# DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1900.

bor in Norway. I first labored in the Drammen branch. On May 6th we at-tended conference at Christiania. El-der Platte D. Lyman, president of the European mission, and Andreas Peter-son, president of the Scandinavian mission, were there. At the conference it was thought best to divide Norway into three conferences, Christiania, Bergen, and Trondhjem. I was ap-pointed president of the Trondhjem conference. Six brethren were appointed to go and labor with me in this con-ference, and I must say that they have been faithful in the performance of their labors. We have five branches, their labors. We have five branches, all in good working order. We held our first conference the 9th and 10th of September, 1899. Elder Andreas Peter-son was here and we had a good time. made more pleasant and agreeable by the appearance again of our esteemed president, Wm. T. Jack, and Elder Matthias F. Cowley, of the Council of Apostles; also Elders Calvin Hall and There are not many Saints in this conference; but we hope and pray that the Lord will bless our labors. N. P. NIELSON. Thos. S. Kimball, presidency of the St. John, Kansas, conference. Two Priest-hood meetings were held, in which, af-ter the Elders had given in their re-

Chicago, Ill., March 2, 1900. To the Editor:

During the past month the Elders have been somewhat retarded in their labors by the inclemency of the weather, but we are in hopes that the severest part of the winter is over, and that in the future, circumstances may be more favorable for the disseminating of the Gospel truths.

There are, at present, in this city



But things had run smoothly as long as the "Evil One" could stand it, and on the day on which the meeting should take place in the evening a lady neigh bor, belonging to the "Reorganized" church, appeared on the scene, as through some means she had learned that our Elders were to hold a meeting there that evening, and she took the trouble to inform our friends that we were "impostors," who had come out here to deceive the people, and that the church of which she was a member was the true church, and that our Elders were here to preach polygamy only,

she had been thus deceived by our Elders, and she had wept over it and was nearly heart-broken, as she had looked upon them as men of God. When the above named Elders, in connection with Elder William Lester, came in the evening to fill the appointment, she treated them a little cool, and the El-ders could tell as soon as they entered the house that something was wreng, from the spirit which made itself felt.

nine months' labor in this place I was transferred to the Gothenburg confer-ence, to Vestervik's branch on the island of Oeland, where I first saw the light of day. I found that my boyhood friends were now my enemies, and my own relatives turned out to be against This island has 40,000 inhabitants. Our missionaries have tried to open up there, but have been driven out. bored there five months under persecu-tion, and two souls were added to the Church. This nearly cost me my life. After laboring here five months I at-tended conference in Gothenburg. There I had the pleasure of meeting the pres-ident over the Scandinavian mission, Elder Andreas Petterson. I also had the pleasure to meet Brother C. Forsberg. president over Gothenburg conference, whom I had never met before. The Saints have just rented a new hall in Gothenburg. It is an henor to the Church. It is the finest one in Scandinavia. I am now appointed to

labor in Jonkoping branch, and this part of the Lord's vineyard, where we tre two of us for the present tim the writer and Elder Carl Larson from Sandy, Salt Lake county.

The "News" is a welcome visitor to Sweden. When the "News" comes everything has to be laid aside. I remain your brother in the Gospel. Sweden. GUSTAF JOHNSON.

## Resolutions Against the Truth.

Bridgeport, Ala., March 3, 1900.

To the Editor: Having been called to join the armies of Israel and wield the sword of the Spirit in the defense of truth, I responded, and on April 1, 1899, gave the parting hand to friends at my home in Thatcher, Arizona, and took my departure for the Southern States. Ariving at Chattanooga, I was as-signed to labor in the Chattanooga con-ference with David H. Elton as my

My first five months were spent in

Franklyn county, Tennessee, during which time many interesting incidents occurred, characteristic of missionary life in which the influence of satan as well as the power of the Lord were made manifest.

