# DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1901.

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I have long been waiting to hear news by our Elders from that far distant land, because I have an uncle who and land, because I have an uncle who was sent there about the year 1840, of whom nothing has been heard for over 50 years. Now, sir, will you be kind enough to allow me to communicate with these brethren through the Deseret News, and ask that in canvassing from house to house, they will be kind enough to watch for a household by the name of Holmes. This man's name is Robert Holmes. He was born in the village of Crostwick, Norfolk, England. He would be about 30 years of age when e was sent to the above named island. News of him will be thankfully received

y me and others of our family. I would like very much that the research be kept up by the succeeding Elders, as it may open doors that might be shut against them otherwise.

# A GOOD WORD FOR UTAH.

#### The Impressions Received by a Delegate to the Stock Convention.

Elder W. T. Clarke, of Ammon, Idaho, Writes from Salem, Oregon, Feb. 8: While ray companion, Brother J. H. Nieley and myself were visiting the halls of the legislature the other day, a friend of ours informed us that he met one Mr. Richard Scott, of Clackamas, Co., who was a delegate of this State to the live stock convention which was recently held in Salt Lake City. Our friend, Mr. W. H. Mattson, ven-tured to ask Mr. Scott: "What dou you think of Salt Lake City and the people there?" In recommender Scott sold in

there?" In response Mr. Scott said in substance that Salt Lake City is a fine place and that the people were very courtly and took much delight in showing him about the city, and while he was not a member of any church but was somewhat familiar with the doctrine of the different creeds, he doctrine of the interent creas, he would say that if there is a people on earth that are teaching and living in accord with the Bible, it is the "Mor-mons," Conditions among them, he said, mons, Conditions among them, he said, showed prosperity. If there were any poor among them, they were taken care of, for he saw none, which statement seemed to be a surprise to many.

CUIDED BY THE LORD.

### An Interesting Letter from Elder Mischa Markow.

#### He Relates His Experience in the Missionary Field in Eastern Europe.

Elder B .Goddard, of this city, has received the following letter from Elder Mischa Markow. It is dated Temesvar. Hungary, Jan. 25:

garia, I was at a loss where to go. I felt prompted to go back to Hungary and so, I took boat on the River Danube. On board, a deep feeling of sadness took possession of my soul, for I dld not know what city to flee to. I was almost tempted to remain on the boundary line, between Hungary and Roumania, in a town called Orxhona, so that in case of persecution, I might easily go to the Roumanian side. I concluded to lay this plan before the Lord, in earnest prayer and I asked him to reveal unto me the name of the city I should go to. The same night, I had a dream. I thought I was near the city

are many people who cannot read, and

nearly all are Catholics, with a few

When Elder Lau arrived in Temesvar

if we intended to establish a branch or

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He took our passports and my mission-

ary certificate (Brother Lau did no

have his certificate with him) and also

On the 5th of December, we received

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have thus far been baptized were

to be baptized in the near future.

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I had been eighteen months all



COD'S POWER TO SAVE.

The Elders Preserved from the Prevalent

Affliction.

They Walted on Smallpox Patients

Without Contracting the Disease,

Themselves.

The following is an extract from a

ictier dated Woodbury, Tex., Feb. 6th,

and signed by Elders Edgar Hunsaker,

About three months ago your corre-

pondent and Elders Chandler and An-

derson were staying at Brother Smith's

at whose home we have our conference

office. We had received word from our

mission president, that he would meet

with us in conference on the 25th and

26th of November. So we were here

making the necessary arrangements,

Two weeks before our conference was

home from an adjoining county where he had been picking cotton his wife was sick, but nothing serious, we thought. But she gradually grew worse and three doctors were called in.

They said she had some symptoms of

smallpox. But not until she had been

burried did they say that it was small

pox. This news spread and the result was that our conference could not be

During the sickness of Sister Smith the Elders did all they could to wait on her. We helped to lay her out and put her in the coffin, took her to the graveyard and laid her away. Yet with

all of this exposure God's protecting hand was over us. In about two weeks after her death, her husband came

down with the disease; also his broth

er. We were with them until the time they broke out with the disease,

and waited on them as best we could.

Yet we escaped that dreaded disease, by the power of God. I know that God heard and answered our petitions.

Brother and Sister Smith were also pre-

served by the same power. It is a

IN THE MISSION FIELD.

Scattered Broadcast.

