



## EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA.

Morgan City, La., May 14.—Elder James T. Dunn of Georgetown, Ida., and myself were the first Elders to proselyte Morgan City, built on the banks of the famous river of the world; calling on the city officials, we were shown every courtesy. President James G. Dunn advised the Elders very strongly in regard to religious meetings. We found that the plan was good; the people were very much taken with the meetings, so much so that their homes were crowded with appointments that we could fill. We were permitted to see the fruits of our labors, and two had the opportunity of finding six persons into the water. Some three weeks later Elder Geo. R. Bailey of Wilford and myself came back, and the seed that had been sown had taken root, and we again performed the ordinance of baptism, nine being the number this time. Elder Edwin S. Wortworth and I were passing again when the Saints and friends planned a trip down to the Gulf of Mexico by boat. On our way down we anchored under the shade of a tree. We partook of a nice lunch which the ladies had prepared; we landed on Deer island, which is situated on the gulf. We held meetings there by invitation. All the inhabitants came, and we were very successful. Some of our converts were very kind friends.

D. R. MERRILL.

## NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Kelsey, Upshur Co., Texas, May 15.—The Elders of North Texas held their semi-annual conference at Kelsey, May 13 and 14. The house was filled to overflowing, and much interest was manifested, both by members and non-members, who came from far and near, to hear the glad tidings of good things, as they were told by President Jas. G. Dunn and the traveling Elders.

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## FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.

## GOTHENBURG CONFERENCE.

Gothenburg, Sweden, May 1, 1906.—Conference was held here Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 21, 22 and 23. In attendance were Elders from Zion, Peter Matson, president of the Swedish mission, George C. Smith, Carl O. Johnson, Conference President Andrew Eliason, and all the missionaries laboring in Gothenburg conference.

Opening session convened Saturday at 8 p. m., presided over by President Eliason, who gave reports over their respective districts, and labor during the previous six months, and bore testimonies to the truth of the Gospel, and the joy they had in being messengers of Christ, as follows: Elder H. Newren, Gothenburg branch; John O. Lofgren, Vermeland branch; E. T. Eliason, Jonkopung branch; H. A. Andelin, Boras branch; A. F. Sundberg, Skofde branch; Elder George C. Smith made a few remarks on Church organization and persecution.

Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday school conference was held, presided over by Supt. August Hanson.

At 2 p. m. Pres. Eliason presented the names of the authorities of the Church, who were unanimously sustained. He also assigned the Elders to their respective fields of labor as follows:

Gothenburg conference, Andrew Eliason, president; A. A. Nordvall, conference clerk; Bernard Newren, presiding Elder, Gothenburg branch, also song leader; with A. A. Nordvall, assistant; A. F. Sundberg, presiding Elder, Skofde branch; Erick T. Eliason, presiding Elder, Jonkopung branch; and Jos. Carlsson, presiding Elder, Boras branch; H. A. Andelin, presiding Elder, Boras branch. The choir was rendered by Sister Vendia Olson and the choir.

Elders A. A. Nordvall and Carl O. Johnson made addresses.

Another public meeting was held at 8 p. m. President Matson occupied the whole time, and his discourse, and quotation of Scriptures, proved that outside of "Mormonism" there is no salvation.

Priesthood meeting was held Monday at 11 a. m., and a full report from Elders was given, the branches being in good condition, and the prospect for the future was encouraging.

President Matson gave much valuable advice and instructions to the Elders.

On Tuesday a branch meeting was held in connection with the conference. Wednesday at 8 p. m., a social was given for the missionaries, with an appropriate program and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

A. A. NORDVALL, Conference Clerk.

## MISSION LIFE IN AUSTRALIA.

Gibson St., Wollongabba, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, April 24.—I received an epistle from a young man of my town some days ago, stating that he had been called on a mission. In his letter he said he was glad to think he didn't have to cross the dark blue sea and come to the land of Australia, or, as he termed it, "the land of desolation."

Now that is just what many of our young missionaries think. They no doubt imagine that Australia is the land of desolation, as this young man did.

This prompted me to write a short letter to the "News," detailing some of my experiences while laboring as a missionary in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

On the 13th of April, 1905, I received a call to come to Australia to work for the Lord. On the 27th of the same month I landed in San Francisco bound for Australia.

We spent many pleasant hours on the dark blue sea.

Landing in the beautiful city of Sydney on the 27th of May, 1905, Elders Ammon Green of West Weber and W. J. Steele of Idaho, were at the boat to meet us. I stayed in the city and associated with the Saints, waiting for my appointment for about 10 days.

At last my appointment came and I was sent to labor in the city of Adelaide, about 1,100 or 1,200 miles southwest of Sydney. In this city we held some good open air meetings, having a very large attendance of from about 25 to 300 people.

