FROM MISSIONARY FIELDS.

Indian Territory Mission.
West Arkansas Conference,
January, 1898.

To the Editor:

The Indian Territory mission includes Indian, Oklahoma, Indian territory, and Texas; each state is divided into conferences.

The Mississippi mission is made up of two conferences, namely, the Mississippi conference, comprising two conferences, the East and the West Arkansas conference.

In this conference there are at present 8 Elders Elders labor under the direction of President Frank L. Coulson of Huntsville, Utah. Our president is a Quorum of Seventies, and presidency of the mission, loyal and faithful in the discharge of his duties and his letters and epistles to the Elders are stimulate us and encourage us very much.

The people of Arkansas are generally hospitable, very sympathetic and hospitable. We are always kindly treated. We have had all of our wants supplied, and Seventy of old, "Go ye forth without purse or scrip, lacking nothing," that the Lord, as the Seventy, will provide.

Your brethren,

ELIJAH R. GLEASON,
CHANDLER DUNN,
WALTER H. DUTHRANT,
JOHN F. CORRY.

Mississippi Conference.
Jackson, Mississippi,
January 19, 1898.

To the Editor:

The conference of the Mississippi conference was a happy event of the past. All of our dear brethren were filled with the Spirit of the Lord and joy in the missionary service. The conference was in many respects one of the most glorious ever held in Mississippi, and one which will be fairly reflected and lasting in its benefitting effects on the people of this state and elsewhere.

Tupelo became the first, if we are correct, place where it was held in a capital city of one of the greatest states of the South, and at a time when the Federal court was in session and the Federal court were in session, thus bringing in face to face with many of the prominent representative men of the state and nation, a fair number of whom attended our every session.

Elder Kimball with his five years experience in the mission, remarked that the meetings were attended by a larger number of prominent and representative men than any other in his experience in the South.

When it was announced in the newspapers of Jackson that the Mormons were to hold their conference in the Supreme Court House, in the capital city, January 15th and 16th, the people then began to flock to the meeting. Twenty-five Elders and representatives of the Saints were assembled forty-two members in the state, and that we would be favored with a visit by Elders Lyman and Cowley, of the Council of the Twelve, and Elder Kimball of the Seventies, a sentiment of commissioned swept over the state, some of the papers boldly expressed fears of the people becoming excited to a terrible hardship for Jackson to care for both conventions, others demonstrated the Mormon conference and the legislature, of the legislature, the Jackson papers playfully responded, that "the city could take care of both the legislature and the Mormon conference," and cared not for the sympathy expressed.

The mayor, Mr. Wharton kindly opened the doors of the city to us, and placed the protection of the city, politically, Gov. McLaurin and the legislature extended every courtesy to the Elders and promised the protection of the state. And it then was any disturbance to the peace of the will it was not made on the surface.

At 10 a.m. Saturday morning, January 15, the conference was called to order in the Ribbon Opera House, there being present Elders P. M. Lyman and B. H. Cowley of the Council of Twelve, Elder E. R. Kimball and twenty-one Elders and about thirty-seven representatives of the twenty branches in the state, as well as a goodly number of visitors, who were doubtless as much at home as if they had gone out of Nazareth." Several of the prominent reporters of one of the leading newspapers of the South, some of the people came to hear, and to see and, remained to hear, and to see and, remained to hear, and to see. When the chorus of sixty voices rose through the circles of the crowd, little more than their curiosity was changed to wonderment at the outpouring of beauty of such spiritual music, and when Elder Lyman with his face lit up by the Spirit of God, in words of testimony and inspiration sang the favorite Mormon hymn "O My Father" was sung by Elders Graham and Ensign and was climatic and even the hard-hearted listeners, but as one poured forth the faith that saves the sinner. The Prophet Joseph Smith, and the great latter-day work, were portrayed in glowing pictures before the crowd of eager assemblage.

At 2 p.m. a much larger audience assembled, and Elder M. F. Cowley occupied the time, expounding the desire to know, for a sermon on the gospel of latter-day work, its teachings and conditions, before the world, coloring out the solidarity of its faith, doctrines, authority, and organization to the Church of Christ, established in the days of the Apostles.

Sunday morning, at 10 a.m., Elder E. R. Kimball addressed the congregation from the two time-honored declarations of the Prophet Joseph Smith, "That no man knows the Savior only as he is revealed," and "continuous revelation from God is necessary to us in the perfect day, for where there is no vision the people perish."

At 2 p.m. Elder Lyman again addressed the large gathering, with a review of the history of the Church, pointing out some of the distinctive features, the obligations her members take upon themselves, showed that the work of the Lord was carried on, and that the missionary efforts today was strongly reminiscent of no little importance to establishing the work of the latter-day kingdom, were manifested throughout the land, and the united efforts of all denominations, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," "Go ye into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature." "The gospel is preached in all the world." "Go ye into all the world." "The gospel is preached in all the world."

Elder Cowley addressed the largest gathering of the conference at 7:30 p.m., taking their gone of the great truths of the gospel in contradistinction to the erroneous ideas of the world, and the good impression was made upon the minds of the people, the conversions of some, communication and admiration of others, and the hatred of others, and the sitting congregation were invited to visit the homes of the legislators, and the governor's office, which they did. One old Democrat said, "I never knew better men, or a nicer body of men." Elder Lyman especially impressed the Mormon cause, I believe, every time he made his address. He spoke as one having authority, and is reliable." The press of the city also spoke of the conference in terms of commendation. We are to extend our thanks to the Jackson papers for their courtesy, and Sunday morning, the open house, and all day Monday, the doors were opened to the visitors, after the conference, and E. R. Elders Lyman, Cowley and E. R. Kimball instructed the people in the principles of the gospel. Many were surprised especially at the testimony of Elder Lyman, and he