

I have now been laboring in this conference twenty-two months, and can say that I have spent the happiest moments in my life here in the missionary field. I do rejoice in this work, as do all the Elders, when we are doing our full duty as servants of the Lord.

Since the Apostles visited the several conferences, there has come a great change over the people in regards to the Gospel, and the Elders are doing a noble work where they could do but very little before. I have been laboring in Marlboro county, with Elder Peterson, of Fillmore, since the 1st of September, and will say that the Lord was with us and blessed our labors, and through the influence of His Spirit, many are investigating the Gospel.

As the counties along or near the coast are very sickly in the summer, we are moved to what we call the upper counties in the summer and back to the lower counties in the winter. Marlboro county is one of the healthy counties, and as the Elders have been laboring here all summer, Elder Peterson and I were able to finish the county before going below. Elder George A. Day then concluded that it would be a good idea to hold a branch conference before leaving, that the principles of the Gospel might be stamped upon the minds of the Saints and people. Our conference convened on the 19th and 20th of this month.

There were seven Elders present—Geo. A. Day, W. I. Norton, Wm. Flife, J. E. Buckwalter, C. G. Anderson, John Peterson and Henry Behrmann. There were between thirty and forty Saints, some of whom came from Chesterfield, and Darlington counties, besides a large number of friends and listeners. The Chesterfield and Marlboro choirs combined rendered some beautiful selections during our conference.

It was the first "Mormon conference" held in the county, and the people were curious to know what we were doing at such gatherings. All who attended seemed to enjoy themselves very much, and went home, knowing more about "Mormonism" than ever before.

We have a prosperous Sunday school in this vicinity, and the Saints are striving to gain the promised blessings.

Anyone having friends or relatives here and who would like us to give them a call will please address Conway, Horry Co., South Carolina.

The "News" is always a welcome visitor with us Elders.

Your brother,

**HENRY BEHRMANN.**  
Conway, Horry Co., S. C.

#### Visiting the Lamanites.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Nov. 21, 1898.

The work of spreading the Gospel in Wisconsin continues unabated. The weather is fine and the Elders in Fond du Lac county are pushing the work diligently.

During the past two months quite a number of honest souls have been delighted with the sweet sound of the Gospel. And why should they not enjoy it? The Elders are representatives of the kind Redeemer whose presence fills the soul of man with rapture and joy, and lifts him from his dreary condition to one of wakeful, energetic activity.

Elder J. C. Murdock and the writer have been visiting, during the past week, with a colony of Lamanites on the east side of Lake Winnebago. They are the Brotherton Indians who came from the state of New York to Wisconsin in an early day and settled on the west side of the lake on Fox river, but afterwards moved over to the west side, where the government gave them an allotment of 160 acres of land to each family. In 1839 they adopted the civilized mode of life by building houses on their farms and living in them and cultivating the soil. The land is very fertile and brings excellent returns for the labor invested. And they are, as a rule, good workers. They have public schools, which they patronize quite as well as do the whites. And the majority of them are quite well educated and have adopted quite a degree of refinement. They have a brass

band, and several have organs in their homes which they play fairly well.

One of the old evils that has been handed down to them is the excessive use of tobacco. The women as well as the men smoke very freely, but we notice in their temperance hall that they have organized a Juvenile Temperance club which prohibits, among other things, the use of tobacco in any form.

These people have been in the habit of attending church for a great many years; but since our Elders have been among them they have attended our meetings.

The cause for their leaving their old minister was because he allowed himself to do as a great many ministers have done; he spoke very disrespectfully of the Mormon Elders. And as the congregation differed from him in their views on that subject, about one-half of the audience arose and left the church and have not yet returned to hear him. The rest of his flock forsook him at the close of that day's service, and they say they have no further use for him. They are pleased to have us visit among them and hold meetings, and they invite us to their homes and entertain us.

The branch here in Fond du Lac is in a good, thriving condition.

Most of the Elders in this conference are now in their winter fields where they expect to devote the winter days to tracing new cities.

Elder E. W. Croft made a trip to the western part of the state a short time ago and visited a city that was being worked by Elder E. R. Lindsay. He found many investigating the Gospel. Elder O. K. Hanson is laboring for the winter with Elder Lindsay.

Your brother in the Gospel,  
J. D. CUMMINGS.

Clerk of the Wisconsin Conference.

#### Southern Indiana Conference.

Rockport, Ind., Nov. 24, 1898.

The work of the Lord is progressing in this part of His vineyard slowly but surely. The Southern Indiana conference was held in the Evans hall at Evansville, Ind., November 5th, 6th and 7th. We were blessed with the presence of our president, Elder Louis A. Kelsch, of the Northern States mission. We had a most enjoyable time both in our public and our Priesthood meetings. There were twenty Elders in attendance and we had an abundant flow of the Spirit of God with us.

We have a small branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints organized at Phelps, Ind. Phelps is a small town about thirteen miles from Evansville. The Saints who live there came and joined us in our conference to partake of the spiritual feast and we in turn joined them in partaking of the temporal feast. We all met at the home of Sister McClarence's. The Saints are very kind to the Elders.

