

a desire myself that as President of the Church, as Counselors, as Apostles, we may be united as the heart of one man; that our spirits may run together, and we may see alike, feel alike, and understand alike, and that we may be a bulwark at the head of Israel, that we may be justified before the Lord, so that when these judgments come upon the earth we may be prepared to meet them; which may God grant, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Written for this Paper

### CONFERENCES IN TENNESSEE.

WILLETTE Tenn., Sept. 27, 1894.—The annual conference of the Middle Tennessee convened Sept. 8th and 9th, in the M. E. church house, Spencer, Van Buren county, Tennessee. There were present: Elias S. Kimball, president of Southern states mission; Elders Willard W. Bean, conference president; Hyrum L. Hunter, George S. McAllister, Don C. Rushton, Henry Smedley, A. Y. Duke, Heber C. Iverson, Fred M. Bollwinkel, James S. Ferrill, Owen M. Sanderson, Isaac W. West, Jonathan H. Hale, Erastus S. Larson, William T. Ogden, F. F. Rolfsen and John Jacklin.

Five public and seven private or council meetings were held, in which timely instructions were given.

The Elders' reports and testimonies are encouraging as well as inspiring. All are enjoying good health and the spirit of their calling.

Since our annual conference of last year (October 14 and 15) we have organized a branch of the Church on Mine Lick, De Kalb county, with fifty members, baptized thirty-six souls into the fold of Christ, blessed twenty-four children, distributed about 8,000 tracts, closed ten counties, and each pair of Elders have held, on an average, from six to ten meetings per month. Our conference has been increased since February from ten to sixteen Elders, and we will soon be able to handle several more efficient young men.

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Those, who a few years ago could not be approached by a Mormon Elder because of the prejudice against our people, are now, many of them, sending for our Elders, proffering them houses to preach in, entertainment, etc. Among these are many of the best citizens—the most highly educated, wealthy and influential. The change that has, during the past eighteen months, taken place in the minds of the people of this country can be but poorly imagined. In the midst of the present perilous times, when pestilence and famine, desolation and carnage are transporting countless millions to that bourne whence no traveler returns, the people are hungering and thirsting for more substantial spiritual food than that which man's wisdom affords. They are now desirous of hearing those who speak in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Elder Bean and your correspondent, with the assistance of the Lord, will shortly carry the Gospel message to the inhabitants of the city of Nashville.

Many people in this country will suffer for the necessities of life before next harvest. The late frosts, one of

which came on the 19th of May, killed all the fruit and thousands of fruit trees. The summer has been unusually dry. The drought has cut the corn crop very short; cholera is playing havoc among the hogs, and prospects for "hog, hominy and hog" this coming winter are slim; but such is the hospitality of the Southerner that he will share his last piece of hoe-cake with a stranger.

Ever praying for the blessing of the Lord to rest upon Zion and her interests at home and abroad, we remain Your brethren in the Gospel,

ELDERS OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE,  
per HEBER C. IVERSON,  
Clerk of Conference.

### EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

BLOUNTSVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 28, 1894.—To Elders actively engaged in the vineyard of our Lord, conference is the Mecca of joyful hopes and the cynosure of missionary eyes. Long pilgrimages are made with sweet anticipation to buoy the spirits while traversing the heated precincts of "piney" woods or dusty roadsides. This year the pleasant spot selected for conference was a beautiful grove in Washington county, Tennessee, a few miles distant from historic Jonesboro, among some of the most hospitable, kind-hearted people it has been our happy lot to meet. There were plenty of friends and all the Elders were entertained most handsomely.

The two days' meeting, September 22 and 23, in which all the Elders took active part in proclaiming the words of life and salvation, as well as the odd hours of general instruction from our president, Elder Elias S. Kimball, long will be held in fond remembrance by every one who was present to feel the divine influences that prevailed.

At our conference the Spirit of the Lord was abundantly poured out on all and everybody rejoiced exceedingly. Conference president, Elder Thomas W. Sloan was presented with a slight token as a mark of the love and confidence of his collaborators and in appreciation of his manly performance of duty. After getting a group photo at Jonesboro on Tuesday, Elders Elias S. Kimball and Angus Nicholson returned to Chattanooga, while the nine remaining pairs of Elders, in the best of health and spirits, with grips and umbrellas, began marching toward their respective fields, or remained behind among friends for a few days.

The conference is in the prime of activity; having two organized branches of the Church, each with a thriving Sunday school, a goodly number of scattered Saints, a multitude of friends and investigators, and eighteen humble, energetic, intelligent, God-fearing Elders, all pushing out into new fields.

During the past year several counties have been completed. It has been a most fruitful year in baptisms. Among the cities that have been successfully worked may be named the following: Newport, Morristown, Mossy Creek, Greenville, Bluff City, Bristol, Maryville and Athens. All labor has been much more systematic and thorough than in former years. We now have the largest conference in the greatest mission on earth.

Tennessee is almost as much mis-

understood in Utah as Utah is in Tennessee. We are laboring in a delightful climate, among a kind-hearted, hospitable, liberty-loving people—religiously inclined. Agnosticism, infidelity and atheism are unknown.

The following are the names of the Elders in the East Tennessee conference, in the order of their arrival in the mission, together with the county in which each is appointed to labor:

L. W. Roundy, Hancock county; Thomas W. Sloan, (president), Knox county; Leo T. Shelley, Hawkins county; Joseph C. Orme, Jefferson county; W. L. Hayes, Greene county; J. H. Hubbard, Granger county; H. W. Christenson, Sevier county; J. R. Halliday, Washington county; E. W. Payne, Hamblin county; H. L. Bair, Washington county; Jos. N. Corbish, Jefferson county; John M. Allen, Hawkin county; Frank M. Houston, Hancock county; Thomas B. Smith, Hamblin county; R. R. Judd, Greene county; J. H. Seymour, Granger county; J. W. Webster, Knox county; George B. Wintle Sevier county.

J. H. HUBBARD,  
Secretary of Conference.

### BROOK TROUT AND BASS.

Following are two letters received by Fish Commissioner Musser, regarding the fish shipment soon to arrive in this city:

WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
September 22, 1894.

A. Milton Musser, Esq., Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dear sir:—By the direction of the commissioner, 2,000 brook trout have been assigned to you, and it is now being arranged to have them delivered at Salt Lake City by messenger or by one of the U. S. fish commission cars within sixty days. Please indicate by return mail your readiness to receive the consignment. Our agent will advise you in advance of the hour of his expected arrival, and arrangements should be effected by you with the telegraph operator for the prompt delivery of the message.

Vessels free from injurious matter, partly filled with pure fresh water and of a carrying capacity of 100 gallons, must be in readiness and conveniently placed for an immediate transfer of the fish the moment the train stops. The co-operation of the depot agent should be secured, that he may receive and care for the fish in your absence. The fish commission car will usually be found at rear end of train, the messenger in the regular baggage car.

Very respectfully,

TARLETON H. BEAN,  
Assistant in Charge Division of Fish Culture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 3, 1894.

Mr. A. Milton Musser, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your letter of the 24th ultimo, I regret that I am unable to advise you when the bass will reach Ogden. It may not be practicable to send them at all this year, as the work is handicapped worse than ever on account of heat and drought.

Yours truly,

TARLETON H. BEAN,  
Assistant in Charge Division of Fish Culture.

Laramie Boomerang says: The Arapahoe Indians have raised some wheat and oats this season, the government thresher being now in operation on the Fort Washakie reservation.