I was humbled to perfection,

relates his experience as follows:

strong testimony to us.

meet, Brother Smith's son, came

A. B. Randall and J. A. Call:

It is already ten weeks since we asked We fear they will not allow us to hold public meetings and some say they will give notice concerning us to the American consulate in Budapest. The Catholic priests oppose us, and have warned the peoagainst our tracts, stating they would obstruct our path. Others have followed us and have obtained our tracts, after we had distributed them. Six times our names were published in the papers and many falsehoods were circulated to intimidate us. We are very thankful to God that He has blessed us.

# BEARING THEIR TESTIMONY.

#### "Mormon" Elders Preach the Gospel That Paul Proclaimed.

Elders John S. White Jr. and Thos. P. Reese write from Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 5 are having quite an enjoyable time at present, visiting among the peo-The ple and holding cottage meetings. ple, as a rule, treat us very kindly, until their respective ministers cry wolves in sheep's clothing."

Myself and companion, Elder A. B. Randall, have just returned from a trip through the Conference. We had It was a few evenings since when Elder Reese and myself, by invitation, trip through the Conference. We had an enjoyable time with the Elders. All went to a meeting which was held in are well and striving to do their duty, On one of the neighboring churches, entering we were very cordially invited to the front seat, although we had pre-Prayer a Power for Good-Literature viously introduced ourselves as representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to the person who had invited us. At a late hour, and Elder George Davis, who is perform-ing missionary work in the city of Liverpool, in a letter dated Jan. 26, after the exercises were ended, we were asked to speak. We stated that we were two "Mormon" Elders" from I started in to labor very zealously, would put out from fifty to seventy Utah, and that our mission and errand to them, as also to all mankind, was to tracts per day, but the people seemed very indifferent. I could not engage preach the Gospel of repentance and that if it should meet their approval, we would be happy to get the use of them in conversation. I felt bad over it and would think ifsthe Lord would their church for one evening, in which only open the way for me to be an in-strument in His hands to bring one soul to Him, how great would be my to speak; if not, we would gladly occupy a few minutes even at that late hour. The minister informed us that we could not have the house, and that it fully sensed my inability to do any go was too late for speaking that evening. fully sensed my inability to do any good without divine assistance. I prayed to my Heavenly Father more fervently than I had ever done before. He heard my prayers and raised up friends to me. On the 16th of January, 1901, I had the joy of leading one man and his wife into the water of baptism, an on the However, we had by this time become advertised among the people. meeting Elder Reese found himself surrounded by a small company of interested listeners, to whom he expounded the Gospel: while I found myself face to face with the minister, and another following Saturday I baptized four more. I have put out thousands of tracts, and I find that many of them are read and also mailed to relatives and friends in other lands. I am accompany. After I had explained at some length our views and Church or-ganization, the minister exclaimed: "If any man preach any other Gospel than that which Paul preached, let him

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prevailing in Manassa. The Stake in general, all the wards the quorums of the Priesthood and al Stake organizations were reported by their respective officers, and in the main the reports were encouraging as the betokened a spiritual growth among the Latter-day Saints. The report gives by Elder Albert R. Smith of the use the Latter-day Saints. The report give by Elder Albert R. Smith of the thi ing paid in 1900 showed an increase 30 per cent over the year 1899.

Wonderful achievements made in earth since the opening of the Gorpe dispensation: the purpose of reli-classes, necessity of making our i subservient to that of the Master. fulfilling the law that "by the of thy brow thou shalt earn thy brea that the idler shall not be foun Zion; the order of the Priesthood. found special reference to the powers duties of High Councils, and the as sity, of sustaining the Priesthood m topics dwelt upon by the brethren topics dwelt upon by the oregins in the saints were made to rejoics in the glorious prospects for the faithful. The local authorities were sustained by unanimous vote of the conference by unanimous vote of the conference MARCUS O. FUNK

Stake Clerk

Wasatch Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Stake of Zion convened in the Some taberinacle at Heber, Feb. 3th and Sta taberinacle at Heber, Feb. 3th and 3th Eider A. Hatch presiding. There are present of the general Church Asths-ities, Eiders F. M. Lyman, A. O. Wood ruff and Reed Smoot, of the Cound a the Apostles; W. H. Smart, late pre-dent of the Eastern States mission, be sides local authorities and Sainty free the various parts of the State V. the various parts of the Stake, Man changes in the authorities of the Stak and some of the wards were made, Elder F. M. Lyman in addressing i

Saints informed them that this would be his last visit for some time, as he called to preside over the Europe mission. He then spoke of the blesses to be enjoyed through the Gospel

to be enjoyed through the Gospel. The Bishops who were called upon a report, said the wards were on the in prove generally, and especially in the observance of the law of tithing. At the afternoon session of the in the people were made acquainted su the fact that Elder Hatch, who ha presided so faithfully for thirty-the years, had tendered his resignation which had been accepted. Changes wo also made in the High Council and as also made in the High Council and Bishoprics of some of the wards, Lyman in speaking on the subject the changes made said these th had been done by the authority of in order that other men might gal perience in Church matters as we their brethren who had held these tions before them. The tenor remarks made by the Apostles conference was of a nature to c the people to press forward in th deavors to gain the approbation of

