

ballot its representative. The representatives numbering about seventy at present, with a governor at their head, compose the House of Keys. The governor is sent by her Majesty the Queen, and is generally taken from one of the larger governments, such as India, and is assigned to this place as a rest from more laborious duties. The term of the governor is generally three to five years; the representatives seven years. The total population of the Isle is about 75,000, one representative to about every 1,000 people. Mona's Isle depends largely upon her summer resorts. Hundreds of thousands of people visit beautiful Manxland every year. They come from all parts of Europe.

On May 31st, I boarded the Yarrow steamer for Dublin at 7:30 a. m. The sail across the Irish sea was very pleasant. We arrived at Dublin Bay at 3 o'clock. LE ROIE C. SNOW.

IN ALABAMA.

LA PINE, Alabama,
May 29th, 1896.

A great many of the young Elders who are called to labor as missionaries in the Southern States are of the opinion that the most southern conferences of this great mission are in a measure inferior or at any rate less attractive than those of the north. This will be found to be otherwise when one takes the trouble to investigate.

No one could have been more prejudiced against the extreme south than I was when assigned to labor in South Alabama July 1st, 1895. All sorts of ideas came into my mind which I now attribute to no other cause than prejudice. Since taking up my labors in Alabama I have learned many valuable lessons. Among those I most highly appreciate, is the one that explains to me that the ideas I had of the far south were the result of a distorted imagination. This one lesson more than pays me for the eleven months I have labored here as an Elder. Could all the young men of Zion but learn this valuable lesson before leaving Utah, they would not be under the necessity of learning it after their arrival. The presentation of these facts may be of use to Elders who are hereafter called to labor in our conference.

While there are states which have some advantages over us, yet we have a corresponding, and no less advantage over them. No conference in the mission has had a more healthy lot of Elders. This will be admitted when we learn that in the past year there has been but one Elder return home on account of poor health. Isaac A. Porter of Escalante, Utah. The twenty-six fearless, and mostly headless young men in our domain, are all robust and strong, not one showing the slightest trace of ill-health, are all enthused and are laboring with all their might, mind and strength, to forge the chains for the opposer of truth. My labors have been a source of pleasure never before experienced, or even thought of.

On February 22nd, Elder Ezra E. Neeby and I were appointed to labor in Covington and Escambia counties, which had been canvassed and closed. Owing to some business we had with Elder Joseph S. Geddes, our president, we did not arrive in our field of labor until April 4th. In the southwestern part of Covington county we found five mem-

bers of the Church. Brother and Sister Young, Brother and Sister Baggett and Brother Swinney. We found these Saints feeling well and rejoicing in the Gospel they had embraced at the hands of Elders J. S. Larson and C. H. Gibson. We remained in the neighborhood ten days and held twelve well attended meetings, considering the thickly settled condition of the country; we also baptized five souls into the fold of Christ and blessed fourteen children. We then took a trip to Brewton, a nice little city of about three thousand inhabitants, on the Louisville and Nashville railroad. Here we got our mail, some of which had lain in the office for a month. We have some friends in Brewton, among them is the editor of the Standard Gauge, the leading paper of the county.

Upon our return to Brother Henry Foster's, we held several interesting meetings, blessed four children, and sold and gave away a large number of books and tracts. We then went back into Covington county, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school, which we did with Brother D. G. Swinney as Superintendent and Brother John Young as Assistant, and a membership, Mormons and non-Mormons, of thirty-two. We were just beginning to get down to good work when we received a letter from Elder Joseph J. Geddes stating that President Kimball would meet with us in conference capacity on Saturday and Sunday, May 23-24th. This broke into our plans, for we had invitations from parties living in adjacent settlements, and had arranged for a series of meetings in six different localities.

During the five weeks we were in this small section of country, with radius of about six miles, we held thirty-five meetings, baptized seven, blessed eighteen children, four of which were of non-Mormon parents, and disposed of a great deal of literature both books and tracts.

