

they refused to let us preach in their church, so we took our departure and walked three miles and spent the night with Dunkin Holt.

To our surprise the next morning very early a fine team and carriage drove up, and we were informed by Mr. G. J. Sloughier that he wished to be baptized before we left. It being Sunday we set the time at two o'clock in the afternoon. He returned and sent his boy around on a horse and notified the people, and at the appointed hour a large crowd had gathered on the banks of Clark's river to witness the baptism. The weather being very cold, we talked to them for only a short time, but gave notice that we would preach that night at Brother Sloughier's. We held three meetings, the house being crowded each time, and we think much good was done, as several more are earnestly investigating.

We then started for Trigg county, arriving there on the 4th of February, and went to the house of Thomas Whaley. We remained there several days holding meetings, and succeeded in convincing six more of the truth of the Gospel. Notwithstanding there was ice in the water they came forward and complied with the sacred ordinance of baptism. We left many more that were fully convinced, but did not have the courage to make the sacrifice.

We next walked twelve miles to the Canton neighborhood, and found some very kind friends among the Canton people. We held several very interesting meetings around the city of Canton, and made several attempts to preach in the city. After getting consent of their trustees to use their church and giving out our appointment, their ministers and some of their leading men got up a petition to close the doors and not let us preach. They succeeded in getting the doors closed. Some of the leading citizens were heard to say that they were not very well united anyway, and if we are allowed to preach there they would be unable to control them at all. We succeeded in making many kind friends among the people of this place. Several of them gave us money and stamps, requesting us to write to them. Among our friends who live in Canton are Mr. J. H. Major and wife, who keep the post office. They had written several pieces to their county paper defending our cause. We had given them the privilege of reading our Utah papers and they have become very much interested, and we think that in the near future our Elders can return and do a good work in that neighborhood.

We left Canton on the first of March and arrived at the house of Brother Risdon Claxton on the sixth. Brother Risdon's family have been members of the Church for six years. In that time they have spent one year in Utah. They returned to their old home and the place has been a home for the Elders ever since they were baptized, and for many years before. Over fifty different Elders have found shelter under their roof. Sister Claxton has been a mother to many of our Elders when they were sick. There is not another family of Saints within many miles of them. They are enjoying the Spirit

of God and feel greatly blessed to think that they have had the privilege of entertaining so many of the humble servants of the Lord. Now that our Elders have finished this part of the state Sister Claxton thinks her work in this land is about finished. Their great desire is to gather with the Saints.

The NEWS is read with much interest and is doing much good in removing prejudices for which we are very thankful. F. D. RICHARDSON.

### MISSIONARY REPORT.

INER, Martin County, Ky.,  
April 10, 1896.

I take pleasure in relating my experience as a missionary in this part of the Lord's vineyard. I left my home in Manassas, Col., October 2, 1894, to fill a mission in the Southern States; left Salt Lake City October 13th, over the Union Pacific. On arriving in Chattanooga I was appointed to labor in the West Virginia conference, under the direction of Elder George S. Barker.

Elder William H. Burrows and myself arrived in Charleston October 19th, where we stayed till morning. After eating a hearty breakfast we started for Brother J. I. Guthrie's, on Two Mile. On arriving there we met Elders G. S. Barker and Hugh M. Dougall. I stayed there for several days trying to get acclimated.

November 1st Elder Erastus Beck and myself started on our way for Raleigh county, where we labored together five months, at which time he was released and Elder Judson I. Tolman, who had just arrived from his happy home in Marion, Idaho, was appointed to labor with me in Raleigh county. We stayed there till July 31, 1895, visiting the people, going from house to house, leaving our tracts wherever they would accept them. We also held a few meetings, but owing to a number of false reports that had been previously circulated the masses of the people were very prejudiced and would not listen to us. It was indeed a gleaming after the harvest was over. Nevertheless, two good, faithful Latter-day Saints were added to the fold. Others are still investigating the principles of the Gospel. During our stay in that part we made many friends who were friends indeed. They always express themselves as being anxious to have the Elders call on them. Too much praise cannot be given the Saints and friends in that locality for their kindness to us while in their midst. I make mention of a few whose houses always have been homes for the humble Elders. Brothers John and Lawrence Jarrell and families; Messrs. Jacob Pettey, Robert Hunter, James Tony, John Pettey, who all say, "brethren, the latch string hangs on the outside."

After finishing our work in Raleigh county, we left on the 7th of August to attend conference, which was held August 10th and 11th at Kanawha. After enjoying ourselves with the Elders and Saints of that place for about ten days, Elder Wm. D. Elder and myself started on our way for Mingo county, where we arrived on Aug. 27th, after a nice little walk of 75 miles in the hot sun.

We canvassed the county over, hold-

ing meetings where we could secure buildings to preach in, and distributing tracts at all the houses where the people would receive them. There was none added to the Church in that county, but many express themselves as though they believed what we told them. We succeeded in making many friends and hope the seeds sown will eventually take root and grow.

On November 16 we left the county to attend a meeting of the Elders to be held at Brother J. W. Adkins's, in Lincoln county. We met there Nov. 24, and received many valuable instructions from Elder S. Brinton, our president. Elder F. G. Warnick and I were appointed to labor in Martin county, Ky., where I am at present. We arrived here Dec. 6, 1895. We first called for our mail at the post office then went to the newspaper office and subscribed for the Martin county Gazette; then we went to the hotel and put up for the night. We had the privilege of conversing with several prominent citizens, giving them tracts and cards, but all was in vain. A few days later some of the clergy got together and made up a petition to have us driven out of the county. Then some of the influential men of the little city refused to sign it, and the "would be" disturbers were compelled to keep the peace. We stayed in town till noon the next day, then went out in the country and began distributing tracts and preaching to the people. We visited the county seat quite often and made friends of the officials. By so doing we secured the court house to hold a meeting in, with a promise that if the doctrine we taught was according to the "word of God" we could use the building more. Elder Warnick and myself held two meetings in the house and secured it for President W. E. Rydolph and Elder Wm. M. Casper to preach in the next night. They held three meetings in it. All were satisfied. Now we have several warm friends here in the county seat and standing invitations to visit prominent citizens. We are now visiting Mr. T. W. Newberry. I make mention of a few who have been kind as fathers and mothers to us: Robert Stepp, Grandma Charity Stepp, T. W. Newberry, R. C. Newberry.

Our conference (West Virginia) is in a flourishing condition. We now have about twenty-eight energetic young Elders, all working hard for the spread of truth. We feel that the Lord has blessed us in our efforts.

Elder Casper is here with me. We will finish in this county in a few days then go to Magoffin county.

We are pleased to state that the numerous reports that have gone out in regard to Elders being mistreated in eastern Kentucky are false in every instance. HERBERT W. BEERS.

WM. N. CASPER.

### FRIENDS IN ARKANSAS.

PIGGOTT, Clay Co., Ark.,  
April 10, 1896.

Thinking the readers of your valuable paper would no doubt feel somewhat interested in the advancement and spread of the Gospel in the state of Arkansas, it is with much pleasure I devote a few spare moments to endeavor to gratify the interested minds.