Lord from day to day and finall eternal exaltation in his presence. Elder Hatch in reporting the Sta said that since he came here 31 yes ago, it had grown from five to t wards and close to 5,000 souls. tithing record had more than doub during the last three years and there is room for improvement all this line as well as others. He had quainted with parties who have read other words than those of comm tracts and books I have furnished them, I tion to offer to these who comm tion to offer to those who are reli from active service. He expected sustain the incoming president other officers and desired the generally to do likewise. W. H. Smart being introduced by Elder Lyman as the new president said the spirit of kindness with had been received was entirely beyond his expectations. He felt in coming to this Stake and noticing the vast improvement had been made that there was not much left for us to do, but he also felt convinced that if we are willing to work, the Lord will not leave us without something to occupy our time. Elder Lyman said he felt that these

who were about to retire from active

service had served the people well and

asked if they were willing to give them

an honorable release. The vote was

an honorable release unanimous. The general authorities of the Church were presented and all

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children came, and we taught them "Christmas gift," and how children in Zion do on Christmas mornings, then gave them a few lumps of candy. This was their first introduction to Christmas and Christmas gift, but with which they were highly pleased. No sooner had these two been initiated, than they rapidly ran to give information to the capidly ran to give information optimized by the school was here. For a while, surely they were a happy band of little brownies, the larger as well as the smaller; and even the adult men and women were glad to be treated in such manner. But we were not to be better than they; for ere the day had expired, both chil-COSPEL WORK IN SAMOA. dren and adults, each presented us with a native souvenir of one kind or other

At 10 o'clock a. m. we held a meeting, At 10 o'clock a. m, we held a Interting, our audience consisting of thirty-odd natives. During this meeting we ex-plained to them the significance, origin and celebrations of the day, from an-ciently down to present dates, and how it is celebrated now-a-days in America, detailing sports, games, etc., in which are indulged. These remarks were drunk in with eager interest, as this was the first light that they had re-ceived on the subject. Meeting closed at 11:30

At 12 o'clock, we partook of a Samoan repast, that was spread by the parents of the school children, who also joined The in the consumption of the same. The dinner consisted of taro, breadfruit, bananas, polusami, faiai, pig. salmon, fish, young cocoa nuts, sugar cane (as desert) and other incidentals.

At 3 p. m. Bro. Cook, myself and school children gathered on the best grounds obtainable, then began our outside games and sports, all of which were new to those about. All was very sportive to them, causing much exhilaration and laughter. Soon a large crowd of the village people gathered, and also desired to participate, since we were giving prizes of candy. We permitted a few to join. Thus con-tinued a very joyous afternoon till 5:30. From beginning to end all was very successful, with the exception of one young man, who, while running a blind race, ran against a cocoa-nut tree. Out of respect for his hurt, we discontinued our sports. The village, as a whole, were intensely pleased with all our proedures, thinking that we did ourselves proud. Nearly all of them were angry with their pastors that they had never taught them the significance of the day, but that the "Mormons" must be the first to bring them to light. They tell us that the whole village will join us next Christmas, and that we will have

'a great big time!" The Lord has been very merciful to this people, showing them numerous and wonderful healings, through the

formed by Elder D. C. McBride, making in all twenty-seven baptisms since

our last conference. Priesthood meeting was held Monday morning and the reports given in by Elder Warnick showed the work of this island to be in a prosperous condi-After the usual distribution of food the people began to make prepara-tions to return to their homes.

Part of the schools and Elders came as far as Tuasivi by land, holding a number of concerts and meetings on the way, arriving at that place Friday, the 2nd of November, where a very pleasant Sabbath was spent.