Elder Grantham and I left Evansville on Wednesday morning, the 9th, on the steamer Rosettete for Rockport, our new field of labor. We landed here at 6:30 p. m. the same day after a very pleasant voyage up the Ohio river, a distance of fifty miles. Rockport is a small town situated on the banks of the Ohio river. It has almost 3,500 inhabitants, one-third colored. The people are generally rich and they have not much time to investigate the Gospel. We came to our field fasting and praying, and our first duty was to dedicate it unto the Lord. We did so and asked the Lord to pour out His blessings upon the people which we are called to labor with.

This is a new field. We are the first Mormon Elders ever seen here. We find the people very prejudiced. The ministers are warning their flock against us, telling them from their pulpits that Mormonism is next to heathenism, and that we are here to deceive them under the cloak of religion. Notwithstanding all this we thank our heavenly Father for His kind mercies upon us, for we know all blessings come from Him.

The "News" is a welcome visitor. We remain your brethren in the cause of Christ.

**JOSEPH T. DERRICOTT.**  
**WILLIAM GRANTHEM.**

in South Dakota.

Yankton, S. D., Nov. 21, 1898.

Last July, four of us Elders were sent out to North Dakota and two to South Dakota to open up new conferences. We arrived in our fields of labor about the 20th of that month. We labored at Wahpeton for a short time, but the people would not receive us, nor the message we came to bring them, so we left

and came to Fargo, where we joined the other two Elders, who had met with about the same success as we did. The mayor strictly prohibited us from visiting from house to house and also to hold street meetings. We are now in South Dakota. Here the people as a rule are friendly to us. The result of our labor we of course cannot tell.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 21, 1898.

To the Editor:

The Scranton conference of the Eastern States mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in the Electric City November 12th and 13th, with all Elders present. Scranton is a city of 125,000 population and is the home of Mr. J. A. Scranton. It is also the home of the great labor leader, Mr. Terence V. Powderly, who is now commissioner of immigration; also Judge H. M. Edwards, who was one of the adjudicators in the late Elstedford that was held in Salt Lake City, and is known everywhere as a large producer of iron and coal. The huge mountains of refuse or culver bespeaks the millions of tons of coal that have been taken from the vast deposits which underlie the city, and by reason of its rich coal supplies and resources in general has become one of the busiest manufacturing cities of the East. Factories of various kinds, such as silk, wollen, button and lace, also locomotives and steel rail works, etc., are worked on an extensive scale and thousands of men and women find employment in them.

Some days before our conference convened the Elders from the outlying districts began to arrive, and by the morning of the 12th inst. all were in readiness to attend the Priesthood meeting which convened at 10 a. m. and continued until 1 p. m. Reports from the Elders of each district were heard and instructions given by Elder A. P. Keeler, which were interesting and timely and were received with gladness by all.

The afternoon session and those of the 13th ere attended by the Saints and many strangers, especially the second and 6 p. m. Sunday services. The press of the city gave us nice notices in their columns; reporting the object of our meetings and mentioning all present of the Elders and their appointments. The gathering was one long to be remembered by those present. The appointments are as follows:

Joseph Wallace, Joseph T. Finlinson, conference headquarters 139 So. Everett Ave., Scranton, Pa.

James L. Lewis, J. C. Harding, 1212 Washburn St.

George Brinkerhoff, Philip Farrin, 76 Hospital street, Carbondale, Lacka county, and Wain county, Pa.

R. C. Harris, William R. Morgan, Montrose, Susquehanna county, Pa.

J. J. Bennett, J. E. Maycock, 231 Franklin street, W. Pittston, Luzerne county, Pa.

J. F. Chamberlain, J. P. Roberts, Huntington Mills, Luzerne county, and Carbon county.

David Kinghorn, John A. Gardner, Temkhanock, Wyoming county, and Sullivan county, Pa.

F. G. Twede, F. S. Beck, Box 52 New Era, Bradford county, Pa.

J. B. Waldron, Edward Skidmore, 514 N. Center St., Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and Columbia county, Pa.

Those having relatives or friends in this vicinity and wishing to have the Elders call on the m, will kindly send a note of introduction, also names and addresses, and the Elders will be pleased to call and see them.

Your brother,

**JOSEPH WALLACE.**

#### IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, Nov. 10, 1898.]

Arrivals—The following named missionaries from Zion arrived at Southampton per American line s.s. Belgenland, on November 6, 1898:

For the British mission—Joseph R. Squires, Salt Lake; Wm. H. L. Edwards, Panaca, Nevada; Lorenzo J. Haddock, Salt Lake; Joseph E. Ward, North Ogden; Thomas W. Diamond, Taylorsville; Wm. Gould, Eden; Samuel Hadley, West Weber; Joseph W. Simons, Salt Lake; Samuel Moore Taylor, Salt Lake; James M. Horsely, Soda Springs. For the Scandinavian mission—George A. Peterson, Salt Lake; Nils P. Anderson, Logan, and Peter Peterson, Sanpete. For the Swiss mis-