

The Southern Mission.

EDITOR JUNCTION.—Since writing you, several changes have been made. Joseph Argyle, who was president of this conference, has returned home and Franklin Spences is now presiding. 4

Elder Martin Garn has been released after having been absent from home nearly a year. He left this place on the 16th inst., calculating to visit his relatives in the northern part of Ohio for a short time, and then he will continue his journey home to reunite with his family, friends, and associates. He leaves in this part of the mission President Spencer, Hyrum Belnap, Lorenzo Hunsaker and myself to assist in forwarding the word of God in the south. We have done much traveling and held many public meetings, and with the assistance of our Heavenly Father, done all we could to spread the principles of the Gospel among the people, and in some places our meetings are well attended, and the spirit of inquiry is increasing, and there are excellent prospects for the spread of truth, while in other localities, but few will come out to listen, being persuaded by the hirelings and prejudices that we are false prophets endeavoring to lead them astray.

Many are careless and care but little for the gospel, and are indifferent to the great object of our mission here on earth.

We have had the pleasure of seeing fifteen of the honest in heart come forward and be initiated into the Kingdom of God, while many others express themselves as being believers in the gospel and, no doubt, ere long we will have the privilege of baptizing many more.

Several families emigrated from here to Colorado last fall, to join with the Saints, where they calculate making their future home, and several more anticipate joining the emigration that will leave Nashville on the 23d of March, providing they can procure sufficient means to enable them to go.

I think it would be a good thing if the Saints of Zion would assist their brethren and sisters, who are yet in Babylon and have not had the privilege of gathering with the Saints, if in no other way, by writing them encouraging letters or sending them the JUNCTION, or some other publication of the Church, that they may be acquainted with the progress of the Kingdom of God.

The weather has been unusually warm, nearly all winter. The inhabitants say that they do not remember having had such a winter before. The fall grain looks excellent, and promises a fair yield, if nothing comes to destroy it.

The health of the Elders is good, and all ask an interest in the faith and prayers of the Saints, that they may continue to enjoy the spirit of their mission.

As ever true, your brother in the gospel,
GEO. H. CARTER.

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