



THE MISSIONARY FIELDS East Pennsylvania.

Scranton, Pa., June 11, 1900.

To the Editor:

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I am now making my third tour in the East Pennsylvania conference and will visit five counties before returning to Scranton. We are exceedingly busy traveling every day and holding meetings at night in churches, halls, school houses, parks, cottages and on the streets. The spirit of investigation and friendship is increasing. Many books are being sold and tracts distributed. People are reading and thinking for themselves, and find they have been deluded and deceived by the sensational anti-"Mormon" writers and speakers. Friends and investigators are increasing, prejudice is diminishing, and the of truth is marching grandly on. The Elders are treated with more respect and consideration, both by the people and the press. The anti-"Mor-mon" stories don't "hang together." The elements of "harmony and consistncy" are both wanting. "The Roberts "crusade" has done us a

world of good. He has ten friends and

admirers where he had one before. Traily, I can behold a "reat change in the past two years. The "leaven" is working and the "stone is rolling." crushing the "iron, the brass, the clay, the silver and the gold, for the God of heaven hath set up His kingdom, which

shall never be destroyed." I spent over a year in Tompkins and Seneca counties, N. Y., and nearly a year among the everlasting hills of Pennsylvania,

Elder John P. Roberts and I have been out over two years. We anticipate our release about the 22nd of June. What a happy period is the life of a humble "Mormon" missionary! We are ow making what we will call our fare-

quite pleasant. We have had many and varied experiences which serve to strengthen our testimonics, and we can truly testify to all that If an Elder will go forth determined to obey the call made of him, being filled with the Spirit of his calling and always depend upon the Lord for his assistance, he will

tor and the means of doing much good. We are your brethren in Christ, B. F. BLAYCOCK, JR., E. A. COWLEY.

Scottish Conference. Glasgow, Scotland, June 4, 1900.

The Scottish conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints onvened in Glasgow on Sunday, May 7, 1900, the first meeting being held at 10 a. m. at No. 4 Carlton Place, South Side, and the afternoon and evening meetings in St. Andrew's Halls at 2 and 6:30 p. m. respectively. There were present of the European presidency.

Elders Platte D. Lyman and Henry W. Naisbitt; of the Newcastle conference, Elder F. A. Mitchell, president, and Elders Christopher and Joseph Holland; of the Irish conference, Elder John O. Freckleton, together with El-der James K. Miller and all the Elders and sisters of the Scottish conference. The Saints of Scotland were also well

Following the usual preliminaries the morning session was largely devoted to remarks by Elder Lyman, who spoke earnestly upon the significance raising the hand to sustain those in authority in the holy Priesthood. He deprecated the fact that in the past too little attention had been paid to this sacred proceeding among the Latterday Saints.

The General Authorities of the Church as voted upon at the last general conference in Salt Lake City, were then presented and unanimously surtained, as well as the presidency of the European mission, and James K. Miller and as many nights. But few escaped the sca sickness. After having recovas president of the Scottish conference. The statistical report for the six months showed a gratifying condition stormy weather our voyage was pleas-ant to the end. We left Elder Storey at Honolulu, and Elder Ward at Brisbane, of affairs, the work done indicating a good degree of energy on the part of the missionaries-the cause of quite a reawakening religiously among the people of Scotland. The meeting closed with remarks by Elder John S. Smith, making thirty-one days in all. One month later the other writer left who bore a firm testimony to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the afternoon meeting Elder Mitchell of the Newcastle conference was the first speaker, his topic being the principle of revelation. Elder Naisbett next spoke, defining "the word" as re-ferred to in Glasgow motto: "Let Glasgow flourish by the Preaching of the Word." He spoke highly of the spirit of religious liberty so greatly mani fest throughout Scotland, and lauded the men who made possible such a happy condition of affairs. Elder John Young rendered the solo, "O Grave, Thy Victory?" sephine Booth spoke on the women of Itan and the revelation of the Gospel In the evening Sisters Liza Chipman and Mary Frame spoke on conditions in Zion and the history of Saul respective-ly. Elder Platte D. Lyman addressed he conference on the universality of the Gospel plan of life and salvation, and exhorted the strangers present to investigate "Mormonsim" with a desire to know the truth, and they would receive a testimony of its divinity. Elder Young rendered the solo, "Galilee. On Monday the Elders, sisters and local brethren met at the conference house, 53 Holmhead street, in Priesthood meeting, all the workers from Zion reporting their labors in their respective fields, Elders Lyman and Naisbitt instructed those present in their duties and urged them to be true and faithful to every trust reposed in them. Elder Miller having been honorably released to return home, Elder Henry Thompson was presented and unanimously sustained as his successor On Tuesday another meeting was held at the conference house, Elder Naisbitt throwing out valuable hints and suggestions to those engaged in missionary labors, The prospects for the spread of the Gospel in Scotland are most favorable and all feel to rejoice over the outlook. Tracting from door to door is being vigorously carried on, while street meet-ings are a nightly occurrence in all fields where the Elders are laboring, A good many are at present investigating, and our prayer is that they may be abl to see the truth and "walk in the light as He is in the light." Success to the can find out all about this joining the Mormons by writing to the Post Mas-ter at this place if Dont make it known ter at this place if Dont make it known "News." It is a bearer of general intelligence, second only to letters from loved ones in the vales of the Rocky Mountains ALEX. BUCHANNAN, JR.

