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FROM MISSIONARY FIELDS.

Conflict Between Duty and Self.

St. Louis, Missouri,
October 19, 1898.

To the Editor:

It is now nearly two years since I have had the privilege to kneel down, pour out my sorrows, and receive such comfort and consolation as I did at that time. I am not writing to you because I am discouraged in the line of duty, which is the only thing that can make me happy in this world or the world to come, but I am writing to you because I feel that I must unburden my mind to some one, and there is no one on earth to whom I can unburden it as I can to you.

Dear friend, I went from my home at considerable sacrifice to myself, and with a willingness at my post, and with what might seem cruel, severe, heartless remarks would have to be remembered, but indeed an endeavor to demonstrate, not to myself or to my friends, against all the pleadings and tears of my dear wife, and the cries of my little children, and duty's commands I went, and now I am made to feel in a most severe way the truth in the following:

"Sincerity whose long I dreamed my own,
Where and ascending hand vanished
Now I no longer see thy face, I know
The truth of it, nor feel it beyond my
power to know."

"My own unreasonable and the fairest
Riches
Of winged fancy were inspired by
Thee
That which once allured me to the mountain
And wilderness
The impassionings bade me do and be,
Now for my breath the spark of living
Has
Waned, and might have sacrificed
Not to touch,
But for the loss which would not be
mine.
I never should have measured my own
strength
Nor for my offenses sorrowful enough
Nor my life which served me past
I never would have dug deep in my
And found the mine of treasure Riddle
divine."

I have discovered that within me there is, as it were, two persons, I, and I, yet myself. Perhaps some of my many remarks leading the cause of truth and God on the Lord's side, as he is made to say "I did not take it," but that somebody myself, when I was not looking, stole in to the place. Those who remember reading the "Lady of the Lake," will remember how Fitz James and he, as it were, met in the wilderness and fought, and how Fitz James was about to overcome his opponent, when he discovered that his opponent was himself. Now I am not writing this to make myself appear in a superior light with regard to such a one. There are no distinctions, self-dividing, self-controlling, self-governing powers in those who have the power, physical moral or mental, is developed, by success, and as a means to that end, I have striven to do the best I can connect with adversity, tribulation and necessity, proved no exception to the rule, and in some cases are those that have grown to manhood under such circumstances and surrounded home with blessings while the weak and depressed are those who are overcome by these same forces.

"With the wind of tribulation, God separates us on the floor of the soul, the chaff and the wheat. Many are the sorrows there, trying words, and pass not off as chaff."

Dear friend, brother to the gospel,

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The Manitoba Mission.

Brandon, Manitoba,
September 24, A. D. 1898.

To the Editor:

As we shake in the pleasure given by the letters from our Elders making known their varied experiences in the Missionary fields throughout the world, and as I have received letters concerning the Manitoba mission which may be appreciated by our co-laborers and the Saints, I

According to appointment the Elders assembled in the Juvenile gathering in Brandon, Manitoba, on the 24th inst., at first conference meeting as to the plan of procedure during our conference on the following day.

Notice of our three conference meetings to be held in the Pioneer Hall was duly given in the Sunday forenoon meeting, and the announcements of the time and the appointments were filled as follows:

Sunday, 2 p. m. and 7 o'clock after a short address from each of the Elders present, the meeting was addressed by Elder W. H. Stocking, who spoke upon the personality of God, and Elder A. M. Merkley, who treated upon faith and repentance.

During the evening service Elder Frank May spoke upon the necessity, and benefits of baptism, and was followed by Elder J. G. Stewart on the removal of needless ideas and errors.

The Monday evening meeting was unfortunately appointed at the same hour, as the first political meeting in Canada—being at present in the throes of a parliamentary campaign leading to the general election on the 29th inst. However, a very attentive gathering listened to Elder S. Smith who discoursed upon the Godhead, Elder Browning Williams concluding the meeting by bearing testimony the subject, Restoration of the Gospel.

The picnic meetings, though not as largely attended as those of the previous Sunday, were a success in the matter of order, spirit and interest. The meetings were characterized by good order, strict attention, and by the powerful presentation of the Gospel plan.

The Priesthood meeting was held on Tuesday, 11 a. m., and the Elders present received their various fields of labor and expressed themselves as thankful and strengthened by the meetings of the conference. Instructions were given, by the conference president, Elder W. A. Morton, and Elder S. Williams upon some points in connection with the duties of the Elders in their future labors. Elder W. A. Morton was released from his Manitoba appointment in order to carry the gospel message to the Saints in this district. Elder Morton joined in the feeling of brotherly love and union which filled each heart, and bearing testimony to the truth of the gospel in the mission, more of the Spirit of God was present in this meeting than in any other held for a long time, previously been manifested in labors here.

The following for Elders J. G. Stewart and Social Reich departed for Hartney, leaving the conference proper, the former to meet Elder Smith and Elders A. M. Merkley and C. F. Jensen, jr., leaving for Carberry to labor in the northern part of the conference. Elders W. H. Baxter and Frank May remain there for a trip to the north and east in this district, while Elders H. W. Conner and S. Williams are at present at Brandon.

There are many of the honest to heart in this land but the gospel message is not for the fainter hearts is yet more to be inheritable.

Your brother in the cause of truth,

W. H. BAXTER,
Conference President.

San Francisco Conference.

The San Francisco conference of the California mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at 10 a. m., Elder J. W. Nixon presiding. As is usual on these semi-annual gatherings, the Elders came in from their various fields of labor, happy in the work accomplished, and in renewing acquaintances with old friends. The meetings throughout were well attended, the Saints themselves were not slighted, as Sisters Broadbent and Jacobsen addressed the afternoon speakers were two of the ablest meeting as many active in the place—Mrs. Nixon not being present. Both rejoiced themselves as rejoicing in the work, and bore faithful testimonies to the divinity of the Gospel.

Elder W. E. Rader, president of the Sacramento conference, was present, and addressed the meeting, his subject being "Faith and Works." He said the Saints were advancing slowly but surely, and that the Elders were meeting with success in their labors. Elder Rader will leave for his field of labor in a few days