Bidding good-bye to Saints and many friends, we started out for Brewton. Arriving here we were welcomed by Brother Henry P. Jackson, and remained with him until next day. Brother Jackson is a man of forty-six years, born and raised in Denmark, where he was educated and served as a professor of Theology in an university in Copenhagen for eight years. He emigrated to America in 1883 and was baptized into the Church by James C. Jensen and I last August.

Leaving Brother Jackson we took train for Greenville, sixty-five miles north, and by walking twenty-two miles arrived at Uncle Isham Bodiford's, where we met a number who had gathered in from various parts of the state to hold conference.

Brother Bodiford has been for about seven years, a good friend to the Elders and his home has been a home for them ever since this section of country was first opened up by Elders Flaw and Orr, about seven years ago.

At 10 a. m., Saturday May 23rd, our conference convened, President Joseph S. Geddes presiding. Elders, Saints and friends joined in singing "Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning," etc. Prayer by Elder Atimus Millet. Singing, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," etc. Elder J. F. Wakefield was the first speaker. He spoke for some time upon the subject of Faith, also giving many evidences of the existence of a Supreme Being, both from

nature and tradition. Elder A. T. Allen was the next speaker, choosing the subject of Church Organization.

Brothers A. B. Dorman and S. W. Starling bore testimony to the divinity of the work established by the Lord through the late Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elder J. C. Jensen next spoke at some length upon faith and repentance. Hymn, "O, My Father" etc., benediction by Elder C. H. Alley.

Afternoon session. Singing; prayer by Elder Elias Kimball; singing. Elder Elias Kimball then addressed the congregation for some time when it began raining and meeting adjourned. After the rain ceased a number of songs and recitations were rendered. Benediction by Elder D. H. Thomas.

At 4 p. m. all the Elders met in Priesthood meeting, and reported their labors, and expressed their feelings as regards the work they had been called to.

At 8 a. m. Sunday we met again and heard the reports of the Elders who did not report the night before.

At 10 a. m., the conference convened again. Although the elements threatened us, we were not disturbed, and a good spirit prevailed. Singing; prayer by Elder James C. Jensen; Singing.

Elder D. H. Thomas was the first speaker on the Apostasy from the Primitive Church.

Elder Joseph S. Geddes followed giving a lengthy, general discourse. Hymn. Benediction by Elder C. H. Alley.

At the afternoon session, a hymn was sung, and prayer by Elder Joseph J. Porter. Then followed a sacred quartette, "Beautiful Land."

President Kimball addressed the conference, subject, Serving the true and living God.

Elder Hardy then spoke upon the Divinity of the Book of Mormon. An anthem was sung and benediction was offered up Elder Ira Call.

Owing to the busy season, we had a smaller congregation than at our conference in July last. However, much good was done and one more soul added to the fold. A good spirit prevailed throughout.

Monday at 8 a. m., we met again in council meeting and President Kimball spoke with mighty power until 6 p. m., only stopping a few minutes for dinner.

Although a long ways, from all parts of the state to this gathering, we were paid ten fold for our trouble. The only sad feature of the conference was, Elders Ricks, Terry, Barney and Pace did not receive notice in time to be present.

Then came the parting, and we all went forth with a new determination to work harder if possible than we had during the past year. Following is a list of the Elders and their postoffice addresses:

Joseph S. Geddes and J. A. Turnbow, La Pine, Crenshaw Co.

D. H. Thomas and J. H. Pace, Brewton, Escambia Co.

J. F. Wakefield and Samuel R. Brown, Bradleyton, Crenshaw Co.

George A. Reid and Joseph Johnson, Camden, Wilcox Co.

W. E. Jenkins and Charles A. Varley, Kingston, Antanga Co.

Aaron Hardy and George E. Jarvis, Bradleyton, Crenshaw Co.

Ira Call and I. L. Pratt, Monroeville, Monroe Co.

J. C. Jensen and David Christensen, Jackson, Clarke Co.