

Elders, as-a rule, in a pleasant, happy way, and do not begrudge the best they have.

We receive the "News," and are kept well edified upon Church, state and foreign transpirings, and we are foregone to note that in all the different mission fields of the Church, progression is uppermost.

CHARLES C. BUSH,
HENRY H. GREENSIDES.

Sowing the Gospel Seed.

La Fayette, Macon Co., Tenn.,

Nov. 1, 1898.

To the Editor:

We commenced laboring in this county on July 30, 1898, at the Red Bolling Springs, which is a pleasure resort and a place of amusement.

Calling at one of the stores we inquired for a church to preach in, when a gentleman said there were no churches. He believed only in spiritual baptism. He also said Christ was baptized to fulfill an old Jewish law, and Peter thought he had to do the same. On all of our travels throughout this county, we have had permission to preach in all their school buildings, and several churches, receiving good treatment, and being invited to return again.

We have visited the homes of many families, held family meetings and public meetings and sold books and have a good many warm friends.

Your Paper is perused with much pleasure.

Ever praying for the welfare of Zion,

Your brethren in Christ,

SHEPHERD CROWTHER.

JOHN L. BERGESON.

Report of the Hawaiian Conference.

Lale, Oahu, H. I., Oct. 11, 1898.

During the past few days the Elders and Saints of the Hawaiian mission have enjoyed the outpourings of the Holy Spirit in the semi-annual conference which was held here at Lale, Oct. 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. On the stand were the following Elders: Samuel E. Woolley, president; Lewis R. Jenkins, Jno. D. Hooper, Geo. P. Garff, Wm. D. Hill, Edwin W. Fifield, Samuel Paget, Chas. W. Hancock, Jno. A. Ahlstrom, Chas. C. Bush, Thos. A. Waddoups, Wm. A. Williams, Wm. B. Davis, Jos. G. Maughan, Parley P. Musser, Robert R. Sant, Jos. H. Fisher, Henry H. Greensides, Alfred H. Belliston, Wm. Pardoe, W. J. Cole, and M. Marion Bush, together with Sister Alice R. Woolley, Elizabeth C. Williams, Jennie Musser and Ellen Cole.

Altogether eleven meetings were held. Elder Woolley gave timely instructions to the people, exhorting them to exercise faith in God and strengthen themselves against the trials that are soon to overtake us; to obey the Word of Wisdom, pay their tithes and listen to the counsels of the Elders who travel among them. He showed the great blessings to be gained by living a saintly life before God, and warned the people against abusing the Priesthood of God by using the sorcery of their ancestors. All the Elders spoke, relating their experiences in the past and bearing their testimonies of the Gospel. Many native Elders also spoke expressing their joy in the Gospel and bearing faithful testimonies to its truthfulness.

Interesting sessions of the Mutual Improvement associations, Sunday schools and Relief Societies, presided over by Elders Jenkins, Hooper, and Sister Woolley respectively, were held, at which instructive review lessons from Lale, Honolulu, Waikiki and Kaluanui branches, together with reports from several branches of the different islands were listened to. At the closing session, Sunday evening, the General Authorities, with the island appointments for the following six months were pre-

sented and unanimously sustained, the latter being as follows:

Temporal—Samuel E. Woolley, manager of the Lale plantation, W. J. Cole, assistant manager; Edwin W. Fifield, store keeper and bookkeeper; M. Marion Bush, school teacher; Jennie Musser, assistant school teacher; Sisters Woolley, Williams, Musser and Cole to assist in the domestic affairs; Joseph H. Fisher and William B. Davis to go to Hilo to complete the meeting house started last term.

Ecclesiastical—Thomas A. Waddoups, Abraham Fernandez and S. B. Jona to labor in Honolulu conference; William A. Williams and M. K. Kou, Oahu conference; Charles W. Hancock and Joseph G. Maughan, Kanai; Alfred H. Belliston and Robert R. Sant, West Maui and Molokai; John A. Ahlstrom and William Kekaa, East Maui; Parley P. Musser and Henry H. Greensides, North Hawaii; Charles C. Bush and William Pardoe, Hilo; William D. Hill, Samuel Paget and John Kalauawa, South Hawaii.

Edwin W. Fifield and Charles C. Bush, clerks of mission.

