



SOUTHERN STATES.

IN THE HANDS OF A MOB.

Elders Prohibited from Stopping in Mississippi Town.

Elder Milton Moody, in a letter dated Speed, Covington Co., Miss., Feb. 21, reports the following experience:

I have been laboring in the Mississippi conference for about 15 months, and as a whole have enjoyed my labors. We find a great many good friends, and some very bitter enemies. In some parts the mob spirit is still alive.

The 13th inst., while my companion, Elder S. Cook, and I were canvassing Pachuta a little railroad town in the western part of Clarke county, a ruffian came up where we were talking with two men and gave our grip a kick and began cursing and swearing. We at once observed that he was there for trouble, and told him we were not there for any disturbance. He only profaned the more, cursing our leaders. We took our grip and continued our course. He followed us, they said, to give us two hours to get out of town.

Not wishing any trouble and finding that no one was willing to defend us, we left the town at once, but had gone about half a mile when the same disturber overtook us on a horse and with a doublebarrel shotgun in his hands ordered us to go and sit on a log by the roadside. We obeyed and soon others came, and they held a consultation. The leader seemed determined to injure us, while one or two were willing to give us a chance. We were silently praying that the Lord would soften their hearts, and our prayers were answered. They told us they did not intend to kill us, but just met a man with a gun and brought it with them. They said they didn't want any of us to ever come in the town of Pachuta. The leader did the talking and said they represented the minds of the people as it had been talked over before. We assured them that we would not visit them again, if they objected to us canvassing. He said they wanted us to tell all our Elders that they must not stop in their town any more; that they could pass through, but must not stop.

Mississippi has been very thoroughly canvassed and nearly every part twice and some places three times, so that every one who wants to know anything about the Gospel has had the privilege.

As far as we know, all the Elders of this conference are enjoying the blessings of health and endeavoring to do their duty.

Called Home.

Brother Pink Holloway, writing from Nunez, Ala., Feb. 15, says the death of his mother, Martha Holloway, wife of Jack Holloway, occurred on Feb. 3, 1902.

She has been a warm friend to many of the Elders. The writer says she was baptized into the Church by J. C. De LaMare, Aug. 21, 1886, and confirmed by A. O. Smith the same day, and was a faithful member of the Church from her baptism up to the time she was taken from us. She passed gently away. The entire family was present at her death except her oldest son who was in Wyoming. Her home was a home for the Elders. Her doors were opened to about 125 Elders. She leaves a husband and eight children living, six girls and two boys, all of whom are Latter-day Saints. She was born Dec. 30, 1845 in Hardin county, Tenn., and died from us in her 57th year. Our father died of bed of sickness and has been dying with dropsy for three months. The correspondent asks for the sympathy and prayers of the Stake.

The cause of her death is thought to have been a gripe and pneumonia.

All was done within the power of friends for the welfare of Sister Eddie, but to no avail. The bereaved certainly have the sympathy of the Elders in this conference. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

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ENCOURAGING EXPERIENCES.

Remarkable Manifestation of the Power of God.

Elder David O. Allen, writing from El Paso, Barry Co., Mo., Feb. 18, relates the following incidents:

In company with Elder Ephraim L. Blair of Lewiston, U. S., I left the village of Washburn. We were following the road down a ravine, and as we neared the mill we met a gentleman. On learning that we were "Mormon" Elders, he told us he had read the Book of Mormon and other Church works. He first met with Elders Benson and Ridings in Arkansas about a year ago, and from that time he had been investigating. He could not get rid of the impression that the Church was the true Church in his mind and he believed the Gospel. We spent an enjoyable evening with him and his family. The following morning, Jan. 31, we went from there to Seligman, a distance of six miles and held meetings. On the 4th of February we were impressed to return to the gentleman who had met by the mill. It happened that we met a Christian minister, and one of our principal topics of conversation was that of sin following man who believes. While talking with him, the son of the man whom we were on the road to see, came up and said his father desired to see us. As we arrived at the saw mill, the man whom we were looking for, his son informed us that his father was at the house in bed, as the day be-

fore he had got caught in the machinery of the mill and was seriously hurt. When we entered his home, we found him suffering very much with pain. He was pleased to see us, as it was in answer to his prayers. We desired that we should administer to him. We did so, and in a few moments he arose from his bed and put on his boots. All pain had left him. A few moments previous he was unable to use his left limbs at all. Brother Pat and the part of his family who were present, were caused to rejoice and pray to the Lord, seeing His power made manifest in their behalf. He then related what had taken place next day and the need of all preceding quorum meeting often together and counseling together for the benefit of those over whom they preside.

The first ground was broken today for the establishing of a water system, which is expected to supply at least 40 families in the northeastern part of the city. The company is known as the "East Bench Waterworks company," and is incorporated under the laws of the state, and is officered as follows: E. B. Miles, Jr., president; H. W. Noble, secretary; W. C. Pierson, R. E. Tideball and L. J. Pierson, directors. Our city council very promptly granted them a franchise to cross the streets, where it would be necessary.

E. B. MILES, JR.

Star Valley Stake.

The quarterly conference of Star Valley Stake of Zion was held in Afton on Feb. 15 and 16, 1902.

The Stake presidency were in attendance, also High Councilors and Bishops of the various wards. The conference convened at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. President president after demand, the first speaker made the opening remarks and announced that the afternoon meeting would be devoted to funeral services, in memory of Brother Archibald Gardner.

Elder Wm. W. Burton spoke on the great privileges we as a people enjoy.

Elder Anson Bowen of Call of Mexico, a missionary to the Y. M. M. I. A., who has been laboring successfully in our midst for four months, gave a spirited address urging the saints to live together even, so that they could be instructed in the principles of the Gospel.

On Saturday afternoon Elder Geo. Osmond spoke on the noble character of Elder A. Gardner and his benevolence to the Samoan mission, for which he was set apart on the 15th of April, 1899. Elder Sears says that at the time he arrived in Samoa there was war, and he regarded the work some. But when peace was restored, the work was resumed. During the disturbances the headquarters of the mission had been looted and destroyed, and much work had to be done in the line of repairs and re-settlement. The schools now are flourishing, and good results are looked for. One concrete and two frame meetinghouses have been erected and dedicated. The Book of Mormon has been translated and will be published at an early date. Bro. Sears predealed over the mission until released. He was succeeded by Elder Joseph H. Merrill, of Smithfield.

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