

1897 he visited Saints in Tama, Iowa, and at the Iowa conference held in April last. At Sioux City, he was assigned to travel with Elder Henry Bisel of Woodland, Utah, in Lyon and Sioux counties, with headquarters at Matlock, Iowa.

In May, 1897, he was assigned to travel with Elder Joseph F. Thomas of Manassa, Colorado, and they were directed to open up a new field of labor in Clay county, Iowa, with headquarters at Spencer, in that county.

We have traveled in Clay county, visiting homes of the people, distributing tracts and holding meetings. At Cromwell Center, we attended a Sunday school of the Evangelical Lutheran church; and after their services were over, we were invited to speak on the doctrines of the Gospel. We complied and spoke for an hour on the God-head, faith, repentance, baptism by immersion and laying on of hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost. We were then invited to have supper at the house of the superintendent of the Sunday school—which we did, and further explaining the principles of the Gospel.

We travel without purse and scrip, trusting the Lord to open our way to provide us with such things as we need, and He has never failed us, for which be unto Him all the glory.

If any of the Saints have friends or relatives here, or in this part of the country, we would like to be informed of their addresses so that we might call upon them when convenient.

The season here is exceptionally late and cold, and many of the farmers in this section are planting their corn over again, going over the whole field.

Our opportunities for holding meetings are few, but we have held many earnest conversations with families in which we have explained the various Gospel subjects at much greater length than could be done in any meeting.

We expect soon to begin holding meetings in the school houses out in the country—and in such halls or churches as we may be able to secure in the town—Spencer is a town of about 2,500 population.

The News is always a welcome visitor whose coming is looked forward to with pleasure.

JOSEPH F. THOMAS.
JAMES D. COON, Jr.

CONFERENCE AT STURGES.

STURGES, June 1st, 1897.

Today we bid farewell to the worthy representative of Elder Kimball, Elder W. E. Rydalch, who has been with us the three days just past in conference assembly. On account of illness our beloved President, Elder Kimball, was unable to be with us.

Our conference convened in Sturges, Oktibbaha County, this state; a beautiful little town located on the I. C. R. R. We found here a very hospitable people, ready and anxious to receive the message of peace.

Elder Albert Matheson, Alabama conference president, and his counselor Elder Joseph A. McGeiger, favored us with their presence, making forty-two of us, who were entertained most royally by the doctor, merchants and leading people of Sturges.

A large tent furnished by one of the merchants, stretched underneath the spreading branches of the sturdy oak,

provided ample protection from the June sun and permitted a gentle breeze to fan the eager audience, thus enabling them to drink copiously of the Word as it flowed from inspired lips.

Three rousing meetings were held on Saturday, followed by two more on Sunday, winding up at night by the Elders preaching to the families and neighbors who entertained them.

Monday we assembled in council meeting at 8 a. m. and listened until sundown with but a short intermission for lunch.

That night we bade each other farewell and separated, going to our various fields to resume the scattering of seeds of truth.

The following are the names and addresses of the Elders.

Frank T. Pomeroy and William R. Holmes, Jackson, Missouri.

George B. Cox, Jr., and J. A. Bateman, Jackson.

George E. Maycock and W. C. Bunting, Jackson.

S. A. Jones and C. A. Parrish, Meridian.

D. M. Faddies and G. R. Coombs, Bay St. Louis, Hancock county.

William L. Openshaw and William Jeffreys, Canton, Madison county.

C. J. Bock and B. Johnson, Kosciusko, Attala county.

R. W. Brown and A. B. Porter, Philadelphia, Neshoba county.

William M. Dye and William McCracken, Surges, Oktibbaha county.

L. B. Hampton and William N. Eyre, Macon, Moxubee county.

S. T. Baker and Frank Snow, Scooba, Kemper county.

H. F. Kimball and G. A. Macdonald, Carthage, Leake county.

Leo C. Wooley and C. R. Hakes, Louisville, Winston county.