Heward, and then with Elder John R. Call, until conference, which was held at Pilgrims Rest, on November 9th, 10th and 11th, where we had an enjoyable time together, there being sixteen of the Elders in all. Conference over, I was called to labor with Elder Heber J. Morgan in San Augustine and Saline counties, where we made a good many friends and were the means of baptiz ing one person. Next I met in conference at Gum Springs, Rusk county, on February 28th and March 1st and 2nd, where we had the pleasure of meet-ing Elder William T. Jack and Elder Cowley, who gave the Elders and Saints some very good instructions. I was then assigned to labor with Elder H. Chandier in Hill county. On entering our field of labor we kneit in prayer before God, dedicating ourselves and our county unto Him and asking Him to open the way before us that we might get the Gospel before the people in this part of the vineyard,

The "News" is always a welcome visitor and is doing much good among the people.

This county is blessed with a good grain crop, and cotton and corn are looking very promising. There has been a great deal of rain here this spring, which has delayed the farmers in their labor, but they are like a hive of busy bees going night and day. Threshers, binders, cultivators and colton choppers can be seen in all direc tions. The latter are run generally with a man or a woman, and the machinery used is a hoe which requires a great used is a noe boor. deal of manual labor. A. B. RANDALL.

In the South. Exie, Alabama, June 13, 1900.

To the Editor: During the past four months we have labored in Van Buren county, Tenn. during which time we have spent many happy moments, meeting with good success and kind treatment, having led five honest wouls down into the waters of baptism and left many more investigato

When called to leave that county and come to Cherokee county, Ala. where we are laboring at the present time, it seemed like leaving home. Many tears were shed both by Saints and friends, as we bld them farewell. After leaving them we made our way on foot through sunshine and rain (mostly rain) to Chattanooga, where we received instructions from our confer-ence president, and then wended our way to our present field of labor, visitway to our present here of may ing Saints and friends along the way arriving in our county June 5th. What the names of four Saints, who live in this county, who were baptized in 1894 by Elders Mason and Murphy, We set out to find them and after four days' search found one family of them, who were glad to see us, not having seen and Elder for four years, Here we spent Sunday talking and convers ing with them and had a very pleasant time. Monday morning we started for Howell's Cross Roads, where we were informed the other family lived, but upon arriving there we discovered that they had moved to Exie, a distance of twelve miles. We plodded on. When we arrived at the house of Brother John L. Rackley, who met us at the gate; w needed no introduction to him, as he recognized us by our dress, and after a hearty handshake, bid us come into the house. It was then we learned of the death of his wife who departed this life March 16, 1900. Sister Mittie Lee

Rackley was born in the State of Georgia. She was baptized July 19th, 1894, and was a mother to the Elders. There has been much prejudice exist.

Brother Rackley, and nothing came of it. Here is the letter, It is an illustra-

tion of the intellectual qualities of the

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sources from which persecution springs

"Howeels X roads, Alabama. "Mr. J. H. Banks "Dear sir thare Have been a Meet-

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In Carthage, Mo.

The writer in company with three other Elders, namely, Henry A. Pace, N. H. Anderson and Alfred W. Hansen,

came to Carthage in the fore part of

wards the establishment of the eternal principles of the Gospel. But as long

as press and pulpit are not only closed

against us, but unite in rekindling

prejudice against us, we will have an

Carthage is a city of about ten thou

sand population, beautifully situated on the western slope of the Ozark

mountains, in a region of country rich

is decked with both natural and arti-

ficial beauty, consisting of the many forest trees which furnish abundant shelter from the scorching sun. The magnificent homes, the parks, and

cemetery all show culture, education,

After arriving here we visited the au-

thorities, consisting of the mayor and

chief of police, and were favored with

their consent to hold street meetings

and tract the city. The latter has been

carried on with some success in making

friends. Our attempt at street preach-ing was somewhat discouraging. Poli-

tics are meeting the approval of the

discontinued for a time, and sought opportunity elsewhere to reach the pub-

obtained permission to hold a series of meetings in a school house some dis-tance northeast of the city. We com-

menced Sunday, June 3rd. Our congre-

gation was small to commence with. We made a few friends and each fol-

lowing night our numbers were in-

some disturbance in the meetings; nor

did it end with this, for while on our

way to our rooms, we were surprised

However, Tuesday, June 5, there was

Our effort was successful and we

people more than the Gospel.

