new Centerville gas well is down nearly 4,000 feet.

Kaysville, Davis county, is complaining of considerable sickness.

The people of Payson want a curfew ordinance to keep the boys in at night.

Manti school teachers gave a warm welcome to the county teachers on Saturday.

St. George is reported as having an epidemic in measles. There have been no fatalities.

The Mt. Pleasant Pyramid is doing some good rustling in behalf of Sanpete county's interests.

The editor of the Manti Messenger, who has been severely ill, is again at his post of duty.

Many towns in the southern part of the State are complaining of the hoodlums that exist therein.

Edmund Lund, 16 years old, pleaded guilty at Chester on Wednesday, to burglarizing a Spring City store.

Parowan has a curfew law which went into effect Saturday, and youngsters will have to leave the streets at bedtime.

D. B. Witt is under arrest on a charge of fornication. The girl is Elizabeth Zweifel, of Midway, Wasatch county.

The old Lake Park pavilion on the Great Salt Lake is being hauled to a new location near Farmington, on a fresh water lake.

John Humphreys was held to answer, on Wednesday, at Spring City, to the district court on a charge of rape, committed upon a twelve-year-old girl.

Springville Independent: Young Arthur, son of Mrs. Dave Bird, of Mapleton, met with an accident last Friday afternoon, whereby he broke his leg. He was riding a horse which became somewhat frisky and rearing up threw the boy backwards and caused the accident, which will lay him up for a week or two. This comes severe on Mrs. Bird, who seems just to come out of one affliction to come into another.

Davis County Clipper: Mr. Austin, of the Lehi sugar factory, was up at Layton a few days ago and notified the people through their local managers that no sugar beets were to be raised for the factory this year. We understand that it is for two reasons they refuse to take them, the first is, because the beets are not as good in quality as they should be and the second is, the factory is so far away that it makes it too expensive to ship the beets there. The distance makes it inconvenient for the men of the factory to come to inspect the crop while it is growing.

Mt. Pleasant Pyramid: Next year will witness the half-century mark of the landing of the Pioneers in Utah. It will be an important period of our history, and already steps have been taken to begin a plan of action for a grand semi-centennial celebration. The Legislature has taken up the subject, and the newspapers are discussing it. It is not any too soon to be outlining the general plan of celebration. The mapping out of details and putting them into execution will consume much time, as also will the raising of funds. There will be a hearty response from the people of Utah in support of this movement, and it proceeded with in the proper way will make July 24, 1897, one long to be remembered.

Mt. Pleasant Pyramid: Martin Bohny has struck flowing water at a depth of 120 feet on his ranch. A flow of about a gallon a minute has been obtained. The bottom of the well is inoolite..... There is great activity among reservoir companies. The Twin Creek company has been incorporated, officers elected, and work on the reservoir site begun. When the reservoir is completed it will be a valuable piece of property and will bring a good many additional acres of land under cultivation..... Indications point to a valuable anthracite coal discovery in Twin Creek canyon by Charles Johanson and others. E. C. Jensen, who uses the Pennsylvania anthracite, says this new coal comes as near being like the