

leased. Stimulated by the kind encouragement received from President Taylor, Elder Kimball stayed. After three months' labor alone, he was joined by Elders Ammon Green and Ammon Allen. A little later they were joined by Elder David Shoud. Three of the civilized tribes, the Cherokees, Choctaws and Creeks, had the Gospel given to them. Elders John A. Booth, Jas. F. Smith, Wm. T. Jack, Lorin C. Woolley and John J. Hull, in succession, kept the work in constant progression.

Six Elders constituted the working force, and still the mission spread. In rapid succession came other new material, succeeding the faithful workers who had filled their mission in honor and returned home: Elders James N. Haslam, Franklin M. Anderson, Emanuel D. Smith, David B. Broadhead, Horace D. Barber, Richard G. Collett, Julius Keller and Frank F. Merrill. The mission spread into the Chickasaw nation, and the leaders of the Seminole tribe were visited.

Now opened a new era in the history of Indian Territory. During the sojourn of the succeeding noble workers (who like all preceding ones were benefited by the labors of those who were gone before), Elders M. Leslie Nichols, Frank B. Woodbury, Harvey M. Rawlins, Henry H. Allen, Peter H. Peters, Lester Stott, George Labrum, the first and only meeting house was built, at a cost of over \$400. The labor was done under the direct supervision of Elder Rawlins, and by the Elders and Saints and some friends. The mission also was opened up in Oklahoma. By the continuance of the faithful workers, Joseph Wood, Joseph H. Holmes, John A. and Joseph H. Lowe, Reese M. Harper and Hyrum S. Lewis, the fields were broadened and the homes of many were made glad by the visits of the messengers of glory.

Following these were Elders D. Wm. Coolbear, Arthur N. Wallace, George T. Ashton, Frank Collett, Alma Davis, John A. Stephens, Isaac Jensen, Ephraim Jeppson, Ed. M. McArthur, H. E. Campbell, and J. Conney Lyon. The number was thus increased to eleven and the field broadened in proportion; and still the good work goes on. A constant call for more workers has brought about an increase to twenty-three, with two more about to depart. The last to arrive in the field thus far are Elders Heber C. Anderson, James M. Fullmer, Richard G. Winter, Alvin A. Beesley, John Vincent, Albert Brown, Wm. E. Newman, E. L. Saunders, Wm. D. Bowring and Henry Kirkham, and to follow are Phil. H. Margetts and Stephen P. Gheer.

Under the direction of Elder Isaac Jensen, assisted by several traveling Elders and James E. Nalley, local Elder, with their means and labors, and aided with contributions from all the Elders and some of the Saints, a beautiful little meeting house has been erected at Massey settlement, Choctaw Nation, at a cost of \$277.05. It was completed on the 22nd of September and dedicated on the 30th of that month, 1894.

The Lord has greatly blessed our efforts in that mission, and while we have nothing to boast of, we feel assured we have done our whole duty towards that people, and now say to them, We have shown our faith by our works: go do thou likewise.

Tonight we meet together and con-

gratulate each other. All have labored, toiled and suffered for the establishment of their work. Tonight we enjoy the achievements of our labors, directed and aided by our Heavenly Father. And in conclusion let me say, brethren and sisters, Presidents, Elders and Saints and friends, welcome, thrice welcome, and God bless you all.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

McCOMB CITY, Miss.,
October 12, 1894.

On the morning of the 5th of October, 1894, the Elders and Saints of the Mississippi conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints began to arrive at the home of Brother Richard Collins and the surrounding members of the Church, preparatory to holding our annual conference meeting in Pike county.

A shady spot under the spreading limbs of a noble southern oak tree had been chosen for the meeting-place and small pines and sweet-gum trees had been interwoven among its branches, and formed in a square upon the ground in such a position that with every gentle breeze their tips seemed to kiss the ever-swaying branches of the oak. The weather was delightful and with the smiling countenances of the Elders, the Saints and their friends and the hearty handshaking being indulged in everything seemed to point to the most memorable conference meeting yet held in Mississippi.

