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FROM CORINTH, MISS.

CORINTH, Alcorn Co., Miss.,
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Trusting you will find a place in your valuable paper for a few lines from this part, we take this opportunity of informing the many Elders who have filled missions in the South and have found shelter and a hearty welcome in the home of Jas. M. Coffman, that he departed this life on the 23rd of November, 1895. He was a staunch friend to the servants of God to the last, and always has been from the time he met the first ones he got acquainted with. He believed in the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints but would not be baptized. During the latter part of August and September he worked very hard in the low bottom lands which brought on chills and fever that together with worry over his troubles was the cause of his death.

Elder Erastus Christensen and I visited the family this summer and while there Elder Christensen was taken sick. Mr. Coffman and family did all they could do for our comfort. We left there on the 1st of October, and when we shook hands with them they cried as though they were parting with their own children.

Elder Christensen and I opened up this county the last of April, traveling through the country first. We have made a good many friends and allayed much prejudice that existed here. We have baptized three persons and there are two or three more ready for baptism.

At our conference Elder Christensen was sent into Alabama and Elder Durfee and I are finishing up, we commenced work here in Corinth, the county seat of this county, today. So far we have no opposition. We have got acquainted with several of the leading men and they seem to be fair minded people.

This place has a population of about 2,275. A good part are colored. They have an iron foundry which does quite an extensive business; also a woolen factory which employs about 125 girls. There are two railroads passing here which make it quite a prominent place. There is also a cotton compress which takes the cotton and presses it to half the size of the regular bale. Your valuable paper is a welcome visitor here and much appreciated.

C. E. OWENS,
JOHN DURFEE.

ALBERTA STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular Stake conference of Alberta Stake was held in the Cardston meeting house November 24th and 25th, according to appointment. President C. O. Card presiding.

On the stand were the presidency of the Stake, Patriarch Henry L. Hinman, the Bishops of the different wards and presiding Elders of the different branches of the Stake.

After singing and prayer Elder Card made the opening remarks, referring especially to the Sunday school conference just held, and the necessity of

our labors in the Sunday school work. Favorable reports from the Bishops of the different wards and the representatives of the different branches were given by those in charge, showing an increase in population, as also in faith and good works generally among the Saints. The different associations in the Stake were next reported, showing a laudable activity in those organizations, especially among the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations. The quorums of the Priesthood were also reported as laboring in unity with the presidency of the Stake for the upbuilding of the cause.

The general authorities of the Church, as presented at the last Semi-Annual Conference, were sustained by unanimous vote, as also the authorities of this Stake of Zion. On motion the members of the High Council were sustained as home missionaries in the Stake for the next six months; and the Bishops of the Stake and their counselors who had been laboring in the home mission were honorably released from that duty.

Impressive remarks were made by the members of the High Council who were called upon to address the conference, the Saints being exhorted to live lives of honesty, purity and diligence. Counselors J. A. Woolf and Sterling Williams, of the Stake presidency, in their remarks to the conference, called the attention of the Saints to the many duties devolving upon us, especially the paying of our tithes and offerings in season, the necessity of attending to calling upon the Lord in prayer, the training of our children; the keeping of the Sabbath day holy, and magnifying the callings whereunto we are called. Patriarch H. L. Hinman spoke of the order of the Priesthood, the importance of keeping the Word of Wisdom, the evil of round dandling and the danger of disobedience to any of the commandments of the Lord, and the counsels of His servants.

SYLVESTER LOW,
Stake Clerk.

BINGHAM STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Bingham Stake of Zion was held at Lewisville, Fremont Co., Idaho, Dec. 13th, 14th and 15th, 1895, President James E. Steele, presiding.

There was present from Salt Lake City Elders Heber J. Grant, of the Quorum of the Apostles, and Richard Lambert. Of the Stake officers there were present the Stake presidency, nearly all of the High Council, Sunday school officers and representation of the other organizations. All of the wards of the Stake, except one, were represented.

Saturday, 10 a.m.—After the usual opening exercises, President Steele reported the Stake to be in a good condition, both temporally and spiritually. The people as a rule were desirous of doing right. The crops this season had not been quite so good as last season. Prosperity at times was the cause of spiritual distress. The spirit of unity exists among the people, and the general organization of the Stake is in keeping with the requirements of the same.

First Counselor R. L. Bybee en-

dorsed the remarks and report of Elder Steele. They had found in visiting some of the wards that the Teachers were slack in the performance of their duties.

Second Counselor Jos. S. Mulliner felt that we had the material in this Stake to make a success. He had doubts in regard to this when the Stake was first organized.

Elder Richard Lambert then addressed the conference. The Gospel was a thing that brought us more joy and satisfaction than anything else in the world. We should be prepared to give an intelligent reason for the hope we have, and for the knowledge of the Gospel received. He dwelt upon the question of infidelity and upon the fallacy of evolutionism; bore a convincing testimony that there is a God. There was a growing tendency to disregard Him, because the theories of men had been given the place of his teachings with many people.

Elder Heber J. Grant occupied the remainder of the time. He said upon reflecting upon the conditions in this Stake he could see no reason why it should not become one of the most prosperous Stakes of Zion. He also spoke upon the question of infidelity, Man is an intelligent being, and as such he cannot truthfully deny that there is a God.

2 p.m.—Elder Bauchman who recently returned from a mission, was the first speaker. He was followed by Elder H. B. Wenife, also returned missionary. They had enjoyed their missionary labors very much.

Elder H. J. Grant said he was pleased with the testimonies of the returned missionaries. It is not the amount of education, the intellectual attainments, but a pure heart and a contrite spirit that are the essentials to success in the missionary field. He read the testimonies of the three witnesses and of the eight witnesses to the Book of Mormon; also the articles of faith, and preached a powerful discourse upon the gifts promised to those who obey the Gospel. He bore a strong testimony of the power of faith; and that there is a God in heaven, and that if we keep His commandments, we will have happiness here and eternal life in the world to come.

7 p.m.—Elder Thos. E. Ricks, president of the Bannock Stake, was the first speaker. He had been called thirteen years ago to come and look after the settlement of this part of the country; thought that now every thing was here to make a happy, thrifty and contented people.

Elder Thomas E. Bassett spoke upon the duties of the Priesthood.

Elder H. J. Grant followed, continuing his remarks principally to the young people. Dwelt at some length upon the blessings of the Patriarchs, and upon the prophecies of Joseph Smith.

Sunday, 10 a.m.—Elder John Stephens and Elder Christensen, returned missionaries, bore their testimony, remarking that if the Bishops should get their young men to go on missions they would have no difficulty in conducting their wards.

Bishop George A. Cardon reported the Rigby ward fully organized and in good condition.

Bishop A. M. Rawson reported the