

that country. During the interview Elder Teasdale said:

I am happy to report a steady progress in all our settlements. It will give you an idea of our advancement to state that when we first went to Colonia Diaz, as is our general custom, we built a school house 20x40 feet. In a short time that was enlarged by an addition 20x22. This being insufficient for school and meeting purposes, a larger building was added, 30x50 feet, and two other rooms in front, 24x40, an upper and lower room. At Colonia Juarez their first building was 24x40 feet. This being too small a T was added 24x40, two rooms, an upper and lower, and now they are adding two more rooms 24x40, the building being somewhat the shape of a cross. At Colonia Dublan the Saints have built a very creditable school house 51x26 feet, 16 feet high, with a 14 foot stage, an evidence of the faith and works of the few families there.

As with the school house so it has been with all our steady improvements. We have five settlements, Colonia Diaz, Colonia Dublan, Colonia Juarez and Colonia Pacheco, in the state of Chihuahua, and Colonia Oaxaca, in the state of Sonora. The Mexican Colonization and Agricultural company have now started another colony, Colonia Morales.

We have two sawmills, a tannery, three grist mills, a cannery, four stores, five school houses, two building and furniture establishments. We raise wheat, corn, rye, oats, sugar cane, all kinds of fruit and vegetables and have a market for all our surplus.

He stated that one of the colonists in Dublan, Brother Phillip Hurst, had written him under date of March 31st, some items he wished his friends to know who were going to Mexico. The letter said: "Teams and cows can be had cheaper here than there, all climated, but where parties have them and wish to bring them by rail, one car will generally be sufficient for two small families. Improved farms with water rights can be bought if needed. September is the best time to come here, at the end of the rainy season, when there is plenty of wild hay to be had for the cutting, plenty of corn fodder, for shucking the corn, plenty of molasses for work on the cane and all winter to put in crops and get climated."

Elder Teasdale added that it was necessary for all intending going to Mexico to observe the following instructions: Send a list of the names, ages, nationality and occupation of all the family. Then a list of what they wish to take into the country, free of duty, the colonist privilege, in teams, wagons, furniture and provisions, etc. It is also necessary to send a certificate of good citizenship representing those wishing to colonize as good citizens, honest and reliable, etc. This information should be sent to Henry Eyring, Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, for those wishing to go to the state of Chihuahua, or to George C. Williams, Colonia Oaxaca, via Baviere, Sonora, for those wishing to go to the state of Sonora. Brother Henry Eyring or Geo. C. Williams will supply all the information needed.

It is wise for all wishing to go to a

new country to go and see for themselves, instead of relying upon any description given of a settlement or its prospects. The best way to accomplish this is to go to Deming, N. M., and from there to the settlements. The closing of the custom house at Palomas has worked a hardship for our colonists as they have to go by El Paso and Ciudad Juarez which is not so convenient. William Derby Johnson Jr., Bishop of Colonia Diaz, will answer all questions and make team arrangements for anyone wishing to visit the colonies and see the settlements or country for themselves, if timely notice is given.

We have all the organizations of the Relief societies, Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations, Sabbath and day schools, Primary associations for the children, and choirs in every settlement, besides four dramatic associations, an excellent brass band under the able leadership of Bro. J. J. Walsen, at Colonia Juarez.

When we consider this progress has been made in about eight years, he continued, it reflects favorably upon the colonists. They are workers; no saloons, gambling houses, or other objectionable institutions defile our settlements. We are endeavoring to be an exemplary people and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ that we possess, which is the secret of our success.

In conclusion Elder Teasdale stated that the colonists were on good terms with the Federal and state governments, and had received very kind treatment at their hands. The Mexican authorities are anxious to have their country settled with sober, industrious people, and are giving encouragement to that class.

"JOSEPHITE" CONFERENCE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—The expected message from heaven was not received at the "Josephite" conference at Independence today. President Joseph Smith Jr. spent the entire day with the twelve apostles and the delegates to the conference, momentarily expecting to hear that revelations from on high had been made. There are two vacancies among the apostles which have existed for many years, and which cannot be filled until it is revealed of God to Joseph Smith and the apostles, who the new apostles are to be. Nothing having come after today's long sitting, revelations are not now expected at this meeting.

A lively debate was occasioned in the conference this afternoon by the resolution introduced yesterday instructing the bishopric to mature plans for the institution of the Order of Enoch. The delegates are for organizing the new order themselves before the meeting adjourns. The Order of Enoch was provided for in the revelations of 1833 to 1837. It is a sort of co-operative plan whereby the rich people of the church render opportunities to the poor for bettering their condition.

The first to offer testimony this morning was an Independence saint about 80 years old.

"I am sorely afflicted," he said in a trembling voice, "and have been for five or six months. Yet I have walked a mile and a half this morning to be

with you. I have seen devils cast out, the blind made to see and the deaf to hear, so I know there is a true God, and that the Church of the saints is His church. It is my ambition to some day be seated on the throne with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Mrs. Wright, from Vermont, told how she had become a saint. "I was visited one night by an angel," said she, "who came and stood by my bedside with a square piece of parchment in his uplifted hand. 'I have come to tell you that Joseph Smith is a recognized prophet of heaven,' the angel said."

Elder George Edwards, of Southwest Missouri, said: "Late one evening in Southwest Missouri a voice came to me from heaven, and said 'You are called to lift up the lamp of the Gospel,' and I have ever since been engaged as a servant of the Lord."

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—The apostles of the Reorganized Church of Latter-day Saints, now in annual conference at Independence, went into secret session today, Joseph Smith, head of the church, presiding. Very important revelations are expected during this week. It is not impossible that today's secret session of the twelve apostles will be productive of results. There are two vacancies among the apostles which have existed many years. These can be filled, according to the doctrine, only by direct command from God. It is hoped by the saints present at this conference that this commandment will be given some time this week.

KANSAS CITY, April 10.—At the conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Independence, Mo., the question of the organization of the "Order of Enoch" is being discussed today. The order is to be organized for the purpose of purchasing large tracts of land which will be rented or sold to the poorer classes at a living rate. Another feature of this order will be the establishment of co-operative factories and shops and other manufacturing industries. The question under discussion today is whether the time has come for the fulfillment of this revelation.

Efforts to change the conference sessions from annual to biennial and leave the management in the hands of the twelve apostles were defeated. Another meeting of the twelve apostles, bishopric and presidency was held behind closed doors this morning and important results are hoped for by the church. The elders spent the morning in special prayer that God may direct His will to the conference.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 10.—Contrary to expectations, the quorum of twelve and Joseph Smith did not bring any revelations today. If the quorum did not have a revelation soon touching some of the great matters of church government, some of the saints will grow very weary. Since the beginning of this conference the most intense interest has been shown in all the sessions, the principal attraction being Joseph Smith, son of the great prophet, and himself a seer of highest standing. But the head of the church has not revealed anything. Beyond presiding over the business, he has brought nothing to alleviate the anxiety concerning the vacancies