# STREET MEETINGS. A Means of Much Good in the City

of Adelaide. Elders Robert Nish and Edgar H. Thayn write from Goodwood, South Australia, December 21:

Goodwood Road, Goodwood, South Australia, Dec. 21, 1900 .-- About twenty months ago I arrived, a stranger in Adelaide, the city of churches. The first three months I spent with Elder B. Clegg, of Idaho, who gave me an introduction to preaching in the Botanic Park, a pleasure resort. While he was here, at his suggestion, we began hold-ing meetings on King William street, Adelaide, which have been continued ever since. At our Botanic Park meetings sometimes four audience consists of one or two; at other times we have a walking audience. Sometimes, al-though rarely, we have to be contented with the ever green trees and silent nature together with an Elder as an audi-

ence. The park and street meetings have been the means of doing much good in allaying prejudice as the doctrines and designs of our people are very much missunderstood here, and many of those who, through not understanding us, were our enemies have become quite friendly. After Elder B. Clegg's departure, through a scarcity of Eiders, I

labored three months alone. We then received a visit from the president of the mission, Elder F. E. Barker. On December 16th, 1899, Elder Robert Nish, of Plymouth, came from Balarat, Victoria, and became my companion and is at present. As in other missions, our labors are chiefly devoted to tracting from house to house. Although there are not many being added to our fold, we have some warm

friends raised up to us; we feel that the work is on the progress, and that the Gospèl seeds are being sown which will be gathered by and by. We have been successful in renting a

We have been successful in renting a small church in Adelaide, Waymouth street, near the Light square, in which we hold Sabbath school and meetings. The Elders who have labored in Ade-laide will note this. We have been treated very kindly here both by the Saints and friends. Having been called by Elder Andrew Fjeld to labor in Bris-bane, Queensland, I shall have to say farewell to those whom I have meet in South Australia, a trial best understood by an Elder. The "News" is an ever welcome visi-

tor, and a great factor in disseminating Letters from Elders and Saints who have been in our little branch, also let-

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As a consequence of Leota's Conve-tions he in connection with Meatoga, one of the highest "Tulafale's" (talking men) of the village, and a boat load of friends visited Elder W. G. Sears, and this resulted in bringing back with this resulted them, Elder Sears and myself-Martin F. Sanders-we arrived here at o'clock p. m., Saturday, Jan. 30, 1901. and the following night was exhausted till 2 a. m., in expounding the Gospel to fifteen or twenty chiefs.

Opening of a New Branch in the Atua

Conference.

An Influential Chief Embraces the

Message Brought by the Mor-

mon Elders.

The subjoined letter is dated Solosolo,

Upolu, Samoa, Jan. 4th, and is signed

by Elders Martin F. Sanders and Jos-

Solosolo is one of the largest villages,

if not the largest, on the islands, and

in the past this district has been one

of the "strongholds" of the London

missionary society, the Catholic church

having once been driven out, but by perseverance was finally able to again re-establish herself on firmer founda-

tions, and now has a strong hold here

to find some people in this large dis-trict that would be strong enough in

faith and purpose to embrace the Gos-pel, and assist in the establishment of

establish truth, two of our best Eng-

lish schools in Samoa, called last May

at this village, and gave some school concerts, thus exhibiting the attain-

ments of our schools; they also had some warm Gospel debates. With these

and other efforts, our hopes ultimately found place in the person of Leota Leu-lual Alli-one of the three highest chiefs

of the village, he being the most influ-

As a consequence of Leota's convic-

same. Among continued efforts to

years past we have endeavored

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ential.

Sunday, July 1, 1900 we held meetings with three of them, Leota, Maetoga and Toxala, as our audience, which three also constituted our Sabbath assem-" a number of Sundays.

Elder Sears de Monday, July 2nd, parted for Fagalii (headquarters), leaving me in charge of the now hopeful field, though bigoted prejudice was very strong among some. To illustrate one phase of it, Elder Sears and I, while out Sunday taking a walk to view the village, passed the time of day to a crowd of young men and wo who in a significant tone replied: "Oai ia mea ull"-"What are the black things?"-the most contemptuous name It has also they can apply to negroes. been a paramount desire and threat of the village and district people to expel us from their midst; and no doubt they could have done it, had our convert not been in high office among them, like manner the work of the Lord, amid difficulties and oppositions, has had to grow in many other villages of the ands, because the general conditions that govern one village, usually govothers.

As is the invariable desire of the natives to have an English school among them, so these villagers were very anxious that one should open here; therefore, as soon as we could procure a blackboard and some slates, I started school, opening July 16th, with an en-rollment of nine pupils. But the school was not long growing. Within two or was not long growing. The children be-gan to come to school, and within two months there was an enrolment of thirty-five pupils; yet this prosperity was not to last, for our opponent pas-tors were aroused to do something to thwart our growth.

thwart our growth. By October 20th, two other good school concerts had been given here, and the bitter feelings of the villagers were being turned to friendship. This must be checked, was the evident sen-timet of opening churches so both timent of opposing churches, so both the Catholics and the London Missionary society forbade all their children from coming to our school, threatening the children's parents with excommunication from their churches should they disregard the edict, The L. M. S. school of the village, also levied a fine of 25c each on all its pupils that came, as spectators to our concerts.

