CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND.

Looking for Many Utah Visitors During Fair.

Portland, Or., May 22.—A very successful session of the Portland conference, which includes the Portland and Hood River branches, with all the neighboring scattered members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was held Sunday, May 21, 1905, in hall 400 Alaska building, Portland, Or., two sessions being held, one at 10 a. m. and one at 7 p. m.

Besides a large number of Saints and friends there were present President Nephi Pratt and second counselor J. W. Smith of the Northwestern States mission, Elder H. C. Jex from Salt Lake and the following missionary Elders: Clark Darrington, Wm. Jenkens, S. A. Jackson, Wm. A. Crowther and W. F. Bromley.

In the morning session President Pratt made the address of welcome. Reports of both branches and the different organizations were made by their officers, showing all in a healthy, progressive condition.

During the evening session several short addresses were made by the Elders and President Pratt.

One of the enjoyable features of the conference was the excellent singing furnished by the choir under the able leadership of Alford Edmonds, and some solos and duets that were rendered by two of the Elders and some of the talented choir members.

A very enjoyable time was spent by all who attended and a good spirit was made manifest.

President Pratt has brought together in Portland some of the best musical talent he has in the mission, with a view of making our singing so excellent in quality that it shall be a marked feature in our services, during the four months and a half of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

The mission headquarters in Portland is at 267 Hancock street, and we expect to have a large number of Utah friends call during their visit to the fair.

S. A. JACKSON, Clerk.

UTAH VISITORS.

Prominent Elders Hold Interesting Meetings in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 16.—The Los Angeles Saints and Elders appreciated a visit from some of the Salt Lake Elders while they were in Los Angeles in company with the Salt Lake Commercial club.

Wednesday evening, May 10, a special meeting was called and the little church at 423 west, Tenth street was filled to overflowing with Saints, friends and many strangers. Elder C. W. Penrose was the first speaker and gave an interesting discourse upon the mission of Jesus Christ and His second advent. Elder John Henry Smith gave examples of the Spirit of God working among the children of men since revelations were received by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Elder Reed Smoot bore testimony to the Latter-day work and the power of the priesthood. Elder George A. Smith continued with good instructions upon the Gospel and closed with a strong testimony of its truthfulness.

The following evening, Thursday, May 11, the hall was again filled with eager listeners. Elders L. Holbrook of Provo, Patriarch Angus M. Cannon, Elders W. N. Williams, George A. Smith, C. W. Penrose and John Henry Smith of Salt Lake City each spoke. All gave the congregation very good instructions and bore powerful testimonies to the divinity of the latter-day work.

President Joseph E. Robinson and the writer were in attendance at the meetings, also visited in Los Angeles with Commercial club. H. W. CLARK.

CONFERENCE IN HAWAII.

Laie, Oahu, H. I., April 10, 1905.—On April 6 the general conference opened with charming weather, and a large attendance. The Elders from Zion had all gathered in from this and adjacent islands, representing the nine conferences, together with many native Elders, and branch presidents and native sisters of Relief societies and Sabbath schools.

President Woolley made the opening address of welcome and spoke upon the importance of this day, the anniversary of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Elder John Smith (native) reported his branch, that of Kalachao.

At the afternoon meeting, after singing, and prayer by Elder Kahiona, Elders O. H. Bybee, L. B. Nainoa (native), Alfred J. Bell reported their labors, and bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel, and President Woolley made the closing remarks.

The evening meeting was opened by prayer by Elder Pele Kaio. Elder Edwin C. Dibble addressed the Saints, showing how temporal labors were necessary in the Church as well as spiritual. The Church had been criticized, he said, for engaging in industrial pursuits, but it was through those things that the poor were provided for and the people made independent generally. He showed the wide inequality between the rich and the poor in the world, which was not pleasing in the sight of God.

Elder Wallace Burt, Elder Joseph Kekuku (native), and President Woolley were the other speakers.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder G. Kekauoha.

On Friday morning, April 7, conference reconvened, and the following Elders adressed the Saints: Ed. A. Lougy, W. J. Sells, J. F. Belliston, Ira S. Hatch, David D. Dibble, Chas. C. Smith and President Woolley. The last speaker referred to the words of Nephi, wherein he said "that he had been born of goodly parents," and remembered how his own mother sustained his father before the children, and brought this lesson to the attention of the parents then assembled. Furthermore, the Saints should not fail to give due honor to the traveling Elders, though some were but youths. Joseph Smith was but a boy, and Joseph F. Smith was but a boy when he came here on a mission and Jesus was but a boy when he was found in the Temple teaching the people.

