

Ky., held the Conference which convened at Helena October 14, 1881. He was met at Melrose, the terminus of the Utah and Northern Railway, by Brother Clark and conveyed in a buggy to Butte, where he preached two sermons of great spiritual power to the large audiences present. From there he proceeded across the main range of the Rockies through an unusually severe snowstorm to the seat of the Conference, arriving, as did most of the preachers, a day late, which was caused by the severity of the blizzard. But Mr. Stateler, finding that he could not face the storm in the conveyance by which he was traveling and reach the seat of the Conference in time, left his vehicle in charge of others and proceeded on the stage, so great was his aversion to being tardy.

Notwithstanding the storm, there was a good attendance of preachers, laymen, and visitors at this Conference. J. B. Whitford and J. L. Andrew, two young preachers from England, were admitted on trial. L. B. Stateler was elected clerical and E. G. Brooke lay delegate to the ensuing General Conference to be held at Nashville, Tenn., with E. J. Stanley and John B. Taylor alternates.

The Conference formed a Church Extension Board, with constitution and by-laws, and memorialized the General Conference to organize a Board of Church Extension for the entire Church.

During the passage of character, when the name of L. B. Stateler was called, after giving an account of his work the previous year, as was his custom, he referred in a most touching manner to the event of his reception into the traveling ministry, when Bishop