

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

Roscoe, Washington county, Pa.,  
April 15, 1898.

The usual spring conference of the West Pennsylvania conference, Eastern States mission, was held April 9th and 10th, 1898, with Elder A. P. Kesler in attendance. There were also present Joshua Selley, president of conference, and Elders D. P. Thomas, Henry Larsen, Walter P. Rich, John A. Bevan Jr., L. S. Harris, John E. Isgreen, Heber E. Farr, Walter E. Heller, James C. Hacking, Walter N. Draper, John H. Davis, Samuel D. Winter, Amasa Belnap, James B. Woolsey, Harry M. Rich and Marcus Taggart.

Our first day's service was held in the school house at Troytown, Fayette county, Pa., which is located on the east side of the Monongahela river, about forty miles south of Pittsburg. Our Saturday meeting was well attended by Saints, mostly, quite a delegation coming from the New England, Allegheny county, Pa., branch, headed by Elder George Barnes, the presiding Elder, who is known by all the Elders who have labored in this section of the country for the last fifteen years. During the three meetings all the Elders were given an opportunity to speak. All expressed themselves as being much pleased with their labors, and highly favored of the Lord. During the services several excellent solos were rendered by Elder Samuel D. Winter. Elder Kesler also delivered a very interesting discourse.

Our services on the 10th, (Sunday) were held at Coal Centre, Washington county, Pa., which is three miles south from Troytown, and on the west side of the river. Three splendid meetings were held, the attendance being very good, with perfect order throughout.

Elders Joshua Selley, Harry M. Rich, John H. Davis and Amasa Belnap occupied the time during the morning services, which began at 10 a. m. At 2 p. m. another meeting was held, which was addressed first by Elder D. P. Thomas, after which Elder Samuel D. Winter sang the hymn O My Father, with splendid effect. Elder Kesler occupied the remainder of the time, speaking upon the distinguishing characteristics of the Latter-day Saints, and their harmony with the Bible.

At 7 p. m. the last public meeting of the conference was held. Quite a large congregation was in attendance. The time was occupied by Elder James C. Hacking, local Elder Geo. Barnes and Elder Kesler. During the services Elder Samuel D. Winter sang the hymn "Lift up your heads, ye scattered Saints."

Our Priesthood meeting was held on Monday at 10 a. m., in the Troytown school house, where several hours were spent in hearing reports from all the Elders, after which Elder Kesler addressed them for a considerable length of time as to their duties.

The announcing of appointments concluded the business of the conference.

Elder James B. Woolsey was honorably released to return home. Saints and many kind friends used every endeavor to make the stay of the Elders and visiting Saints pleasant. Their kindness will be ever remembered.

Saints and friends at home who have friends or relatives living in any of the counties named below in fact any of the counties west of the Susquehanna river, are asked to communicate with any of the Elders. Letters of introduction seem to be the best means to use.

Following are the names and addresses of the Elders:

Joshua Selley and Walter N. Draper, Emporium, Cameron Co., Pa.

D. P. Thomas and John A. Bevan, Meadville, Crawford Co., Pa.