



## ON HISTORIC GROUND.

From Dallas, Hancock Co., Ill., Through Chicago and Return.

Elder Heber C. Smith, president of the Northern Illinois conference, writes from Chicago, under date of Sept. 14, as follows:

Knowing of the great interest taken by the Latter-day Saints in the early events of Church history, and the lands connected with their occurrence, I furnish your readers with an account of the labors of Elder Ashley Bartlett and myself in the historic county of Hancock, state of Illinois.

So far as the records of the mission enable me to judge, there has been no effort since the "Mormons" left to work the county thoroughly—a thing due, no doubt to the memory of the expulsion of our people in 1846, and the belief in consequence that Hancock county did not care to have the truth about us. Since those dark days, however, a new generation has sprung up to occupy the deserted lands, and in respect to the pursuits of peace and other virtues are, as a whole, much the superiors of their predecessors.

With the view of canvassing the county thoroughly, the presidency of the mission was impressed to send Elders to test the sentiment of the people and determine the wisdom of further operations. We accordingly left Monmouth Aug. 10 and held street meetings the same evening at Dallas City, a river town of 1,000 inhabitants, situated on the line of Henderson and Hancock counties. The mayor and other officials were very friendly, and expressed a desire to hear us again, so we determined to return at the close of our trip and hold other meetings.

Thursday, the 11th, we began our journey "without purse or scrip," toward Carthage, traversing the country, and holding street meetings at Colusa and Burnside enroute.

Many absurd notions of the "walk on the water" story are in circulation through this part of the country, with many other false stories which are generally believed seriously by the uninformed. The more intelligent classes discredit them or regard them in a humorous vein. As an instance in point, we were talking with a crowd of men, when one said, "Have you seen old Mr. —?" He is one of those fellows that used to help drive the settlers' cattle toward Nauvoo by night, returning before dawn to hear the theft laid at the door of the Mormons the next day. A number of people assured us that such meetings were employed by anti-Mormon agents to stir up the people to hatred against Nauvoo and the Saints.

At Dallas we secured a number of placards announcing our open air meetings and upon arrival in Carthage we held them on telephone poles and in convenient places. Our meetings were very well attended and the doctrines of the Gospel, notably salvation and baptism for the dead, created a stirring interest in the crowds that assembled. Groups of people discussed these principles in a peaceful way the next day in the streets. Everybody seemed friendly, with the possible exception of several ministers (?) of the Gospel, who denied us the privilege of holding a Sunday afternoon service on some benches used by the churches for public services on the public square. A number of the citizens were very indignant at this unlooked for action on their part, and it resulted in injury to them, while friends were made for us.

Carthage is a progressive town of 2,500 inhabitants, and is still the county seat. The courthouse, where the murders of Joseph and Hyrum received a mock trial still stands, but has been condemned, and will probably give place to a modern structure before many years. Through the courtesy of the county clerk we examined the last indictments and writs for the arrest of the Prophet Joseph, as also the papers, including the jury's verdict in the case of the murderers. We met the son of Judge Sharp of anti-Mormon fame, and also the nephew, both of whom are editors of Carthage papers, and very friendly.

The old jail is apparently the most substantial building in the town, with its walls of sandstone, approximately three feet in thickness. The lot surrounding it yields the best of apples, blackberries, grapes, etc. From Carthage we proceeded to Warsaw, holding street meetings at Elvaston. Friends were raised up in Warsaw and two open air meetings were held with extraordinary success. Thus this city, at one time the home of rendezvous of many of the Saints' bitter enemies, treated us with every consideration. Sunday we spent in a Josephite neighborhood, three miles west of Adrian. The "Reorganization" has a branch of the church here, to which some of the relatives of the Prophet Joseph belong.

A walk of 12 miles through a very beautiful farming region once owned by the "Mormons," brought us to Nauvoo. The harvesting of the "fruit of the vine" had just commenced. The grapes produced in Nauvoo are of very fine quality and vineyards are ferried over the Mississippi to Montrose and thence distributed by the railroads to all parts. Thousands of gallons of wine are exported each year. The hills and lowlands present a very beautiful appearance, with their hundreds of acres of vineyards.

