

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

SHADY GROVE, Hickman Co., Tenn.
July 1st, 1896.

At this place was held, June 27, 28 and 29, the Middle Tennessee conference, the last day being set apart for Priesthood meetings. Through the energetic labors of Elders Wm. T. Ogden and Joseph Sessions, and the Saints in the vicinity, we were enabled to secure the use of the new chapel of the Christian church in which to hold our meetings.

The church is located in a beautiful grove of trees. During one of his addresses President Elias S. Kimball told the people of Shady Grove that their chapel was the nicest one he had held meeting in during his travels this year of about 15,000 miles, and complimented them highly for their generosity in allowing us the use of their church for conference purposes.

At 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, June 27th inst., the Middle Tennessee Conference was called to order by Elder Jos. D. C. Young, president of the conference. The choir consisting entirely of Elders, led by R. G. Archibald, sang. Prayer by Elder Erastus S. Larsen, followed by singing.

The first speaker, Elder H. A. Grover, took up the subject of Faith, quoting freely from the New Testament in proof of his statements.

Elder Ray Wentz spoke next on Faith and Works.

He was followed by Elder John Jacklin, who spoke on repentance.

Elder Jonathan H. Hale, with much spirit and power, then spoke on the first two principles of the Gospel, Faith and Repentance, and showed from the Scriptures that a failure to comply with these principles on the part of many ancient peoples and nations had led to their destruction, and, as it was with them, so shall it be with this generation, unless they exercise faith in a living God and "bring forth fruits meet for repentance."

Elder Nephi M. Savage then spoke on Baptism as being essential to salvation, and the mode and object of baptism. Choir sang and benediction was offered by Elder Jas. Larsen.

2 p. m., June 27th. Singing; prayer by Elder G. F. Ashcroft.

Elder Chas. A. Hickenlooper continued the subject of baptism, and Elder Erastus S. Larson spoke with much power upon the Holy Ghost.

The next speaker was Elder J. D. C. Young who very ably handled the "Personality of God."

Elder Elias S. Kimball, president of the Southern States mission, then made a few remarks, thanking the people for their hospitality in entertaining the Elders, and bearing testimony to the truth of the Elders' remarks.

Second day, Sunday, 10 a. m., June 28. As the Christians were holding services in their church, conference convened in the school house at Shady Grove. Singing; prayer by Elder Elias S. Kimball; singing. Elder Wm. T. Ogden then addressed the congregation on the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

He was followed by President Elias S. Kimball, who spoke with much power upon the text, "What must I do to be saved?"

Singing; benediction by Elder Geo. A. Huntington.

Elder W. J. Sloan made an excellent

address on the rise, travels, persecutions and achievements of the Latter-day Saints.

President Kimball then continued to speak on "What must I do to be saved?" The spirit of God rested upon him mightily, while the words of life and salvation flowed from his lips. During the course of his remarks he prophesied that our Elders would go to Cane Creek, Tennessee, and said within three years we will have a church there.

Conference then closed by singing, and benediction by T. B. Rolison.

During conference five priesthood meetings were held, when much business pertaining to the conference was transacted, and many excellent and timely instructions were given. After a long meeting from 7 a. m. until 7 p. m. the following list of Elders and their new fields of labor was read and conference was adjourned.

Jos. D. C. Young, Prest.

Nephi M. Savage, Secy.,

Middle Tennessee conference.

Names and addresses of Elders laboring in the Middle Tennessee Conference:

J. D. C. Young—Nashville, Tenn.

J. H. Hale and Jas. Larsen—Rutherford, Cannon, Wilson, Transdale and Macon counties. Address Smyrna, Tenn.

W. G. Ogden and Geo. A. Huntington—Franklin, Coffee, Bedford, Lincoln and Moore counties. Address Shelbyville, Tenn.

R. G. Archibald and S. C. Barrell—Bledsoe, Saquachie, Marion and Grundy counties. Address Altamon, Tenn.

John A. Wootton, S. S. Sanderson—Putnam, DeKalb, Warren, Van Buren, White and Cumberland counties. Address McMinnville, Tenn.

