

according to men in the flesh and live according to God in the spirit.

We must repent of our sins, as this is the only legitimate means of gaining confidence once more when in error. In speaking of the power of Satan and how his power will be stayed, he said, "Satan will be bound only as the people cease to do his bidding. Don't become discouraged if you fall in the first attempt at reformation, but try again, and if you will put full and implicit confidence in God, you can overcome all weaknesses.

Elder Young referred to the restoration of the Gospel as spoken of by John, bearing testimony to its fulfillment in the visitation of various personages to the Prophet Joseph and others. He called attention to the solemnity of the voting that had been done here this day. By uplifted hands we have covenanted to sustain these brethren, and now let us keep this covenant.

Elder Woodruff felt to ask the people to pray that the Indians may be protected in their rights by the United States government, because they are human beings and are just as much creatures of God as we.

After singing, the conference adjourned for three months. Benediction by Elder J. J. Clark.

H. W. WOOLLEY, Stake Clerk.

"BERNARD'S" FIGURES.

An article in a morning paper of Saturday states that it should be considered a privilege by the taxpayer to pay for the support of the city High school. If the taxpayer should carefully investigate the cost of this privilege I doubt whether he would view it as a very desirable thing. A brief review of the last report of the president of the board of education, dated July 31st, shows some of the reasons why the privilege referred to is not specially desirable. He therein quotes maintenance expense of the public school system during the last school year as \$201,000. He estimates the present (or coming) school year's maintenance at \$248,000, an increase of \$47,000, with a possible (but not very probable) cut down of \$23,000, being an actual maintenance increase in any event of \$24,000. He gives the aggregate receipts as \$255,000 last year. He states that sinking fund, interest and maintenance this year will be \$342,000, unless the maintenance be reduced \$23,000, which if done would still be \$319,000, an increase of nearly \$60,000 over last year. In addition the law provides that the old county school tax may be restored by a vote of the public in 1898, in which case \$20,000 more would be assessed to the city for which no return whatever will be gained. He gives an account of \$100,000 as required for a high school building, and \$78,000 for other new buildings, but says nothing of ground which would quite likely be \$50,000 more, making about \$230,000 to be raised for this purpose. The bonded limit being reached vote of the people would be required before this could be either levied as a tax or bonds issued but with men elected out carry out the ideas of extravagance indulged in by many, every effort would, of course, be made to bring this about. If successful the burden would be materially increased as if additional bonds were issued, interest and sinking fund amounts would have to be maintained yearly, and if bonds were not issued it would involve a material increase in tax rates yearly, of several mills, for some time. Throwing out the High school would be a decrease of well on to \$70,000, including interest, sinking fund, etc., and possibly much more, annually, as an extensive new building would incur expense greater than now. It should be borne in mind that an amount of \$50,000 requires to be raised for city sinking fund purposes begin-

ning with 1898, over and above all amounts heretofore raised by the city for its expenditures. This is the situation as it now meets the taxpayer and as he will have to meet it or lose his property. The town of St. George is mentioned as raising 32½ mills for school purposes, and that the people here need not complain of 12½ with a prospective increase. This is far-fetched when brought down to actual comparisons, as in reality the valuations as placed by the assessors are absurd in resemblance and the people of St. George practically know nothing at all of taxation compared with the people here. Besides, Salt Lake City furnishes them a great part of their State school tax and their other taxes are extremely light.

The maintenance of the High School in itself is not so much of a consideration as to stop the tendency to indulge in things which the public purse cannot maintain, and it is one of them. We have a city building 25 years or more ahead of the town and many want things crowded to correspond, placing burdens which hundreds may never be able to shake off, such being driven to the wall and their property practically forced from them. Each one of them things adds to the oppression and what is not an absolute necessity should be shut down. The High School is not a necessity; we have plenty of excellent schools maintained at public expense outside of it, and it is something which the finances of this community cannot consistently afford. Let those who are so loud in their demands for all kinds of higher education bear the expense of it as the State is doing nobly to maintain a free school up to the eighth district grade.

BERNARD.

EVANGELISTIC WORK IN MONTANA

Anaconda, Montana,

November 1, 1897.

