

which confronted us some years ago—a series of languages to learn and being subjected, as our Elders would necessarily be, to a great many exposures and dangers, for these Indian tribes have not been dealt with quite so tenderly as those who have been associated with the friends of the Lamanites; on the contrary every one passing through their country is spotted with suspicion and looked upon as an enemy.

ANDREW KIMBALL.

#### OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY MISSION.

CHADDIC, Oklahoma, Dec. 8, 1893. —At the conclusion of the pleasant visit we have had with our president, Andrew Kimball, I take the opportunity of adding a few lines and enclose with the letter he has left with us to post. During his visit here we have had a time of rejoicing, visiting among the Elders, Saints and friends.

Our first meetings were held at Brother McMillin's, five miles west of Orlando. At Marshall, ten miles west, our headquarters, we held conference, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, there were not many in attendance. The Elders and Saints, however, greatly appreciated the instructions received. General Sacramental and testimony meetings were held, wherein we enjoyed a good degree of the Spirit of the Lord.

Thirty-five miles south of Marshall we met other Saints, who welcomed us to their humble but hospitable home.

After two days well spent in councils and public meetings, we journeyed on south forty miles, arriving in Chaddic, where we have a good home with Brother and Sister Goeling, who joined the Church in the Cherokee nation in the spring of 1889. At their hospitable home and the neighboring schoolhouse we held a series of meetings. The Saints and Elders bore strong testimonies to the truth of the work in which we are engaged. Brother Kimball's visit will no doubt result in much good.

I can say that this branch of the mission is in a very prosperous condition. There are four Elders in this field: Elders Ashton and Wallace, from Salt Lake City, who are laboring in the vicinity of Marshall, that being their headquarters, and Elder John A. Stephens and myself from Idaho; we are laboring in the southeastern part, Chaddic being our headquarters. The health of the Elders here is good. The weather is dry and windy and very cold.

Elder Kimball took his departure from here this morning, taking train at Oklahoma City for the Chickasaw nation, where he will meet other Elders and Saints.

JOHN A. LOWE.

Written for this Paper.

#### EARLY CITY OFFICIALS.

Seeking office has become so pronounced in this city of late years, "and don't seem over yet," that I tender you an example of early years and the kind of patriotism then *au fait* among Latter-day Saints. In those days the man who showed his hand as seeking office was most surely the man "who got left."

The late beloved Heber C. Kimball

(most loved by those who knew him best) once met on the street two hard tolling men. At the end of the interview he nominated, elected, and commissioned them the first street supervisors Salt Lake City ever had. One was Brother Muir, who now lives, I believe, at Boutiful. I think they served the winter of 1848 and the year 1849, fed their own teams—not from a city crib—"for we didn't have such a thing then"—and boarded themselves. Their only pay was an honorable discharge and God bless you.

The release came to one of the two just as he was starting to Europe on a mission, literally without purse or scrip.

An effort has been made to impress the outside world that American gentlemen are of recent importation to Utah. I believe there were more descendants of Pilgrim stock in Utah in the early years than could be found among the same number of people in any one New England state (not descendants of Tories and weak-kneed men of seventy-six), but of actual workers for release from British rule. Our foundations here were laid by American gentlemen and ladies with whom spoils and bribery had no place.

A NEW ENGLANDER.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 11, 1893.

Written for this Paper.

#### THE DANISH MISSION.

AALBORG, Urbanegade, No. 26, Nov. 15, 1893.—The fond anticipations of the Elders and Saints of Aalborg conference were fully realized on the 4th, 5th and 6th of November, 1893, when they assembled in the rented Latter-day Saints hall in Urbanegade No. 26. The room was well filled during the time of conference. The first meeting commenced on Saturday evening at 8 p. m. There were present Elder C. A. Carlquist, president of the Scandinavian mission, and traveling Elders H. P. Hansen, president of Aalborg conference, A. Christensen, N. H. Nielsen, F. C. Olsen, Theodore Petersen, C. P. Hald, C. M. Levardsen, M. M. Hansen, P. O. Petersen, F. M. Winters and from Aarhus conference, P. C. Geertsen Jr., and William Sorensen.

With the aid of the brethren and sisters we were enabled to make our hall cheerful and cheerful by decorating it with wreaths of evergreens and beautiful artificial flowers, for which praise is due the members of this conference Relief Society.

At the first session of the conference T. Petersen, of Hjoerring branch, C. P. Hald, of Frederickshavn branch, and H. P. Hansen, of Aalborg branch, gave their reports, including statistical as well as the general condition of the different branches, after which A. Christensen, N. H. Nielsen, O. F. Olsen and C. M. Levardsen bore their testimony to the truth of the work and expressed their satisfaction of being messengers of the great tidings of joy to be placed before the human family. The remaining time was used by Elder C. A. Carlquist, instructing and encouraging the Saints to faithfulness.

During the Sunday forenoon service the Lord's supper was administered by the native Elders Poul Petersen and I. Jensen, after which Elders P. O.

Geertsen, H. P. Hansen and C. A. Carlquist occupied the rest of the time, explaining where we came from, what we are here for and our future destiny. At the third meeting the general Church authorities were presented and unanimously sustained by all Saints present.

The Elders of the conference were assigned to their respective labors, after which Elder H. P. Hansen addressed the congregation. He referred to the mission of Jesus and His Apostles and the former Saints, and spoke of the great Catholic power and the time of the reformation. He concluded by bearing his testimony of the restoration of the everlasting Gospel.

The fourth and last meeting was called to order Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The time was occupied by a number of the Elders bearing their testimony, after which Elder C. A. Carlquist gave much fatherly counsel to the Saints and excellent instruction to strangers. During the entire conference good order prevailed and the Spirit of the Lord was poured out on both speakers and hearers which, by adding the sweet tones of the choir's singing, made it a time long to be remembered.

On Monday at 10 a. m. a general Priesthood meeting was held where all present expressed their feelings and good desires, after which Elder C. A. Carlquist gave some most excellent counsel and advice.

During Monday evening the Saints enjoyed themselves by again meeting and listening to comic songs and recitations.

H. P. HANSEN.

Written for this Paper.

#### IN AND NEAR MANCHESTER.

PATRICROFT, near Manchester, Nov. 23, 1893.—Last Sunday six baptisms took place at Tyldesley. It was one of the coldest days I have witnessed, reminding me of the frosty weather we have in Utah when the thermometer creeps down to zero. The ordinance was performed at the Tyldesley bathhouse, in cold water. In the afternoon a branch was organized with Brother Thomas Williams as presiding Elder, a true and tried Saint, one who has been very zealous in inviting strangers to his house, where many cottage meetings have been held. Brother and Sister Williams have always been very hospitable to the Elders and Saints. This makes twelve baptisms within two months, and several others are awaiting that ordinance.

One of the most welcome bits of news heard lately was when the decision came from London that the coal battle was finished and the victory won. It was a time of rejoicing here to many hundreds of thousands, and especially to the poor colliers and their starving families. To see the bright smiles on their countenance and hear the triumphant shouts of "Hurrah! Hurrah!" was gladdening to the heart.

I have related many incidents which occurred during the strike. One more and then I am through. It happened just before the termination of the crisis. A poor collier and his children had been without work for three days. At the end of that period the father, in begging, procured twopence (four cents), and