

soulful sentiment where home and country are linked in indissoluble association with pleasant thought, and over all there broods that genius and spirit of gratitude to the Giver, which is ever subject to the mellowing influence of willing worship and a pure religion forever undefiled.

IN KENTUCKY.

MURRAY, Calloway Co., Ky.,
October 12, 1895.

Thinking that a few lines from this part of the Lord's vineyard would be interesting to the many readers of the NEWS, and especially those in the missionary field, I submit the following:

Elder A. Bevan and myself started a house to house canvass of this county the 1st of last April, holding meetings wherever we could procure a house to preach in, we being the first of our faith that had been in this county for upwards of fifty years. We had a great deal of prejudice to meet at first; but the people are now becoming better acquainted with our teachings and are beginning to investigate. We now have many kind friends and the doors of some of their churches are open to us at any time and the people turn out and fill the houses.

On the 8th of June Elder Bevan left me to visit among the Saints, and I was joined by Elder J. M. Hees. We continued our labors until the 18th of August, meeting with much success in making friends, when Elder Hees returned home on account of sickness. Before among friends I kept at work holding meetings, the good people furnishing me with a horse and saddle to use at my leisure. On the 26th of August three applied for baptism, these being the first that had joined our Church in what is known as the "Jacobson purchase." It created quite a stir. I set the time for the baptism the next day at 2 o'clock, and at the appointed time the people had gathered a large congregation on the banks of a beautiful creek under the shade of the large oak tree. I thought it too good a chance to let pass, so I called them to order and talked to them for one hour. Perfect order prevailed; during the baptism and confirming they all kept their hats off. At the close many of the people invited me to their houses and said there would be more to baptize in the near future.

I was compelled to leave them the next morning to meet Elder Caulfield at Owensboro, 250 miles east of here, and proceed on our way to attend our conference that was held at Hawville on the 14th and 15th of September. On our way we held meetings with full houses. At conference Elder Kimball appointed Elder L. B. Pace and myself to visit the Saints in Hancock, Daviess and Ono counties and do what good we could.

We left Hawville the evening of the 17th of September and walked three miles, where we spent two days holding two meetings, the people taking great interest but not having the moral courage to embrace such an unpopular doctrine. We bade them farewell and proceeded on our way to Daviess county, where we held one meeting, baptized four good, honest souls, and spent a few days with them, feeding them the bread of life. In return they

treated us to the fat of the land and we enjoyed our stay with them very much.

Leaving them in tears we started on our way to Ohio county, thirty-five miles away, taking the same conveyance we had been in the habit of riding on before. We arrived at the house of Brother Aaron Jewels September 27, and found the Saints in that locality enjoying the spirit of the Gospel and trying to live the lives of Saints. During our stay there we held eight meetings, baptized nine good honest souls and blessed five children, organized a branch known as the Westfield branch, with twenty-four members, and ordained Brother Geo. Jewels a Priest to preside over them. We instructed them in their duties and taught them the Word of Wisdom and the benefit they would receive in living strictly virtuous lives.

We left Ohio county on the 10th of October, Brothers Barney Miller and George Russell furnishing a conveyance to take us to Owensboro, 20 miles distant, where we spent the night with Brother Job Ballens. We left Owensboro on the 11th inst. and now we are ready to turn our guns loose in Calloway county again.

We find the Saints complaining about returning Elders not writing to them according to promise. This should not be, as it tends to weaken their faith, and it also works a hardship on those who remain. Elders could do much good by writing good, friendly letters to the Saints after they return home. The NEWS is a welcome visitor and is read with much interest by the people of this country.

My address for the present will be Murray, Calloway Co., Ky., where I would be pleased to hear from my old friends at home.

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BOX ELDER CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Box Elder Stake was held in the Brigham City tabernacle Oct. 27 and 28, 1895. There were present on the stand as visitors Presidents George Q. Cannon and Lorenzo Snow, Elders Brigham Young, Seymour B. Young and Rulon S. Wells, besides the Stake Presidency, the High Council and the Bishops from the various wards. A large congregation was in attendance at all the meetings.

On Sunday at 10 a. m., after singing and prayer Elder Brigham Young said there was no blessing so great as a contented mind; we sometimes do and say things that show we are an imperfect people; when a man possesses the Spirit of God he will not stray far from the right path; the foundation of the Priesthood cannot be broken up, and our time required by it can not be given to serve other institutions; at this time we are doing foolish things every day and it seems that experience has taught us nothing.

Elder Rulon S. Wells said it had always been a satisfaction to him to bear his testimony to the principles of the Gospel; it had always been his greatest ambition to have the favor of God; the world seeks the praises of men and riches; if we seek these we will fail, for we should seek something greater.

President Geo. Q. Cannon felt to attend this conference without being

called, so he had volunteered to be present. In our fallen condition we are in danger and it requires our constant care to guard against the snares laid by Satan for our destruction. There are influences at work in our midst that will lead many souls to death and destruction if they are not checked; did not know of a time when Satan had such great power among the people as at present, for the powers of darkness are at work to sap the faith of the people. Every effort Satan has made has been for the destruction of the Priesthood and it is by agencies such as these that he has sought to destroy the Church of God. The Saints should watch and pray that darkness may be dispelled and the Spirit of God will be with us.

At 2 p. m., after the services were regularly opened and the Sacrament administered, President George Q. Cannon again addressed the conference; said it was necessary that there should be communication between the heavens and the earth; this can be had in two ways—one through the servants of God and the other by revelation through the Spirit of God to each individual; he desired to see the powers of Satan bound that he should not take measures to destroy us; we put limits to the power of God and do not cultivate the faith that we should in the healing of the sick and in other directions; we should live lives of purity, for the wicked will call for the rocks to fall upon them to hide them from their wickedness when they shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ; at present the eyes of the world are turned toward us and many have a disposition to give us credit for many things that have been held from us in the past; the Saints will emerge from this turmoil and live in a better light, but many will be lost to the struggle; the time will come when the Elders of this Church will be sought after for counsel and wisdom.

Elder Brigham Young said if he could subject himself to the Spirit of God it would be a great benefit to him; the Scriptures say: "There is a way that seemeth right to man, but the end thereof is death;" the future is assured to the righteous in Zion; the principles of the Gospel bring union, peace and happiness. Peace is taken from the land today and there is an unrest among the rulers of the earth; the Saints should be strict in paying their tithing and in performing their duties in the Church; evils should be suppressed by moral persuasion and not by force.

Monday morning the first speaker was Elder Seymour B. Young, who said we were in a school surrounded by peculiar circumstances; the Gospel has come and it is received with the same light and taken up every individual embracing it; as Jesus and His followers taught the Gospel so it has come to us in our time.

Elder Brigham Young knew this was the spot designated for the gathering of God's people; the Latter-day Saints have received great knowledge and a slight deviation from the path of truth will cause us to be left to ourselves; we are making our history and not a day passes but that we are making history for the future.

2 p. m.—Elder Rudger Clawson, president of the Stake, said he had