

and would actually eat (not simply chew), the very strongest kind of plug tobacco; and thousands of children begin using the stuff before they are eight years old. If the means which is spent annually for drugs, tobacco, coffee, liquor and tea, were used for the building and running of good schools, and preaching, publishing, teaching and living the everlasting Gospel, which was revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith, there would soon cease to be work for many doctors, lawyers, saloon men, and a vast army of revenue officers and still-house watchers.

During this spring my companion and I have baptized eight grown people and blessed eight children. Many more have been baptized in other parts of the state, by the other Elders. At present there are in this conference about thirty-two Elders. Many of the people are beginning to think seriously of the message we bring, and before the close of the year, we expect to see many more honest souls obey the truth, by yielding obedience to it, not simply believing as many now do.

Great progress is now being made by the Elders of the South; and this conference, though not leading the mission, is coming to the front. Conference will convene on August 7th and 8th; at which time, the first Church house built in Kentucky by the Latter-day Saints, will be dedicated. It is built on the dividing line between Green and Metcalf counties, about two and a half miles northeast of Sulphur Well P. O. It is to be known as the Junction Branch meeting house.

Myself and companion, Elder George E. Miles, are now laboring in a closed, or previously canvassed county named Hart. In re-opening the county we did so with fasting and prayer, traveling absolutely without purse or scrip. We went to the county seat, Munfordville, and tried to procure a place to preach in, but could not do so. Night came on cool and threatening rain. We ate supper with the principal of the Boyd high school, Prof. Matthes, who told us to go to the Boyd hotel, and if they would not care for us free of charge, he would pay the bill. We went and found the landlady favorable, telling us that our room and bed were ready; but we did not feel to go to bed until Mr. Boyd came in, though his wife owned the place. About 10 p. m. he came, and cursed and swore, saying he would not keep us without pay, neither would he take Prof. Matthes for the bill, (we found out afterwards that he owed the professor for some tuition), telling us to go down to Prof. Matthes and get the cash and then he would keep us. We told him we would do no such thing. His wife then said, "I own this place, and they can stay." He said, "No, they cannot, unless they pay for it." We left them having a quarrel over it, went down to the Walton House and were kindly received by its genial host, Prop. John F. Haereley, who is a native of Switzerland.

We passed a pleasant night, arose refreshed from our slumber, and attended the Presbyterian Sunday school, which was very poorly conducted, hence poorly attended. It was our Fast day. All day long a cold, cheerless rain came steadily down, so we kept our room quite closely until evening. Then we called on Mr. J. B. Lyons, the jailor, and he told us to make our home with him while we stayed in the town. The

day before he had invited us to call on him. Before leaving our room we had prayer, asking the Lord to soften his heart toward us. Our prayers were answered, a very nice home provided, and we know the Lord does answer prayer.

Monday morning, May 3rd, was still cool. The county court was in session. We preached on the street, holding three services, finding many friends, selling several books, and getting two invitations to come out in the country to hold meeting. The county clerk gave us fifty cents to buy stamps with; we were needing them badly. We spent the night with the jailor. Tuesday, May 4th, was a little warmer. The court was not yet closed, and we held services on the street at 10 a. m. Called on J. S. Mitchell, the Methodist minister; had dinner with him, and received a thoughtful, warm invitation to come and spend the night. He went with us to the afternoon services, two in number, which we held on the street. Some pens and shoe blacking were given to us by two different store keepers, and we spent the night with preacher Mitchell. Wednesday evening, in walking with our host, Preacher Mitchell, over the ruins of Fort Craig, it was interesting to hear him explain the plan of battle, and how the Southern forces took the fort. We called on the county clerk, and he again gave us fifty cents. We then bade Munfordville and our friends in that part farewell, and went out to Mt. Olivet school house, which we found cleaned and lighted for us, and we held several very nice meetings there.

