

people not yet of our faith are having a great amount of faith in us as the true servants of God. One little boy six years old has been sick almost continually since his birth with pains in his side. His parents were told by the doctors that he could live but a little longer, and he was also given up by his parents. On being asked to administer to him, we performed the holy ordinance, the pains left him, and he got up from bed soon after. This was done nearly four months ago, and the longest he was out of bed before since his birth has been five weeks. He is now well and hearty and looks better than he has done in his life before. The result is the parents, or at least the mother, will soon join the Church.

The Saints here are very diligent in keeping the commandments of God and wonder to see the darkness they were in before they heard His true servants. Some who were their best friends previous to their joining the Church, have turned a cold shoulder to them. One old lady, seventy-eight years old, had her daughter send her word a few days before getting baptized that if she joined the Mormons she would never call her mother again; but this only strengthened her in the gospel.

We have had to part with our late President Elder S. W. Richards who has had charge of the Eastern States mission for over two years. We hope that his future life may be one of pleasure and enjoyment at looking back over his busy career in the work of the ministry in which he has spent nearly his whole life.

Our meetings here are quite well attended, but the great majority of people let the word of God go by unheeded.
D. T. EDWARDS.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

JACKSON, Miss., April 6th, 1897.

As it has been some months since the columns of your highly esteemed paper has been graced by news from the Mississippi conference, we submit a few brief notes.

Since our last, rapid and progressive changes have taken place here, under the direction of our president, Elder Elias S. Kimball.

The attitude of the world towards us as a people, is changing rapidly, and thus requires new methods to meet them; but we find the servants of God are equal to the occasion.

From thirty meetings per week, just prior to conference, in August, we have reached the figure of 299 meetings for the week ending March 20th,—the last report in; thus averaging over eighteen per pair.

We have just returned from a visit to our six flourishing branches and seven Sunday schools. Conference was held with each branch, at which the authorities of the Church, mission, conference and branch were sustained. We left them thoroughly organized, under the fostering care of able presidents of branches, with active quorums of Teachers, who are diligently caring for those of the fold of Christ under their surveillance.

The Elders are enjoying good health, and are manifesting a spirit of amity and righteous activity.

The following are the names and addresses of the Mississippi Elders:

F. T. Pomery and George B. Cox, Jr., Jackson, Miss.

S. H. Jones and J. W. Chipman Jackson.

George Dunbar and C. A. Parrish, Jackson.

H. S. Sanders and W. W. Buchanan, Monticello, Lawrence county.

George E. Maycock and M. E. Kent, Jackson.

C. H. Johnson and D. Wheeler, Morrison, Perry county.

D. M. Faddies and William R. Holmes, Bay St. Louis, Hancock county.

Hyrum Nebeker and W. O. Bunting, Ellisville, Jones county.

A. T. Rose and Sidney Sego, Williamsburg, Covington county.

William G. Palmer and William N. Eyre, Westville, Simpson county.

L. C. Woolley and J. B. Coles, Louisville, Winston county.

R. F. Jardine and L. B. Hampton, Macon, Noxubee county.

George W. Robbins and H. F. Kimball, Carthage, Leake county.

S. T. Baker and A. B. Porter, Scooba, Kemper county.

W. L. Openshaw and M. Caldwell, Canton, Madison county.

C. J. Black and J. A. Bateman, Kosciusko, Attala county.

R. W. Brown and J. R. Coombs, Philadelphia, Neshoba county.

William N. Dye and Benjamin Johnson, Starkville, Oktibeha county.

FRANK T. POMEROY,
President of Conference.

GEO. B. COX JR., Clerk.

CONFERENCE IN NEBRASKA.

Minutes of a conference of the Northern States Mission, held in the Idlewild hall, Omaha, Saturday and Sunday, April 3rd and 4th, 1897. There were present all of the Elders laboring in the Nebraska conference, and also Elder Kelsch president of the Northern States mission, together with a goodly number of the Saints from Bellwood, Council Bluffs, and Omaha, and a fair representation of strangers.

Conference was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by Elder W. E. Criddle, president. Elder L. S. Robinson spoke upon the subject of Faith; and Elder L. S. Meicham, Elder P. J. Williams, was the next speaker and talked upon the principles of the Gospel generally. Elder J. A. Fawson next on Faith, and bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel. He was followed by President Criddle. Who exhorted the Saints faithfulness, and spoke a short time upon the present condition of the world. Benediction by A. Y. Young.

At 2 p. m. Elder P. J. Williams spoke the principle of repentance at considerable length. Elder J. A. Fawson followed on the same subject; and also upon the restoration of the Everlasting Gospel, as predicted in the 14th chapter of Revelations.

At 8 o'clock p. m. Elder A. G. Young was the first speaker. His remarks were on the different stages of man as a spiritual and mortal being, and the advantages to be derived from the trials and troubles we pass through. He also spoke on the resurrection. Elder Kelsch spoke on the Restoration of the Gospel, and the fulfillment of prophecy; also gave an account of his labors in the South.

Sunday April 4th at 10 o'clock a. m.

Elders J. W. Jones and A. G. Young spoke on the necessity of baptism.

At 2 o'clock p. m. Elder R. Yates spoke upon the Holy Ghost; and was followed by Elder Criddle on the general condition of the world in relation to religious matters. Elder Criddle also related some of his mission experiences.

In the evening Elder Kelsch was the first speaker, told of the Elders being sent out without purse and scrip; and asked the people to treat them kindly and administer to their wants. He then treated on the apostacy, the restoration of the gospel in this generation; and the gathering of the nations, as predicted by the prophets.

Elder Criddle next bore his testimony to the Gospel as restored in our day, and the Conference was adjourned.

Next day a Priesthood meeting was held where general instructions were given to the Elders. Reports were made, and the brethren were assigned to their fields of labor. Elders W. E. Criddle, and A. G. Young were released to return home, after having labored in the mission for over two years; the former is of Morgan, Utah.

Elder P. J. Williams was appointed president of the conference.

The names and address of the Elders laboring in the Nebraska Conference are P. J. Williams and Richard Yates, 612 North 14th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

L. S. Robinson and J. A. Fawson, Beatrice, Gage County.

J. W. Jones and Lee Meicham, Hastings, Adams County.

A. G. YOUNG, Clerk.

A GOOD REPORT.

EMPORIUM, Cameron County, Pa.,

April 6 h, 1897.

At home the impression has generally prevailed that a missionary to the Northern States mission has a hard time of it, especially so when the mission is to the Pennsylvania conference. How the Saints got this idea we cannot tell, unless it is because so many of our people have been gathered from this state, and they have come to the conclusion that this part of the country has been well threshed over. It is true a great many of our best Saints came from this state, and that fifty or sixty years ago a great work was done here; but at the present time we find that a new generation has grown up who have never heard the Gospel. Some of them are prejudiced against our people, namely, because of the so-called histories, novels and other evil and false books which have been circulated to injure our people; but a great many of the new generation know little or nothing about our doctrine or people, and so we find this state almost virgin soil in which to plant the seeds of the everlasting Gospel.

In accordance with the instructions given us by our late president, Elder Samuel G. Spencer, also our present president, Elder Lewis A. Kelsch, and our conference president, Elder Camerino Richardson, we have been confining our preaching to the first principles of the Gospel, although, to the Elders, these principles seem so easy to comprehend, yet, to the people, they are apparently hard to be understood; and we find that the first principles of the Gospel are strong enough food for the people generally. Once in a while we find some honest-hearted person who is able to comprehend some of the more ad-