

bility, and the part the Gospel occupied in man's salvation, and bore witness to its restoration, with the same power, inspiration, blessings and gifts following its sincere communicants today as anciently.

Elder Nelson was the next speaker. He reviewed the principles of faith, repentance, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins as the foundation of all who would enter the great sheepfold of Christ.

Elden P. P. Lechtenberg then reviewed the position of the Christian world in regard to revelation, and proved from the scriptures that instead of its being done away with, prophecies of greater manifestations in the "last days," had been made than any that should occur previous. He then referred to the Holy Ghost, proving that its mission was to take the things of God and reveal them to man.

All listened attentively and a Picayune reporter present took copious notes, and next morning a very lengthy and flattering report of the first "Mormon meeting in New Orleans" appeared under glowing headings in the Picayune.

Sunday morning Elder E. S. Kimball, our beloved president, reached us, and regaled us with pleasing and joyous news from Zion.

Monday we all took in the sights of the big city, of which there are many, and witnessed the landing of King Rex and his band of merry-makers, inaugurating the world famed Mardi Gras, with its magnificent parades and displays.

Tuesday morning we met in council meeting and President Kimball addressed us for just four hours and forty minutes. The spirit of prophecy was mighty upon him, and the Elders were enthused, quickened and renewed in their integrity by the words of inspiration that fell from his lips. Elder Kimball, during his remarks, said he felt impressed to separate Louisiana into a new conference, and chose Elder S. L. Swenson of Pleasant Grove, Utah, to preside over the Louisiana Conference. Two pairs of Elders were to be appointed to labor in the closed counties, and the Saints were to be allotted to the Elders to correspond with monthly.

Following President Kimball, each Elder made a few remarks, bearing testimony to the words that our President had uttered, and also of the truth of the work we were engaged in. Many instances of the Divine manifestations of healing in behalf of the Elders, and others to whom they had administered were related, proving that the power does follow the Priesthood of God today as it did anciently. So strong was the Spirit of God manifest that our hearts were melted in love for the human family and the great work in which we are engaged, and all felt that they had indeed received a great blessing from our Heavenly Father in having the privilege in being there. Our meeting consumed about eight hours, yet there are none that would not with pleasure have sat as many more.

During the week the Elders took in the sights of the city of which there are many of interest.

New Orleans is a very old city, having been settled early in the 17th century, and since then has been under three different powers. The evidences of three nations' rule are to be seen there

today—Spanish, French and American. The French headquarters as well as the Spanish fort are still in evidence. But by far the most pleasing sight was the world famed Mardi Gras. For the occasion the city had put on her holiday attire. Show windows were gems of delight; even the usual dirty streets were cleaned up, and the people all entered into the spirit of the occasion with a will.

On the 19th the Elders were separated into the following fields by Elders Pomeroy and Swenson, and on Saturday they took their departure for their respective fields:

In Mississippi Conference—

F. L. Pomeroy and S. L. Swenson, Jackson, Miss.

P. P. Lechtenberg and Wm. Holt, traveling Elders.

F. C. Best and George Rollins, traveling Elders.

M. H. Preece and David Wheeler, Newton County, Miss.

J. W. Chipman and H. Nebeker, Lauderdale County, Miss.

C. H. Johnson and S. F. Baker, Clarke County, Miss.

Geo. B. Cox and D. M. Faddies, Copia County, Miss.

Geo. F. Shelly and Geo. B. Moore, Smith County, Miss.

Leo C. Wooley and R. F. Jardine, Rankin County Miss.

R. W. Brown and C. J. Block, Jasper County, Miss.

W. G. Palmer and S. H. Jones, Scott County, Mississippi.

In Louisiana Conference:—

Axel Nielson and Joseph P. Sharp, New Orleans, La.

C. A. Matthews and W. P. Pratt, Washington Pa, Louisiana.

J. F. Astle and Alonzo Gowans, St. Tammany Pa., Louisiana.

William Martin and W. A. Kerr, St. Helena Pa., Louisiana.

R. H. Smith and E. M. Weiler, Tangipahoa Pa., Louisiana.

Too much credit cannot be given Sister Schweitzer for her kindness to the Elders. She keeps two at her hotel and will not let them pay her one cent. She prepared especially for the Elders during the week we were there at a very nominal charge, and did not want to take anything, but we would not of course allow that.

Shortly after Conference, two honest souls were gathered in from the host in New Orleans and were baptized in the placid waters of Lake Ponchartrain.

Since Conference the Elders have been treated well and are making and finding many friends, for God is softening the hearts of the people and we look for a glorious harvest in the near future.

On the 24th of March, two of our beloved companions were released to return to their Mountain Home. Elder P. L. Lechtenberg, of Logan, and William M. Holt, of Salt Lake County, Utah, both filling twenty-seven months in the field. We are expecting two more recruits to the army of the Lord and we trust the work will go gloriously on.

All the Elders are well and hearty and enjoying the blessings of our Heavenly Father, and all feel to press forward and add our mite for the rolling forth of His purposes upon the earth.

Thanking you for your paper in the past and trusting that we may continue to be blessed with its company, and joining with wishes for the advancement of

every honest effort, we remain your brethren in the Gospel.

FRANK T. POMEROY,
President Mississippi Conference.

SWEN L. SWENSEN,
President Louisiana Conference.

TRAVELING IN MISSISSIPPI.

FOREST, Scott County, Miss.,
April 20, 1896.

Thinking a few words from the Elders of Mississippi would be of interest to the readers of the NEWS we dot the following.

Since our conference at New Orleans, held February 17 and 18, Elder W. G. Palmer and myself have labored in this county, making many friends and some earnest investigators of the principles advocated by the Latter-day Saints. We highly appreciate the valuable instructions given us at our last conference by our worthy president, Elder Elias S. Kimball; one we take leave to mention, for the benefit of all who are laboring in the cause of truth, i. e., for us to travel without purse or scrip; by so doing he promised us that our wants would be fully supplied. Our testimony is that by following his instructions the Lord has raised up friends to us, that we have been blessed beyond our expectations, not only in the way of lodging and food, but in getting opportunity of holding more meetings and presenting the Gospel in its purity to the people.

The second Saturday and Sunday of April, we held four traveling meetings in a new neighborhood, making there a host of friends and receiving many warm invitations to recall to leave them more reading matter, converse upon the Gospel, etc. By their request we promised to return to that vicinity in the summer and hold a series of meetings which we hope will be the means of bringing many to the knowledge of the truth.

To those who expect to fill missions we say: Do not neglect music; learn to sing the hymns of the Latter-day Saints' hymn book before the eleventh hour; they are a source of life in mission meetings and evening conversations. The Elders who can sing well (all other things being equal) enjoy a more pleasant mission, and are able to get closer to the hearts of many people that they otherwise could. A hymn well sung often opens the doors to the Elders, and gives them the privilege of presenting the Gospel while otherwise they likely would not be entertained.

We always enjoy reading the DESERET NEWS, but for some cause, the past few months we have not received it, but hope in the future it will be numbered among our welcome visitors.

S. H. JONES,
W. G. PALMER.

IMPORTANT LAWS.

COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS.

An act to amend general section 138 of volume 1 of the Compiled Laws of Utah, 1888, relating to the duties of county prosecuting attorneys.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Utah:

SECTION 1. That general section 133, vol 1, of the Compiled Laws of Utah,