

ST. CHARLES, Idaho,
January 29th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

On the 24th inst., President Rich, the Quorum of the Twelve, with residents Hart and Osmond, of the Lake Presidency, accompanied by Bishop Pugmire, Elders Stuckie and Galloway, started on a trip to visit some of the northern settlements. They held five meetings at outposts, two at Bennington and three at Georgetown. The meetings were well attended, a splendid feeling prevailed at all the meetings. The presidency gave much valuable instruction, on temples, tithing, education, home industries, etc. The weather was somewhat cold and stormy, but the people were well warmed up by the fire that never freezes, while they dare to do right and obey God, rather than obey the commands of men.

The bishops of Montpelier, Bennington and Georgetown are very anxious to have a number of good families come and settle with them. At Montpelier they have organized, or are about to organize a canal company for the purpose of taking out the waters of Bear River for irrigation, thereby enabling the settlers to utilize thousands of acres of land that would otherwise remain waste. Georgetown is a small settlement of some 18 families. The location is very pleasant. There is between 700 and 800 acres of land enclosed; about 400 acres cultivated last year, from which the good folks of Georgetown raised some 13,000 bushels of a first-class quality of grain. The settlers are principally young people, sons of some of the old families of Mormonism. Bennington has many advantages which will, in the course of time, be developed under the fatherly care of Bishop Moore. The cry is not come "over to Macedonia," but come to the land of the north, "beautiful for situation" and help us to stretch this portion of Zion's cords and strengthen her stakes. The company was out four days and returned home in fine spirits.

The weather is a little cold, the thermometer this morning at seven o'clock showed two degrees below zero, the snow is not very deep on the level, but is drifted pretty deep along side of some of the fences. The health of the people generally is good.

A. GALLOWAY.

TOMS CREEK,
Surry County,
North Carolina,
Jan. 24, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

I left my home in Wellsville, Nov. 11, 1878, to fill a mission in North Carolina. Was joined in Ogden by Elder Jonas N. Beck, my traveling companion, which place we left on the 12th. Came by way of Omaha, Council Bluffs, Chicago, and Washington City, and on the 21st found ourselves at the residence of Col. Harper, in Franklin County, Virginia, where we were kindly treated by the Colonel and family. On the 23d we were joined by Elders Barnett and Cowley, and after staying with them four weeks visiting among the Saints, and holding meetings, we started on our journey toward our field of labor in North Carolina. Got there December 24th, where we were kindly received by the Saints, who were very happy to see two Elders from Utah, as there had not been an Elder among them for two years.

Since we came here we have done much traveling and held many public meetings, and with the help of God, doing all we could to spread the principles of the gospel among the people, and as a general thing our meetings have been moderately well attended, and, with few exceptions, good order kept. Some manifest an interest in the principles of the gospel, while many are careless and indifferent to the great object of our mission.

In July we were joined by Elders J. H. Moyle and N. W. Taylor, when I was called to labor with Brother Taylor, while Elders Beck and Moyle went on a trip to Burke County and back again.

On Nov. 1st Elder Moyle and I took a trip to Burke Co., and got back here Dec. 24th. While there we held some public meetings and did a great amount of fireside talking; some nights sitting up till 11 o'clock, answering questions upon the principles of the gospel,

which I think will result in much good; but few of the people in that section ever heard what they call a "Mormon" Elder before, but they seem to have more of an enquiring spirit than any place I ever was in before. While there we had the pleasure of going down into the water and baptizing five of the honest in heart, while many others expressed themselves as being strong believers in the principles of the gospel, and no doubt some good will be done in that section, when the Elders go back there again. Of course while we were doing some good, the Devil was also at work (in the shape of so-called Christian ministers) telling the people that we were false prophets, etc., but thanks be to God, all the powers of earth and hell combined cannot stay the progress of the kingdom of God, for it will continue to spread till it fills the whole earth.

Elder Beck was released to return home on the 1st of November, leaving Elders Moyle, Taylor and myself in the field, and through the help of God, we are doing our best to disseminate the principles of truth among the people, and we expect shortly to baptize a few more in this section.

One family emigrated from here to the home of the Saints, last fall; we expect a few others to emigrate this spring. The only thing that keeps many of the Saints here is the want of means to emigrate to Zion. I think it would be a good thing if some of the Saints in Zion would think a little more about their poor brethren and sisters they have left in Babylon; if they cannot do anything to help them out they ought to write them a good encouraging letter once in a while.

The weather here has been quite warm most all the winter, being similar to our Indian summer in Utah; the oldest inhabitants in this country cannot recollect having such a mild winter before.

May truth and righteousness continue to spread, is the prayer of your brother in the gospel,

ALEXANDER SPENCE.

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