### FATHER PHILLIPS, THE PEACEMAKER.

wilt in such a disturbance. We called on the marshal a few days later and exained to him that we had taken no rt in the disturbance whatever, and asked for permission to continue our meetings, but we were refused. We meetings; then appealed to the mayor of the city, and on laying our case before him, he d us to be present at a meeting the city council, which would be held ing Monday evening, where d he would grant us a hearing. His ords were: "Boys, I'll give you a words were; square deal." We met

met with the city council accord-We met with the city council accord-ing to appointment, at which time we were called upon by the mayor to state our grievances to the honorable body. We did so. A policeman who was pres-ent at the disturbance upon the street was then called upon to state why we were deprived of the right of holding were deprived of the right of holding meetings on the streets when other de-rominations were not? His main rea-cons, as stated to the council, were that we gathered such large crowds as to blockade the streets. On being ques-tioned by the mayor as to who the ag-gressive party was, he (the police) ad-mitted that the Josephite was and said mitted that the Josephite was and said mitted that the susceptive was and some that if he had talked to me as he did to these men (us) I should have inter-fered. Then said one of the council-ment. It was your duty to have taken care of that man, he being the aggres-

the sympathy of the council While while the synthetic of the council was in our favor, they were not able to decide at that time, but turned our case over to the committee on police, who ac-corded us the same privilege as others, corded us the same privilege as others, of holding meetings upon the streets and we were promised protection in the same. Notwithstanding the fact that the enemies are continually raging, the the events are continued y lagos, the Lord is opening up the way before us, and we are making friends of some who were before our bitterest enemies, Your brothers, R. S. SUTTON.

## CONVERSING WITH A SCHOLAR.

#### Elders Bearing Their Testimony to a Student of the Scriptures. Ashford, Kent, England.

Aug. 9, 1900.

To the Editor: It is over eight months since I left my home in Park City, As a missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, to preach the Gospel of Christ to the people of England. My trip across the continent was very pleasant.although traveling without any companions. We were in Philadelphia four days and a half, taking in places nterest. We had a very rough voy-being thirteen days on the water. of interest. There were nineteen Elders and Sister J. J. McClellen and two children, make ing a very pleasant company of us. We arrived in Liverpool on the 2nd day of December. I was appointed to labor in the London conference, and was in that city for two weeks. I was then appoint-

ed to labor in Ashford, Kent. Kent is called the garden of England. I had for my companion the first three and a half months Elder Orson Day of Kaysville, and the last four months Elder Edward Pay of Nephi. He has just got his release to return home. We are sorry to lose him. We have had the pleasure of adding five new members the fold of Christ since I came here The people here treat us kindly and we have guite a few friends. But the majority are indifferent toward religion. We have as a rule good street meetings and the people listen attentively to the preaching of the principles of the Gospel. Our hall meetings are not so largely attended. I have for my com-panion Elder Ernest Taylor of Salt Lake City. He has been laboring in the Manchester conference for the last year, and has been transferred to this conference. Brother Taylor and I had an in-vitation to visit an old gentleman, who has been a Bible student all his life. He showed us twelve or fifteen books, that he had written on different parts of the Bible, and he has delivered a great many lectures also on the Bible. He told us in the beginning of our conversation that he was learned in the Scriptures and he could see deeper and great deal more about th word of God than we could. In his es-timation we were mere school boys and knew nothing about the Bible. But be-fore we left he admitted that in several things we were right and he was wrong, and that we had enlightened him in regard to some parts of the Scriptures. Our conversation lasted for three and a

Elders are quietly distributing the written word of God, and doing all in their power for the spread of truth. Elder James C. Barrington and my-self have been laboring in Greenville country for the past free months. We county for the past two months. We find the people here, as a rule, very hospitable and willing to accept our tracts, but places to preach an are few. Our labors have principally been in the northern part of the county in the Blue Ridge mountains, which remind us very much of the "Rockies," and we us very much of the 'Rockies, and we indeed enjoyed climbing the moun-tains searching out the honest in heart, for "Wo're the fishers and the hunters Jeremiah said should come to search the hills, the rocks and the mountains, to gather scattered Israel

home. From the top of the mountains one can see for miles around, beholding the towns of Tryon and Columbus, North arolina; and Landrum, South Caro-

The "News" is a welcome visitor, and the 'Church Intelligence' is the first part read by the Elders.