Those aforesaid steps having been taken, our prosperous school was suddenly reduced to about fifteen pupils. It was overwhelming to me, to see such an immediate decrease, and it was some weeks ere I could learn these concealed causes. Those same edicts are still in force up to date, Jan. 1901; and were it not so, there would be many more of the children enjoying these golden opportunities. all anxious to come, but are forbidden. Just at this turn of events, Elder J. B. Cook, who has recently arrived

from Zion, was appointed here as my companion.

We now planned to do something to again awaken the interest of the people As the holidays approached, we began to prepare a program for Christmas began beginning it early in December, assidu-ously endeavoring to teach the children their English parts, as also the manner of attitude and delivery, By Christmas we had prepared a program of thirty. five English parts, songs, recitations, readings, dialogues, questions and an-swers, etc., five shadow pantemimes, four tableaux, and a few other incidentals.

Christmas eve, at \$:30 p. m., our concert entertainment opened under auslous conditions; having an audience of Mr. Ollendorf, wife, son and daugh ter; Mr. Coffin and son, two negroes, and about one hundred and fifty natives (A son each of Messrs, Ollendorff and Coffin are now in school, one coming a distance of eight miles.)

distance of eight mices) When order was called, all gave in-rested and unbroken attention roughout the exercises. The enterterested throughout the exercises. tainment successfully continued till 11 Ere dispersing, we instructed o'clock our children to come to our house in the early morn' to see what we would have for them.

Christmas morning, first a couple of

laying on of hands. Some that, at the beginning, were very prejudiced against received such healings, and have their bitterness is now changing to love Thus through observing our "works," the people have better and warmer than they have ever feelings for us, previously exhibited.

We have had twelve baptisms in this branch, since our arrival here, and we still have hopes of others in the not far future.

New Year's day was spent at Fagolii (headquarters) in the company of eleven Elders and one sister. It was a (headquarters) in the

ovous occasion. 'News" is one of our most wel-The come visitors.

CONFERENCE ON SAVAII. Elder E. M. Little writes from Salela-

valu, Savall, Samoa, Nov. 9th: Our conference was held at Saleaula, the largest branch we have in this It had been arranged that all the and. Saints from the Faasalaleaga district should gather at Tuasivi,our headquarters, on the 25th, and there receive the

visitors from Upolu. Thursday, the morning of the 25th, found all the Saints from this district and Elder Sears and wife gathered at Tuasivi, but the schools had not ar-rived. However, we had not long to rived, However, we had not prepared wait, for we were scarcely prepared or them when they came,

After partaking of a Samoan spread of barreled beef, pork, chickens, tale and some of the tropical fruits, we were given a very entertaining and in-structive concert by the visiting schools, which demonstrated to us that the Elders and Saints from that island were fully awake to the responsibility that devolve upon them as the vants and children of Christ. We We had with us the district judge, who comlimented the Elders and Saints very highly upon their success in a school

Friday morning bright and early we our way to Saleaula, arriving there about noon, having had a very successful journey of twenty-five miles. ere on We found that the Saints from the west end of the island had arrived be fore us and were anxiously waiting for those hearty handshakes and words of greeting that are so prevalent on oc casions of this kind.

There were over two hundred people gathered at that place. There were at this gathering, of the Elders, Elder Sears and wife, C, L, Warnic, presiding Elder of this conference; Elders Spils-bury, Smart, McBride, Little, Roberts, Lewis Muir, Merkly, Goates, and Elder Hink and wife, making in all twelve Elders and two sisters.

An entertainment was given Friday night by the Upolu schools, similar to the one given at Tuasivi, and was witessed by about three hundred people. Saturday morning the conference be-gan in earnest, A short Elders' meetng was held before the general meeting in the morning. At nine o'clock the people began to

gather in, and soon the new meeting house, which the Elders and Saints of this island have so creditably erecte luring the last seven months, was filled overflowing. The time of the meetings was given entirely to the visit-ing brethren. Elder Warnick weling brethren.

omed the people He was followed by Elder G. C. Spils.

The time of the afternoon meeting vas occupied by Elder Sears.

An entertainment was given at night by the Savini schools. Our meetings on Sunday were better attended than those of the previous day,

a great number of strangers being out, Elder Smart, in the morning meeting, gave a very able discourse.

The most inspiring feature of our our Sunday school, conference was our Sunday school, which was held directly after our morn. ing meeting. There were four schools represented, in all about one hundred and twenty-five children.

Elder Spilsbury presented the names of the authorities of the Church and those of the Elders laboring in this con. ference, in the afternoon meeting and xhorted the people to honor and obey living lives of rightethese officers by ousness in the future.