At one time Elder C. C. Toyn and myself were ruthlessly attacked by a mob of cowardly miscreants who hurled stones through the windows at us, while we were preaching. No serious damage was done, how-

ever, except to the windows, which were badly shattered, and when they had exhausted their supply of ammuni-tion they took to their heels-to use old expression, and we proceeded with our meeting. In September, I was transferred to

Jackson county, Alabama, where I have labored ever since.

first important event which The transpired after our entrance into Jackson county was an attempt on the part of the municipal authorities of Bridgeport to expel us from the county,

The attempt must have proved fruitless, however, as we are still here, and our chances for remaining are very favorable at present.

We are being bitterly opposed lately by a religious sect calling themselves "Christians," who are using every available means to excite public senti-ment against us. The following resolutions which were adopted at their con-ference in October, 99, and which were printed with the minutes of that conference and widely distributed through the country, will explain the situation here, and give the readers of the "News," especially those at home, an idea of the reception sometimes ac-corded the humble "Mormon" Elders. The argument contained in these reso lutions is a fair sample of that generally used throughout the country by our

the Elders stimulated and impression favorable to the truth were made upor the minds of many visitors.

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A very pleasing feature of the con-ference was the fast meeting, at which many of the Saints bore a strong testimony to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Priesthood meetings were held at which much valuable instruction was given to the Elders.

Elders Win. N. Hodges, president of the conference, and John Larson, were released to return home. They have filled good and faithful missions.

Elder James G. Duffin was appointed to preside in the conference, with El-ders Frank S. Leavitt and John Cottom as assistants.

Our thanks are due Brother and Sis. ter Reeves and the Saints and friends for their kind hospitality during con-

Letters addressed to any of the Elders at Cobb, Kaufman Co., Texas, will find them

Your brother in the Gospel covenant, JAMES G. DUFFIN.

#### Children as Gospel Messengers.

Salelavalu, Savali, Samoa, Feb. 8, 1900, -Preaching the Gospel with school hildren may seem to some a simple way of spreading the Gospel of truth. So it seemed to a good many of the Elders five weeks ago, but it has been proved to be a successful way of reachproved to be a successful way of reach-ing the hearts of the people and awak-en them to be realization that there is something besides the pleasures of this world to live for. It is a well demonstrated fact, if you desire to reach the hearts of the parents, you may do it by first winning the affec-tions of their children. A tour of the island with part of our school had been thought upon and

school had been thought upon and talked about for some time by our president. Brother C. S. Warrick, and others. It was decided that directly after the holidays would be the best time, as the school had prepared a

good program for that occasion and were in good condition for the trip. According to arrangement we began our journey on the morning of the third day of January. Our party was composed of Brother C. S. Warrick, myself, Timalo, a native Elder, and twelve boys. Through the able efforts of Brother and Sister Songhurst, two of our number here, these boys have been taught to play the fife and drum, and a number of appropriate songs, some from our Sunday school music book, and others of an entertaining nature.

We were five weeks in making a complete tour of the island. During that time we held twenty-five meetings and seventeen concerts. Our custom was to first hold a short religious meeting and explain to them our object in coming here among them and then proceed with our program. Our concerts con-sisted of music by the band, songs, speeches and readings by the boys, everything being done in English. Wherever we went we were given the

Tale Tale Malo, the largest house in the village, to hold our meetings in, and best pigs, chickens, fish, taro and bread-fruit were provided for us to eat, and the best Talnamus and beds were

given us at night. Our house was full to overflowing every night, often the congregation numbering from two hundred and fifty to three hundred people. Wherever we went we were the center of attraction and the people hung upon our words and praised the actions and ability of our boys as though instead of our being human beings and Faifeau Mamonas, as they term us, we were some-thing superior to those who have been laboring among them for years.

We realized that it was not merely our preaching, conversation or actions that caused this feeling to exist to wards us, but the Spirit of God work ing upon their inmost souls and bear-ing witness unto them that the words we uttered and the works we were performing in this land were not guided by the power of man, but by that genbut all powerful influence, the Spirit of Him who rules all things. This has been the greatest awakening, the peo-ple on this island have ever had and has been the means of placing more plainly before the minds of the people our work and our desires here as mis-sionaries; it has also proven to them that although their boys are darkskinned and ignorant as they say, by who are good application under those capable of teaching them, they may arise to a height of learning that can scarcely be realized by the older people. We had one baptism, blessed three children, held one hundred Gospel conversations and distributed sixty tracts

weighed about nineteen times before ready for use as legal money. There were boxes after boxes of these silver pieces ready to be stamped and a great many going back, "too light," or "heavy." I also saw stacks of the "brand new" dollars ready for Uncle Sam's use. I might write a long letter about this mint, but I suppose I have said enough now.