I am your brother in Christ. ED. T. LOFGREEN.

# THE BRITISH MISSION.

A Number of Utah Saints on a Visit to the Old Home.

#### The Peaceful Departure of Elder H. Christensen for the Great Beyond.

42 Islington, Liverpool, Eng., August 31, 1900.

To the Editor: On August 25th, 1900, I had the pleasure of attending our monthly Priest. hood meeting in Accrington, where we all spent a very pleasant time.

The Elders from the different districts gave in very good reports of the work being done in their different fields of labor. All the Elders are well and enjoying their labors.

Our President, W. R. Hill, was over to pay us a visit last week and also to give us some good counsel. While here, Brother Davis and myself were invited by one of our investigators, a Mrs. Graham, to spend the evening at her home where we had the pleasure of meeting six other investigators. We spent a very pleasant evening singing hymns and talking over the principles of the Gospel.

Last Thursday, August 23rd, there arrived from Utah on the steamship New England a number of Saints, some sight-seeing and some missionaries. Among them I noticed Brother Henry Wallace and wife, Sister R. E. Little and two daughters, Sister Ada Cannon, Brother and Sister Carlos Kimball, W. B. Dougall and others. They were all well and had had a pleasant voyage. They all attended our meeting in the evening, and we had a very pleasant time. We also had the pleasure yes, terday of meeting another company of Saints, who arrived on the steamship Belgenland, all well, I noticed Broth-er W. S. Owen and W. A. Shepherd of Salt Lake among them. On August 29th Brother W. B. Doug-

all gave me an invitation to accompany him on a visit to the home of his childhood. We took the 9:05 train at pany him on a visit to the nome of his childhood. We took the 9:05 train at the L. & Y. station, and after a 35 min-ute's ride through the lovely green fields of England we arrived at the quaint old town of Ormskirk, celebrat-ed for its gingerbread. After a walk of ten minutes we came to where the old school house stood. Next to the school house stood the home of the schoolmaster, but things had changed.



Rev. Father E. S. Phillips, of St. Gabriel's church, Hazleton, Pa., is working might and main to avert the threatened coal strike. His reverence daily begs the miners not to act hastily. This is Father Phillips' latest photograph.



ginia conference.

been laboring in this city with a great deal of joy and satisfaction in our labors, having made many true friends who are investigating the Gospel plan and are seeing the beauties of the glorious revealed truth.

There has recently appeared in the religious arena one who purports to be a minister of Christ, coming with the credentials that he has officiated for twenty-one years in the service of the Lord "among the 'Mormons." He is known in person as S. L. Gillespie of Brigham City, Utah. He is working in the interest of the Presbyterian church. The special feature of his labors is to vigorously oppose "Mormons" and "Mormonism," and in order to accomplish this to the satisfaction of those with whom he is affiliated, he is lecturing in various churches in this city and also laboring among the Y. M. C. A., delivering lectures on "Utah and the 'Mormons.'" We visited one of his lectures, and he began by showing the people that the first revelation Joseph Smith received stated that all other sects and denominations are in error

and not recognized by God, and that he was to be the instrument in bringing about a restoration of the true Church He then stated that the Book of Mormon was a product of Spaulding and Rigdon, and associated its origin with the and Spaulding story. Then using of Mormon, he pointed out

To the Editor: About six months ago I left my loved ones in Parker. Idaho, and took my de-parture for the South to preach the Gospel. I arrived at Chattanooga, Tenn., March 26th. After spending a day and night in the city. I was assigned to la-bor in the Kenucky conference, Chris-The school house was gone, the school-master was dead. We went into the it was a counterfeit of the Bible. Ha

Wednesday morning, the Elders all re-ported their fields of labor. In nearly ported their fields of labor. In were en-couraging. Many friends have been found, the great wall of prejudice is being broken down. We received some ry appropriate instructions relative

The following named Elders were re-leased, viz: Ambrose Hibbert, I. D. Zundel, Jessie Pay, Albert Mabey and Harvey

Elder Orren Packard was selected as president of the conference, with El-ders F. W. Kingston and T. C. Barlow as his counselors.

