INDIAN TERRITORY MISSION

The Recent Conference Held at St. John, Kansas.

Proceedings of the Various Meetings—Interest in Utah—Hospitality of the People—Mission Notes.

LETTER II.

ST. JOHN, KANSAS, September 17, 1895.

To the Editor:

The Saints and Elders were gathering to St. John prior to the arrival of Elder Andrew Kimball and party from Utah. Elders Wm. D. Bowring and Alvin A. Beesley have been released from their former field to travel in the new conference. They had been joined by Bros. P. H. Margetts and A. N. Wallace, and all were on their way to our future field of labor. Arriving at Hutchinson, Kansas, we were struck with the similarity between this little city and home, for on each side of the streets a row of shade trees could be seen for miles. The streets are also wide and improved, presenting a pleasing appearance to visitors.

On entering the train at 10:10 p.m., bound for St. John, we were agreeably surprised to find our Utah party in the same car. A let a pearl separation from our friends it was a pleasure to shake hands with some one just from Zion. A ride of two hours brought us to our destination, where Bros. Lyon and Coolbear awaited our arrival. The party went immediately to our new house of worship, which serves as a monument to the untiring efforts of Elders Lyon, Coolbear, Davis and Anderson. It is on a beautiful spot of land overlooking all Stafford county.

For many days the hospitable people of St. John had been awaiting our arrival, so Brother Coolbear had no difficulty finding accommodations. Entirely tired and weary mentalities. In the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 7th, we held a Preliminary meeting. Many invitations were given, and requests made, and Elders A. N. Wallace, O. W. Coolbear and A. H. Davis retained to return home. It was decided that hereafter there will be no preaching Elder here, but Elder W. D. Bowring will act as secretary and assistant president of the mission.

At 10 a.m. a general meeting of the Church members was held. There were on the stand eighteen Elders from Utah besides Elders Edward Stevenson and A. Kimball and four local Elders.

Sunday morning, Sept. 8th, the Elders, and friends of St. John numbering about 200 met, and under the direction of Brother Kimball, organized a Sabbath school, with officers and teachers. An informal meeting was gone through with, and service was closed till 2 p.m.

Long before the appointed hour the house was crowded to its utmost capacity. More chairs were brought from the adjoining building, so that by 2 p.m. it was estimated that fully 500 had come to witness the dedicatory services.

Elder Coolbear called the assembly to order and the choir, consisting of thirty-three voices, assisted by Pres. Kane, cornetist, Elder P. H. Margetts, violinist, and Elder Henry Kirkman, organist, sang the hymn, "This house we dedicate to Thee."

The opening prayer was by J. C. Lyon. The choir rendered, "For the strength of the hills we bless Thee."

Brother Coolbear was the first speaker. He told of the erection of the house and of his work in connection with Elders Lyon, Davis and Anderson. Also gave an account of money received and disbursed, which amounted to $1,585. He closed by thanking the people of St. John for their many acts of kindness to himself and fellow laborers.

A mandolin and guitar selection followed by Brothers Byron Nelecker and Alvin Beesley.

Elder Andrew Kimball then arose and offered a dedicatory prayer.

Although the hall was packed almost to suffocation, perfect order was maintained throughout and a heartfelt "amen" was uttered from many not of our faith.

"Oh my Father, Thou that dwellest," was sung by Elders Samuel and Henry Kirkman, P. H. Margetts, J. M. Fullmer and Alvin A. Beesley.

Elder Stevenson then said the citizens of St. John were promised rich blessings and that they would never regret the assistance rendered.

A violin solo by Elder P. H. Margetts followed and was appreciated by all.

Elder Kimball spoke of the success achieved by Elders Lyon, Coolbear, Davis and Anderson, and the Saints and their friends in St. John, and said Kansas would yet grow to be a great Mormon commonwealth. If the citizens of Kansas would continue in their good work, prosperity would be showered upon them. The words of the Prophet would be fulfilled regarding this land.