We had many investigators and many good friends. I can say that the Saints in this city are indeed workers, trying to bring their friends and relatives to a knowledge of the truth.

Some of the best M. I. A. meetings and Sunday schools I ever attended have been in this place. The people are very bright, and especially the children. The work in this part of the vineyard is growing.

One day a letter came, stating that I was transferred from Adelaide to Sydney.

In Sydney the Sunday night meetings are well attended by Saints and investigators. From this city Elder Iverson of Brigham City and myself were sent without purse and scrip to the city of Goulburn, a distance of 135 miles. On this trip we met some very nice people, who gladly gave us a home, but others refused. We stayed in this city about two weeks and in the meanwhile we held one street meeting and had more invitations than we could accept. When I returned I was appointed to labor in the city of Zion.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

After the usual opening exercises the general and stake authorities were unanimously sustained. Pres. Wm. L. Rich and Bishop Price of the Bear Lake stake were present and addressed the people on matters pertaining to the Fielding academy at Paris, Idaho, with a view to encouraging the people of this stake to sustain that institution, not only financially, but by sending their children to the school.

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Brisbane, about 500 miles north from Sydney. In this conference the Saints have erected a good church, and on the 8th of April, 1906, it was dedicated by President James Duckworth of Salt Lake City.

Many of the Saints here are delivering tracts to their friends and relatives where it is sometimes impossible for us to do so. We have about 250 Saints in this conference and most of them are true Latter-day Saints. Elder Prof. John Nash of Arizona has started a night school for the benefit of the young people.

Many pleasant hours are spent in tracting in Australia. We meet with people that belong to the different sects.

Now I can say that this is indeed a good place for a person to come for experiences and the work is growing rapidly. The only cry is the need of more missionaries.

W. M. ALVORD.

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

## WOODRUFF STAKE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Woodruff stake was held at Woodruff on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13. There were present of the quorum of the Apostles, John Henry Smith and Geo. F. Richards. The stake presidency, High Council, nearly all the Bishops in the stake, etc., and considering the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance of the Saints; the Woodruff meetinghouse being filled on Sunday afternoon, almost to its utmost capacity.

At the opening meeting Saturday morning, President John M. Baxter made a report of the general condition of the stake and said that the heart of the people was never better, than at the present; prospects for bounteous crops were excellent, and that the Saints are united, and zealous in the performance of their duty.

Wm. J. Smith reported the High Council as being perfectly united together and united with the presidency of the stake.

The One Hundred and second quorum of Seventy was reported to John D. Bryson; the High Priests' quorum by Joseph A. Quibel, and the Third Elders' quorum by Henry Voss.

Several of the wards were reported by the Bishops; and stake auxiliary organizations by their respective presidents.

Elder John Henry Smith delivered a very forceful discourse on the law of tithing, and said that "those who faithfully observe this law will have their names registered in the Lamb's Book of Life." He spoke of the principle of prayer, its beneficial effects in the home circle, and especially on the minds of young people. He appealed to the mothers present to see to it that their children were properly taught to pray.

At the afternoon meeting Pres. A. McKinnon addressed the conference on the first principles of the Gospel, and expressed pleasure at being privileged to labor for the salvation of souls.

Elder Geo. F. Richards appreciated very much the reports which had been given; said "We are the light set upon a hill which will light the whole world; the heaven which will leave the whole lump." He spoke of the spirit of kindness which should characterize the Latter-day Saints, and related how through this spirit, and the mercy of the Lord, some of the most bitter enemies of the Church have become converted to the truth; called attention to the conversion of Paul to emphasize the point. He also spoke of the great responsibility resting upon parents with regard to the proper training of their children.

Elder John Henry Smith spoke very interestingly on the great variety of spirits in the family; of how one may be passed to a great degree of the blood of Israel, and another directly the opposite, yet through the loins of the same parentage.

Sunday evening a Priesthood meeting was held at which Elders Richards and Smith occupied the greater part of the time.

Bishops emphasized the importance of recommending only those young men and women to the House of the Lord who are worthy; and said "It is a source of condemnation for a young man to go to the House of the Lord who is not worthy." He related several instances to show how the spirit of obedience is implanted in the mind of the child.

Elder Smith also spoke along these lines and recommended early marriage as a safeguard to the virtue of our young people.

SUNDAY MORNING 10 O'CLOCK.

Supt. Geo. A. Peart reported the condition of the Sunday schools of the stake. There are 15 schools, all in good running order. Pres. T. J. Tingey spoke on the Word of Wisdom, and exhorted the Saints to refrain from the use of those things forbidden by the Lord.

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