A walk along the "levees" is another oddity, or was for me. I had a four or five mile walk along the docks a few days since. The docks are about eight miles in extent here and are continually the scene of traffic. The boats are loaded for all parts of the world. It is won. derful to see how much can be loaded onto one of these boats. Hundreds of bales of cotton, besides produce of every description is loaded onto them. The loading and unloading is done

the City of New Orleans. New Orleans, La., March 3, 1990. To the Editor: On January 27th and 28th the Elders

the Georgia conference met in Macon and held conference. Elder Rich was with us, as was Elder Rencher, of Georgia conference. There were two meetings on the 27th

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ad three on the 28th, and they were well attended. Elder Rich spoke in his usual forcible

same, and gave the Elders and public same, and gave the Elders and public ane excellent instructions. At the conference Elder Rich desired hat Elder Edlefsen and I go to the ey of New Orleans to labor. New Or-

ins is in the Mississippi conference. We left Macon on the 5th of February ind went to Columbus, Ga., where we were detained for two weeks on ac-cent of heavy rains and high waters. We spent the time profitably, though, is spend die thile promiting, though, is expounding the Gospel in that city. There are some Saints in Columbus, and they certainly treated me royally. Synther and Sister Uynn are the names. Leaving Columbus on the 22nd ult., I reveled alone to Montgomery, Ala.

Thre I stopped for about one day and us the chief points of interest. istoed on the same spot as did Jefteson Davis when inaugurated presi-ist of the Confederated States of merica. The place is on the front nice of the capitol building, which merica. ness of the capitol site at the head ness on a beautiful site at the head Detter Ave. I rode over the Central Georgia railroad from Macon to Co-ness, and from Columbus to Mont-

fiking the "L. & N." railroad at 11:20 on the 23rd, and meeting Elder leften again, we proceeded to Mo-Ala., together. We arrived in tielle at 4:12 p. m. and stopped over ine to take in the city. This city is the largest in Alabama, si being on the bay has a great trade the Gulf and also many railroads sterhere. The streets are very nar. aw and badly kept. Some of them in paved with blocks of wood turned



Key West, Florida. On the 2nd inst. I and companion paid the mayor, Hon. W. C. Flower, a visit. He is certainly a fine man. He treated us royally and gave us an answer to all the questions we asked him

uwed in the city, an ordinance having been passed prohibiting it on account of the narrowness of the streets. Books cannot be sold without a city license, there being a city ordinance to that effect. I strolled out to Audubun Park today and found it to be a fine place indee The large caks hanging with long grey moss are beautiful and the flowers and palms are grand indeed. There are coffee trees and banana plants also, and they have the fruit on them. The drives of the park are lovely for a nice smooth ride.

words of encouragement to press on in the great work of salvation of the souls of men. Six public meetings were held in which the Elders presented the prin-There ciples of truth for the consideration of the recole. They bore testimony to the divinity of the work of the Prophet

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chiefly by negroes and they work very hard. At the foot of Canal street is the

ing the carnival, the great battleship Texas. She came in on the 24th ult. I paid her a visit on the 1st inst, and certainly did appreciate the opportunity. There were hundreds who went on board and we were all shown thoroughly the whole vessel, from deck, or even the bridge to the firemen's room

Oh! what a beautiful, wonderful thing a man-of-war is, and how strong and

durable she is put together. The guns are immense, indeed, to be-hold, two guns, thirty-two feet long, having a 12-inch mouth, firing a 600-pound ball, oh! what a piece of machin-

brother man! Many smaller guns are on deck, and on the higher bridges and also on the

sides of the great ship. The departments are by the scores and are reached by flights of iron steps, and we descended flight after flight. Each department can be closed with

The boilers are immense, and the propelling cranks, and shaft is wonderful

Joseph Smith, and expressed a determination to press on in the great work.

ports, which were gratifying indeed, El-der Wm. T. Jack and Eller Cowley in-

structed the Elders and gave them

chief point of interest along the docks. We had a great man-of-war here dur-

in the bottom of the hull, about twen-ty feet under water.