On Oct. 23-4 was held a conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of the Montana mission. Present on the stand were Elder John Henry Smith, of the Apostles' quorum; T. E. Ricks, president of the Bannock Stake and of this mission traveling Elders, P. Tempest, H. Bramwel, C. R. J. Harris, Ben E. Rich, C. J. Black, Wm. Thornley, Rolla Harris, H. S. Jackson, A. D. Miller, Jr., Geo. S. Young, Wm. Widderson and W. H. Carbine. A. Short, president of the Anaconda branch and Wm. Hopkins, president of the Lima branch.

Three meetings were held each day. On Saturday forenoon the time was taken up by Elder John Henry Smith and Elder F. S. Bramwel. A most excellent spirit prevailed.

The afternoon meeting was devoted to the hearing of reports of the traveling Elders, which indicated that good results were realized.

In the evening Elder Ben E. Rich spoke for a short time, after which Elder John Henry Smith bore a powerful testimony to the restoration of the Gospel.

On Sunday at 9 a. m. a Sunday school was held. Brother Geo. McNeal was honorably released as superintendent and William King installed.

At 10 a. m. the conference reconvened. Elder Ricks spoke at some length and gave valuable instruction to the Saints. He bore a faithful testimony as to the divinity of the Gospel. Several of the traveling Elders reported their labors and all testified to the Gospel of Christ being upon the earth.

At 2 p. m. a large congregation was present. Elders Bramwel and John Henry Smith occupied the entire time of the meeting. An elucidation of the principles of the Gospel was given.

At 7:30 there was another large gathering. Elders Rich and John

Henry Smith explained the doctrines of the Gospel of Jesus, both warned the people that God's judgments would purify the each and burn all proud and ungodly.

On Monday at nine a. m. a Priesthood meeting was held. Elder Ricks and John Henry Smith encouraged the Elders to labor ardently for the spread of the truth. F. S. Bramwel was called and set apart by Elder John Henry Smith to preside over the Montana mission, and was instructed to make a personal visit to all the districts now being worked and to push the spread of the Gospel as fast as possible.

Elders T. E. Rick and Rich returned home while the Elders were assigned their fields of labor.

Elders John Henry Smith, F. S. Bramwel, Geo. S. Young and A. D. Milbys repaired to Helena, the capital of Montana. The governor of the state was interviewed, as was the mayor of the city. Both gentlemen assured us perfect freedom in our labors.

Elder John Henry Smith proceeded to Canada while the others set to work at once to canvass the town. The editor of the Helena "Independent," as the editor of "The Daily Herald," informed us they were on hand to assist in any possible way. The "Independent" gave quite a lengthy account of our visit as well as a summarized account of the remarks of the brethren made at a meeting held on Sunday evening in Engelham's Business college.

We desire now to say a word especially to the people of Utah. We are here to preach the Gospel and in opening new fields meet with many obstacles which can be removed. When we enter a town or village and do not know a soul there we find it hard to get an inroad. You who have friends or relatives either residing in or visiting Montana please let us have their names and address and we will hunt them up. This means much to the spread of the work and we fondly anticipate a hearty response. Address all communications to me, at Box 745, Anaconda, Montana.

Yours in the Lord,

F. S. BRAMWELL.

SOUTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Mt. Willing, Ala., Nov. 2, 1897.

Our conference is growing steadily in numbers, as also in spiritual strength, and though the fever scare has somewhat hindered us in our labors, we have by no means any cause to complain.

On October 31st we had a very good shower and since then the wind has been blowing quite continuously and today the weather is quite cool and we look for a frost in the near future which will put a quietus on the yellow fever and then we can go to work with some better success.

Our Elders are in no danger at present, yet all the people are afraid of strangers for fear of their having been exposed to the fever. We rejoice to see the cold weather, as it will be a relief to the infected districts.

Crops are quite short in some parts of the state, owing to the drowth, but no one is suffering as yet, nor do we think they will as all made enough to do them through the winter.

The health of our conference has been very good this fall and all are working zealously for the cause of truth.

About October 1st, Elders Stevenson and Halford came into our conference from their homes in Idaho and Utah respectively. There were also two other new Elders who arrived here on October 27th, Elder Arthur C. Candland from Mount Pleasant, Utah, and Elder Lot Smith of Fielding, Utah. All are feeling well and have entered