W. W. Buchanan and H. C. Atkins, Montecello, Lawrence county.

Hyrum Nebeker and M. C. Caldwell, Waynesboro, Wayne county.

A. T. Rose and J. B. Coles, Leakesville, Green county.

William G. Palmer and Sidney Sego, Hattiesburg, Perry county.

R. F. Jardine and M. E. Kent, Columbia, Marion county.

G. W. Rollins and D. Wheeler, McComb, Pike county.

The News is always a welcome visitor to the humble worker in Christ's vineyard.

FRANK T. POMEROY, Prest. of Con.
GEORGE B. COX, Jr., Clerk.

SOUTHERN INDIANA.

COLUMBUS, Indiana, May 12th, 1897.

The Southern Indiana conference convened May 8th and 9th at Columbus, Indiana. Elder L. A. Kelsch, president of the Northern States Mission and the Elders who are laboring in Southern Indiana were present.

Meeting was called to order at 10 a. m. by E. D. Sorenson, president of the conference. Elders J. P. Sorenson and F. W. Jones spoke on the subjects of general and individual salvation.

At 2 p. m. Elders James W. Vickers and William F. Tolley spoke on faith and works; repentance was spoken on by Elder J. P. Sorenson.

Meeting was again held at 7:30 p. m. The subject of baptism was explained by Elder A. S. Kienke. Elder Mark Waddoups occupied the remainder of the time.

Sunday morning Elders William Jenkins, A. M. Archibald, A. P. Eliason, W. C. Humphreys, A. L. Hale and Martin Brotherson all bore faithful testimonies of the truth of the Gospel; also Elder James Terrell presiding Elder of the Monroe county branch, bore a strong testimony of the Gospel.

At 2 p. m. Elder Thomas S. Cook spoke on the Holy Ghost; and Elder Joseph E. Cardon from the Northern Indiana conference addressed the people on the subject of the kingdom of God.

At 7:30 p. m. Elder E. D. Sorenson addressed the meeting upon the restoration of the Gospel, and Elder L. A. Kelsch spoke on the principles of the Gospel generally.

Monday morning the Elders met in Priesthood meeting and reported their labors, also received some valuable instructions from our mission President Elder L. A. Kelsch. The Elders were assigned to their fields of labor as follows.

E. D. Sorenson Columbus, Bartholomew county, Indiana.

A. S. Kienke, Salem, Washington county.

F. W. Jones Greenwood, Johnson county.

Thomas S. Cook, Clay City, Clay county.

William F. Tolley and Martin Brotherson Green-castle.

Mark Waddoups and A. P. Eliason, Osgood, Ripley county.

James W. Vickers and A. L. Hale, Sulphur, Crawford county.

William Jenkins and W. C. Humphreys, Gent, Monroe county.

Elder J. P. Sorenson was honorably released from the Southern Indiana conference and assigned to labor in Michigan.

Elder A. M. Archibald was honorably released to return home.

Elders E. D. Sorenson and A. S. Kienke will labor together until new companions are sent, also Elders Cook and Jones.

The time we spent together was short but pleasant and it was with eyes bedimmed with tears and with us asking God's peace and blessings upon each other, that we parted for another six months, our souls filled with the spirit of God, and a determination, to bear the glad tidings to the honest in heart.

Although we have accomplished a great deal in the past, by the help of God we will accomplish more in the future. Our last months report shows 1372 family visits, 65 revisited, 1819 tracts distributed, 20 books sold, 42 meetings held, 4 children blessed, 7 baptisms and 410 Gospel conversations.

Some of the Elders have traveled entirely without purse or scrip the past seven months and those who have done so have accomplished the most, because they have put their trust in God fully.

E. D. SORENSON, President.
A. S. KIENKE, Clerk.

IN EAST KENTUCKY.

PIKEVILLE, Ky., June 7, 1897.

Having been away from my dear mountain home a year the 16th of last May, and being unable to write to all my friends personally, I take this means of letting them know how I am getting along.

A few days after leaving home, our party arrived in Chattanooga, Tenn. Elder H. L. Baker and I were assigned