

company with twelve other Elders. We viewed with delight the wonderful scenes of Missionary Ridge and Look-out Mountain, where two great battles were fought in the late civil war; also the national cemetery where so many brave soldiers were laid to rest.

After receiving instructions from our worthy President E. S. Kimball we shook the parting hand for our fields of labor. Elder James A. Lee and myself were assigned to North Alabama Conference with Bird Murphy of Salt Lake City as our President, who met us at Tupelo, Lee County, Mississippi. We spent some interesting hours together, after which I appointed to labor in Marshall County, Missouri, with Elder C. L. Haight from Idaho. We labored faithfully together for two months, until Conference time, which took place in Alcorn County, Mississippi on the 20th of October, 1895.

After Conference I was appointed to labor with Elder E. Christenson in Marion County, Alabama. We labored diligently together for six months, making many friends, and we baptized one honest soul. While we were together we had some little experiences that we will never forget as long as memory lasts. While laboring in the Southern part of the County we got into a neighborhood one day where they thought we were revenue marshals. Evening came on and we found it very hard to get a place to stay all night. It was dark and cloudy and a drizzling rain came up. We got lost in the woods. Soon we came to a road which led up to a widow's house. Of course we could not gain admittance there, so we went on our way rejoicing until we came to where the road forked. We stopped wondering which one to take. We knelt down and offered a few words of prayer. No sooner had we arose when we saw a man coming with a torch-light. He welcomed us to his house. Those who have been on missions can imagine our blessings towards him and towards our great Creator.

I have had the privilege of visiting some of the Saints. Among the oldest was Sister Farmon who has been baptized about forty years. The late Elder A. O. Smoot of Provo assisted in baptizing her. She is in good faith and makes a welcome home for the Elders.

Elder Albert Matheson is our worthy President now. Lately he has been to visit us, holding a series of meetings. We held several at Sarah Bickerstaff's. Her husband died last fall. He was a full believer in the Mormon Doctrine, but had not been baptized, yet has made a home for the Elders for twelve years. I have seen the prints of guns on his door where the mob jammed their guns against it in search of the Elders. Two of his family belong to the church, and more of them have applied for baptism.

The Elders are beginning to reap the harvest of the seed that was sown years ago. The honest in heart are hunting, and the wicked hide from it. This is the latter's condemnation: light has come into the world and men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. I have found out while I have been laboring in this part of the Lord's vineyard that those who are so hard on the Mormons are not the best of characters. How often do the Elders have to hear "We are civilized here! We have the Gospel! Got no use for

you! We are Christians!" If they were Christians would they act that way? "By their fruits, ye shall know them." The sinners as they call them, will say to us, "come in and stay with us all night we would like to talk with you," and they will invite us to preach in their house. Which is the Christian?

I am now staying with Professor A. J. Adams. He is teaching school this summer. He has made us welcome whenever we have been in his vicinity. He is examining the Faith of the Latter-day Saints, carefully, which every person ought to do before condemning or rejecting the counsel of God against themselves.

Your valuable paper reaches us regularly and is highly appreciated by its many readers who are anxious to read as soon as we get through with it. I have enjoyed good health ever since I have been away from home, which is in Scipio, Millard County, Utah. E. E. Reid from Manti is now laboring with me.

O. L. MARTIN.

IN SOUTH ALABAMA.

LAPINE, Alabama,

July 1st, 1896.

The little fire that was kindled, while in conference assembled, by our beloved President Elias S. Kimball is still burning in the hearts of the twenty-six young Elders of the South Alabama conference, who are going through their field of labor pruning the Lord's vineyard for the last time, kindling hope in the hearts of the honest wherever they go.

"Truth is mighty and will prevail." We are holding more meetings to larger congregations, with more satisfactory results than ever before. During our short visit in Lowndes county with Elders Artinus Millet and Ezra E. Meeley, in the short space of two weeks twenty-five meetings were held, and thirteen souls added to the fold of Christ. Many others are seriously glancing into the perfect law of liberty, with a view to baptism, some of whom already have made application; others are not quite ready. We also have a multitude of little children to take up into our arms and bless as did our Lord and Master.

Elders Heber Ricks and E. L. Tenny are doing a good work in Choctaw county, having led eleven disciples into the waters of baptism during the past two weeks.

They also report five more applications and the day set for attending to the ordinance. Ira Call and Iwring L. Pratt report one case of repentance and baptism in their field, making twenty-five baptisms in the conference in sixteen days, and six or eight more to be added in a few days.

We are fully persuaded that many of the Lord's bright jewels are here being polished for the numbering. Many who feel themselves unworthy of the Gospel are leaving off their coffee, snuff and tobacco, through the example of the Elders. We feel that God is greatly blessing us with His Holy Spirit, which truly casts out all our fear, and enables us to keep our armour bright and thrust in the sickle and reap the golden headed grain.

Following is a list of the Elders in South Alabama with their post office addresses:

Aaron Hardy and George E. Jarvis, Bradleyton, Crenshaw county.

J. E. Jensen and Daniel Christensen, Grove Hill, Clark county.

Ira Call and I. L. Pratt, Monroeville, Monroe county.

Artinus Millet and Ezra E. Neeley, Braggs, Lowndes county.

J. S. Porter and W. H. Redd, Green, ville, Butler county.

D. H. Thomas and J. H. Pace, Brew-ton, Escambia county.

C. H. Alley and J. P. Jensen, Linden, Maring county.

William E. Jenkins and Charles A. Varley, Kingston, Autauga county.

Heber Ricks and J. C. Poulson, Lusk, Choctaw county.

George A. Reid and James Johnson, Camden, Wilcox county.

J. T. Wakefield and S. R. Brown, Hector, Bullock county.

J. S. Geddes and J. A. Turnhow, Lapine, Crenshaw county.

Since last writing Elder E. L. Tenny has been temporarily released to attend to legal business. We look for his return. Elder Lewis E. Barney has also been released to return home on account of sickness. No recruits.

J. S. GEDDES.

IN PENNSYLVANIA.

SCRANTON, Pennsylvania,

July 5th, 1896.

Always knowing, that the readers of your valuable paper take great delight in reading the Missionary reports from afar, I thought I would write and let you know how we are getting along in this part of the Eastern States, Pennsylvania.

I was called to fill a mission to this part of the Lord's vineyard, and started on April 18th, 1896. I arrived in Brooklyn, New York, on the morning of the 23rd and was appointed to Scranton, Pennsylvania, to take charge of the Pennsylvania Conference. I arrived in Scranton April 28, and met Elders D. T. Edwards, W. W. Crockett and A. A. Fuller; also my beloved father who is eighty-two years of age. They took me to 19 Acker Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania; the place which now has become our headquarters.

I am very pleased to say the people are very kind to us. Elder Edwards had been suffering with sickness for some time. We blessed him, and rebuked the sickness, in the name of Jesus Christ, and the power of God raised him up. He has been well ever since, and is performing a good mission. A few days after my arrival, I felt that we should hold open air meetings, so when the weather permitted we started, and I am pleased to say that we have met with success, for since that we have baptized five into the church. I am thankful to say that my father is one of them. I had the privilege of baptizing him into the fold of Christ, which has more than paid me for my mission. With the blessing of God, my faith is that many yet will come into the church in this part of the country. We have now here eight members and a prospect of about twelve more in the near future.

The way I travel is this: I take one of the Elders with me, into a new settlement, and go and make an acquaintance with some one, tell what we are, and that we want a place to stay, as we are going to hold meetings in the town. We then get into conversation, they ask us questions, and the Lord opens up the way before us; for as soon as we go