Since we met in conference, months ago, a great deal of work has been done among the southern Indiana ople. The fruit of our labors consist converts, friends and investigators. During the summer not a little suc-

Secretary of Conference.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

### WARDS ORGANIZED.

#### Various Vacancies Filled in the Kanab Stake of Zion.

Orderville, Sept. 5, 1990.

To the Editor: Elder E. D. Woolley, president of Kanab Stake, met Elder F. M. Lyman of the Council of Apostles at Hatch, Garfield county, and returned with him o Graham, Kanab Stake, where they ield meeting on Monday evening Auust 27th. The Stake presidency ac-ompanied him on his way to Kanab gust 27th. Stake conference, stopping at Glendale and holding meeting with the Saints on Tuesday,the 28, organizing a new Bish-optic for that ward, Royal James Cutler as made Bishop with James D. Car-enter as his first and Conzad John nith as second counselor. On the th they held meeting and instructed e Saints of the Orderville ward. On e 30th Mt. Carmel was paid a visit. the soun ML Carmet was paid a viola-That ward was organized with a new Bishopric, this ward and the Glendale having lost their Bishops by their moving away from those wards. Hans C. Sorenson was made Bishop of Mt. Carmel with Heber Moncur and Newel C. Dates as his counselies. The varies Palmer as his counselors. The same by the brethren journied on to Kanab, resting Friday and holding conference Saturday and Sunday, September 1st and 2nd. During the conference the reports from the Bishops were very satisfactory. The people more gener-ally comply with the principles of tith-ing than heretofore. Elder Lyman ing than heretofore. Elder Lyman gave special charges and instructions o the Saints and Priesthood to live our eligion more faithfully each day. Many testimonies were borne on fast day. During this conference the following business was transacted: Elders James Leithead, Patriarch Charles N. Carroli Leithead, Patriareh Charles N, Carroli and Edwin Ford were honorably re-leased from the High Council on ac-count of old age. Elders Leithead and Ford were made Patriarchs. Elders Taylor, Crosby, Berryman, Hamblin and Isaac O, Brown were released from the High Council and John F. Robert-son as alternate. Elder John F. Brown was released from acting as president in the Eighty-fifth quorum of Seventies. Robert E. and Joseph E. Robinson were released from the High Council, they having moved away. ouncil, they having moved away, Iders Reuben J. Watson, George Es-

plin and William H. Heaton were set apart as presidents in the Eighty-fifth quorum of Seventies, filling up the vacancies in the council,

We had pleasant showers of rain to

the Spirit of the Lord, and exhorted the Spirit of the Spirit of

good, quiet spirit was manifest. He spoke on the divinity of the Book of Mormon, proving the Spaulding story to

be false in every particular. The Suirit of the Lord was visibly felt in our meetings. Effer Hammond said it was made known to him that nr conference was going to be a sur ess; said the building was full a pielts. There were hine theelings held Il well attended. Quite a number of on-"Mormons" were in attendance Conference, adjourned, for three months, to meet at Mancos, Colo,

The general and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sus tained. L. H. HEDD El alte Chirk.

### St. John's Stake,

### St. John, Ariz., Sept. 7, 1806

A pleasant and beneficial confere just terminated in St. Johns, Aria, which there was a fairly good attend

The Young Ladles' Mutual Improv nent Association and the Heller Sociats conferences were held on Saturday. Sept. 1, 1900, and in the evening an en-joyable entertainment was rendered by the young people. Sunday and Monday the instruction from the brother of the Delarithment was such Priesthood was such as to encourage the people in their life's duties. The spirit of the Lord rested mightly upon the speakers and a spiritual feast was the result. A wonderful feature of the conference was the cheerfulness and rethe result. A wonderful feature of the conference was the cheerfulness and re-ligious energy shown by the Saints re-gerdless of the sad financial condition caused by scarcity of water this sum-ner. Some forming settlements of the State spicing of the twenty months, the saint re-ner some forming settlements of the the saint state of the twenty months, the saint of the twenty months, the saint of the twenty months, Stake raised no crops at all, and others very little of either grain or hay, while all over the grass for sheep and cattle is peer, still the Saints in this locality by their actions seem to say: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away and blossed be the name of the Lord." The faith of the people is that there are better times coming soon. The Bish ops' reports showed the Priesthood and organizations performing their dutie

