

CORRESPONDENCE.

McComb City, Miss.,
Dec. 8, 1897.

Editor Union:

Presuming a few words from this part will be interesting to my many friends, I thought I would write you.

On April 6, 1897, after bidding my friends good bye, I started on my mission to the Southern States and was appointed to labor in the state of Mississippi along with others, and I landed there on April 20. My laboring companion not having received the word sent him did not arrive, and being a stranger in a strange city with but five dollars in my pocket, it took a good deal of fasting and praying to make our little spin out as far as possible. I wrote to headquarters and finally two elders came and two elders went with them and elder Hokes and I were sent to a neighboring county where we were to find them. We shouldered our grips and started, the distance being about 100 miles through a pine woody country. We did not have a cent in our pocket to pay for a meal and we had begun to trust in God by this time, and not in our pocket book—or rather the contents thereof—and if you ever saw two who felt like humbling themselves, we were their equals.

We had a good trip and friends were raised up to help us in our needs, having good places to stay and rest at night, with plenty to eat. After five days we found elders Brown and Coombs. I went with elder Brown and elder Hokes went with elder Coombs. I labored with elder Brown until May 28 when we met in Conference at Sturgis, Oktibbeha Co., Miss., where we really had a spiritual feast. Forty one elders were present.

The hotels were open to us, and we had friends on all sides.

I was there assigned to labor with elder W. W. Buchanan, in Lawrence Co., Miss., where I remained until about a week ago, when I was called to labor in Pike Co., Miss., with elder Rawlins.

We are having great success in our labors and friends are being raised up on all sides.

We baptized 8 in Lawrence Co., and several others had applied for baptism before we left.

The people are beginning to want to hear the Gospel and many are ready to join the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I have seen people who, when they heard the elders preach, rise up and say that that was the first Gospel sermon they had ever heard in their lives.

We have held 265 meetings since I have been here and I have never had a man refuse me a place to preach in and have only been disturbed twice, and that only helped us up stairs.

Oh, Youth of Zion! Let me urge upon you the importance of preparing yourselves to fill honorable missions in preaching the Gospel to the nations of the earth, for I bear my testimony that this is the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness, with every gift and blessing promised the faithful and the signs follows the believer as they did ancient worthies. I have seen the sick healed instantly and raised from their beds of affliction to perfect health. I have had testimony after testimony and I know that every glorious power can be enjoyed by the righteous, if we will only live for them.

Ever praying for the welfare and prosperity of Zion, and asking the prayers of the saints, I am, respectfully,

Heber C. Atkin.

A FLORIDA CHRISTMAS.

How the Happy Day Is Celebrated in a Fair Southern City.

Christmas in Florida is a novel experience to Northerners. There the manner of observing this holiday is more like a Fourth of July celebration than anything else. The incessant firing of torpedoes and firecrackers in the middle of the day and the display of pyrotechnics in the evening rob the day of much of its mythological and sacred significance. A stroll through a typical town in the realm of fruits and flowers gives a person from the North some startling ideas. The show windows are full of firecrackers, Roman candles, sky rockets, packages of torpedoes and other fireworks. The July weather is present, aquatic and field sports are carried out in accordance with a regular picnic program, and the sight of thousands in holiday attire on a race track, the borders of some pretty lake or a baseball park, gives little hint of a celebration which at the North is attended with sleighing, skating and Christmas trees.

Only in the churches is the commemoration suggestive and familiar. In some of these a great Christmas ship, with evergreen-trimmed masts, is displayed. Bright little lads and pretty maids dressed in white and carrying tinsel wands distribute presents to everybody. In the negro quarters, too, the real yuletide fervor is shown. No one loves a holiday better than a negro, and the eating, drinking and singing in the rough, boarded huts is engaged in

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with ardent zeal.

Through latticed windows and open doors may be seen the smoking turkey and 'possum, hoe cake, pumpkin pies and watermelons. The patriarchal colored preacher summons all his dusky clientele to the rickety frame church in the afternoon or evening, fixing the minds of his auditors on the sin of chicken stealing and wandering in the white folks' orange groves after midnight. Then all hands join in the chorus of the old Christmas song:

Shin' on, shin' on;
Down' git weary, chillun!
Shin' on, shin' on—
Oh, Jerusalem!

The weird chanting, accompanied by the regular tapping of the feet of the singers on the pine floor, is followed by an adjournment to some large barn, where the music from the negro orchestra's violins and banjos for hours keep up the dance, between fragments of—

"All de darkies am a weepin',
Massa's in de cold, cold gro in',"
and "Suwanee River," the plaintive strains being wafted sweetly through the swaying pines.

The Tooth-Brush Plant.

One of the most curious plants in the world is what is called the tooth-brush plant of Jamaica. It is a species of creeper, and has nothing particularly striking in appearance. By cutting pieces of it to a suitable length, and fraying the ends, the natives convert it into a tooth-brush; and a tooth-powder to accompany the use of the brush is also prepared by pulverizing the dried stems.

Foolish James.

If James Perry of Guthrie, Okla., had known what an awful looking, swelled-up corpse he was going to make he wouldn't have tried to steal honey from a bee hive. There were

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