

CHURCH AND MISSIONARY NEWS

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHERN STATES MISSION

THE following report of the conditions obtaining in the Southern States mission are furnished the "News" by its secretary, C. E. Dinwoodey:

Florida Conference—Elder O. W. Hyde, president, 1224 Claude street, Jacksonville—Four converts were baptized in Jacksonville last week, the ordinance was performed by Elder Thomas Jones in the St. Johns river. The little church being built in Madison is nearing completion. Elders Riggs and Mangum, who are laboring at this place, are doing a most excellent work.

Kentucky Conference—Elder Thos. E. Sechrist, president, box 354, Louisville—The general condition of the conference is excellent. The elders in their various fields of labor are being treated

Duplin county, Elders N. M. Feik and C. C. Martinson were entertained by a minister, who seemed to have a sinister purpose in so doing. During the evening he bitterly arraigned them and the following morning ordered them from the house. . . . Reports from the various counties where the elders are laboring, show the work to be progressing.

Elder Joseph F. Tracy, after having done a splendid work, has been released to return home.

Mississippi Conference—Elder D. William Stowell, president, No. 416

home, having filled a faithful mission.

Georgia Conference—Elder Lionell L. Myers, president, No. 44 Oak street, Macon—Elders A. A. Savage and W. C. Green had a pleasant experience lately. As they were entering the City of Tallahassee, they were accosted by a gentleman who asked if they were not Mormon elders, remarking that they appeared like it to him, although he had not seen any of them for over seven years. He took the elders to the hotel for dinner, then took them to his home, where they were treated with much respect. . . . President Myers has been touring the conference, visiting the elders and members. He reports the conference in excellent condition and the work progressing in a remarkable degree. . . . Elders E. J. Lee and W. C. Green are having success in their labors. They were requested to hold a meeting in a schoolhouse, which they did gladly. After a good service, a number of the people remained asking questions and desiring the elders to sing more of their songs, among whom were two ministers, who commented favorably on the talks of the elders.

late Atlanta visitor, speaking in the church Sunday.

REVIEW FOR NOVEMBER.

The following is the statistical report of the work done in the Southern States mission during November:

Books of Mormon sold, 181; other books sold, 2,211; tracts distributed, 24,241; Liahona distributed, 3,907; Liahona subscriptions, 182; families visited, 11,217; families revisited, 7,935; hours tracting, 4,532; hours gospel conversations, 6,596; hours with saints, 5,358; gospel conversions, 12,702; hall meetings, 248; cottage, 553; open air, 45; children blessed, 55; baptisms, 26.

Arrivals and Appointments—The

following missionaries have recently arrived from Zion and have been appointed to labor in the conferences named:

Chester E. Hansen, Atlanta, Ky. Brown, Atlanta, Ga. Hyatt V. Holt, Ohio. Thatcher Kimball, Ohio. Hyrum I. Yates, Ohio. Franklin A. Gable, Mississippi. Chas. R. Jenkins, Mississippi. Nell M. Stewart, Kentucky. Travy G. Richeson, Virginia. W. L. Shelley, Virginia. Levi C. Parker, Virginia. Carl Vichewsky, Ohio. Ernest E. Palmer, Atlanta. Wm. R. Moyes, East Tennessee.

George Huskinson, Florida. Mrs. Louisa J. Huskinson, Atlanta. **Transfers**—D. J. Spencer, Florida to Virginia; Florence Zundel, Atlanta to Ohio. **Releases**—R. A. Meeks, Chas. L. Foote, Henry O. Kent, Henry A. Pace, Jno. H. Batty, D. S. Dority, Wm. N. Knowlton, Jno. W. Willis, Albert Tracy. President Chas. A. Callis, together with his wife and two children, returned from the west on the 14th. President Ben. E. Rich was a visitor at the mission home on the 15th. Sister Laura Pack is visiting with her daughter, Sister Callis.

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Genealogical Society to Restore Old Social Hall

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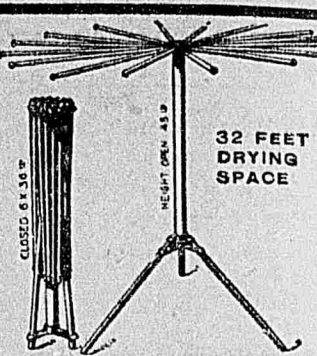
CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM
PREST ANTHON II. LUND.

