CHURCH INTELLIGENCE

MISSION FIELDS.

Missouri Conference.

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To the Editor:

Have just reported the mission conference here. We had a very successful evening meeting of saints. The way the assembling together, last August, of all the Elders in the state (conference was held at Kingston, the present county seat of Caldwell county, and the title to the state of "Far West," which is supposed to be at least in name, to all Latter-day Saints, and one to which the mind of every student of Church history is sure to accidentally revert. While there we visited the Temple lot and upon that sacred spot servantes Elders stood and at the same time assisted their voices in prayer to God, both in song and prayer for the privilege, then being judged and for the blessing that as a people of the same faith we are not called upon to suffer, as did those who formerly lived in that vicinity. Around the Temple lot upon which the late Prophet and leader, President Woodruff, was ordained an Apostle, we blessed and without four of "Mormon" song the hymns, "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah," and "We think Thee, O God, for a Prophet," after a contrast indeed to what it was sixty years back, when for fear of such visitors the Apostles were compelled in the night while the enemy slept, and disperse before the dawning of morn, while now we go where and when we please.

Six weeks later than our meeting at Far West, we all visited Adam-ondi-Ahman, the Nebraska Elders in conjunction conference, saw the exposition and then returned to Missouri and took up our labors for the winter in different cities of the State, continuing the same until the fourth of February, when we met once more together for conference, this time at Independence, Jackson county.

Owing partially to heat in the extreme cold weather then prevalent, our meetings were rather slimly attended, but for all that we had an enjoyable time together and at our Priesthood meeting, which was held at Kansas City, after all the Elders had departed themselves, Elder Kelsch spoke for some time, giving counsel and instruction for the guidance of the Elders.

Since our conference we were granted the privilege of holding meeting in the Independence Church building at Independence, providing they be allowed to ask questions and make replies to what we might say. This we agreed to and under such conditions held five meetings with a full house at each, and I believe the impression made upon many was for good.

"Zion's Ensign," their church paper, at that place, is giving a report of our meetings, while claiming a victory for themselves and demonstrating our position, concluded the article with the following: "The Elders of the Utah Church are affable, pleasant men to talk to, and their departure left with the living experiences they were called to face, in the criticism of their mission was exceptionally good and commendable and worthy of a better cause."

The Elders can at present be found at the following addresses: R. H. Argyle, J. T. Moses, W. H. Smith and S. E. Hall, St. Joseph; E. J. Pyncheon, H. Hansen, A. Reiser and A. C. Jensen, Sedalia; W. W. Howard, M. Mullen, H. A. Pace and J. Green, Kirksville; T. H. Chandler, E. D. Wilson, J. Aylett, R. H. Cox, P. J. Hansen and J. C. Jensen, Kansas City, Mo.

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Kentucky Hospitality.

The following lines are from a private letter from a missionary in the Southern States:

Glasgow, Ky., March 7, 1899.

Elder Robert Avery:

Dear Brother: I arrived at Chattanooga on the 26th ult. and was assigned to the Kentucky conference. I stopped in Warren county, with Elder Ellsworth Cahoon. I arrived at Glasgow, the county seat, just a week ago, and the next day, the 22nd of February, and expected to meet my companion of the district, in this, however, I was disappointed. It was a cold, boisterous evening, and God only knows my feelings, when I was assigned to accompany a young man who was administered to our meeting, on Sunday I was accompanied by another Elder, who was to be with me in Bowling Green, but