

David W. Jones and Mexico.

Forty Years Among the Indians

Made by

Salt Lake City: 1890

According to the request of President Young I bought a lot and had a good comfortable house built in Fairview Sanpete Co, expecting to make that my future home. The house was not yet complete when I was called upon by Henry Briggs, about June, 1874, who told me that President Young wanted to see him and me at his office to talk to us about a mission to Mexico, saying that President Young understood that we spoke the Spanish language. I had expected this call to come some time. I had both desired and dreaded the mission. My desire was from a sense of duty. My dread was owing to the power of Catholicism that I had seen prevail in that land, while living there from 1847 to 1850. p. 219.

On meeting President Young, he told us that the time had come to prepare for the introduction of the gospel into Mexico; that there were millions of the descendants of Nephi in the land and that we were under obligations to visit them. Asked if we were willing to prepare for a mission. We told him we were. Nothing very definite was arranged at that time. Brother Young said he would like to have some extracts from the Book of Mormon translated to send to the people of Mexico; advised us to get our private affairs arranged, also to study up our Spanish and prepare ourselves for translating and report to him, and when the proper time came

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willing to prepare for a mission. He told him we
were. Nothing but spirits was our only asset
time. Brother Young said he would like to have an
extract from the Book of Mormon in Spanish to send
to the people of Mexico; especially as it was
private. Again and again, also in the light of
spiritual and temporal blessings for the people
and in order to bring them to the knowledge of the

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and had a good comfort. Comfort in Spanish language;
according to the report of President Young, I thought a lot
truly. Well, I said: 1840

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and all. was ready he would let us know. Some suggestion was made about visiting the City of Mexico as travellers and feel our way among the people. p. 220.

Some few months after the notice to get ready Brother Briggs called at my house, accompanied by a stranger whom he introduced as Mileton G. Trejo, a Spanish gentleman from the Philippine Islands and was an author and a traveler. After conversing some time with him I became hopeful that he was the one needed to assist in the translation which afterwards proved to be the case. Señor Trejo told me that he had been induced to come and visit the Mormon people partly through a dream. — — — came to this country a stranger, not knowing anyone or enough of the spoken English to ask for a drink of water. p. 221.

Brother Briggs took Trejo home with him to live. He commenced studying hard, reading and translating the voice of warning the best he could. He acquired very rapidly an understanding of the English language, and being a graduate of the highest schools in Madrid, as soon as he got a clear understanding of the text he could write the same in Spanish, his native tongue. p. 222.

Don't forget to get the book

and all was ready to go. The day
after we were about visiting the City of Mexico and
Honduras and feel very much obliged to you.

Three days after the return to the City of Mexico
bridge called at my house, accompanied by a
woman who was introduced as a friend of the
gentleman from the City of Mexico. She was an
old friend of mine. After conversing some time with her
I became satisfied that she was the one I needed to know
in the translation of the manuscript. She was a
good person. I was told that she had been in
to come and visit the American people. I was
dreaming: - - - - - came to this country a stranger, but
knowing someone or would be able to help me
for a drink of water.

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Senor Trejo soon became convinced of the truth of the gospel, and was baptized by Brother Briggze. After qualifying himself somewhat, he commenced on the Book of Mormon at my earnest solicitation. My house being completed, I moved my family to San Antonio, Sanpete Co. Brother Trejo expressed a desire to be with me. He said I understood the written language somewhat better than Brother Briggze. Brother Briggze had associated more with the people than I had and talked quite fluently and understood Spanish very well, but had not studied the written word so much as I had. It was arranged with good feelings all around apparently, that as soon as I was settled at home that Trejo would live with me and we would work together translating. When Brother Trejo came, I rented an office for him, where he would be undisturbed through the day. In the evenings we would read and correct together.

In the spring Brother T. returned to the city. I began to feel like reporting to President Young, for we had everything ready as it seemed to me to do something. With this before me, I came down to Salt Lake City, met Brother Briggze, and

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told him how I felt. His answer was that he was sick of the whole business; that he had been up to the office to see Pres. Young and could not get a hearing. p. 223

When Brother Brigham came in he asked me what I had done. I told him just what had been done and explained Trip's situation. Brother Young had never heard a word about his labors; asked if I could vouch for him. I told him I could vouch for the work he was doing, that it was good and getting to be correct. Brother Young was somewhat surprised, and very much pleased. He asked me what Henry Brizze was doing. I replied that I had made my own report and preferred that Brother Brizze would do the same. Brother Young said he intended to release Brother Brizze from the call for reasons that were sufficient, and said that he would have him notified accordingly. Brother Brigham advised me to have printed about 100 pages of selections from the Book of Mormon, and get them ready to take to Mexico, and be ready to start about the 1st of September, remarking that the Church funds were low at the time. I told him I could soon raise the money on subscription if so authorized. p. 224

I was not long in raising the amount needed,

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to him I felt his answer was that he was sick
of the whole business; that he had been up to the office
to see what I could do for him. I found out that he was
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that he would have him out of the cell as quickly
as possible. Brother Brigham advised me to have printed a
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and get them ready to take to Mexico, and be
ready to start about the 1st of September. I was
glad that the Church had been so kind to me at the time.
I told him I would soon write the money out
to him. I was very much surprised and
I was not going to leave the money out.

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some \$500. and contracted with the Deseret News office to publish 100 pages. A committee was appointed to make the selection. I called for them when I was about ready for work but nothing had been done. On mentioning this to Brother Brigham, he picked up a Book of Mormon, saying: "Take this, go home and get a few days rest. Read the book and when you feel impressed to do so, mark the places, and they will be the proper selections, for you have the spirit of this mission and you will be directed aright." p. 230.

He (Trejo) often remarked that I was a close critic and understood Spanish better than he did. I did not tell him how I discerned these mistakes. I felt a sensation in the centre of my forehead as though there was a fine fibre being drawn smoothly out. When a mistake occurred, the smoothness would be interrupted as though a small knot was passing out through the forehead. Whether I saw the mistake or not I was so sure it existed that I would direct my companion's attention to it and call on him to correct it. p. 232.

(Customs officer) we shook hands as friends. He kept his word entirely, and we crossed over at once, rented quarters, and got ready for the winter's

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campaign. We were the first Mormon missionaries (seven) that entered Mexico. This was in January, 1876.

Padre Borago (Borajo). "These men" pointing to us, "represent all that is low and depraved. They have destroyed the morals of their own people, and have now come here to pollute the people of this place (I thought if that was so we had a hard job on hand.)" They have no virtue. They all have from six to a dozen wives. Now they have come here to extend the practice into Mexico. I denounce them. Yes, here in the presence of the image of the virgin Mary, I denounce them as barbarians. x x And I want you all to get their books, and fetch them to me and I will burn them." p. 257.

I told him (Don politico) our duty was to travel through the country and visit with and explain to the people our principles and make friends with them in anticipation that some of our people would, in time, come into his country and make homes; that they were now coming this way; that we had, on our trip from country and reported back the same, and that we had received word that several hundred were getting ready to follow upon our tracks to colonize the places already reported. p. 268.

After explaining our reasons to him (Don Dehoo) for visiting Mexico, he said he was glad to have us come among them: that he believed our principles taught to the people would do them good. He also said that he was well acquainted with the lands of Mexico and would give us

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all the information he could to understand them properly, so we could report correctly to Brigham Young. p. 276

He said the Mexican government made big offers of land to colonizers, but the fact was they had no good land; that all desirable tracts for settling were covered by old grants with titles. He desired us to say to Brigham Young that if he wanted land for his people they must be bought from the owners; and for him not to be deceived by any offers coming from the government of Mexico. He said their offers were polite and looked pretty on paper, and sounded well when listened to; and he really believed that if they could do as they offered they would. p. 277

(Concepcion.) By this time some of the brethren began to manifest a desire to return home. At first I felt a little disappointed, but I can look back now and see that our mission was properly a short one. We were united in one idea, and that was before any great work could be done in that country it would be necessary to colonize among the people. p. 283.

(Metachic.) This night, while speaking, I felt impressed to talk on the principle of plurality and explain plainly the doctrine: there were quite a number of women present. After the meeting was dismissed I went to the end of the hall where the women were. Many of them came and shook hands with me and said they would rather their husbands would do as we taught them as many of them did. No one seemed offended in the least. R. 284.

I had been at home about one month when I received a letter from President Young requesting me to come to

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the city as he wished to talk with me about the Mexican mission. On meeting President Young in the city he said: I would like to have you pick a few families and take charge of them and go into the far south and start a settlement. Would you like to do it? I answered; Yes, I will go.

"Whom would you like to go with you? I want the settling to stick and not fail."

I replied: Give me men with large families and small means, so that when we get there they will be too poor to come back, and we will have to stay.

He laughed and said it was a good idea. p. 304.

On visiting Brother Young, he said that he wanted me to go ahead: that an angel could not please everybody. And added: "You know how to travel; how to take care of teams. You are better acquainted with the roads, the country, the natives, and their language, and are better prepared to take charge of a company than anyone I know of. Go ahead and do the best you can. When you get things started we can get some 'good' man to take your place, and you can go on and open up more new country. This is your mission." ---

Brother Brigham said he wanted volunteers; that no one would be called unless he was perfectly willing, otherwise rather desired them not to go. The following names, with their families, were soon enrolled for the mission: P. C. Merrills, Dudley Merrills, Thos. Merrills, Adelbert Merrills, Henry C. Rogers, George Neal, Thomas Biggs, Isaac Rogers, Joseph MacFar and Isaac Turley. p. 306.

