

EASTERN STATES MISSION NEWS

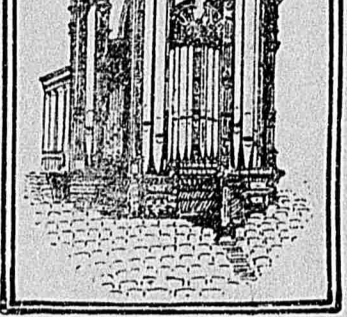
Brooklyn: Jno. S. Allen, president, 429 West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth St., New York City.—The street meetings in New York, Brooklyn and Newark have been well attended and much interest shown. While the elders were holding a street meeting in the latter city, they were interrupted by some men making uncomplimentary remarks. This only increased the attendance; and at the conclusion of the meeting, the elders were cheered and the disturbance ended. A well attended branch conference was held in Brooklyn on the evening of the 15th. Addresses were made by Elders Joseph Folkman, James Knicht, Joseph H. Watkins and President Allen. Musical numbers were furnished by Elders Ross Beattie and Alfred Durham.

East Pennsylvania: Wm. R. Dredge, president, 524 Sydenham St., Philadelphia, Pa.—A branch conference was held in Baltimore on May 16, two sessions being held, both well attended. Elders A. B. Andrus, mission secretary, and Elder Charles E. Dinwoodey of the mission office were in attendance. They, together with President Dredge, were the speakers.

Maine: Wm. H. Stead, president, 285 Cumberland Ave., Portland.—Elders Almon J. Miller and Heber J. Hawley had the pleasure of explaining the gospel at a meeting of the Christian Mission, and at the close of the service a number of people shook their hands. The speakers were heard, and invited them to pay them another visit.

New England: Samuel Gerrard, president, 57 Worcester street, Boston, Mass.—President Jno. G. Allred, of the New Hampshire conference, visited Boston recently and added the elders in holding some successful open-air meetings on Pemberton square. . . . Elder Jabez Williams has been transferred to the South West Virginia conference. . . . President Gerrard and Elder Thos. A. Snodgrass visited the Rhode Island conference last week, and were the speakers at a meeting held in Providence. . . . A priesthood meeting was held in Boston on May 29, all the elders of the conference being in attendance. A good spirit prevailed, plans for the summer work were adopted, and the elders assigned to labor in the country by pairs, eight in all.

New Hampshire: Jno. G. Allred, president, 544 South Main street, Concord.—On May 14, a profitable priesthood meeting was held in Manchester, at which President Allred gave the



elders the benefit of the instructions and ideas he had received at the recent New York conference. In the afternoon, Mr. A. B. Andrus, the city attorney, called upon the elders at their room. Mr. Andrus had previously met the elders, and he spoke very highly of the work they were doing; he has also made some investigation of Mormonism, and had a kind word to say about the Mormon people and their teachings.

Elder Charles L. Weed has been transferred to the New York conference. Elders William T. Butcher and P. D. Griffith, who have been traveling in the country without purse or scrip for the past two weeks, report that they were entertained on two different occasions by ministers of the gospel. They further state that they have not missed a meal or been without a place to stop over night. . . . Elders S. Ed. Quigley and William T. Butcher, who are also traveling without purse or scrip, report that while traveling, the gentleman remarked that he had all the religion he wanted and was therefore not interested. However, the elders explained the privilege of staying with them over night.

