

I was now called as a servant of God to be an ambassador of truth to the people in the above named states, I gladly accepted the call.

I left my home in Afton, Wyoming, on the 3rd of April. I had the privilege of attending the April Conference in Salt Lake City and of listening to the words of our venerable President and others also, who spoke with much power and plainness. I was set apart for my mission by Apostle Heber J. Grant, Monday, April 11th. I left Ogden on the morning of the 13th, in the company of Arthur F. Burton of Afton, Wyoming, and Wm. H. Sharp, of Ogden. Elder Sharp stopped off one day in Nebraska. We (Elder Burton and I) arrived in Chicago on the 15th, and hunted up the headquarters of the Northern States mission. We were received by two of the Elders and kindly entertained. During the day we feasted our eyes on the sights of that very noted city, viewing with much pleasure and satisfaction many of the noted sights and wonders of the day. In the evening Elder Burton and I had the pleasure of accompanying four of the Elders of that mission to a busy part of the city, where they held their first street meeting of the season, which was listened to with much interest by a number of people, who, after the meeting was over, received literature and reading matter.

We, Elder Burton and I, left the city on the 11 o'clock train for Brooklyn, the headquarters of the Eastern States mission. Arriving on the 17th, we were met at the door by Elder S. B. Laker, who, before we had time to introduce ourselves, said: "I know you are Mormons without asking you; walk in." And we did walk in, feeling thankful that we had arrived in safe at our appointed place. We met the following Elders at the mission house: S. B. Laker, H. C. Hansen, Jas. E. Stuart and Jas. Ingebretsen, who were laboring in that city, and Oscar H. Hyde, Wm. H. Harrison, Jasper A. Bird and Edw. D. Whiting, who had just arrived the same morning. As President Kessler was away, we were obliged to remain at the mission house until word was received from him. Elder Burton was appointed to labor in Jamaica, Long Island. On Friday, the 21st, Jasper A. Bird and I were sent to Settleton, W. Va., where we arrived Saturday, the 23rd. We attended the conference, which was then in session, and were received with a smile and a hearty handshake by each of the Elders, there being fourteen in all, including Elder Kessler and a local Elder. The conference was a very good one, and well attended, considering the inclemency of the weather. The Elders spoke with much power and plainness, which showed that they were partakers of the blessings of the Lord and were enjoying their labors. During the Priesthood meeting, held Sunday, the appointments were made. I was appointed to labor with Geo. S. Bunker in Randolph and Tucker counties. We visited the Saints on our way to our field of labor and found the few who had embraced the Gospel enjoying the Spirit of the Lord, and receiving of His promised blessings.

We have been making a house to house visit through the county, distributing books, literature, etc., and holding meetings wherever opportunities have presented themselves. We find it a difficult thing to hold many meetings, owing to the fact that the people are so busy and in such a scattered condition, but we visit them at their homes or at their work and explain the Gospel to them. We find more or less prejudice existing among the people in the parts we have visited lately, not much labor having been done previously, but by the help and assistance of the Lord, we are removing that

ill-feeling from among the people to a great extent, and are treated very kindly with few exceptions.

The work of the Lord is progressing and the everlasting Gospel is being spread in its plainness and simplicity in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and openings are daily being made where, in other Elders will be needed to assist in spreading truth through this vast area of country. This is one of the rough and broken states and in some parts is very thinly settled, which causes the Elders to do considerable walking, but they are all working with zeal and with a determination to spread the Gospel to the best of their abilities.

There are sixteen Elders now laboring in this conference, and their health is good in general.

Yours, respectfully,

CLARENCE GARDNER,
Crickard, Randolph Co., West Va.

Scranton Conference.

139 Everett Ave., Scranton, Pa.,

June 6, 1898.

The Elders and Saints of the Scranton conference assembled at the Co-operative Hall, N. Main Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Saturday and Sunday, May 28th and 29th, 1898. Five public meetings and one Priesthood meeting were held, and an excellent spiritual feast was enjoyed by all present.

Two or three days previous to the commencement of our meetings, the Elders from the various districts began to arrive, and when we assembled in Priesthood meeting on Saturday morning at 10:30, all of the fifteen Elders laboring in the conference were there, and gave encouraging reports of the progress of the work of the Lord in their different fields of labor.