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I was a little late in starting on the road. P. C. Morrills and his family overtook us at Sever's Bridge. We travelled together to Ft. George. On arriving there we found all the company in camp in a schoolhouse yard, with the privilege of using the house when needed in case of a storm. It was now about the first of January and the weather was quite disagreeable. Here a Brother Williams joined us. p. 307.

When all was ready we started out, and, as President Young had said, when we got into the Santa Clara settlement many of the company were not only willing but anxious to lighten up. -- At this place we bade good-bye to President Young, who drove out to see us. He gave us his blessing and a few words of counsel. This was the last time I ever saw Brother Brigham -- to me the best and greatest man I have ever known. Our instructions were to go into the southern country and settle where we felt impressed to stop. The intention was to go on to Mexico eventually. p. 308.

On arriving at Salt River it became plain to see that we were not in condition to go further, and as everything seemed inviting to us to stop here, we took a vote on the question of continuing. All voted to locate on Salt River, except one man. p. 310.

"We have no special counsel to give you or your company at present, only to live so as to retain within

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gave the Spirit of the Lord, that it may be to you a present help-
er in every time of need, and a guide that can be called upon
on all occasions. Be prudent in all the measures you enter
into; economical with your time and supplies; be just one
towards another, and kind and friendly with all men; do your
utmost by precept and example to win the hearts of the
Lamanites, and ever use the influence you acquire over
them for good, for their salvation and education in the arts of
peace and industry. In this cause the blessings of the
Lord will be with you, and you shall be established in peace
and prosperity shall attend your efforts to build up God's
kingdom. That this may be so is the prayer of

Your brother in the Gospel,
Brigham Young."

We commenced on the ditch March 7, 1877. All hands
worked with a will. Part of the company moved down on
to lands located for settlement. Most of the able-bodied
men formed a working camp near the head of the ditch,
where a deep cut had to be made. We hired considerable
help when we could procure it for such pay as we could
command, as scrub ponies, "Hayden Crips", etc. Many of the
employed were a number of Indians, Pimas, Maricopas,
Papagos, Yumas, Yaquis and one or two Apache-Mojaves.
The most of them were good workers.
Some of these Indians expressed a desire to come and
settle with us; this was the most interesting part of the
mission to me and I naturally supposed that all the

For the opening of the land, that it may be to you a pleasant gift.
 or in worst times of need, and a guide that can be called upon
 in all occasions. The present in all the measures, you will
 into; connected with your time and supplies; to give me
 toward another, and this and finally with all men; to give
 almost by prospect and example to win the hearts of the
 missionaries, and you will see the influence of a religious man
 them for good, for their education and education in the art of
 peace and industry. But to come to the blessing of the
 day will be with you, and you shall be satisfied in your
 and prosperity shall attend your efforts to build up God's
 kingdom. And this may be as a prospect of

your brother in the Gospel.
 "Brighton, June 17, 1817."

We commenced on the 17th of June 1817. All hands
 worked with a will. Part of the company went down
 to land and built for themselves. Most of the able-bodied
 men forming a working camp near the head of the inlet.
 where a deep cut had to be made. The first obstacle
 kept when we could procure it for our port and one
 command, as some of the "English" said, "the English"
 company were a number of boats, guns, provisions,
 papers, forms, figures and one or two other things.
 The most of them were very ancient.
 Some of these boats were of a kind I never saw
 before with us; and the most interesting part of the
 mission to me was a naturally supplied with the

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company felt the same spirit, but I soon found my mistake for on making this desire of the Indians known to the company, many objected, some saying that they did not want their families brought into association with those dirty Indians. A little interest was manifested by the company that I made the mistake of jumping at the conclusion that I would have to go ahead whether I was backed up or not; I learned afterwards that if I had been more patient and faithful that I would have had more help, but at the time I acted according to the best light I had and determined to stick to the Indians.

This spirit manifested to the company showing a preference to the natives, naturally created a prejudice against me.

Some dissatisfaction commenced to show. The result was that most of the company left and went onto the San Pedro in Southern Arizona, led by P.C. Merrill. After this move, there being but four families left, and one of them

soon leaving, our little colony was quite weak. p. 313.

The three families remaining with me professed to sustain my management for a little season. Then they turned more bitter against me than those who went away; no doubt but they felt justified in their own feelings, and as I am writing my own history and not theirs, I will allow them the same privilege. It was not long until it became manifest that I would have to either give up the Indians or lose my standing with the white brethren. I chose the natives ---. This debt (some \$500 to Mr. Hayden) could soon have been paid if all hands had stayed together, but as the most left, the debt finally fell upon me to finish paying up. p. 314

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allow them to have the business. It was not long until
became manifested that I would have to either give up the
business or else my standing with the white community.
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dollars could have been paid to all hands and I
together, but as the white people were not
to have any more of it.

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During the summer of 1884 my mind often rested on Mexico, and the obligation I felt resting upon me to give up my mission in that country. I tried to rid my mind of these reflections, but could not. --- Finally the spirit and desire became so strong to visit Mexico that I could not resist the feeling. My children needed what we had left for their support, so I made up my mind that I would go if I had to make the trip on foot. At this time the land committee was working in Mexico. I often met some of them, but all seemed to avoid receiving any information from me. This was not at all strange for I knew that I was looked upon as rebellious, as my side of the story had never been heard. p. 347.

(A miner wished to go to Mexico. Jones decided to tee up with him. --- As the most I cared for was to get to Mexico with my saddle and tools. With them I knew I would be safe for expenses at any rate. My main desire was to get to Mexico the district of country and see what shape the spot was in that Brother Brigham approved. When in Provo one time Brother Brigham in presence of Brother Cannon and others, took a map and motioning his finger around over the map settled onto the very place and said, "here is a gathering place for the Saints." I knew the place, but had never pointed it out to Brother Brigham. I had been on the land but had been within a few miles of it and had heard a full description of the place. Knowing the desire was to get land in Mexico I naturally supposed that now was the time to get this place secured provided it was for sale. So I determined to go and find out and at the same time put my-

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self in the way of giving such information as I had formerly obtained when I was in Mexico. p. 348

During these four months I often visited the camp of the Saints at Ascension.

The first time I met one of the brethren of the committee. He asked me what I thought of their proposed land purchase. I said that I believed it would be a failure. When I was asked why, I related all about our first investigations and our report to Brother Brigham, saying that I believed we related the truth, and that if the present efforts succeeded it would prove our reports false. This was looked upon more as an insult than as information.

I was told that conditions had changed since the time of our visit to Mexico; that our reports might have been all right at the time but would not apply to the present. My answer to this was that I recognized the face of the country as being just the same as formerly; that mountains and valleys were all in place; that I saw no signs of earthquakes having changed the conditions. Therefore I could not see why our reports if true then were not true now. I soon learned that any information that I might offer would simply be looked on as worthless.

I was told that Mr. Campos, who was the agent now offering them lands, was one like Hiram of old, raised up for the salvation of the people. I answered that he was a fraud, raised up to swindle them out of their money. I was severely rebuked for this remark, and told that Mr. Campos had been introduced and vouched for in a letter of introduction, as the man who opened the first door to the brethren in Mexico, in the City of Chihuahua, and that anything I might think or say would avail nothing. This was at first a surprise to

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 the church at piquette with tobacco water & cotton wool each given to

The first thing I saw
 when I stepped out of the
 car was a beautiful
 view of the city. The
 buildings were tall and
 modern, and the streets
 were clean and wide.
 I was in good luck.
 The weather was perfect.
 I had heard that the
 city was beautiful, and
 now I knew it was true.
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me, for I was in charge of Chihuahua at the time, and never heard of Mr. Campos, but I learned afterwards that he was a police officer at the time, and possibly was on duty the evening we held meeting in the public Cock Pit. p. 283

During the winter and spring of 1835, while attending to the mining business, I made several trips to El Paso. Once, while in El Paso, I met Brothers Crastus Snow and Samuel H. Hill who were on their way to the City of Mexico on business of importance. They not wishing to be delayed, accepted my assistance in getting their baggage checked, their money changed and other services that helped them along, as I was acquainted with the officers and business. This occurred February 19. 1835.

