

Our numbers here are few, but we hold meetings every Sabbath, and are blessed. We hope the time is near when there will be more Saints come to this place. If any of the Elders going east will favor us with a visit they will be made welcome. With love to all lovers of truth, your sister in Christ,  
S. C. H.

SHACKELVILLE, Butler Co., Alabama,  
July 24th, 1878.

*Bro. Henry:*—Our meetings in Moss Point, Mississippi, were not a success. We left there July 1st, and the 6th and 7th found us engaged with the Florida Saints in conference. We think some good was done, and all enjoyed the session. Bro. Jessie Reeder was ordained an Elder, and Bro. David Donaldson a Priest. May God endow them with the spirit of their calling. One was baptized. From conference we were taken by Bro. D. O. McArthur to Coldwater Branch, where Bro. West and I parted company, he to remain at home, and I to make my way to Alabama. July 13th and 14th I enjoyed a conference with the Alabama Saints at Pleasant Hill Branch. Provision was made for the support of the family of Bro. Wm. J. Booker, he to labor in the ministry. May God crown his labors with success. July 16th in company with Bro. G. T. Chute I came to this place where I have preached a few times. On the 19th I made arrangements with Rev. A. T. Sims, of the Missionary Baptists for a discussion to commence October 8th, 1878, at Ebenezer Church, near Butler Springs, Butler county, Alabama, on the following propositions:

1st. Does the Bible teach that sins are remitted or pardoned by baptism?  
2d. Do the Scriptures teach that the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, is an ordinance of Christ's Church?

3d. Do the Scriptures teach that the kingdom of Christ shall continue on earth, in an organized condition from its organization in the days of the apostles until Christ's second coming?

4th. Is the Book of Mormon what it purports to be?

5th. Was Joseph Smith a false prophet?

The discussion is to continue five days, two sessions each day of two hours each. Mr. Sims affirms the 3d, and 5th propositions, and denies the others, reserving the right to furnish a substitute if he wishes. Will the Saints every where remember the time and make special prayer for the triumph of truth? The cause is moving onward "and Babylon trembles for fear of her loss." May God's power attend all his faithful laborers is my earnest prayer. Your brother and co-laborer,  
HEMAN C. SMITH.

Noble County, Indiana,  
July 23d, 1878.

*Bro. Joseph and Henry:*—Since last writing I have been north and east, as far as Coldwater, Michigan. Called at the place where I heard they wanted meetings, but found the occasion not favorable at the present. I stayed one night with a Mr. Corbin, who lives two or three miles west of Rome, and had a friendly visit with him and his wife. He had heard the Saints' doctrine preached a good many years ago, and was friendly towards it, but he tried to argue infidelity as to the teachings of the Bible. On leaving he kindly invited me to call again.

I found the Saints at Coldwater feeling well, and especially so as they had been strengthened and cheered by the good conference lately held there, and Bro. Columbus Scott was making it interesting by his debate with the Adventist. The debate was largely attended by both the Saints and those not of the Church. I attended the last three nights. It was plainly to be discerned that, in the minds of the audience, Br. Scott gained the victory, and I think that the Adventist will wish to be a little farther off when seeking for a contest with our little Br. Scott again; at least I think so; but at the same time wish that he might be able to find and walk in the good way.

I preached twice in the branch and attended several meetings of Bro. Scott's, and also preached once by appointment of the people at the Batavia Center School-house, seven miles west of Cold-

water, and the next Sabbath went out again with Br. Scott, where he filled two appointments. only a few in attendance. On Sunday July 14th, Brother Wm. Reynolds brought me to Clear Lake, Indiana, where I attended the branch meeting and preached at the school-house in the evening. Quite a large ingathering has been made there lately, and the brethren say that many more are believing the doctrine.

I left there on the Thursday following, and am now again in Noble county, and think to go westward to-morrow, as far as Stark county. My health is tolerable good, and I hope that this may find you in health, with all those of the office and the Saints there.

C. G. LANPHEAR.

ANAMOSA, Iowa, August 5th, 1878.

*Bro. Henry:*—I am still in Eastern Iowa, laboring for the Master. I have not been to Floyd county, as I expected, for the reason that I lacked the means to travel with, and the people out there did not furnish any. I also wrote to Bro. Hackett of Wisconsin stating my willingness to go there, if they could assist me with means to travel with, but, after waiting over four weeks and receiving no answer, I have at last abandoned the hope of being able to go, and shall probably cross over into Illinois soon and devote myself to the interests of the cause over there. My health is still quite poor at times, and I hear from home that my wife is sick. Pray for us. I feel good in spirit. Yours &c.,

JOHN S. PATTERSON.

CADILLAC, Michigan,  
August 2d, 1878.

*Bro. Henry:*—I do think the law of tithing is but a fair test of the faith of a people called to be Saints of God. People do and will "rob God." Why should I be afraid to give God that small portion (a tithe) of what he bestows upon me; yea, let all Saints learn to tithe and pay of their increase, but let shiftless, extravagant, or lazy ones remember that a tithing of their time and powers will be required, as well as of those who industriously and economically accumulate the goods of this world. May the Lord move us to liberality in the cause.

