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THE MISSIONARY FIELDS

At the Circle of the Church.

Bay Bought, Sonoma Co., N. Y., Sept. 25, 1899.

To the Editor:

This place where my lot has been cast is now as a servant of the Lord in behalf of the gospel west of the State of New York. It lies between two beautiful fresh-water lakes—Canandaigua and Seneca—the former of which is about 30 miles long and from one to three miles wide.

The place is noted for its beauty, and the fertility of its soil. About three miles north of where the writer now lies is the Bluff, where some years ago the place in which the Church was organized of but six aposties, and a membership of but six, spread its wings, to prove that this Church has made measurable back to the laws of its infancy, and that the gospel has grown to a membership of over five hundred thousand. To many this seems so trifling.

The work in this part of the vineyard is moving along slowly, yet steadily. People are being made to some of the most strongly opposed prejudices, and the Elders are as sheep in the midst of "Mormonism" as was the case when the field was opened up by Elders Anthony Ellsworth and Wooley. We have a number of friends at this place (Bay Bought), who are very kind and considerate of the Elders, and who are not forgetful to entertain strangers, realizing that some thereby have entertained angels unawares.

We have been permitted to make the publication of the death of Brother Mr. Emery, Jonas Emery, Mr. Emery is a former soldier of the Civil War, having served three years and nine months in active service in the ranks and being fired and shell and shell for so long a time, he is well prepared to face the dark of death, which came with positive force, and sounds him as a friend of the Lord.

The "News" is much appreciated by the Saints. It is of great interest to them on account of the popularity and journals.

Your brother,

JOS. J. GILL.

A Profitable Gathering.

Independence, Ind., Sept. 25, 1899.—At a meeting of Elder Louis A. Kelsch and wife in the home of Elder M. F. Cowley, it was decided to meet of the Elders in possession, having for that in the Northern District, the Elders of the Southern and Eastern Indiana conferences met at Anderson, Ind., to hold their semi-annual conference on Sept. 16th and 17th. The people were all in good spirits, and the meetings were held with much good order. The meetings were held at which many of Anderson's good people were in attendance. The Elders were pleased to be present in the Elders and the talent which they possessed. The papers gave expressions of the value of the event.

At the last conference meeting, which was held Saturday Sept. 16th, the Circuit Court room was crowded to overflowing. Elder Geo. E. Barton called the meeting to order and introduced President F. C. Ward, of the Southern Indiana conference, who was followed by Elder M. F. Cowley.

Saturday evening our Priesthood meeting was held, at which the apostolic teachings were given and instructions received. Elders Geo. E. Barton and Cowley, the reports of the Elders were with benefit.

The Sunday morning service was well attended both by people of the city and those from nearby cities, and many were turned away for lack of room. The morning sermon was delivered by the Latter-day Saints.

Elder R. Gore Clark spoke for some time on relation, after which Elder Kelsch set forth the duties made by the Elders.

At all the meetings the use had Sunday evening was best attended. Interest was shown in the Elders by Elders Tomlinson and Dunkin, then Elder Cowley spoke with inspiration, after which Elder Kelsch, the 5th chapter of Matthew's Mary, who for the first time heard an apostle of Jesus Christ, will long remain sentiment.

The people were very kind and showed to Elder consideration.

The day of the court house was given to the.

The Elders left Monday to begin their work in their new fields.

Elders Seaver, Goodie in Indiana, which the Elders like to have the Elders, and Elders Tomlinson with Elder Gough, F. Taylor, Elder Park, Elder Ballard, Ind., or Elder Hugh H. Harvey, Ind., Elder Kelsch.

Elder Crocker and McMullin, having finished Sabbath meetings, were released to return home.

W. J. BOELT, Clerk.

Northern Indiana Conference.

Southern Indiana Conference.

Vevay, Ind., Sept. 25, 1899.

To the Editor:

The Elders of Southern and Northern Indiana met to conduct conference on September 16th and 17th, at Anderson, Ind.

The day of the court house was declared as free of charge.

There were between sixty and seven Elders present. We were pleased with the presence of President Joseph F. Smith and one of the Twelve in attending M. F. Cowley.

For a number of weeks before conference, through the Gospel was expounded in the people from the court house steps. Many large crowds gathered and paid good attention to what was being said. The three public meetings were well attended.

The last meeting of the conference was held Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.

The audience was addressed by Elders F. W. Crocker and M. F. Cowley. The former spoke of the secret, profit and persecution endured by the Latter-day Saints. He gave prophecies that the same was characteristic of the Prophets, the Savior and His Apostles. He said that the people of this country would be persecuted as long as they remain in this mortal state. Elder Joseph Phillips then favored us with a solo.

Elder M. F. Cowley was introduced and spoke with much power. He has a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel as revealed in this day, and also of the work of the Elders.