We have been in the county only a few days over a month and have held, up to date, forty-seven meetings, and have other appointments out. Everyone is not friendly, to be sure, but a great many are, and some few are investigating.

JUNIUS J. TANNER,  
GEORGE E. MILES.

### EAST KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

HARLAN, Kentucky, June 3rd, 1897.

In looking over your valuable paper it very much interests me to read the contents of the same, and especially the letters from the various missionaries who are out in the different parts of the world promulgating the principles of the Gospel. The thought struck me that a few words from here would perhaps find space in your valuable paper.

I left Salt Lake City on the 8th of October, 1896, for the Southern States, where I had been called to go and fill a mission. We arrived at Chattanooga, Tenn., on the morning of the 12th of October, 1896. The next day we all had the privilege of seeing a man baptized into the Church.

We were appointed to our various fields of labor, I being called to what was then called the West Virginia conference, but since has been divided somewhat and is now known as the East Kentucky conference. Elder Alexander E. Harris, of Richmond, Cache county, Utah, was also called to this conference at the same time.

For five months I traveled with Elder Henry Bartholomew, our work being mostly Sunday school work. We met with success in every respect. We organized two schools in Elliott county where we were laboring. The people were most all very well pleased with the way our people carry on Sunday schools, for there is a great deal of

difference in the method of our schools and the way the people in this county conduct theirs.

There are about twenty-five members in Elliott county, most all of whom are very zealous workers for the Lord. They are building a meeting house of their own.

On the 3rd of March, 1897, I was appointed to travel with Elder J. Stewart Campbell, of Logan, Utah. On the first day of April we went into Wolfe county in fasting and prayer. We were the first Mormons who had ever been in that county, and we found ourselves to be very strange beings to the people (so it seemed).

We went to the county seat, got permission to use the county court house, and gave out an appointment for that night, which was well attended. We successfully canvassed the town while we were there, and in every neighborhood which we visited we met with great success in sowing the seeds of truth and righteousness.

On March 1st, we left Wolfe county on a tour through the different counties where the Elders of our conference were laboring, to visit the brethren in their different fields of labor. We got as far as this (Harlan) county and I was left here to travel with Elder Isaac H. Langton. We are meeting with success, and the Lord always opens up the way for us, for we travel strictly without purse or scrip, and never lack for anything necessary for our welfare.

The work of the Lord is progressing very rapidly in this part of the mission, and all the brethren are enjoying good health. Our conference convenes on the 14th and 15th of August next, and I am looking forward to that time with great anticipation.

A. P. KIMBALL.

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Following are the names and addresses of the Elders laboring in this conference:

S. L. Swenson and Joseph A. Cornwall, Baton Rouge, La.  
Joseph E. D. Tomlinson and John A. Edwards, Colfax, Grant Ph.  
R. E. Caldwell and E. C. Wheatley, Baton Rouge.  
R. H. Smith and T. J. Chipman, Amite city, Tangapahoa Ph.  
Joseph P. Sharp and R. A. Blasdell, Pride, East Baton Rouge Ph.  
E. M. Weiler and George E. Parkin, Veesville, Vernon Ph.  
John Wood and Don C. Babbitt, Covington, St. Tamany Ph.  
William P. Pratt and Ed. Simmons, Alexandria, Rapides Ph.  
Arthur Dall and C. B. Haliday, Mayer St. Helena Ph.  
William A. Kerr and T. Felkins Bayou Sara, West Feliciana Ph.  
R. S. Hunt and B. W. Dansie, Colfax, Grant Ph.  
C. A. Memmott and Ellis H. Johnson, Chuton, East Feliciana Ph.  
George B. Moore and Joseph E. Steel, Springfield, Livingston Ph.  
A. F. Bracken and Marion Price, Mystic, Calcasieu Ph.  
J. G. Pace and John C. Larson, Many, Sabine Ph.  
T. W. Turley and Thomas Palmer, Natchitoches Ph.  
S. L. SWENSON, President.