

Milam, does. They have a family of six children, most of them being born in Pullman. We also found at the same place Sister Susy Clowherd Gustin and family. The Milam family formerly lived at Salt Lake City. Sister Gustin and husband came from around Nephi, Utah. Between Pullman and Moscow we found William R. Holden and wife, Pane R. Gustin Holden, two of the pioneers who came to Utah in 1847. The people around Nephi will undoubtedly remember Brother Holden, as he acted as Indian interpreter until he lost his sight about thirty-five years ago. They are living with their eldest son, William A. Holden. At Moscow we met their daughter, Mrs. John Giltrap, and about seven miles east of Moscow we met their daughter, and son-in-law, Dr. Joseph Partte and wife. A short distance from them we also met "Aunt" Samantha Holden, widow of John Holden. She is also one of the 1847 pioneers.

In addition to the above-named people, we met part of their families. Between Genesee and Jullista, we met Brother and Sister Andrew Wardrobe and family, as well as his step-brother, Robert Gray. Wherever we could, we held meetings and spoke upon the first principles of the Gospel. Three weeks ago we did not know of a single friend in that part of the country, and now we have a large number of them, and they are so situated that they can be of considerable assistance to us in our labors here in this district. We had thirty cents when we left here, but we had considerable more than that when we got back. We went out trusting in our Heavenly Father, and our trust was not misplaced.

Most of the people we met on this trip who came from Utah, left there about twenty years ago, consequently a number of their children have been born here, and have not heard any of our Elders until we came, hence we see a great work ahead of us among them. They are all anxious to have us hold meetings and get out among the people.

Our brethren and sisters in Utah, or elsewhere, who have relatives or friends in this district, can help us by giving us a letter of introduction to them, or giving us their addresses. If the weather permits, we expect to look up some more this week, whose names and addresses were given to us while on our last trip.

The "News" is a welcome visitor and is appreciated by us, as well as by those we visit.

JAMES R. SMURTHWAITE.

IN NORTH ALABAMA

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 3, 1898.

We are pleased to report that the health of the Elders of the East Tennessee conference is excellent at present with few exceptions, and that our labors as ambassadors for Jesus Christ are of the most pleasant and profitable character.

The Elders, Saints and our many friends find great pleasure in perusing the pages of your valuable paper, especially the interesting and excellent sermons delivered by the inspired servants of the true and living God.

The last few weeks have been occupied by the Elders of this conference in promulgating the Gospel in the various county seats of western North Carolina. With few exceptions the Elders have been treated kindly by the people. The press, however, often contains articles about the Elders and Mormonism, of a misrepresentative character. It seems difficult for some writers to give a fair and impartial statement of the faith, practices and motives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I am sorry to say that many articles seem to be written from a

prejudiced standpoint rather than from a Christian one. The Savior taught both by precept and example, to love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you. We are not the enemies, however, to any people, but true friends, having no other desire in our hearts except the intellectual, spiritual and financial advancement of the sons and daughters of Adam. We are teaching in our humble way the doctrines of Jesus Christ which must be received and obeyed in order to enjoy salvation.

W. E. ROBINSON,
President.

IN SUMMIT STAKE.

Ephraim, Sanpete County, Utah.

The conference of the Sanpete Stake of Zion took place on the 12th and 13th of February, 1898, in Ephraim. Elder George Teasdale of the Council of the Apostles was present at the opening of the conference. President George Q. Cannon arrived at the opening of the second meeting. Elder Canute Peterson, president of the Stake, Elders Henry Beal and John B. Maiben counselors; Elder McAllister from the Temple, Elder Robinson, president of the Wayne Stake and members of the High Council and a good representation of the Bishops of the wards were in attendance.

Conference opened at 10 a. m. of the 12th by singing and prayer by Elder Henry Beal.

Elder Peterson made a few remarks. Bishops Hans Jensen, L. S. Anderson and C. R. Dorius reported the condition of their wards as being good. The tithing is somewhat on the increase; the Saints have been liberal in their fast donations, and the needs of the poor have been well supplied.