New York: Chas. H. Owen, president, 148 Pearl St., Albany.—Elders Edward Lamb and R. C. Rich, Jr., had the pleasure recently, of a visit to the city of Albany. They were met by the first Mormon elders, as far as we know, who have labored in this city. East Aurora is the home of the Roycrofts, and it is here where the Elders have been visiting. Mr. Hubert Hubbard, who received a very kindly. He spoke of his many visits to Utah and of his treatment by the Mormon people. He mentioned the fact that he had delivered two lectures in the Mormon tabernacle. Through his courtesy we were shown through the printing office, the carpenter shop, the sample rooms and the beautiful inn. We also visited the very fine little chapel, where Mr. Hubbard delivered the gospel. We gladly accepted the opportunity, and the gentleman appointed two meetings for Saturday and Sunday nights. The chapel was filled on both occasions, and we were privileged to explain the gospel as we understood it. Mr. Hubbard also spoke at both meetings, expressing his admiration of the achievements of the Mormons, and how they had reclaimed the desert; he spoke of the fact that before the Mormons came into their midst, Utah had no saloons, jails, or brothels. He paid a very high tribute to Brigham Young and his successors. We were invited to take dinner at the home of Mr. Hubbard, where in conversation we gladly accepted. He expressed his gratitude at having our company, and gave us a hearty invitation to return at any time. . . . Samuel Lyman of Albany, a good man, but not a member of the Church, died at the hospital on May 13. Mr. Lyman had expressed a desire to be baptized before his death, to be baptized, however, he died before having the ordinance performed, but with a strong testimony as to his faith in the mission of Joseph Smith. Sister Lyman is a faithful Latter-day Saint and desired the elders to conduct the funeral services, which they gladly did, and were privileged to speak of the beauties of the Gospel to a large gathering of people. . . . Elder B. Leroy Jensen has been transferred to the New Hampshire conference.

North West Virginia: Oscar F. Rice, president, P. O. box 371, Fairmont.—In all parts of the conference the elders under the able leadership of President Rice are making good headway and having much success in their labors. Two series of meetings have been held at Huttonville and Elk River, by Elders G. S. Hartley, J. E. Shanos, Chester Johnson and Thos. Oldroyd. At the conclusion of the meetings at the latter place, three baptisms were performed and a Sunday school was organized. Three converts were also baptized at Removal, and several meetings held, by Elders Eugene Curtis and Glover C. Usher. Elder A. D. Slade and Eugene Curtis, who are now laboring in Calhoun county, report the conditions for future work very promising, people who formerly were prejudiced, are giving the elders to their homes, and have thrown open the schoolhouses for meetings. . . . Street meetings are being well attended at Fairmont, also some very successful hall and cottage meetings are being held. A spirited priesthood meeting was held at Fairmont on the 24th and the elders assigned to their different fields of labor for their summer work.

South West Virginia: Frank Leavitt, president, P. O. box 686, Huntington, W. Va.—A priesthood meeting was held at Huntington on May 15, at which there were in attendance all the elders of the conference. President Ben E. Rich was also present and gave the elders much valuable instruction. Each elder was given the privilege of expressing his feelings and to report on the localities in which they had been laboring. The reports showed the work, throughout the conference, to be in a very prosperous condition. Two public

meetings were held on the following day with good attendance at each. Presidents Rich and Leavitt were the principal speakers. At the conclusion of the conference the elders went back to their fields of labor, with renewed determination, going without purse or scrip. Since that time a number of the elders have written us regarding the incidents that have happened in their travels, which show that the Lord is abundantly blessing them. Two of the elders write, "We are enjoying good health and a very good spirit, the best we have had for a long time, we left Huntington without money and we certainly have had a good time and fine success." Three baptisms were performed last week.

West Pennsylvania: A. E. Jacobson, president, 1223 Monterey street, Allegheny, Pa.—Elder Jacob Frie and E. E. Lewis report that they are having splendid success in their labors in the vicinity of Lonaconing, Md. Recently a minister delivered a bitter tirade against the Mormons in one of the churches. At the conclusion of the meeting a gentleman, not a Mormon, asked the minister some very pointed questions, this opened up an argument and the minister stated that the government was trying to get rid of the Mormons, and in the next breath, when his attention was called to the fact that the Mormons were making money, he stated that the government paid them for preaching. This incident goes to show the inconsistency of those who oppose the Lord's work. The result of the meeting was the making of new friends for the cause of Mormonism. . . . One of the book stores in Pittsburgh, has recently placed an order for a number of copies of the Book of Mormon.