Benediction by Elder Samuel Kii.

On Friday afternoon the Relief society officers made reports. Prayer was offered by Sister Kauapalaoa. Sister Ruth Kauhini, the secretary, read the annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904, showing the societies in a prosperous condition, both as to attendance and aid rendered to the poor.

Sister Minerva Fernandez made a brief address.

President Woolley explained the division of work in the Church among the different members, the men, women and children having their own special work to do.

Benediction by Sister Kealoha.

Friday evening the M. I. associations held their conference. A fine program was rendered, and addresses made by Elder J. W. Kean, president of Laie M. I. A., and President Woolley. Elder Chas. C. Smith, president of the associations for the islands, made some closing remarks of encouragement.

Saturday morning, April 8, a general Priesthood meeting was held. President Woley gave much valuable instruction upon the subject of the Priesthood, its authority and power, and the respect due it.

The Relief society sisters held their meeting in the mission parlors.

Saturday afternoon, April 8, the Primary associations of Laie and Honolulu met in conference. A splendid program was rendered. Other Primary associations were favorably reported by visiting sisters.

Saturday evening, Sunday school conference convened; members present, 368. A splendid program was rendered.

Sunday morning, April 9, the general conference continued. Prayer was offered by Elder J. W. Kean, Elder H. N. Kekauoha of Laie, Elder Apia, president of Kalaoa branch, Kona, Elder Eugene J. Neff, Pesident Woolley were the speakers.

Benediction was offered by Elder Kahiona.

Sunday afternoon the following were the speakers: Elders Lorenzo Taylor, P. Burt Cowan, Walter N. Farr, Abraham Fernandez of Honolulu, S. J. Lunt, and native Elders Punilei, Naona, Kanikanilina and Lui, and J. W. Jonah, president of Waikiki branch.

Benediction by Elder Petero Umi.

The concluding session of the conference was held Sunday evening, April 9. Elders W. B. Davis, O. C. Jones Jos. Christensen and Thomas Champneys bore testimony to the truthfulnes of the Gospel.

President Woolley read the report of the labors accomplished during the past year, baptisms, etc., and presented the general and mission authorities of the Church to the Saints for their action. The voting was unanimous. He also announced the appointments for the conferences, and gave an account of his mission to Samoa and the things accomplished there, and also an account of his recent visit to Zion. He advised industry and economy, tithing paying and building up the kingdom of God.

A rich outpouring of the Spirit of God was enjoyed by all present, and conference was adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by S. E. Woolley.

THOS. CHAMPNEYS,
Clerk of Mission.

FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

A Visit to the Stockport Sunday School.

Thinking that a description of this world-renowned school, whose students are to be found in every part of the civilized globe, would be of interest, I herewith forward you a short account of a visit Elder I. A. Smoot and myself paid to this magnificent institution, on May 7, 1905.

This Sunday school is said to be the largest single institution of the kind in the world, and dates back to 1787, being the outgrowth of the "Town Schools," six in number, which were governed by a committee representing various sections of the Protestant Christian church, and had for its object the education of the working classes, who on week-days, in those times, were compelled to labor 12 and 14 hours per day, children of tender age included.

The first teachers were paid 1s 6d per day out of a common fund. The present system of gratuitous teaching was inaugurated by Mr. Joseph Mayer, who became connected with the school in 1799.

Like all innovations on old habits, it had its battles to fight and difficulties to surmount before it overcame its opposers who claimed that it was a desecration of the Sabbath to teach on Sunday, notwithstanding the Great Master's example of doing good to the afflicted on that day. Means were also required to furnish hall, pay rent, purchase books, etc., but with indefatigable zeal, Mr. Mayer and his associates toiled on. As the school continued to grow, they moved from place to place, until 1805, when they laid the foundation stone of the present magnificent and commodious building, which with the addition made in 1835 forms three sides of a quadrangle, four stories high. It contains a large hall, or chapel, capable of seating from three to four thousand people, several smaller halls with a seating capacity of three to four hundred each, between 40 and 50 recitation rooms, committee rooms, offices for registration and secretaries, library rooms—one for the teachers, one for the higher, and one for the lower classes—also living rooms for the caretakers.