etter than usual. It was decided to dedicate our marnificent Stake academy building at our next conference, providing the time is approved of and we can have the pres-ence of one or more of the Apasiles. The structure is nearing completion, and it is the investion in the structure. and it is the intention to hold an acade

my in the same this fail, Probably it would be beneficial news to report that a new road is completed to the Glia river, so that Saints going i southern Arizona or Mexico may come by way of St. Johns. Springerville, Nut. rioso, Alpine,-thence on new road down the Blue and the Frisco rivers to Clif-

ton. This cuts off quite a distance. The health of the people is splendid. Rains are beginning to give the soll the necessary dampening; and the Saints here are trying to do their part in the glorious work of the Lord.

JAMES W. LESUEUR. Stake Clerk.

#### Morgan Stake,

The Saints of the Morgan Stake of Zion assembled in conference Sunday and Monday, Sept. 9th and 10th. Besides the presiding Elders, the High Council, Pairlarchs and Elshops. there were present on the stand Elders George Teasdale and Reed Smoot of the Council of Apestles, and on Monday Elder Rulon S. Wells, of the First Council of Seventies.

The attendance was good. Elder Samuel Francis reported the Stake as being in a fair condition, the Salnts striving to serve God. The Stake and several of its quorum and associations have, for the past five

months, been disorganized, on account of either death or migration of the various presidents. 'To effect an organization the vacan-

cles were filled as follows: For presi-dent of the Stake, Edler Daniel Heiner, with Wm. H. Rich and William W. Francis as counselors. Elder H. B. Crouch was set api be the superintendent of the Y. M. M. J. A. and Thomas Palmer as his first assistant. The second assistant has not yet been chosen: For president of the Elders quorum, ider Junes N. Weich, with Alfred Owen Durrant and Byron Porter as Elder Samuel Francis was chosen to be a Patriarch. The subjects of the remarks of the brethren were, obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel, and the necessity of preparing for the coming of the Son of Man. The Saints were alo warned against secret societies and odgres. The conference adjourned at noon, September 10th, for three months. Henediction was offered by Apostle Teasdale. H, K, PORTER, Clock

th of this month.

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Eliter George C. Wood, of Willard hy. Boxelder the returned on the 15th I this month from a mission to Grout ritain. He was set about on the sch August, 1898, and has suring the absumer, athored in Manufacture, Or and Middleton, in the Manufacture, Or Inverse, Elder Wood lins a ser-unit very well. The confirm condition, althoursh Or not numerous at the prosent time

Elder Adam A. Bingham, of Diverthe Weber county, was set apart to ith of July, 1888, for a releason algoridy. He pret labored in the Deinference, and then in the Darrango conference where he speed a built ver-trantis. Then he was called to Denver, and preseded from there to the East Colorado conference. Here he moored till the let of May, this year, when he till the let of May, this year, when he In the left of stary, the year, is held in white set apart to preside even the Weat. Counted conference, During this time is itse labored in New Moxico, The last programmed he spent in Durango, Polo, Being relaxed, he returned home on the 4th of this month, having enjoyed the balance of the shock

his labors very much.

Edge Fred G. Batcinan of Bioomingten Idaho, returned on the 13th of this month from a mission to Great Britali Rewas set apart Nov. 23, 1888, and fe the first nine months labored in the Livr-mainder of the time he spent in the London conference. He says his health was not of the best in the similar of oid Ergiand, but he enjoyed his in-bors, He arrived in this city in company with some Elders and a number of Saints from the Old world.

Eider L. R. Farley of Ogden was set apart in the 25th of June, 1928, for a mission to the Southern States. He la-bored in Alabama, Tennessee, and Mis-stalling, where he says be met with encourning success. He had the privflowe of witnessing many manifestations of the presence of the Almighty, and returns, consequently, with n strength-ened rectiment. The Elders must with some opposition, but the work is present well in those three Status, I returned hom on the 12th of this month

Elder John T. Sponcer, of Crescent,

Salt Loke county, returned home on the 9th of this month from the Michigan 5th of this mouth front the Michigan conference in the Northern States mis-sion, for which field he was set apart on the 10th of fune, 1893. He says the field was hard to open up, no work hav-ing been done there the last twenty years. But the way was opened up. The Elders found some friends, and a few simbraned the Cospel. Elder Speno-er was president of the conference the last three months, succeeding Elder Ira B. Whitney, of Sanford, Colo,

Elder Louis Peterson, of Ephraim, Sanpore Co., returned home on the 7th of fuls month from a mission to the Northern States, where he has been Northern States, where he has been Inburing in the Michigan conference. He was set apart on the 57th of May, 1898. He states that he has enjoyed his indors and had the privilege of haptiz-ing some converts. The field is com-paratively new, but promising. For the last year he acted as counselor to the prerident of the conference.