At that time I explained to Brother Snow my desire regarding this land. He said for me to go ahead, hoping I would succeed. I knew that it would take considerable money to visit and thoroughly explore the country I desired to visit. p. 354

I happened to meet a gentleman who had money and was desirous of going on the same business, he agreeing to bear the expenses for my services as interpreter, etc. And that any land found that might be wanted by the Mormons was to be entirely under my control. I went home to Salt River to visit my children and prepare for the trip to Mexico. We went directly to the city of Chihuahua. Soon we were visited by different land speculators offering lands — — We were in the city of Chihuahua, after having done considerable ex-

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-ploring, when we were approached by a man who described a piece of land that he had bonded, I soon became convinced that from the description and locality that it was the land I desired to find. When we were alone I informed my friend of this and we agreed to go and see the place. We visited the parties holding the lands and agreed to go with them, it being some two hundred and fifty miles from Chihuahua, and in the district approved by President Young for a gathering place. On arriving at this spot I felt sure that I had now found the place wanted. --- The land held by the parties was for sixty days only. The question now was for me to try and get this secured before the bond ran out as there were others wanting to buy this piece in connection with a large tract adjoining it from another party. --- I expected that Brother Snow would be at the new colony station at Piedras Verdes, as the purchase had been made from Mr. Campos, and the people were now moving on lands they supposed belonged to the purchase, but afterwards proved to be a portion of an old and well known ranch known as Sandiango. The question was how to get to Brother Snow's place the quickest way. It was at least two hundred miles distant across a country not much traveled, and some of the way considered dangerous because of Apaches. p. 356

after thoroughly examining the land we went to the county seat and my friend procured a bond for the sixty days. We then started back east towards the city of Chihuahua. My desired route lay north and would turn off at Temosachic, about

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being some two hundred and fifty miles from Columbus
and in the direct approach by railroad found for a better
way place. On arriving at his spot I felt sure that I had
now found the place wanted. The land belonged to the
parties was for sixty days only. The question now was for
me to take any of this secured before the land ran out
on there were others wanting to buy this piece in an
action with a large tract adjoining it from another
party. I expected that parties here would be at
the real estate office or perhaps in the neighborhood
had been made from Mr. Campbell, and the people were
now moving in lands they supposed belonged to the
cause, but afterwards found to be a false alarm and
well known to the parties. The parties
were then to go to the other side of the river. It was at least two hundred miles distant from
a country not much traveled, and some of the parties
desired to purchase because of the price.
After thoroughly examining the land we went to the country
and our party found a good deal of land. The parties
then started back and through the city of Columbus, the land
was then sold and would have been sold to the parties.

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twenty miles from where we were.

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I met Brother Snow at Corralitos and showed him the following letter: Messrs Snow, Burton, Preston and others:

(Offers the ranch W. within 60 days for \$30000 U.S. Cy. — J. G. South.) This was written on the back of the letter:

"I have considered the foregoing and can say that, while I regard the tract favorably ^{located} ~~situated~~ along the Sierra Madre, some eighty to one hundred miles south of Corral's Basin, and, according to Mr. Jones' representation, is a desirable place, I am not in any condition, at present, to entertain the proposition; but hope in the future to see our people stretching out in that direction.

E. Snow."

Brother Snow said, in substance, that the money ^{that} he had been appropriated, for the purchase of lands in Mexico, was almost all exhausted, and no very good results obtained; that there had been so much time and means wasted that he doubted if the authorities would pay any more attention to land purchases in Mexico, and if anything more were done that he believed it would be through private enterprise; also said that, if he had the money, he would help me out in the matter, but hoped that I could go and enlist help from some of the brethren who were able to buy on their own responsibility.

On receiving this word, I started ~~at once~~ ^{immediately} for Utah, came direct to Salt Lake City, and offered this land. The first answer I received was that my land was too

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thought it better to write you now

I feel much obliged to you for the letter of the 10th inst. and the enclosed. I have been thinking of writing you for some time, but have been so busy that I could not find time. I have been thinking of writing you for some time, but have been so busy that I could not find time. I have been thinking of writing you for some time, but have been so busy that I could not find time.

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dear; that I should not expect such a price when good land could be obtained for one-fourth the amount. p. 359.

I worked hard to get this land secured. Finally, I met with a party in Ogden, who agreed to meet me in Chihuahua within the time and, if the land was as represented, secure it. A day was set to meet. I hurried back to Chihuahua and got an outfit all ready for the trip, feeling safe, for I knew the land would show for itself.

This party never came. I received a letter, giving some excuse, but saying they would come in a few days. Before the time proposed the bond was up; and the persons wanting the chance bought the land the day it was on the market. p. 360.

I again visited Brother Snow's headquarters, hoping that I could get some one sent to see the land. I knew the parties who had purchased it, and had reason to think believe that it could be bought of them still at a reasonable figure, considering its qualities. I succeeded in getting the brethren interested enough to let two of the elders - Brother Spencer and Brother Williams, two of the most reliable pioneers in camp - go with me. We were gone fourteen days. On their return they reported that I had shown to them the best country they had ever seen - Illinois and Kentucky not excepted; also the most hospitable and well disposed people they had ever met.

They, who, being a poor and ignorant people, and
 of the same race, could be obtained for one fourth the amount of the
 land.

I worked hard to get this land secured. Finally, I met
 with a party in England, who agreed to meet me in this
 country within the time and, if the land was as repre-
 sented, secured it. I had never before seen a party so
 back to the future and got on with all ready for
 the trip, feeling safe, for I knew the land would show
 for itself.

This party never came. I received a letter, giving
 some excuse, but saying that they would come in a few
 days. Before the time proposed the land was up, and
 the persons wanting the same. I thought the land was
 lost. It was so in the market.

I began to visit the British American Association, and
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 to send two of their members to see the land. I was
 two of the most reliable persons in the world. I was
 we were given further encouragement in their return that it
 would be a good thing to have the land secured.
 had been seen. I then a new party was secured.
 also the most reliable and well known people in the
 land were with.

Daniel W. Jones and Mexico: cont

I now felt satisfied, as far as duty was concerned. This land was acknowledged to be much better than I had reported it to be.

I now left Mexico, with the feeling that I had done all I could at that time. I came to Salt Lake again and offered some other good lands that I had listed for sale, but all faith in Mexican land matters seemed to be at an end.

A great many persons, having visited and seen the country purchased, left in disgust, supposing there was none better.

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Do you think there will be much of a move from this country to Mexico? I did think so at one time; but I am now under the impression that there will be no great move to that land.

What has changed your opinion? Simply this - the people do not wish to go. The inhabitants of Utah have good homes and have made up their minds to accept the situation and stay, and enjoy their wealth and luxuries the same as other people.

Then you have given up the idea of ever seeing a prosperous colony of Mormons settle in Mexico, in some of the rich valleys that you have been recommending so long? No, sir; not at all. I still have faith in the move; those who have faith in the Book of Mormon and have a greater desire to see the words of the book fulfilled (than they) have to accumulate wealth, will go.

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Journal of J. J. Jones and J. J. Jones

I was left satisfied as far as duty was concerned. This land was examined to be made better than I had reported it to be. I was left there, with the feeling that I had done all I could at that time. I came to look back upon my life, and saw other good lands that I had visited for sale, but all felt in the same land matter seemed to be as an end. I got many persons, having visited and seen the country purchased, left in highest, and feeling there was more better.

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What has changed your opinion? Simply this - the people do not wish to go. The whole country of the United States and have made up their minds to accept the situation and stay, and enjoy their wealth and luxuries the same on this side.

Then you have given up the idea of ever seeing a prosperous colony of Americans in Mexico, in some of the best valleys that you have been examining so long? No, sir; not at all. I still have faith in the west; those who have faith in the East of America and have a greater chance to see the words of the good fulfilled (than they) have to see cumulative wealth, will go.

Moses Thatcher:

special apostle of his church on the subject of Mormon destiny and colonization in Mexico.

1878. Letters received from a D. Rhodacanaty in city of Mexico making inquiry as to tenets; publications sent; some 15 or 20 Mexicans influenced.

- Apostles called Elder Thatcher to proceed thither "to open the door of salvation". With Elder James J. Stewart, who joined him in Chicago and Meliton G. Frijo, who joined him at New Orleans he went via Vera Cruz; reached Mexico City - Nov. 16.
- On Sunday, Nov. 17. D. Platino C. Rhodacanaty called; a gk. Mex he has been publishing a monthly Voz de Desierto.
- Stewart and Frijo preached; some believed. Elder Thatcher baptized Platino C. Rhodacanaty and Silvano Cortiago, a pure Aztec and therefore "a descendent of Joseph". Three days later six others baptized. By end of year sixteen members; Rhodacanaty, elder in charge.
- Printed matter prepared and distributed. Thatcher wrote Tribute to Memory of Montezuma, a poem later dedicated to Yg. M. Altamirano. Followed newspaper publicity - favorable and unfavorable. Two Republics succeed.
- Met Ministers Zarate, M. Fernandez Leal, Carlos Pacheco. Leal said: "Mexico would gladly welcome any of them ^{who} willing to make homes in the Republic." Met Yg. Mariscal. Emilio Diebuck, Belgian, tried to sell him a colonization concession; considered, refused. B. went to talk Lake City to present his offers.

Moses Thatcher: cont.

1880. On the Disbuck business Thatcher left for Utah, on Feb. 4. It was about a month later that the Belgian came.

- Nov. 17 again left for Mexico: arrived December 5.
- Presents of Mormon books to Sec. Geog. and Mus. Nat.
- Printing, distribution, development: branch at Ojumba.
- Poison plot. Continued work. With ^{Yermoyas} Young left for New York: Eliza Yermoyas near Havana. Thatcher in reduced health and much depressed reached New York.

1882. October Conference: called with Elder Erastus Snow to explore in Mexico with view of finding and purchasing a suitable place for L.S.D. settlement. Explored the headwaters of the Rio San Pedro, and examined the San Bernardino Ranch on one of the tributaries of the Divispa and Yagui rivers in Sonora. Elder Snow, from illness, returned in Jan. with small party and guide. Thatcher explored the Santa Cruz, Cocospera and Magdalena valleys.

