



HISTORY OF THE SOUTHERN STATES MISSION

(For Two Weeks Ending Sept. 16.)

Florida. Elders Geo. A. Shantz and Thaddeus Walker, presiding elders; 14 Claude St., Jacksonville, Fla.—President J. W. Blizard, who has labored in the Florida conference for nearly 27 months, has been honorably released. This evening a social gathering was held in his honor by the members of the Jacksonville branch. Elders Shantz and Walker have been appointed to preside over the conference for the present. On Sept. 22, Alonso Canino and Miss Daisey Simmone were united in marriage by Elder Blizard.

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12, a hearty conference was held at Douglas, Fla.; President Charles A. Callis, Elder J. W. Blizard and 14 traveling elders of the Florida conference, with Elder Paul M. Larson, James, Utah, lady missionaries were present. The conference was held in the Douglas church, which had been recently completed. The building was not large enough to contain the people who came to attend the conference and a large number were forced to remain on the outside during the services. Lunch was served by the sisters of the Douglas branch between the morning and afternoon meetings both days. Sunday afternoon, President Charles A. Callis dedicated the new church. Invitations to the conference were delivered by President Callis, Elder Blizard, and the traveling elders, and the lady missionaries addressed the large congregations upon appropriate subjects. There were three baptisms performed during the conference. President Callis, Elder Blizard, and several of the traveling elders and the lady missionaries went from Douglas to Scriven where they held a two days' conference. Three baptisms followed this conference.

Alabama. Elder J. J. Curtis, president, box 632, Montgomery, Ala.—The following baptisms have been performed in this conference during the past two weeks: Five by Elders A. O. Stoker and Milton Robbins, and nine by Elders Jos. D. Brown and John M. Peart.

Atlanta. Elder O. W. Hyde, president, 23 County St., Atlanta, Ga.—The Atlanta church received many visitors from the elders who are coming to know more about Mormonism. One investigator called at the conference home, where a very pleasant evening was spent conversing upon the principles of the gospel.

East Kentucky. Elder G. F. Ellsworth, president, box 422, Lexington, Ky.—For the two weeks ending Sept. 16, Elders R. E. Walker and Martin Anderson, reported their baptisms and Elders J. B. Ledgerwood and O. P. Eager report two at Andes. Elder J. M. Ward of company A, while singing some of the songs of Zion in his room at Carrollton, was asked by the landlord to come into the parlor and sing to the family. After hearing a number of the songs, the gentlemen became impressed with their sentiments and purchased some doctrinal books for study. Elders R. E. Orr and C. O. Strong have just finished a series of well attended meetings in Scott's chapel at Ed. Casey.

South Carolina. Elder L. M. Belnap, president, box 256 Columbia, S. C.—During the last two weeks, the following baptisms were performed: Nine at Union by Elders G. C. Knudsen and George A. Bagley; four in Oconee county, by Elders W. E. Carpenter and J. V. Heiner, and five at Little Bluff by Elders L. M. Boineau and Hyrum J. Elmer. There were also reported seven children blessed. At the baptismal service in Union, about 200 people witnessed the ceremony.

Virginia. Elder R. E. Porter, president, box 489 Roanoke, Va.—Elders J. A. Toome and W. E. Shumway are meeting many friendly people in Rockbridge county. During the past week the old town hall attended meetings and performed four baptisms. Elders A. E. Hall and John A. Tanner have performed two baptisms in Toledo during the past week.

Georgia. Elder L. L. Myers, president, 607 Plum St., Macon, Ga.—Following a meeting at Empire, one person was baptized. Elder Wm. L. Francom officiating. In Oconee one baptism was performed on Sunday, Sept. 13, by Elder End A. Christain. At the close of a street meeting in Chester, Elders Myers and Christain were accused by a Methodist minister to be preaching false doctrine when they taught that the Holy Ghost was conferred upon man by the laying on of hands, by those holding authority to thus act in the name of the Lord. When the elders have pointed out some of the numerous scriptural proof of this doctrine, the minister, having nothing more to say, walked away meditatively. At Albia on Sept. 12, five persons were baptized. Elders W. M. Simmons and L. C. Parker officiating.

J. ELMER JOHNSON,
Mission Secretary.

POLICE PROTECT ELDERS FROM MOBS IN ENGLAND

Writing to the Iron County Record, published at Cedar City, from 100 Orange Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, under date of Aug. 18, Elder George Le-Hunt gives the following thrilling narrative of recent encounters with mobs in England:

In my last letter I made note of the prosperous condition of the work of the Lord in the city of Dudley. It is

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REPORT OF SCANDINAVIAN MISSION

Kongsgade 11, Copenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 10.—At present there are 127 elders laboring in the Scandinavian mission and, during the past month, they have performed a good work and their efforts have been very successful. Following is a synopsis of their labors for August: Tracts distributed, 75,000; strangers visited, 43,000; gospel conversations, 4,600; meetings held, 480; Ordinations performed, 15; baptisms as follows: Ashton, 8; Aars, 10; Copenhagen, 12; Fredericia, 2; Christiansia, 4; and Trondhjem, 4—making a total of 42 baptisms which is an unusually large number for one month in this mission. The prospects for the present month are very promising, as we have many good friends and investigators, many of whom will no doubt in the near future take upon themselves the yoke of Christ and be one with us in spreading the glorious gospel and enjoying its many blessings.