To the saints, generally, and especially to the members of the Genealogical Society: We are pleased to extend our hearty greetings to you at this season of good fellowship and good will to all men, having in mind the birth of our Lord and Savior, and remembering with vividness the salvation which He lived and died to accomplish. We are well pleased that the labors of this society have taken a new impetus for good

out, the poverty within, while they danced to the strains of Bro. Ballou's band, or waited with bated breath for Parthenia to "cleanse the cups," or for "Damon and Pythias" to forge one more link in the never-broken chain of friendship? Ah, those were days when men loved truly and women served gladly. But their children have not yet forgotten those lessons of rich inheritance, and there is still one splendid living link between this generation of culture and luxury and those times of struggle and hardship; President Joseph F. Smith holds in his firm hands, not only the clasp of such pioneers as Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, George A. Smith and Daniel H. Wells, he also has known the pressure of those sacred fingers which Carthage stiffened into death, and which now hold within their glorified clasp the destinies of this later dispensation.

corner stone of all our temple work, the very best and most complete in the world. It would require many thousands of dollars to purchase the books even now in print on these topics; but if the Church provides a place to store such books, with a librarian to take care of them, surely the saints should be willing to do their individual share in securing the necessary books. It is for this purpose the sisters are laboring.

The Social hall was built under the direction of Brigham Young in 1852. Here were given those early theatricals, those pioneer parties when tickets cost \$5, and bear steaks were served on the same menus with service-berry pies as part of the long and elaborate suppers. When the Salt Lake Theater was built in 1852, the hall ceased to serve as a theater, but it still continued in use for social parties



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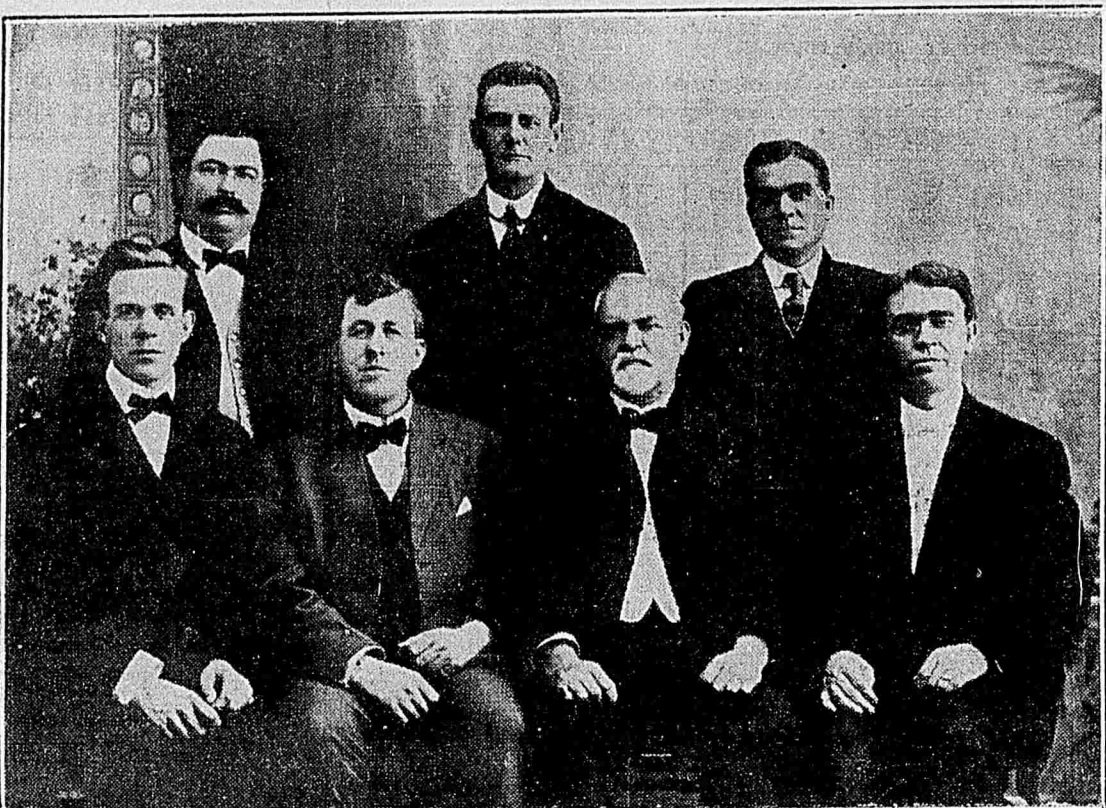


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Left to right, standing, Elder Samuel O. Bennion, Central States; Elder Ben E. Rich, Eastern States; Elder Charles A. Callis, Southern States. Sitting, Elder Cornelia Ellsworth, Northern States; Elder Joseph E. Robinson, California; Elder Nephi Pratt, Northwestern States; Elder Joseph Alexander McRae, Western States.

with respect and their message is listened to with attention. The members throughout the conference are reported to be living up to the requirements of the gospel.