1885. Accompanied Pres. John Taylor and party to Arizona and Mexico and again explored on Magdalena R. in Sonora. Appointed chairman of purchasing and exploring committee.
— A. F. Macdonald, Christopher Layton, Jesse N. Smith, Loh Smith

1886. Jan. 27. home again: gathered funds. Ten days later started again, going to Chihuahua. Reached Ascension on the Rio Casas Grandes, Feb. 20 finding several families of Saints there—believing purchases had been made and being persecuted by Arizona courts. Went to San José and took Mex Central for El Paso, where he found the title to land offered was bad. With Elder Macdonald, Antone Anderson and Mr. Glenn (Lawyer) explored the upper river Jans in the S.

1880. On the high up the mountain the water of the lake was about a mile higher than the ocean level.

For 12 ounces left for the use of the patient.

Present of new books to the Lib. and Mus. Soc.

1892. October Conference: called with Elder Brewster & wife to ex-

Four in Mexico with view of building and surrounding

amiable place for L.S. settlement. Opposite the Washington

of the San Carlos, and examined the San Bernardino

Moses Thatcher: cont

Meedres and visited the strongholds of the Apache chiefs - Victoria and Ju; he ascended Crook's Peak and saw the Rio Verde and Corrales Bacias, since purchased, and made himself familiar with Mexican land matters, gained knowledge respecting properties for sale, located the Saints on leased lands, and returned.

— Under influence of Americans at Chihuahua the Gov. issued order of expulsion against the Saints in the Rio las Grandes; finally consented to refer matter to Federal Govt.; Elders Brigham Young, Thatcher, Teasdale and Macdonald, at capital on

1885. May 12. Interview with Mariscal, Pacheco, and Dr. The ^{and} ⁽¹²⁹⁾ order of the Gov. was revoked. When, under influence of Gen- omies, he reaffirmed it, he was removed. Elder Thatcher reached home in June. In July he was again called to Mexico to assist Elder Erastus Snow who had been given charge of the colony there, to help in adjusting titles of purchases already made and to purchase other lands. In

— Oct. he was again in City of Mexico, and with Elder Snow arranged purchase (ultimately) of the Corrales Basin, including Kopt Valley and Strawberry Valley, comprising nearly 75000 acres of timber, grazing and agricultural lands.

1887. Jan. to States for machinery &c necessary for the colony. On Jan. 1. he dedicated the townsite of Juarez. ²⁵ horse-power engine, boiler, saw-mill, stave-mill, lathe-mill, planer & moulders. A 2000 canal constructed, a wagon road of equal cost; plowing and planting.

Moses Thatcher.

The elders having fully explained the causes producing their present grievances in the United States, and pointed out that their troubles were due to special laws, proscriptive in their nature and harshly directed at their marital relations believed in and practiced when the President appointed Brigham Young governor of the Territory of Utah, thus indirectly giving ^{national} sanction to the doctrine of plural marriage, Minnie Packee smilingly said, "the free practice of such marital relations in Mexico would greatly increase her population and correspondingly her strength; as few women would, having an opportunity, refuse marriage." Then, more gravely, he added: "Of those who enact proscriptive laws and enforce them in a persecutive spirit in your country were compelled either to confine themselves exclusively to one wife, or let the Mormons alone, you would soon be left in peace." *The Western Galaxy*; vol. 1. p. 152

(1888).

The above being fully explained, the cause producing
 their present ignorance in the United States, and pointing
 out that their troubles were due to special laws, prohibiting
 in their literature and hardly directed at their minds, without
 telling in any practical way the various difficulties
 from young persons of the United States, two interests
 giving attention to the doctrine of equal marriage, that
 ladies including the "The Practice of Equal Marriage"
 relation in which we are greatly interested in a paper
 that our corresponding strength, the few women would
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 left to ourselves, "let the marriage alone, you would be
 be left in peace." (See also the 1st of 12)

(1888)

The Mexican Mission

As early as 1830 the instructions of President John Taylor to Elder Alexander F. McDonald, presiding over the Salt River mission in Arizona were to look out locations for the people in Mexico. Elders McDonald, David Kimball, C. J. Robison and Henry Beje made a visit into the state of Sonora in 1831 and in the following year, 32 persons removed to a ranch called San Bernardino, at the junction of the states of Sonora-Chihuahua and Tys. of N.M. and Arizona. Little farming land. Elders Apostles Snow and Thatcher advised against it and it was given up.

1834. Fall. Apostles Brigham Young and Elder J. Grant joined at Nogales by parties from the Salt River and St. Joseph settlements. Party 24 in all; by team to Hermosillo arriving December 3. Wanted to make treaty with Yaquis. Gov. away; Secretary received them kindly. Prefect. Gov. returns all kind but warn of danger. Mexicans not allowed to go. If insist escort supplied. After camping and religious preparation determine to go on to Guaymas and thence to the Indians. The U.S. Consul was the only one to encourage them. They rented a Yaqui boat to take them to the mouth of the Yaqui River and back. (M. S. Ray's journal details all.) Stormy time prevented boat landing at mouth or entering river. Land 6 miles up and wait. Eat oysters and gather shells. Unable to go, after delay, they went by foot five or six miles - through storm, mud flats, &c. to Megana, the Yaqui town where boat owner lived. Brigham Young violent cold and "yellow fever." Here at Lucas' home

On July 1880 the missionaries of the
 to the mission in Mexico. The people in Mexico
 C. J. Robinson and Henry Rogers made a visit into the
 state of Sonora in 1881 and in the following year, 1882,
 some returned to a small village near Sonora and at the
 junction of the states of Sonora and Chihuahua and 1883.
 N. M. and Arizona. After forming this, the same people
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 up.

1884. July. After the mission in Sonora and
 joined at Nogales by the route from the Salt River and
 St. Joseph. The mission in all; but some of the people
 arriving December 3. The mission in all; but some of the people
 for many. The mission in all; but some of the people
 all with the men of the mission. The mission in all; but some of the people
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The Mexican mission: cont.

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Aug. 1. 1891.

Here, really prisoners, wait general. Preaching and teaching granted interview at 3 p.m. English-Spanish-Yaqui as general refused to receive any Spanish communication. Brigham Young obliged to lie down. Well received; ready for teaching; passport on to the great general and principal town. On 12th, having received passport, back to Guaymas and then Hermosillo. Because of Brigham Young's illness, he took train for home, with Apostle Grant.

Reported in press that Mormons had entered into agreement with Yaquis to overthrow Mex. govt. So malicious became the misrepresentation that Pres. Taylor abandoned the idea of a settlement at that time in Yaqui-land.

Per mission word had been promised. Elder Ammon Tenney and others went. As long as on this side, bitterly persecuted. Among the Indians ^{W. Small} extraordinary reception. Meetings held and spirit of the Gospel manifested. Overwhelmed with invitations to villages; chiefs and delegations came. Hundreds of converts; sick were healed; children "were blessed to embrace Gospel in future". Penetrated 150 miles into one country. Tenney left home Nov. 30. 1887. Recalled in Spring of 1889.

Elder Joseph C. Bentley (President of Juárez Stake)

(Conference: April 7, 1916.) Our conditions for the last two weeks have been unusually trying. I suppose that all of you are aware that the Latter-day Saints in Mexico are located in the heart of the revolutionary section of that country, where revolutions are manufactured. Our condition for a number of years has not been as satisfactory as we should like to have had it, especially since the recognition of General Carranza by this country. It has produced an unusual disturbing and exceptional condition. Our people who reside in Mexico have endeavored to maintain a neutral position so far as we are concerned. -- We have endeavored to maintain this position and to maintain friendly relations with all the different contending parties that come into our community. While we have been regarded as foreigners, as American citizens or people belonging to the United States, yet there has always been more or less distinction in the minds of the people of Mexico concerning the Latter-day Saints and other Americans who come there for the purpose of gaining a livelihood, engaging in mining and other industries, that do not identify them especially with the country. After the recognition of General Carranza, General Villa returned and in our locality he kept about 12,000 of his followers for a period of six weeks, most of them located among our people in Colonia Dublin. They were sur-

Elder - - Bentley: cont

- prior to find so many American people there, although there really were but a few, and they were surprised to find so much food and substance. They were a hungry lot; they had been whipped and chased over the hills, and when they reached our part of the country they were a famished & crowd of people; it did their hearts good to see someone that could give them something to eat. They paid for what they got in their own kind of money, but of course that was of no value to us, nor to anyone else for that matter, because it had so decreased in value that it was not worth anything more than the counterfeit, nevertheless we sold them our produce. We kept that body of men, women and children in our locality for about six weeks, and sold them corn and other products of the colony. After they had gone we reaped the greatest crops that we have ever harvested in Mexico. After feeding that great army for that length of time we had the greatest harvest we have ever reaped in proportion to the number of people and the acreage, since we have been in Mexico. Our granaries were full and we had plenty to eat and to wear.
- After being defeated in Sonora, a portion of that army returned again to us. They were not in quite as friendly a mood on their return as they were when they went away, but still we managed to get along with them. We treated them kindly: we endeavored to impress upon their minds that we were there for the good of the Mexican

- print to find as many American ships as possible, but they were surprised to find so
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 reached our part of the country they were a famished
 crowd of people, fit for their leader to lead. They said for what
 they could give them something to eat. They said for what
 they got in their own kind of way, but of course that was
 of no value to us, nor to anyone else for that matter. It
 seemed it had no business in value that it was not
 worth anything more than the worthless, worthless we
 had from our produce. The rest of the body of men,
 women and children in our vicinity for about six
 weeks, and only then can any other product of the
 country. After they had gone we made the report that
 crops that we have been growing in Mexico. After
 feeling that great amount for the first of time we
 had the greatest harvest we have ever had in
 proportion to the number of people and the amount
 since we have been in Mexico. Our government
 fell and one day they had to cut and burn.
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 minds that we were there for the good of the people.

