

recognize the words of Jesus Christ fully; they had cast out that which did not suit their peculiar ideas and their modern reasoning. They did not believe in baptism by immersion, a law with which Jesus Christ himself had complied in order to fulfill all righteousness; yet with all they saw fit to ex-communicate the Mormon people because, forsooth, it was though they were not worthy the name of Christians. These people took upon themselves the name of Christ, yet denied and cast aside many of His teachings; they refused to recognize latter-day revelation, claiming that communication between God and man had ceased, albeit that the Bible, a book in which they professed to believe, contained doctrine and principles to the very contrary.

Elder Spencer prevailed upon the Saints assembled to guard the footsteps of their offspring; to teach them the doctrine of repentance before they would reach the years of accountability, that in being baptized they might go down into the waters of baptism knowing full well that they were complying with a law of God, and following an example set them by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The laws or God had to be fully complied with, said the speaker, in order to obtain the full benefit of His promises unto the children of men. The people could not expect to reap the blessings promised unless they labored for them and held in all sacredness the sayings and commandments of God the Father.

The speaker referred to the early-day experiences of the Latter-day Saints. He spoke of the opposition met with in the states of Missouri, and of the martyrdom of the Prophet and Patriarch Joseph and Hyrum Smith. This proceeding, said he, led many to believe that the end of Mormonism had come, and they shouted with joy at what was thought to be the culmination of the work. But it was not at an end; it had continued on and on, until today the nations of the earth were beginning to recognize that there was something in Mormonism after all, and were willing to concede certain rights unto the people which it was not their privilege to enjoy in early days.

The Saints had tried to serve God with full purpose of heart, and in doing so had been blessed with many blessings, even to their being gathered to the valleys of the mountains, where the wise men of the nation had declared, civilization could not exist.

Elder Hamilton G. Park was the next speaker. He bore his testimony

to the divinity of the work in which the Latter-day Saints were engaged, and exhorted all to live near unto the Lord, for therein was safety, a safety which could not be realized in any other way. The Lord was working among His people and would lead them aright if they would but yield obedience to His words as spoken through the mouths of His servants the Prophets and Apostles. The Saints were destined to become a mighty power in the earth, and would reach their destiny, if they would but put their trust in the Lord and try to keep His laws and commandments.

President Angus M. Cannon was the closing speaker. He endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers by urging the Saints to live near unto the Lord and to remain faithful unto the work in which they were engaged. The Lord would not forsake His people if they would endeavor to live lives of purity and holiness. They should become united and do all they could to frustrate the designs of wicked men who were trying to enslave and tie down the people of God. The Lord had been merciful unto His people; He had led them through many trials and tribulations and brought them out more than conquerors in the end. He would ever do so, if the people would show a willingness and a desire to live as becometh true Latter-day Saints.

The choir sang the anthem:

We give thanks to Thee.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Henry P. Richards.

IDAHO WEATHER AND CROPS.

Monthly report for September, 1897. D. P. McCallum, section director, Idaho Falls, Idaho. The month opened with cool and clear weather prevailing over the state, the temperature gradually falling until the 9th when a cool wave accompanied over the eastern and parts of the western sections by heavy frost and freezing temperatures was experienced; after this date and during the remainder of the month the day temperatures were variable with uniformly cool nights and frequent light frosts. High afternoon winds prevailed over the larger part of the state during nearly the entire period. The precipitation of the month was light and scattered, though heavier than the corresponding month of last year; the northern section was especially favored in this respect. Rain-fall was reported at a majority of

stations on the 3rd, 12th and 13th, while on the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 24th and 25th none fell at any observing station in the state.

Harvesting and threshing progressed rapidly during September, except in parts of the northern section where operations were suspended for something over a week on account of showers. By the end of the month threshing was well advanced and nearing completion; the yield was variable but generally about the average. Potatoes and garden truck were more or less injured by the frosts of the month; a good crop of the former, however, was gathered and stored in good condition. A good hay crop was, with few exceptions, cut and well cured.

RETURNED MISSIONARY REPORT.

Coyoto, Oct. 5, 1897.

I feel that it would be proper for me to report my labors as a missionary in middle Tennessee conference, although I was not permitted to remain there very long. I left Salt Lake City April 15, 1897, and on return arrived at my home in the Marion ward, Garfield county, Sept. 15. I can say I enjoyed my labors very much while in the middle Tennessee conference. I can also say that there is room and opportunity for a great deal of missionary work in old Tennessee. I noticed a great improvement in the manner in which missionary work is carried on now to what it was ten years ago, as I filled a mission of over two years then, in South Carolina.

The opportunities are so much greater now than then. There used to be but few places in South Carolina where the Elders could stop in safety, and many places they could not get entertainment at any price. During the five months I was in Tennessee I received but two refusals of entertainment.

There is room for many more Elders in Tennessee. The reason my stay was so short was on account of sickness. I was stricken down with fever, and the conference president and the brethren thought that I had better be removed to my home. I am recovering health, and hold myself in readiness to respond to any call that may be made of me. I can say I was well cared for on my trip home, as I was accompanied by the president of the conference, and was not neglected in any way.

J. E. WILCOX.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

APPOINTMENTS UNTIL APRIL, 1898.

	1897.	DAYS.	1898.	STAKES.
October	16 and 17	(Saturday and Sunday)	January 15 and 16.....	Cache, Juab and Utah.
October	17 and 18	(Sunday and Monday)	January 16 and 17..... Weber
October	23 and 24	(Saturday and Sunday)	January 22 and 23..... Tooele
October	24 and 25	(Sunday and Monday)	January 23 and 24..... Box Elder and Oneida
November	6 and 7	(Saturday and Sunday)	February 5 and 6.....	Emery, Bear Lake, Summit and Wasatch
November	7 and 8	(Sunday and Monday)	February 6 and 7..... Uintah
November	13 and 14	(Saturday and Sunday)	February 12 and 13.....	Sanpete, Star Valley and San Luis
November	14 and 15	(Sunday and Monday)	February 13 and 14..... Morgan
November	20 and 21	(Saturday and Sunday)	February 19 and 20.....	San Juan, Sevier and Juarez
November	21 and 22	(Sunday and Monday)	February 20 and 21.....	St. John, Millard and Cardston
November	27 and 28	(Saturday and Sunday)	February 26 and 27..... Kanab and Wayne
November	28 and 29	(Sunday and Monday)	February 27 and 28.....	Panguitch and Snowflake
December	11 and 12	(Saturday and Sunday)	March 12 and 13..... Salt Lake, Davis and Malad
December	12 and 13	(Sunday and Monday)	March 13 and 14.....	Bingham, Bannock, St. George and St. Joseph
December	19 and 20	(Sunday and Monday)	March 20 and 21..... Casia, Parowan and Maricopa
December	25 and 26	(Saturday and Sunday)	March 19 and 20..... Beaver

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JOSEPH F. SMITH.