

ready to recross. All took seats in the boat but ourselves, and the ferrymen pushed out from the shore. At this juncture our new acquaintance remarked, "Aren't you going to let these gentlemen cross?" "Yes," said the ferrymen, "if they pay me for it." Our friend handed him the money and invited us in. Our request was granted and our faith strengthened, and we desired to bear testimony that God lives and does hear the supplications of His obedient children.

We reached the Saints in Hanover County, July 30th. We were somewhat fatigued and the heat was very intense, sometimes reaching as high as 112° in the shade. The Saints desired us to tarry and preach to them and give them the conference news; hence we decided to spend a few days in that vicinity, and accordingly made several appointments. We filled them with success, the spirit of the Lord being manifest in the congregations.

On the morning of the 11th of August in fasting and solemn prayer we dedicated the County of Spottsylvania to the Lord as our field of labor, asking His blessings upon the people and their lands, and His guidance to us in preaching the Gospel to the inhabitants. As a general rule we have found the people very hospitable, which is a characteristic of the people of the south; no one needs to suffer for life's necessities while in their midst. Our first efforts were to interview the leading men of the county. All were favorably impressed with our move, and said they would not place a straw in our way, and wished us success in our good work. We have obtained permission to use all the school houses in the Burkley and Courtland districts; also of the Roadside chapel, in which we have held several meetings.

On receiving leave to preach in the school houses, we contented ourselves with the idea that we were ready to preach to the people; but we were mistaken, for we afterwards found that there was a great work to be done to prepare the people to come and hear us. At any rate several appointments were made, the people were notified throughout the neighborhood, and all preparations made for the congregation. The time came to begin the services, but no one was present except ourselves. Never before were we disappointed by not having hearers. The same discouragement was encountered at the next school house; and the third; we were making appointments but holding no meetings hence our efforts were in vain and our number of meetings few.

There is a saying that the people will attend the Mormon meetings for curiosity, if for nothing else; and while their curiosity is being satisfied, we are able to portray to their understanding the principles of truth. But we came to the conclusion that this people had no curiosity regarding us, as they had seen the Elders many times previous, much less a desire to hear the message of life we had to bear to them. Believing there was a work to be done, and not desiring to fail,—as Elders should know no such thing as fail—we resorted to private houses where we could get the attention of the family at least. We held several family prayer meetings, the hosts inviting in their friends. Few at first accepted the invitation. Thus our congregation was increased from few to many. Where at first we were unable to get a

public congregation, we can now preach to a school house full of eager listeners. This has been the case at Massaponox, a small village in the eastern part of this county, where we have held as many as a dozen meetings. In this way we have increased our number of meetings to as many as nine per week. The people wonder, and say the Mormons are gaining ground.

The work of the Lord is advancing. There is room for many other fishers and hunters, so prepare, young men of Zion, for upon your shoulders will rest a portion of this mighty work of the Lord. He who has talents and uses them shall be blessed, for the Lord requires this work at our hands. RUFUS DAY.

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#### TEMPERANCE AND THE GOSPEL.

17 CHELTENHAM Street, Lower Bristol, Road Bath. October, 7th, 1896.

Having read with interest the letters that have been published in your columns from Elders in the various mission fields, I have ventured to send you an account of my labors in this city. I left Salt Lake City on the evening of Saturday, February 22nd, of this year, over the Rio Grande Western, in company with Brother John P. Wright of Murray, and James Hoggan of Salt Lake City. We arrived in Chicago at 9:30 on the following Tuesday morning, and having Brother Andrew Dahle's address we made our way to his abode. He was very much pleased to meet us and escorted us around to the various places of interest in the city.

We left Chicago on Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. and arrived at Philadelphia on Thursday evening at 8:30. After a good night's rest we started out to find the rest of our company, Brother Woods, Hatch and Moss from Woods Cross who had gone via the U. P. R. R. We found them at Green's Hotel, and together we spent the day in visiting Independence Hall, Carpenters Hall, the Mint and several other places of interest in Philadelphia.

On Saturday morning promptly at 9:30 the whistle of the S. S. Belgenland blew, and we commenced our trip down the Delaware. It was soon noised around among our fellow passengers that there were six Mormon Elders on board, and although at first they appeared to avoid us they gradually became more friendly and asked our brethren if they would not preach to them on the Sunday. I was sick on my berth when the brethren brought me word of the request that had been made. I told them that was what I had left my home for, and the ship was as good a place as the street corner. Accordingly arrangements were made and on Sunday morning Brother John P. Wright and myself explained to the passengers and crew, the principles of Mormonism. We were listened to very attentively.

We arrived in Liverpool on Thursday March 12th, and the following day were assigned to our various fields of labor, I being sent to labor in the Cheltenham Conference, Brother Joseph Barker directed me to labor at my home in Bath, with Brother Albert Collard of Huntington. After spending a few days with my mother and other relatives, who were very pleased to see me after twenty-three years absence and treated me very kindly, I commenced my labors, going from house to house with tracts

and bearing testimony to the truth of the Gospel, Brother Collard tried to hire the Temperance Hall to hold meetings in, as it was advertised for purposes but when the agent was told who we were, we were informed that they had to draw the line on the Mormons, Brother Collard told the agent it was not the first time the line had been drawn on the Mormons but they had always been toeing the mark.

In May Brother Collard was sent to Bristol and Brother Thomas England was sent to assist me, but after our Conference in August he was changed to Stroud and Brother Samuel Banford from Ogden has been laboring with me.

About two weeks ago I met an old friend upon the street who had been an officer in a Good Templar lodge of which I was a member in this city. I made myself known to him and upon inquiring about the old lodge he gave me a guide and invited me to attend their meetings. I went to one on the following Friday evening and when they found I had formerly been a member I received a very cordial invitation to speak, I accepted and spoke for a few minutes upon Temperance principles sprinkled with a little Gospel, and finished up with a recitation. As soon as the meeting closed I was besieged with invitation to speak and sing or recite in other meetings.

I attended one on the Wednesday evening, in company with Brother Banford, and during the evening a gentleman arose, (a perfect stranger to us) and told the audience there were two strangers from America in the room, one of whom had been a member of the order twenty-four years ago, and had left soon after for the United States. He had returned and in company with another gentleman was in this city preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He hoped the people would receive us kindly and bid us God speed, and he moved that we be accorded a little time to say a few words to them. When I arose to speak my heart seemed too full for expression. I told them who we were, where we were from, and our mission here to this land, and the teachings of our leading men regarding alcoholic stimulants and tobacco. They appeared very much interested, and when I sat down the man who refused Brother Collard the hall offered us the use of it for temperance lectures free.

We also received several invitations to the homes of the members, one of which was accepted last Saturday evening and had the pleasure of explaining the views and doctrines of our Church to four young men and two ladies who were present. Three of them attended our meeting on Sunday last but came in after we had commenced. Brother Banford spoke first upon the mode and manner of baptism, and while he was speaking I prepared my references to follow upon the principles of divine authority and the apostasy, but the spirit led me otherwise, and I spoke upon the subject of one of our tracts, "Is belief alone sufficient?" In the course of my remarks I referred to the claim of many of the Christian world that the dying thief went to heaven, basing their claim upon the words of our Savior in Luke 25th chapter and 43rd verse. I quoted the words of our Savior recorded in John 25th chapter and 17th verse. I also quoted other passages to prove where Christ went during the three days