It was founded as a general establishment for the education of the poor children of the town, and was to be known as the "Stockport Sunday School." At the present time there is an enrollment of 400 teachers, and 4,555 students, and it has on its books the names of 6 282 registered teachers, and 109,088 registered scholars. The main object of the school now is to impart religious instruction; but writing is still carried on in some of the rooms.

Every person who gives the sum of £20 to the institution is entitled to be a trustee for life. From these a committee of not less than 21 nor more than 35 are annually chosen to regulate the financial affairs of the institution and attend to repairs, alterations, and furnishing of the building. A board composed of the members of the trustees, committee, and visitors (superintendents), regulate and manage the workings of the school.

The visitors, or superintendents, of which there are now 35, are elected annually and must be persons of good character and members of some recognized section of the Protestant church. Each is allotted a particular department of the school which he personally superintends. He has under him a number of teachers according to the size of his department.

The teachers must have the same religious qualifications as the superintendents and are selected by the general inspectors on probation, being received as registered teachers at the semi-annual meetings held for that purpose. They are generally chosen from the advanced classes of the school, and are required to attend Sunday forenoon and afternoon, and to accompany their classes to their appointed places of worship, and to instruct their students in their duties to God and man.

New students remain three months on trial, when, if their attendance has been satisfactory, they are examined by the general inspectors, and their names are registered as regular scholars. They are required to attend places of worship and conduct themselves in an orderly manner, and can be expelled for non-attendance and disrespectful conduct. A system of promotions prevail and the student is advanced, from time to time, from one department to another.

We were received at the door by an usher and shown into the committee room, where we handed our cards to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. B. Leigh, whom we found actively engaged with several clerks in the duties of his office. We were very courteously received by him, and he gave us a short history of the school and its founders, while an attendant looked up an official to conduct us through the school. He was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. E. F. Ward, one of the trustees, a very cultured and affable gentleman, who has grown grey in the service of the institution. He conducted us throuhg the labyrinth of rooms, and showed us the workings of the various departments, of which there are 35 in number, each of which is presided over by a male superintendent, or visitor, as they are still called. The males and females are each taught in sparate rooms by teachers of the same sex, except in one room where female teachers were instructing several classes of small boys. The class-rooms are variously furnished to suit the taste and convenience of the different superintendents and teachers, some with armchair, stand, and desk for the teacher, and hinged seats and desks for the students; while others have the old-time three-legged stools for the teacher, and backless forms for the students. We were invited into several of the rooms to address the students, but as we desired to see as much of the school as possible, we complied only in one, which contained 100 or more bright lads ranging from 10 to 14 years in age.

After being shown through the various rooms, we were conducted to the committee room, where we were invited to remain during a meeting of the board, which was discussing the renovation of the present building and the erection of an additional wing to commemorate the Centennial year. Here we were again asked to speak. We responded, our remarks being followed by the passing of a resolution "Extending to their cousins and Sunday school workers across the 'Pond' the hearty congratulations and best wishes of the Stockport Sunday school."

Having received a pressing invitation from Mr. L. B. Hadfield, the superintendent of the advanced class of young men, numbering about 300, to return and speak to them at the afternoon session, we returned to the school at 2:30 p. m. and complied with his request, occupying the time to the first interval. Our remarks were listened to with the greatest attention. We then bid the officials good afternoon, thanking them for their royal treatment, and expressing the hope that should any of them ever visit Utah, they would give us the opportunity of returning their hospitality.

JOHN W. GIBSON,
President Manchester Conference.

BOXELDER RELIGION CLASSES

Instructive Conference Held at Brigham City.

The Religion Class conference of the Bloxelder stake was held at Brigham City, Sunday, May 21.

The 10 a. m. officers' and teachers' meeting was attended by Elder L. A. Kelsch and W. A. Morton of the General board, the stake presidency, several members of the High Council, the stake superintendency, members of the stake board and sixty ward superintendents and teachers.

The ward superintendents' reports showed the Religion Class work to be in a flourishing condition in most of the wards. Many questions were asked and much information on Religion Class work was imported.

Short talks on many topics were made by Elders Kelsch and Morton.

At the general afternoon meeting Elder Joseph W. Summerhays, in addition to the other brethren of the board, was present. A large assembly of parents and Religion Class members were in attendance.

Exercises, illustrating several steps, were given by the classes.

The stake superintendency reported organizations in nearly every ward of the stake with the work generally in a good condition.

The remainder of the time was occupied by Elders Summerhays, Kelsch, Morton and President L. A. Snow.

At the evening session Elders Summerhays, Morton, President O. N. Stohl and several members of the stake board gave short talks.