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sides of the great ship.

water-tight doors and all is safe in that department as far as the door part is

The ship left here on March 3rd for

in regard to his city. We presented him with a copy of the Voice of Warning, which he accepted with thanks.

In Chicago.

their meeting was not held, but the Elders conversed with those present on the differences in the two churches, and the lady of the "Reorganized" church

The "Josephite" lady was present and waaren waaren

to the people. It was a great shock to our friend, as she told us afterwards, to think that

# become Interested in the Gospel, with some of her friends, would be present.

Laving Mobile on the 24th of Febmay over the L. & N., we had a nice not ever level, marshy county for 139 miss to New Orleans. We had an exelent view of the Gulf of Mexico on our journey.

We arrived in New Orleans at 7:40 1 m on the 24th ult, and got off the tain at the head of Canal St., right on he banks or levee of the Mississippi

So much has been written and said of New Orleans, that I hardly dare say any more, but will tell of only a very few things that I have seen while here, the short time of one week. On going down Canal street from the

five-that sounds queer, but it is true. ve go down from the river here in this dy, all the drainage running west into lake Poptchartrain-we came to the mest custom house and postoffice of he United States, a granite building occupying one whole square and having been over forty years in course We arrived here just in time for the

"Mardl Gras," a great carnival which theid here every year. The city was rowded with thousands of visitors and b held here every year. we were glad to be on hand to take in the grand parades. cially at night, was the scene

most beautiful and grand. The scores of beautiful floats and the costumes of the performers were grand to behold,

We put up at 624 North Rampart, and vent to work to see what could be done while the carnival fever was on, for the good of the cause we represented. "Mardi Gras" ended on the 27th ult., and most of the carnival visitors are how gone, but we do not miss many off d Canal street, as it is yet crowded, as is usual here.

On the 25th ult, we visited the cemetries here at New Orleans, and they are certainly wonderfully constructed. the tombs or graves are above found and they present a queer sight us who are not used to such tombs. Many of them contain twenty or more todies, and the ovens, i. e., the walls, which are from twenty to sixty feet long, and six or eight feet high, are filed with bodies one above another for four or six deep. These ovens are also provided with bone vaults, so that when a body has remained sufficiently long to ecay i. e. all the flesh, the bones are deposited in the bone vault, and room is hus made for another new body; this a continually being carried out. This is certainly "a city of the dead."

The dead is thus placed away because the ground is so wet and marshy, a Trave dug a foot or two will immedi-tely fil up with water. Some of the value are grand to behold, and cost there are grand to behold, and cost themands of dollars. All families themands of dollars, All families themands afford it have their separate tombs, The walls are of brick, and usually the por are burled in them. Many fine manuments are erected to the memory of the Confederate soldiers, one very The soft of Albert S. Johnson et al. The 26th and 27th were well spent in

renewing the "Mardi Gras" parades, in they were truly grand. There were bundreds of masqueraders, as is the taxon, in the processions of both days. There were at least 1,000,000 people in view the processions; treets and buildings were crowded and the crowds were in

On the 28th ult. I had a treat of a life. On the 25th ult. I had a treat of a life-time. I visited "Jackron Square" and the 'Oid St. Louis Cathedral." and "Old Spanish Cabildo," or the old court chambers; but best of all the United States mint. Here I was highly enter-tained. I saw how Uncle Sam makes his money. I was shown all through the departments. The silver bullion bricks the hore of the rail beam the departments. The silver bullion bricks, the bars of silver, the roll bars, the cut out pieces of silver, the many pieces ready for stamping, the weighing of the pieces, the stamped pieces and the sacks of money. The weighing is attended to by wo-