The following were, honorably released to return home, Lewis R. Jenkins, John D. Hooper, George P. Garff and wife. The former two have spent three and one-half years in the mission field while Brother and Sister Garff have labored two years and four months, the latter two having received an early release on account the poor health of Sister Garff.

Since last conference the new pumping plant has been started which gives good satisfaction and increases greatly the work for the Hawaiian Saints—gathered at Lale Saturday evening a concert well attended was given in the Lale meeting house for the benefit of the new organ just purchased.

Generally speaking contentment and happiness are to be found among the Saints. Elders are well treated among the Saints and those not of us as well. Many of the last named class are earnestly investigating the Gospel. We feel pleased to report the Hawaiian mission in a prosperous condition, and with the beginning of this term feel like going ahead with renewed efforts in the cause of truth.

EDWIN W. FIFIELD,

Clerk.

From Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29, 1898.

Chicago has been looked upon as the "tall end of the mission." There is some reason for this. It has not been because of slack work on the part of the Elders, but because of the attitude of the people—some very indifferent and many very much prejudiced. I am glad to say that conditions are becoming more favorable, yet the old foe is not asleep. Much prejudice has been allayed and the way is being opened up that the Gospel may be preached in the homes of many of the people, by way of conversations and meetings, much more so than in the past.

Our summer street meetings which have been held nightly have done a great deal towards allaying prejudice. By these means much available seed has been sown and will bear fruit in the future. The wayfarer, curious of what is going on, stops a moment to get an idea of the proceedings, frequently becomes interested, and remains during the session. He comes again and ere he is aware has learned something of the Mormons and Mormonism and declares he has "never heard such beautiful doctrines." The Mormons can't be the awful people they are represented to be.

As a rule our street meetings have been well attended. From a few to several hundred stop and listen to the preaching and singing.

Each Sunday we hold three sessions—a Sunday school and two meetings—in a hall rented for that purpose. H. J. Carlisle is Sunday school superintendent, and is assisted by other traveling Elders who have charge of the classes. The school is pretty well attended by the Saints and their children. Some stranger occasionally come in. The system of conducting the classes is similar to that at home. Our teachers are educated men—men who have done active work at home in both Sunday and day school. The children are becoming acquainted with the Gospel principles and are often found discussing them among their playmates. This is encouraging.

The Sunday meetings are well attended. During the past few months quite a number of strangers have attended. It gives us some satisfaction and encouragement when we see at our meetings the faces of some of those upon whom we have called during the week. Occasionally one receives a testimony of the divinity of the work we represent and gets courage enough to come out and obey the Gospel ordinances.

We have also a Relief Society which meets once every two weeks at the homes of the Saints. It is in a flourishing condition. A good influence is manifest in their meetings and much good is accomplished by their humble efforts.

A Mutual Improvement association has also been organized among the Saints. Subjects of interest to all are considered.

The Chicago Elders and Saints send greetings to all friends, and would be glad to hear from some of them.

The Elders laboring here at present are: James Lewis McCarrey, president of the Northern Illinois conference, Edw. P. Midgley, H. J. Carlisle, Christo Hyldahl, S. D. Bradford and C. C. Steffensen. The conference address is 143 Le Moyne St., Chicago, Ill.

C. C. STEFFENSEN,

Branch Secretary.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder J. W. Fairbourn of Mill Creek, Salt Lake county, who left home Oct. 10th, 1896, for a mission to England, returned the other night in the best of health and spirits. He said he was glad to get back to Utah, but that he enjoyed himself very much throughout all his labors, which were performed entirely in the Leeds conference, which, he says, is in a prosperous condition.

Elder James Blake called in upon the working staff Thursday on a trip in from Riverton. He has been home a couple of weeks from a mission in Great Britain where he enjoyed good health and a unique experience. He left Riverton on October 29, 1896, and was assigned to labor in the city of smoke and perpetual rain commonly known as Manchester the cottonopolis of the world. After laboring there with success for four months he was called in to assist in the head office of the Church in Liverpool in the business department, which position he filled with acumen. After a year spent at 42 Islington, he was called to return to Manchester in the capacity of president of that conference where he experienced stirring times at the hands of an alleged teacher of righteousness who waged a vigorous campaign against Mormonism in the form of anti-Mormon tracts and special meetings. The Rev. Rector's efforts were unavailing as one of the largest branches in England situated at Oldham now testifies. During the latter part of his mission Elder Blake was joined by his daughter and her grandmother, who visited England on a genealogical quest,