

dug more than \$40,000,000 worth of silver ore. Aspen produced in 1891 \$10,000,000 worth of silver. It is situated on an enormous silver lode, which is said to be from eight to twelve miles long, and which, before silver dropped, was producing the white metal at the rate of a million dollars a month. At Aspen is the famous Mollie Gibson silver mine, the average ore of which is worth \$600 a ton, and of which single car loads of ore have netted more than \$60,000.

There is one mine at Aspen which has taken out more than \$7,000,000 from an area of about half an acre of ground, the works of the mine going down nearly 1,700 feet below the surface.

Frank G. Carpenter

THE LORD WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE.

Following are extracts from a letter written to J. H. Martineau by his son, Nephi Martineau, now a missionary in Kentucky.

CAMPBELLVILLE, Taylor County, Kentucky, July 23rd, 1896.

Your welcome letter found me when I returned from conference, having been four weeks without any mail. At conference we were told that the Lord required us to travel without purse or scrip. (Read Doc. and Cov. Sec. 84.) I sent my money to the office at Chattanooga to pay for tracts and books, and went forth on our journey of 125 miles to Taylor county, being on the road ten days, without money, trusting in the Lord. We go out to prove the word of the Lord, who says He will raise up friends to administer to our wants. Just as soon as I quit traveling with money I was more humble, and put all my trust in the Lord. I received several small presents, but they were just the things I needed, and if they were small things, it shows that the Lord is able and willing to help us. People ask us to let them do our washing. So you see we are better off than if we were worrying about money to pay our way with. I wrote home and told my wife if she got any money for me, to send it to Chattanooga to help pay for books and tracts we distribute. As President Kimball says, "The bridge is cut, brethren, go forth in this way and you will become mighty in the sight of the Lord."

I was humbled several times in tears, and it seemed necessary to bring me into the right position. I have had the Spirit of the Lord resting upon me until my frame shook, and the Lord has shown me what is required to fill an honorable mission. We cannot work in this cause without being humble and prayerful. At times I was not humble enough, but I repented and fasted and prayed until my prayers were answered. I have enjoyed my labors more since I sent away my money, and have an assurance that my labors have been accepted of the Lord; and I have gained an experience I would not like to be without. It is a tough ordeal to pass through for about three or four months, until we learn how to preach the Gospel, but now all that is passed.

Since July 2nd we have held twenty meetings, walked a hundred and ten miles, made visits three times, re-visits thirty-eight; tracts distributed sixty-five,

Gospel conversations forty-five, which is twice what we could do before we put away our money. People everywhere kill spring chicken for us nearly every meal, though we generally go without one meal before meeting, so as to be able to speak better. They are after us on all sides, saying, "Come and stay with me," "Ain't you coming to my house before you leave?" "Will you be coming to preach in our district?" It is becoming more unpopular to speak against us, and men are ready to defend us on every hand. The work is progressing rapidly, and people follow us from one place to another, some coming miles through the timber to hear the Gospel. We are magnified in their eyes, and they think we have been to college for years. Zion is coming to the front, and thousands will be found who are seeking the truth.

We have a branch organized in the next county of thirty-four persons, and more getting ready. We are the first Elders that have ever preached in this county, and it seems as though the Lord has His Spirit striving with them. I have many dear friends here, and would hate to see them destroyed by the judgments which are coming. Think of the thousands of children growing up here—they need the Gospel to be preached to them that they may have a chance to grow up in it as our children do. My heart is reaching out after the people, and there are a great many waiting for the Gospel who will receive it joyfully. Our Elders are getting among the bankers, and lawyers and doctors—there are many of them studying our doctrines. I don't want to go home; I prefer to stay here and enjoy my mission and try to do my part that I may stand on Mount Zion worthy the blessings promised. May the peace of heaven be with you all.

NEPHI MARTINEAU.

THE SICK ARE HEALED.

GREENVILLE, Florida, July 31st, 1896.

By request I inclose Elder Lund's letter, (which is self-explanatory) for publication. We do not think proper to publish instances of healing in any but our own papers, and not always then, but will mention some cases now.

A like circumstance to that of Elder Lund is given in a recent letter from Elder Black, which I feel impelled to mention. A Mrs. Emily Houseman had been ailing for some time with an unknown trouble. The outward evidences were headache all the time, unsound in mind and having fits (as many as nine a day, at times). She had two physicians examine her. They said nothing could be done to restore her health. Mrs. H. informed her husband and parents that the Elders could heal her, and begged to have them sent for.

After the dereliction of every hope of her recovery and they had sufficiently derided the idea of sending for the servants of God, her husband repented, for he formerly had been very bitter toward us, and brought Elders Joseph Larson and E. L. Black. Several people gathered to witness the administration, but were appraised by Elder Larson that if they had come to see a miracle, they would not see it; and he invited those who did not believe in prayer to give the room to those who did. None left.

After prayer and the administration, Mrs. H. listened without pain and suffer-

ing until 10 o'clock p. m. to the Elders talk and sing. Being informed by Elder Black that she would sleep that night and that no one need sit up, as had been usual, she had unreserved faith in what he said. And so it was. She slept well till sunrise.

At Mr. Houseman's house meeting was held by the Elders the following afternoon—the brethren fasting all day. Mrs. Houseman and one or two others are to be baptized next Sunday.

These circumstances are given only that the many Elders who are proselyting and Saints who read your meritorious paper may see that God is still with us and that He hears and answers the prayer of faith.

Many events of like nature occur in the missionary field, building up the faith of the Elders and strengthening the testimony of our Saints, all of which cannot be written any more than they could in Christ's time. (John xxi: 25; also xx: 30, 31.)

Since President Kimball's sojourn with us at conference in June last we are making a vigorous effort to travel altogether without purse or scrip; absolutely going without a cent. The rule of our conference is to fast every Sunday morning and all day every third Sabbath in each month; beside this we keep the regular fast day, Thursday.

We have good, humble and prayerful Elders in this conference, Elders who are becoming very efficient in their labors. An excellent spirit prevails. Parents of such men as we have here may well be proud of their sons.

During the past year our efforts have not been crowned with as great success in getting members as we think the future will give, from the immediate prospects; though during the seven months just past we have baptized ninety-nine persons into the fold, twenty-seven of whom have come in during this month. We have a few more applications. This is very encouraging to us. Our minds vividly revert to but a few months ago, when we were ejected from the state capital. All seemed dark and uncertain then. The press in some parts was and has been keeping up an incessant howl ever since, while we have a few staunch friends among the newspaper men. We also have a host of friends who would die for us, if necessary, and who would divide their last crust with a Mormon Elder. Too much praise cannot be accorded them for their hospitality.

Our opportunities for getting the Gospel before the people are becoming wonderfully augmented, and the barriers of prejudice are slowly but surely melting before us. A call for more laborers is coming from nearly every side. Do not lament, you young brethren at home, we are preparing a place for you. You will yet get a chance to shoulder arms and shout victory for the good cause.

The weather is very warm. Almost daily rains have been our portion for the past month. The farmers have "laid by" (quit plowing) corn and cotton crops, which two are the principal farm products of middle and eastern Florida. Fodder, the leaves only from the corn stock, is being gathered. Cotton picking is at hand, and dinner is about ready.

This is a land of varieties, and might be termed the home of extremes. There are to be found the most fragrant and the prettiest flowers; the most numerous and venomous reptiles; the sweetest