

EDITOR HERALD;—Being informed by Prest. John Morgan that you expressed a desire to hear from the missionary fields, I thought a few lines from this conference would not be out of place.

The statistics of the conference show as follows: Members 74, number of branches organized 5, additions by baptism since June, 1879, 82. During that time above 200 persons have emigrated to Southern Colorado. In 1880 there were five elders laboring in the conference; since that time they have gradually increased, until we now have 13 faithful, energetic defenders of the truth, who are traveling in some 15 counties, disseminating the principles of the gospel, by which means a vast amount of prejudice has been removed and many friends have been won to the cause. To be sure, there has been some opposition, caused by the spreading of books and pamphlets, written by opposers to the truth; yet this only tends to advocate the gospel and cause a great many to investigate, that otherwise would have remained in ignorance.

We find Prest. John Morgan's No's. one and two pamphlets, P. P. Pratt's "Voice of Warning" and other Church publications, a great benefit in spreading the Gospel through the land; as they will enter the houses of many of the honest-in-heart, who have been blinded by the cunning and craft of the hirelings of the day.

We held a two days' conference, at this place on April 30th and May 1st; when there were present on the stand, Prest's. J. Morgan, J. R. Murdock; and twelve traveling Elders. A good spirit prevailed, much valuable instruction was given which will be of great worth to all, if properly carried out. The general authorities of the Church were presented, and sustained; Prest. J. R. Murdock was honorably released to return home, and Hyrum Belnap was sustained to fill the vacancy.

The Elders are all feeling well, and left for their several fields of labor with a renewed determination to fulfill their missions honorably before God.

The weather during the past winter has been very changeable, and consequently disagreeable. The last three weeks it has also rained so much that the farmers have not been able to work only one or two days. The little that has been planted looks very yellow, in fact it is becoming very serious with the farmers.

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