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VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

BATESVILLE, Virginia,
May 16th, 1896.

Out here in Virginia, we now have thirty-two Elders who are laboring zealously for the cause of Christ. We see a literal fulfillment of the prophecy of President Woodruff, wherein he said Zion would grow. Not only are we increasing the number of our friends, but Saints as well; for since our last annual conference (August 1895) we have recorded nearly fifty baptisms.

With our increased working force, we are enabled to extend very materially our field of operations. Our Elders are concentrating their efforts, which I believe was a maxim of Napoleons. The result is we are disposing of more literature than in past years; and throughout the greater part of this state it is a rare thing to find many homes where our Elders have not presented tracts, Voice of Warning, or Book of Mormon for consideration; furthermore, our literature is much more eagerly sought after than in previous years. In other words, prejudice is giving way to truth, through the blessings of God.

We have held several hundred meetings since our last conference. It was at that time that Elder Elias S. Kimball, president of the Southern States Mission prophesied that if we would keep strictly, the Word of Wisdom, and travel without purse or scrip, we would hold in 1896, ten meetings where we had held one in 1895. The record shows that up to date we have slightly exceeded the ten to one mark on the meeting question, and we now have Elders O. S. Taylor of Harrisville, Utah, and T. C. Romney of Colonia Juarez, Mexico, canvassing the city of Lynchburg "without purse or scrip."

This is an econoclastic age and the Babylonish idol of dependence upon the almighty dollar has been destroyed by humble servants of God. Cities have hitherto been regarded as almost invulnerable fortresses. But understanding that God has commanded the faithful "from this hour to take neither purse or scrip" for they were to be sent out to try the world, and to proclaim the Gospel of the kingdom, we were willing to bide the issue and put Him "to the test."

The brethren made a walk of twenty-five miles one day and entered the city where they found a kind friend "to give of his table." The next day, they entered on a fast and prayed to the Lord to open the way for them to proclaim

His word in the appointed manner. Having an appointment with a gentleman, whom they had never seen, they repaired to the "Central House" to await the arrival of their correspondent. The proprietor of the hotel was made aware of their mission to his city and also their mode of traveling. His reply was, "Gentlemen, you may count on me as a friend. Come and stay here as long as you desire, it shall cost you nothing. If you have the truth, I want it."

From the very first hour friends have been raised up on the right hand and on the left. They have not wanted for food, nor places to sleep, (the best of places); means to defray their laundry expenses; even arrangements were made with tonsorial artists to remove unnecessary hirsute appendages. Wherein they fail to obtain public buildings in which to preach, like Paul will they "stand in the midst of the streets" and declare the word of God.

This proposition has long confronted us, and "who are we that can stand against God?" We know that God lives, and their fulfillments of His promises are additional evidences that Joseph Smith "spoke not presumptuously but was moved upon by the Holy Ghost."

Just one thing more, dear editor: A few days since a Sister Williams of New Plymouth, Leuvenburg county, Va., was suffering from a most troublesome disease and for days was not able to leave her bed. Let me quote from the report of Elder John G. Linford, who baptized her: "As soon as she returned to the house (but a few yards from the stream) she could walk and do her work and is constantly improving;" "Signs shall follow the believer." Will the Reverend B. F. Clay remember this when he pens his next letter to the Louisville, Ky., "Christian Guide?"

We know that God is with us; let no one be found "fighting against God." It is now 1800 years since that advice was first given in the great council of the Jews.

The health of the conference, generally, is good. We receive the News quite regularly, and it seems to us to grow better and better as its years increase.

I append the addresses of the Elders. If our friends in Utah have friends or relatives here in Virginia, we will be pleased to call on them if their addresses are sent to us. M. THOMAS,
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Samuel Jackson and J. G. Linford, Rustburg, Campbell county, Va.

W. W. Huffaker and E. F. Amussen, Courtland, Southampton county, Va.

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A. Adams and James H. Gibbs, Standardsville, Green county, Va.

D. R. Matthews and D. Call, Crozet, Albemarle county, Va.

W. K. Burnham and J. B. Kendall, Madison, Madison county, Va.

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Rufus Day and Reuben Hatch, South Boston, Halifax county, Va.

NOTES.

Jose M. Ochoa, for many years a prominent citizen and recorder of Pinal county, Arizona, has mysteriously disappeared.

Sunday afternoon as David Hunter was crossing a trestle near the mouth of the San Lorenzo river, Cal., he was struck by a train and thrown some distance. He had several ribs broken and was internally injured.

In many sections of San Diego county, Cal., only a quarter to a third of the average grain and hay crop will be harvested this season. As the crop is usually valued at over a half a million dollars, the loss will be severely felt by ranchers.

It is said the San Carlos, Arizona, agency Indians are growing insolent, and that freighters have been warned to be on their guard. About ten days ago a freighting outfit was stoned by Indians at the Point of Rocks on the San Carlos river.

John Clyne attempted suicide Saturday night at Redwood, Cal., by cutting his throat with a razor, but was discovered in time to save his life. Clyne is an old soldier and has attempted suicide twice before, once placing a dynamite cartridge in his mouth.

A row in a saloon at Modesto, Cal., Sunday evening terminated in the death of El Bolton. His neck was broken by a kick, but he lived for over ten minutes after receiving the fracture and talked calmly with those about him. He struck a man named Bookman, and the latter knocked him down and kicked him on the side of the head.

ST. LOUIS, June 2.—The underwriters who carried insurance on the vessels wrecked here during the storm met today. One of them stated that the damage to shipping interests had been greatly underestimated. He says the total loss will reach over half a million dollars and gave the following partial list:

Anchor Line boats—City of Calro, \$175,000; Arkansas City, \$175,000; City of Monroe, \$8,000.

Diamond Joe line—City of Pittsburg, \$35,000; J. D. Odell, \$12,000; cargoes of vessels, \$150,000; other crafts, \$8,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 1.—In the death of Princess Angeline, Sunday, of pneumonia, Seattle loses one of her most picturesque figures of pioneer days. She was the daughter of old Chief Seattle, after whom the town was named, and on account of the friendship of her powerful father for the whites during the famous battle of Seattle in 1856, Angeline, in her declining years has been looked after by the old settlers. She was 70 years old. She had suffered greatly for the last few weeks, but fought like a tiger when an effort was made to force her in a hospital and where her life could undoubtedly have been prolonged. She is almost the last of the Duwamish tribe.