FROM VARIOUS MISSIONARY FIELDS.

IN THE LONE STAR STATE.

How Mormon Elders Were Treated by the Envious Sectarians.

LUCKNEY, TEXAS,
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To the Editor:

In compliance with the request for Elders occasionally to send some of their missionary experience, we submit the following:

The latter part of April and the first of May, Elder D. C. Hess and your humble servant were visiting Saints and friends in Fannin and Hunt counties, also traveling in company with one another on account of Elders. After meeting accounted both and renewed acquaintance with encouragement from Saints and friends, we went to Greenville to the train for Hughes Springs, but it was late, so we lodged at Sulphur Bottom, but received word not to come until a week later. To employ ourselves until the appointed time, next morning we visited for the county line, about six miles away, which we had been granted the privilege of holding meeting.

We had gone only about seven miles, when my companion was taken with a severe headache. We sought a shady spot under a giant oak tree. Upon a carpet of green grass we laid our weary heads, trying to protect ourselves from the scalding heat, and waiting till the long of day dawned with its burning rays behind the western horizon. We supplicated to the Lord to give us health and strength and faith. After fervent prayer and prayer we to resume the night, thus taking up our line as usual, we arrived at a friend's, who greeted us with a kindly welcome. After partaking of their hospitality and holding a conversation on the Gospel, we retired to rest.

We left our host next morning with an invitation to call again. Our destination was soon reached, and we were holding the people we found Mr. Hudson, a friend of our brethren. On receiving the house of one D. D. Hudson, we found several opposition and were invited to stay until other church at their house early in the afternoon. The best living such an effect on my partner, he stayed with our friend while I visited among the neighborhood. We found a good crowd out to hear us, with the exception of some few who wanted to make us a present of a dozen of eggs and run us out.

Meeting was soon opened and all four ministers, claiming that God was able to protect us when returning our labors, just as we were interested in explaining the principles of the Gospel, there in this place were sled from the outside, the Elders of Israel, and a great influence over the audience and other rugged spirits. Although Satan was raging, he had not power to disturb our meeting.

We returned home with Mr. Hudson, where we remained most of the time while in the vicinity. Our meetings were well attended and went off in peace, though threatenings came daily. Sunday we had two meetings appointed, one at 9 and the other at 3 p. m. Friends came in to talk with us in the morning, but shortly I was confined to my bed with chills and fever. Time came to fill our appointment, I was in bed with a raging fever, and my companion a new, hoarse-throated Elder, the responsibility was too great for him. What could we do? Not to be there would disappoint the people, some of whom had come seven or eight miles.

We asked our heavenly Father to give us strength to perform our duties, that as might not our souls of the blood of this generation. Our prayers were answered, and rising from my bed, we went and preached to an audience of interested listeners. We asked if there was anything to interfere with our meeting that night, and no opposition was raised, so we appointed another meeting.

After partaking of the necessaries of life with a friend hard by, we returned, leaving the people desiring. As we approached the house a large crowd was standing in front of the door and the house was fairly filled. The crowd was occupied by three or four men. On seeing this my companion asked who the bulldozed gentlemen were standing up there. We were informed he was "Parson Day," a Methodist preacher. We thought he had come out to hear us before we left, he had been stirring the people up against us. On winning, we were informed by the crowd. Taking seats by the reverend gentleman, we made him good evening, but received no reply. We saw suspected something, and being desirous to have it come to a point, we took our books out, showing we meant business. The parson signed one of the subjects, who arose and said "Brethren and sisters, we as a church have the first right to this house, and we are going to have prayer meeting here tonight, and if these Mormons want to preach they will have to wait till we get through!" Elder Hess rose and said, "We beg your pardon, we did not know we were intruding, as we asked if there was anything to interfere with our meeting tonight, and the trustees gave us the right to use the house; but if you have a standing appointment, as you claim, we do not wish to interfere, for we do not come out here to tear down sectarian and doctrines of religion. We don't do business in that way."

At this point our friend Harlow arose from his seclusion, and in the presence of the preacher said, "Brothers and sisters, some of these people have come out to hear these Mormon Elders here, if this Methodist church is open to a Methodist church to prevent them from preaching, I have got a house and my door is always open to them who preach the Gospel of Christ," and with a wave in his hand to such, "All you who want to hear their points, follow me."

The crowd was soon found seated on chairs, benches, lying over and beside under the roof of our friend's dwelling. The prayer meeting dissolved in order to which we, I and my partner, kept overhearing and some were compelled to stay out and listen through the windows and doors. An hour and a quarter been passed away and we came with trembling hand, knowing our lessons and good luck to be from our friends. Then it seems also we are putting the point of extent as we are trading for peace of triumph.