Elder J. H. Carrett, of this city was set attact on the 28th of April 1828, for the Eastern States mission. He was as-signed to the Brooklyn conference, where he has labored during his absence, most of the time in connection with the presidency of the conference. For the last half year he presided. He states that the progress of the work is very encouraging. The mission is grow-ing steadily. He returned home on the

signed to labor in the Southwest Vir-

I left Brooklyn in company with Elder J. D. Roundy for my field of la-bor. We stopped off at Washington, D. C., a few days, after which we took the train for Charleston, W. Va., but to our surprise, we had got a ticket to Charlestown, W. Va. instead of Charleston, W. Va. We were without enough money to take us on to our field of labor, and you can imagine just how we felt. But I have received many a strong testi-mony in this work, and have seen the

power of God made manifest in differ-

vicancies in the council, The following brethren were called to fill the vacancies in the High Council: Jonathan Heaton, George Heber Rob-inson, Edward K. Pugh, Heber J, Meeks, Myron Erwin Roundy, Edward Carroll and Wallace O. Bunting, and as alternate John S. Carpenter,

Journeys and Labors of an Elder -On account of the scattered condition of the Stake officers of the Y, L, M, I, A., they were honorably released and Sister Mary Woolley was chosen as president, William Brown and Hattle Spencer as counselors of the Y, L, M, I, A in Franch Stake Healed in Response to Prayer. September, 10, 1900.

A. in Kanab Stake. The General and Local Authorities were presented by Elder F. ... Lyman and all were unanimously sustained.

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half hours. The "News" comes to us regularly, for which we are truly thankful. FRED'K RASBAND.

# AN ELDER CALLED HOME.

#### Death of Elder R. A. Paxton, of Kanosh, in the Field.

Blackshurg, S. C., Aug. 30, 1900. To the Editor:

I write you today to give particulars of the death of Elder R. A. Paxton of Kanosh, Utah. He arrived in Chaitabooga, April 17, 1899, and was assigned to labor in the South Carolina confers ence, where he made rapid progress as a canvassing Elder and was later cho-sen counsellor to the conference presi-dent. He labored in the city of Charleston during the months of April and May, and there contracted malaria, which terminated in chills and fever and caused him to be laid up at Co-lombia City, Aug. 9 he was again taken Sick at Greenwood City, and was later removed here to Blacksburg, where he could receive our care and attention and be among the Saints.

He gave every evidence of recover-ing and gaining strength under the treatment of Dr. Anderson, until Aug 25, when a change was noticeable. He gradually grew weaker until Monday. Aug. 27, when he quietly passed away beyond the stage of mortality. Elder Rich accompanied the remains

ns far as Chattanooga. We very keenly feel the loss of this

noble young man, as he was the embodiment of manhood, and possessed those qualities which are requisite for an upright man of God. He was humble, energetic and fearless, and seldom falled in softening the hearts of his enemies. He won the love and re-spect of all with whom he came in contace. contact. The doctor gave the cause of his death as "tubercular peritonities." C. R. HUMPHREYS,

President of Conference.

MANY ADDED TO THE CHURCH. That is the Report of Elder Lofgreen in South Carolina Conference.

Seneca, S. C., Aug. 11, 1900.

To the Editor:

Since our general conference held in Columbia, February 3rd and 4th, the Elders have done a great work, and many souls have been added to the Church. Our working force is very small at present, there being but twenty-nine Elders laboring in this conference, while last summer our n/ble band of workers numbered forty-six.