Elder Sears spoke of the judgments

After meeting two baptisms were per-

ters from those who have friends here whom they would like us Elders to visit are also welcome.

# CHURCHES HAVE NO POWER

Learning is No Substitute for the Holy

Spirit-A Correspondent's Reflections on the

Sectarian Churches of the Present Day.

A friend of the "News," Mr. Moses

Mecham, writes from Hendley, Neb., Feb. 11: About the middle of November I

Baptists and Nazarenes. wrote a letter of inquiry relative to my alone in this mission field, I found the kindred, which you kindly printed. It work very difficult, and I wrote to President Schulthess, asking him to has brought me letters from numerous cousins. A few days ago, I received send me a companion. Accordingly, he sent Elder H. M. Lau of Soda Springs send me a a letter from a cousin, Mrs. A. M. Or-ser, Jensen, Utah. Enclosed with this Idaho letter was a sermon by Elder Ephraim I went with him to the mayor, to be recorded, and we then intended to be-Jensen delivered in Salt Lake City, De-cember 16, 1900, which I read and stud-

with pleasure and profit. more force. This aroused the anger o the Catholic priests against us, and the I have, for a good many years, held that the gift of healing was a permaburned a number of our tracts. nent gift in the church, and that the only reason for its non-manifestation November 7th, we were summoned betoday is the general state of unbelief. Jesus could not do many mighty works in Capernaum because of the unbelief. about our religion, as he had heard so much about it. We handed him a few much about it. But I have experienced the Divine healtracts, and, as he did not forbid us to ing, and more, He keeps me well. Had I the space I would like to tell the par-I know little of prophecy and ticulars. est souls. nothing of the gift of unknown tongues. except the boast of some men that they speak so many foreign languages But how can I doubt it? "These signs shall follow them that believe." There

is no intimation of a time limit. A sad change has come over + 14 evangelical churches. Time was, when they seemed clothed with power, Even

the Apostles, after enjoying the per-sonal instruction from the Great Teachthree years, had to "tarry in the city of Jerusalem until endowed with power from on high," before they could preach the living word. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come on you." Acts 1: 8.

the capital of Hungary. However, they did not forbid us to preach in I believe in an educated ministry, but when the gift of the Holy Spirit, that was to teach all things and so Hungary, where we had religious liberty and hence Brother Lau and I labored give mouth and utterance, that wher by persecutors they were brought be-fore kings, governors and councils, they there appeared many who were pared to receive the Gospel and would need no preparation for defense thankful that the Lord had sent us inte but the Holy Ghost would teach then their midst. hour what to say, and in in the same deed the Holy Ghost was to speak through them. When this, I say, is exour passports from the government through them. changed for scholastic polish, as

plainly seen, the churches have lost their power, with God and men; and instead of being a spiritual force, is becoming a great world power. The fight over man-made creeds and the scramble for salaries, individual and denominational popularity, members and wealth is so great that, as I said, they have lost their power with God

and man. In 1896 and again in 1900, all the Methodist bishops but one, turned po ititicians and worked for the "hig leisure" party. And the result? I leisure" party. And the result? In 1899, with all their infant sprinkling and probationers who never claimed con version, at the end of the year, they numbered more than 20,000 less than they did at the beginning. To say the very least, the blessing of God was withheld. I partly believe that when there is spiritual life, it will be mani-

fested by visible power. I singled out the Methodist church but the other great denominations Baptists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, are little more than holding

their own.

An Inquiry."

Brother Robert Holmes, of Spanish

Fork, referring to a letter, recently published in the "News," from Elders published in the "News," from Elders Hyrum Manwaring and J. Rex, now

he accursed." Temesvar and I saw several congrethat I did not preach another Gospel gations of people collected together in groups. A fog, or rather a shadow, was than that which Paul preached. bore our testimony to the people, over the people and they said, "Oh when will that servant of God come to 'Oh. ing them to ponder over those things

" and they also asked, "How can we baptized in the name of Jesus which had been said. Lebanon is a thriving city of 30,000 population. It is sustained almost en-As they spoke thus, I dreamed tirely by its many factorles, more es that I saw the sun rise and a great light streamed forth. It then appared pecially those of the hard metals. as if I were amongst them, and they had great joy and I shared in their reiron ore is taken from the hills near by and run through the blast furnace, run off in molds, dumped into cars. This is joicings. At that moment, I awoke and I felt wonderfully strengthened, nay strong as a lion, for I believe that the what is known as pig iron. It is then distributed to the different factories: thence it comes out in the shape of all Lord had shown me this place. I asked the captain of the boat to put me off at Temesvar. On arriving there, I went kinds of bolts, cable chains, axes mers, shafts for all kinds of machinery, direct to the mayor and officers of the city and reported my arrival as a misin fact wheels and castings of all de scriptions. It would, no doubt, be interesting to many of our Western people to read something of the process that They took my name and I was then at liberty to preach the Gospel. I commenced forthwith to distribute is employed in these monstrous machine tracts from house to house, but there

We are making friends here and are selling a good many of the Church books. We think the "News" much in advance of most other newspapers pubished; and it does much good among the people to whom it comes,

# ITEMS FROM WEST VIRGINIA.

Hospitality of the Southerners Sister Called Home.