During the past summer a number of Elders have visited Nauvoo and preached on the streets. They have all ways received courteous treatment, even lamp and seats being provided for them. Nauvoo has a population of 1,300 as against 15,000 in "Mormon" times. The people entertain the friendliest feelings for the Latter-day Saints, and hope they will come back and make Nauvoo a great city, even yet. We had the pleasure of meeting and conversing with President Elliot of the Elliot Business college of Burlington, Ia. He attended the street meetings and read some of our books.

From Nauvoo we walked 15 miles to Dallas City and held street meetings at night; also the two succeeding nights. Large crowds came, and a number of good friends were made. At our last meeting about \$2 was given us. Every home in the city was visited. This roused the ire of the godly(?) men in the town, and the "unpleasant" feat was tried by the Congregational minister the following Sunday night. His misdirected zeal resulted upon him in his own undoing, as the best people in the city disapproved his tirade against "Mormonism," and many of his own flock were ashamed of him.

Thus our labors ended, having lasted nearly three weeks, fraught with success. Elders Bartlett and Edward H. Hale are at present located in Carthage, the "marry city," where they report much success.

The "News" is very helpful, and people that read it regard it as a truthful, up-to-date paper.

## CONFERENCE IN MICHIGAN.

Work of the Lord Prospering in Pennantular State.

Writing under date of Sept. 16, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Elder Wm.

G. Casto sends the following conference report:

The semi-annual conference of Michigan was held in Grand Rapids, Sept. 10 and 11, 1904. Stake President C. N. Lund presiding. The acting Priesthood of the stake was well represented and the teachings given were received with appreciation by the assembled Saints.

The speakers Saturday morning were Patriarch Edward Cliff, Elder Samuel Allred of the stake High Council, Supt. John L. Bench, Jr., of the stake Sunday schools and Counselor J. M. Barntsen of Fountain Green.

Elder J. Golden Kimball of the First Council of Seventies was the first speaker at the afternoon session. The principal subject was the proper training of the children, that when they became older they may not depart from the principles of righteousness. The speaker said a great test was coming to this people, to prove their fidelity to

the Lord, and their desire for the forwardness of the same.

In the afternoon, the second session of conference was held, and Elder Heber C. Smith, secretary of the Northern States mission, who had come over from Chicago to attend conference, addressed the congregation. In the evening the speakers were Elders E. H. Brown and Leonard S. Harrington.

The meetings were quite well attended by friends, and those who had a desire to learn of our doctrine, and also Saints from different parts of Michigan.

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The Elders were instructed in their duties of teaching the people the Gospel, and were assigned to their various fields of labor.

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Elder Charles A. Hughes, president of the Oklahoma conference, writes as follows from Campbell, Sept. 11:

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The work of the Lord is progressing nicely in this part of the vineyard. There have been 22 baptisms performed since our spring conference. Much good is being done by the Elders. Many friends are being made, and prejudice is disappearing. The Elders, as a rule, receive good treatment, there being but one case of mob violence in the last six months. This happened to Elders David A. McCallan and Wm. W. Cox, close to Yates, in Payne county, Oklahoma. The mob egged them at first, then used their fists, knocking Elder McCallan down twice and Elder Cox once, and hitting each a few blows after they were down. The man who headed the mob was a superintendent of Sunday schools of the Methodist church.

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## STAKE CONFERENCES.

North Sangre Stake Conference.

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route, arriving in St. George on Friday evening.

Conference began Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Besides reports from returned missionaries, some of whom addressed the people in the Mount Tongue, the people had the pleasure of hearing the Prophet of God in an hour's discourse on the redemption of this western desert land by the Lord through the Latter-day Saints, and the fulfillment of prophecies, ancient and modern, that this land was to be the change from desert to a fruitful land was not sudden or entire, throughout, lest the enemy should be tempted to dispossess the people of their inheritance once more.

Saturday afternoon the principal speaker was Pres. A. H. Lund, who continued somewhat along the same line as President Smith, dwelling ably upon the fulfillment of Scripture in the gathering of the Saints from all lands to this mountain region. He quoted many early revelations given to the Prophet Joseph showing that our gathering in to the tops of the mountains was no chance scheme, or an evolution of conditions that arose subsequent to the organization of the Church, but was in accordance with a foreordained and predicted plan of God, who from the beginning chose this place as an asylum where He might prepare His people for the great events of the future.

