

sheets and Hill; Elder Empey took up Baptism.

Elder Spencer reviewed briefly both subjects adding a few words to each after which the choir sang and meeting adjourned.

Monday 10 a. m. Elders Ostler and Lowery dwelt upon the subject of the Holy Ghost, showing that this principle comes by the laying on of hands.

Elder Spencer reviewed the subject after which Elder Candland dwelt for a short time upon authority to administer in the ordinances pertaining to the Church of Christ, and Elder Ballard added a few words to the subject.

At 2 p. m.—The subject of Church Organization was taken up by Elders Bunnel and Anderson.

Elder Christensen spoke upon the same subject. He also dwelt upon the first principles of the Gospel.

The 7:30 p. m., meeting was called to order by Elder Candland and after the usual exercises, Elder S. G. Spencer was introduced and occupied the time on the subject "What is Mormonism?" Showing that it was the Gospel of Christ.

Throughout his remarks all objections to Mormonism were met, weighed in the balance and disposed of to the apparent satisfaction of the large and intelligent audience present, as was evinced by the almost breathless attention that was given. Elder Spencer also bore a very strong testimony that the work in which he was engaged was the truth.

Elder Ballard then favored us with the selection, "Calvary" accompanied on the organ by Miss Cora Burnett, the young daughter of Mr. Burnett who is a leading merchant of this place. Miss Cora is but twelve years of age, but has graduated from the common school and is now attending high school. Calvary is a very difficult piece and the way it was sung and played would be a credit to some of our noted artists.

A card was then read expressing thanks to the people of Vienna and vicinity for their kindness to us during conference, and our conference adjourned.

On Tuesday forenoon through the kindness of Brother Betts, the Elders rode out to Buncombe, six miles distant, where we went into the woods and held our Priesthood meeting. We received some very good advice from our worthy president, S. G. Spencer.

The feeling among the Elders was very good and the four hours we spent together will never be forgotten. The Elders, in relating some of their experiences, spoke of some very remarkable cases of healing. Among them was one of an old gentleman by the name of C. Schmidgall, who had had very sore eyes for a long time and could hardly see. He embraced the Gospel and said that he now had faith that he could be healed. The Elders administered to him and immediately after his eyes began to get better and have been improving ever since. Another instance was that of a baby that was very sick and had been given up to die. It had not nursed for two days but no sooner had the Elders administered to it than it began to nurse, and in three days was running around. Still another case was that of the baby of Brother Froggee about three and one half years of age. The little thing had swallowed a large dose of carbolic acid. The Elders happened to be present and administer-

ed to it and it was soon toddling around again. The doctors of that place said it was the only case of the kind to their knowledge where the victim had recovered.

In the afternoon of this day at 3 o'clock a branch of the Church was organized at Buncombe by the name of the Buncombe branch. There were present besides the Elders about thirty Saints, also a large number of friends. The meeting was called to order by Elder Candland and after the opening exercises he explained to the people the profit of meeting together. Elder Spencer occupied a few moments referring to the first organization of the Church in this age, in New York, April 6th, 1830, and gave some very good advice.

The business of the meeting was taken up and Brother W. W. Betts (a local Elder) was appointed presiding Elder. Brother J. C. Coleman was appointed clerk; also others were ordained to the Priesthood. They were all set apart and sustained, and each one was heard from. The feeling among them was good and we left rejoicing.

After meeting, an old gentleman, 84 years of age, by the name of Lewis D. Francis, was baptized, thus fulfilling a prediction that was made by Elder Spencer upon his first meeting this man about six months ago, that he was an Israelite and would embrace the Gospel. This is only one of the many predictions that have been made and fulfilled as testified to by many at the water's edge.

It would be unjust in me to conclude without mentioning the kindness that has been exhibited in our behalf. Among those who have assisted us are the county officials in letting us have their court house; Mr. Burnett, Tarley and others for taking care of the Elders; the Democrat for the notice it gave us in the paper; Mrs. Bolew for the use of her organ; Miss Johnson for her services as organist; and the kindness of the Saints could not be expressed in words.

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Clerk of Conference.

### MISSIONARY WORK IN KENTUCKY.

LEBANON, Kentucky,  
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Since my last letter to the News, myself and companion journeyed on into a neighborhood called the Arbuckle district, and there held some eight meetings, having a very pleasant time, and I must say that the people who gathered together to hear us speak enjoyed themselves very much. So while my companion and myself were visiting among some of the friends which we had made we were informed that just a few hundred yards further up the road there was a lady very sick, so we told the folks that we would go over to this place and call upon her and see if we could be of any service to her.

Well, we started off, and before many minutes had passed we were within the little house where the sick lady was, standing by her side, her husband and six little children were standing there also, expecting to see the wife and mother taken from them at any moment. Such a pitiable sight I have not seen for a long time. Shortly after we entered, myself and companion sang one of our sweet songs of Zion, "Come come, ye Saints," and by the time that we had ended this hymn the lady began to move about in bed. Then we asked the

husband if he desired that we should have prayer, and this he accepted gladly. After we had prayed and sang another hymn, the woman raised herself up in the bed and was able to bid us good by. The next day we did the same thing, and in twenty-four hours after this she was up and walking around.

Now, I cite this instance to show the power that an Elder can cast among those who are actually in need. Of course there are many who would not give credit to God and His servants, but we the servants of God know that her present condition came from the power of God through His servants.

We continued our meetings and after they were over we had one sister for baptism. We gave it out in meeting that there was one for baptism and should there be any more they would please make it known. Everything went along nicely until the day for baptizing, when we were delighted to learn that two more were desirous of going down into the waters for the remission of their sins. When the time came there were many people gathered around to witness a Mormon baptism. We held a short meeting, explaining the importance of the step which they were taking, and then baptized these three souls. After this was all over we journeyed down to the city of Lebanon for our mail. Here again we were asked to visit another sick woman and have prayer, which we did.

I trust that every young man in Zion will prepare himself for this great and responsible work, for there are many things to be learned, and the more they can accomplish at home the better they will be when called upon to go on missions.

ALFRED J. SELF.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Oct. 6. — The Milers' union met tonight, the principal topic being a proposal to elect an entire new set of officers and new executive committee. All factions are disgusted with the disappearance of President Amburn since the Colorado affair. The hope of the advocates of the new deal is that the officers to be elected will be able to effect a compromise and end the strike.

Ernest Moore was accidentally shot at his home at Laramie, Wyoming, Sunday afternoon. Miss Ida Eroman and Miss Eva Peterson were making a friendly afternoon visit at the house and with Ernest were looking at some photographs. Ernest went to a drawer in a desk in the room to get some other pictures, and not finding them there he thought they had fallen into some of the lower drawers or out on the floor. He was down on his knees looking for the pictures when Miss Eroman came over to the desk and observing a 38-caliber revolver in it picked the weapon out and remarked: "Look out Ernie, I will shoot you." It was a playful remark, but it being a self-action gun which worked easily, and her finger being on the trigger, the gun was fired just as Ernest glanced up to see the meaning of her remark. The ball just touched the side of his face and struck him on the collar bone on the left side of the chest, and was found lodged to the left of the center of the back. If he had not glanced up as he did he could have been killed. As it is, his wound is serious.