New Orleans is certainly the "Paris of America," for here we have the French in all their primitive customs, It is quite odd to see how the houses are built in the old Creole quarters. "Creole" is a race of partly Spanish and partly French, and no one else is

Creole at all. The houses are built straight out to

the sidewalks and the steps protrude onto the walk, here the family congregate in the pleasant evenings. The porches upstairs project out over

the sidewalks, and it is peculiar to see, on wash day, the whole washing bung out to dry upon these porches, swinging over the sidewalk on a wire

tied to a telegraph pole. Many of these old Creole families are very strict, and do not mingle with the Americans

Canal street divides the town, Americans being on the south side of that street. Many of the Creoles have never been south of Canal street. The Catholics bear sway here and as

usual, are very strict and devout in their form of religion. Oh! but the amount of wickedness

existing here. I am shocked to see so much, and being carried on in open daylight, as well as in the dark and it es unchecked. 20

And the street peddlers; they all have a license to pay, but there are hundreds of them with every concelvable article to sell and carrying on almost any kind of a maneuver to attract attention.

I saw a man tonight with his mustache waxed so, and twisted to such a peek, that he could hand articles on

them, and at the same time have a rhyme for every article he had on sale. He also got onto a box on his back and tried to attract attention in that way, and I believe he succeeded. He was just about as clumsy as I would be in the act of lying on my back with feet and legs twisted together, it was comical, sure

I also visited the great noted "French market," where everything imaginable can be bought, and the mixture of languages of the stand keepers is amusing indeed. The Creole speak the "Gumbo French" as it is termed here, e., a mixture of English, Spanish and French.

On one side of the market you are offered "bananey cheaple," or "nar-ange cheaple for picayuney," (5c). Again you are offered so many yards of calicoa for so many "escalins" (a bit) The conference is, as far as I can

learn, getting along well. All the Elders are well. The headquarters is Elders in Baton Rogue now, i. e., of the mission conference. There are some Saints here in New

Orleans, and many of them in the conference

The "News" comes regularly and is always a welcome visitor. Your brother in the Gospel, JOHN T. BARRETT.

South Western States Mission. Austin, Texas, Conference, Lexington, Lee County

February 21, 1900. To the Editor: The "News" is a welcome visitor,

and 'mid the scenes of confusion through which the missionaries' pathways lead it brings encouragement, hope, and sympathy. Some one has hope, said, "Old men for counsel and young men for war." We young men, indeed, appreciate the advice and counsel of venerable gentlemen who have grown old in the work of the Lord. God bless "defender of Truth-the Deseret the "d News." Our semi-annual conference was held

### THE REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON AND HIS ASSISTANTS ON THE TOPEKA CAPITAL

During his experiment with the Topeka Capital the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon is editor in chief, Harold T. Chase managing editor, Herbert S. Houston manager of the edition and Dell Keizer business manager. Frederick O. Pope not, one of the owners of The Capital, has long been a warm friend of Mr. Sheldon, and to him is due the credit of makirs the suggestion, which was adopted by Mr. Sheldon, of running The Capital for six days as a model Christian daily newspaper, such as the famous ciergyman described in "In His Steps."

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Elder Jack enjoyed the Spirit of the about forty Elders, all of whom are Lord; he spoke of the fail and atone-ment. He explained the belief of the and desirous and willing to defend ment. Latter-day Saints, that this earth would be our heaven, and the everlasting abode of the saved in God's kingdom; how those who had died without law would have the opportunty of hearing and accepting the Gosin the spirit world as taught in the

