

Prophet great assistance. Harris mortgaged his farm for money to print the Book of Mormon, went to Ohio, lost all, and came back a poorer and a wiser man. Mrs. Harris consigned a hundred or more pages of the manuscript to the fire, delayed the work, and finding her husband infatuated, left him. Converts embracing the new faith, the first Mormon conference was held June 1st, 1830, in the town of Fayette, Seneca county, New York. W. W. Phelps published the anti-masonic paper in Canandaigua, and Brigham Young is reported to have been a teacher and a religious exhorter in the same place."

We have made many good friends since we came here, and have distributed over 700 tracts and held three meetings.

If any of your readers would like us to call on any relatives or friends they might have in this section of the country, we will be glad to do so. We hope to do much towards enlightening the people and preparing them for the great future.

THEO. T. BURTON.
W. F. BRIM.

THE GOSPEL IN TENNESSEE.

WAYNESBORO, Wayne County, Tenn.,
January 9th, 1897.

I said good-bye to my venerable parents and my friends on the night of the 27th of July 1895, and took the train which swiftly bore me out of sight of the beautiful city of my nativity, Salt Lake City. There were eighteen of us in the happy band who bade farewell to all that we held dear on earth, to fill a mission in the Southern states. We were happy because we knew that we had enlisted in a noble cause, and that gave us courage to come forth and banish gloomy thoughts of leaving home.

We saw many wonderful sights on our trip.

We met our worthy mission president, Elder E. S. Kimball on the morning of the 31st of the same month, at the Rasmore hotel, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and by him I was assigned to labor in the Middle Tennessee conference.

I went to the metropolis of this state the city of Nashville, where I labored for two months, canvassing and holding meeting in company with Elder O. M. Sanderson, then our conference president. My companions who have been Elders O. M. Sanderson, I. W. West, John A. Wootton, O. H. Hewlett, Wm. T. Ogden, and J. D. C. Young. The latter is now our conference president, and is working hard for the spread of the Gospel seed among the people of this conference, and to systematize the work of the Elders under him; last of all, my present companion is Elder Thomas A. Sheley who is fresh in the work. We have all labored in perfect harmony with each other and the longer we travel together the stronger grow the ties of affection. I have enjoyed excellent health during my short stay in the south.

Never have I engaged in any labor that has been the source of such true pleasure and enjoyment to us as that of my ministerial work of the past seventeen months. I was assigned to labor as a "meteoric" Elder at our last conference which convened June 27th 1896. I spent the remainder of that year in that work, during which time I walked 1,483 miles, assisted in holding 184 meetings and witnessed seven honest souls baptized into the fold of our loving Saviour.

I have traveled without purse and scrip and can testify that God will raise up friends to administer to the necessities of those who put their trust in Him.

While there is great joy in this work we do not find it all bliss, neither can we expect it, for "all who live godly in Christ Jesus suffer persecution." Sometimes our minds grow gloomy and our hearts lose courage when we have to plod through the mud some stormy nights until late, dark hours, soliciting entertainment from house to house only to be refused; but there is always sunshine after rain. So it is with this. God always prepares a place for us that seems to be better than any other; and the glorious rays from the Son of righteousness shine through the windows of our minds, and lighten our hearts and give us faith to press on.

I must say, there cannot be too much praise given to the southern people for their hospitality and sociability, for I doubt whether there can be found their equal elsewhere. The true Gospel seeds are being sown in many honest hearts and in His own due time the Lord will reap the harvest.

We are having a beautiful winter, mild and dry for this country. I have not seen two inches of snow since I left the Rocky Mountains.

Elder Sheley joins me in love with greetings to Saints, relatives and friends at home and abroad.

GEORGE A. HUNTINGTON.

ARKANSAS TRAVELERS.

PIGGOTT, Arkansas, January 18th, 1897.

Our Arkansas conference closed last night. It was held in Headley school house in Clay county. We had a series of splendid meetings. Our principal priesthood meeting was held in the woods, where we sat on the logs around a huge bon-fire. With exception of short intervals, our meeting was almost continuous from ten o'clock a. m. until five p. m., during which time each of the sixteen Elders present bore their testimonies. The spirit was poured out so powerfully upon us, that many were melted to tears and those experienced, spoke by the power of the Lord as if they had been in the field for months.

Following this we had a series of Priesthood meetings together, using the noon hour between public gathering, in which we were spiritually fed. Most of the time in these meetings was occupied by our president, Elder Andrew Kimball, while each of us had sufficient opportunity of speaking as we were led.

Our public meetings, commencing Friday night and ending Sunday night, were well attended, exceeding one hundred persons on an average.

Saturday night, by way of change, the Elders gave the people a free concert.

During our public meetings, our young Elders were brought to the front, and handled the first principles of the Gospel in their order.

Elder James L. Nielson presides over this conference and has laboring under his direction, eleven missionaries, Joseph A. Wright, Thomas H. Argyle, George E. Brim, Thomas Gleason, Joseph H. Peterson, James P. Anderson, Joseph J. Larkin, Fredrick Cleverly, Frank L. Copening, David Nelson and George N. Atkinson. Besides those, and in company with President Kimball, we had a visit from Secretary John M. Knight, who was instrumental in the hands of the

Lord, with his co laborers, in opening up this field, from which he was called to St. John, Kansas; to operate as secretary and assistant president of the Indian Territory mission. To make it still more interesting, Elder Lorin C. Woolley, en route to his old field, the Cherokee nation, for a short mission, added his testimony and gave us many valuable items of experience.

Our St. John Sunday school superintendent and tenor singer, Elder Kirkman, with his guitar, came along to aid in making it still more interesting, so that our musical department was one of no small interest to the people.

This is the second conference held in this locality, with increasing interest. It will be remembered that in this particular neighborhood, seven years ago, Elders Holt and Shephard of the Southern States mission, who came over from Tennessee, were mobbed, but the fruits of their labors are apparent today; in the many warm-hearted friends to our Elders. Some of those the two Elders met during their short visit here.

Following each meeting kind friends waited for us. Notwithstanding the fact that the people generally are poor, they share their scanty lot and give us the best they have. Special preparation was made of course for our pleasure; and the Mormon Elders coming in from their various rounds know how to appreciate these good things.

With the exception of a few unruly boys, who no doubt would make it unpleasant for us, if not kept in restraint by better element, the behavior of the people towards us, is worthy of special commendation. Our Elders, in coming in from their various fields, report that they traveled without purse or scrip, and have received the best of treatment. Elders Brim and Copening particularly reported that they had put up at the best hotels in the cities and ate their Christmas dinner at a railroad eating house, getting at the latter, turkey, fresh oysters and a variety of fresh fruits, etc. While it seemed a hardship to start with, some months ago, conditions have changed so that our Elders very much prefer the new method; and indeed it would need a new dispensation of instructions to get them to go back to traveling as formerly, with money with which to pay their way. The work is being done systematically. The state is divided into districts. Our Elders are unencumbered with trunks, valises or extras.

While the work is yet new in this state, under the present system of the rough canvassing and with the good lot of Elders, our president, Elder Kimball, has no fear as to the result in a good work to be accomplished during the coming year. FRANK L. COPENING,
Secretary Arkansas Conference.

RAWLINS ELECTED SENATOR.

TUESDAY'S VOTE.

It was generally expected that interesting and perhaps final developments would occur in the senatorial contest today at the noon session of the joint assembly, and while there were some changes, they did not bring the end nearer to the view than it has been from the beginning.

When the name of R. C. Chambers, who heretofore had supported Rawlins, voted for Moses Thatcher.

Speaker Perkins, without making any explanation, also voted for Moses