Elder Teasdale said he was interested in the Bishops' reports. He advised the young people to preserve themselves in purity, and spoke of the deadly effect of unchaste conduct. He said where people refuse to pay their tithing they should be visited in their homes and given to understand that if they still refuse they cannot hold fellowship in the Church. And so in relation to all the laws of God.

After the singing of an anthem by the choir and benediction, recess was taken to 2 p. m.

2 p. m.—President George Q. Cannon expressed his pleasure in seeing so many at the meeting. He spoke first of the foolish ideas that obtain in relation to religion, and later of the condition of the people in the first settlement of this country—the extreme scarcity of provisions and clothing, of all kinds of tools for farming and mechanical pursuits, etc. He pointed out that peace and good will then prevailed, and contrasted former conditions with those of the present time. The Latter-day Saints, he said, must be a pure people; in the midst of a world full of vice and corruption.

The choir sang an anthem. Elder Robinson, president of the Wayne Stake, said they desired to have about thirty families go over into that Stake, into what is known as Blue Valley, as the people need help to develop the resources of the valley, whatever claims they have they are willing to divide up with those who move in except their orchards.

Conference adjourned to 10:30 a. m. Sunday. Singing and benediction.

At 7 p. m., a Priesthood meeting was held, attended by the sisters as well as the brethren. Much valuable instruction was given by President George Q. Cannon and Elder Teasdale.

Sunday school assembled at 9 a. m. on Sunday and was in session until 10:30.

10:45 a. m.—Conference opened by

singing and prayer. Elder John B. Maiben said this is the 82nd conference held in this Stake since its organization. He spoke of the many blessings enjoyed by the Saints, and expressed the good feelings he entertained for the president of the Stake.

Elder Henry Beal expressed his pleasure in meeting so many of the Saints in conference, and endorsed the policy of taking the conferences to the people, so that the aged and mothers with large families could have an opportunity to see and hear the leading authorities of the Church. He desired to sustain and assist Elder Peterson to the utmost of his power and asked the blessings of God upon them.

Elder Teasdale was the next speaker. He spoke of the work yet before the Saints, to build the Temple at the center Stake of Zion.

The choir sang an anthem and after benediction, recess was taken until 2 p. m.

2 p. m.—After opening exercises, sacrament was administered.

Elder J. B. Maiben presented the general and Stake authorities and all were sustained by unanimous vote.

Statistical reports of the Stake were read. The names of four Elders were presented and sustained to be ordained High Priests.

President George Q. Cannon then delivered an instructive discourse on the plan of salvation.

The choir sang an anthem and benediction was pronounced by Elder Teasdale.

Conference adjourned for three months. GEORGE TAYLOR,
Clerk.

CALIFORNIA MISSION.

San Francisco, Feb. 11, 1898.

At 9:15 Golden Gate avenue, the headquarters of the California mission, was held last evening a most enjoyable affair. I refer to a dinner party tendered Sister E. H. Nye on the occasion of her forty-ninth birthday and the thirty-first anniversary of Brother and Sister Nye's marriage. The party was given by the Woman's Relief association, under the generalship of Sister Mary A. Rattenbury as president, and Sisters Bell Sewall and Harriet Simkins as her counselors, and was participated in by most of the Saints of San Francisco, and some from Oakland. From start to finish it was a grand success.

It is a pleasure to speak of the Woman's Relief association of San Francisco, and, no doubt, the readers of the "News" will be pleased to hear of the work that association is doing. Little space can be spared that band of noble women in this article; though in passing it can be said that they are accomplishing very much more than the casual observer would suppose. The branch here is still in its infancy, and so of course the association is small numerically. Notwithstanding they are but few, they are accomplishing much in missionary work; they not only sew and mend for the destitute, and for the Elders, whose foster mothers they truly are, but each month they give a social to which are invited the Saints and their investigating friends throughout the city. These parties are most pleasing affairs on account of the spirit in which they are given, and which seems to take possession of every heart that attends. The entertainment always consists in a program, in which both Saints and friends take part, and then the serving of refreshments, after which an hour or so is spent in conversing one with another. In this way the Saints are strengthened in their love for each other, and the hearts of visitors are reached as they could be in no other way.

Last evening's affair was something