C. A. Hickenlooper and Thad W. Naylor—Clay, Picket, Fentress, Overton and Jackson counties. Address Livingston, Tenn.

The foregoing are set apart to labor in the above counties which have been closed.

W. H. Kennington and A. F. Anderson—Linden, Perry county.

Geo. F. Ashcroft and Jos. Sessions—Centerville, Hickman county, Tenn.

W. S. Greenwood and C. L. Robinson, Camden, Benton county, Tenn.

R. V. Wentz and Jas. H. Yardley—Dover, Stewart county, Tenn.

W. O. Christenson and M. B. Olsen—Huntingdon, Carroll county, Tenn.

O. H. Hewlett and E. E. Brown—Waynesboro, Wayne county.

A. S. Cullimore and John Jacklin—Lawrenceburg, Lawrence county.

H. A. Grover and O. C. Oleson—Waverley, Humphreys county.

John W. Showcrott and Nephi M. Savage—Columbia, Maury county.

F. B. Rolison and W. J. Sloan—Pulaski, Giles county.

John D. McIntosh and J. M. Brown—Decatur, Decatur county.

IN THE EMPIRE STATE.

CONOCTON, Steuben Co., New York,
July 13th, 1896

Having read many interesting accounts of the missionaries laboring in different parts of the world, and being a laborer in the work of the Gospel myself, I thought that a few items from this place would be of some interest to the readers of your valuable paper.

I left my home in March, 1895 to labor

as a missionary in the Northern States mission. After arriving at Newburg, West Virginia I was assigned to labor in Franklin county, Pennsylvania in company with Elder R. A. Perkes. After laboring there for a few months I was called to the Eastern States mission and labored with President Samuel W. Richards for two months at Brooklyn. Since last October I have been laboring in the western part of New York state. Elder D. H. Walker has been my companion until a short time ago when Elders Wm. Shaw and James Woolsey arrived here from Utah, and we each had a new recruit.

When we arrived in this part last November we called on Brother Martin H. Cooley, whose name we obtained from friends in Utah. He and family received us very kindly and are always ready to share their homes with the Elders; also others have been very kind to us.

We have baptized seventeen honest souls into the fold of Christ since we came here, although most of the people are very much prejudiced against us. There are a great many false books in circulation among the people, written against the Latter-day Saints. Many of the people's minds are poisoned so that they will not read our tracts. We hold our meetings in private houses belonging to the Saints. It is almost impossible to get a public building. Some are investigating our faith and through time I believe much of the prejudice will be done away with.

Our President Samuel W. Richards arrived here from Brooklyn, June 19th, and made a short visit among the Saints. During his stay we held three meetings, all had a time of rejoicing. Elder Richards was the principal speaker. He explained the plan of salvation as it is laid down by our Savior in a very plain manner. He also instructed the Saints and showed them the necessity of living up to what the Lord required of them to.

This is the birth place of the Church, the Hill Cumorah, or Mormon Hill, as the people here call it, is situated about forty miles north of here. Most of the fields are new in this mission, as it is many years since our Elders have labored in some of the Eastern States, and there is a new generation here that have never heard the Gospel taught by the Latter-day Saints.

MARTIN R. MCFARLAND

THE ANTIPODES.

GISBORNE, Poverty Bay,
May 4th, 1896.

Permit me to insert a few lines in the News which may be of interest to the Elders who have returned to Zion and possibly to others of your many readers.

I, Charles H. Embley left my home at Gunnison, Sanpete county, November 11th, 1893, and arrived in Auckland per steamship Monowai. December 9th was assigned by President Stewart to labor in the Turanga district, Gisborne being the headquarters, where I arrived December 16th, and have labored here since that time, the first month with Edgar Best of Salt Lake City, one year and three months with James E. Fisher of Meadow, Millard county, and with Jacob E. Teepley, my present companion since his arrival here from home November 13th, 1894.

During my stay, I have made many