Ohio Conference—Elder A. F. Tolton, president, box 41, station "D," Columbus—A pleasant time was had by Elders J. L. Hubbard, and S. H. Hall in New Albany recently, they having gone there by special invitation. Several meetings were held and one convert baptized. Elders J. H. Maxwell and Jordan Stockham are doing good work in the city of Portsmouth, this place being the old home of the latter. His friends treat him with much respect. . . . Street meetings in many of the cities have been suspended owing to the cold weather. Elders laboring in Newark report that the people are receiving them very gladly.

East Tennessee Conference—Elder W. K. Soelberg, president, box 653, Knoxville—Reuben Smart, county judge of Grundy county, gave an interesting lecture on Sunday school work at the North Cut schoolhouse. Mr. Smart is a warm friend of the "Mormons." . . . Elders C. R. Sampson and A. T. Thorup have had much success in their labors in Marion county, they having distributed 300 tracts and sold 35 books, baptized three converts and blessed three children all in one week. . . . Results of the good work being done in Knoxville by Elders Soelberg, Jensen and W. H. Larson are beginning to be noticed, many interested investigators having been made. . . . Elder J. W. Willis, after filling a faithful mission, has been released to return home.

North Carolina—Elder Robt. B. White, president, box 547, Wilmington—The elders, who are visiting the members, report them to be living their religion. . . . In canvassing the city of Wilmington the elders found the prejudice, formerly existing, considerably diminished. Five converts were baptized at Andrews, Cherokee county, by Elders Joseph F. Tracy and R. J. Bradshaw. . . . While traveling in

George street, Jackson—Three successful meetings were held Nov. 21, two at Magnolia and one at McComb City, by Elders D. William Stowell, H. M. Hodgson and Frank Morris. At the conclusion of the McComb meeting Mr. S. W. Baot, the ex-mayor, invited the elders to his home. The following day, Sunday, Mr. Baot had a large crowd at his residence to hear the elders explain Mormonism. . . . At Brookhaven, Hollis's Book store is handling the Book of Mormon. . . . Three good meetings were held by Elders W. V. Clark and George J. Taylor at Meehan Junction, at the conclusion of which two converts were baptized. . . . Eight meetings were held at Beechwood during the past week.

Virginia—Elder S. W. Bateman, president, box No. 15, Lynchburg—A series of successful meetings were held in Danville, which were well attended. . . . Elders R. B. Major and W. E. Shumway have had good success in the City of Alto, Amherst county, having held nine well attended meetings in one week. . . . While in attendance at a Methodist meeting, Elders George E. Marchant and Reese T. Lowler while traveling in Buchanan county, were granted a special privilege; the pastor learning that the brethren were in the congregation invited them to preach, which they gladly accepted. At the conclusion of their remarks the minister endorsed what had been said, telling the people present, that it was Bible doctrine. On the following Sunday morning the same elders were approached by the same pastor who requested that they occupy his pulpit at the Sunday services, needless to say, this invitation was gladly accepted. When the hour of meeting arrived the crowd which attended was so large the building would not accommodate them, so an open-air meeting was held. . . . Quite a heavy fall of snow has tended to hamper the work to some extent; however, a good work is being done by the elders, all of whom are enjoying good health. Elder H. O. Kent has been honorably released from his labors to return

The next day they held a baptismal service, at which three converts were baptized. . . . Elder A. E. Mortenson, who is laboring in Macon, was requested to visit the home of a lady who was seriously ill. He was asked to offer a prayer. He was pleased to kneel at the bedside and importuned the Lord in her behalf. In less than half an hour the lady arose from her bed, and addressing those in the room said, "Lord, has saved my life through the prayer of a Mormon elder, for which I am thankful."

Middle Tennessee Conference—Elder J. Elmer Johnson, president, box 259, Memphis—The inclement weather has retarded the work to some extent. Elders A. E. Busby and W. Walker have been visiting the members of the Church in the east end of the conference and report them to be living up to the gospel requirements. The Sunday school recently organized in Hartsman Co., is reported to be progressing nicely. Mr. J. W. Glimp of Lightfoot, passed away recently, which is a sad blow to all who knew him. He has been a true friend to the elders, whose heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved family. . . . Two articles on "Repentance," taken from Talmage's "Articles of Faith," were read from the pulpit of one of the prominent churches of Memphis, and the same favorably commented upon by the pastor, who is a frequent attendant at the Mormon Sunday school, where the above book is being used as a text book. . . . Elder D. S. Dority, who has presided over the conference for the past year, has been released to return home. Also Elder Wm. N. Knowlton, who acted as his first counselor. Both brethren have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and the work under their direction has prospered. Elder J. Elmer Johnson, who has been laboring in the Ohio conference, has been transferred to this conference to preside over the same.