DAVIS STAKE CONFERENCE

The quarterly conference of the Davis stake of Zion was held at Farmington on Sunday, Sept. 26, 1909, President Joseph H. Grant presiding. No

experience of a Mormon elder, when the work of the Lord is flourishing, that he is not left in peace. Our efforts in Dudley were partly crowned with success in the baptism of a few persons among the many numbers belonging to the Baptist church. This stirred up the leaders of the various denominations against us, particularly the one that sustained the loss of a valuable member.

Our work here is not confined to preaching indoors, but during the summer months we preach from the street corner. In the summer months we have had several very interesting open air meetings, at which a number of the leading religious men of the city assembled; even the clergy were so aroused they found it convenient to be present and join the ranks of the opposing party. Great interest was aroused in our meetings and every service was well attended. We were unable to assemble on the Market Square of Dudley to hear us preach. Failing to accomplish their purposes, but on the other hand, bringing more to our meetings, by their mode of opposition, the enemy must seek some other means to suppress rising Mormonism. The noted Jarman was sent for, who came to the rescue and made representations against the Mormons of the city.

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L. Jones was honorably released to return home on account of poor health.

Mississippi. Elder Geo. J. Gray, president; 111 Main Street, Meridian, Miss.—On Sept. 11, Elder M. H. Foster was baptized into the Church by Elder Leroy Holce. Elders L. P. Green and Charles R. Jenkins, by the request of the parents, who are non-members, blessed two children whom they had been circumcised over night.

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North Carolina. Elder Robt. Andrew, president, box 632, Charlotte, N. C.—The following baptisms have been performed during the past two weeks: One at Coalfax, by Elders C. W. Mow and J. A. Mortensen; two in Johnson county, by Elders W. D. Criddle and C. V. Payne, and one in Lee county, by Elders Edward Webb and L. C. Osborne.

With sorrow we report the decease of Sister Nelson, of Harker's Island, and Sister Adeline Andrews of Chinquapin. Both were faithful members of the Church.

On the evening of July 8, 1 was alone in Dudley, my companion being in Birmingham, on a day's visit. Having no meeting to attend, I went to visit a family of saints who lived in a very low rent district. The people of this district were the ones that were more eager to attend Mr. Jarman's meetings. They readily accepted all he had to say and were determined to use their powers in driving us out of the city.

It was about 8 o'clock in the evening when I entered the street on which lived the saints. As I passed down the street many people recognized me. It was soon noise about that "a Mormon is in the neighborhood." In less than half an hour people began to gather around the house. I was seen to enter. These people were carrying large sticks, tin cans, rocks, etc., and set up a cry like that of a mob. The paper said it had been considered if it wouldn't be better to stop us from spreading our books and tracts here, as they have in Germany, but no paper could be found for doing so. Just after the appearance of the article in the paper, a reporter from the Telegraph hunted us elders up in our room for information. We answered all questions, gave him the manifesto and several articles in the Dutch Star about Mormon emigration, and the testimony of 1,500 Hollanders in America, and on Saturday an article came out in that paper, about the largest Hollanders who had been up to date, and the article said we had given them hitting the police and ministers for the unchristian slander they had published. At the same time another long article came out for us in the Vol. 1, a Socialist paper, over the unfair treatment of the Mormon people, saying it was a shame the way a people who professed to be Christians ridiculed another people in what they pleased to believe. Both papers have a wide circulation and we feel elated over the outcome and the good which must result.

Last night we had a number of strangers in meeting, also two Dutch women from Utah, one who had lived there 22 years, and they told of Utah and the Mormon women and made a good impression.

Sunday came, we had no choice, we must hold our meetings. On our way to Sunday school, we were met by a crowd of people who had gathered in front of the school, and the chief of police had arranged with the chief of police to have a policeman stand guard at our meeting room during our evening meeting, as we feared some trouble would arise. The climax of the week's experience came this night. We had experienced much trouble, when nearly 40 minutes when men and boys began to crowd into our meeting room, continuing until finally 200 had gained admittance. Our little room was crowded to its capacity. It was the intention of these ruffians to break up our meeting; they would not remove their hats; they began smoking and shouting. After a very successful in getting them quiet, we had not proceeded much farther when the policeman sent up word we had better close our meeting as he could not hold the crowd back any longer. We were forced to dismiss amid a great tumult. By this time the chief of police and six or seven more officers had arrived. The room was cleared; the saints were got out of it. Then we made our way to the entrance. That sight that met our gaze, the shouts that rang in our ears, will be remembered as long as I live. The front street is the main street in the town, and this was crowded with people as was also the side street next to the building in which we were holding our meeting. A great number of this large crowd desired to do us some harm. We were not wise to return to our lodgings, therefore decided to go to Birmingham. We made our way toward the station guarded by 10 policemen, the chief at the head. On came the crowd shouting and using every effort to do us bodily harm. They had their hands full to keep the people away from us. We soon reached the station in safety. The entrances were barricaded, no one but the Mormons being allowed in the station. Over 10,000 people followed us to the station, rending the air with their voices. We returned to our lodgings the last part of that night. Next day we were given permission to leave our meeting room, also lodgings. Having no place to lay our weary heads, we were forced to leave Dudley, but thanks to our Heavenly Father, we were unharmed. I understand this is the second time our elders have been driven from Dudley, the other time being in the early history of the church in this country.

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