Elder Albert E. Miller writes from gin the work in real earnest and with Grafton, W. Va., Feb. 4: Six months ago I left my home, as had been called to preach the Gospel to the people of the Eastern States. When I arrived in Brooklyn, N. Y., I was appointed to labor in West Virfore the mayor. The Lord was with us and the judge was very kind, asking us ginia. I was somewhat acquainted with the people of this section of country, from reports I had heard, but when I traveled among them, like the preach, we continued our work and queen of Sheba, I could not help but had the privilege of finding many hon-"The half was not told exclaim: I found them to be a liberty-loving, God-fearing, hospitable people, willing They liked to listen to us, but our s continued also to work against to give our Elders a hearing. On Jan. 19, I was called to Bendale, Lewis Co., us. On November 10th, we were again summoned before the mayor; he quesbe at the bedside of Sister Maria C. orris, who died on the 27. On a 28th the body was 27. On tioned us very closely and accused us of being "Mormons," the worst name Morris, who the 28th the under the sun. He told us further that

est in a little cemetery near the Bendale school house, there to await the day when "all shall be made alive." Our brethren that have been sick with typhoid fever, have so far recov-ered that Elder Cahoon is able to resume his labors, and Elder Pugmire is up and able to walk around the room, and will soon be able to resume his la-

four tracts. These were packed and forwarded to the cabinet at Budapest, bors of love, preaching the Gospel of Christ, I wish to thank the "News" for sending me that valuable paper.

## KNOWS THE TRUTH.

#### ogether in harmony and love, and A Brief Testimony by One Who Has felt Accepted the Gospel.

A sister V. C. Moon, of Ponchatoula La., in a letter dated Feb. 4, expresses her appreciation of the "News," and

ouncil, but my missionary certificate was not among them. I went to the mayor about it and was informed that adds: I never saw a "Mormon" Elder until one year ago this month, two Elders it had not been returned from the mincame to my house and I asked them in. They spent the night with us, going isterium. The people here were ready for the Gospel, but could not find a away the next day. One of the Elders returned several times with different true servant of God and as soon as they heard us, they received the truth and I have never before had such an companions, and on the 6th day of May Elders Joseph R. Jeppson and Alfred T. I have already baptized Jones, baptized and confirmed me in the Church. I know that Joseph Smith three, making in all nine new members. was a Prophet of God; also Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor How much joy also these new members have! One lady, when very sick, at and that Lorenzo Snow, whom God has placed at the head of His Church, is a her home, received some of our tracts. She was suposed to be upon her death true Prophet. I know the signs do folbed, but sent for us to administer to low those who believe. I have seen the Lau and I went and administered to her sick healed and have been healed when and, almost immediately, she was healed and afterwards told me that at the point of death myself. But the greatest and most beautiful testimony she had regained her appetite and felt is through that still, small voice of the well. Another lady, her friend, had wit. Comforter, which cometh ever in the nessed the change and also received a testimony. They immediately took the pictures of the Catholic Saints from hour of need, to comfort, and explain. to make the dark places light and the crooked paths straight. My husband was baptized and con-

he walls of their room, gave away their firmed the 7th day of October, by El. ders J. R. Jeppson and G. M. Porter, prayer books, and were both baptized the remission of sins. All who thank God that the Elders found merly Catholics and many more expect their way to our door, and all Elders who come this way will always find a

we now had a few members, we desire The Deseret News does great good in conse allaying prejudice in the minds of those who read its pages. quently, we went to the mayor, but he forbade us, saying we would not be

and have acknowledged every word to be true. Others will investigate some We leav. and then stop for fear they might be come converted. I very much appreciate the interest taken by the leaders of the Church in furnishing the Elders with the Deseret News, Improvement Era, pamphlets containing instructions given at our annual and semi-annual The onferences, etc. I take pleasure in distributing them among the people.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Wayne Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Wayne Stake of Zion convened at Stake presidency, Patriarchs Elias H. Black-burn and Benj, F. Brown, and a good representation of High Councilors, Bishops and Stake officers.