So we

in various kinds of mineral wealth.

THOS. ASHTON.

Carthage, Mo., June 19, 1900.

We remain, your brethren. E. D. CURTIS

have

men.

To the Editor:

uphill pull.

and enterprise.

our meetings, and a good congregation to preach to. We closed our meeting the Sunday following with the subject of the Book of Mormon and a strong

My feelings with many others are that in southern Missouri much fruit will be reaped from the seeds of Gospet truth that has been and will be sown. labors are a source of joy and satis-faction as is the case with all who are working for the advancement of truth. If there are any who have friends or relatives here and would desire us to visit them, please address us at Carthege, Mo. We desire to express our appreciation for the Deseret News. It is a source

of pleasure to us.

Your brother, J. T. MOSES JR. Dr. Dowie's "Zion."

Waukegan, Lake Co., Illinois, June 20th, 1900.

To the Editor: We find the Deseret News to be of unfold value in alding us in the spread-ing of the Gospel, where it is possible to get it among the people.

After spending a pleasant winter in the great city of Chicago, canvassing from house to house, and holding some cottage meetings among the people was assigned, with Elder Andrew A Larson as my companion, to labor in Lake county, Waukegan is the capital, It is a beautiful city, and it is noted for its pleasant homes and shady walks surrounded with beautiful lawns and lovely flowers. It has a population of twelve thousand. It is also noted for fts many churches and good schools. There are many large manufactories here. Among the largest are the United States sugar refinery, and the American steel and wire works, which employ about nine hundred men each. Many of the largest lake steamboats inload their cargoes at these docks. At the present writing the surrounding country is most beautiful to-behold, fillng one's soul with views of a paradise on earth. And it makes one's heart rejoice to see the beautiful scenes that nature can produce,

We have some few friends here, of whose hospitality the Elders have freely partaken.

During our labor in this part of the ord's vineyard, we by chance met an old gentleman by the name of Thomas Dugdale, who is well acquainted with the bistory of our people. He gave us many points of history pertaining to his early life among the Latter-day Saints. He informed us that he lived at Nauvoo from 1841 till 1845. He said he saw the Prophet Joseph after he was killed by the mob at Carthage jail. He said the "Mormon" people were good, honest, and sincere. He said he was acquainted with many of the Utah Pioneers. Mr. Dugdale is 74 years of age, and hale and hearty.

The work of the Lord is progressing In this State. We are continuing to hold meetings upon the streets here Generally speaking we have good crowds who come out to listen to us, and I am pleased to say that we are meeting with fair success in our labors

There is a new city being built six miles north from here, to be called the City of Zion. Dr. Dowie, of Chicago, is the founder of it. It is to be inhabit. ed by "the Christian Catholic Church." Mr. Dowie has purchased six thousand acres of land at this place to build his new city on. I visited the ground and saw the spot where their temple is to be built. It is located two miles from the shore of Lake Michigan. The health of the Elders in this con.



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reason why you should take Pearline to it. Nothing else can get it clean with so little rubbing and wrenching.

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are the most enthusiastic about Pearline.

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grips in hand. The person then left and I awoke.' This is the dream as he related in his

till he applied for baptism. JOHN W. ANDERSON. WM. F. ROBBINS,

" May 12th, 1900. To the Editor:

Just six months ago today one of he writers left his home and friends

el, having been set apart the day be-

fore to fill a mission in Australia. The

small company consisted of Joseph E.

Storey, who was set spart to labor in the Sandwich Islands; J. B. Orton, Lor-

enzo Ward, and myself booked for the

Australian mission; all of North Ogden; also Albert S. Ferrin of View, Utah,

and J. M. Hixson, of Salt Lake City,

both for New Zealand. The first few days of our experiences on the "deep"

were not at all pleasant, as it stormed almost without ceasing for seven days

ered from that and passed through the

and arrived in Sydney, the largest city

in the colony, on December 13th, 1899,

his home and loved ones on a like er-

rand having also been assigned the

same field, and after having passed through a similar experience on the

January 9th, 1900.

