

noon and night on Grove Hill, near the high school. He said we could, so we went around to all the stores in town and to the principal houses and informed the people. Then we called on the editor of the paper, and had a pleasant talk with him and showed him views of Utah. We had a nice crowd of people that afternoon. At night we had another good crowd, and during our meeting we explained that we traveled without purse or scrip. After meeting a nice gentleman invited us home with him. He makes and sells wagons in the western part of Kentucky. They had a piano, and we played and sang the sweet songs, O my Father and Truth Reflects Upon Our Senses. They were delighted with them and wanted us to get them a copy of each, which we promised to do. The next morning we had a long conversation with our kind friend and his wife. As we were leaving his wife handed us two packages of peaches for lunch, which we much appreciated. Before leaving the town we called at the Breckenridge News office, and they gave us a paper. It had a nice account of our meetings.

That day we walked fifteen miles, and stopped over night with a farmer. Next day we passed through a number of small towns, and after walking thirteen miles came to the little town of Custer. Here we went into the first store and asked if there was a church we could hold meeting in that night. They said there was a church, but they wouldn't allow other denominations to hold meeting. There were five men in the store. We gave them pamphlets and explained the principles of truth to them. Then we went over to a large blacksmith shop. There were a number of men gathered around talking. We spoke to them, and they began to ask us questions. One man suggested a meeting. We said we would preach to them anywhere, so the large blacksmith shop was cleared, the stores in the place were closed, and all the men came over to listen to us. We had a congregation of about sixty men, and we spoke to them for about two hours.

After meeting we walked on about six miles, and began to ask for entertainment. We asked and asked, but we seemed to be in the enemy's camp, for we petitioned in vain.

We may sometimes feel discouraged in our labors, but with faith to help us and hope to lead us on, we can overcome these feelings.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast,
Man never is, but always to be blest."

The next day we reached the friendly home of some of our good Saints. We stayed with them three days and were treated royally; then we commenced our journey again, and in about four days reached this county of Marion, which is in central Kentucky. Here we knew no one where we commenced our labors, but we started holding some meetings, and now have been here two months, and have made many kind friends.

We have just got through with a series of fifteen meetings which we held in fourteen days. In these neighborhoods more cob-webbed, musty, dusty Bibles have been taken off the shelves lately than in any place I have ever been in. The people would meet us and say, "I am reading;" and wherever we stopped, every day people would come over

and question us in regard to the scriptures. One night we would stop with a Presbyterian, another night with a Methodist, and the next night with a Baptist.

Many people say, "Oh, how can you get anything from the Bible; every denomination hunts out a point here and there, and prove it."

"Yes," we say, "but we believe the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and we prove our doctrine so plainly from the Bible that many say to us, 'We don't think the Bible should be taken literally but spiritually.'"

The Bible is indeed the great ocean where every sect gets its clouds of rain, snow and hail for the great religious storms. Many people have vague ideas in regard to religion, and they say they believe in the Bible, but they will not accept its clear meaning often when it is explained. They are like an army, whose general has just been killed, driven to and fro by the evening. Their faith is weak, and they do not believe in revelation.

"How'er it be, it seems to me,
'Tis only noble to be good.
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

The Gospel truth is here now, never to be taken away; and if we will have faith in our heavenly Father, and do as the Savior says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," the Lord will help and bless us.

JOHN C. CUTLER JR.

THE GOOD WORK IN INDIANA.

TASWELL Crawford County,
Indiana, September 22, 1896.

In perusing the columns of your interesting paper, I read of the success and prosperity of the different missions and conferences, and as we think this conference is second to none, I take pleasure in reporting some of our labors.

During the past six months there have been numbers of the honest in heart brought into the true fold, and the future looks brighter than ever before. Day has dawned, the people are beginning to awake from their long sleep and are seeking the light.

President Samuel G. Spencer, Elder Waddoups and I organized a branch of the Church September 16th, at Sulphur, Crawford county, Indiana, where I have been laboring the past eight months. William Harris was set apart as presiding Elder, and Charles Wiseman as branch clerk. David Vert and John Lutz were named as Priests, John Harris and Edward Wiseman as Teachers.

We also organized a Sunday school with Charles Wiseman as Superintendent, Lizzie Harris as secretary and treasurer, Juliana Wiseman, Fannie Wiseman and Martha Armstrong as teachers. The children under their care are sure to become shining stars, especially when they possess such talents as Ruby Wiseman, who, although not two years old, can sing a number of our songs.

We held our conference at Taswell, Crawford county, the 19th and 20th of September. The Elders of the conference were all present and are enjoying good health. Our worthy president, Elder Samuel G. Spencer, was with us, but took the train this morning for West Virginia. Such large numbers attended our meetings that the house would only

accommodate part of them, and desiring all to hear the Gospel, we obtained the privilege of holding meeting in a beautiful grove, well seated. Honor is due the people of Taswell for their kindness and hospitality to the Elders while among them. We often read in the papers of the hospitality of the people of the South. We wish it understood—the people in the Northern mission cannot be excelled.

The Elders will now leave their old trails and seek new ones in the large cities of Indiana. They are going without purse or scrip, relying upon their Heavenly Father for food and shelter, as the Lord commands us to do, because we are here to prove the world, and as laborers of the Lord are worthy of our hire.

Following are the names of the Elders and their addresses:

Thomas S. Cook, Martin Brotherson—Terre Haute, Vigo county, Indiana.

William Tolley, Walter C. Humphreys—Green Castle, Putnam county, Indiana.

Foster Jones, William Jenkins—Rushville, Rush county, Indiana.

Asa Kienke, J. B. Sorenson—Scottsburg, Scott county, Indiana.

Mark Waddoups, James Vickers—Lincoln city, Spencer county, Indiana.

Erastus D. Sorenson, Allen Archibald—Columbus, Bartholomew county, Indiana.

ERASTUS D. SORENSON,
President of Southern Indiana Conference.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

VIENNA, Johnson Co., Illinois.

September, 10th, 1896.

I take great pleasure in submitting to you a brief report of the Southern Illinois conference of the Northern States Mission held at Vienna on the 6th and 7th of September, 1896, in the County Court house.

Elder Samuel G. Spencer, president of the Northern States Mission and Elder V. E. Candland, president of the Southern Illinois Conference, were present as were also Elders M. J. Ballard, E. Christenson, D. E. Lowery, O. R. Ostler, German Buchanan, Joseph Empey, S. L. Bunnell, A. P. Anderson, George H. Hill, E. S. Sheets, C. E. Dinwoodey and J. D. Wallace.

Preparations were made for our meeting and 1,000 hand-bills were distributed which proved a good means of advertising as all our meeting were well attended, especially the evening sessions.

September, 6th, 10 a. m.—Our meeting was called to order by President Spencer and after the usual opening exercises he, in a few well chosen words expressed his gratitude at meeting with so many Saints and friends and bidding them welcome to our meetings, Elder Melvin J. Ballard the rest of the time speaking upon the subject of "Salvation," individual and general.

At the 2 30 p. m. Elder C. E. Dinwoodey took up the subject of faith.

Elder M. J. Ballard who, by the way, is one of Elder B. H. Roberts' party, was in attendance and favored us with that beautiful hymn, "O My Father."

Elder Samuel G. Spencer then took up the subject of Faith and Works.

At the evening meeting the subjects of Repentance and Baptism were taken up by Elders Sheets, Hill and Empey; the first being Repentance by Elder,