At 4 o'clock on Saturday evening an excellent Priesthood meeting was held, at which the three visiting brethren gave much good instruction.

On Sunday morning Pres. Smith addressed the children of the Sunday schools, the forenoon services being given over to Sunday school work.

At Sunday afternoon's services there was a large congregation. Elder Hyrum M. Smith, Pres. A. H. Lund and Jos. F. Smith each in turn, preached powerful sermons, after the administering of the Sacrament and the sustaining of the General Authorities of the Church.

A Mutual Improvement conference was held Sunday evening, and the M. I. A. convention convenes tomorrow at 10 a. m.

The Saints in Dixie feel that they have been favored of the Lord in having a visit from the First Presidency.

Morgan Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Morgan stake convened Sunday and Monday, Sept. 10 and 11, 1904, in Morgan.

There were present the presidency of the stake, Elder Rulon S. Wells of Salt Lake City and Patriarch Larkin of Ogden. President of High Priests' quorums, two patriarchs, five High Councilors, five Bishops, three presidents of Seventies and other of the Priesthood and a good attendance of members.

The speakers at the Sunday morning session were Elders Lyman W. Porter and Thomas Grover and Patriarch Larkin. Bishops A. D. Denson, E. Anderson and William Giles reported their respective wards.

At the afternoon session Elders Joseph A. Smith, John Heiner, Alfred Croft and George Brough, returned missionaries, and Elder Rulon S. Wells were the speakers. Elder Wells named spoke on the duties of returned missionaries, and advised the Bishops to bring them to the front that there may be a variety of speaking and not some few doing it all.

A conjoint session of the Young Men and Young Ladies M. I. A. was held in the evening. Elders William Robinson, Mark Porter and Howard Randall and Sisters Fannie Croft, Eliza Turner and Eva Robinson were called upon and addressed the large meeting.

At the Monday morning services there were but few present, attributed to the busy time.

President Heiner and Counselor Rich gave a brief report of the condition of the stake. The presidency and High Council are united; the quorums of the Priesthood are in better condition than heretofore and the auxiliary organizations are doing good work.

Elder Wells spoke on the evils of fault finding and on the allegiance due to those who are placed in authority. The general and local Church authorities were then presented and sustained. Also a list of missionaries to travel for the next six months.

Elder John H. Porter was released as instructor of religion class work and Walter Brannwell substituted with Walter E. Francis and Heber Heiner as his assistants.

Patriarch Larkin made a short address.

A most enjoyable time was had throughout the conference and the Spirit of the Lord was manifest in rich abundance.

D. A. ROBISON, Stake Clerk.

St. Joseph Stake Conference.

Thatcher, Ariz., Sept. 11, 1904.—The regular quarterly conference of the St. Joseph stake was held in the new amusement hall at Thatcher, Sept. 10 and 11. We were favored with visitors from the north, and the large hall was filled to overflowing. An unusual interest was manifested in the reports and instruction given.

The principal themes dwelt upon were Word of Wisdom, tithing, education, the moral virtues, and faith. The Bishops' reports show tithes on the increase, the organizations working, and the health of the people, almost perfect. All the speakers rejoiced in the manifold blessings enjoyed, in spite of the long and severe drought.

J. H. LARSON, Stake Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder Samuel G. Lake, of Colonia Dublin, Chihuahua, Mexico, who was sent over June 11, 1902, as a missionary to Mexico, returned to his home in Dublin Sept. 6, 1904. He writes that he greatly enjoyed his labors, made many friends and left the mission in a prosperous condition.

Elder Wm. E. Brockbank, of Spanish Fork, Utah Co., was sent April 5, 1902, for a mission in the Central States, and returned Sept. 15. He was first assigned to labor in Arkansas, where he stayed 10 weeks when, on account of ill health, he was transferred to the St. John conference, Kansas. The work in this field he says is in a prosperous condition, despite recent agitations to advertise "Mormonism," which bring the Elders in many unpleasant situations. The Elders are feeling well and all are energetic in the work.

