

A good spirit prevailed throughout the whole conference. Much good seed was sown and many kind friends made.

Too much praise cannot be given to the good people who entertained us. Among those who spared no pains to make things pleasant for us were John V. Surginer Esq., Brother H. S. Jemison, S. H. Sealey, J. H. Smyly and many others.

Mr. John W. Morrow, photographer came forty miles to get a group of the Mormon Elders. A sad feature was that our president, Elder Elias S. Kimball, had been stricken with rheumatism and was unable to attend any of our meetings. He was kindly treated by S. H. Sealey and family, at whose house he remained during the conference.

Our labors this year have been crowned with success far beyond our fondest expectations, and we already have baptized in the neighborhood of one hundred and thirty six souls.

Elders left for their fields, Wednesday morning, May 13. Their addresses are as follows:

W. E. Jenkins, W. J. Strong, Kingston, Autauga county.

G. A. Reid, Ed Benzley, Camden, Wilcox county.

W. B. Barnett, Amos Cook, Jones Mills, Monroe county.

Joseph S. Porter, M. A. Lewis, Andalusia, Covington county.

J. P. Jensen, Ether M. Davey, Camden, Wilcox county.

C. H. Alley, Morris C. Phelps, Kingston, Autauga county.

Heber Ricks, John H. Pace, Evergreen, Conecuh county.

E. E. Neeley and new companion, Braggs, Lundes county.

Lawrence Peterson and new companion, Braggs, Lundes county.

Irvin L. Pratt, Ezra P. Minson, Mobile, Mobile county.

S. R. Brown, T. W. Andrus, Brenton, Escambia county.

S. A. Allen, Sanford Weeks, Lightwood, Elmore county.

Joseph A. Turnbow, W. W. Williams, Magnolia, Marengo county.

Joseph Johnson, Joseph W. Thompson, Greenville, Butler county.

M. A. Beckstead, Joseph Briggs, Lusk, Choctaw county.

Charles A. Varley, C. R. Spencer, Chadwick, Perry county.

G. E. Jarvis, G. T. Heiner, Cuba, Sumpter county.

E. L. Terry, G. T. Webster, Grove Hill, Clarke county.

D. H. Thomas, W. H. Redd, La Pine, Crenshaw county.

D. H. THOMAS, President.

I. L. PRATT.

LAWRENCE PETERSON,

Clerks, South Alabama Conference.

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

The West Virginia conference of the Eastern States Mission held in the Guthrie schoolhouse on Two Mile creek, Kanawha county, West Virginia, Saturday and Sunday, May 8th and 9th, 1897.

There were present Elder A. P. Kesler of Brooklyn, New York, president of the mission, the eleven Elders of the conference, and many Saints and friends from the surrounding country. The meetings were conducted in the usual manner.

Many of Zion's beautiful hymns were sung. We were also favored with a

number of quartets by the Bonham Brothers.

The Elders gave good reports of their labors and all were enthusiastic regarding their future efforts for the Gospel.

The Sacrament was administered to the Saints during the services Sunday morning, and it was indeed, a feast to have the privilege of meeting together and partaking of those holy emblems.

Elder A. P. Kesler gave some very instructive discourses portraying in a beautiful way the principles of the Gospel. He gave much good advice to the Elders.

Our communion inspired us with new energy, and all felt to redouble our efforts in the great work.

Kind Saints and friends seemed to try and outdo each other in entertaining us. To them we feel greatly indebted for their kindness and unlimited hospitality.

The Gospel is spreading slowly but surely in this part. Where the Elders had no access or hope a few years ago, they are now being treated kindly. We travel without money and God blesses us abundantly.

Following are the names and addresses of the Elders of this conference.

J. W. Hanson, Patrick, Kanawha county, West Virginia.

J. G. Peart and H. C. Hansen, Joe's Creek, Boone county.

H. L. Baker and J. I. Hardy, Winfield, Putnam county.

L. C. Olsen and Robert A. Green, Wayne, Wayne county.

Thomas R. Reeve and Orson Hyde, Lawrence, Raleigh county.

J. C. Wagstaff and W. A. Roberts, Crimson Springs, Monroe county.

We are all well and enjoying the spirit of our missions.

J. W. HANSON, President.

H. C. HANSEN, Clerk.

JUAB SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Juab Stake Sunday school conference was held Saturday and Sunday, May 29th and 30th, the first day session being held at Levan and the second day at Nephi, the services being presided over by Stake Superintendent William Paxman, who made an opening address and gave some good instructions several times during conference. He also spoke highly of the faithfulness and energy of the officers of the various schools of the Stake, and expressed his pleasure in their condition.

Assistant Superintendent George Goddard and Elder George Teasdale of the general board were present.

Superintendent George Goddard expressed his pleasure in meeting with the conference, and promised all present a very happy time.

Reports were given by the superintendents of the various schools in the Stake, showing a healthy and prosperous condition of the schools.

Some pleasing and instructive exercises were rendered, consisting of the following: An exercise on the life of Moses, by the first intermediate department of Levan; the Lord's Prayer, in concert, by the scholars of the schools; a Book of Mormon exercise was given by the Levan Primary department; Master J. Morgan recited I Love the Lord; the Articles of Faith were recited in concert by the schools; an essay on the Apostasy was read by

Miss Nellie Hanson of Levan; an exercise was rendered by the second intermediate department of Levan on the first principles of the Gospel; a quartet, For you we are praying at home, was sung by Miss Rosey Bailey and others, and recitations were given by Miss Zina Sorensen and Master Sallabury.

During the conference Brother Goddard rendered several songs in his usual happy way, which greatly pleased the children, as also the older folks.

The visiting brethren gave some excellent instructions on the following topics: Prayer, honesty, fasting, tithing, Word of Wisdom, the necessity of all Latter-day Saint children attending Sunday school that they may have the principles of truth instilled in their minds, so they will grow up to be honored men and women in the cause of God; and children honoring their parents. The speakers also encouraged all young folks to ask God to guide them in the selecting of their future companions and helpmates.

There have been three Sunday schools organized since our last conference, viz.: Nephi being divided into two, one at Silver City and another at Heberville.

All who attended the conference were well pleased, and the Spirit of the Lord was richly bestowed upon us.

An evening meeting was held Sunday in which Elders Goddard, Teasdale and Paxman occupied the time, being blessed with a rich flow of the Spirit of God. An enjoyable time was had.

ALBERT R. PAXMAN,
Stake Secretary.

SAN JUAN CONFERENCE.

MANCOS, Colo., May 30, 1897.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake of Zion convened in the Mancos ward meeting house at 10 a. m. May 23rd, 1897. There were present of the Stake presidency Elders F. A. Hammond and William Hall, and a fair representation of High Councilors, Bishops and visiting Saints from other wards of the Stake. The Salute of this ward turned out en masse to all the meetings.

Pres. Hammond called the meeting to order.

Elder William Hall, of the Stake presidency addressed the congregation, speaking of the many blessings of the Lord within reach if the people would live for them.

President F. A. Hammond occupied the remainder of the forenoon session, speaking of the judgments of God that are being poured out upon the nations of the earth and from which the Saints are comparatively free; and of the great change that has taken place in the feelings of our non-Mormon friends toward us as a people; also of the requirements of the Gospel, to which all must conform who obtain eternal life.

At 2 p. m. Elder Lewis B. Burnham spoke a short time upon his willingness to do his duty.

Elder Franklin D. Richards of the council of Apostles and his estimable wife, Jane B., and Elder Charles W. Penrose having arrived, they were made welcome by President Hammond.