Old and New Testament; how the Gospel was restored in this dispensation in fulfilment of the prophecies of John, Malachi, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and others, with all the gifts, powers and blessings that were enjoyed in the

apostolic dispensation. Elder Matthias F. Cowley spoke on the authority of the Holy Priesthood, the need of the proper officers in the Church; the necessity of new revelation in order to fulfill the prophecies of the Scripture, which, said he, could never be fulfilled without direct revelation; the divinity of the labors of the Prophet Joseph Smith; the condition of the people of the Latter-day Saints; their religion, miracles, honesty, chastity, virtue, industry, obedience, faith etc. He related the persecution through which the Saints had been called to pass, which, said he, had developed a faith that could not be surpassed by any other class of people, creed, sect, or denomination, in the whole world. The speaker said: "We expect to meet you at the judgment bar of God and there you will confess that you heard us this day bear testimony that God

has spoken in this dispensation; that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet sent of God; that the work that God es-tablished through him is divine; that Lorenzo Snow is receiving revelation today for the guidance of the people of God as Moses did in delivering the chiliren of Israel from Egyptian bondage. Elders Hall, and Kimball addressed the meeting, and pointed out what it takes to constitute a kingdom and the blessings that may be received through obedience to the laws and command-

ments of God. After meeting the ordi-nance of baptism was performed with those who expressed a desire to unite with the true fold of Christ. On Tuesday morning, after a hearty

hand-shake, the Elders returned to their respective fields of labor, feeling that they had received counsel and instruc-tions that would be an everlasting bene. fit. Elder Francis A. Wadsworth, of Idaho Falls, was released to return home, he having spent over twenty-seven months in Texas. Ever praying for the spread of truth, I remain your brother, JAMES A. DUKE. brother,

In Norway. Trondhjem, Norway, Feb. 16, 1900. To the Editor: Just one year aro today I parted

from home in the little town of Poca-tello, Idaho. I arrived in Salt Lake City the morning of the 17th, and was set apart to perform a mission to set apart to perform a mission to Scandinavia. In company with Elder John Pearson I arrived at Copenhagen, Denmark, on the 16th of March. My father and mother were among the first to receive the Gospel in Denmark. When I came to Copenhagen I had the pleasure of meeting my oldest sister, whom I had not seen for over thirty

each and every principle of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

During the past winter, the work has been going steadily onward, and the Lord has blessed the efforts of the Elders by bringing a few honest souls into the "fold of Christ," and the prospects for the near future are that several more will take upon themselves the name of Christ and join with His We are blessed in this branch with a

well organized Sunday school, and a Mutual Improvement association of both sexes, which are doing a great deal of good.

We also have our regular Sacramental as well as evening meetings on the Sabbath, and Gospel meetings during the week, all of which are held at a commodious church rented for that purpose, at 193 South Oakley avenue, near Jackson boulevard.

A great deal of good has also been accomplished by the "cottage meet-ings," held at the homes of Saints in different parts of the city, services be-ing held in the Scandinavian, German, as well as the English language. A great amount of good has come to us as a result of the agitation over the 'Roberts case.

As Elders of the Church of Christ and citizens of the State of Utah, we feel indebted to you for the manly and courageous manner in which you have so ably resented the slurs and insults upon a much misrepresented people, But we know this, dear sir, that their addresses, their appeals to the preju-dices of the people, and their fight against the work of God will, and does have a tendency to solidify and strengthen us in our battle for right, and against evil, and if they realized how much good they are doing us, in their zeal to do us harm, they would never use either tongue or pen against us any more.

People who would otherwise turn us from their doors, and others who would perhaps never hear of us, save for such literature as they distribute, will open their doors to us, as they are anxious to hear more of the people who can thus arouse, and cause to be poured out upon themselves, all the gall and bitterness of the men who claim to be the followers, yea, representatives of Jesus, possessors of that spirit, the fruits of which, Paul informs us in Galatians 5: 22, are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, etc.

Some time ago Elder A. L. Harris and E. C. Jensen in their visits from house to house, met with a Mrs. Post at 939 Le Moyne street, and being received cordially, explained to her the princi-ples of the Gospel as they had been revealed in our day through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith She became very much interested, being a searcher for the truth.

An invitation was extended to the Elders to call again whenever they feit led to do so, an opportunity of which they availed themselves at different times. She placed great fidence in the Elders, as she said, coning that they were servants of the Lord, and she drank in the Gospel truths as

challenged our Elders to meet some of their Elders the following Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th. The lady of the house also thought it would be a good dea, as she was desirous of knowing the truth.

