

THE SOUTHERN MISSION.

Baptisms.—Opposition.—Manifestation of the Power of God.

EDISON JUNCTION:—Since my last letter there have been four persons added to the fold by baptism.

Nineteen souls left this conference and joined with the emigrants who left Nashville on the 23d of March last, to make their homes in Colorado, all arriving at their place of destination safe and without molestation, except one, who was decoyed and persuaded over by an anti Mormon to loan him his money, giving as security a government bond, which proved to be spurious; he, therefore, lost nearly all he had, amounting to about \$300.

On the 21st of April last, Messrs. Scott and Reid, who reside near Lexington, Henderson county, came a distance of fifty miles on horseback to Cane Creek, Lewis county. After conversing for a short time with Elders Spencer and Belnap on the principles of the gospel, they were baptized and returned home earnestly desiring some of our Elders to visit that place, as there were others who would probably soon desire to be baptized.

Elder Lorenzo Hunsaker and myself have returned from a tour in Lawrence county, where we had the pleasure of holding several meetings which were well attended, and as we were the first Elders that have ever been in that part, we were an object of wonder and curiosity to both old and young, who flocked in to see and ask numerous questions of the so-called "Mormons." They were anxious for us to remain longer, but other appointments demanded our attention, so we had to leave. There is no doubt that good can be accomplished in that locality as soon as we can return.

The spirit of opposition is constantly to be met within every locality, caused by modern divines, who occasionally endeavor to overthrow the doctrine by fair arguments and reason. But being unable to do so, they will, as has always been the case, resort to scandalizing, ridiculing, and accusing us falsely.

They will, also, preach long and loud, advising all to close their houses against us, that we may have no place to preach.

This causes our congregations to be very limited in many places, only those who are anxious to hear the truths of Heaven, and are willing to take the scoffs and jeers of the world, will come to our meetings.

The power of God has been made manifest to a very great extent in this mission recently in the healing of one Rufus Coeman, who was stricken the third time with paralysis, and is now able to walk a little in his room, to the utter consternation of his neighbors and doctors, many of whom declared if he recovered they would be baptized.

Four remarkable cases, at Cane Creek Branch, two of which the doctors declared that no power under Heaven could save, were cured by the prayer of Faith to the comforting of the scattered saints, and the astonishment of our enemies.

The elders are all in excellent health and spirits, and are wide awake to their duties as the servants of the Lord, in opening new fields and spreading the gospel, that the honest in heart may have the privilege of hearing the glad message.

Ever praying for the welfare of Zion and the spread of truth.

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