peaceful ocean," he landed in Sydney

After arriving, we each spent several

days in visiting among the Saints and

people, in visiting the parks and prin-

cipal places of the city, and in re-cruiting ourselves preparatory for the discharge of our duties. After having

thoroughly recovered from the effects

of the long voyage and settled our minds to study, we supplied ourselves

Zion as an embassador of the Gos-

looked and saw two men coming with

conversation, and when we came to his door, he identified us as being the men, and we had not taked over an hour

"In Sunny New South Wales." Goulburn, N. S. W. Aus.,

well campaign, in the western part of the conference. The Elders are humble, faithful and devoted. I feel proud be associated with such a noble band of earnest workers. Over half of the twenty-five counties of the East Pennsylvania conference have been tracted and most of our Elders are opening new fields south of the Blue Mountains. "The truth will prevail." DAVID SPILSBURY.

A Word for Liberty.

Bardstown, Nelson Co., Ky., June 12, 1900. To the Editor

Sunday, June 10, 1900, we were spending the day with some friends. By the request of the lady of the house we held meeting. After delivering a sermon on the Gospel and dismissing the congregation, the gentleman of the house, Mr. John E. Ruby, said he wished to say a few words in behalf of the "Mormon" Elders. The house was again called to order. And he said in substance:

"Citizens of Nelson Co., Ky., and of the United States of America: somewhat a delicate subject that I wish to speak on this evening, especialin my own house. I would much rather it would be on the cross roads, or in some public building. I feel it my duty to say a few words. I am ashamed of the State of Kentucky, where the Constitution of our country grants every man the privilege of worshipping according to the dictates of his own conscience. These men have, by people that claim to be Christians, been debarred from preaching in our school houses and churches. I do not belong to any church; neither do I want it said I am preaching "Mormonism." I would to God I was worthy; for I am convinced, if they are not preaching the Gaspel, it is not on the earth. But if they ware fordered in infide it. were foreigners or infidels, it they would be our duty to show them courte-sy. Much more should we be courteous to these men, born in our country. I have proven them to be gentlemen in every respect.

Mr. Ruby spoke very forcibly for twenty minutes and was listened to with marked attention. The impression he made was very good. We were asked by a minister who was present to come and preach at his house. Thus we the walls of prejudice being torn do Mr. Ruby has great influence in his county and his house has been a home for the Elders for the last four years. Your brethren. J. E. MYLER, E. D. OLPIN.

A Notable Dream.

East Kansas Conference, Doniphan Co., June 12, 1900.

To the Editor: At our spring conference, which was held at Avoca, Jackson Co., Kansas, March IS and 19, last, we were assigned to labor in Doniphan county. We ar rived at our field of labor March 24 from which time we have been bless with excellent health, and have great ly enjoyed our labors. We have been laboring in the Bluffs, along the Mis souri river, and find the people to be very kind and hospitable. We have held some cottage meetings as well as public meetings, and as a rule the have been well attended. In the Bu roak district we held a good series of I meetings, which was well attended, bu our Baptist friends soon became aroused, and on arriving at the school house, we found a notice written or the black board, in these words: "You Mormons, leave within twenty-four hours, or we will know the reason We trusted in the Lord and were permitted to hold two more meet Then there was loud talk o riot, and as our friends outnumbered our enemies, we thought best to clo and avoid trouble. We visited small island in the Missouri rive known as the Rush Island, Sever families inhabited the island. We held two meetings with them, the first even held on the island. We also held a series of meetings in the Gladen di trict, where we found some investigators, From there we went to the city of Wathema, which has 900 inhabitants. In visiting the houses of the people, we came to the door of Mr. John J. R

with Gospel tracts, a small memora dum book, and set off to gain our first experience in placing the "True Gospel" before the people, as taught by our Savior. This we did in fear and trembling. No doubt, it is common with all young, inexperienced Elders to be a little shaky at first. Some of the people gladly accepted our literature, others gave us no encourage while ment, but plainly advised us to leave at once and never call again. The same day we came in contact with a Church of England minister, who invited us inside and began to slander and ridicule us. He told us we had better go home and save ourselves first, instead

coming out here trying to delude the people and lead them astray. This ended our first day's tracting, and it caused us to fully realize why we were out in the world and the class of people we have to meet.

We spent the first three months in Sydney and suburbs tracting, holding street and hall meetings, and spent many pleasant evenings with the peo-On account of but few experienced Elders in the field we were appointed to labor together in this city about one hundred and thirty-eight miles south of Sydney. Since arriving here we have distributed a great many tracts, loaned books, etc. We have mingled with the people and tried to convince them that we are here for their benent, being clothed with power and authority to officiate in the sacred ordinances of the Gospel. We have also held many meetings in our little hall and also several cottage meetings, which are generally quite well attended. We have had the pleasure of proclaiming the glad tidings to many of the people in spite of the bitter pre-judice and opposition which we are compelled to meet. We have nothing to fear, for we realize that they are fighting against God's work, and not

the work of man. Although we have recorded no baptisms as yet, we feel that much good is being done and that our labors will not be in vain. The winter season is just setting in now, but it brings no snow. The nights are very cold and frosty and the days



Additions to the Church.

