

extraordinary in honor of Sister Nye, and the preparations were elaborate. Over eighty persons sat down to dinner, and Elder F. C. Parkinson, president of the North California conference, acted as toast-master. Elder Nye, who has been in the southern part of the state for some time, was expected home in the evening, and according to the original plan, dinner was not to be served until his arrival. But for some cause he did not come, and so after waiting to allow him sufficient time, all fell to with zest and spirit. During a lull in the proceedings Sister Rattenbury, president of the association, addressed a few loving remarks to Sister Nye.

Other highly pleasing addresses were made by Sisters Sewal, Simkins, Woodward, Sarll and Squires, and by Elder Parkinson: after which Sister Nye, with heart almost too full for utterance, vainly endeavored to find words to express the love and appreciation she felt. And then there were more congratulations offered, until the dinner was declared over and all were in readiness for the program. This consisted of trios, duets and solos, recitations and instrumental music, ten numbers in all.

Who all were there? O, I couldn't begin to name them all; but among them were Brother Lorin Farr of Ogden, and Brother Nicholas Nixon, who stood guard at Nauvoo at the time of the Prophet Joseph's martyrdom, and who is just full and bubbling over of intensely interesting reminiscences of those early times. Then there were Brother and Sister Scholes, Sister Towns, Brother David and others. The missionaries present were: Frank C. Parkinson, John Y. Smith, J. B. Miller, H. R. Emmett, A. G. Bowman and O. F. Nye, laboring in San Francisco; and Jos. Hanson, German E. Ellsworth, Oliver Thornton and Leo Peck, who are laboring in Oakland.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Vowell's Mill, Louisiana,
January 31, 1898.

A few days ago, for the first time since "ye old days ago," two Apostles of the Lord entered the state of Louisiana to proclaim the "glad tidings of great joy." This alone should make our conference, which we held on January 22nd and 23rd, noteworthy. Elder Francis M. Lyman and Matthias F. Cowley were present, and although the weather was not as propitious as we could have desired, our conference was a success. People flocked to the church for miles around to hear the "Mormon Apostles."

At the close of our meeting four applications were made for baptism.

The Elders generally are well, physically and spiritually. Some one has said that a man consists of body and if this is so, it can be stated??? soul and clothes, and if this is so, it can be stated that also in the latter respect the Elders are without reproach. They are now gone, each man to his labor, and they disappeared as quietly and suddenly as they came.

As a consequence of our conference about a score and a half of testimonies to the divinity of the latter-day dispensation are ringing in the ears of this people and some are seriously considering their condition.

The names and addresses of our Elders are as follows:

Jos. A. Cornwall and R. S. Hunt, Shreveport, La.
R. E. Caldwell and E. M. Weller, Jr., Alexandria, La.
Arthur Dall and G. B. Moore, Ruston, La.
Jno. Wood and T. J. Chipman, Opelousas, La.
J. G. Pace, Allen, Many, La.

J. A. Edwards and Titensor, Mansfield, La.

A. F. Bracken and Ephraim Jessop, Benton, La.

Orson Raymond and M. E. Jones, Coushatta, La.

Thos. Palmer and R. A. Robinson, Natchitoches, La.

Jno. C. Larsen and Thos. Halls, Minden, La.

W. P. Pratt and W. A. Kerr, Shreveport, La.

Tobe Felkin, C. B. Halliday, Farmer-ville, La.

G. E. Parkin, Elijah Mayhew, Vernon, La.

J. P. Sharp and Ed. Simmons, Homer, La.

D. C. Babbitt and W. C. Christensen, Arcadia, La.

R. A. Blasdel and Marlon Price, Ruston, La.

Jos. E. Steed and J. L. Hobson, Winfield, La.

J. A. CORNWALL, Prest.
R. E. Caldwell, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake, presided over the services at the Tabernacle, Sunday afternoon, February 20, 1898.

The choir sang the anthem:

Zion stands with hills surrounded,
Zion kept by power divine.

Prayer was offered by Elder Arthur Winter.

The choir further sang:

O my Father, Thou that dwellest
In the high and glorious place.

