

this country nineteen years ago. He has one wife, whom he married in Utah. The service that these men do in foreign countries is that of all religious reformers. They are not welcomed by the governments anywhere, though in most places they are tolerated. They effect their conversions by means of public meetings, where they are allowed to hold them. A Scotchman said to a reporter yesterday that he had seen from four to five hundred people assembled on Glasgow Green at a Mormon meeting.

These remarks are correct and should serve to disabuse the public mind in relation to the motives which prompt the Elders to go abroad on missions, and the members of the Church in foreign lands to gather to Zion. As we have repeatedly shown, our missionaries go out in zeal and the love of the truth and humanity, and the immigrants who come with them on their return are imbued more with a desire to dwell in the society of their co-religionists, where they can learn further of their holy religion, than with anxiety to better their temporal condition. As to polygamy, although they are aware of the nature of plural marriage as practised in Utah, it has nothing to do with their expatriation.

The recent agitation, intended to destroy the Latter-day Saints, has but prepared the minds of the people to consider the truth and influence able pens to tell it on paper.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

MORGANTON,
Burke County, N. C.,
July 8rd, 1882.

The North Carolina conference was held in Burke County, commencing June 30, 1882.

Present on the stand: Prest. John Morgan, Prest. Geo. Passey, Elders J. M. Barlow, W. H. Baker, C. J. Brain, J. S. Carpenter, O. M. Fullmer, James Jenkins, W. H. Clayton, J. H. Barlow, W. H. White, E. M. Dalton and R. A. Robinson. Prest. Burton and Elder Easton, of South Carolina Conference.

11 a.m.
Meeting opened by singing and prayer.

Prest. Passey was the first speaker. Spoke of the position of a servant of God being very important; desired to hear from the Elders present. Closed with a sincere prayer for the advancement of truth.

Elder Dalton spoke of the penalties attending the preaching of any other than the true Gospel; dwelt at some length upon the principle of faith.

Elder White showed the necessity of proving all things and of the poor being rich in faith. Exhorted the Saints to be diligent and faithful.

President Morgan spoke of the good resulting from our meeting together. Said the work of the Lord is progressing and the Elders feel well. Made a few remarks on prayer. Referred to the prayer taught by our Savior. Said the kingdom spoken of had come, and would progress till it filled the whole earth. Wished the Elders to magnify their calling, but give all the glory to God.

Elder Easton considered it a privilege to preach and administer in the ordinances of the gospel. Thanked the Lord for the knowledge of the same, and was satisfied that the work would increase despite the actions of the governments. Singing. Benediction by Elder Perkins.

5 p.m.
After singing and prayer Elder Clayton spoke of the apostasy and restoration of the Gospel; desired to fill his mission in honor.

Elder Fulmer bore a strong testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel. Spoke of the blessings resulting through obedience to the commandments of God.

Elder John Barlow related his experience in preaching the Gospel. Expressed his thankfulness for the privilege of meeting with the Elders in conference.

Elder Jenkins spoke of the responsibility resting upon the servants of God. Bore his testimony that the Gospel was restored to the earth.

Elder Carpenter referred to the Gospel as being a perfect law of liberty. Dwelt a few moments upon the first principles of the Gospel, and the blessings attending obedience to them. Singing. Benediction by Elder J. M. Barlow.

Saturday, July 1st, 11 a.m.
After singing and prayer, Elder

Burton addressed the congregation. Said the spirit of God was the only infallible guide; spoke of the unity that should characterize the Saints; referred to the Gospel of the Kingdom being preached for a witness, and illustrated the results of obedience.

President Passey spoke of the blessings attended by continued faithfulness; cited the condition of the Jews as being the effects of disobedience; showed the necessity of having a perfect organization to teach and administer the laws of the Gospel.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Clayton.

3 p.m.
After the usual service, Elder Baker gave some useful instructions concerning seeking after the spirit which guides into all truth, portraying its superiority to the learning of the world; exhorted the congregation to diligence in seeking after truth.

