

munificent in its rewards to the husbandman, miner, business man, professional advocate and the toiler, should not, in some other governmental respects, give to its sisters in the federal compact a brighter and better example than any they have yet had, as to how man should be governed, and how the proceeds of his enterprise should be placed?

May the time speedily come that the noble State of which we form a part, shall have placed to its credit, not only the fact that it advanced civilization on the frontiers of our glorious country fully half a century ago, but, that when more fully developed, and when more thoroughly populated, it gave to the world another object lesson, which was that the pioneers were not only hardy and brave, but, also, that they were patriotic and wise; that they did not look, exclusively, to the interests of this generation, the one to which they belonged; but with the divination of the true statesman, with the prophetic love which sometimes inspires the humblest individual, they looked to posterity, to the interests of millions yet unborn, and sought to inculcate such principles as would inure to the welfare and advancement of those who will sway the destinies of this and all other nations, when we have passed away and been forgotten.

EASTERN STATES MISSION.

50 CONCORD ST., Brooklyn, New York
March, 2nd, 1897.

It may interest your readers to hear again from the Eastern States mission. We have received a visit recently from Elders Roberts, Pyper and Midgley, known throughout the east as the "Mormon Evangelists." They have been through Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and now lastly New York. For two Sunday evenings they have held forth at the Hardmam hall, Fifth Avenue, besides attending and taking part in our regular services at Brooklyn. An audience of about three hundred came to each of the New York services and paid respectful attention. The first meeting was presided over by Elder S. W. Richards, president of the mission, and Elder Roberts discoursed upon the relation of Mormonism to Christianity. The meeting was noticed and commented upon favorably by seven of the leading dailies, and that alone has accomplished an incalculable amount of good in awakening interest in the great work of the last days and removing some of the prejudice which exists generally towards it. It is conservative to say that tens of thousands read the account of that meeting.

Elder Richards was not well enough to preside at the second meeting. Elder Roberts's subject was "The Gospel of Christ" from a Mormon standpoint. This meeting was also alluded to by some of the papers, but the opposing influence was already at work and several anti-Mormon articles appeared in connection with our reports, which neutralized some of the good results expected. A pleasant feature of the services was the singing which on the first evening was rendered by Elder Pyper in solo form, and on the second occasion by a quartette in which Brother Willard Squires kindly took part.

These two meetings are all of the kind

that can be held for the present in New York. The indications are that a good work could be performed in our great metropolis, if Elder Roberts or some other able expounder of the truth lectured in some public hall for a succession of nights, as was tried in St. Louis. There our evangelists stayed for a whole month, holding meetings every evening and twice on Sunday, bearing testimony of the Gospel to thousands upon thousands.

Elder Roberts is now en route for his mountain home, Elder Midgley is at Chicago, and Elder George D. Pyper is with us at Brooklyn, awaiting instructions regarding the continuance of his mission so well begun.

Our services at Brooklyn continue to be interesting and well attended. Last Sunday we had quite a gathering of Salt Lakers, including Nephi W. Clayton and wife and James Saville of Z. C. M. I. Elder Richards spoke for about an hour in his usual instructive and fatherly way. We also had present with us six Elders just arrived for this mission.

Among the late changes in the mission is the following: Elder J. H. Wilcox is just gone to Philadelphia and soon will be joined by Elder C. A. Streeper.

Elder Roberts was favorably impressed with the Quaker City during his visit there, and thinks the people worthy of special attention. There are some old members of the Church residing there, and several others were baptized during the above visit.

The work around Scranton is being pushed steadily, and several baptisms have been reported recently.

Elders Welch and Kinsman are about to go into Massachusetts where many distant relatives of the latter are located.

Elder Richards is nearing the close of his ministry in this part, and has been released to return home when his successor, in the presidency of the Eastern States mission, Elder Alonzo Kesler, arrives, which probably will be the middle of this month. We will miss him and Sister Richards very much, and some of us will feel like orphans for a time at least.

D. J. WATTS.

A LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

FILLMORE, Millard County,
February 28th, 1897.

I enclose a letter which came under my notice today, the writer is eighty-two years old, and "Emily" (Frampton) is a widow sixty two years old, a twenty-four year resident of this city.

MENDHAM, February 10th, 1897.

Dear Emily:—This comes with my kind love to you, and I want to know if you got the books and my letter. I sent the books off on the 16th of December, and the letter on the 19th of December. I had a newspaper on the 29th of January from you, and I have been looking for a letter every day since, to know if you got them. I hope they are not lost. Write and let me know.

Well, dear Emily, my dear brother and I do enjoy your papers, for I can tell you he is a real Mormon and he believes that to be the work of the living God, and no other. He and I sit here of an evening and read and talk as far as we know, and what we do not know we must leave.

Well I do hope that the blessed Lord will spare me to see some of His servants before He calls me home; for I know that it is the Church of God and there is no other.

Give my love to Brother Woodruff, when you see him and, to all who ask for me. Your

Uncle Dan sends kind love to you. He is not well. "He has done only three days work since Christmas. He says there must be something wrong that we have not had a letter, as well as the papers, but I hope that nothing has happened to the mail for we have had some bad weather and sharp frost, and have had a dreadful flood and a blizzard. I tell my brother that it is the judgments of the Lord going through the earth and he can see it."

Well, dear Emily, good bye, and the Lord bless you. From

MOTHER S. ALEXANDER.

This epistle contains a faith, and philosophy, and a hope, that perhaps, made known through the News may be gratified by a visit from, "some of His servants before He call me home." The familiar reference to the venerable President of the Church is born of honored memory and personal acquaintance long years ago, when that great missionary was proclaiming the word of the Lord in England. "Emily" remembers as a child attending the old Cock-pit meetings of the Saints in Preston, Lancashire; her mother was baptized into the Church by Elder William Clayton. The "dear brother" referred to is Mr. Daniel Flint, not a member of the Church. Mendham is in the Norwich Conference. A. BID.

LOUISIANA.

WASHINGTON PARISH, LA..

March 3, 1897.

There are many no doubt wondering why Louisiana is so seldom heard from, through the columns of the News. I assure you that it is not because we are indifferent about reporting our success, for we are highly elated at the progress made in this state since last conference; when our worthy and energetic president, Elder E. S. Kimball, by his inspired words, generated within us a burning desire to raise our standard higher. He pictured us (the Louisiana conference) as the very "tail" of the mission, a feeble member indeed, but Paul says, "those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble are necessary." Realizing our duty, we began to work, and each Elder expressed a determination to be zealous in the performance of his duty.

Elder Geo. B. Moore and I were appointed to travel as meteoric Elders in St. Tammany, Washington and Tangapahoa parishes. We went to St. Tammany, meeting with little or no encouragement at first; but persevering, we succeeded in holding a few meetings, the number of which increased each week until we held as high as nineteen meetings in a week. The result was seven applicants for baptism, six of whom were baptized Sunday, Nov. 15, 1896. Their names are: Sister R. B. Jenkins, Sister Missouri Berger and two daughters, John Jenkins and wife.

It is true the number of our converts are few. We have not been seeking for quantity, but for quality, and are pleased to say that we have been very successful. The kindness of the good people of the south to strangers is a very commendable feature, and will be to them a source of joy when they hear the voice of the Savior gently falling upon their ears saying, "I was hungry and you gave me meat. * * * I was a stranger and you took me in." May God bless the southern people! Among those who have shown great kindness to the Elders here beside those already