The 8 p. m. meeting at Willard was well attended. Elders Kelsch of the general board and Christensen of the stake board addressed the Saints.

In all of the meetings of the conference a good spirit prevailed. The question of Religion Class work was well handled in all its phases and its aims and purposes as an organization for the accomplishing of much good were ably presented to the Saints by the members of the general board.

The conference as greatly appreciated by all, especially were the stake and ward workers benefited by becoming better informed in their duties, which will result in more systematic work and in thoroughly establishing the classes in the stake.

GEORGE L. GRAEHL,
Stake Secretary.

NEBO STAKE ENLARGED.

The Tintic Wards of Juab Stake Transferred to Nebo Stake.

Payson, Utah Co., May 29.—Agreeable to instructions from the First Presidency, based on the wishes of the people concerned, the presidency of the Juab stake in company with the presidency of the Nebo stake, on May 20, 1905, visited the wards of Silver, Mammoth and Eureka and held meetings with the Saints.

President J. W. Paxman read a letter from the First Presidency in relation to the transfer, and gave a brief account of his associations with these wards since their organization.

The wards of Mammoth and Eureka were reported in a well organized and prosperous condition. There was the utmost confidence and good feeling manifested between President Paxman and the Saints oft he Tintic wards, and he stated that it was with feelings of regret and sorrow that he parted with the Saints in an official way, but trusted that the friendship and love of the past would still continue.

President Paxman then formally turned the wards and affairs over to the presidency of the Nebo stake of Zion.

President Jonathan S. Page, Jr., of Nebo stake, in a brief response, expressed his pleasure to find the wards fully organized and in good working order, and to see the illustrations of faith and good works of the Saints, and in behalf of the presidency and the Saints of the Nebo stake bade them welcome, and invited them to our monthly Priesthood meetings and union meetings of the various stake organizations that meet the same day, and which he hoped they would be able to attend.

Presidents Hyrum Lemmon and Henry Gardner also gave short addresses, welcoming the Saints of the Tintic wards and encouraging them to be one with the members of the Nebo stake in the work of the Lord.

It was reported that since the organization of these wards some $12,000 has been expended in building meetinghouses (each ward having a good meetinghouse). And about 50 new members have been baptized.

SAMUEL D. MOORE,
Clerk Nebo Stake.

BAPTISMAL CEREMONY IN LOUISIANA.

To Latter-day Saints this picture is not without interest. It represents a group of Saints and their friends assembled near Grand Bayou, Louisiana, for the purpose of witnessing the baptism of four converts to the faith, the ceremony having been performed April 5, of this year. The person officiating is Elder George F. Jackson, who is seen standing in the water in the act of baptizing Andrew Humous. The other Elder present is Joseph M. Roundy, who is seen standing well in the foreground. The missionaries write that this looks like the opening of a good field for labor in that part of Louisiana, as the people there, generally speaking, are kind and hospitable, and have done much to assist the Elders in their work. In Red River Parish, where the Elders labored during the past winter, the outlook for success is truly gratifying and as a result they are much encouraged and feel that the Lord is blessing them in their efforts.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

BENSON STAKE.

The Benson stake quarterly conference was held in the Tabernacle, Lewiston, May 13 and 14. There were present Elder Hyrum M. Smith of the quorum of the Apostles, Elder Rulon S. Wells of the First Council of Seventy, the presidency of the stake, Elders William H. Lewis, Alma Merrill and Brigham A. Hendricks, also members of the High Council.

President W. H. Lewis reported the stake in good condition.

Ward conferences have been held in all the wards of the stake except two, and there was general improvement in the affairs of all the wards. The reports of the Bishops of the various wards of the stake showed all to be in excellent condition, the organizations and quorums all flourishing.

The names of the general Church and Benson stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Harvy M. Rawlins of the stake Religion class board reported religion class in a thoroughly organized condition in all the wards except one. Primary associations of the stake were reported in excellent condition, the officers are being supported by the Bishops in most of the wards.

A special Seventies' meeting was held at which much timely instruction was given by President Rulon S. Wells, also by Elder Hyrum M. Smith.

Sunday evening at 7:30 the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. associations met conjointly and an excellent program was rendered and instructions were given by Elders Wells and Smith.

Practical and timely instructions were given the Saints by the visiting brethren, the stake presidency and other speakers and an excellent spirit prevailed throughout the conference, which was well attended on the second day especially.