GENERAL NEWS.
Elder Nathaniel L. Smith, who has spent about 30 months in the British mission, has been transferred to this mission and will labor in the New Hampshire conference. President Ben E. Rich has recently attended conferences in Huntington, W. Va., Philadelphia, and Boston. He spent a few days in conference with other missionaries at Chicago. Elder Arthur V. Watkins, who has been laboring in Newark, N. J., for the past two years, has been transferred to the mission office. Elder A. B. Andrus, who has been laboring in the capacity of mission secretary for some time past, has been honorably released to return home. Elder Andrus, who is now in Baltimore, where he did an excellent work, and where he made many friends. President John G. McQuarrie, noting his ability, called him into the office of the city secretary. When President McQuarrie was succeeded by President Rich, Brother Andrus was retained as the secretary. In all Elder Andrus has labored in the city of Baltimore, during which time he has labored diligently and faithfully, and has endeavored himself to the elders with whom he has labored. Previous to his departure, he presented him with a beautiful oil painting, the handwork of O. D. Campbell, one of Utah's gifted artists.

EASTERN STATES MISSION.
C. E. DINWOODEY, Secy.

SCANDINAVIAN MISSION.

Korsgaard 11, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 18.—On the 14th inst., after an absence of six weeks, I returned to missionary headquarters from my first general visit to all the conferences in Denmark and Norway. Before starting on this trip we held our opening conference here in the city of Copenhagen, March 27 and 28, President James J. Larsen of the Copenhagen conference, together with myself, Elder J. J. Nielsen, Jr., and 27 other elders from Zion, were present and we had a splendid time; the meetings were well attended and the Spirit of God was manifest. Several baptisms took place at the time and immediately after the conference. The reports given by the presidents of the branches were very encouraging, though that of the Copenhagen branch was by far the best. The Copenhagen conference, speaking of it geographically, comprises the largest island in the world, and the largest and most numerous of smaller islands.

