

singing and the prettiest feathered birds; the most daring and hungry (for human flesh) insects, from which the gollynipper and red bug shall not be excluded; the best growing climate and the poorest land; the most water and the poorest to drink; the best place for oranges and the fewest of them (find we); the best, kindest and most hospitable people on the earth and some of the wickedest that ever lived.

Your paper comes regularly—thanks.

JOSEPH A. WEST,
President Florida Conference.

Following is the letter referred to by Elder West in his opening paragraph:

JASPER, Hamilton Co., Fla.,
July 21st, 1896.

President Joseph A. West. Dear Brother—I wish to make mention to you that again the power of God has been made manifest, instantly, under our administration. It was in the case of a Mrs. Cribbs, who has been very ill for about five weeks. She was taken down very suddenly by fainting spells, or rather fits, and continued to grow worse. Finally a doctor was called in, who stated that he could relieve her at once. He continued to doctor her for two weeks, but with no satisfactory results. Finally he called in another and they both counseled about the case, and both have been doctoring her for some time, she growing worse every day. Her parents had given up all hopes of her recovery. In fact, the doctors stated to those outside the family circle that they could do nothing to help her. All had given up in despair. About that time Elders Heber C. Blood and myself arrived in their little settlement, and the family being our friends sent for us to come at once and administer to her. We did so, and she at once felt much better, but was taken worse again next day, and we administered again. A wonderful change for the better took place immediately, and that day she arose and walked all around the house a number of times. Now she states she is feeling all right in every respect. Her father, Mr. Willis, wishes to write the matter up to the county paper, but I hardly think it advisable, as these things are not to be boasted about or always spoken of in public, but I thought I would consult you about the matter.

I am enjoying my labors better every day, as my testimony strengthens and I feel to thank God for His goodness towards me.

L. W. LUND,
Home address, Pleasant Grove, Utah

REPORT FROM KENTUCKY.

LILETOWN, Kentucky,
August 1st, 1896.

Dear Brother,—I send you a brief outline of my labors in Kentucky since conference, which was held June 20th and 21st. After conference I remained at Brother George Jewell's writing up the history of labors performed by the Elders in this part of the Lord's vineyard. On June 26th Elder Ezra J. Merrill and I walked to Owensboro, a distance of twenty miles. On the 28th we walked to Cleopatra, McLean county, twenty miles. The weather being extremely hot I blistered my feet very badly and was compelled to lay over one week. Arriving at Cleopatra we went to the home of Mr. James D. Leet and found Elders Ellsworth and Roy-

lance there holding meeting, instructing a few just baptized, before confirming them. They were greatly surprised as well as pleased to see us. We assisted in confirming those whom they had just baptized and we had a most enjoyable time together.

On July 6th we left Cleopatra for Liletown, Green county, a distance of 140 miles, which we succeeded in covering in six days on foot. On the 7th, between Hartford and Beaver Dam, we sat down to rest in the grateful shade of some roadside trees. Soon we saw Elders Richardson and Ipson coming towards us. They met a friend and sat down to rest and talk about a hundred yards from us. I walked back to where they were, and if I had dropped from the sky they could not have been much more surprised than they were, supposing, as they did, that I was at least 150 miles from there. At Beaver Dam we parted, Elder Merrill and myself continuing our journey towards Liletown.

In Butler and Edmunson counties we traveled for miles and miles through virgin forests, whose stillness hardly had been broken by the sound of the woodman's ax. On an eminence overlooking Green river we came upon a slab cut in the solid rock, in memory of Grandville Allen, killed near the spot—Kentucky's first blood in the late unpleasantness between the North and the South over the negro.

We came by the historic Mammoth cave, but as we were traveling absolutely without purse or scrip we failed to get to see that wonderful cavern. We applied to the manager for the privilege of going through, but he denied us. We arrived at Mr. Mel Wallace's on Saturday, July 11th, very much foot sore and weary. Soon after our arrival Mr. Wallace mounted a mule and started out in search of Elders Martin and King, who were in the neighborhood. He found them across the Little Barren river about six miles from his home. They returned before dark, and like the other two pairs of Elders previously mentioned, were very much surprised to see us.

Since coming here we have held thirty-three meetings, baptized twenty-seven people—most all adults—and have blessed thirteen children. The Lord has greatly blessed us, and we have had a time of rejoicing.

On July 19th we held five meetings, organized a branch of the Church; also organized a Sunday school, baptized two, ordained one priest, blessed three children, and administered to five sick persons. In addition to the foregoing, the Saints prepared dinner on the grounds for all who came to the meetings. At least one hundred adults partook of the bounteous repast. A spirit of brotherly love seemed to pervade every heart. We believe much good will result from the kindness of the Saints to those who came to the meetings. This branch now numbers sixty-one members, and many more are seriously investigating. We confidently hope to increase the number to seventy-five before the summer is out.

On July 27th we held meeting all day at Mr. Mel Wallace's, and the Saints prepared a feast and invited all to partake with us. The Saints and friends have certainly done themselves proud in making our visit pleasant. The love and esteem we have for them and their many acts of kindness towards us will linger in our memories while life shall

last. This, to us, has been an oasis in the desert, and we have enjoyed it to the full.

Thanking you on behalf of the Elders of the Kentucky conference, and wishing you continued success, I am, very respectfully,

STEPHEN A. SMITH,
President Kentucky Conference.

SANPETE STAKE CONFERENCE.

MT. PLEASANT, Utah, August 17, 1896.—The conference of the Sanpete Stake of Zion was held as per appointment on the 15th and 16th of August, 1896, at Mount Pleasant. There were present at the commencement, the Stake presidency, a fair representation of the High Council, the Bishops of the wards and quite a large congregation. The conference was opened as usual by singing and prayer at 10 a.m. Elder J. B. Maiben made opening remarks.

The Bishop of Indianola ward, bearing requests, reported that one of the Lamanites last year raised 500 bushels of wheat, one 300 bushels, another 200 bushels, and others less amounts. The deaths among the Indians are four to one birth, so that they are decreasing quite fast. The present number is 65, nearly all members of the Church.

The Bishops of Millburn and Fonnafalu Green wards each gave satisfactory reports of his ward.

The Bishop of Fayette said they had been visited by very destructive storms and floods, yet the people were doing reasonably well.

Elder McAllister exhorted the Saints to faithfully observe and keep the commandments of God that He may feel bound to afford us protection, as His judgments are abroad in the earth. He gave notice that the temple will be opened on Tuesday, September 1st.

At 2 p.m. Elders George Tessedale and A. H. Lund, of the council of the Apostles, met with the Saints, and during the meeting Elder Lyman arrived.

Elder Lund expressed the pleasure he felt in meeting the Saints in conference, said while absent had met in many conferences in Great Britain, Scandinavia, Germany, etc.; related many interesting incidents in his late missionary experience, also of witnessing the protecting hand of God over the missionaries and himself when they were in danger.

Elder Tessedale gave some of his experience of the last twelve years that he had spent as a travelling Elder; a part of which time he was in Europe and a part in Mexico; exhorted the Saints to be more diligent in keeping the law of God; reminded the Saints that the laws of titling pertain to the Aaronic Priesthood, and no attempt is now being made to keep the property laws of the Melchizedek Priesthood, as it is as much as we can do to keep the lesser law.

President Peterson gave a report of the Stake. Said there are no quarrels among the Saints; thought they should pay a little more tithing, as he believed many did not pay a full amount. If the people desired the blessing of the Lord they should endeavor to keep the laws He has given. He believed the people of Sanpete are a good people in a general way, but there is room for much improvement.