On Sunday morning at 8:30 we convened in our Priesthood meeting and we enjoyed a great deal of the Spirit of the Lord. The Elders reported their fields of labor and were assigned new companions. Elders F. W. Crocker and Ira A. McMillan were somewhat released to return home. Elder James Petersen was transferred to Chicago. Elder A. W. Harvey was sent to Indianapolis, where the place of his was filled by the return home of Elder F. W. Crocker. Elder Hugh H. Harvey has had no companion, but it was decided to give him one to aid him in his work. Elders Ira A. McMillan, M. F. Tackett and Jesse Pay were assigned to Ohio and added companions to Elder F. W. Crocker. Elders Kelsch and Cowley were given to go by Elders L. A. Kelsch and M. F. Cowley.

At 2:30 p. m. the second public meeting commenced and the people present listened to Elder H. G. Clark and L. A. Kelsch expound the principles of the Gospel.

Elder Clark said that salvation only comes to those who endure to the end, and that the way to be saved is to obey the whispering of that still small voice, the Holy Spirit.

Elder Kelsch spoke for a time upon the ordinance of baptism.

Our last meeting was held at 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

Elders Brannon Stoddard, F. D. Brooks and M. F. Cowley occupied the time, the first two speaking upon the first principles of the Gospel and the latter taking for his subject the Kingdom of God in wisdom of Mr. Daniel.

The newspapers of the city gave a glowing description of the Elders. Among other things they stated that nearly all the Elders were young men and all seemed to be natural orators.

Any one having friends or relatives in the southern part of the State wishing the Elders to visit them, should address Elder H. W. Mayer, Madison, Indiana.

ALBERT MAUSY, JR.,
Clerk of Conference.

In the North Western States.

Lost River, Sept. 26, 1899.

To the Editor:

A conference was held at Lost River, Sept. 16th, 1899, of the Northwestern States mission, at which the following were present: Elder William A. Hicks presiding. Three meetings were held. Elders F. S. Brunswick and M. Brunswick were present. There was a large attendance at each meeting. After the forenoon services, tables were prepared in the center of the hall where the Saints met, and spread with the sacraments of life, and all "Mormons" and non-"Mormons" were invited to partake.

Elder W. A. Hicks was released to return home.

After the evening meeting Elders F. S. Brunswick and M. Brunswick, and Elder W. A. Hicks started out for Market Lake.

JAMES KING,
Presiding Elder of the Lost Branch.

Southern Illinois Conference.

Hill, Ill., Sept. 26th, 1899.

To the Editor:

The Southern Illinois Conference convened on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23rd and 24th. Our meetings were held in the government "Armory Hall" in Springfield, which was opened to us free of charge. The first meeting convened at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday. The house was full to overflowing. Meeting was called to order by the Elder Hugh F. W. Jones was the first speaker on the subject of Apostasy and Restoration. Elder Hugh H. Harvey and Elder L. A. Kelsch spoke "Unity of Faith."

At 6:30 p. m. on Sept. the 24th, Elder Kelsch and Elder Harvey, the Elders where reports from Elders of various fields were heard. Those showed the work in a promising condition. Elder Kelsch gave many words of counsel and encouragement, after which the Priesthood were dismissed. In the afternoon and evening the public meetings were continuously attended.

At President D. A. Morris was re-leased to return home, and Elder Hugh H. Harvey to the presidency of our conference. Elder F. J. Hawkins was sustained as president of the Elders quorum, and J. H. Pickett as counselors, and J. T. Ballard was sustained in his position as clerk. At the afternoon meeting we had a very interesting Priesthood meeting was appointed at Central Point, at 9:30 a. m. on Sept. the 30th.

At 2:30 p. m. on Sept. the 24th, Elder Morris called to order the Elders Morris. The first speaker was Elder J. T. Ballard, on the Kingdom of God. He was followed by Elder Wm. H. Holcomb on Baptism.

The Sunday meeting convened at 2:30 p. m. Elder J. Hawkins spoke upon the Plan of Salvation. Brothers D. A. Morris followed upon Authority, and Elder L. A. Kelsch spoke upon the Second Coming of Christ.

The Elders all met in the "Central Hotel" at 8:30 a. m. Sept. the 25th, when they received their appointments. D. A. Morris, D. H. Stephens, F. Hunter and J. D. Hendricks were released to return home.

There were a number of Saints and investigators in attendance at each meeting, some coming a distance of 40 miles. We were treated kindly by the people of Springfield and especially by Captain Butler and Second Lieutenant Hutchings, who had charge of the Armory. Mr. Hoffman, a music dealer, insisted on the use of an organ for our services free of charge. The papers were very fair with us, advertising our conference for several weeks before the reading of the reports the missionaries were assigned to their fields of labor. A number were released to return home and others were assigned to their former fields of labor. Before conference there were four companionships of Elders in the Eastern District, viz., Elders Lyman, Marcellus, Brinson and A. C. Pearson, Brother Grosberg was released, Brother Brinson assigned to Waukesa, and Brothers Brinson and Pearson transferred to Upsala, with G. Clark as senior companion. As arrangements had been made to hold a meeting in Upsala on Wednesday evening, September 6th, at which the Elders were to be present, we came to Upsala immediately upon the close of conference, a number of friends accompanying us. On arriving at the hall we found that the good Saints of Upsala had not been idle. They had decorated the hall very nicely with green and flowers. In the evening the hall was crowded and all those who attended were well pleased with their visit, and had had the opportunity of attending. The next morning, the 7th inst., Elder Brinson and wife were transferred to Waukesa, and Elder Pearson left alone, but a few others came to visit us, making nine present.

