

slonary work is concerned. I speak, of course, concerning the Latter-day Saints. Several (near twenty in all) Elders have been called to labor here and are being sent into the field by our worthy president, T. E. Ricks, as fast as we can place them.

We feel safe in predicting that a wonderful work will be done here, by way of making proselytes, and even if our anticipations are not realized in this particular, we can at least warn the people. We find in this field a great number of the "Reorganized church" or more commonly known as "Josephites," also quite a number of the followers of Joseph Morris, more commonly known as "Morristes." The latter treat us very hospitably.

On Sunday, the 20th, at 11 a. m., a Mr. Eardley, a Morriste leader, delivered a discourse on the Resurrection and at 2 p. m. the same day Elder F. S. Brammell explained the views of the Latter-day Saints on the same subject, by special request. The Morristes sing and play the organ for us and allow us the use of their church as often as we desire to hold meetings.

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PREACHING IN SACRAMENTO.

1815 SEVENTH ST., SACRAMENTO, Cal.
Sept. 20, 1896.

Elder Charles Brown of Murray, Utah, and I left San Francisco, with its brisk, refreshing ocean breezes and came to Sacramento when the thermometer registered from 90 to 140 degrees in the shade. Elders B. W. Henderson and Justin Loveless met us at the station and assisted us with our baggage, to occupy a room just vacated by Elders T. F. Tram and W. N. Woodland, who were called to labor in Latrobe.

After a few days we became somewhat acclimatized and began in a new part of the city to distribute our cards and tracts. As a rule we find the people courteous and generally willing to accept our tracts and ready to promise to attend our services. Certainly there are exceptions to all rules, for we sometimes get cold receptions and have our tracts handed back when we call the second time, unread. And in vain do we look in church for the people who do promise.

Thus far we have not succeeded in getting more than six or eight outside the members of the branch to attend our meetings. We are sowing the Gospel seed but know not how much will bring forth fruit.

President Tanner and Elder William Scowcroft and wife have been here since the first of September holding a series of special services. We had 6,000 posters printed; giving the name of subject, time and speaker for each meeting, and aimed to place one at every door in the city to arouse the people, to let them know that the Gospel of our Lord and Savior was being spread before them, and to invite them to the feast. "Well," says one, "you certainly would have large congregations, considering that the state fair was being held, and that there were thousands of visitors in the city." No not more than thirty-five or forty at any of the ten special meetings. We succeeded, however, in getting the

Bee to publish a synopsis of four of the sermons and the Record-Union three others. By this means the Gospel is brought to thousands that would otherwise never have heard a word; for there are many who will neither admit us into their homes to bear our message nor attend our meetings. The counsel Paul gave to the Romans 13 chap. 12-14 is very applicable in our day.

President H. S. Tanner, and Brother Scowcroft and wife anticipate making a tour of the State to hold special meetings. Sister Scowcroft furnishes music and the three are a very good trio as far as singing is concerned. And as for preaching, Bro. Tanner has had five years' experience and Bro. Scowcroft two, and are well qualified to teach the Gospel of Christ.

At present we have twenty-seven Elders in this state, three of whom have their wives with them. There is plenty of room for more harvesters, although this mission is rather expensive, as the Elders pay for everything they get, but the air, excepting what they are invited to dine with the Saints.

The laborers in the northern part of the state, meet at San Francisco, Oct. 4th, for our conference.

We are expecting some changes, and some of the first in the field have actually dreamed of eating Thanksgiving dinner at home this season. I remain your brother, ALVA N. MURDOCK.

INDIAN TERRITORY MISSION REUNION

The Indian Territory reunion held Friday night was a successful affair. I was a little late before the program proper was begun but in reality there was no time lost judging from the good time the Elders had in clapping the hands of former companionship and greeting each other. The house was well filled with relatives and friends, all of whom seemed to enjoy the pleasant affair.

Arranged in a semi-circle, the seats all faced the platform—some at the end of the hall on either side of which was an instrument, piano and organ.

On the stand spread out for the accommodation of all interested, was a large collection of photographs and views of Elders, people and interesting views of Indian Territory and other parts of the mission, prominent among which were views of the three meeting houses and photographs of the various wild and civilized tribes of Indians, and judging from the way members and visitors availed themselves of scanning the views they were greatly appreciated.

Prominent on the program was the call of "Roll of Honor" by Secretary Frank B. Woodbury. It contained the names of 107 Elders, thirty of whom were present. Twenty-five are in the field. A great many were answered for by father, mother, wife, sweetheart or some one closely interested.

The oldest on the list and who answered to the roll call was Elder William Bricker, who filed a mission way back in the fifties, and the youngest were three Elders present who have not yet filed the mission, but are en route to their fields.

Elder Joseph H. Felt in his pleasant manner presided.

An address of welcome was made by President Andrew Kimball.

A report of the present condition of affairs in the mission was made by Elders William D. Bowring and William E. Newman, the latter only left the field a short time since. Elder Bowring has served successfully as the secretary of the mission. He naturally gave a somewhat detailed account of the conditions there, showing a rapid and permanent growth and the prospects of a great work yet to be performed.

Interspersed between the various remarks were rousing instrumental and vocal selections, a duet on the piano by Elders Alvin A. Beesley and Henry Kirkman. A Chickasaw vocal quartette and later a Kansas double header by eight of the Elders recently from that field.

Elder George Collett with his usual humor amused the assembly by a comic recitation.

The assembly was favored with a visit from President George Q. Cannon who addressed the meeting and expressed his appreciation of such gatherings. He dwelt upon the remarkable growth and development of missionary work in the world; warned the Elders against the loss of valuable time in trying to convert those who had fallen away from the Gospel, and thought altogether too much time was devoted to some localities and investigators of the truth. He said it was a day of warning, and that after this was done, the Elders were at liberty and should go on giving others an opportunity to hear the truth.

Elder Phil H. Margetts with a violin accompanied by Elder Alvin A. Beesley on the piano, gave some beautiful strains of music and later amused the assembly with a comic recitation.

Before adjournment the standing committee were released and accorded a vote of thanks, and a new committee appointed under the chairmanship of Elder W. T. Jack, assisted by Elders W. D. Bowring, Wm. E. Newman, Henry Kirkman, Alvin A. Beesley, Alma H. Davis, J. C. Lyon, J. M. Fullmer and E. L. Saunders.

A bulletin board announced the time of departure of the various street cars, to convey the party home, and while many were obliged to retire early, it was a late hour before the Elders could separate, they stood around in the hall as long as they could remain exchanging reminiscences of missionary life and participating in a general expression of the good time they had had together.

Among the more prominent visitors were Patriarch John Smith, Presidents Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose of the Salt Lake Stake, with their wives.

ST. JOSEPH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the St. Joseph Stake was held in Pima meeting house Sunday and Monday, the 13th and 14th of September, 1896. There were present on the stand Elders Christopher Layton and William D. Johnson of the State presidency, Philamon C. Merrill, Patriarch, members of the High Council, and all of the Bishops of the various wards, as well