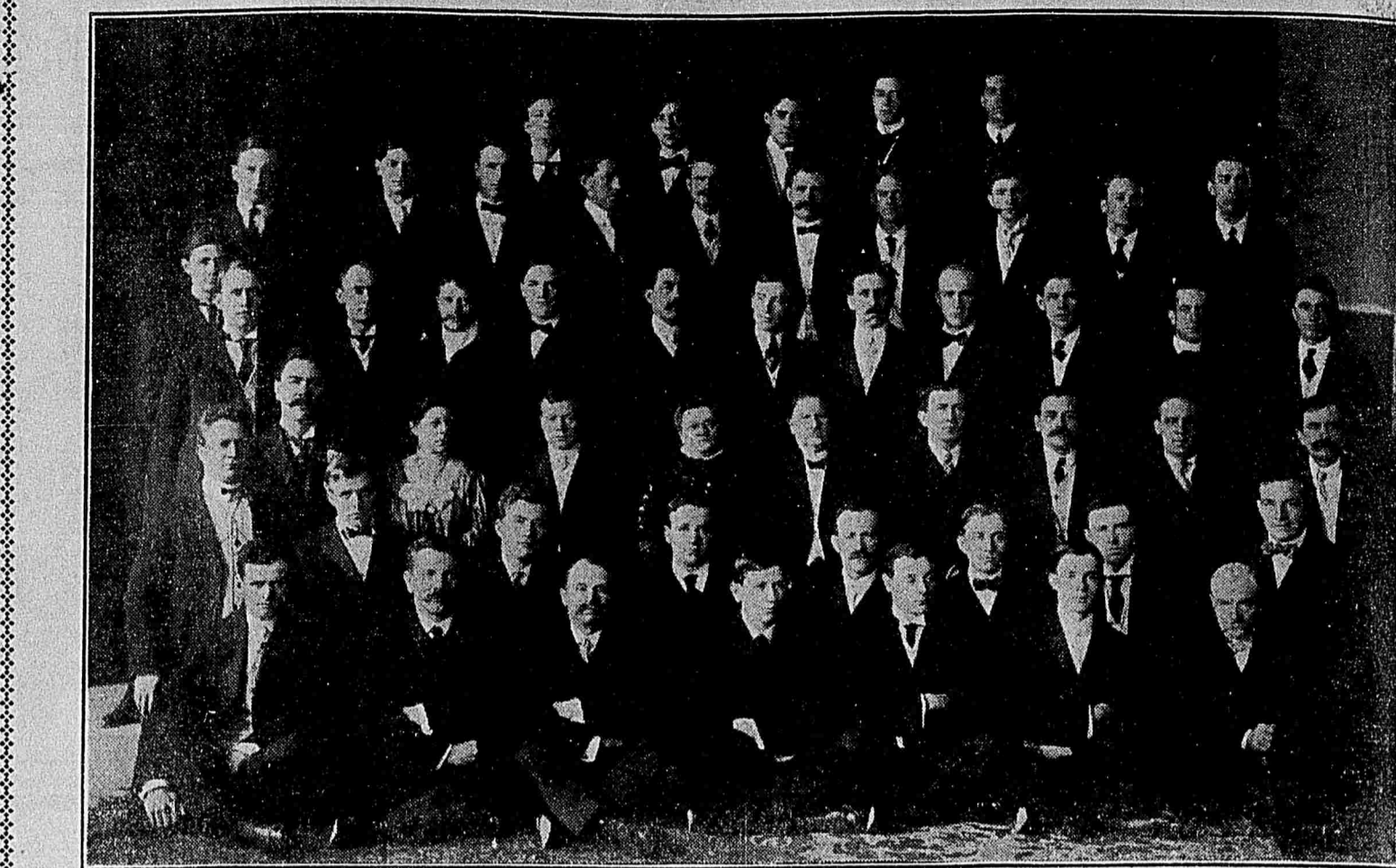
On April 21 I left Copenhagen to visit the other conferences, and we had a splendid time at Aarhus, April 3 and 4, and following days. President Andrew H. Andersen and 25 other elders from Zion were in attendance to participate in the proceedings. The reports were very encouraging, though that of the Copenhagen branch was by far the best. The Copenhagen conference, speaking geographically, the Aarhus conference embraces fully two-thirds of the Chibrian peninsula, the beautiful island of Fyen and some smaller islands.

At Aalborg I met President Isaac A. Jensen and 22 elders from Zion. We held a splendid conference, April 10 and 11. Our large and commodious hall in that city was well filled, especially on the Sunday, and elders, saints and strangers rejoiced together. It will be remembered that Aalborg from the beginning, has been a fruitful field for Mormonism. It was here that the second branch of the Church in Scandinavia was planted by the late George P. Dykes in 1830, and thousands of good and faithful Latter-day Saints have during the past 55 years emigrated to Zion from this part of Denmark—Aalborg and vicinity—among them some of the most prominent and worthy of the country. Since the Church built the commodious quarters now occupied by the elders in Aalborg, the mission has been much better than our old quarters has been many previous years. Our chapel has been a most beautiful central location in the quaint old city.

From Frederikshavn, a branch of the Aalborg conference, I crossed the Cattegat to Gottenberg, Sweden, where I spent several days visiting with President Peter Sundvall and other elders, and also attended a splendid conference there on April 17 and 18. My object in making this visit was to exchange views and deliver upon missionary efforts with our neighbors for mutual benefit.

From Sweden I passed into Norway and after spending one day in Christiania and preaching once in a large and beautiful hall at Osterhusgaude II, I crossed the country to Bergen, on the west coast of Norway.

