

digging, and was quite an expert at the work. On the last well he dug he had got down about eighty feet. Last Wednesday morning, as was his wont when going down to dig in the well, he slid down the rope from the top to the bottom. On this occasion the rope, part way down from the top, was somewhat covered with snow and ice, and he went down ten or fifteen feet only when his hands cramped and gave out. He threw his arms and knees around the rope, and in this way went with lightning speed to the bottom of the well. He was brought up and complained only of one leg hurting, but he died January 29th at 10 a.m.

He was a Deacon and was one of the most willing and obliging among them. All the members of the theological class attended the funeral and seventy young men on foot, two abreast, followed the remains to the cemetery, and many others in carriages and wagons followed the young men. The speakers at the funeral were Bishop Charles Adams, Elder James Oilorton, Jesse W. Crosby, president of the Panguitch Stake, Elder Samuel Wells of St. George and Elder Alfred M. Durham of Parowan. Their remarks were most appropriate, full of hope and consolation and speaking in high terms of the deceased.

Brother Eaves's father and mother are both dead; he has one sister in California and another sister somewhere in the Eastern states.

The weather here has been very cold the past two or three weeks; one night in the early part of January the thermometer went down to 17 below zero.

Last Sabbath day we had the pleasure of having five Mutual Improvement missionaries preach to us. They are under the direction of Elder Orrin Snow of Pinevalley, Washington county. They are engaged in a noble work and are no weaklings, but are bright and intelligent young men, working throughout the county among the youth with a zeal and energy that is most commendable.

The general health of the people of Parowan, with the exception of a few colds, is excellent at present.

WM. C. MCGREGOR.

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Jackson, Mississippi,  
January 18, 1898.

The convening of the Mississippi conference is now a happy event of the past. All of our dear brethren are still with us, though some are 35 months' old in the missionary service.

Our conference was in many respects one of the most unique ever held in the mission, and one which will be far-reaching and lasting in its beneficial effects upon the good people of this state and elsewhere.

Unique because the first, if we are rightly informed, ever held in a capital city of one of the greatest states of the South, and at a time when the legislature and the Federal court were in session, thus bringing us face to face with many of the representative men of the state and nation, a fair number of whom attended our every service.

Elder Kimball with his five years experience in the mission, remarked that "our meetings were attended by a greater 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 Robinson Opera House, in the capital city, January 15th and 16th, 1898, and that there would be assembled forty-two Elders and representatives of the 410 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 Southern mission, a sentiment of astonishment swept over the state. Some of the papers jocosely expressed it as terrible hardship for Jackson to care for both conventions; others denominated the "Mormon conference" as a "rival attraction 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, guaranteeing the protection of the municipality. Gov. McLaurin and the legislature extended every courtesy to the visiting brethren that could be expected. And if there was any disturbance of the sea of good will it was not visible on the surface.

At 10 a.m. Saturday morning, January 15th, our conference began its session in the Robinson Opera House, there being present Elders F. M. Lyman and M. F. Cowley of the Council of Apostles, Elder E. S. Kimball and forty-one Elders and about thirty Saints, representatives of the twelve branches in the state, as well as a goodly number of visitors, who were desirous, no doubt, of knowing, if any "good could come out of Nazareth."

There were also present reporters of four of the leading newspapers of the South. Some of the people came to scorn, but as of old, "remained to pray." For when the chorus of sixty voices rang through the circles of the neat little opera house, their curiosity was changed to wonderment at the thrilling beauty of such spiritual hymns; and when Elder Lyman, with his face lit up by the Spirit of God, his words of testimony and inspiration rolling forth as scintillations from a burning flame, they ceased to wonder, and drank deeply of the truth, for he spoke not as the scribes, but as one having authority. The faith that saves the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the great latter-day work, were portrayed in glowing pictures before the now eager assemblage.

At 3 p.m. a much larger audience greeted us, and Elder M. F. Cowley kindled to a higher degree the desire to know, by a sermon on the glory of the latter-day work; its teachings, and position before the world, pointing out the similarity of its faith, doctrines, gifts, authority, and organization to the Church of Christ, established in the days of the Apostles.

Sunday morning, at 10 a.m., Elder E. S. Kimball addressed the congregation from the two time-honored declarations of the Prophet Joseph Smith, "That no man can be saved in ignorance;" and that "continuous revelation from God is necessary to keep us in the perfect way," for where there is no vision the people perish."