Elder - - Bentley: cont

people. They destroyed some of our property, but were astonished at being treated kindly after they arrived, and did comparatively little damage, and they passed us by again. A few weeks ago, after the Americans were killed down at the mining camp, General Villa and his company of soldiers passed near our colony again, on his way to Columbus. Friendly Mexicans brought word that he said ~~that~~ he was going to destroy Colony Juarez and kill all the "Mormons"; but he passed us by, and afterwards said it entirely slipped his mind and he had gone so far past that he guessed he would not go back. We were very thankful - - -

after the terrible attack on Columbus, and the destruction of property and lives of Americans, and many of their own people who came in contact with them, it caused great concern to those of us in the colonies, especially the natives and Carranza's Mexican soldiers. They were very much concerned because his return brought him again in the direction of the colonies. It is a good, rich, fertile country, and is a good place in which to recruit. It has been a favorite place for the revolutionists, ever since the beginning of this trouble. They have been able to get more good horses, and good provisions, in that locality than in any other part of Mexico, where they have been; consequently, on Villa's return a few weeks ago, after the attack on Columbus, there was considerable anxiety. I want to say this for the Carranza troops at Col.

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Elder Bentley: cont

Dublin, they are not well equipped and they are not disciplined soldiers but they had an interest in our people. They did not have a sufficient number to provide any defense for us, but they were careful to keep us posted. --- We were instructed, by the general in charge of the Carranza troops, to move our families into their garrison and they would take care of us; but, bless your heart, they could not take care of themselves, let alone us. --- and so we expressed to them our gratitude for their kind invitation, and said that if we should get frightened, and want to leave our homes we would come. But, we called our brethren and sisters together and appointed a general fast day. We asked all our brethren and sisters to fast, and to pray unto the Lord that we might get an impression concerning what we should do. We were entirely helpless so far as worldly defense was concerned; guns were very scarce in the colony. I was asked this morning how many people we had in Colonia Suarez. We had about twentyfive men and about two hundred and fifty women and children. The same questioner wanted to know if we were well armed and I said no, we did not have any arms; and were thankful to the Lord we did not. --- The unanimous expression of our brethren and sisters in that fast meeting was that the Spirit of the Lord prompted us should remain at home, and serve the Lord and keep his commandments, and put our trust in Him and He would

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Elder - Bentley: cont

take care of us whatever the conditions were. ---
At the conclusion of the meeting, the brethren and
sisters returned to their homes, calm and happy, and
the night General Villa passed those colonies the people
slept in peace. There was no one on guard, the Carran-
za soldiers had withdrawn, every man was put into
the pits to defend themselves against the approach
of General Villa. --- There was not a person in Colonia
Dublem except Latter-day Saints, but we retired to our
homes, slept peacefully, and during the night Villa
and his guards came into Colonia Dublan, within a
half mile of our homes, looked over the town and
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June 21. 1890.

Conevia. Deming: 30 miles S. is the line: sixty miles further S. is the first colony - Diaz: situated near the Rio Casas Grandes (now dry), 4 mi. N. of Ascension. The valley in which we are situated is 60 miles long and 20 wide. Climate even and healthy: altitude about 5000 ft. Splendid grazing country: grass abundant. Stock winter and do well the year around. Snow rarely seen. Land on both sides of the river fertile and grain can be raised. Wells anywhere from 8-16 ft. each plenty of good water in white sand and gravel. Scarcity of timber. Land from \$1. to 5. an acre in lots of every size - even to 100 000 acres. Water rights bought from Mexicans are \$60 sufficient for 15 acres.

Diaz ward near centre of valley: 500 inhabitants; fully organized ward with W. Derby Johnson as Bp. Town laid off with broad streets: blocks 27 rods square, divided into four lots each. Schoolhouse good; 20 x 60 ft. One short vacation. Good attendance. Sunday school well attended. Relief Society, Y.M.M.S. & Y.L.M.S. Assoc. and Primary. The last gave a good fair recently. 2000 shade trees, 15000 fruit trees, 5000 miles of ornamental shrubs & flowers. Good fruit country: fine vegetables - watermelons fresh. Buildings adobe, but we have a brick kiln for experiment in brick construction. Lime 25¢ a bushel. Labor cheap. Cattle cheap & meat good.

Colonia Juarez: 65 miles further S. on a fork of the Rio Casas Grandes: in valley 2 1/4 mi. wide. Fully organ-

The Mexican Colonies: cont.

igtward: Geo. W. Peck, Pop. 300 people. Laid out like Diaz. Plenty of water but not much land. Fine orchards & gardens. Plenty of timber in the mountains, grazing not so good as at Diaz. Branches are Pacheco and Corrales about 35 miles deeper in the mountains to the S.W. about 100 of our people in them.

Francisco a small town near Casas Grandes. 75 persons. The last three are organized with a Presiding Elder and Teachers.

Two gristmills - one at Juarez, one at Casas Grandes. A steam saw-mill, 25 miles from Juarez - with attachments (sawing, planing & stave moulding).

Best of feeling between us and natives - officials & people. Last year we had fruit of our own growing - next year plenty & to spare. We look forward to a canning factory. Windmills can be used for irrigation purposes; probably also for grist and other mills.

W. Serby Jr.

The Mexican Situation: Cont.

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Guarez who remained behind, together with others from the Mexican colonies, arrived at Machita, N.M., on the 13th of August, with many heads of horses which they had succeeded in saving. They had a fight near Dublin with rebels when they first started, one of their company, Will Smith of Dublin, being slightly wounded, and on their way they captured eleven rebels which they turned loose on arrival in the United States. The people in El Paso treated the colonists with the greatest respect and provided for them as far as possible. Rations were issued also by the government for those in immediate need.

On the 13th the authorities and the Mexican colonists of the L. D. S. met to decide whether the men will return to Mexico, or whether they and their families will go to other points in the United States until peace is finally restored, it having been decided by the Church authorities that the refugees themselves must decide whether they shall remain at the refugee camps, return to their homes and ranches, or come to settlements in Utah and neighboring states. The outcome of the conference was a decision to the effect that the colonists will not desert their homes in northern Mexico, but will remain in the United States until they may safely return, when they will begin all over again with what the rebels and looters have left for them to begin with. A resolution was passed that they would return to their various colonies in Mexico as soon as conditions were safe. A number, however, have declared that they would rather abandon their possessions and build new homes in the United States. President Robinson, writing to President Joseph F. Smith, and speaking of his arrival at the refugee camp in El Paso says:

The Mexican Revolution was a period of civil war and political upheaval that began in 1910 and ended in 1911. It was a struggle for power between the ruling elite and the masses, and it resulted in the overthrow of the long-ruling Porfirio Díaz regime. The revolution was a complex and multifaceted movement, with many different groups and individuals involved. It was a time of great social and economic change, and it played a major role in the development of modern Mexico.

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"I went at once with President Drins, who has been very ill, but is now better, to the main camp, and found the Saints meeting the conditions with that cheerful philosophy that characterizes them above all the people in the world. --- We met the special train of 450 that came in on the evening of July 31; and after Brother Drins retired for the night, I visited different camps, and with many of the Saints, and Brothers Brown and Bowman met the last consignment of 206 women and children at 2 p.m. today (Aug. 1). The strained, night and look in the eyes of the children, the haggard faces of the women, and the gaunt, silent men all called up -- the aftermath of the quake and fire in San Francisco. In the company last night I saw several old women, and old Father William E. McClellan, who were driven out of Illinois. --- The rebels made Brother McClellan get out of his wagon, and threatened to shoot him if he did not give up his money. One of the brethren tried to protect him but was adened back into his wagon. Brother McClellan said: "You ^{can} shoot me, but I won't give up my money", and overawed -- the rebel put up his gun. Father Black and Patriarch Skousen, and others over eighty years are in the band. ---

So far as known all Americans are out of the mountain colonies except the Stephens family, who refuse to leave and the Morales colonists. At Machita on the 15th 46 Chie-chupa men arrived. On the same day a large body of women left El Paso for Utah points, tickets being provided either by the Church or the government.

The Mexican situation:

General Salazar, commanding a part of Orozco's defeated army in the latter part of July (1912) compelled the latter-day Santo Colonists in and around Casas Grandes to give up their arms and ammunition. The bandits and soldiers then looted their houses and stores. Salazar told them, they being American citizens, that he would kill all of them and compel intervention, if the United States did not soon intervene, as he hated our government. This was followed by all the colonists, numbering some seven or eight hundred families, fleeing to El Paso, Texas, and Chihuahua, N.M., about 150 miles across the border. The women and children and elder men were sent ahead over the N.W. Ry. to El Paso, the men of Dublin and Colonia Juarez remaining to look after their property. The Mexican rebels, now practically a band of robbers, outlaws, guerrillas, and cut-throats made things so intolerable for them that later they, too, fled, leaving all their property valued at many millions of dollars. There were some 2600 refugees in El Paso who were furnished tents and rations by our government, and Congress appropriated, on the 2 August, \$100,000 to be used to carry refugees to friends in Arizona and Utah.