Alabama Conference—Elder Henry A. Gardner, president, box 705, Montgomery—Elder Albert Tracy has been honorably released from his labors, after having filled a faithful mission. . . . One baptism was reported by Elders H. C. Maxham and D. C. Allenau. . . . The elders are all well and report much success.

East Kentucky—Elder G. Franklin Ellsworth, president, box 422, Lexington—In Menifee Co., Elders W. F. Larkin and J. C. Palmer have had good success in their labors, having baptized many new converts. . . . Company work during the past summer has been successful, more literature being distributed than in any period in the history of the conference. . . . One of the ministers living in Lexington endeavored to show Elder R. L. Cook the error of his way, while the latter was canvassing. However, the report of this conversation shows that he made an utter failure. The reason was obvious—he was battling against truth. . . . Sister Bathsheba Fite of Ribolt, Lewis Co., died on Nov. 7. Sister Fite lived the life of a staunch Latter-day Saint. The elders will miss her, especially, as many of them have enjoyed her hospitality. . . . The mayor of Cincinnati gave the elders permission to canvass the city.

Atlanta Conference—Elder Paul E. Nelson, president, 29 Conally St., Atlanta—Elders Alfred G. Gunn and J. A. Smith are visiting the members of the Church in the north end of the conference. Florence Zundel, who has been laboring in the city of Atlanta for nearly a year, has been transferred to the Ohio conference. Sister Zundel, and her companion, Sister Caroline S. Jones, have been doing a most excellent work. Sister Louisa J. Huskinson has been appointed to labor in Atlanta. Brother C. H. Hauser of Washington, D. C., was a

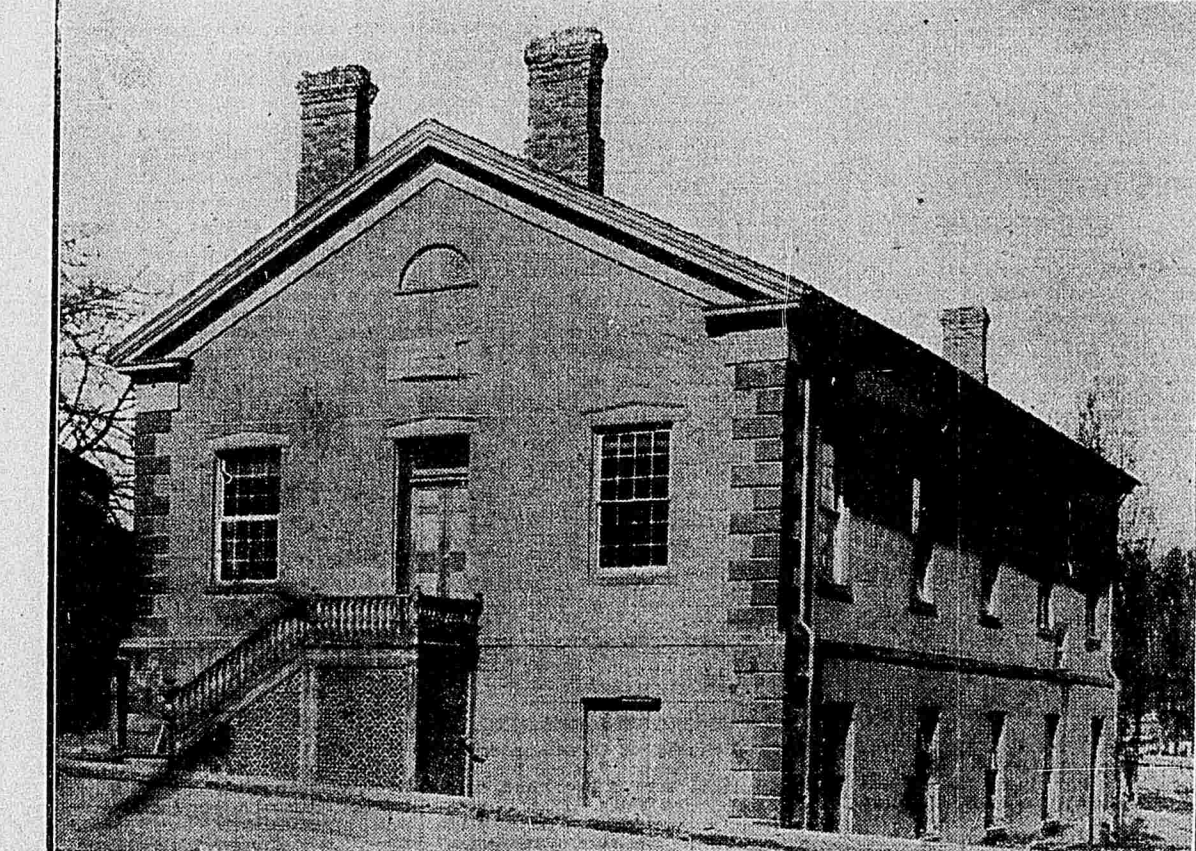


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THE SOCIAL HALL.