The last few months a number of Elders have been released on account if sickness and others have been reased, having filled honorable missions of two years and over. Our president, lder Sylvester Low Jr., returned home. n the latter part of July, having been ro beasels We were loath to have him leave as, but duty called him elsewhere, so we humbly submit to the will of the Lord. Elder C. R. Humphreys succeeds Elder Low as president of this

At this season of the year our reports are not so large as during the winter months. Protracted meetings are be-ing held by the different religious denominations and opportunities for us to hold meetings are scarce, but the

house and found a gentleman by the name of Anderton, the leading doctor of Ormskirk, and who also was a scholar in the same school with W. B. Dougall. He was very obliging, and showed us around through his gardens. We also had the pleasure of an introduction to his lady, a very 1 easant person, who his lady, a very i easant person, who showed us through the old fashloned English home, which brought back many things to the remembrance of Brother Dougall. The doctor also showed us through the town, and intro-duced us to some of the old friends of the Dougalls. We then went to the Ormskirk church, which is noted for having both a spire and tower upon it having both a spire and tower upon it. There is a local legend which accounts for the spire and tower. It is the compromise between two sisters, said

to be the founders of the church-one of whom wanted a tower and the othe

a spire, the difference being happily ettled by adorning the building both. Leaving the church we travele for two miles through the beautiful green lanes to the parish of Aughton, the home of the Dougalls. The old home is still in existence. We also visited the home of Brother Peter Harrocks, built in 1694, a grandson of Brother Harrocks resides there at present. We then went to the parish church of Aughton, which was erected in 1400. Brother Dougall wished to get some dates of births and deaths from the sexton of the parish, but we could not find him at the church. It was open find him at the church. It was open and we looked through the interior. As we came out of the church a curious thing happened. We were going to see if we could find the graves of his friends. When about two rods from the church door, Brother Dougall step-

ped onto a gravestone (the head-stones are laid flat on the graves) and it hap-pened to be the very one that he was looking for, that of the father of Brother Peter Harrocks, who died October 25, 1849, aged 76, and on each side of his 1849, aged is, and on each side of his grave were the graves that he was looking for, so he was able to get the dates without the sexton. On our road back to Ormskirk we paid a visit to Aughton Old Hall, erected in 1400. Mrs. Newsham, the

present occupant, was very obliging and showed us through, and also sat out some mllk and ginger bread for

We were getting tired, so we turned our faces towards Ormskirk and took the 7:20 train for Liverpool.

I am sorry to state that Brother Hanntbal Christenson departed this life on the 23rd inst at 8:40, in the Royal in-firmary of Liverpool. I was at his firmary of Liverpool. I was at his bedside when he died. He passed away bedside when he died. He passed away as one going to sleep. He gave one sigh of relief and all was over. He had been slok and in the infirmary just four months to the day. Twice we had great hopes of his recovery, but both times he had a relapse. For a week or ten days before he died he wandered a great deal in his mind. Some days i could not understand him. He would ramble so. Two days before he died I Two days before he died I ramble so. went to see him, and could see that he was not long for this world. I spoke to him and he opened his eyes and said, Brother Horsley, they have sent for ne," and on Wednesday night he said to the nurse, twice: "A little nearer, He became unconscious about 1:3 Thursday morning and remained so till

the end Brother George Davis and myself visited him every day. On Thursday I asked permission to stay with him un-til he died, so that he would not die entirely among strangers, and they granted the request. Everything that could be done for him was done. Elder Lyman and the rest of the brethren and sisters at the office did all that lay in their power for him. The nurses at the infirmary were very kind

indeed. The "News" comes regularly and is always welcome, and is read with in-terest and profit. HENRY HORSLEY.

cited the passage which he bernios condemned polygamy, and then he gave vent to malevolent maligning of the characters of the Church leaders.

Rev. Gillespie seems to have forgotten the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," We believe the people are able to judge from his fruits by what spirit he was actuated, knowing that the fruits of the Spirit of God is love, long-suffering, meekness, brotherly kindness and charity. Notwithstanding the prejudice rankling in the hearts of many, caused by the testimony of wicked falsifiers, who, like the Roman guards, pervert the truth for money, we find many true and honest-hearted people who are will-ing to hear our defense for truth, and who treat us with courtesy and kind-

The city of Dayton is one of the most unique, tidy and best governed cities in the East. Our labors here have been pleasant and successful. We meet been pleasant and successful. We meet many who have been to Zion, who are ever pleased to meet people from the West. The work throughout the conference is in a flourishing condition. The Elders are well and enjoying their labors. With the help of the Lord we will maintain the standard of truth.

