

acterized by a powerful testimony to the divinity of the cause represented.

The general Church authorities were sustained, as were the mission authorities and officers.

J. D. Irvine was appointed to succeed P. T. Wright as conference president, and Miss Louise Edwards received the appointment of clerk.

A large and attentive audience greeted us in the evening to hear Elder Nye on "Prophecies fulfilled." He quoted prophecies from Revelations, Malachi and Isaiah, relative to the restoration, appearing of the Savior to His temple, the gathering of Israel and the establishing of the mountain of the Lord's house; and, with invincible logic, proved their literal fulfillment, by facts connected with the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A commendable feature of the conference was the duets and solos, so well rendered by Sisters Scowcroft, Wright, Cooper, and Brothers Scowcroft and Smith.

A very delightful sociable was given in one of the large halls, on the evening of the 24th, by the local Saints and Elders stationed here, in which they and their friends and visiting Elders participated with genuine enjoyment.

On Monday the 26th, a Priesthood meeting was held, in which excellent instructions were given and the following appointments to fields of labor made: Elders J. W. Irvine, J. W. Nixon and Thomas Urle, Los Angeles city; Elders J. S. Berry and A. G. Bowman, Los Angeles county; Elders G. F. Harding, John Y. Smith and E. A. Bushman, San Diego city; Elders Charles Brown and Alvin Benson, San Diego county; Elders German E. Ellsworth and W. C. Horsley, Santa Ana, Orange county; Elders E. M. Whitesides and William Lunt, Ventura, Ventura county.

LOUISE EDWARDS.

NORTHERN INDIANA.

316½ MARKET ST., Logansport, Ind.

May 7th, 1897.

Your valuable paper reaches us regularly, and we appreciate your efforts in dispensing Gospel truths.

I have seen but little in the columns devoted to correspondence from missionaries regarding the Northern States mission, and nothing at all the Northern Indiana conference. This fact induces me to write you. There are reasons why the Northern States mission is not heard from as often as some other sections. One is, that we have not the time to spare. The work to be done is so great and the laborers so few, that our time is well taken up. We need more Elders. Among the people of the Northern States are many who will hear the voice of the true Shepherd when the chance is offered them. Our Elders are reaching all classes of people, and honest souls are being admitted into the fold every day. Blessed, indeed, is the young man who is honored with a call from God, through His divinely appointed way. And thankful should he be if he is so favored as to be counted worthy to labor in the Northern States.

The Northern Indiana conference convened on May 1st and 2nd, in a very fine hall at Logansport, Indiana. The president of the mission, Elder L. A. Kelsch, was with us. Our meetings were very well attended. The prospects, as compared with six months ago, are very en-

couraging. There were four baptisms last month, and quite a number of children blessed. And now comes the joyful news that others have applied for baptism; and, further, the prospects are very favorable for branches of the Church to be organized in at least two places. We have only eleven Elders in our conference at present, but have the promise of three more soon. We need them.

There are a great number of cities in the Northern part of Indiana, ranging in population from ten to fifty thousand, and in these cities there has been no sound of the Gospel, heard from humble Elders commissioned to preach it, for many years. Send us more laborers, qualified to present the Gospel in plainness to an enlightened people, living in a healthful climate, and their labors will be crowned with success.

The Elders who are laboring in this conference are a united band of energetic, faithful men, and, as others come, they will be heartily welcomed by us here. Our addresses for the present are:

Ernest M. Boyer, Logansport, Ind.

Joseph E. Cardon, Indianapolis.

Hyrum S. Arnoldson, Muncie.

John Foote and Geb. Barton, Anderson.

A. A. Bramwell and J. H. Hale, Kokomo.

J. L. Ellertson and John T. Gabhatt, Steam Corners.

William Andrews and J. L. Parcell, Lafayette.

ERNEST M. BOYER, President of Northern Indiana Conference.

NOTES FROM KENTUCKY.