CHRISTIAN JACOBSON,
Stake Clerk.

TAYLOR STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Taylor stake of Zion convened at Raymond Sunday and Monday, May 14 and 15, President Heber S. Allen, and Counselors Theo Brandley and J. Wm. Knight presiding. The stake and ward organizations were well represented, and encouraging reports were given. The stake was reported in a very healthy condition, and prospects are bright.

Elder J. M. Tanner, general superintendent of the Church schools, represented the general authorities, and addressed the Saints in several of the meetings. His remarks and counsel were timely and were received with gladness.

Notwithstanding a high wind that was blowing Sunday 700 people attended the afternoon meeting. President E. J. Wood and Counselor Thos. Duce and supt of Sunday schools Wm. Stead of the Alberta stake were among the visitors. Counselor John M. Cannon of the presidency of the Granite stake was also a visitor.

The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained, and it was noticeable that the Saints voted with heart as well as the hand. A good spirit prevailed throughout the conference, and all returned to their various walks in life encouraged and strengthened and rejoicing in the Gospel.

The Sunday night meeting, under the auspices of the stake Mutual Improvement organization was a very interesting and instructive session.

Elder Tolly, lately returned from Ireland, and Elder Boyson, from the Southern States mission, each delivered interesting Gospel sermons.

The weather is fine, and we are visited occasionally with rain storms of several hours' duration, which prove very beneficial both to the growing crops and the plowman, making the sod turn more easily. The outlook is bright and a bountiful harvest is looked for.

GEO. H. BUDD, Stake Clerk.

ALBERTA STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Alberta stake was held in the Cardston assembly hall. Stake President Edward J. Wood presided. Dr. J. M. Tanner of the general Church board of education was present.

The weather being stormy during the morning and part of the afternoon of the first day, prevented many from attending the first two sessions. The most welcome rains then ceased, enabling the Saints to attend the second day in large numbers.

The principal speakers were Elders J. M. Tanner, Edward J. Wood, Thomas Duce, H. S. Allen, Patriarch Henry L. Hinman, Bishop Anderson of Raymond, and Elder Tolley, recently returned from a mission to Ireland. The latter's remarks were very interesting, clearly depicting the social and religious condition of the poor, but hospitable inhabitants of the Emerald Isle.

Elder Tanner's discourses on Christ's parable of the good Samaritan, also on education, were very impressive and instructive. His lecture on the latter subject, in which he proved that "a bird in the bush is worth two in the hand," was the chief feature of the M. I. A. session.

Elder Joseph F. Parrish spoke on the importance of the choir.

The Bishops' reports were very satisfactory.

The general and local authorities were sustained by a hearty and unanimous vote.

The choir well deserved the compliments it received for its choice and well rendered selections.

The people generally are in good health and spirits. The present weather conditions re very favorable for the crops, and a bounteous harvest is anticipated. The building of the stake tabernacle is progressing nicely.