Elder A. P. Kessler from Brooklyn, N. Y., was with us; also Elder W. J. Harrison, recently transferred from the Northern States mission to labor among relatives in this part of the vineyard, and Elder Jared E. Campbell, who was on his way to Cohocton, N. Y., to labor in that conference. Large posters, headed with the words, "Mormon Conference," were hung in conspicuous places throughout the city, especially in the district surrounding the hall where we held our meetings. These arrested the attention of many passers by, notified them of the series of meetings we expected to hold, and cordially invited them to come and hear the sect that is everywhere spoken against. Small bills were also freely distributed, and some open air meetings were held for three consecutive nights preceding the opening of hall meetings. Four of the leading papers also gave notice of our services through their columns. As a result of this method of advertising, fair sized audiences of attentive listeners were present at the public services. The work in this vicinity is progressing favorably, and no doubt the recent conference has given to it a new impetus for further success.

The assistance of the Saints and other kind friends here was much appreciated by the Elders while they were assembled during the conference. The Elders are all in excellent health and spirits, and go forth to their fields of labor refreshed and invigorated with the good feast of spiritual food they have partaken of, and with a determination to seek out the honest in heart.

Elder D. R. Gill, who presided over this conference since April, 1896, has been honorably released to return home.

Elder Joseph Wallace, who formerly labored in Scranton, but recently in Massachusetts, has been appointed to succeed Elder Gill as president of the conference.

Elder J. P. Roberts for Perry, Box-

elder county, Utah, has arrived here since our conference was held and will labor in this part of the vineyard.

Several changes were made among the traveling Elders. Mail sent through the conference headquarters will reach any Elder in their different fields of labor.

The new assignments and addresses of the Elders so far as known at present are as follows:

Joseph Wallace, H. Tuttle Jr., conference headquarters 139 Enerett avenue, Lacka county, Scranton, Pa.

James S. Lewis, J. B. Waldron, 1212 Washburn street, Lacka county, Scranton, Pa.

Robert C. Harris, Philip Ferrin, Susquehanna and Lacka counties, 76 Hospital street, Lacka county, Carbondale, Pa.

S. R. Perry, J. E. Maycock, 231 Franklin avenue, Luzerne county, W. Pittston, Pa.

George H. Crow, F. G. Twede, Box 52, New Eva, Bradford county, Pa.

George Brinkerhoff, Edward Skidmore, 514 W. Center street, Schuylkill county, Pottsville, Pa.

David Kinghorn, J. J. Bennett, Wyoming and Sullivan counties.

W. J. Harrison, J. P. Roberts, Carbon and Luzerne counties.

George E. Hanks, transferred to N. W. Pennsylvania conference.

Those having friends or relatives in this part of the vineyard whom they would like visited, will please send their full address to the Elders laboring in the district where they reside.

Respectfully,

H. TUTTLE JR.,

Secretary.

D. R. GILL, President.

Conference at Anaconda.

Anaconda, Mont., June 15, 1898.

One of the best conferences ever held in the north commenced in the Christian church of Anaconda, Mont., June 12, 1898.

There were present on the stand Elder John Henry Smith and Elder Mathias F. Cowley of the Council of the Twelve; F. S. Bramwell, president of the Northwestern States mission; Elders William Hill, C. R. J. Harris, W. G. Paul, C. J. Black, H. S. Jackson, presidents of conferences, and about sixteen traveling Elders.

The Sunday school convened at 9 a. m., when a fine program was rendered.

At 10 a. m. the conference proper was called to order by Elder C. R. J. Harris. After singing by the choir Elder F. S. Bramwell made a few introductory remarks and invoked the blessings of Jehovah upon all who had or would assemble in the church during the day to worship and learn of God and His ways.

Elders C. J. Black, C. R. J. Harris, William Hill, H. S. Jackson and W. G. Hall reported their respective fields, and tendered very favorable reports.

At 1 p. m. a very large congregation faced the stand. After the opening exercises Elder Cowley spoke to an appreciative assembly. He made reference to the organization of the primitive church and bore a powerful testimony to the restoration of the Gospel of Christ.

At 7:30 p. m. a vast audience was present. After opening exercises Elder F. S. Bramwell spoke on the mission of the Holy Ghost its power and effects. He also bore a strong testimony to the divine mission of Joseph Smith the Prophet. Elder Bramwell asked the people to be kind to themselves as taught by our Master in the primitive age and as now proclaimed by the despised but true servants of God, the Mormon Elder.