Minneapolis, Minn, June 18, 1900. To the Editor:

In this part of the Lord's vineyard, are found many noble people, many who are anxious to follow the Apostle Paul's advice-"Prove all things and hold fast that which is good." We find many people, however, who are ignorant concerning the true status of "Mor monism," entertaining some of the vaguest Ideas relative to the tenets of our Church. Some are suspicious of its proselyters, looking askance at each other when the "Mormon" Elder draws near, others are stereotyped in their we have been bending our efforts toproselyters, looking askance at each views; but, in the aggregate, I am glad to say, that the people of Minnesota, and especially of its metropolitan city, wherein my companion and I are laboring, are a broad-minded people, people who are anxious to accept truth wherever it is found-a people who are willing to "go to the law and to the testimony" and see whether or not we speak in accordance therewith. Success and the blessings of the Lord are attending our efforts. Within the last two weeks two more individuals have been added to the fold of Christ, going down nto the waters of baptism confessing their sins. Several others have signified their desire of being baptized and are to receive that sacred ordinance in the near future. A Sunday school has recently been organized here in Minnea. polls and the fruits of the same are even now discernible. A preparatory and a

theological class is being conducted, and much interest in the same is manifested by Saints and by friends. The valiant defender of truth, the Deseret News, is regularly received and eagerly scanned. Your brethren in the Gospel.

> GEO. C. REDDEN. GEO D. CASTO, Preaching the Gospel. Hill County, Texas,

June 15, 1900, To the Editor: Nine months ago I left my home in Arizona to fill a mission in the South-western States. I arrived in Athens, Henderson county, on the 19th of Octo-

spirit of love and ing in this part ever since Brother and mion is with us. And we are enjoying Sister Rackley embraced the truth, but our labors very much. The Lord has this only tended to make them more lessed us in many ways. faithful. Any one having friends or relatives in Upon one occasion a number of peo-

this part of Illinois, desiring the Elders ple wrote a threatening letter to the to call on them, please send us their owner of the farm which Brother addresses, and we will gladly visit Rackley was living on. But he being them broad-minded man, sent the letter to

Your brethren in the Gospel, A. A. LARSON, W. W. HALL,

Opening Up New Fields. Deadwood, South Dakota, June 22, 1900.

To the Editor: About three weeks ago four of us left hicago to come to this place in order o try to establish a conference in South Dakota. Elder Kelsch is very desirous of seeing some branches established in the Black Hills, so we came to this city to begin our work.

awe Perswaiding aur young peple, to join that faith and odder and there Upon arriving at the Hills we were a little disappointed to find the towns bin a strong resalusian passed to git shet of him and one is to git shet of him without killin, him we Dont want to inger you nor no other good looking so small, but after investigating, we find them much larger than we had sitizine on his account one is to let him thought, as many little spurs extend into the ravines, and can not be seen stay and make this crop as it would be from the railroad. to your inburst. But no longger we can

This city has 5,000 inhabitants and it say if things had went on tha would not Bin a shelter left on your farm is a genuine mining camp, reminding for any man we Dont Hold to the Morone of Park City of our own State.

We find a superior class of people mons doctorin nor no man that Dos now if you Dont get rid of him we can here who seem to be well educated and for the most part broad-minded. The in a way that will be and inger to you but Dont want to if you will move him city officials treated us kindly and promised us their sympathy in our work. They said they were glad we had you had better give him notice at once By leting the People no some way or other a bout it for we Dont intend to come to their city and hoped we would Put up with the way he is Doing you be able to better the condition of some of the people.

We began our street meetings at once (Continued on page 23.)

Best all Silk Baby Ribbons, WE HAVE A FEW per yard..... IC pieces of Carpets left to No 5, all Silk Ribbons, per close out at a Special yard...... 5c No. 12, all Silk Ribbons, per Bargain. No. 16, all Silk Ribbons, per HOSIERY. ALL OTHER RIBBONS IN Remember we have a full line PROPORTION. of Hosiery and Underwear, Come and examine our Rib-Dress Goods, Mothing, Hats, bons and Laces. We can Shoes, Hardware, etc., etc., save you about one half. Remember the Place, TEETS, 52 MAIN ST.

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