LIBERTY, Kentucky,

April 22nd, 1897.

As it has been nearly eleven months since I left my mountain home, in obedience to the call of the Lord to perform a mission in the Southern States, I trust it will not be imposing upon you to ask space in your paper. I left home May 16th, 1896. After a quick, yet pleasant trip, we landed in Chattanooga, Tennessee. I was assigned to the famous Blue Grass state, as my field of labor, and I arrived on May 24th, at the city of Queensboro. My first companion was the president of the conference, Elder S. Smith, whose counsels and association I enjoyed very much.

Our conference convened June 20th, where we had a very enjoyable time.

After conference I was assigned to travel with Elder F. D. Richardson, who has been released since. We were to travel as "meteoric Elders"—a labor I enjoyed very much. I am now traveling with Elder I. C. Canfield.

I have been greatly blessed of the Lord, not having been sick a day since I came here. I have witnessed twenty-six honest souls go down into the waters of baptism, and in various ways have seen the power of God made manifest in behalf of those that love Him and keep His commandments. About the first of March we entered this county. Until then most of the people had not seen a Mormon Elder. We entered the county fasting and praying. We came to Liberty, the county seat. As we travel without purse or scrip, and depend upon the Lord to raise up friends to administer to our wants, He did so; for, when we called on the hotel keeper, and told him our mission and how we

traveled and that we would like to spend the night with him, he said he would be pleased to care for us. The next day he introduced us to several of the leading men of the town, and assisted us in securing the Christian church, to hold meetings in. On the 2nd inst., we met Elders Martin and Pond, who assisted us in holding meeting in the county seat. We had an enjoyable time together, and succeeded in making many friends. During the time we were holding meetings we were entertained royally at the Exchange hotel, as well as by Lawyer Stone. When we left, they invited us back.

The people in this county are very friendly, and the prospects are bright for a good harvest in the future. I must not forget to mention our friend, the editor of the Tribune, of this county, who so kindly gave us space in his valuable paper.

For the people of the South I have nothing but praise. In their hospitality, I don't think they can be surpassed by any other people in the world. I have learned to love them, though I cannot agree with many of them in their religious worship. There are many good, honest, souls, though, that belong to the different denominations, but they have put so much confidence in their blind leaders, that unless God intercedes in their behalf, they never will be convinced. They are continually in doubt as to whether they are right, and some even get angry at us, because we say we know we are right. Your valuable paper comes to hand regularly, and is always perused with interest.

ALVIN IPSEN.

CONFERENCE IN FLORIDA.

HASSELL, Jefferson County, Florida, May 5th, 1897.

The Elders, Saints and friends of the Florida conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints assembled in annual conference May the 1st and 2nd at this place. Elder Elias S. Kimball, our president, was with us. A neat cozy arbor had been especially built for the occasion, to a. m. Saturday May 1st found us at the appointed place. We were called to order by Elder Frank H. Cutler, president of the Florida conference. Under the direction of Elders Christopher J. Brown and Joseph Larson the Elders and congregation sang the hymn "Florida," composed by Elder Joseph A. West. Prayer was offered by Elder W. G. Fisher, the Godhead by Elder Wiley Nebeker; and the Gospel by Elder John Watts. Elder Joseph Larson dismissed the meeting by prayer.

Our many kind friends served a sumptuous dinner on the grounds. We all ate of the good things of life and engaged in pleasant conversation until 2 p. m.

The Fruits of faith, was the subject dwelt upon at length by Elder Heber C. Blood; followed by Repentance, essential to salvation by Elder William Criddle; Baptism, by Elders Christopher J. Brown and L. W. Lund; mission of Holy Ghost, by Elder W. H. Summers; and Laying on of hands by Elder Edward L. Black. Elder Elias Kimball made the closing remarks.

Sunday our meeting began at 10 o'clock. Elder W. G. Fisher spoke on Church organization. Elder Elias S. Kimball discoursed at length upon the first principles of the Gospel, and great-