

had the privilege of baptizing two honest souls, brother and sister, into the fold of Christ and now their aged mother desires baptism. Our conference was held at Unionville, Putnam County, on the 28th and 29th of November. There were fifteen Elders and nine Saints present. We held six public meetings Saturday and Sunday, and Priesthood meeting Monday. The spirit of God was made manifest and the principles of life and salvation were dwelt upon in a plain but forcible manner by the several Elders. We also received some valuable instructions from our beloved president.

The following officers were chosen and sustained:—Elder A. L. Kelsch, to succeed Elder Samuel G. Spencer as president of the Northern States Mission; Elder Christopher Burton to succeed Elder Eugene S. Hart as clerk of the Mission; Elder Bines W. Dixon as president of the Missouri conference, and Elder E. J. Liddle as clerk of conference. President S. G. Spencer and clerk E. S. Hart have been honorably released. The Elders were appointed their fields of labor as follows:

B. W. Dixon and companion, Hannibal, Marion county.

A. L. Kelsch, C. Burton Jr. William F. Butt and C. W. Badger, 904—E. 15th street, Kansas City, Missouri.

George Done and companion, Louisiana, Pike county.

John G. Evans and companion, Milan, Sullivan county.

Thomas Loynd and J. W. Kay, St. Joseph, Missouri.

C. H. Owen and Alex Watson, Nevada, Vernon county.

Daniel Bodily and E. J. Liddle, Jefferson City, Cole county.

The Elders whose companions' names are not given are awaiting new arrivals.

I am pleased to state that the work of God is progressing very well in this city. We have many friends and a number of earnest investigators. We have adopted the plan of holding meetings at private houses as the best means of reaching the people. The few months I have passed in the missionary field have been the happiest of my life and I would encourage the young men to prepare themselves to preach the Gospel in the world, for it is truly a great and glorious privilege to become ambassadors of Christ.

The NEWS is always a welcome visitor, bringing, as it does, news from our co-laborers the world over. I am your brother in the Gospel,

E. J. LIDDLE.

Clerk of Missouri Conference.

GOOD REPORTS FROM FLORIDA.

CYPRESS, Jackson County, Florida.
November 26th, 1896.

Proselyting continues in this the "Land of Florida." The Elders of the Church of Christ are making many friends and saints. The "Meteoric" Elders, those who were sent back in the canvassed counties, are sending in very favorable reports. All are encouraged with the success of the Elders generally.

At Hasselville a Sabbath school was organized under the direction of Elder Joseph A. West assisted by local Elders August 9th, 1896. Brother Addison Hassel was chosen superintendent. A full force of officers and teachers were appointed necessary for the conducting of the three departments, theological,

intermediate and primary. Agreeable to an invitation many friends of the Saints joined in making an enrollment of forty members. The people gave it the name of the Westland Sabbath School in honor of our worthy president. The Latter-day Saints' methods of teaching being very much better in many respects and different in others than those usually employed in the world, it requires considerable care and attention in starting out. The officers and teachers need a thorough drilling. My companions and I have made it a practice to arrange our appointments elsewhere in the county so that we could be present with the Sabbath school during its session, assisting them with their studies and acquainting them with the methods to be pursued. A spacious arbor was constructed in which to assemble during the warm weather. Later on a committee was appointed to select a building site for the erection of a church in the near future.

This is the field in which Elder T. F. Wasden and companions have done very efficient work. Some changes having been made among the Elders of late, he in connection with Elder F. Smith will assume the labors in this vicinity. My companion Elder William Criddle has been called to labor with Elder J. Watts in Baker County. I have been chosen to accompany Elder F. Cutler on a tour, visiting Elders in their various counties, assisting them in filing appointments.