Elder William T. Ewell, Jr., of Santaquin, Utah Co., returned Sept. 15, from a mission in the Central States mission, receiving his appointment therefor June 3, 1902. The St. John conference, Kansas, was his field of labor, where he spent 8 months as superintendent of Sunday schools, and the remainder of that time as president of the conference. During his missionary experience he visited in tracing, 2,500 families; made 422 revisits, including families of members; assisted in holding 260 meetings; disposed of 250 books; distributed 5,774 tracts; had 2,877 Gospel conversations; blessed 7 children; baptized 9 converts. He had the best of health, with the exception of a siege of the smallpox that kept him housed for nearly six weeks. His companion, Elder John E. Eyre, and others also had the disease. During his mission Elder Ewell travelled strictly without purse or scrip, and believes from his own experience that that is the only way to preach the Gospel. He says that \$44.54 will cover the amount he has used of his means sent from home in filling this mission. The St. John conference is in a prosperous condition, 16 baptisms occurring since last conference.

Elder William M. Poole, of Menan, Fremont county, Idaho, was sent April 3, 1902, and returned Sept. 15, 1904, from laboring in the Central States mission. The St. John conference, Kansas, was his field of work. He reports

that many are investigating the Gospel message and the work is progressing. In his missionary labors he visited in tracing 2,794 families, revisiting 795, held 4,311 Gospel conversations; disposed of 329 books; distributed 7,621 tracts; assisted in holding 250 meetings; blessed 11 children, and baptized 14 converts. He traveled most of the time like the disciples of old, without purse or scrip, and was generally well treated.

Elder David B. Wilson, of Mount Fort, Weber county, was sent Sept. 17, 1891, and returned Aug. 17, 1903, from laboring in the conferences of Dresden and Berlin. He, like all the other Elders reporting, had an enjoyable time. The Gospel work is progressing in spite of the opposition they are now having from the police.

A Cold Settled in His Kidneys.

A. J. Jenness, 3021 Butler St., Chicago, writes: "I am a switchman and am afflicted with a cold in the kidneys. I took a cold while settled in my kidneys and I was in bad shape. I tried several advertised remedies with no benefit, until I was recommended to try Pol's Kidney Cure. Two-thirds of a bottle cured me." For sale by F. J. Hill Drug Co.

Time Table In Effect June 19, 1904.

ARRIVE.

From Ogden, Portland, Butte, San Francisco, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Denver, 8:30 a. m.

From Ogden and intermediate points, 9:10 a. m.

From Ogden, Cache Valley, and intermediate points, 11:55 a. m.

From Ogden, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver, and San Francisco, 4:20 p. m.

From Ogden, Cache Valley, Butte, Portland and San Francisco, 7:00 p. m.

DEPART.

For Ogden, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis, 7:00 a. m.

For Ogden, Portland, Butte, San Francisco and intermediate points, 9:10 a. m.

For Ogden, Cache Valley, and intermediate points, 11:55 a. m.

For Ogden, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and Chicago, 4:45 p. m.

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No. 10—For Park City, 8:15 a. m.

No. 8—For Denver and East, 8:30 a. m.

No. 6—From Ogden and West, 10:15 a. m.

No. 4—For Denver and East, 11:15 a. m.

No. 2—For Provo and Eureka, 1:00 p. m.

No. 12—For Bingham, 3:00 p. m.

No. 10—For Ogden and Local, 3:15 p. m.

No. 8—From Ogden and the West, 5:10 a. m.

No. 6—From Ogden and the West, 7:15 p. m.

No. 4—From Denver and East, 11:45 p. m.

All trains except Nos. 1 and 2 stop at intermediate points.

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TIME TABLE.

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From Oregon Short Line Depot, Salt Lake City.

For Provo, Lehi, Fairfield, Mercur, connecting at Nephi for Mantle and intermediate points on Sangre Valley R. R., 7:30 a. m.

For Fairfield, Bingham, Tooele, Stockton, Mammoth, Eureka and Silver City (via Leanington cut-off), 8:00 a. m.

For Provo, Lehi, Fairfield, Mercur, connecting at Nephi for Mantle and intermediate points, 9:35 a. m.

From Provo, Lehi, Fairfield, Mercur and Sangre Valley R. R. Depot, 5:30 p. m.

From Silver City, Mammoth, Eureka, Stockton, Tooele and Fairfield, 5:30 p. m.

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