

"Speaking of the prices of newspapers, Mr. Dana, can a really good newspaper be made to sell for 1 cent?"

"A newspaper can be sold at a margin of profit at a cent, but a good newspaper should cost at least 2 cents, in order for its publishers to do justice to their customers and themselves. The higher price enables the paper to be more independent and less careful about extra expenses."

"How about the dime museum features of journalism? Have they come to stay?"

"I don't know what you mean by dime museum features."

"I mean the turning of a paper into a dime museum show by the publication of monstrosities of all kinds, with sensational articles and horrible pictures."

"I don't know whether such features will continue or not," replied Mr. Dana. "I know one man who is very tired of them, and that is myself. I do not consider such publications the result of good newspaper work. The filling of the papers with pictures crowds the news into the corners. It makes the paper not a newspaper, but a picture paper."

"What, Mr. Dana, are some of the chief faults of the newspapers of today?"

"One great fault is the lack of individuality. Many of our papers are too much alike in their make-up and in their news. They are set up by typesetting machines, which make all look alike. The result is not artistic and there is too much sameness. I think it is a bad thing for a paper to publish the same news in the same words that its sister cities publish it. Why, there are three great newspapers in New York using the same press dispatches. I don't like that. I think every newspaper should have its own individuality" and I do all that I can to give the Sun a character of its own. We are now getting our own news from our own correspondents, and we hope to do this more and more. A large part of the Sun is set up by hand. This is always so with the editorial page."

"You were to a certain extent the originator of the syndicate system. Will syndicate articles continue to be used?"

"I suppose so, though I do not think they contribute to individuality in newspapers. As to my founding the syndicate system, I did that merely to help some of my friends. Bret Harte, Henry James and other writers were selling their stories to magazines for an ordinary price. I proposed that they should let me place them in a number of newspapers and that I would give them what I could make out of them. I paid the regular price for what the Sun used, and also turned in what I received from other papers. The result was that I paid Henry James \$4,000 for one of his short stories, and other authors got almost as much. I found, however, that the work entailed a great deal of correspondence. I was making nothing out of it and I gave it up. After that the system of syndicating all kinds of articles sprang up."

"At this point Mr. Dana began to put his papers together. It was about time for him to take the train for his country home, and I could see that my interview was at an end. As I arose to go I said: 'Just one word more, Mr. Dana. What about the state of the country? Do you think we are going—'"

"Do I think we are going to the

devil?" replied Mr. Dana quickly, taking the words out of my mouth. No, I do not. The United States will come out all right. I have been on a number of battlefields and watched desperate fighting when I thought that our situation was far worse than it is today."

*Frank G. Carpenter*

## IN EAST KENTUCKY.

FANCEBURY, Lewis County, August 18 h, 1897.

"The groves were God's first temples." In one of these temples a Sunday School Union and a Saints Conference were held in Elliott County, July 31st and August 1st. Elias S. Woodruff President of the East Kentucky Conference and Elders J. I. Tohman, J. S. Campbell, H. Bartholomew, J. Taylor and J. Winegar were present, all assisting in the exercises.

Saturday, a multitude of people assembled to witness the proceedings of the Union, conducted by Elder H. Bartholomew, Saints and friends from surrounding counties were in the eager throng. The noisy prattling child and tottering veteran united on this beautiful day and the gentle breezes fanned the face of about three hundred people among whom were the curious who had never seen a Mormon, or a Sunday School; they wanted to know who was going to fiddle for us.

The program consisted of readings, songs, recitations, speeches and class exercises, all of which were well rendered. Good order prevailed during the entire time of four hours. The regular program was suspended sufficiently long to refresh the innerman by tickling the palate, and satisfying the wants of hunger. Indeed it was soon proved that the tender hand of woman was skilled in the art of cooking, when the long table was spread with roasted mutton, fried chicken, corn bread and biscuit, butter and honey, jellies, pies, cakes and other things too numerous to mention. People of all sects united, while hearts chilled by prejudice were warmed by the love and kindness which prevailed. The people requested us to organize another Sunday School in the vicinity. Surely much good was done!

Sunday, three meetings were held. The Elders, Saints and friends enjoyed the spiritual feast. The first principles of the Gospel were taught as well as obedience, charity and love. The Ison Branch of the Church is in good condition, there being seven y-eight members and two Sunday Schools in good working order. With a few exceptions the Saints are keeping the Word of Wisdom and the spirit of love and union prevails. In this condition their light will shine that others may see their good works and glorify God.

Great credit is due to all who assisted in making the conference a success, by sacrificing their comforts and entertaining visitors; for showing their broad mindedness and spirit of progress.

After all the business of the conference was finished, four of the Elders swung their valises and started for Carter county to visit the Saints and instruct them in the plan of life. Upon arriving there, they were met by Elders C. A. Higginson, A. E. Harris, H. H. Cluff and L. A. Thorley. A two days meeting had been appointed, but it was

found that a Christian minister was to hold meetings on the same days. Not wishing to conflict with his meetings; we preached between his appointments, then went to his meetings and proved the doctrine he preached, and found it to be set forth in the Voice of Warning written by Elder P. P. Pratt. The most interesting meeting held here by the Elders, was the funeral services of John Bryant. At this meeting there were people eager to hear the funeral sermon delivered by H. H. Cluff. They paid strict attention, and seemed highly pleased. It surely must be a marvelous thing for people to go to our meetings, expecting to see a monster, or to hear some strange thing, and then be confronted by the solid truth. There were fully one hundred and fifty people present, and those who saw through glasses darkly can now see face to face, that is, "if they have a mind to."

Tuesday, August 10th, the same company that arrived in Carter, departed for Pleasant Hill, Lewis county, to hold a Saint's conference. They were met by Elders E. M. Mansfield, R. L. Mendenhall, T. H. Blackburn, and F. Budge. Saturday and Sunday were devoted to holding meeting. The Saints were instructed in the duties, and the Gospel was preached for the unbeliever. Sunday afternoon our president spoke upon the Holy Ghost. The sermon was interesting and instructive, while the house was filled with people. Nearly every body listened with their eyes as well as ears and a few even opened their mouths in silence, as if to swallow every word.

An important feature of the conference was the Sunday School review, showing great progress made in the past year. After the close of these exercises. A table was spread with nourishing food provided by the Saints and citizens, and everybody was invited to eat. Not one asked to be excused.

At the close of conference one man came and requested baptism. He was satisfied that we preached the truth, and on Monday he was added to the fold of Christ. Thus one by one people are making covenants to serve God, and we may hope they will never forget nor break those solemn vows.

J. TAYLOR.

## MISSIONARY REPORT.

BLOCKBURN, Jones Co., August 1st, 1897. I left my home at Casalt Bingham county Idaho, in October, 1896, for Chattanooga Tennessee, arriving there on November 13th on Monday the 16th, we received our appointments. I was assigned to the Mississippi conference, and arrived at Meridian Mississippi at 2:15 a m. November 17th—a stranger in a strange land, in company with Elder Leo B. Hampton of Salt Lake City. We were met a few moments later by Elders Frank T. Pomeroy of Arizona and S. H. Jones of Provo Utah. We afterwards met Elders R. F. Jordine of Lewisville Idaho, and S. T. Baker of American Fork Utah. Elders Jordine and Hampton were left in Sanderdale county, while S. T. Baker and I were assigned to Kemper county.

Along the road we were repeatedly warned of Kemper county because of its record of riots and mobbings. Elders Pomeroy and Jones, having proceeded us and interviewed the county officials, were well treated by them giving the use of the court house to preach in and free