The colonists were looked after by Elder A. L. Davis, assisted by Resident Joseph L. Robinson, of the California mission, and Bishop O. P. Miller of the Presiding Bishopric. Everything was done, so far as possible to make the colonists comfortable. The Saints met the condition with that cheerful philosophy so characteristic of them. In the company were old men who had crossed the plains in early days and were now again driven from comfortable homes. The first special train carrying colonists to El Paso arrived July 21, followed by other trains, until all the women, children and older men were gathered. Some 264 men of Dublin and

In the "Mormon" colonies the situation continues to grow worse. The federals are inactive and the rebels are overrunning the country with small marauding bands. A telegram from Bishop Brown, dated October 14, stated that Arthur McCormie, a "Mormon" colonist and J. T. Cameron, an El Paso cattleman, captured at Nogales and San Pedro, are held by rebel bands for \$5,000 and \$30,000 ransom respectively. The latter was released on the 17th by a payment of \$1250.

The Mexican Situation (1912)

July 14, 1912

In the "Newman" column the situation continues to improve. The federals are inactive and the rebels are overrunning the country with small invading bands. A telegram from Gen. Brown, dated October 11, stated that Gen. Madero, a "Newman" column and J. P. Carranza, an "Old" column, captured at Nogales and San Luis, are well supplied with 2000 and 3000 men respectively. The latter was released on the 12th of a payment of \$1000.

The Mexican Colonists Released.

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at the general semi-annual conference of the Church, President Joseph F. Smith, in his opening address, which will later be published in full in the Era dwelt largely upon the condition of the Saints of the Mexican Colonies. He spoke in strong terms against the bandits who had driven them from their homes, and in telling language recounted the suffering and loss which the Saints had endured in their exile, also of the anxiety that the authorities of the Church had undergone owing to the troubles which had come upon them. He also expressed thanks to the executive officers of our own country for the help rendered by our government to the exiled people, and also to all who had aided, particularly to the people of El Paso and others along the border, and to private persons who had given means, sympathy and care. Under present conditions he thought it unwise that our people should return to the troubled land; and inasmuch as the colonies had been founded under the call, sanction and direction of the authorities, he thought it wise now to release the settlers from any obligation to stay longer, and he did so release them from all further duty in the matter.

On October 11, the First Presidency issued the following address to the Saints of Mexico:

1912
"To our Brethren and Sisters of Mexico, greeting;—after a conference with Elders A. W. Jones, President James Romney, Bishop Allen D. Thurber of Dublin, Bishop Joseph C. Bentley of Juarez, and his counselor, Thomas Romney, and others, at which members of the Quorum of the Twelve were present, including President Francis M. Lyman, which conference was convened for the purpose of considering the conditions now confronting our Mexican colonists, as a result of the revolution still being

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 from our obligation to stay longer, and he did so with thanksgiving
 from all further duty in connection.

On October 11, the first business day of the following year,
 visited the limits of Mexico:
 - to our brethren and sisters of Mexico, greeting, - offering our
 - service with them in the same spirit of unity, but
 - of our brethren of the East, Bishop Doane, Bishop of Oregon,
 - and his associates, their families, and others, of whose names
 - and of the brethren of the West, including the
 - friends to whom we, who were present, were united for the
 - purpose of considering the conditions and of making
 - proper plans, as a result of the meeting with them.

The Mexican Colonists Released: cont.

carried on in Mexico, we have concluded to advise:

First: that the Juarez Stake and Ward officers and members, one and all, may consider themselves honorably released from any further sense of duty to return to or remain in Mexico. But the right and title to the property temporarily vacated should in all cases, and by every lawful means, be maintained.

Second: That all those who wish to permanently remain in the United States should take immediate steps, with the aid of the committee appointed, to render needed assistance, to make definite arrangements to repair to the places decided on by themselves in which to settle.

Third: Those who regard it as unsafe to return to their homes at present, but who expect to do so under changed conditions, are advised to take up their temporary abode as near to the border line as they can, where suitable and profitable employment may be obtained.

Fourth: In view of what has happened, and what may yet take place, we have not felt, neither do we now feel, that we should consistently assume the responsibility of advising our colonists to return to their homes, and must therefore have the responsibility of deciding this question with themselves. But to all who may decide to return, we cheerfully say, go with our sanction and blessing and our prayers for your preservation and success.

"
Your Brethren,

Joseph L. Smith
Anthony A. Lund
Charles W. Tenrose

First Presidency "

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The Saints in Mexico: cont

Casas Grandes; this does not fail, though the Casas Grandes further down does, splendid for fruits. A cannery factory did well last year; probably better this year. Good markets among Mexicans at Chihuahua and elsewhere.

A woolen mill to be established here soon. Ample water powers. Co-operative store, shoe factory and tannery now. The sour-cane great for tanning; is shipped to ^{from semi} Europe in inexhaustible quantities; the root is used. Juarez state academy. Services in Spanish held weekly.

Pacheco and Cabe valley in Sierra Madre. Conveniently located for fruit, vegetables, stock, and access to timber. Two sawmills and a planing mill.

Diaz and Dublan are valley towns, good for grains and fruits. At Diaz are private orchard of 7000 peach trees. Diaz academy more than 200 children, some Mexicans. John M. Mills principal; in excellent condition. Every other Wednesday theological exercises are in Spanish.

Best of feeling between colonists and Mexicans. Influence shown in life and towns.

Railroad construction has been delayed. nearest connection Denning. Grading has been done. 18 mi track is now to be laid in Mexico before June 15 to hold grant. English syndicate, two months ago, paid \$100,000 for the right.

The Saints in Mexico

Des. Wk. vol XLVI. p 609. 5th 92.

Conversation with Bp. W. D. Johnson, Jr. in charge of Colonia Diaz ward.

1891 and 1892 terrible drought: thousands of cattle died for lack of water and grass. J. W. Young's inability to pay workers on railroad caused hardships. Last winter rains restored verdure and hope.

Five settlements in Chihuahua:

Diaz	over 700
Guarez	over 700
Dublan	250-300
Pacheco	} 300
Cave valley	

Diaz in the Ascension Valley - about 50 x 20-25 miles
Dublan in Casas Grandes valley which is about the same size. Casas Grandes river runs through both. Climate in summer no hotter than Salt Lake - due to 400 ft greater elevation. Weather in winter not nearly so cold. Usually snow melts as it falls. Last winter one day, a 4 inch fall, which lay a whole day. Grapes, peaches, apricots, &c. do well at Diaz; apples not first class. Windmills common at Diaz: water at 4 to 16 ft. is pumped up by them. Diaz has bought $\frac{1}{3}$ interest from Mexicans in a canal 25 miles long from Pala Tada spring. They are at work on a reservoir. Two crops annually: wheat; then corn, beans, etc.
Guarez: in a cañon, through which flows a branch of the

The Points in History

See also the list of points in the

Compendium with Dr. W. B. Johnson in the history of the

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Letter from Mexico:

Des. Ill. XLIV. p. 712. 5/21.92.

Edward Stevenson writes:

Today (May 8. '92) we concluded a trade for 100,000 acres of land 90 mi. S.W. of Chihuahua for a ranch and colony of an organized colony. — — At Rosalia station I was met by Elder A. J. Stewart, who captured me for two days. Mr. Stewart is locating a city for colonizing purposes at this place. He has been five years engaged in arranging with the Mexican government for a concession — — What he has done is on his own account.

5000 acres at this place for a city. (Santa Rosalia).

Letter from Mexico:

Church of the Holy Spirit:

Total (Grand total) we concluded a total for 100,000 and
land 10 mi. out of which we have for a number of years
an ongoing colony. — — — — — as the colony is
not yet clear of the land, the colony is not yet
Mr. Stewart is working a plan for colonizing
at this place. He has been for some time in
and with the Government for a mission —
Water has been in in his own country
2000 acres of this place for a city (uninhabited).

A New Mexican Colony.

Ans. Pol. vol XLIV. p. 554. 4/16. 92

March 14. Camp on Barrispe R., Sonora. J. A. Martineau writes:
"We arrived today - a new colony planted in Mexico and the first in the State of Sonora. We are located on the estate known as Los Hornos (the forks) bought from Col. Emilio Kosterlitzky." Los Hornos comprises $24\frac{1}{2}$ cuadrantes of farm and pasture and 2 cuadrantes of timber = 117,342 acres for which we pay \$35000. We buy individually and have four years for payment. Our beautiful town we have named Ferrocchio after the General, a firm friend of our people. Welcome here. Journey difficult - had to make our road. Our party of 22 men and boys undertake the task and have brought our 14 loaded wagons, and family's over it safely. Col. K. said: "We have 3800 men in the Barrispe district, and all of them together would not have done so much work in three months as you have done in ^{this} short ~~resting~~ time." The Pres. of Barrispe and other officials came to see us when we were blasting the roadway. They furnished us three beavers gratis. "Los Hornos extends about 30 miles along the river, which affords much more water than the ~~Grand~~ ^{on} Logan river, and the stock range is as much as 25 miles wide, giving us a territory of 700 sq. miles for range, including the grassy mountain slopes which we may use for pasturage. The land along the river is a very rich deep soil, covered with large mesquite & cotton trees." grains - sugar cane, cotton, tobacco, fruits probable.

Letter from Mexico:

Des. Wk. vol. XLIII. p. 569. 10/24/99.