I am glad to know of the success of Bro. Bays mission; was pleased to meet with him last winter. How it revives and cheers me to know of the gospel triumphs.

I see the Elders meet the Spaulding story occasionally. I want to say, for the benefit of many who read the *Herald* who are not Saints, that I had an interview last winter, at Painesville, Ohio, with Eber D. Howe the author of "Mormonism Unveiled." When asked by me what he knew of Joseph Smith or S. Rigdon's connection with the Spaulding story, he said he didn't know anything. But he did tell me that neither himself nor Hulbert ever saw the Spaulding manuscript. He did say that he sent Hulbert to Massachusetts to get the original manuscript of Spaulding's widow; she didn't know about it, but there were some of Spaulding's old writings left in a trunk in York state, which he found, brought something to Howe, both went down to Conneaut, Ohio, to show to Spaulding's neighbors, who told them that wasn't the paper Spaulding used to read from, and which they thought contained names similar to those in the Book of Mormon. Mr. Spaulding's widow didn't get rich out of half the proceeds of the book that was to, "annihilate Mormonism," but received word from Hulbert that the manuscript "didn't read as they expected it."

I wish that any one who thinks that there is a shadow of foundation for the story could interview Mr. Howe. He does not attempt to conceal the fact that the whole thing was gotten up for money speculation. The enemies of the gospel were willing to pay for anything, or any kind of a weapon that promised damage to the "Mormons," he thought; but God confounded, and to day there's not a copy to be had for love nor money, the most being burned in the Painesville fire. There was even much less to the story than I had thought, absolutely nothing. *The work is of God, and not man; Joseph Smith was a true Seer; he did interpret by inspiration of God that*

heaven-preserved record, that is to bring Ephraim's children back to the covenant and to spiritual and temporal blessings; that blessed record that has saved me from infidelity; that has given us, my dear brother, so sure a foundation for our hope; that record of which, when I read and when I sing, the spirit of peace, of joy, and of truth bears abundant witness; that record which old Father John Whitmer told me last winter, with tears in his eyes, that he knew as well as he knew he had an existence that Joseph translated the ancient writing which was upon the plates which he "saw and handled," and which, as one of the scribes, he helped to copy, as the words fell from Joseph's lips, by supernatural or almighty power.

"Hail this record, Saints in Zion,  
Hidden by Moroni's hand,  
Till the God our souls rely on  
Unto Joseph gave command  
To translate it,  
Send it forth to ev'ry land."

Yours in the glorious work,

MYRON H. BOND.

THREE MILE CREEK, Utah,  
July 29th, 1878.

*Editors Herald:*—Last Tuesday in company with Bro. Warnock, and son, I came from Salt Lake City to Kaysville, reaching there in a thunder storm that evening—stayed over night with Bro. John Weaver who with his amiable wife made us welcome. We saw Bro. John Hodson, a few moments, who is as staunch in the faith as ever. Wednesday morning early we hastened to Ogden, and then in company with Bro. Wm. McGary, (who recently met with the sad loss of his wife in New Mexico and is now here visiting relations), and sisters Morse and Chase, we journeyed ten miles further to Plain City, to fill an appointment, it being the anniversary of the advent of the Mormon Pioneers in Utah.

We were one and a half hours late, notwithstanding the good efforts put forth by Brn. Warnock and McGary to get us there at the hour appointed; however, the audience gave us a warm reception and urged us to speak. They had been pleasantly entertained by Brn. Fyrando, Robson and others; however, we felt to add our mite which was done in the course of one hour. Altogether we had a good time and if I am to judge from expressions the feeling was mutual with all present. We met here Messrs Sharp, Davis, Skeen, Musgrave and others who are denominated "apostates;" but I found them liberty loving men and from them received acts and words of kindness—I pray they may return to their first love in Christ and be united with us. On our way back to Ogden we spent a few minutes with Bro. John Taylor, an old time Saint, who told us some reminiscences of Missouri—seemed warm in the faith and glad to see us.

After spending another night with our staunch friend, Bro. Wells Chase and his pleasant family, Bro. Fyrando and I were brought on our way to this place—by Bro. Warnock. Bro. Fyrando having obtained the Presbyterian church, in Brigham City, and making an appointment for me, I essayed to fill it yesterday at two o'clock p. m., speaking by request upon the subject of "Authority," or "Succession to the Presidency" in the Mormon Church. Any one conversant with Mormonism knows that the evidence upon this subject is contained largely in the book of Doctrine and Covenants and church history, which I was producing to a very attentive audience, even those outdoors were listening very attentively when lo! and behold! in steps Mrs. S. L. Gillespie, the minister's wife, (They live in the back part of the house), and requested me to desist from preaching such doctrines; as they were very disgusting to them, &c., &c. I explained that I was speaking by request—showing that Brighamites were inconsistent with their own profession—but no use, "They," she said, "could not allow it." I am at a loss to know whether she is a Brighamite, or a Presbyterian. However I look for and expect to find as much religious liberty with Utah Mormons as with such Presbyterians. One thing I believe—that if the Mormons of Brigham City had given me a house to preach in, they would have permitted me to finish my discourse in peace; and our Presbyterian friends east will make no re-