At 3 p.m. Elder Lyman again addressed the large gathering, reviewing the history of the Church, pointing out some of her distinctive features, the obligations her members take upon themselves; showed that the work of the Lord was growing and that the Latterday Saints today were strongly aware of no little importance hitherto established, and in numbers and influence were of no little importance throughout the land. He invited ministers of all denominations to visit Utah, assuring them of a welcome, a church to preach in, and as "fine an audience as can be found in the world."

Elder Cowley addressed the largest gathering of the conference at 7:30 p.m., making plain some of the great truths of the Gospel in contradistinction to the erroneous ideas of the world.

A splendid impression was made upon the people. Many expressions of praise, commendation and admiration were made by legislators and others,

and the visiting brethren were invited to visit the houses of the legislature and the governor's office, which they did. One old Baptist brother said, "I have never before seen a nicer body of men." He was especially impressed with Elder Lyman. "I believed every word that man uttered. He spoke as one having authority, and is reliable."

The press of the city also gave us a very fair write-up, and we extend our thanks through your columns to them.

Saturday and Sunday at special meetings in the opera house, and all day Monday were spent in counsel meetings, where, after the testimonies of the Elders, Elders Lyman, Cowley and E. S. Kimball instructed the brethren as to their duties. The field of missionary work was surveyed carefully, all errors corrected, the Elders taught how to pray, anoint with oil, ordain, administer the Sacrament, and how to preach, in short the path of truth and safety was pointed out with the admonition, "walk ye in it."

Eight of our local brethren were ordained Elders and set apart to work in the ministry, as their circumstances may permit and as the conference president directs.

Just before the close of the council meeting a surprise party was given Elder E. S. Kimball of the Southern states mission and Elder Frank T. Pomeroy of the conference, by the Elders, and as a token of appreciation each was presented with a large, handsome family Bible, containing their names engraved in gold on the cover, and on an inner page the names of the brethren were beautifully inscribed.

Tuesday, Jan. 18th, after the customary handshaking, the Elders separated and went to their fields of labor.

The following are names and addresses of the Elders:

Frank T. Pomeroy, president of conference; Thos. R. Condie, clerk of conference; Jackson, Miss.

Geo. B. Cox Jr. and G. A. Macdonald, Jackson, Miss.

Geo. E. Maycock and C. A. Parrish, Jackson, Miss.

Wm. M. Dye and C. J. Block, Jackson, Miss.

S. H. Jones and O. D. Flake, Columbus, Lowndes Co., Miss.

D. M. Faddies and new companion, Indianola, Sunflower Co., Miss.

C. R. Hakes Jr. and J. W. Funk, Ackerman, Choctaw Co., Miss.

W. O. Bunting and new companion, Greenwood, Leflore Co., Miss.

H. Nebeker and H. L. Doney, Canton, Madison Co., Miss.

S. T. Baker and D. Sparks, Carrollton, Carroll Co., Miss.

G. W. Rollins and G. R. Coombs, Mayersville, Issaquana Co., Miss.

Wm. G. Palmer and B. Johnson, Greenville, Washington Co., Miss.

J. B. Coles and J. A. Bateman, Vicksburg, Warren Co., Miss.

R. F. Jardine and M. C. Caldwell Yazoo, Yazoo Co., Miss.

H. C. Atkins and A. B. Porter, Walthead, Webster Co., Miss.

D. Wheeler and Wm. N. Eyre, Kosciusko, Attala Co., Miss.

A. T. Rose and S. B. Hampton, Rolling Fork, Sharkey Co., Miss.

R. W. Brown and S. A. Sego, Lexington, Holmes Co., Miss.

H. F. Kimball and F. Snow, Winona, Montgomery Co., Miss.

W. W. Buchanan and L. C. Woolley, Rosedale, Bolivar Co., Miss.

W. C. McCracken and M. E. Kent, West Point, Clay Co., Miss.

We part company with our much beloved brother, Elder Wm. R. Holmes, he being released to labor with his father in the New England states.

Your paper is a welcome visitor.  
FRANK T. POMEROY,  
President of Miss. Conference.  
THOS. R. CONDIE,  
Clerk of Miss. Conference.