

their missionary fields with the spirit of their labors as all get when the excitement of the travel is over.

Our Saints are well as far as we know and are very zealous in their efforts to spread the Gospel and are living their religion with the desire of gaining salvation.

The Elders laboring in South Alabama conference with their addresses are as follows:

Geo. A. Reid and Chas. H. Alley, Camden, Wilcox county, Ala.
W. H. Redd and M. C. Phelps, Grove Hill, Clarke county, Ala.
W. B. Barnett and Amos Cook, Jones Mills, Monroe county, Ala.
Samuel R. Brown and G. A. Heiner, Brewton, Escambia county, Ala.
Jos. S. Porter and J. H. Melville, Elba, Coffee county, Ala.
E. E. Neeley and Ezra P. Monson, Stockton, Baldwin county, Ala.
James P. Jensen and Taylor Nelson, Monroeville, Monroe county, Ala.
Jos. Johnson and F. M. Stevenson, Greenville, Butler county, Ala.
John H. Pace and Oliver Halford, Clayton, Barbour county, Ala.
E. L. Terry and Jos. A. Turnbow, Lusk, Choctaw county, Ala.
E. M. Davey and W. C. Carver, Abbeville, Henry county, Ala.
Chas. A. Varley and C. R. Spencer, Perryville, Perry county, Ala.
W. E. Jenkins and G. T. Webster, Tuskegee, Macon county, Ala.
Ed. L. Benzley and Wm. W. Williams, Seale, Russell county, Ala.
M. A. Lewis and F. W. Andrus, Troy, Pike county, Ala.
S. A. Allen and Sanford Weeks, Eclectic, Elmore county, Ala.
M. A. Beckstead and Jos. Biggs, Letohatchee, Lowndes county, Ala.
Geo. E. Jarvis and Arthur C. Candler, Camden, Wilcox county, Ala.
Wm. J. Strong and Lot Smith, Jr., Braggs, Lowndes county, Ala.
Lawrence Peterson and A. M. Seeley, Magnolia, Marengo county, Ala.
D. H. Thomas and Irving L. Pratt, Camden, Wilcox county, Ala.
D. H. THOMAS President.
IRVING L. PRATT, Secretary.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MISSION.

San Francisco, California,
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Will you kindly give space in the columns of your valuable paper for the following assignments of Elders to their respective fields of labor in this the northern conference of the state of California? Those of the Latter-day Saints throughout Zion having relatives and friends living in any of the following cities or counties whom they desire the Elders to visit, in the line of their work, can thus do so and help to forward the work of the Lord in this state:

John Y. Smith, W. E. Stoker, John B. Miller, W. R. Emmett, George Child, and F. C. Parkinson, San Francisco.
J. A. Loveless, W. Wallentine, W. A. Bringham, Sacramento and El Dorado county.
Jos. Hansen and Oliver Thornton, Oakland and Alameda county.
Jos. S. Berry and B. J. Bennett, San Jose.
Orvil Cobbley and Frank O. Nye, Santa Clara county.
Jos. Davis and L. A. Merrill, Santa Cruz county.
H. J. Bodily and Leo Peck, Napa county.
G. G. Hendricks and E. J. Watkins, Nevada and Yuba counties.
J. F. Moyle and W. L. Jackson, Butte and Sutter counties.
V. S. Raymond and Alfred Obern, Colusa and Yolo counties.
A. E. Wall and Geo. Earley, Stockton and San Joaquin counties.
Geo. Poulter and H. B. Bushnell, Fresno and Madero counties.

Willard Knight and Chas. Mickelsen, Tulara and Kern counties.

The Elders of this conference are all traveling without purse or scrip except those laboring in the city of San Francisco. They are receiving the best of treatment and meeting many good warm friends on every hand. They are in many cases furnished with school houses and churches free and are provided with beds and food at some of the finest hotels of the state without cost. Prejudice is fast being allayed and prospects for a good work never looked brighter. We have baptized one hundred souls into the Church in this state since the first of last January and prospects are good for many more within a few weeks. The leading newspapers of the state often give us a fair hearing, which helps the grand cause wherever the papers are distributed.

The "News" comes to me regularly and is indeed a welcome visitor. Ever praying the blessings of the Lord to attend the workers of the good cause throughout the world, I am

Yours in the grand work of truth,

F. C. PARKINSON,

President Northern California Conference.