Elder Willis E. Robinson, president of the Stake, presided,

Elder David Sudworth, of Grantsville, After the opening prayer and sing-ing, Elder W. E. Robison gave an ex-Tooele county, retained home on the 11th of this month, from the Southern cellent report of the Wayne Stake. He referred to the increased demand missionaries in foreign lands, and the manner in which God has in various ages of the world warned the people impending judgments. Elder Hans M. Hansen, of the Stake presidency, endorsed the report made by Elder Robi-son, and spoke of the blessings to be received by attending conferences. El-der Jacob L. Bastian, who leaves in a few days for a foreign mission, said he felt the necessity of humility that he might become mighty in preaching the Elder Christian D. Fjeldsted spoke of the importance attached to our partaking the Sacrament, and the necessity of supporting the authorities vote to sustain them. Elder Jos, W. McMurrin discoursed upon the subject of obedience. He spoke of the necessity of Latter-day Saints erecting triends. No baptisms have as yet place, but there are many inve tors. Two Elders are laboring

suitable places of worship, and pleaded with the people of Loa ward to erect a new and comfortable house to the name of the Lord. Elder Gearsen L. Basof the Lord. tian admonished the Saints to keep sacred the words of the Lord and abide by the teachings of his servants.

On Monday morning, Elder Joseph Eckersley presented the General and local authorities, all of whom were sustained by unanimous vote

Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn bore testimony that God reveals his will to men in this day as He did formerly. He briefly reviewed the history of the Church.

Elder C, D. Fjeldsted spoke of

the necessity of the Saints sus-taining the Stake presidency and and ocal authorities, and honoring their ounsel in all things temporal and spiritual.

chosen words, thanked the visiting brethren for their attendance at conference, and exhorted the Saints to remember and do the will of the Lord, as expressed by the speakers of the con-After the singing of an anference. them by the choir, Elder Ole Okerlund pronounced the benediction, and con-ference adjourned for three months.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 2nd, ers C. D. Fjeldsted and Jos. W. Murrin met with the presidents of the 112 quorum of Seventy and discusse matters pertaining to the welfare of the

met with the Loa Sunday school, and at the close of the exercises addressed those present. On Sunday evening, they attended the M. I. conference, and spoke at some length upon mutual improve-ment work, and the first principles of

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY.

San Luis Stake.

Sanford, Colo., Feb. 7.-The quarter-ly conference of the San Luis Stake of Zion convened in Manassa, January pneumonia.

Loa, Wayne Co., Utah, on Sunday and Monday, the 3rd and 4th of February. There were present of the First Council of Seventies: Christian D. Fjeldsted and Joseph W, McMurrin; the

States mission. He was set apart on the 17th day of January, 1960 and has been laboring in the Ohio conference. He states that the work is progressing slowly, but prejudices are moved, and as a consequence, there an quite a number of investigators, Elder Osborne Widtsoe, Cache county, returned on the h this month from a mission to the ciety Islands. He was set aparter 28th day of October, 1897. He has be laboring on Tahiti, Tuamotu and r Cook islands. Elder Widtsoe say has enjoyed his mission very much 1899 he was appointed to open u. Rarotonga mission. He met cons able opposition by the various misaries who were succeeded nevertheless in making

at present. He has enjoyed good during his absence and appre experience he has had in the miss field. Elder R. B. Gardner of West Jorda

Salt Lake county, was set apart a 3rd day of May, 1899, for a missio

Northern States. His field of has been principally in Milwaukee He says there have been about @ tisms since he came there. A dra to Elders that go to that part field is their ignorance of the t

different degrees of glory prepared by the Father for His children. Elder Jos. W. McMurrin spoke upon

language, as there are many set German descent. He to on the 18th of Jan. last. Elder John W. Jex of Spanish F Utah county, returned home on th of this month from the Samoan mit

for which he was set apart on the day of October, 1897. Elder Willis E. Robison, in a few well boring on the island of Tutuila now belongs to this coun visited the other islands before the field. He says the mission perous. About 50 haptisms have performed during the last six i

There has been some opposit from the governor and sectaria ters, but the work is progres meeting house of rock has at Paga Pago, and the Book mon is under translation.

ready for the press in the m June. Brother Jex says he has splendid health during his and the voyage home was t quorum, On Sunday morning, Feb. 3rd, they though the boat was delayed on a of an accident. He performed a tisms while abroad.

the Gospel.

Stake Clerk.

of the contents. This is the con-cold, croup and whooping coup asi pleasant and safe to take. It pre-any tendency of a cold to rest



experience.