Your Brethren, C. O. CHERRY, M. R. FISHER.

### CONFERENCE IN VIRGINIA. Well Attended Meetings and In-

structive Addresses. Radford, Va., Sept. 3, 1900.

To the Editor: Radford is a city in the State of the Old Dominion, which has beautiful surroundings on every side. Fine moun-tain air is breathed by its inhabitants, which makes them ever gay and cheer-ful. Although its population is but small at the present time, there is and has been among them a few scattered sheep of Israel, and as is always the case whenever they hear the Gospel preached by the servants of God, they are convinced of the truthfulness of

the message, Upon the morning of September 1st, at 11 a. m., we were called to order by the counselor of the Virginia conference, Elder John D. Morrill, who wel-comed every one present. The morn-ing services were not as well attended, but at 7:30 in the evening a large crowd assembled at the residence of Brother James Ross, and as the house was unable to accommodate the congregation, we moved out in the yard under a large tree, where the principles of the Gospel were expounded with much force. Elder John D. Morrill took charge of the meeting. He again welcomed the conmeeting. He again wereoned the vas in-gregation. Elder Morgan Rich was in-troduced to the assembly. He dwelt up-on the kingdom of God as it was es-tablished in early days of the Savior, Elder C. A. Miller followed by explain. ing the great apostasy.

Sunday was a day appointed for fast-ing and prayer. At 10 o'clock a. m. Sunday school was held. The Sacrament was also administered, and as soon as the school was dismissed, the meeting was turned into a fast meeting, and every Elder and the Saints present bore strong testimony. Again at 3 p. m. meeting was called to order. Elders C. F. Furrow, James Ross, A. W. Larson, and Adam Fletcher were the speak-

After dinner we again assembled for the just time during this conference. Again the open-air was the most suitable place for the services on account of the large gathering. The clerk at the office was unexpected.

ly called away to accompany home one of our beloved brothers, who departed this life while laboring for the Mas-J. D. Morrill spoke on the subject of

pre-existence of spirits. Elder Morgan Rich followed him by a few remarks,

tian county, with Elder J. E. Myler Clarkston, Utah. I reached my county on the 27th. We commenced our labors, going from house to house, leaving pamphlets wherever we could and hold ing meetings in school houses and pri-vate houses. We labored there three weeks, but not with very good success. We were then called to Marion county to attend a conference held by sixteen Elders. Elder R. F. Price appointed Elder Olpin, of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and me, to labor in Nelson county, where we arrived on the 20th of April. I am now called to labor in Marion ounty with Elder Horne. Elder Olpin and I have met with

From your brother in the Gospel, JOS, J. PORTER.

IN KENTUCKY.

Nelson County, Kentucky,

Elder Olini and I have met with pretty good success in some parts. We have been visiting a friend. Mr. Jno, E. Ruby, for the last three days. A short time ago the president of our onference came to visit us and gave us some very good instructions. Elder Myler, his compation, was very sick, but with the help of the Lord and the faith and prayers of the Elders, he was made well and is now about his work among the Elders.

having good health and are enjoying the work. D. E. OLPIN, G. H. BROWER,

# THE WORK IN INDIANA.

A Clergyman Rebuked for Attacking "Mormon" Elders.

#### Some Missionaries Urged to Debate, but the Challenger Too Busy to Meet.

Brazil, Ind., Sept. 4, 1900.

The semi-annual conference of the Latter-day Saint Elders, of Southern Indiana, met at Cincinnati, Green Co., Ind.; August 21 and 22, 1900.