Elder Orson Hyde, a returned missionary from the Southern states, was the first speaker. In beginning he expressed his pleasure at being privileged to address the Latter-day Saints, especially to greet them on his return from the mission field and to render to them an account of his labors. Elder Hyde had met kind friends in the mission field and his labors had been crowned with much success. In traveling among the nations of the earth, said the speaker, the great question was "What are the commandments of the Lord?" rather than "Will you keep them?" It was the duty of the humblest Elder to answer the former question to the satisfaction of the people, and when he had converted his friends to that extent, then he began to meet with success, for there were among the nations people who had an inclination to serve God and keep His commandments. Elder Hyde referred to the restoration of the Gospel in the latter-days and bore a firm testimony to the divinity of the work in which the Saints were engaged. Concluding, the speaker testified of the blessings of the Lord upon him while in the world and urged the Saints to press onward and remain firm and steadfast unto the end.

Elder David Edwards, a recent arrival from the Eastern states mission field, next spoke. He, too, expressed his thankfulness for the privilege afforded him in speaking to the Saints, and also felt glad that he had had the privilege of going into the mission field. His labors had been principally in the state of Pennsylvania, where a strong effort was made by opposing denominations to thwart the progress of the Gospel work. These efforts, however, were unavailing and many of the honest in heart had been received into the Church, while many others would yet comply with the message of the Elders. In New York also the work of the ministry was advancing and God was blessing His servants in their promulgation of Gospel principles. The speaker had enjoyed his labors and had been blessed with a testimony of the divinity of Mormonism. He had seen

the power of the Lord made manifest in the earth and knew that God's purposes would triumph, despite all opposition thereto, and the efforts of the wicked and ungodly to break down the pillars of truth.

Elder Charles E. Dinwoodey, who has been laboring in the Northern states, was the next speaker. He spoke of the labors in the states of Illinois and Missouri, where the Elders of Israel were making many friends and were doing a good work in spreading the principles of the Gospel. In the city of St. Louis, said the speaker, where, in early days, the Church had such a good branch, there had been a new branch organized recently and many of the honest in heart were now being brought into the Church. Elder Dinwoodey felt thankful for the privilege he had had in disseminating the word of the Lord; he knew the Gospel was true and knew also that it would continue to roll forth until it had filled the whole earth.

Elder Brigham T. Cannon, a returned missionary from Germany, next addressed the congregation. For the past three years, said the speaker, he had labored in Germany and Switzerland, speaking mainly in the German and French languages. On arriving in the mission field his first assignment was in Germany, where the Elders of Israel were laboring assiduously for the spread of the Gospel message. Their labors, too, were being crowned with success and there was indeed a very bright outlook for the future. In past years, said Elder Cannon, it had been very difficult for the Elders of the Church to spread their propaganda before the people; but conditions were gradually changing in that land, and it was a pleasure to note the favor with which the Elders were now being received by the people of both Germany and Switzerland. In conclusion, the speaker expressed his gratitude at having been favored with a mission. It had strengthened his testimony and the Lord had made His power manifest in his behalf. The Church of Jesus Christ was a potent factor in the earth, and the day was fast approaching when the nations would bow the knee and make confession that Jesus was the Christ, and that Joseph Smith was indeed a true Prophet of the Lord.

President Angus M. Cannon made a few closing remarks in which he expressed his pleasure at listening to the reports of the Elders who had been out in the mission field preaching the Gospel. He recalled early-day experiences in the Church and testified that God had revealed Himself unto him, showing him the divinity of the Gospel and the necessity of his walking in the path of righteousness, at a time when he knew not how to act in such matters. The Lord had blessed His people and would continue to bless them if they would but honor His Gospel and obey the principles thereof. President Cannon referred to his incarceration for righteousness' sake and stated that while he then felt a spirit of revenge towards his persecutors, he had fasted and prayed before the Lord until a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness came over him, his heart being softened towards his enemies rather than remaining revengeful.

The choir sang the anthem:

"From afar gracious Lord."

Benediction was pronounced by Elder George Goddard.

Monday the supreme court of Idaho decided the Anderson-Lewis case in favor of the auditor. A writ of mandate was ordered issued directing the secretary of state to pay into the state treasury by April 1st the amount received for transcribing the laws and journals. The court threw off the penalty, requiring Mr. Lewis to pay the \$675.