We had a glorious time at Bergen at



MISSIONARY CORPS OF THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

Front row, reading from left to right—Elders Mark Austin, Harold L. Smith, Elijah Gilbert, John C. Tuddenham, Wm. W. Allen, Albert E. Read and Thomas Viney. Second row—Lewis O. Clark, Henry Watson, Lester J. Robbins, Chas. T. Burton, Edgar M. Wright, Hyrum Ricks, Jr., Daniel F. Norris, and Frank I. Hill. (Bristol Conference). Third row—Wm. J. Willes, Mrs. Don C. Rushton, Don C. Rushton, Mrs. Romania B. Penrose, Prest. Charles W. Penrose, Alvin E. Jordan, (president of conference), Wm. A. Morton, (Liverpool office), Ralph H. Ludlow (Liverpool office), and Geo. Ed. Anderson. Fourth row—Alfred H. Jones, Alfred B. Worsley, Walter P. Whitehead, Arthur B. Case, Joy B. Patterson, Wm. S. Smith, Nephil J. Brown (clerk of conference), Albert B. Needham, Frederick J. Price, John S. Mason, C. Edgar Snow and Wilford J. Young. Fifth row—Herbert J. Barnes, J. Henry Kidman, Wm. L. Kidman, John H. Eccles, Jr., John Martin, Richard Hensley, Jr., Owen F. Beal, Edwin R. Dimond, Wm. R. Worley and Nath. L. Smith. Sixth row—H. L. Bywater, (Liverpool conference), Geo. M. Groesbeck (Liverpool conference), Wm. S. Bassett, J. Thad Hammond and Geo. R. Adair.

our conference, which commenced April 24. The ordinary hall used by the saints at Kong Oscars Gade 5, being too small to accommodate the people, the elders rented one of the largest halls in the city for our Sunday meetings, and fully 400 attentive listeners favored us with their presence in the evening. They were mostly strangers, as the saints at Bergen are not very numerous at present, so many of late years having emigrated to America. Had we a good hall and missionary quarters here, similar to the ones we have in Christiania, I believe, with the elders here, the Bergen branch would soon assume dimensions that would satisfy our most sanguine expectations. The people here seem anxious to hear Mormonism and the "great Mormon meeting" held at "Handvikkensendens Foramlings Hall" on the Sunday mentioned, seemed to be the main topic in Bergen for several days after the conference. President James M. Keller and 15 other elders from Zion attended our meetings in Bergen; they were a fine body of men who rejoiced exceedingly together, and the local saints were also very kind and warm hearted.

The next visit was to Trondhjem, where another feast in the shape of a most successful conference awaited me. Here, also, the elders had rented one of the largest halls in town, where, about 200 members, nearly 400 intelligent people (the great majority strangers) attended and listened with the strictest attention to what we had to say to them.

The meeting held in Trondhjem, on Sunday, which was held May 1 and 2, were only President Soren Andersen and 10 others, myself included. But these missionaries were a very fine bunch of men, and their hearts were warm for the gospel and whose countenances beamed with joy and intelligence. Some of them had during the past six months labored beyond the Arctic circle, where they for several weeks during the winter had not seen the sun shine; but they were happy, cheerful and full of hope and perfectly willing to return to the land of midnight sun, or midday darkness, as the case may be, to continue their labors. At the conference we appointed two of the elders to reconnoiter the lands of the north, beyond North Cape and near the Russian borders. Some of the elders had traveled over 500 miles to attend the conference.

From Trondhjem I traveled by rail to Christiania, where I attended a grand conference May 8 and 9. Here President Alma B. Larsen and 34 other elders from Zion were in attendance, and we had a most enjoyable time. The reports from the 11 branches were full of cheer and encouragement and the elders (mostly American-born boys—sons of missionaries labored in Norway, Norway and Danish parents who emigrated from the lands of the north many years ago) were filled with zeal, hope and intelligence. At nearly all the meetings held, our spacious hall was filled and the name of the Lord was glorified in the many excellent testimonies borne by the young men of Israel who, fired with their first love for missionary life, spoke as no other class of men could ever speak; for the testimony of Jesus was upon them and the love of the gospel filled their hearts. I have heard the Christians in Christiania, which is a city of 100,000 people, but I never heard them sing better than at this conference. Under the leadership of Elder Otto O. Johnson, they are doing a fine missionary work.

