FROM MISSIONARY FIELDS.

Work in Missouri.

Pursuant to an appointment made by Elder A. F. Kesler, president of the Independence district, the annual conference of the West Pennsylvania district was held at Thomas, Franklin county, Pa., on Oct. 1, 2, and 3, 1898.

As soon as the time and place of holding the conference were known, efforts were made to procure a church house for the purpose, but without avail. It appeared that there was a concerted effort on the part of those opposed to the coming of the saints, to make the conference a failure; it was thought by some that it would have to be held in the hay mow instead of a house, but Elders were able to work with and win over a large brother, who had a spacious barn.

The conference convened at 1 p. m., and belligerent and opposed until Sunday night, but the meetings were all held and good order prevailed throughout, and much good was accomplished, and much seed sown, which will be gathered in by others, as to the different speakers. The very prominent idea that it was the last time, and especially in the singular, by the sectarians, was taken up by the saints, and emphasized by Elder F. D. Weiler, of Salt Lake City, the sons to the same brother, and one of the sectarian ministers, who had stated that he was an elevation that will be remembered in this locality.

There were present at the conference P. President Elder Jesse Haven, the twenty-eight Elders in the district, and Elders Hyrum Hight and W. M. Wilson, from Illinois, and Elder Maryland Smith, from Maryland.

At the close of the last meeting it was announced that a "testimonial" would be held the following evening free to all, and although the prospects were that there would be a disappointment, yet it was attended by a great number of people, and it was an impromptu program was arranged, and a good time was enjoyed, and a collection of all, and nearly enough to pay the expenses of the time that spent.

The Elders did very encouraging work, and nearly all the Elders to which they are assigned to labor during the winter, and the feeling that it was indeed a better feeling was growing with the people toward the Elders, and the people are more inclined to listen to the gospel.

Thus is the Latter-day Saints.

Elder Joshua Dailey, who had officiated as president of the conference for a couple of months, was honorably released to return home, and Elder Heber E. Fair, of Decatur, Idaho, was chosen president, and he, in company with Elder Geo. E. Hanks, of Idaho, left Oct. 3 for the vineyard thus made, and Elder Geo. E. Hanks of Pocatello, Idaho, as secretary.

HEBER E. FAIR, President.
GEO. E. HANKS, Secretary.

Quincy, Franklin Co., Pa.

The West Pennsylvania Conference.

Springville, Oct. 31, 1898.

To the Editor:

After nearly thirty months of missionary work in Missouri, I arrived in Salt Lake City on the 7th day of Oct., in company with Elders Jos. W. Kay of Idaho, L. F. Peterson of Idaho, and Hyrum Cooper, who were returning from New York City, where she had been visiting her son, who is a member of the Tabernacle choir. As to the work in Missouri, it is encouraging, the Elders are treated very good by the people in general, indeed. In Jackson county, the prospect tend to Latter-day Saints, where a couple of years ago the blood of Saints was spilled in fear, the people, many of them, are giving attention to the truth. The people are divided, some are bitterly opposed, while a greater number of intelligent people are inclined to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The population of half a dozen towns is being turned with the gospel attention