In the year just passing. The saints are familiar with the revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in regard to the salvation for the dead. But all may not be aware of the close relation which this society bears to that important subject. It is for this purpose that we have deemed it wise that a department has been opened in the Deseret News, that some proselyting and educational work may be thus disseminated throughout the Church. And the success of this department has more than justified our expectations.

The two great aims of our society are: To secure the largest genealogical library in the world, and to educate and assist the saints in the preparation of their genealogical records. The Prophet Joseph was emphatic in his instructions regarding clearness, accuracy and care in the matter of recording for temple purposes. And this skill is not acquired without experience and study. We have within our charter all needful opportunity to familiarize members with the various steps in this fascinating and important branch of our Church labors. Moreover, we have skilled and willing clerks at our headquarters in the Historian's office in this city, and invite the attention of the saints to this department of our society. Some of our more enthusiastic members have set themselves the task of bringing into our fold as many adult members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as possible. May their efforts be crowned with success.

We extend our congratulations to the members, our invitation to the saints generally to join us in this movement, and our gratitude to God for the blessings which have attended our efforts.

THE SOCIAL HALL.

Who of the pioneers can ever forget the glories of those unique parties and early theaters which all centered and clustered under the roof of the old Social Hall? What fragrant memories of sincere delights linger about the walls of that building which has seen presidents and people, governors and civilians, old and young, mothers and babes, fathers and sons all gathered under the chandeliers of twinkling candles, or later, of "gasolene" lighting, oil lamps, balancing and chattering, bowing and prouetting, "swinging the ladies on the corner," and "next couple down the line," as those fearless and faithful ones forgot the Indians with-

sation. The Prophet Joseph Smith loved his child-nephew, and many times he blessed the brown-haired boy, who as man and leader still loves that prophet next to the Savior Himself. And therefore, it is not strange that this good and gracious man should, in connection with his council, consent to the plan of the auxiliary committee of the Genealogical Society to restore the old Social Hall to its pristine glory, and to foregather once more in those walls, sacred to proper and heaven-blessed recreation.

There are many places of amusement in this city, but none of a character to supply the old-fashioned demand for such a place as the Social Hall.

It is the desire of the auxiliary committee of the society to secure in time, a complete Genealogical library. And as a secondary design, to cement together with the fascinating chain of proper social diversion, those of the saints who are likewise engaged in the work of promoting the upbuilding of this cause. With this end in view a committee, of which Mrs. Edna L. Smith as chairman, has been laboring for some weeks to bring this matter to a successful issue. Mrs. Smith herself has long been a worker in temple labor, having been called when a mere girl to assist in the labors of the Endowment house. Here she carried her babes, serving in double capacity, and there she labored with never-flagging zeal till that house was closed and the Salt Lake temple dedicated. Since then, she has been a constant worker there. It is not surprising, therefore, that Mrs. Smith should enter into this later development of temple work with her whole soul. The auxiliary committee purpose having a series of brilliant social events during the coming winter which will equal, but scarcely surpass, the events and functions of those earlier days. There is no doubt that it will be much in demand, but the committee is determined to retain, through care and effort, the old-time aroma of gentleness and stability which was so characteristic of older times.

The hall is to be in readiness for the opening of the New Year holidays, and great social events may be watched for confidently during the winter. The means which may accrue from the use and rental of this building, will be set aside, after deducting expenses taken therefrom, for the purchase of books for the genealogical library. The sisters are full of zeal to assist in making that library, which will be the

until the death of President Young, in 1877. Later, it was secured as a reading room and gymnasium for the Mutual Improvement League. When the L. D. S. school was organized the Social hall was secured for its use, and since that time it has been more or less used by that school.

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4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, faith in the Lord; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy," and by the laying on of hands," by those who are in authority, to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, namely, Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.
8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also be-

lieve the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.
9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the ten tribes, that Zion will be built upon this continent, that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.
11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may.
12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.
13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to ALL MEN; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."—Joseph Smith.