The Elders explained to them that our method of preaching the Gospel was not in "debating," but after being urged to do so, and seeing no honorable way to avoid it, finally consented to meet their elders on the day named. In the meantime, Elder Terry, of the "Reorganized" church, held a meeting at the house of the lady member of his church, and invited our friend to attend, at which, as he stated, he exposed the fallacy of the claims of the "Utah" Church, and consoling our friend with the remark that our Elders would never meet him, as they were afraid to do so, and that he had never been able to get any of the Elders to meet him, the truthfulness of which we will leave to the judgment of those who have read the "News" in the past. At the time appointed, Elder Kelsch, who happened to be in the city, consented to again go and meet Elder Terry, which he has now done, to the writer's personal knowledge, for the third time in the last seven months.

As in the previous discussions, Elder Terry tried to evade the "Revelations of God," using in their stead, as he called it, "authentic history," which consisted of a pamphlet written by one of their Elders purporting to be an an swer to Roberts's "Succession in the Presidency," and from which he read, verbatim, all the arguments which he set forth during the discussion. We shall make no comment on the

discussion, except as our friend made She them to us the following day. said that it was indeed pitiable to witness how utterly at a loss Elder Terry was to defend the principles of the church which he claimed to represent, and said that he was utterly confused from the very first questions Elder Kelsch asked him, which were in regard to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph and the genuineness of the revelations given to the Church prior to his death. At the close of the discussion, the lady, in bidding Elder Kelsch "good night," said, "May God prosper you in your work," a wish which, she said she could not and did not extend to El/er Terry. Hence we see how the Lord is will-

ing to and does assist His servants in defending the truth and correcting error, and what a miserable spectacle is presented by those who are fighting against the work of God.

Elder Kelsch did not forget to again bear a strong testimony to Elder Terry, alling on him to repent and turn to the Lord.

"News" is an ever welcome vis-The itor, and is doing an unmeasurable amount of good, in allaying projudice and scattering the seeds of truth. Your co-laborer in the ca

Your co-laborer in the cause Christ, ANTHON M. HANSEN,

#### In Sweden.

Jonkoping, Sweden, Feb. 13, 1900, To the Editor: It is now twenty months since I left

mies in their attempts to overthrow 'Mormonism." Here are the resolutions: "Preamble and resolutions as read by the moderator:

"Whereas, Among the many evils and heresies with which the Christian has to contend and overcome, modern Mormonism is by no means the least, and "Whereas, Since the election of B. H. Roberts, (who is known to be liv-ing with at least three wives), to the Congress of the United States and whose title to his seat is now being contested, they have augmented their forces and redoubled efforts to infuse their baneful doctrines and poisonous practices into our quiet southern homes and mould public sentiment and influence legislation so as to seat said Roberts who hails from Utah, the hot-bed of Mormonism, "Therefore be it

"Resolved, That we solemnly advise the churches of the Tennessee River Association that we regard their socalled missionaries in the light we do other religious tramps, only a thousand times more dangerous, and by the de-moralizing influence they exert they forfeit all claim to religious recognition and to Christian hospitality, and under no circumstances should they be allowed the use of our houses of worship in which to hold their services of mock

worship, "Resolved, further, That we advise the members of the several churches that they religiously guard against their intrusion or right into the family circle, thus giving them no opportu-nity to sow seeds of their damnable heresies and pernicious practices in their sacred homes where their very presence would be demoralizing and their influence baneful."

I will just say that this little outburst of malicious fury on the part of our enemies is really productive of more good than harm to the cause. The more reasonable and sober, thinking class of people readily perceive that the spirit manifested in the above is entirely foreign to Christianity, and this has a tendency to create in them a desire to hear

Our side of the story. On the 14th day of February last I accepted the invitation of an Advent minister to a friendly discussion of the question, "What shall we do to be saved?" before the public. The discussion lasted two evenings and resulted very satisfactorily. The meetings were well attended and I believe that much good was done.