Colonia Juarez: in valley of Piedras Verdes, here about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide. View from mesa - beautiful! - comfortable dwellings, some of them elegant, built of adobe, concrete, or brick, embowered with fruit trees, vineyards and flowers; lots neatly fenced with boards or pickets, the broad sidewalks shaded by rows of fine trees, while the stream flowing through the town is bordered along its whole course with the magnificent cottonwoods peculiar to this southern land, and with sycamores, black walnut, ash and willow trees, and mulberries growing naturally above the village. Everywhere one sees abundant evidence of prosperity.

A large and well finished building of adobe and concrete was dedicated on Sept 6 by Apottle, Teasdale; filled with people from Juarez, Pachuca, Dublin and Diaz. Choir: singing fine. (What was this building?)

Good grist mill - Bro. Storrell; tannery - Bro. Seavey; a brick machine - David E. Johnson. Tin shops, linoleum, stone, two cane mills. Blacksmiths, carpenters, etc.

Cultivated fields extend 4 miles up valley: cane is pressed into molasses. Many miles of ditches in use; others in construction. Woolen mill desirable.

Abundant water power is here; many sheep - wool sold to Chihuahua. Silk would do well. Juarez chiefly adapted to mills and agriculture. Mexicans

say: "If you want good horses or cattle go to the Mexican settlements and get them." J. H. Martineau.

Mexico and the "Mormons"

Des. Int. XLiii. p.

10/10.91

Without any exaggeration whatever, it may be said that among the 3000 souls that form the Colonies of Diaz, Carb, Pacheco, and Dublan, there is not a single drunkard, gambler or vagabond. The efforts of all are concentrated for their mutual welfare.

From an article in Parisiad Internacional
(Juarez-Mex.).

History and the Province

See Vol. X. 1811

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without any corresponding statement, it would be well
to know the basis on which the Journal is based.
Books, and papers, there is not a single document
of any value. The effect of all are considered
for their mutual welfare.

Journal of the Province

(1811-1812)

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Mormons in Mexico : cont.

lease. If he transgresses the Co. rules he may be obliged to vacate premises being given a fair price, amount being arbitrated.

If people prefer purchase there are neighboring lands buyable; also all the John W. Young lands in Boca Grande tract and Palomas.

L. A. Wilson.

There is a general feeling of discontent in the
state of affairs being a fair one, and it is
not surprising that people prefer to have their
own rights and liberties; also all the people
are working in their own way and in their
own time.

"Mormons" in Mexico: cont.

notice came from governor for every one of them to leave the country at once: Jefe politico at Casas Grandes ordered to convey me adieu and enforce it. Mexicans and Mormons rose in protest; respite of fifteen days. Petitions were drawn up and sent both to gov. and Fed. Govt. Colonists continued work. On last day of fifteen orders from President Diaz to allow remain at least to gather crops. The gov. continuing to show himself hostile, Diaz removed him. New colonists coming. Religious services in area before labor began.

Uncertainty regarding titles and ultimate possibility of purchase kept people in keen suspense. Some discouraged went home. Matter dragged on until at last in June 1886 consummated. Mex. Colon. & Agric. Co. (Colorado) with sanction of Mex. Govt. A. F. Mott. on Feb. 26. 1886 at Mexico City bought from Porcicio Gomez del Campo for 20000 acres (Diaz) 49,400 (Guarez) and 60000 mostly timber (Pacheco). Definite colonization began.

1886. Diaz

1886. Guarez

1888 Pacheco

1889 Oublan.

Mex. Colon. & Agric. Co. Towns laid out in blocks about 24 rods square; on outer edge of platted town, farming lots from 5 to 12 acres; colonists might select a lot, a farm or both. Not sold outright but a practically perpetual lease - with nominal rental of 0.50 or 0.75 per lot annually. A colonist desiring to leave can sell his

After some four years of service in the
 capacity of a private soldier in the
 1st Regiment of Foot Guards, I have
 been promoted to the rank of Sergeant
 Major, and have been employed in the
 same capacity for the last three years.
 I have the honor to acknowledge the
 receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.
 and in reply to inform you that the
 same has been forwarded to the proper
 authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 J. M. Smith
 Sergeant Major
 1st Regiment of Foot Guards
 Whitehall, 10th Decr. 1881

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after abandonment of Jacpie plan:
Instructed by President John Taylor:

A. F. McDanall } started on Jan. 1. 1885 from St. David
Christopher Layton } Ariz: by rail. At San José, on Mex. R.R.
found John W. Campbell, Joseph Rogers, John Loring, and Peter
McBride (some of them hauling salt). The party went to
inspect - Corralitos, Ascension and Janos and a
favorable report sent Pres. Taylor. Exploration continued
to town of Casas Grandes, and the Corrales basin, where
Pacheco now lies. A farm of 300 acres at Corralitos was
rented and a crop put in.

Meantime a Com. of five - ap. Moses Thatcher, A. F. McD.,
Lot Smith, Jesse N. Smith, and Christopher Layton had
been appointed to purchase land - and announce-
ment made.

1885, April 7. Immigration at height. Had been in
progress six weeks. 350 persons in camps scattered
up and down the river Casas Grandes. Two parties
near what is now Diaz - one under Lot & Jesse Smith,
a mile south; the other under Parson Williams in the
shade of trees on river 3 mi. to e. In all about 35 fams.
At Corralitos 12 or 15 fams. about the same number on
the W. bank of the river, about 5 mi. n. of Casas Grandes,
had rented farms. 4 or 5 families had growing crops
in fields just s. of town. All waiting for purchase
when arrangements complete and in high anticipation.

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Interesting letter: cont.

Juarez: in west foothills of Sierra Madre, about 15 ms. SW of Durban. About 650 miles. Area owned by the Mex. Gov. and Agric. Co. is about 49,500 acres. Little can be cultivated because of closeness of hills. Has about reached its limit — unless water-power used in cotton or woolen mills.

Pacheco. Southmost. In Corrales basin — once the rallying point of Apache Geronimo. In top of mountains: temperature about as Utah, but uniform and without extremes. Too cold for any but hardy fruits and grains: in stock raising and timber, resources unbounded.

L. A. Wilson.

interesting letter: cont.

General: in west foothills of Sierra Nevada about 1000 ft. N. of
of Donner. About 650 acres. One owned by the State
and 350 acres. It is about 1/2 mi. N. of Donner. Little can be cultivated
because of character of hills. Has about 1000 ft. of timber
- under water - forest was in earlier in west foothills
General: timber in foothills of Sierra Nevada - near the valley
of the Sacramento. In top of mountains timber
is about as thick but uniform and without character.
2000 ft. or more but land is not suitable for agriculture: in foothills
and timber resources abundant.

C. R. Bishop

Interesting letter from Mexico

Des. W. XLiii. 24. Aug. 8. '91.

Palomas: will be the Customs house for all the Mormon settlements to south. The railroad track hugs the foothills at the w. edge of the town. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. south of the line, and 2 miles e. of the track a large spring 150 x 200 feet flowing perhaps 30 cu. ft. of water per minute: from this spring to the lake, four miles s., twenty large springs all flowing into a common stream which runs into the lake. From the upper spring water may be carried w. onto all the prairie land below the track. The greater part of the soil around Palomas contains mineral, perhaps not over 200 acres of land free of salaratus; but as there will be abundance of water, the land may be reclaimed in time. Palomas will be as a farming and cattle district, not commercial and manufacturing location, though hundreds of cattle now range on the plain.

Diáz. 48 mile stretch of level plain from 12 to 24 miles wide. Town in midst. Soil deep and rich. Grass abundant all year. Springs from low hills on w. supply water. A large canal receives water from Casas Grandes R. eight months in year. Thriftly, well arranged settlement of 1000 inhabitants. Future of great promise.

Sublan. Plain as level as Díaz. 20 miles wide, broadening northward until, at Carrizito, little less than 70 miles whole plain covered with grass or sweet clover the year through. About 375 souls. Cotton can be raised (sweet potatoes, grapes, &c. grow prodigiously. Mineral rich.

United States of Mexico.

Desert Weekly: vol. xliii. p. 19.

June 27. 1891

along with his purchase of the railroad concession recently made by Hon. John W. Young, there was placed at his disposal a tract of land in the new corner of the State of Chihuahua, of an area of 2500000 acres, over three times as large as the State of Rhode Island, and nearly twice as large as Delaware. These lands, from which none richer can be found anywhere, will probably be open to purchase by the Latter-day Saints in a short time, through Mr. Young's agent, Rep. William Leroy Johnson, Jr., at Denning, N. M. Mr. J. Fawson Smith, of your city, chief engineer of construction, informs your correspondent that track-laying will probably begin about the 25th of this month, on Mr. Young's railway; which when completed will place the settlers on these lands in direct communication with the best of every variety of resource Mexico affords. L. A. Wilson Las Alamos

Regions of Chihuahua: cont

w. past Sta. Ana and Sto. Tomas, to Guerrero: This will be connected by branch line with Mex. Central at Chihuahua. Main line continues so., through Sierra Madre at Bacoyna. Anthracite coal field. S.W. past Creponapachi, La Junta, Agua Caliente, El Fuerte, to the large Kansas Colony at Popolobampo. Founding to Popolobampo 1250 miles. Thence to Guaymas, 350 mae.

L. A. Wilson: Las Palomas.

Region of Chihuahua: cont.