And it was indeed beyond our most sanguine expectations. Elders Elias S. Kimball of the Southern States mission and J. M. Phelps of the Mississippi conference, arrived at dark, and on the morning of the 5th at 10 o'clock there were assembled in the spacious bowery, besides these brethren and a concourse of Saints, the following thirteen Elders: J. F. Haycock, E. J. Jones, F. C. Best, A. J. Blackwell, P. P. Lechtenberg, Jas. E. Grantham, H. W. Perry, D. H. Doxey, Heber Anderson, M. H. Preece, N. H. Heiselt, Wm. M. Holt and J. W. Walker.

Elder Phelps called the meeting to order and the choir rendered the hymn "Come all ye sons of Zion." Elder James E. Grantham offered the invocation, and the choir sang "Should you feel inclined to censure." Elder Phelps explained the purpose of our conference meetings and showed the necessity of a hearty co-operation of the Saints in all their undertakings. Elder J. E. Grantham next dwelt upon the personality of God; drew a very striking contrast between the true Christian doctrine regarding it and the dogmas of today. Elder E. J. Jones in speaking upon faith ably showed the necessity of a knowledge of the attribute of God before a proper faith is exercised in the Almighty; referred also to a faith in the Old and New Testament. A. J. Blackwell showed that faith cometh by hearing; the knowledge which we have of God has not only been handed down through tradition but direct revelation has been given by Him in the last days. Elder D. H. Doxey took up the restoration of the Gospel; the time when the same was to be restored was at the completion of the great image which Nebuchadnezzar saw, typical of the kingdoms

which should be overthrown by the Kingdom of God. Elder H. W. Perry spoke very interestingly on the subject of repentance; and Elder Frederic C. Best explained the beautiful connection of the principle of faith with the plan of salvation.

At the afternoon meeting Elder J. W. Walker spoke upon the "History of the Gospel." Elder Wm. M. Holt presented the subject of baptism, the necessity of the same and the proper mode. Elder J. M. Phelps gave a beautiful explanation of the "Kingdom of God." Elder J. F. Haycock held the strictest attention of the audience while the subject of authority was presented. Elder N. H. Heiselt took up the Word of Wisdom and the mission of the Elders; and Elder M. H. Preece showed the two kinds of repentance and the necessity of a Godly sorrow.

Sunday morning's meeting was opened with an address on baptism by Elder P. P. Lechtenberg. Elder Heber Anderson spoke upon the vastness of the work accomplished and yet to be accomplished by servants of God. Elder Elias S. Kimball eloquently addressed the congregation upon the Holy Ghost, and Elder A. J. Blackwell spoke upon the same subject.

At the evening session Elder Phelps gave a thrilling account of the mission of the Elders and then ably dwelt upon the "Restoration of all things;" and after another pleasing address by Elder J. F. Haycock, Elder Kimball spoke at length to the enraptured audience upon the signs of the times—how they coincide with Noah's time. Elder E. J. Jones' lecture on the Book of Mormon was much enjoyed and ably presented.

Meeting was held again at night and the sole speaker was Pres. Kimball, who endeavored to impress upon the minds of the listeners the necessity of a strict obedience to the Word of Wisdom and our attention to prayer and the law of tithing; these were required of us by God and must be obeyed.

The Saints spread a repast between meetings and everyone partook thereof with thankful hearts and praises to God. Five more were baptized into the fold of Christ, making a total of sixty-one baptisms for the past year. Five council meetings were held, at which the Elders received treasures of knowledge and words of wisdom from Elder Kimball.

Our conference times will never be forgotten, and we disliked to part from those whom we love.

JOHN H. WALKER,
Clerk of Conference.

A THRESHER ACCIDENT.

LAKE TOWN, Rich Co., Utah, Oct. 13, 1894.—This morning as Bro. Joseph Robinson was oiling Weston Bros. & Robinson's threshing machine just over the tumbling rod, a rivet that protruded about half an inch caught in his clothing, and quicker than it can be told, stripped him of all his clothes and whirled him around unmercifully. The other hands stopped the machine as promptly as possible, and while the poor man very narrowly escaped instant death, he came out with his arm broken just below the shoulder, and very badly shaken up as a matter of