N. B.—Any person desiring our Elders to visit their friends or relatives will kindly address their letters to

E. H. NYE, Prest. of the California Mission, 915 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS' COLLEGE.

The Tabernacle was crowded almost to its full capacity last night, Sunday, Nov. 14, the occasion being the eleventh anniversary of the founding of the Latter-day Saints' College. A delightful program was rendered. Among the selections were: Organ solo, John J. McClellan; vocal solo, Della Daynes; trio, Sweet Love Divine, Lizzie Thomas Edwards, John Robinson and Thos. Ashworth; baritone solo, "Oh, God, Have Mercy," John Robinson; contralto solo, Ethel Pike, and a soprano solo by Lizzie Thomas Edwards.

The address of welcome was given by Elder C. W. Penrose. He traced briefly the history of the college from the founding of the institution to the present school year, and then expressed the view, largely held by the Latter-day Saints, that everyone needs a spiritual education, in order to comprehend more fully the truth of all science, philosophy and religion.

The anniversary oration was delivered by Elder B. H. Roberts. This large meeting, he began, is a sufficient refutation of the slander which has gone abroad, that the Mormon Church is antagonistic to education. The statement has recently been renewed in some quarters that the Church is in opposition to educational systems, particularly to higher education.

As a refutation of this Elder Roberts traced the history of education in the Church from its founding to the present time. In Kirtland and Nauvoo, schools were established, where by the children of Mormon parentage could be educated in the arts, classics and sciences as well as in the principles of Christianity. The utterances of Brigham Young, and the still earlier statements by the Prophet Joseph Smith were quoted. President Young's advice was that the "Saints should accumulate knowledge from all sources," and he further counseled the establishment of good schools throughout all Utah.

The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that men cannot be saved in ignorance, and that man is saved no faster than he gets knowledge. The understanding of truth which we obtain in this world is perpetuated in the next.

It is strange, in view of these teachings, the speaker said, that the Mormon people are maligned for an alleged opposition to education, and that the statement is still abroad that Mormonism can only thrive where ignorance abounds. The leaders of the Church have always fostered educational institutions, and the history of the Saints prove this. The speaker pointed out that the Saints adhere to the truism, "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." They believe that the education of the spirit is more important than the education of the intellect. Our own efforts have been and are now directed in that way. If intellectual education is to be gained to the detriment of righteousness and the truth of the latter-day work, the people prefer a neglect of that intellectual training. Skepticism is the crowning evil of the age, said the speaker, and he was in favor of stemming the tide in every possible way. Infidelity is fed by the falsehoods which creep into our secular schools. Today a man who would question the babblings of science is looked upon as an heretic. Yet, theories are far from being infallible. The supposed wisdom of our age is shown to be folly by the next. It is only a short time ago, comparatively, the speaker said, when men believed in the geocentric theory that the earth is the center of the universe, and about it the sun, moon and stars revolve. But this idea is now discarded. Men are not safe in believing that all error has been pushed out of the theories that now abound.

God has revealed to the Saints the true record of man's origin and identity. Whenever men's theories come in contrast with the truth of God, they must go to the wall. We as Saints should make a distinction between the truths men have discovered and the theories they advance. Do not make the mistake of combating the truth of God by the partial knowledge men have attained. We expect Mormonism to go hand in hand with education. It is on our education that our hope rests. We expect the Latter-day Saints to prove that the revelation of God broadens the minds of men and will advance them to an ideal mental, moral and physical education.

Prof. Willard Done of the College presided over the meeting. On the stand were the board of regents and the faculty.

A particularly interesting feature of the meeting was a presentation of flowers to the faculty by little Irene Done, who was dressed very prettily in the College colors.

Last night's meeting was perhaps the largest of its kind ever held in the State. Fully six thousand people were in attendance.

All exercises at the college were adjourned today, Monday, and this evening the students will hold an informal reception in the school building.

Chase Lindley, employed at the power house of the Alameda, Cal., Electrical railway, was shocked by a live wire Friday, was shocked by a live wire Friday, was shocked by a live wire Friday. He was told to go to a small room above the office to get some oil. Instead of using the stairs he climbed up on a gas pipe on the outside of the building. He had reached the top and was about to step on to the upper floor when his head came in contact with a live trolley wire. Lindley was stunned by the shock and fell to the concrete pit about twenty-three feet below. He was picked up by some of the employees, and a doctor attended to his injuries. His head was badly bruised and his right arm broken by the fall. He complains of internal pains, and Saturday his condition was worse.