W. part of the area to be surveyed to form a line
will be connected by a line with the latter
Chihuahua. Main line continues as, through
the area of the region. The latter is
disproportionate to the former, being about
the large amount of the former, and
the latter is about 100 miles. The latter
is about 100 miles.

L. A. Wilson: Chihuahua.

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Regions of Chihuahua: cont

construction of a railroad.

From Deming to the Mex line is 35 miles. $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles it is Las Palomas, in the "free zone". When the railroad begins, the Customs-house will be transferred there from La Ascension. It is 12 mi. directly S. of Palomas to the Casas Grandes R., where the track takes a bend following up that stream, through the Boca Grande tract, belonging to Hon. John W. Young, to Diaz. On the Boca Grande tract Mr. Young proposes establishing three or four settlements. From Palomas to Diaz is 65 miles, almost due south. Leaving Diaz the rr. will continue S. past La Ascension, five miles distant, to Janas, twenty miles further on, and thence through Corralitos to Casas Grandes. Corralitos is centre of a rich mineral district. From Diaz to Colonia Sudlan, near Casas Grandes is 60 miles. Instead of passing the Mormon settlement of Juarez, about 12 miles S.W. of Casas Grandes, and Pacheco 35 miles further into the Sierra Madre, the rr. continues on almost directly south. From Sudlan, leaving valley of Casas Grandes, the road ascends & then enters valley of Rio de Sta. Maria. The entire way from here to Guerrero (Concepcion), 175 miles, forest of pine, oak, sycamore, ash & walnut. Galeana is the first settlement after Casas Grandes. 20 miles further up the Santa Maria is El Valle. Mineral resources. By ravine, heavily forested - past Las Cruces, Namiquipa, to San Antonio, where valley widens. Through open valley

Regions of Chihuahua.

Deseret Weekly: vol. xii. p. 9.

June 13. 1891.

We have here long stretches of level grassy plain: here and there a portion of a mountain chain or a string of straggling hills. Soil unusually deep and rich with occasional stretches of sand; hills mostly lava rock and limestone - "malpais" of Mexicans. Water much needed; in a few years the Casas Grandes river will be controlled so as to furnish water for irrigation of a vast territory. At Casas Grandes and Diaz never failing springs in which the people are already obtaining shares enough for a moderate supply during the dry season. The settlements of Juarez at Palomas and on the Boca Grande, may well be supplied with water the year around. Wet and dry seasons: wet from mid-July to mid-October; in rainy season grass mantle fine. One or other of the fine kinds of grasses indigenous here is green the year through, so that one does not need to keep cattle up at any time. Rarely any snowfall: three days winter last January. From Feb. to mid-July little rain and the hottest weather of the year. Summer heat not intense. Nights cool. The settlers put in their first crops in the early winter, when the Mexicans allow the water to run to waste; harvest is in by June 1. and the soil is prepared for another crop, commencing with the rainy season which is hardly over before the second crop can be harvested. Hon. John W. Young is pushing

Useful Suggestions: cont

that settle. The pasture lands can be most conveniently divided into three subdivisions with watering facilities for stock on each. Where one person does not want an entire subdivision, several should combine.

Colonists free from taxes for ten years, except municipal and internal revenue. Each head of family, at time of entering the country may bring team, house furniture and movable effects free of duty; for five years may import supplies on which duty would be \$100.

The town is laid out on a level plain, $1 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, and is already being settled. Come in from Denning.

Geo. M. Brown
and others.

Useful Suggestions:

Deseret Weekly: vol. XLII: p. 103

Colonia Hueller, near Casas Grandes. Jan. 17. 1890.

Elder George M. Brown, has been working out plan to buy a large tract from Louis Hueller of the City of Mexico. Too large for one man of ordinary means to handle. Elder A. F. McDonald of Colonia Juarez has aided and now possible to secure with good title. A survey shows that reservoir can be filled from the river and water drawn off onto the fields and townsites. Plenty of water in the river, running to waste eight or nine months of the year. At a depth of 12 to 14 ft. plenty of water, which can be pumped. Tract of 73000 acres on east side of river, opposite town of Casas Grandes. Extends several miles n. and s., also e. where it terminates in rolling hills covered with the best of grasses. At s. end considerable oak and other hard wood suitable for fuel. Plain contains about 20000 acres of rich sandy loam suitable for all kinds of grains, fruits and plants of the temperate zone. Close to the foothills on the e. are traces of old reservoirs (which we shall utilize) and an ancient canal. Farm-lands under the reservoir 0.75 an acre; other 0.40 to 0.50; town lots, about 1 1/2 acres, from \$2.50 to \$10. Settlement only for Saints properly recommended by former ward of residence. Prices are in Mex. Twenty acres free to head of family who settles and remains five years - part farm, part pasture. This open only to the first hundred families.

Missionaries for Mexico

Elders Heleman Pratt, J. J. Stewart and Milton Gonzales Trejo expect to leave on a mission to Mexico some time next week. The two elders first named were in the country a few months since and are now about to return. Elder Trejo is a native of Spain, and a short time since translated the Book of Mormon and some other church works into the Spanish, a portion of that book having been published in that language.

The Deseret News: Sept. 13. 1876.

Ellen Kellman Bell, J. J. Stewart and William Wright
 report to leave in a mission to Mexico some time
 next. The two others are out at
 a few months since and are now about to return.
 Ellen is a widow of 40, and a short time
 since translated the last of her own and some other
 short works into the Spanish, a portion of which
 having been published in that language.
She has been 10 years

The Mexican Colonies:

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Colonia Juarez: letter from Guerra Madras

News that a band of revolutionists were secreted in mountains near (80 men equipped and well armed) led to military drill and preparations for resistance: pickets were set out at night. Company of fifty men ready.

Second crop of alfalfa gathered; threshing machines at full speed; apricots and peaches light — strawberries and blackberries fair, grapes will be abundant. Melons coming in. First crop of potatoes fair; cane and corn promising. Cannery expects to put up 20000 cans of fruits and vegetables. Tannery producing leather for shoes and harness. Main St. quite a business appearance. Agency for Cooper wagon and McCormick machinery.

The Mexican Colonies:

also for the work of the 19th century

Colonial Survey: Letter from General Thomas

There was a band of revolutionists were scattered in mountainous
areas (some supplied and well armed) to military force
and preparations for resistance. Efforts were set out at
night. Company of 100 men ready.

Records out of all the scattered; the chief revolutionists as
full of spirit; efforts and great light - the revolution and
the revolutionists, hopes will be abundant. The revolution
in this part of the country has come and now the revolution
General expects to put up 20000 men of fighting soldiers
General expecting battle for these and the
Mexico. Quite a business appearance. Ordered for
Copper works and the Mexican revolution.

Dr. Jones wrote a series of letters to the Deseret News in 1876 about their trip into Mexico. They contain little, if any-thing not in his book. In the letter of March 5, 1876 he states that feeling at El Paso del Norte (Chihuahua) had favorably changed and in a visit to the Jefe politico, this man —

"He conversed quite freely with me, and told me that the feel-ings towards us when we first came, owing to false re-ports about us, was very unfavorable.

They supposed that our people were being driven out from the United States, on account of malpractices and opposition to the laws; that we were generally a set of desperate people; that myself and party were the forerunners of a general move of our people; that the whole people were coming among them with all their evils, whether the people of Mexico wanted them or not. As a free people, looking to their own welfare and protection, they felt that they were in duty bound to protest against, in their sentiments and feelings, at least, any such imposition. But our course of con-duct, industry, and general good behavior, as well as the information gained by reading the selections from the "Book of Mormon" and conversation have changed the feelings of the people, and we have their respect generally."

The Deseret News
April 10, 1876.

For Jones wrote a series of letters to the British press in 1875 about their trip into Mexico. They contained little if any thing not in his book. In the latter March 2, 1875 he states that feeling at Dallas all the (Chihuahua) the formerly changed and in a visit to the officers, this man

"The country quite freely with me, and told me that the last night I was in the first camp, seeing a place in the night was, was very uncomfortable."

These reports that our people were being driven out from the United States, on account of our opposition to the law; that we were generally set of desperate people; that myself and party were the forerunners of a general war of our people; that the whole people were coming against them with all their arms, whether the people of Mexico would have or not. As a free people, bearing a fair government and protection, they felt that they were in duty bound to protect against, in their sentiments and feelings at least, and were in fact, but not covered by our laws, including, and general good in our country, as the information given by reading the collection from the "Book of Brown" and conversation here and there, and the feeling of the people, and we have their respect generally. The British press in 1875

Guarez Stake of Zion:

Col. Guarez: March 21. 1886. Outside their land, later moved to present site.

Diaz: ward organized Nov. 9. 1886.

Pacheco: an ecclesiastical ward, Feb. 1891.

Dublan: ward, July 18. 1891.

Oaxaca
Moncloa
Santiago } Sonora.

all of these we planned very much in the same manner as the L.D.S. settlements in Utah. In addition to carrying on diversified farming, fruit culture and stock raising in these Mexican colonies, saw mills were established in the timber belts of the Sierra Madre mountains, and an era of material prosperity attended upon the people. At a special conference held at Colonia Guarez on the 9th of December, 1895, the several Latter day Saints settlements were reorganized into a Stake of Zion, with Anthony W. Davis as President, and Henry Eyring and Helaman Pratt as counselors. Hist. of the Mormon Church. B. H. Roberts. vol. vi. p. 535.