The Elders in this part of the vine-yard are enjoying good health and their fruits indicate a lively interest in their work We feel that the armor of the Lord is

upon us and having the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with a preparation of the Gospel of peace and our loins girt about with truth; we wield the sword of the Spirit by which, and taking the shield of faith, we are enabled to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

The "News" is an ever-welcome visitor, as through its columns we are made acquainted with the topics of the times, both religious and political. Your brother in Christ,

# R. W. SMITH.

# North Texas Conference.

## Cobb, Texas, March 5, 1900. To the Editor:

The North Texas conference convened at Cobb, Texas, on the 3rd and 4th inst. There were present Elder M. F. Cowley, of the Council of Apostles; Elder Wm. T. Jack, Elders Thomas Kimball and Calvin Hall from St. Johns, Kansas, and the following El-ders from North Texas: Wm. N. Hodges, Frank S. Leavitt, John Larson, Alexander Moss, John Cottom, Chas. G. Y. Higgins, Jos. A. Stewart, Jos. B. Bond, Franklin Clark, David Brinkerhoff, George Brown, George Hammond and James G. Duffin; also many Saints and friends.

The subjects of faith, repentance, baptism, the Holy Ghost, authority, organization of the Church, revelation, apostasy and restoration were treated in a lucid manner, and the Spirit of the was poured out in the richest Lord

abundance. Seldom has it been our lot to listen

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during the five weeks we were gone. This part of the mission is in a thriv-ing condition and everything indicates a good harvest, in our father's vineyard this year. Some are ready for baptism and a great many others are investi-gating with the sincere desire to know if "Mormonism" is from God. ED, W. LITTLE.

#### Southern California Conference.

San Bernardino, Cal., March 10, 1900. To the Editor:

It is now past six months since I left my mountain home in Utah to perform a mission in California.

I arrived in San Francisco Sept. 9th, and was immediately assigned to labor in the Southern California conference. I left San Francisco the morning of Sept. 12th, and arrived in Los Angeles the morning of the 13th, and on the 19th of Sept. I came to San Benar-dino and here I have been laboring ever since, among the people of this and vicinity, with the exception

of a few days. At the time I first came to San Ber-nardino, there were but very few Lat-ter-day Saints, and there are but few yet. Elder Chas. Pond of Lewiston, Cache Co., was my companion from Sept., 19th until conference, on Oct. 21st. During this time we held meetings in the hall that we have, every Sunday afternoon and our attendance was three afternoon and our attendance was three to eight persons. After the October conference I was assigned to labor with Elder J. A. Brown of Kanab, Utah, and we changed our meetings from afternoon to 11 o'clock in the morning, and the congregation began to increase, unth now we have quite a nice little conegation of Saints, investigators and friends.

We are quite often called out to administer to the sick and in each case the blessings of God crown our ministration.

On the 12th day of November we organized a Sunday school, something that the Latter-day Saints had not had San Bernardino before, and I am glad to say that up to the present time it has been a complete success. Now It has been a complete success. Now we have an average attendance of nine-teen persons, divided onto two classes: the theology class, which is conducted by Elder J. A. Brown, and the primary class, which is conducted by myself. We follow the plan laid out in the Lat-ter-day Saints' Sunday school treatise, as pear as we can. Our main object is as near as we can. Our main object is to place the Gospel before the people. to place the Gospel before the people. San Bernardino county comprises one-eighth of the entire area of California. It is bounded on the north by Inyo county; on the east by the State of Nevada and Arizona, on the south by Riverside county, on the west by Orange, Los Angeles and Kern coun-ties. It exceeds in area eight States of the Union, and more than equals the combined areas of Masachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware and Rhode Island. It combined areas of anassachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware and Rhode Island. It has fifty-six school districts, some of which are large enough for counties. Nearly all are provided with one or more good school houses, and most are all creditable structures. The principal holestry is fourt solution. industry is fruit raising.

industry is truit raising. We are treated as a rule quite kindly by the people of San Bernardino. The population of San Bernardino school district is about ten thousand people. This city apparently is the stronghold of the "Recommised" church. They have "Reorganized" church. They have I church and a large number of follow ers here. Some of them are ver here. ers friendly to us, while others are bitte