The choir sang, "Praise to the man," etc., and benediction was pronounced by Elder A. H. Davis.

Although our beautiful little meeting house has the largest seating capacity of any in the city of St. John, it was found to be inadequate for the crowds that gathered at night to learn more of the Latter-day Saints. Owing to this, the enterprising citizens procured the large pavilion, which has a seating capacity of seven hundred people, for us to hold our evening session in.

At 8 p. m. Elder Geo. W. Baker, of St. John, welcomed the people previous to Brother Stevenson commencing his subject. Immediately after the musical exercises the Mormon and interesting chorus belonging to Elder Stevenson were produced and a more instructive lecture or interested audience would be hard to find anywhere. For fully two hours his hearers were held spellbound, drinking in every word he uttered regarding that ancient subject—the Book of Mormon. Many regretted his having to stop before finishing, but owing to the late hour he had agreed he would finish the following evening in the same hall.

Once more the good people of St. John stepped forth and escorted from one to four of our party to accompany them home where they could partake of a refreshing sleep before our next day's preaching.

At 9:30 a.m., Monday, the musical sound of the great bell warned all of the approaching hour for our morning session, by pealing forth its notes to the inhabitants of the city, numbering about one thousand souls.

Our morning services were devoted to the hearing of testimonies by the following Elders: J. M. Fullmer, J. M. Knight, P. H. Margetts, Charles Solomon and Alvin A. Beesley.

Elder Kimball followed, giving an interesting account of his personal experiences in the Indian territory mission in 1884 and 1885.

After appropriate singing Elder John A. Hartley dismissed.

Immediately after the ending of the morning's session our party were happily thrown in contact with more of the Hutchinson and our friends. A sufficient number of vehicles were at our disposal with orders who drove us to all the principal points of interest, and through their immense fields of corn whose crops are second to none in the world. During the drive they were so impressed with the subject of irrigation, practiced so successfully in Utah, that Brothers Stevenson and Kimball were urged to remain a day longer that they expected, and decide on a second to "Emigration to Utah," and the "Advantages of Irrigation."

Promptly at 2 p.m. Brother J. C. Lyon, president of the Kansas conference, called the meeting to order, Mr. Wiley, daughter of the pioneer Wm. H. Foote of the Seventh ward, Salt Lake City, presiding at the organ.

Singing; prayer by Elder W. A. Brandon, of St. John; singing.

Elder Henry C. Anderson gave some of his experiences as traveling Elder in the Cherokee conference.

Elder A. H. Davis, who had been honorably released to return home immediately after conference, addressed the people as the apostacy.

Elder J. C. Lyon spoke briefly on the first principles of the Gospel, followed by Elder Edwin Evanson, who was in his way for his second mission. He spoke very interestingly of his first mission.

Brother George Baker Sr. was present beyond expression for the opportunity of meeting with the Elders and the Saints of his own faith. Brother Baker was formerly a member of the Hutchinson church, but led to the section of country by their leader many years ago, but has since united in connection with his family with our people.

Singing; prayer by Elder Alvin A. Beesley.

By 8 o'clock p.m. the large pavilion was comfortably seated with expectant listeners eager to hear more of our doctrine. After the usual exercises of singing and prayer, Brother A. H. Davis preaching, Elder Stevenson went to a full hour on the subject of the prophecies in Isaiah, the divinity of the Book of Mormon and calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elder Andrew Kimball followed on the origin of man, and his destiny.

At low tide of the evening the choir sang "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," and prayer was offered by William E. Newman.

Tuesday morning, Sept. 10, was selected as an appropriate time for a meeting to be held under the auspices of the Seventies. It was conducted by Elder Geo. W. Baker. After the musical exercises Brother Stevenson gave valuable advice to the Seventies just entering in their new avocation. Related the experiences he had had with Wm. Hickerson while at St. John, Mr. Hickerson claimed to have the authority necessary to further God's work given him by the Lord through Sidney Rigdon.