Next morning our friends took us good up with time to visit over and we gave a promise to come and see them in the future. We had not gone far when we received to the words for prayer. Satan once more rallied his forces to defeat us, and as we continued to dedicate our people to the Lord, feeling done all that we could for them, the powers of darkness seized me on my speech was cut off, my breath being nearly stopped; I tried to have a my companion, but could see nothing for a pillar of darkness blocked the entering. I had never before experienced I was then limited helpless to the ground. My consciousness returned the power of the exercises, and I arose feeling as well as ever. We then went on our way rejoicing.

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LETTER FROM A SEVENTIES.

BEECH BLUF, Kentucky,
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To the Editor:

If not imposing on your good nature too much, I will give the many readers of the News a few from my pen relating to the duties and which has been so lively and thoroughly engrossing to me while for the past two years for Gospel Revelation and Truth. Our ears have been filled with many, and I have heard too persons. Those of which I write were the usual experiences of our missionary.

On the 23rd of June, and are large, I received the Liahona, and Cor. Hosea with some held in Canada and mine east of Boston, Kentucky. It was my first experience upon the Mormon but I can assure you I never in so my life felt such a calm congenial and kindly polished set of gentlemen, yet in every instance of the week. And I found upon the lives of these men of God, my memory was carried back to the Pauley Schools—some of Southern Kentucky—as when both the school begins, let be, as the case is, each scholar of the strength of each lesson, some than was brought to recount the numerical points, or lesson of closing section.

St. Paul continues a great man when he addresses his Pauline Corinthians: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

I was deeply impressed with the manner in which these people received the words, pause, hesitant to utter the over, lest on the set of many, and thoughts, as their honor God and of these principles, thought that might cause the people fear, which was would not be in accordance with the Gospel. The reasoning of some thoughts, they were received with a spirit of reflection, and with a Christian's mind.

I cordially invite them among us, as men like the Elders Roberts and Lyman Hall. The Hessian is well known to your brethren in church or in school houses, some on hills, they preached to a large crowd. When they closed their remarks the trustees called for the money, and they said they would have no more, such material, and in an auditorium made, in one of the rooms in the school. The priests cause consideration and of course could not stand against the Mormons. Some of the ministers are in the Cities, such as such narrow contracted minds, in a civilized community. Tons of all readers. These officers elected by the people to serve them, and having given their excuse for making to be sold to the people, and the people, the writers and duties of the people, allow one poor, real piece of prejudiced community in the form of a man to lord them by the nose, and cause them to so to forget the that implied in their to the people, as to satisfy some their wishes and desires. Shame, that men should gratify an insatiable selfishness by pretending to seek the public good. They are only a course with no base in its case, but a smooth surface, from which each man of ten thousand may see himself reflected. They gain from man to man, commencing with their years, simulating their tactics, with the Gospel. They take a man, with that same very love the same simplicity, are so backsides at once and seemingly with Lazy could be see side more than both sides.

We built an arbor close by, and the meeting which they ought to break up was carried on with increased fervent. It is good to see such men, so far from home and those we near and dear to their hearts, fighting the battles of life, faithful to their trust, always striving the highest, noblest thoughts, priests seeking to do right in the sight of God and people when, rather stopped by me, not received by friends, to friends, there, in speaking words of love and praise of them, we pay tribute to our servers.

Time is gone this world would be without such men more spirit. I am glad to see such valiant men as teachers carrying with them the birth of truth, and may those slaves of habit, bloodsucks of society, will not see prostitute the word of God to a mere cover, and that love they are pale, lean, look at their lineages of wrinkled souls. Were it not for the fact of unique would be unknown, and the mormons in error be not longer looked for truth to enter upon it.

What are the model dresses doing today? Are they proclaiming God's word without money, without price? Are sincerity—No, no, no! But they are travelling without their bearers' minds, that ignorance is sinless, that prejudice is patriotism, not because they love them, but because they love themselves, as do the true servant of God, the real reformer of today is pulling out the weeds of the multitude, affecting the principle of government, removing laws, enlightening and enlarging the minds and everything that contributes to man, because he loves himself and because he loves and serves to God and because he loves and serves to God he loves his fellow man. Great and great and fear. The reason to them cannot be believed by the minds of reports to be of a kind, or under the Gospel of peace, and [illegible] in the years with their heart in opposition, [illegible] or [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]