The people kindly tendered us the

The people khoay tendered us the free use of their church house, which we thankfully accepted. The people in the vicinity of Cincin-nati, Ind., have been very prejudiced against the "Mormon" people, but we are plensed to say that they have changed considerably; that the reader may more fully understand their atti-tude and feelings relative to the "Mor-mon" Filders I relate an Instance which tude and feelings relative to the "Mor-mon" Elders, I relate an instance which happened the Sunday previous to con-ference convening on Tuesday. A cir-cuit preacher, who had been preaching there for years and with some success, thought to make himself popular by denouncing the "Mormons," which he did in his Sunday evening discourse, in the presence of a number of the Elders the presence of a number of the Elders His abuse was received with disgust by most of those present. After his meeting he was taken to task by some of the best cilizens of the town, who in-formed him that his conduct was very unbecoming a man who made preten-

tions at Christianity. In and about Cincinnati, Ind., there is a sect of people who call themselves Free Gospel People. Their great claim is that the ordinances are not esseptial unto salvation. Some of these have urged us to hold a discussion. We acurged us to hold a discussion. We ac-cepted the challenge, and fixed a date and framed the propositions, but the challenger failed to materialize, his reason being that he was busy. The Elders prefer not to debate, but when challenged time and time again, they stand up for the truth, and defend it to the test. the last

The first public session of conference was held Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. A large crowd gathered in from far and near to hear "Mormonism" explained. Wednesday evening a public meeting was held followed by one at night, at which great interest was manifested in the address of Elder Louis A. Kelsch, At the Priesthood meeting held on

earth, which made the hearts of the people rejoice. On Monday Elder Lyof the people relate. man and ex-Bishop Jolley started for the Dixle climes.

Respectfully F. L. PORTER,

In San Juan Stake.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan. Stake convened at Burnham ward, New Mexico, Aug. 18th, 1900, at

There were present on the stand, of the Stake presidency, Elders F. A. Hammond, Wm. Halls and Wayne H. Redd: Elder Brigham Young of the Council of Apostles, and Elder LeRoi C. Snow and wife, and Sister Freeze, with a good representation of the High C. Snow and wife, and Sister Freeze, with a good representation of the High Councilors and Bishops of the several wards. After the opening exercises, Elder Hammond made a few remarks concerning the condition of the Stake. Most of the wards are prospering and the people are living their religion.

The principal speakers were Elders Brigham Young, LeRol C. Snow, Fran-cis A. Hammond, Wm. Halls and Wayne H. Redd.

Apostle B. Young dwelt on the Word of Wisdom.

The reports of the Bishops and rep-resentatives were encouraging although light crops was the rule, in some cases

Elder F. A. Hammond exhorted par-ents to look after their children, to know where they are and what doing, Elder Wm. Halls emphasized that man has always been a failure when he attempted to govern himself without

## **RETURNED MISSIONARIES**

Elder Frank L. Layton, of Kaysville Davis Co., returned on the 18th of this month from the British mission. He was set apart on the sth of September, 1898. His field of labor has been the London conference. He reports this conference in a fair state of progress, although there have not been a great many hantiame during the year. The many baptisms during the year. The Elders, however, are energetic and they are meeting with some success.

Elder J. M. Purdy, of Ogden City, returned on the 13th of this month from the British mission. He was set apart on the 12th of August, 1898. On his ar-rival in Liverpool he was assigned to

Elder W. H. Smart, of Ogden, was set apart for a mission to the Eastern States, on Anril 10th, 1808. He was as-signed by President Kesler to preside signed by President Kesler to preside over the Brooklyn conference just then organized, and held this position until March 13th 1899, when he was called to succeed Elder A. P. Kesler as presi-dent of the mission. He was released and succeeded by Elder Edward H. Snow, on Sept. 1st, and arrived home on Sept. 9th, resing well in health and spirits. He says the mission is in a on Sept. 6th, feeling well in health and spirits. Ho says the mission is in a progressive state, Elders and Saints generally induced with the spirit of works counded with faith. Thinking classes are looking into our principles with less prejudice and with more of a spirit of investigation than heretofore, while the press has taken upon itself a much triendlier tone. Where a few years ago the Elderk were cartooned, today respectual notices of their pub-its meetings, and subsequently fair re-

today respectful notices of their par-ic meetings, and subsequently fair re-ports of same, are often given. On the whole the missionaries feel encouraged and honeful for the future of the mis-sion. They know that the Lord has a watch-care over its development. Elder C. M. Tyle, of Aurora, Savier

Co., was set anart on the 6th of April, 1898, for a mission to the Eastern States, from which field he returned on the oth of this month. During his absence he has been laboring in Maryland and Vir-ginia, where he reports he succeeded in his labors very well. A good work is, being done there the Lord opening up way for the proclamation of the



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