

originated, and where the characters of its founders are too well known to accomplish much, but in answer, the young men who have been sent to defend the truth, say: "The Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come; repent and be baptized," and then they go about their work which they have been called upon to do.

This is the state of things in western New York, and we are in hopes that ere long we will be able to see more organizations in this part of the vineyard, and hope that the work of the Elders in the future will be more appreciated than it has been in the past, and that the seed that has been sown will bring forth a bounteous harvest. Your brothers in Christ,

RAY T. COWAN,
J. M. CALDERWOOD.

Salamanca, N. Y.
P. S.—Any one having relatives or friends in the counties of Steuben, Genesee, Wyoming, Thompsons, Chautauque, Allegany or Cattaraugus, that would like the Elders to visit, would please send addresses to Ray T. Cowan or J. M. Calderwood, Box 881, Salamanca, Cattaraugus county, New York.

The Oregon Conference.

Union, Ore., Sept. 27, 1893.

We have at present nine Elders in this state, who are earnestly looking after the affairs of our great Master and who are energetic in the spreading of the glorious truths of the everlasting Gospel. These humble Elders are working with much diligence to clear away the clouds of darkness that have accumulated over the minds and hearts of many who are honest in heart. The work seems to be growing apace and it is very pleasant to say that much of the prejudice that has existed against the people of God is disappearing with wonderful rapidity. While it is a matter of time, the desired ending is sure. The people of the world must become friendly and lay aside all bitter feeling before the plan of salvation can be brought to their understanding.

The people of Oregon, generally speaking, are an educated people and after the Elders become acquainted with the people and the people become acquainted with the Elders, the Elders are treated loyally. We find a good people, a considerate people, and we find true American citizens, and we also find some few everywhere who are contrary in almost every respect, who never investigate or look to both sides of a question before bringing in judgment against the cause of truth.

Occasionally we find a family who once lived among the Latter-day Saints and invariably they report the "Mormon" people as they are. We are also gratified at times to find good Saints who have left their homes in Utah to seek a livelihood and who have not seen a "Mormon" for a very long time. When found, it is a common thing to see them burst into tears to think upon the past and also shed tears of joy to contemplate the work of God spreading until they can again be numbered with an organized branch.

In conversing with an aged man a few days since and explaining to him the truth of the Gospel, he made this remark, which we sincerely believe was spoken from his heart: "You Elders are representing a cause with more truth attendant thereto, and hold more to the Bible and reason than any I have heard in the past 62 years." We feel to give our eternal Father praise for the privilege of hearing this glad message and enjoying the Holy Spirit to help us explain the plans and pur-

poses of the Almighty as far as understood.

If any of your readers have friends or relatives in the state, we would be pleased to have the Elders call and visit them.

We are your brethren in the Gospel,
JAS. S. GEDDES, President.
W. P. MONSON, Secretary.
Baker City, Oregon.

A Conference Report.

Providence, Rhode Island,

September 21, 1893.

I herewith send you a report of our conference held last Saturday and Sunday at No. 767 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

Meeting was called to order on Saturday with an attendance of twenty-three Elders. On the stand were Elders A. P. Kesler, John M. Whitaker, president of the New England conference, and Elder H. H. Kinsman, the former president, but who was released July 1, 1893, to return home.

Elder Whitaker made an opening address.

Elder John A. Mayer reported his labors in connection with Elder H. A. Kesler in Nova Scotia, as being in a very favorable condition.

Elders Charles O. West and S. S. Hunker reported their labors in York county, Maine. They had been able to hold quite a number of meetings.

Elders George W. Esplin and James Campkin had been laboring in Ipswich, Mass. Their labors were not as favorable as could be desired. Elders Samuel Knight and Charles Westover had labored some at Lincoln, Mass. but at that point the work was very discouraging. Later they moved to Lynn, Mass. Here they had much better success, and felt much encouraged.