E. A. LAW, Stake Clerk.

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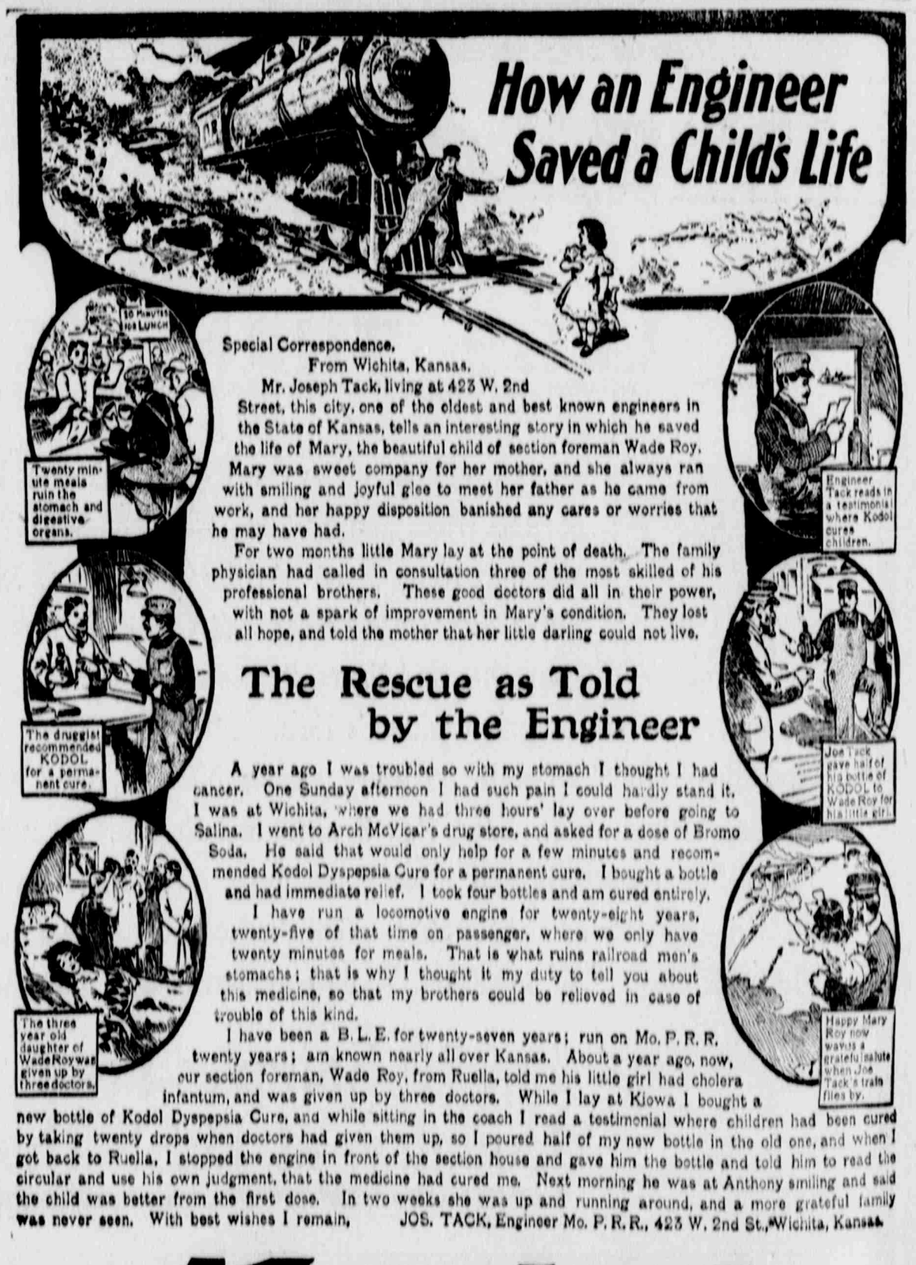

Special Correspondence.
From Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Joseph Tack, living at 423 W. 2nd Street, this city, one of the oldest and best known engineers in the State of Kansas, tells an interesting story in which he saved the life of Mary, the beautiful child of section foreman Wade Roy. Mary was sweet company for her mother, and she always ran with smiling and joyful glee to meet her father as he came from work, and her happy disposition banished any cares or worries that he may have had.

For two months little Mary lay at the point of death. The family physician had called in consultation three of the most skilled of his professional brothers. These good doctors did all in their power, with not a spark of improvement in Mary's condition. They lost all hope, and told the mother that her little darling could not live.

The Rescue as Told by the Engineer

A year ago I was troubled so with my stomach I thought I had cancer. One Sunday afternoon I had such pain I could hardly stand it. I was at Wichita, where we had three hours' lay over before going to Salina. I went to Arch McVicar's drug store, and asked for a dose of Bromo Soda. He said that would only help for a few minutes and recommended Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for a permanent cure. I bought a bottle and had immediate relief. I took four bottles and am cured entirely.

I have run a locomotive engine for twenty-eight years, twenty-five of that time on passenger, where we only have twenty minutes for meals. That is what ruins railroad men's stomachs; that is why I thought it my duty to tell you about this medicine, so that my brothers could be relieved in case of trouble of this kind.

I have been a B. L. E. for twenty-seven years; run on Mo. P. R. R. twenty years; am known nearly all over Kansas. About a year ago, now, our section foreman, Wade Roy, from Ruella, told me his little girl had cholera infantum, and was given up by three doctors. While I lay at Kiowa I bought a new bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, and while sitting in the coach I read a testimonial where children had been cured by taking twenty drops when doctors had given them up, so I poured half of my new bottle in the old one, and when I got back to Ruella, I stopped the engine in front of the section house and gave him the bottle and told him to read the circular and use his own judgment, that the medicine had cured me. Next morning he was at Anthony smiling and said the child was better from the first dose. In two weeks she was up and running around, and a more grateful family was never seen. With best wishes I remain, JOS. TACK, Engineer Mo. P. R. R., 423 W. 2nd St., Wichita, Kansas.

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