

financial stability. Still, with all this we have had but few failures, and it seems to me that this is an evidence of the great resources of our country and the energy of our people. If we can now be free from agitation, if our people will settle down individually to their individual business and not undertake to attend to the business affairs of every one else, the financial future of the country will at once improve and we will again become a people commanding the confidence of all with whom we have to deal, and one which will be known as such and as possessing the richest country of the world."

Frank G. Carpenter

NEWS FROM FLORIDA.

ORANGE HILL, Washington Co., Fla.,
January, 13th, 1897.

Perhaps a few notes from the "Land of Flowers" will not be amiss. Since July 24th, 1896, we have been traveling as "meteoric" Elders in Washington and Calhoun counties. Our field is large and sparsely settled, necessitating a great deal of walking. People are becoming more interested in us and our doctrine. Some even want us to leave regular monthly appointments with them. School houses and churches are thrown open to us. Our books and tracts are eagerly read. In this part, there is little or no opposition. We treat all with respect and they in return are kind to us. By going without money, and depending upon the Lord, we get plenty to eat, and a good bed every night.

The Lord has turned the hearts of the people toward us. And we, in our weak way, have taught them the Gospel of Christ. Twelve accepted our message and were baptized—one of them a baptist minister. Many more have applied for baptism, making future prospects bright. Some of the Saints and friends here are disappointed because returning Elders have not written to them as they promised. We are frequently asked, what has become of certain Elders. They agreed to write and have not done so.

In our conference are twenty-eight Elders, energetically laboring for the spread of truth. Not long since, our worthy conference president, Elder Joseph A. West, was obliged to return home because of sickness. For over three months he was confined to his bed. And yet he gave much wise counsel and directed the affairs of the conference to good advantage. We greatly miss him and regret his loss.

However we are by no means without a leader. Elder Frank Cutler succeeds him as president of our conference. All his time is spent traveling among the Elders preaching to the people. On Saturday December 12th, 1896, he organized a Sunday school, with forty members, at Westville, Holmes county. Brother Hampton Mayo was appointed superintendent with Brother Andrew Roseman as his assistant. About sixteen persons were baptized in that vicinity last summer, by Elders Joseph Larson and Edward L. Black. Mr. J. L. Cornely kindly donated an acre of ground upon which the Saints and friends now

have a new meeting house in course of erection.

More Elders are coming in, and new courts are being opened. Our aim is to improve in every line upon last year's work.

The climate at this season is delightful. Good health prevails. Farmers are plowing and planting, making preparations for a bountiful harvest. Your valuable paper regularly received and is an aid in our work. If any of your readers have friends in this locality we shall be pleased to call on them.

JOHN Z. BROWN.
W. FRED TANNER.

MISSION WORK IN GERMANY.

NYMPHENBURGER, St. 182,
Munich, Bavaria, Germany,
January 1st, 1897.

It is with much interest that we read the missionary correspondence in the News, and I trust a few lines from the Bavarian kingdom will be appreciated, not only by our co-laborers in the world, but also by our dear relatives and friends in Zion.

Since the opening of the Munich branch by Elders John Q. and Abraham H. Cannon, in 1882, the work has steadily rolled onward, and today members may be found in different portions of the German mission, as well as many at home, who first heard the glad tidings in this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

Munich, the capital of Bavaria, is a beautiful city with nearly 400,000 inhabitants, 3,000 saloons and several hundred churches. It is numbered among the first cities of Europe in music and art. The national museum, art galleries, and the royal library rank among the finest in the world. Religiously it is one of the strongest Catholic (Roman) cities in existence. This is one of the greatest obstacles we have to encounter. But few protestant faiths are allowed religious liberty, and those which have this freedom, are really but a mixture of Protestantism and Catholicism for they must accept a given number of rites and ceremonies of the Catholic church, because the people for centuries have been so thoroughly grounded in these methods of worship that it seems to be a part of their natures. As was the case with the former-day Saints, so it is today with the Latter-day Saints; special laws have been enacted by the government of Munich against our particular organization and but few channels have been left open through which we may proclaim the principles of the everlasting Gospel.

However, we have the powers of heaven on our side, and He who overrules all, is turning the attention of the government officials into other channels so they find no time to persecute the seemingly insignificant organization of the truth, and while the enemy slumbers the work is moving forward and many honest souls are being gladdened by the acceptance of the revealed will of God.

I wish to bear testimony to President Woodruff's remarks last conference, in regard to the existence of two great powers in the world—good and evil.

Where the work of the Lord is to be found, there also are the most concentrated opposing powers of Satan. This is the case in our Munich branch, and particularly has it been so during the last year. It seems that he has centered his greatest efforts against us. Sometimes his power has overcome me, and

sometimes Brother Olson, and many instances have occurred where he has exercised great power over some of our apparently strongest and most faithful members.

One Sunday, but a few weeks ago, this evil power entered our meeting, Brother Olson felt it, I felt it, and the entire congregation felt it. There was a cold, disagreeable influence present. We sang and we prayed, but it was of no avail, we could not obtain that warm and heavenly influence we had always before enjoyed. Finally, just as the last word of the closing prayer was uttered, not able longer to remain silent, he poured forth venom like the poison breath of a serpent.

One of our strongest members was seized, overcome, and, under the influence of Satan, uttered several oaths and threats and tore from our midst. Then all was confusion. Nearly every person began speaking, some under the influence of the evil one, while others, it seemed, were not so overcome. This was a great test for us. At first we knew not what to do. We prayed for divine assistance and it came. We went to those whom we thought were the most overcome, and, under the influence of the Spirit of God, told them they were in the grasp of Satan and unless they immediately repented they would surely fall, and in our hearts we commanded the evil spirits to depart. They did depart first from one and then from another and finally all was quiet again, and we separated.

Well, we fasted and prayed the entire following week, and visited most every member, who was present in the meeting. The evil spirits entirely disappeared. The following Sunday we held fast and testimony meeting and the Spirit of God was present in as strong a degree as I ever felt it in my life.

Since then we have not again felt this influence, all has been peace and love for the Gospel. Though last Saturday evening a peculiar incident occurred. As our hands were on the head of Hortense Schumker, in the ordinance of confirmation, and while I was speaking, a woman died in the next room. (She was not a member of the church.) It seems that Satan, if he cannot get into our midst, is still here and ever anxious to cause trouble where there is an opportunity.

We need the prayers of the Saints in Zion. We live as humble and united as possible but we ask for the continued assistance of the Saints at home, in our behalf. We fully realize that, though we have the truth and are endowed with the Holy Priesthood, yet, the unbound power which was cast from heaven is in the earth and its effort is centered in an effort to overcome those whom God has chosen to proclaim His revealed will and it is only through humility and pure lives that we can obtain a sufficient amount of divine aid to be able to withstand the powers of the tempter. Brother William F. Olson, of Coalville, is my companion and together we bear our testimonies to the truth, and pray for the blessings of God to rest upon every member of the Church at home and abroad. LE ROI C. SNOW.

INDIAN TERRITORY MISSION.

ST. JOHN, Kansas, January 5th, 1897.
Immediately on the arrival of Elder Andrew W. Kimball, President of the