President Morgan read 1 Cor. 1, 10, and commented with power upon the unity that exists among the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ, making many illustrations, and compared the divided state of the Christian world with the unity existing among the Latter-day Saints. Quoted from the Revelations of John predictions concerning the universal apostasy, and represented its fulfillment in the present state of Christendom.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Fullmer.

Sunday, 11 a.m.
After singing and prayer the general Church authorities were presented by President George Passey, and sustained as at the last general conference.

The following Elders were sustained; John Morgan as President of the Southern States Mission; George Passey, President of the North Carolina Conference; J. M. Barlow, W. H. Baker, C. J. Brain, J. S. Carpenter, O. M. Fullmer, James Jenkins, W. H. Clayton, J. H. Barlow, E. M. Dalton, R. A. Robinson traveling Elders in said conference. William Hill, President of Pilot Mountain Branch; C. J. Brain, clerk of Conference.

The following are the statistics of the Conference:

Total number of officers and members, 90; baptisms since last conference, 49; children blessed since last conference, 12.

Prest. Morgan addressed the congregation. Read 1 Cor. 12 chap. 28 to 30 verses. Spoke of the two-fold nature of the declarations made by the servants of God. Explained the organization and the first principles of the Gospel, its power gifts and blessings. Bore a faithful testimony to the divinity of the Gospel, and concluded by asking God's blessing to abide with all.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Easton.

3 p.m.
After the opening exercises the Sacrament was administered, Prest. Passey making some appropriate remarks concerning the same.

Elder J. M. Barlow made some very interesting remarks concerning the gathering of Israel in the last days. Bore his testimony to the truthfulness of the latter-day work. Concluded with a short address upon new revelation and its necessity.

Elder Brain spoke of the judgments of God upon the children of disobedience and bore testimony to the truth as revealed in these last days.

Singing.

President Morgan, in behalf of the Elders expressed his thanks for the kindness manifested towards Elders and Saints. Made some remarks of commendation on the good actions of the people.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by Prest. Passey.

