

spread the glorious Gospel news. Trusting in the Lord on the morning of November 7, 1896, I bade my mountain home adieu and in company with eighteen Elders enjoyed a very pleasant trip to Chattanooga, Tenn. While there I visited Mount Lookout where it is said that during the Civil War a battle was fought above the clouds; I then being assigned to labor in south Alabama conference, continued my trip in company with Elder F. W. Andrus to Bradleyton, Crenshaw county, Ala., where I labored during the first six months with Elder S.R. Brown of Provo City, Utah. And during this time (as well as since) I have met with many good, kind, hospitable people here in the South, many of whom have accepted the Gospel.

The health of the Elders in our conference as a rule is very good, and they are all working with untiring vim for the spread of truth and the upbuilding of the kingdom of God. The Elders preach in school houses and churches, and the hearts of many people are being touched. I feel grateful to the Lord that He deemed me worthy of laboring in this noble cause.

CHARLES R. SPENCER.

Union Springs, Bullock county, Ala.

At Fond du Lac.

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin,

June 22, 1898.

As the Saints are always interested in learning of the spread of the Gospel throughout the earth; and as the work is in such a promising condition in the Wisconsin conference, we feel that the Saints at home should have the privilege of sharing our joys and join with us also in praising God for His kindness to His servants. There are several localities where the people have promised to furnish a hall or church if we will furnish the speakers.

When the Elders first came to this state they were confronted with unkindness in many instances, and could hardly find anyone who would rent them a room for money, much less would he think of entertaining them without compensation. But now the situation is changed very materially and we can travel through the country without purse or scrip, and are given excellent attention. It is sometimes, in fact frequently, the case that we are obliged to make a choice between kind offers for our entertainment. Only last week while two of our number, Elders B. S. Rupp and Orson Billis, were out in the country trying to find a place where they could hold a meeting, either on the street or in some hall, they entered a community that was almost entirely Catholic, and very indignant at the presumption of the Elders to be ministers of the Gospel. The Elders were compelled to pass on. In a short time they entered another town where the people were almost as united in their desires as those in the former place had been, only they were of a directly opposite nature; and in a short time they were bestowing every kindness that could be desired upon the Lord's servants. They arranged at once for a meeting and it seemed that all who could be reached by the announcement that there would be a meeting, were there, and at the close of the services they insisted upon them holding more meetings. So an appointment was made for last Saturday night, which was filled by Elders L. T. Jones and J. C. Murdock. At the close, the questions that were asked by the people upon Gospel subjects were satisfactorily answered by the Elders. They had to accept an invitation to preach in the grove at that place next Sunday, when the attendance, it is expected, will be very large.

We frequently are called upon to re-

peat some of our hymns, especially "Do What is right, and our hosts and hostesses often keep us singing for a long time in their homes, and are delighted with the sentiments the songs express.

Elder Edward W. Croft is doing his utmost to fill appointments with the limited force of Elders at his command, but the number is inadequate to the task, to do anything like justice to it. The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into the harvest.

The great distances we are obliged to travel to fill appointments consumes a great deal of time, but, notwithstanding that fact, the three pairs of Elders in Fond du Lac county held eleven meetings last week.

In our visit to one of the most progressive towns of this county, where education and refinement are among the most prominent features, we found that one of the churches there was being badly affected by the attitude taken by its minister, who has made such accusations against his little flock that nearly all of his young people have left him and many of his best supporters are quitting him. When we held an open air meeting, we had a large crowd of attentive listeners, and we were told that if the people had known of the meeting we would have had more to hear us.

There is a nice branch here in Fond du Lac, under the presidency of Elder H. L. Kleis, numbering twenty members and eleven children under eight years of age; besides a nice Sunday school under the superintendency of Elder Charles Koller, and a good spirit prevails throughout the branch.

BURTON S. RUPP,

Clerk of Conference.

J. D. CUMMINGS.

Died in a Foreign Land.

Aarhus, Denmark, June 10, 1898.