We regret to learn recently that a firm friend and member of the church, Sister Uriah Hassel, departed this life. She was a devoted wife and loving mother, and leaves a wide circle of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

At this season of the year many protracted meetings are being held by the various denominations; especially is this the case where the churches of Christ are being established. The young men in Zion who are qualifying themselves for the work of the Lord, in disseminating the truth, should consider themselves kindly favored when called on a mission to the Southern States. Here the people are kind and hospitable and generally they are a Bible-believing people, and they should be particularly elated when they are so fortunate to be set apart to labor in Florida conference. Here the winters are mild and the summer's heat is made pleasant by the refreshing breezes from the sea coast. Flowers bloom every month in the year. The roads often pass through hummocks where an endless variety of timber can be seen. The beautiful warblings of the birds cheer the transient on his journey and he is led to admire the beauties of nature and praise the Great Creator in having the privilege of working in His cause, even of spreading the Gospel of peace.

Your paper is a welcome visitor and its pages are perused with much interest and profit. CHRIS. J. BROWN.

MISSISSIPPI METHODS.

DEKALB, Kempu County, Mississippi.
November 24th, 1896.

On November 20th, we entered De Kalb, the county seat of Kempu County. There we found hospitality that we believe is unsurpassed. While on our way to this county we were often warned to beware of the people, for the county was "a rough one." Such reports we did not fear, but as God has commanded, we went forth, without

purse or scrip, in fasting and prayer (aided in like manner by the Elders of the conference) and depending upon the Lord to open the way before us.

Arriving at De Kalb, we introduced ourselves and our cause to the leading officials, and readily discovered that they were not the selfish people we had been told they were. We found they were a liberal, broad-minded class and upholders of those who were endeavoring to do right. The court house was willingly and freely granted to us for our service and we made use of the same for five interesting meetings.

After visiting some of the business houses, evening approached, and we were accosted by a prominent lawyer and the sheriff, who greeted us with "Gentlemen, if you will make choice of a hotel, we will be pleased to conduct you thither, as arrangements have been made for your entertainment, as long as you desire to remain in our midst." This kind invitation was gratefully accepted. We were escorted to Hotel Little and there received the most courteous treatment.

Our series of meetings closed with a lecture on the "Authenticity of the Book of Mormon," which aroused great interest among the people, many desiring to become possessors of the same, that they might investigate it for themselves. The book we had with us was purchased by a prominent lawyer, and the address of purchasing office was given to a number of others.

This is but an illustration of our success in Liberty and Philadelphia, county seats of Neshoba and Amite Counties. Thus we know the Lord blessed us.

The Elders of this conference report good health and earnest determination to do their duty. On the 14th of October, we greeted with pleasure, Elders Henry F. Kimball of Salt Lake City and William N. Eyre of Parowan, Iron County, Utah, and on November 17th, William N. Dye, and Leon B. Hampton, the former from Basalt, Bingham County, Idaho, and the latter from Salt Lake City.

Your valuable newspaper comes regularly to hand, and is much appreciated, and perused with interest by the Elders and friends.

The following are the addresses of Elders in this conference.

F. T. Pomeroy and S. H. Jones, Jackson, Mississippi.

J. W. Chipman and A. T. Rose, Williamsburg, Covington County.

C. H. Johnson, C. J. Block, Paulding Jasper County.

George B. Cox, W. W. Buchanan, Raymond, Hinds County.

George F. Shelley, H. S. Sanders, Nat Amite County.

D. N. Faddis, W. R. Holmes, Poplarville, Pearl River County.

Leo C. Woolley, R. W. Brown, Centralia, Neshoba County.

William G. Palmer, W. N. Eyre, Newton, Newton County.

R. F. Jardine, L. B. Hampton, Meridian, Sanderdale County.

S. T. Baker, William N. Dye, Scooba, Kempu County.

William L. Openshaw, D. Wheeler, Raleigh, Smith County.

George W. Rollins, H. F. Kimball, Carthage, Leake County.

C. A. Parrish, Hyrum Nebeker, Ellisville, Jones County.

F. T. POMEROY, President.
S. H. JONES, Clerk.