At our final conference in Copenhagen every elder from Zion present spoke in one or more of the meetings, if only for two or three minutes. The

elders themselves enjoyed the privilege and the people were delighted. The brief talks, which often were little gems of thought spoken in broken languages, were calculated to impress the honest of heart who heard them; for the Spirit of the Lord and the earnestness with which the words were uttered had in many instances marvelous effects. We followed the same method with the same success in all the conferences.

During the conference week in Christiania eight new converts were added to the Church by baptism. During the tour President James M. Keller of the Bergen conference was released and Elder Enoch E. Christensen of the Trondhjem conference was chosen to succeed him. President Alma B. Larsen of the Christiania conference was released and Elder John H. Herz chosen to fill the vacancy caused by his release.

I rejoice exceedingly in what I have seen and learned during my visit to the conference and feel very much encouraged. The weekly reports which the elders forward to this office show zeal and success on every hand; 38 souls were baptized last month in this mission, which is seven in excess of the corresponding month last year.

ANDREW JENSON.

CONFERENCE IN BELGIUM.

The semi-annual Liege conference was held May 9. Meetings were held in Verriers, Seraing, and Liege, on Sunday, and at Brussels on Monday evening. A good spirit was enjoyed in all of them. Good instructions and doctrinal explanations were given by all who spoke. Mission President S. Q. Cannon, Conference President S. D. Thurman, and ten traveling elders were in attendance. We were also favored with the presence of ten traveling elders from Holland.

The meeting held in Verriers, at 10 a. m., was addressed by President D. H. Birnham of the Arnhem conference, who bore testimony of the restoration of the gospel in fulfillment of Biblical prophecies.

President S. Q. Cannon occupied the meeting in the time and spoke on pre-existence.

At Seraing, services commenced at 3 p. m. Three persons, baptized that day by Elder W. H. Callahan, were confirmed members. The general and local authorities were presented, and sustained, after which the statistical and labor reports were read, showing advancement in the work.

Elder O. L. Robinson spoke on the power of God and His comforting support, and was followed by Elder Platt, who explained that our mission in the world was to save souls.

President Cannon gave some timely instructions on charity and the necessity of prayers and of teaching the children how to pray. He also explained baptism for the dead and admonished the saints to gather all necessary data of their progenitors, so that this important work might be accomplished in the temples.

The meeting at Liege, which convened at 7 p. m., was quite polyglot. Discourses were delivered in three different languages, French, German, and Dutch; and had it been necessary, in order for all to understand, the English language could have been resorted to.

Elder Louis Fetzner spoke on the fall of Adam and the redemption of mankind by the Savior.

Elder E. J. Evans spoke of the divinity of the gospel and of men not having the right to change it.

Elder J. H. Smith explained the restoration of the gospel in this dispensation.

President S. Q. Cannon then gave a very able and instructive address upon the gospel of Christ, its rules and ordinances. He very forcefully proved that the numerous churches of the day, which do not follow Christ's plan, cannot be divine.

President S. D. Thurman followed with a few closing remarks and exhort-

ed all to be searchers of the word of God and doers also.

Monday forenoon all the elders reported their labors and feelings in priesthood meeting and received appropriate advice from the presiding brethren.

In the evening a splendid meeting was held in Brussels. Presidents S. Q. Cannon, S. D. Thurman, D. H. Birnham, and Elder D. W. Jones addressed the assembly.

Friends and saints expressed themselves as delighted with the meetings. Much enlightenment and encouragement was given, strengthening all present.

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