Once more it becomes our sorrowful duty to record the death of one of our faithful men in the missionary field, in that Brother Ole C. Jensen, died at Randers in Aarhus conference, Denmark, on May 30, 1898, at 5:35 o'clock p.m., the immediate cause being pneumonia. Brother Jensen was at the advanced age of 67 years, and arrived in Aarhus, December 23, 1897, coming direct from his home in Mayfield, Sanpete county, Utah; he was very cheerful as to his health, saying, he had never been sick. He was very energetic and wanted to do as much good as possible while on his mission. He was cautioned by Elder C. N. Lund, president of the mission, to be very careful with himself, and not over-exert himself. Immediately after his arrival he visited some of his relatives, and was then appointed to labor in Grenaa branch, where he was laboring at the time of his death. Two weeks before his death, he, together with some other brethren, went over to the west of Jylland and visited some Saints. He visited his relatives a second time on this trip. It appears he had exerted himself and got over-heated and caught a severe cold. On his return he arrived in Randers on Saturday, the 21st of May, intending to attend meeting there with the brethren. Here he took sick on Sunday, the 22nd, and had to go to bed, from which time his condition got worse until the end came. It was found that the missionaries' quarters were too small to give him proper care, so he was removed to Sister Maren Andersen's place, where he received all the tender care that could possibly be given him. A doctor was called in who expressed his doubt as to the outcome, when he first visited the patient, on account of the advanced age of Brother Jensen.

The brethren administered to him

often and besought the Lord in his behalf, but it seemed to be the will of the Lord that he should be called to work in another sphere, and we feel to say, His will be done and not ours. We know that Brother Jensen's desire was to do good, and he was zealous and energetic in all. Brother Jensen was conscious to the last and realized that his time had come, and it should be said to the praise of Brother Brienholt, his companion, and Brothers L. Lauritzen and Anton Andersen of Randers, that these brethren sat up with him and did all in their power to ease his suffering during his entire illness.

The funeral took place at Randers, on Friday, June 3rd, at 2:30 p.m., and was very impressive. We believe it will do much good, inasmuch as many strangers were present, and saw the love and esteem that was shown our departed brother. The clergy here in Denmark are very strict in holding to the rules and regulations of the Lutheran church, and for that reason it is very seldom that people of other churches get the privilege of attending to any ceremonies whatever in burying their dead, but we can say that the Lord was with us in this regard, for we visited one of the ministers and after considerable talk and questioning we succeeded in getting permission to sing, "Nearer my God to Thee," and to dedicate the grave with prayer. We held services in our hall commencing at half past twelve, there being present of the brethren from Zion: Elder George Christensen, president of the Scandinavian mission; Elders H. P. Nielsen, Aarhus conference; Hyrum Nielsen, M. Mikkelsen, J. C. Breinholt, Lauritz Lauritzen, Anton Andersen, Dykes W. Sorensen, Niels L. Andersen, Chr. Mikkelsen, Peter S. Nielsen, Joseph L. Petersen, Christian Steffersen, Louis O. Dorlus and Frederick Jensen Holst of the Aalborg conference; and as many of the Saints and strangers as the hall would comfortably hold. Appropriate remarks were made by Elders M. Mikkelsen, J. C. Breinholt, George Christensen, Dykes W. Sorensen, Lauritz Lauritzen and H. P. Nielsen. After the services, all went to the chapel in the graveyard, to where the remains had been removed, two days previous. The coffin was well made, being very nicely trimmed and oak-grained in color. The floral offerings were many, the coffin being covered with wreaths and flowers. His brethren acted as pall bearers, and carried the remains over to the very beautiful spot which had been selected as the last resting place of our brother. There was a church official and the grave digger present to see that nothing more was done than we had permission to do. The remains were tenderly laid to rest, after which the brethren sang, Nearer My God, to Thee, and Elder Christensen offered the dedicatory prayer. The funeral was as nice as could be desired, considering the circumstances.

The work in this conference, like everywhere else, is pushed with energy by the brethren who labor here. A good work is being done.

H. P. NIELSEN.

On the Road.

Chattanooga, Tenn.,

June 21, 1898.

There was twenty-seven of us left Salt Lake City, Utah, June 16th, 1898, for Chattanooga, Tenn. We boarded the cars at 7:20 p.m. The next morning at daybreak finds us in the eastern part of Utah, with the Grand river as our running companion. After going, say 10 to 20 miles, the canyon opened up to a wide, open plain, with abundant opportunities for making homes. It appeared like the water was very easy to take out of the river. Farmers were cutting lucern on every side, and young-