

SUNNY SOUTH.

A Letter From a Young Missionary in the South.

EDITOR HERALD:—I now write you from the "Sunny South," where I have been laboring for the cause of truth since leaving home at Honeyville, Oct. 27th, 1879. I have been principally with Elders Hyrum Belnap and G. H. Carver, both of Weber Co. Bro. Carver has since been released and returned home, and Elder Belnap was recently appointed to preside over the Tennessee Conference. I am now traveling in connection with J. M. Thatcher, lately from Logan. We are now occupied chiefly in this county, which lies between the Alabama and Tennessee line. We also extend our labors in Lauderdale Co., Ala. In this section they have never heard the sound of the Gospel since the years 1846-7. It was then heralded through the principal parts of the county by Elders Butler and Cummings; however, most of the people of that day have passed away and another generation come on. We travel from one creek to the adjoining one, advocating our principles as we journey.

We have a host of warm-hearted friends, who are ever ready to invite us into their cottages and share with us the comforts of life.

We have plenty of opportunities for speaking under the groves, by the highways, on the roadside, now and then, we are favored with a house. As a general rule, the people are very desirous of hearing the Gospel, and I think I would be justified in stating that fully two-thirds of all who come out and give it a fair hearing, are convinced in their own minds that it is the true Gospel; but they fail to have the courage and stamina to stand up and "face the music" by obeying it.

Wherever we extend our labors, the hirelings begin their work, following in the footsteps of their venerable old fathers, and, oh! how they do howl. But their talk sounds as the "Scribes of old," without authority.

However, their efforts are weak, vain, and futile, they only serve to advertise us by inciting a curiosity in the minds of the people to hear something concerning this sect that is everywhere spoken against.

We have labored in this county about five months, and have baptized three. We have also three applications for baptism, which we will attend to now shortly.

The outlook for the future is quite promising, several having expressed themselves desirous of becoming one with us in the Gospel Covenant, and no doubt would have done so before now, were it not for the interference of some of their "good" neighbors who have acted in a very unbecoming manner, for professed followers of the meek and lowly Jesus.

The climate is very warm; crops are much later than usually, owing to the late damp spring which caused considerable damage. Wheat is now being harvested; it will average about five bushels per acre. Stock is not very plentiful.

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