Brother Stevenson then told of his having taken part in the excommunication of Sidney Rigdon before he and laid his hands on Wm. Hickerson. After dwelling for a few moments on the succession of presidency of the Church, he invoked God's blessing on all.

Elder Kimball spoke for a few minutes on the care of Elders just entering the field regarding their health and as to the course to pursue when stricken down.

Brother W. E. Newman occupied the balance of the time speaking on the restoration of the Gospel and meeting closed.

It had been previously announced that Sister Stevenson would address the congregation Tuesday afternoon, so that by the appointed hour the house was nearly full of listeners eagerly waiting to hear from the women of Utah.

Elder A. H. Davis was the first speaker, dwelling on the second coming of Christ. His time having come for him to return home he bade farewell to the good people of St. John and vicinity and hopes he would be able to pay them another visit some day.

Elder Coolbear followed, thanking the people present for all favors granted, he too having been released to return home.

Brother Kimball then introduced Sister Stevenson to the congregation, who said she felt honored for the privilege of addressing her friends. When a girl she had often wished she had lived in the days of the ancient Apostles. When she first heard the Gospel preached by the followers of the modern Prophet she knew it was the truth. When our boys go out to preach, it is not for glory, wealth or any remuneration in this life, but for honor and the love of their religion. She spoke from experience having had a son fulfill a three years' mission to the Sandwich Islands. She said the down-trodden women of Utah as they are often termed, are granted greater rights than anywhere else in the world. She closed thanking the people for the demonstration of regard to our people.

A violin and organ selection by Brothers Margetts and Beesley followed, after which Brother Stevenson presented the officers of the Church at home, and by the Saints and Elders they were unanimously sustained.

After closing the whole body of people were photographed just in front of the meeting house.

Never in the history of the St. John opera house did such a crowd of people turn out to an entertainment as that which graced the mountebanks of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Tuesday night. It was estimated that fully 800 people witnessed the proceedings. The citizens had kindly donated the opera house for our use, for this occasion, as well as other times when our own house of worship was entirely inadequate for the throngs of people that turned out from time to time.

Our services had been especially given out for the week so that all were well acquainted.

From 8 o'clock till 11 the people were there as still as if was possible for such a crowd during the rendering of the numbers, or clapping for delight after each number. An important feature was assistance rendered by Professor Kane, cornet soloist, who introduced two solos besides assisting in the choruses.

The program as it was originally arranged was as follows, though some more pieces were added owing to the enthusiasm:

Opening chorus ..... Elders
Recitation, "Don't fret or worry" ..... Mrs. E. Evanson
Double Quartette, "Overland stage" ..... Elders
Mandolin and guitar duet, Byron Nelecker and Alvin Beesley
Comic recitation ..... P. H. Margetts
Organ solo, "Home, sweet home" ..... Henry Kirkman
Soprano solo, "Love that reached my heart" ..... Mrs. J. Samuel Smith
Violin solo, "Home, sweet home" ..... P. H. Margetts
Trio ..... Elders Samuels, Clarence and Beesley
Recitation, "Little Jim's mistake" ..... A. Kimball
Male chorus, "The king and the cook" ..... P. H. Margetts
Cornet solo ..... Prof. Kane
Comic recitation ..... J. M. Knight
Solo and chorus, "O my Father" ..... Elders
Recitation, "Mrs. Jones's Kitchen" ..... J. E. Evanson
Quartette, "Home, sweet home" ..... Elders
Recitation ..... Mrs. Jane Kane
Violin solo ..... P. H. Margetts
Male quartette, "Tom Moderate" ..... Elders
Tenor solo ..... Samuel Kirkman
Comic chorus ..... Elders
Prayer ..... H. Kirkman
Alvin A. Beesley, accompanist.

Thursday, another pleasant and interesting day.

