NORTHERN STATES MISSION.

Pennsylvania Conference—Report and Experiences of the Elders.

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The Pennsylvania semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened at Meyersdale, Pa., March 15th, 16th and 17th.

There were present thirteen Elders from Zion. Elder Charles W. Nibley, president of the Northern States mission, was unable to attend, but sent a letter expressing his regrets. Our meetings were all well attended and the Elders and Saints enjoyed a feast of spiritual food. The weather was remarkably fine for the time of year and the Elders are in good health (typhoid) and spirituality. The first prophecy of the Gospel was exercised in a jolly and comforting manner. Our President having was exceedingly thoughtful, so none of the requests given by the Elders were very doubtful. It may not be out of place to make mention of one or two of the most interesting to give your readers an idea how some of our Elders are treated.

William J. Henderson and Charles Marks, while holding meeting in Upper county, were disturbed by the explosion of a bomb. This was the first Mormon meeting ever held in that vicinity, and a few of the "Saints" were determined that it should be the last, and in order to accomplish their desire they constructed an infernal machine out of a piece of iron tubing two feet long and ten inches in diameter, one, after boring an inch and a quarter hole lengthways of the stick, filled it up with powder and placed a fuse used on other end to strengthen it. They placed it under the school house beneath the pulpit. Elder Henderson had been talking about twenty minutes when bang went the bomb. The shock shook the house from cellar to chimneys and others on the sleeper hill house which prevented it from coming up through the floor. But for this it would probably have resulted in loss of life, as the house was packed to overflowing.

The bomb made a hole in the sleeper large enough to hide a man's fist. After half an hour the congregation got quieted and the Elders proceeded with their meeting unmolested. They preached two more sermons in the house, and on the last night several of the "roughs" fired off their revolvers and shouted, but went no farther with their threats.

Elders O. A. Robinson and Elmer Buchanan, while holding meeting in an adjoining county, received a warm reception of rotten eggs. A prominent in the house went to the window, raised it up, and the man on the outside threw the eggs through, bespattering the minister with their nauseating missiles and breaking up their meeting.

Other unnerved experiences were narrated but I can say that in here these experiences were rosier than they were received upon by the better class of people, and several persons were subpoenaed before the grand jury.

After all of the reports were given in, the general authorities of the Church and Chas. W. Nibley as president of the Northern States mission and Wm. J. Henderson as president of the Pennsylvania mission and John Q. Critchlow as clerk of the conference, were presented and sustained. Elder Owen Whitaker, vice-president of conference, and Elders O. A. Robinson and Heber J. Marks as traveling Elders, were honorably released to return home, having fulfilled faithful missions. The Elders were then assigned their field of labor as follows:

Jno. Q. Critchlow, A. H. Wright—Butler Co., Pa., P. O. Bellefield.

Wm. S. Rounds, Heber Bailey—Taylor and Tucker counties, W. Va., P. O., Grafton, W. Va.

Brigham Rees, Geo. H. Matson—Wetzel county, W. Va., P. O., Littlepoint, W. Va.

Jos. E. Wilkins, Lorenzo Dutton—Marion and Preston counties, W. Va., P. O., Fairmont, W. Va.

Willard Hooley, Chas. Marsh—Allegheny county, Md., P. O., Frostburg, Md.

Emanuel Barlocco, Albert Parkes—Gilmer county, W. Va., P. O., West Union, W. Va.

Wm. J. Henderson to preside over the conference with P. O., Littlepoint, Wetzel county, W. Va.

JNO. Q. CRITCHLOW,
Clerk of Conference.

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Editor Deseret News.

TASWELL, Ind., March 25, 1894.—The past week is one long to be remembered by the Elders of the Indiana conference, and also the Latter-day Saints who live in the vicinity of Taswell.

The Elders came in from their respective fields of labor, where they had passed the best of health in seriously promulgating truth and righteousness, and by Thursday evening, March 15th, eleven Elders were here at Taswell. An old Conference did not commence till Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m., on the outside of a March 15th we had repaired to the residence of Bro. Jeremiah Holmes, where, after some pleasant conversation and good nothing, we all joined hands with Brother Holmes and spoke in singing the familiar songs of Zion, with a spirit and feeling known only to those who have passed through the experience in missionary life.

Time for refreshments came and we were ushered to a table spread with the good things of Indiana, which had been carefully prepared by our good hostess, Sister Holmes. After we had all satisfied the inner man, we repaired to sociability and music. The afternoon was thus passed until about 5 p.m., when the Elders dispersed, to retire among the Saints and friends for instructions, enjoying a full and hospitality.

Meetings were held Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 18th, at 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. respectively, at which the Elders all spoke under the power and influence of the Holy Ghost, explaining the truths of the Gospel of Christ in simplicity and simplicity to those who gathered to hear them. The attendance at the meetings was good, notwithstanding the weather was not altogether favorable. The spirit manifested at the meetings received were such as prevailed by the Elders and Saints.

One special feature of our conference was the ordination of some Seventies made by Elders Hyrum Rudolph and Denis E. Osborn.

On Monday, March 19th, at 11 a.m., we gathered at Michael Jerusalem Schlotter's, where we held our Priesthood meeting. The Elders, in regarding the natural fields, said that the prospects for doing good were brighter than for some years past. That parents were inclined to be lying very and the hearts of the people so many were being softened towards the Mormon. New fields are being opened and Conferences gotten. Time for work is now fast coming on the back.

The Spirit of God was so free of God was poured out upon us in the afternoon, were the outside strong testimonies were borne to all the Elders were. Some testimonies given in regard to the calmness and responsibility of their work were truly touching. We rejoiced very much and having the blessing of our writing President, C. W. Nibley, who was unavoidably absent.

The Elders were scattered to their fields of labor with the blessings of God.

Present: Hyrum H. Rolfe and Elmer Davis, H. Jerusalem Schlotter, Urban Smith, Jas. Jensen, Jas. Jensen, Jr., Jeremiah Holmes, Jas. Jensen, Jr., Jeremiah Holmes, Wm. Jensen, Jr., Jeremiah Holmes, Jas. Jensen, Jr., Jeremiah Holmes, Jas. Jensen, Jr., Jeremiah Holmes, Jas