On Friday evening, September 8th, the Saints all met in the hall to hold a social in honor of our two departing companions, Elders Brinson and Pearson, and to welcome our new one, C. C. Gliff, who has been labouring in Kalkaska for the past two and a half years. Some speeches were made in regard to the Saints, referring to the work done by the departing brethren and wishing them a safe journey home, and welcoming to us a happy visit by the brethren.

Since then the visiting brethren have been departed, and Elder Gliff is now with us and also again, ready for work. Brother Albert Carson of East Mill Creek who has been visiting in Utah, has returned to return home during the first part of October, and will labor in the Upsala branch until then.

The work in this part of the world is progressing and the future looks very bright. The Saints are all doing well and the branch is in a healthy condition, spiritually and financially.

We receive the News regularly and the assignment we appreciate the kindness of its managers in sending it.

A great many have returned from here in the past and they, no doubt, have relatives and friends here whom they would like to have hear the Gospel. If they will send them to the Deseret News office, or to the Elders in charge, the Elders will be pleased to call on them.

Yours, etc.,

A. C. PEARSON.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Beaver Stake.

Beaver, Beaver Co., Sept. 26, 1899.

To the Editor:

Elder Francis M. Lyman of the Council of Apostles, arrived in our city on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from the south, where he has been visiting all the different Stakes of Zion in their conferences. He is accompanied by his son, Richard, and of the professors in the University at Salt Lake City, and president of the Y. M. M. I. Association of the Salt Lake Stake.

A meeting was held in Greenville Tuesday, the 21st, and Adamsville on Friday, the 22nd, at which President M. Lyman, who was accompanied by the Stake presidency and others.

Our quarterly conference convened on Saturday at 10 a. m. in the meeting house, Elder C. D. White presiding. Elder Lyman, his son, the Stake presidency, Bishopric and other officers occupied the stand. Our Stake was in attendance. Encouraging reports were given by the Bishops of the different wards and many valuable instructions were imparted to the Saints.

At 1 p. m. Saturday, a meeting was held in a house at the branch of the Brothers Young Academy. Prof. Richard L. Lyman gave some very valuable instructions to the students, after which he continued them to be studious and industrious, and to conduct themselves in such a manner as to be worthy of the University.

The Saints united out in their council chamber Sunday morning at 9 a. m. to attend to important business. Brother R. S. Houghton, a member of the High Council, who now resides at Milford, was released and William Johnson A. Walker was chosen to fill the vacancy in the Council. Alexander Hyrum A. Walker and John Dodge were also formally released, on account of living at a distance, and unable to attend their council meetings. Elder Hyrum Hunter and James Tenny were chosen as alternates. Brother John Lang was chosen and sustained as high councilor in Oak Creek Ward. Elder Hyrum Hunter was sustained as president of the Oak Creek Ward, and John Tenny was chosen to fill the vacancy in the Council. Alternates were also formally released, on account of living at a distance, and unable to attend their council meetings. Elder Hyrum Hunter and James Tenny were chosen as alternates. Brother John Lang was chosen and sustained as high councilor in Oak Creek Ward. Elder Hyrum Hunter was sustained as president of the Oak Creek Ward, and John Tenny was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Tenny.

Conference adjourned at 3 p. m. The power and good authorities were presented by Elder Lyman and sustained without a dissenting vote.

Brother James C. Mathers of Milford, was chosen and sustained as one of the Stake superintendents of the Sunday Schools of the Beaver Stake of Zion.

Many many instructions were given during the morning and afternoon sessions by our visiting brethren, on the subject of Union, Work of Wisdom, and other topics. All felt that they had well paid for meeting together.

The conference was then adjourned for three months, after which the brethren chosen to fill the vacancies in the High Council and High Priests quorum were sustained by the President's office by President M. Lyman.

Sunday at 2 p. m. the conference of the Y. M. M. I. A. and Sunday School convention was held in the meeting house. Sisters Campbell and Brown came from Salt Lake City to attend our conference, and their visit was very much appreciated. During the first meeting Elders Francis M. Lyman, Richard R. Lyman, Sisters Campbell and Brown spoke to the Saints, and continued to impress the lessons which God had blessed their will.

Elders Francis M. Lyman and son went to Minersville and had meeting, and our visiting sisters remained at our conference. Sunday evening the evening reports were given of the different wards. Many valuable instructions and strong words to the people were given by the Bishops of the different wards and many valuable instructions were imparted to the Saints.

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