Elder Henry Abbaup had been unable to do anything since early last spring owing to ill health, till the first of the present month. Since then he had done some visiting and assisted Elder Graham to hold a number of cottage meetings.

Elder Wm. H. Graham reported that his labors has been much impeded by the sickness of his companion. He had labored part of the time in Boston and later in Everett, Mass.

Elder W. L. McAllister and Arthur J. Wagstaff had been laboring in Brockton, Mass. Their labors had been entirely confined to tracting and visiting.

Elders E. S. Green and George C. Murdock reported their labors in Worcester, Mass., as progressing very nicely. They had been holding meetings on the public corners.

Elders Don C. Spafford and Ozro O. Crockett, whose labors had been confined to Fall River said that so many of the heads of families were employed in the mills that it was hard to meet them.

Elders Peter C. and Enoch Cornia reported their labors at Mantou and Centerville, R. I., as being very encouraging.

Elders J. Z. Stewart, Willis K. Johnson and Arthur F. Burton reported their labors in Providence, R. I.,

Elder A. P. Kesler then gave a few words of instruction.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by Elder Whitaker. Prayer by Elder H. H. Kinsman.

Elder Whitaker addressed the conference on the general principles of the Gospel, touching on the personality of God and His attributes; His appearance to Joseph Smith, etc.

Elder A. P. Kesler next spoke, showing that belief alone was not sufficient to gain salvation. He made especial

reference to the first principles of the Gospel.

Elder H. Tuttle Jr. spoke a short time. He has been laboring in Pennsylvania, but has been released to return home. He is now visiting some relatives in Massachusetts.

The evening meeting was called to order at 7:35 p. m.

Elder Geo. C. Murdock spoke on the one, true plan of salvation.

Elder Enoch Cornia spoke on the organization of the Church; its different branches, and the necessity of authority.

Elder H. H. Kinsman was the next speaker. He made special reference to the divine organization of the Church of Christ.

Elder A. P. Kesler followed, speaking on the authenticity of the Book of Mormon and the Bible.

The first meeting the following day was called to order by Elder Whitaker at 10:15 a. m.

Elder P. P. Willey, who had been laboring in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, having arrived from Brooklyn, gave a report of his labors in that part. He said he had met a great many drawbacks in his labors, but was determined to do his best.

Elder H. H. Kinsman then made a report of his labors up to the time he received his release. He called to mind the fact that the New England conference was yet in its infancy, having been opened the first time since about forty-five years, only some two or three years ago, he having been one of its pioneers. He said present conditions were not as good as could be desired, but he felt that they were improving.

Elder Kesler read a list of appointments, appointing each to their fields of labor, and then gave instructions in regard to tracting, the tracts to be used and the manner of procedure; also on tithing and the duties of the Elders and Saints in general.

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 2:10 p. m. Elder Willis K. Johnson spoke on the restoration of the Gospel, and the necessity of divine authority.

Elder Ozro O. Crockett gave an interesting address on baptism and its necessity.

Elder A. P. Kesler addressed the conference on the apostasy and restoration of the Gospel, and also the first principles of the Gospel.

The evening meeting was called to order at 7:15 p. m. Elder H. H. Kinsman spoke on the evidence of history and the authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

Elder Arthur F. Burton followed speaking on the divinity of Joseph Smith's mission.

Elder John M. Whitaker addressed the conference on obedience and its necessity; also on the law of love and the holy Spirit's influence.

The conference was concluded by singing "Guide us O Thou Great Jehovah."

Prayer by Elder P. P. Willey.

The conference was quite well attended and an excellent spirit prevailed. Its benefits will be felt very materially in the near future as instructions were given which will assist the Elders very much in their labors. The papers advertised us freely, giving some good, as well as lengthy articles; having published an article written by Elder Whitaker. We are indebted to them for their kind attentions.

ARTHUR F. BURTON,

A Philadelphia man named Arinstin, has mysteriously disappeared in Leadville, Colo., and it is feared he has met with foul play.