C. J. BRAIN, Clerk.

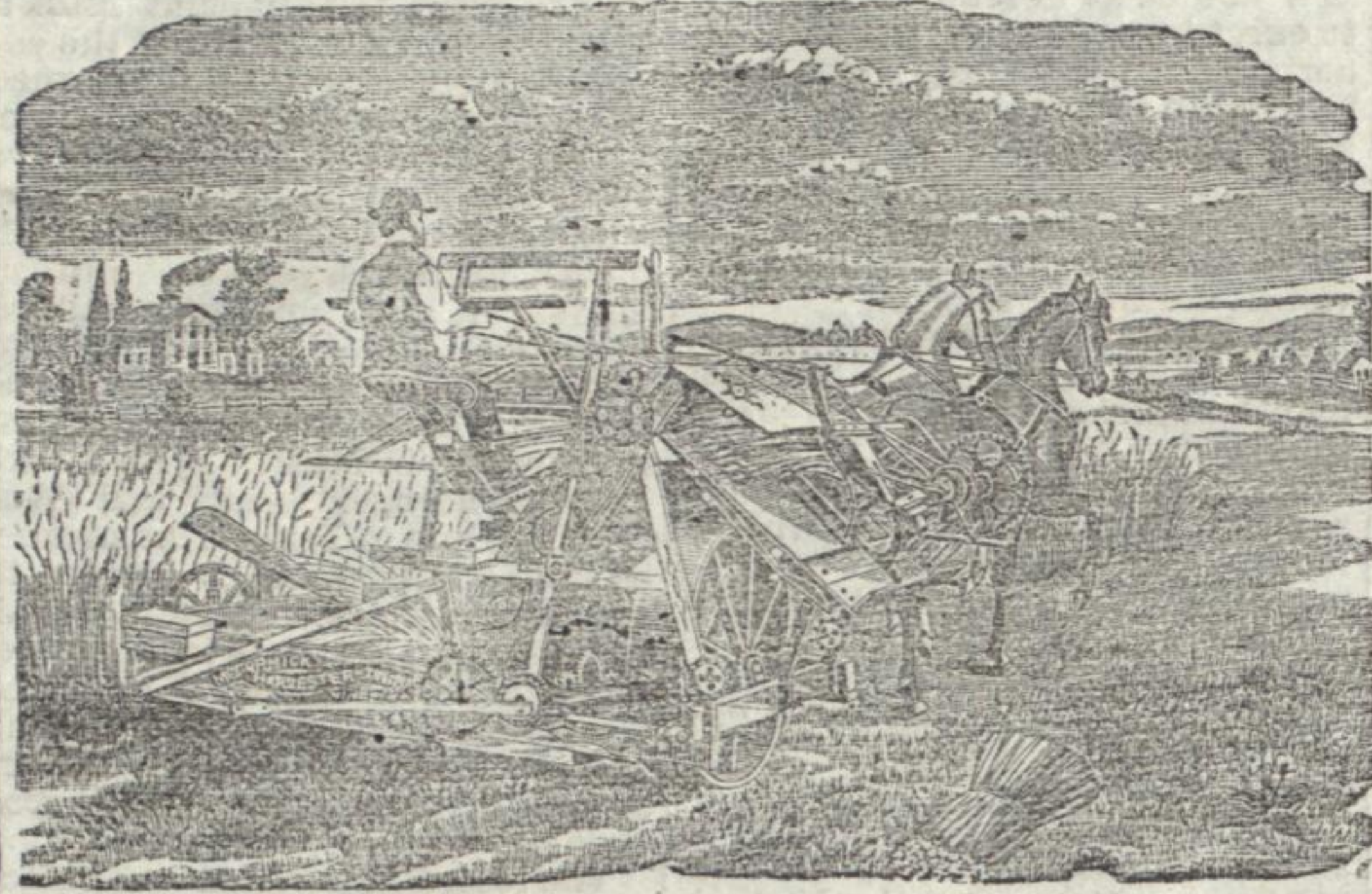
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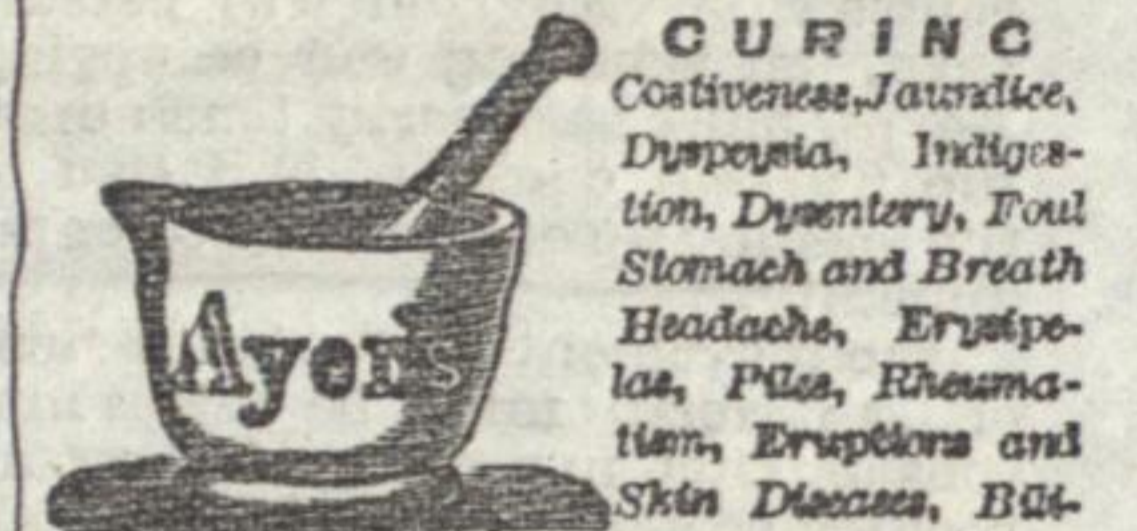
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