

Elders Jos. G. Ranck and Allen M. Archibald, Wyoming, Ill.

Elders Cornelius S. Green and Francis M. Stephenson, Vienna, Johnson county, Ill.

Elders Thomas I. Allen and Nephi N. Rogers, Walpole, Hamilton county, Ill.

Elders John H. Stout and Levi B. Reynolds, Bloomfield, Greene county, Ind.

Elders Joseph Empey and Wilford E. Cragun, Taswell, Crawford county, Ind.

Elders John N. Davis and Neils P. Anderson, Robison, Green county, Ind.

Elder Andrew A. Dable, Morris, Grundy county, Ill.

Elders Sterling D. Colton and Ernest B. Theobald, Centralia, Marion county, Ill.

Elders Germon Buchanan and David R. Roberts, Murphysboro, Jackson county, Ill.

Elders B. H. Telford and Ernest M. Boyer, Crumstown, St. Joseph Co., Ind.

The Elders expressed their feelings and the Spirit of the Lord was manifest in power, and we could comprehend and appreciate the following words of the poet:

"Like fruitful showers of rain
That water all the plain,
Descending from surrounding hills,
Such streams of pleasure roll
Through every friendly soul,
Where love like heavenly dew distills."

"And even now the Lord bestows
More, more than tongue can tell
Of that which from His presence flows:
Yes, brethren, all is well."

Much good and timely instruction was given by the spirit and was eagerly quaffed by all as it fell from the lips of Pres. Clark and Elder Green. Meeting closed with singing "Adieu, my dear brethren, adieu."

At 3 p. m. Elders Colton, Allen, Davis, Stout, Archibald, Rogers, Anderson and Roberts, walked six miles north to Bunkcomb, and in the evening held a meeting at Brother William W. Bels's home. The remainder of the Elders repaired immediately to Cache Creek, about two miles southwest of the school house, and Elder Green baptized two penitent believing souls.

Tuesday morning we all met in Vienna and having some time to spare we indulged in a watermelon feast, spending the time pleasantly. At 4:18 p. m. the north-bound Big Four train caused a separation, taking several of the brethren to their respective fields of labor.

The Elders and those interested who came from distances were most heartily welcomed during conference by Mr. Samuel Miller (who also kindly furnished us with an organ) Mr. J. D. Wright and brother, Mr. Hall, Mr. James Anderson, Mr. Wm. Brown, Mr. Geo. Anderson, Mr. Wiley Houshouser, Mr. Wm. Francis, Mr. John Williams, Mrs. Racey, Mr. Samuel Flindly, Mr. Logan Bernard, Brothers Wm. H. Betts, Jacob Benard, Moses Hall, Jerome Coleman, Amon A. Jones and Mr. B. S. Johnson. Their kindness was much appreciated by all, and may the Lord bless them abundantly in all that is righteous.

The success in the musical part of the program, which was much enjoyed, is due largely to the able and noble efforts of Miss Della Johnson,

who handled the organ so well and sang soprano, and Miss Martha Johnson who brought the alto part so melodiously forth and Bro. Davis chiming in the tenor, and Bro. Stout who was perfectly at home with the bass.

There was one regret, one unpleasant thought, and that was, we were deprived of the company of five of our brethren. Our beloved president, S. G. Spencer was just recovering from a very severe attack of typhoid-malaria with lagrippe; Elders German Buchanan and Ernest B. Theobald were also suffering much physically and Elders A. J. Rynearson and A. A. Dable, (who are laboring in the north of this state), through force of circumstances were unable to meet with us, but the effect of the faith and desires of the Elders and Salute made manifest in the recent fast, may be already vividly noticed in the marvelous manner in which our afflicted brethren have gained strength; all in this conference are now able to resume their labors. It might be well to note also that several who are not members of the Church observed the fast.

In April last Elder S. D. Cotton was honorably released to return home on account of ill-health and Elder Willard Pixton for the same cause in July.

