

expression of Comrade Booth that there should be an annual Territorial encampment of the old veterans.

Secretary Richards was pleased that the reunions of the old settlers of the Territory were becoming frequent. They had made a garden of a desert. Where they had walked, leaving bloody tracks in the sands the stranger now rode in Pullman cars. He favored the extending of the encampment picket lines to Arizona, Nevada, Idaho and Wyoming, and that the sons and grandsons of the old veterans who form the militia of Utah today join with Utah's old militia boys in the encampment.

"Our Leaky Tents" was sung by George Harrison and company.

Pioneer A. O. Smoot congratulated the veterans. He was glad to see they had not all gone to sleep, and that their works had not been forgotten.

"We are tenting tonight on the old campground" was sung by William Creer and company.

Speeches were made by Comrades Israel Evans and Henson Walker and W. N. Dusenberry.

Comrade S. S. Jones read an original poem, written for the occasion.

Comrade Joseph Shipley sang "Jeremiah."

In the evening the old "vets" forgot their years and danced like they were young again.

Speeches were made on the second day's encampment by Comrades P. W. Driggs, Matthew Caldwell, W. W. Cluff, Charles Brewerton, John A. Vance, a son of Major Vance; S. T. Curtis, T. E. Fleming, O. B. Huntington and Mrs. Ann Nebeker.

Songs were sung by George Harrison and others, and several original poems were sung.

IN OLD VIRGINIA.

LOCUST CREEK, Louisa Co., Va.,
Aug. 1894.

On Aug. 11 and 12 the Elders and Saints of the Virginia conference met on the plantation of Mr. J. F. Hall, and under a spreading oak had one of the most interesting conferences ever held in the Old Dominion state.

There were present, the president of the Southern States mission, Elder Elias S. Kimball; president of the conference, Elder John G. Ellis; and Elders James I. Ivie, I. S. Taylor, Ezra Bingham, G. H. Wallace, R. H. Fife, Oscar DeMill, H. W. Findlay, Wm. Cutler, D. M. Gillis, James Allred and M. Thomas.

Although the weather was changeable, a goodly number of people were present and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon the speakers to a marked degree.

The remarks of the Elders were generally on the principle of faith. Each one expressed his pleasure in being permitted to act as an emissary of the truth, and bore a strong testimony to the restoration of the Gospel in this dispensation. Prest. Kimball addressed the Saints on their duties and later on the Word of Wisdom and the law of tithing, which were received in a spirit of humility. The Spirit of God rested mightily upon President Kimball and in ringing tones he called upon all sinners to repent, to lead lives of purity, so as to

merit the approbation of Almighty God.

The general authorities of the Church were unanimously sustained, as were also the presiding officers of the conference and mission.

At the Priesthood meeting of the Elders, reports were given in, showing a vast improvement of the condition of the conference during the past year.

The spirit manifested by the Elders is one of love for the Gospel and each other, and a firm desire to perform their duties; and they separate now for their various fields of labor with the deepest respect for their companions and presiding officers.

The policy and spirit of the conference is to evade old friends and seek pastures new, realizing this is a day of warning—not of many words; yet all are given a full opportunity to accept or reject the Gospel as revealed through Joseph Smith the Prophet.

Since conference, in September, 1893, there have been closed seven counties, and others opened. Four baptisms have been recorded. Over 6,800 tracts have been distributed, besides several copies of the Voice of Warning and Book of Mormon. There is one Sunday school with an enrollment of officers and members of about 40; this includes about 12 non-members of the Church. The school is in a very prosperous condition. There are now two Sunday schools in the conference, one in the organized branch in Albemarle county.

The cities are being visited—none slighted. Last fall Elders Ellis and Wallace entered Richmond and began an active canvass of that city of 90,000 population; since May of the present year the work being done by Elders Ellis and Thomas.

The opposition in the city of Richmond has been most bitter, at times rising almost to mob violence; but the Spirit of God has been with the Elders, and they continued in their house to house canvass, declaring the word of God. In that city alone over 3,000 tracts have been distributed and over 1,000 refusals of the testimonies.

In the cities and through the county districts the Lord has been with the Elders, and the word is shaking to the core the man-made traditions that envelop the people.

Owing to threats and past demonstrations Elders Ellis and Thomas called on Governor Charles T. O'Ferral and asked that, as American citizens and as ministers of the Gospel of Christ, the protection of the commonwealth of Virginia be given them from mob violence.

The governor received them cordially and said in substance that while he sat in the gubernatorial chair no mobs would rise if he could prevent it.

The Elders are generally receiving good treatment and are enjoying good health and the spirit of their calling. All the Elders receive the NEWS, and a welcome visitor it is as a "harbinger of glad tidings." M. THOMAS.

SUMMER SCHOOL IN BOX ELDER.

WILLARD, August 25th, 1894.

The teachers of Box Elder county, desiring to keep in line with the progressive element of the age and the educational demands of our intermountain State (soon to be), arranged for the holding of a summer school of

four weeks duration during the month of August; and having secured the services of Professors Wm. M. Stewart and C. E. Whiting, of the University of Utah, they met in a spacious room of the court house at Brigham City, on Monday morning, August 13th, to commence a course of study in such branches as they felt would be of most practical use. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Prof. Stewart treat the subjects of pedagogy, physiology, arithmetic and grammar, while physiology, physical geography, physics, botany and U. S. history should be elucidated by Prof. Whiting.

By utilizing the hours from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. and entering enthusiastically upon the work, a daily lesson in each of the above named subjects is imparted excepting grammar and United States history, which alternate and botany being limited to three lessons per week. It was gratifying to the committee to be enabled to enroll over fifty members the first day, that number being beyond what was expected; but it has since increased to upwards of sixty; and the enthusiasm of the teachers in their subjects increases as the interest of the students becomes more and more manifest.

Books on pedagogy and science have already been purchased to the amount of over \$80 and still orders are coming in.

Prof. Stewart handles the old system of drilling pupils in form studies unmercifully; but, as he goes along he builds up an edifice so systematic, so in harmony with nature, and so secure that all are easily persuaded it is much more desirable than the old decaying structure. The curriculum of the primary school of the future as he presents it will be science, geography, literature, number and music, the furniture large cabinets and abundance of apparatus for the teacher, with tables, shelves, etc., to contain materials to aid the pupils in making, m. d. ing, painting, drawing and otherwise describing the objects of interest and study.

In psychology, the grand ideas of unity and variety are harmoniously blended. The response of the mind to the stimulus occasioned through matter and motion is ably portrayed; while behind all, in all, and through all the infinite is manifest which every intelligent mind must acknowledge and devout spirits adore.

In arithmetic the whole soul of the professor goes forth to assist those that have been perplexed with rules and processes so imperfectly understood.

Professor Whiting seems equally at home in any branch of science. The numerous questions asked are cheerfully, patiently and intelligently answered. Whether discussing a leaf, blossom or rootlet; motion, gravitation, or electricity; winds, waves, clouds or storms; the lowest forms of life or the complex nervous structure found in man, he is ever the same cheerful, untiring, painstaking and capable teacher. Thanking you in advance for publishing the above, I am yours, very respectfully,

ONE OF THE STUDENTS.

Tooele Transcript: It is understood that the Mercur company will pass the dividend for the present month, on account of the construction of their new milling plant.