Wednesday morning, September 11th, 1895—Owing to the illness of Bro. Bowring, which, however, is a thing of the past, Priesthood meeting was called at the house where Bro. Bowring was lying sick for, so that he could listen to the instructions. A short meeting followed in which the following officers were chosen to act in the various fields throughout the Indian Territory mission which comprises the Indian Territory, the states of Kansas and Arkansas and Oklahoma Territory, Secretary, President and assistant president of the mission, Wm. D. Bowring; presiding Elder of the Cherokee conference, Indian Territory, P. H. Margetts; presiding Elder of the Chickasaw conference, Indian Territory, Henry Kirkman; presiding Elder of the Oklahoma conference, Wm. E. Newman; presiding Elder of the Arkansas conference, S. P. Green; presiding Elder of the Kansas conference, Edwin Evanson; president of the St. John branch, Geo. W. Baker; president of St. John Sunday school, Wm. Brandon; assistant superintendent, G. W. Baker and C. Miller; secretary and treasurer, Nicholas Baker.

Grandma Baker was given a blessing under the hands of President Stevenson and Kimball and meeting was dismissed by Alvin Beesley.

Not the least thing of note during our conference was the baseball game of Wednesday afternoon, which served a victory for Utah's boys. Little did we expect when we accepted the challenge from the citizens team of Stafford county we would be in it, but we won it in to win and came out with a score of 18 to 16 in our favor, with the privilege of another innings, but it was not needed.

At 7 p.m. a concert was given by Kansas Comet band in honor of their Mormon friends.

Though the band is yet in its infancy it plays a good grade of music, comprising some selections as the Bohemian Girl, Poet and Peasant, etc. Their leader, Prof. Kane, is a musician of note, and is doing much toward the advancement of the art in St. John. Even slumber brought forth great applause.

The last meeting of our conference was given by special request and occurred immediately after the band concert. The subjects, "Emigration to Utah," "Advantages of Irrigation," "Developing a new country by irrigation," were handled by Brothers Stevenson and Kimball.

At the close of the lecture Attorney Mosley, a prominent resident of St. John, arose and said: "On behalf of the citizens of St. John to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we thank you for your delightful concert, for the lecture tonight, and for the honor conferred upon us by your presence. We know you are sincere in your religion, and in Stafford county, Kansas, we guarantee you the right given to us by our government, viz.: of worshiping God according to the dictates of your conscience. Welcome, welcome, thrice welcome again. We are sorry for your departure so soon; hope to see you return shortly, and the boys that remain will always be respected."

A selection by the band followed and Elder Stevenson dismissed by prayer.

Brother Kimball and party left the following morning, Tuesday, for Kansas City, on their return trip, the Elders left on the night train and next morning's for their fields. Two Elders remain in Kansas.

During the conference two of our Elders were absent from meetings through illness—W. D. Bowring and John H. Vernon. Tony are now regaining strength and we hope they will be able to resume their labors. Among the many kind friends to whom we feel indebted are Brother George W. Baker, Mr. Col. Glasscock and Mr. George Breckenridge, who have worked diligently with our Elders in erecting our meeting house here. The entire people have treated us with every hospitality.

ALVIN A. BEESLEY.

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A Union Pacific Fireman Has His Foot Severely Crushed.

A painful accident occurred to John E. Hastead, a fireman on the Union Pacific, at Draper yesterday. Mr. Hastead stepped on to the running board of the engine while it was in motion, when his foot slipped and it was caught between the cross-head and the frame, crushing it very severely.

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"Do you have a hard cough?"
"Do you have a loose cough?"
"Do you have a cough in the morning?"
"Does the nose bleed easily?"
"Do strange noises in the ears?"
"Is the hearing failing?"
"Do you sneeze sometimes?"
"Do you have a cough that keeps you awake?"
"Do you have a cough that wakes you up?"
"Do you have a cough that keeps you from sleeping?"
"Do you have a cough that keeps you from your work?"
"Do you have a cough that keeps you from your pleasure?"
"Do you have a cough that keeps you from your business?"
"Do you have a cough that keeps you from your duties?"
"Do you have a cough that keeps you from your rest?"
"Do you have a cough that keeps you from your study