

He intreats elders that are traveling through that section of country, (Columbus Bartholomew Co. Ia. to call and teach them the way of life and salvation more perfectly, to which we respond, Amen.

Elders D. C. Smith & S. W. Denton returned a few weeks since from a mission to the East. They state to us that they went as far as Waterloo Seneca Co. N. Y. and then returned to Naples Ontario Co. where they labored a while in company with Elder Jedediah Grant, whom they found there. They all labored there a short time, established a small branch of a church consisting of seven members, and then Messrs. Smith and Denton returned home, leaving Elder Jedediah and Joshua Grant still in charge, to instruct the saints more perfectly.

We have other elders whose places of residence are distant; they are situated in the various branches of the church abroad; some of them in Illinois, some in Indiana, some in the south and west part of this State, some in Pennsylvania, some in New York and others in all, or nearly all the N. England States. We frequently receive letters from them that are deeply interesting to us and to the cause of truth, and although we do not often mention their names in our paper, we owe it to ourselves to say we appreciate their services in the good cause, and tender them our grateful acknowledgements for the course many of them have taken to reward our humble talents and enhance our individual interest. We say they are useful in the branches until the time of the gathering, and we pray the Lord of the harvest to keep them humble, faithful, patient, wise, and consequently, useful, till in his own due time, he shall command them to come and bring their sheaves with them.

CONFERENCE.

We are requested to notify a conference of the church of Latter Day Saints to be held in the town of Milford Ashtabula County Ohio, at the

house of Brether John Knapp on Saturday the 20th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. Elders brethren and others who can make it convenient, are respectfully invited to attend. Saturday will be a day of business with the church and on the following day there will be public preaching.

MORONI'S LAMENTATION.

I have no home, where shall I go,
While I am left to weep below?
My heart is pain'd, my friends are gone—
And here I'm left on earth to mourn.

I see my people lying round,
All lifeless here upon the ground:
Young men and maidens in their gore;
Which does increase my sorrow more!

My father look'd upon this scene,
And in his writings has made plain,
How ev'ry Nephite's heart did fear,
When he beheld his foe draw near.

With axe and bow they fell upon
Our men and women, sparing none,
And left them prostrate on the ground,
Lo! here they now are bleeding round!

Ten thousand that were led by me
Lie round this hill called Cumorah;
Their spirits from their bodies fled,
And they are number'd with the dead!

Well might my father in despair,
Cry, O ye fair ones! once how fair
How is it that you've fallen! Oh!
My soul is fill'd with pain for you.

My life is sought! where shall I flee?
Lord take me home to dwell with thee,
Where all my sorrow will be o'er,
And I shall sigh and weep no more.

Thus sang the son of Mormon when
He gaz'd upon his Nephite men,
And women too, which had been slain,
And left to moulder on the plain!

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