On the 14th of the present month Elders I. E. Bradshaw and A. J. Rynearson were honorably released to return home after patiently performing a noble work. Elder Welby H. Walker returned to his home after laboring two months. The labor and facilities for doing good are increasing. The laborers are few in comparison, yet rapidly increasing in number; and I think that this conference is the largest ever held in the state of Illinois since the great exodus of 1846.

With prayers for the progress of the work in all the world and greeting of love to all the Elders and Salutes, I am humbly and sincerely yours in the truth,

DAVID R. ROBERTS,
Clerk of Conference.

Murphysboro, Jackson county, Ill.

WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

LAKE CITY, Williamsburg Co., S.C.
September 16, 1895.

Having seen nothing from this part of the Lord's vineyard for some time past I take the present opportunity to inform, through the columns of your much prized paper, my friends "In Zion's land" and my brethren who are laboring in the various missions that all is well with myself and companion. We return our grateful thanks to our heavenly Father for the good health we have enjoyed thus far through an exceptionally hot season. The country is low and feverish of frequent occurrence and although coming from the pleasant vales and pure air of Utah into the malaria tainted atmosphere of lower South Carolina, we have felt no inconvenience. We feel that we have had a successful season's labor. We have not made Latter-day Saints of any of the people, but we have allayed mountains of prejudice, warned all with whom we have come in contact, and have been the means of opening the eyes of a few to the present condition of the Christian world. These few are earnestly inves-

tigating Mormonism, and we trust that they will be able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Most of the people here are Methodists. There is a goodly number of Baptists and Presbyterians, but Methodism seems to be most popular. Baptism is agitated more or less among them. Some say it is a disgrace to be immersed; to prove up their sprinkling they appeal to the Old Testament and to 1 Cor. 10 chap., 2 verse. Was baptism practiced prior to John the Baptist? What is the first account we have of this ordinance? What is the true meaning of 1 Cor. 10 chap. 1-6 verse? Information on these points will be gratefully received by myself and probably by others who are engaged in scattering the seeds of truth. We trust our labors will be like bread cast upon the waters.

Our annual conference will convene in this county on the 26th and 27th of October if all is right. There will be between twenty-five and thirty Elders present and we anticipate a good time. Only those who have experienced it know how Mormon Elders enjoy themselves during conference time. The hot season is about past and with cool weather active labor will commence with the Elders. Saints and friends in the old fields have been visited during the summer and now that cool weather is near the Elders will push into new fields, offering the Gospel truths to those who have not heretofore had the privilege of hearing them.

Praying for the success of those who are laboring in this glorious work, I am
Your brother,
O. C. PATTERSON.

THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star Sept. 26.]

ARRIVALS—The following named Elders arrived in Liverpool per American line steamer Belgenland on September 18, 1895: For the British mission—Thomas Adams of Salt Lake City; William O. Newbold, of Taylorsville. For the Scandinavian mission—Peter A. Pedersen, of Salem; Joseph Larsen of Big Cottonwood; Nils F. Ahlberg, of South Cottonwood; John T. Jonason, of Salt Lake City; L. Gustav Larson, of South Cottonwood; John F. Applequist, of Salt Lake City. For the Swiss and German mission—Alfred C. Meyer, of Salt Lake City. The same vessel also brought Elder Daniel Densley of Herriman who is visiting Great Britain on genealogical business; Elias Jensen of Brigham City who goes to Scandinavia for the same purpose; Miss Annie McIlveen and Mary McIlveen, of Salt Lake City, who are visiting their parents in Ireland. The trip was without special incident and all arrived well. The Scandinavian Elders continued their journey in the afternoon of the 18th.

APPOINTMENTS—Elder Thomas Adams has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Liverpool conference.

Elder William O. Newbold has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Sheffield conference.

Morrow county, Or., cannot boast of a growing population. In 1890 there were 5,200 people within its borders, while the census of this year shows but 3,400.