

NOTES FROM THE SOUTH-ERN STATES MISSION

Alabama Conference—Elder Henry A. Gardner, president, box No. 295, Montgomery. A baptismal service was held at Altha, Ala., by Elders N. H. Stevens and Amos L. Pace, at which two converts were baptized. They also report a case of healing.

The Crenshaw county papers were pleased to publish the notice of our coming conference.

Ohio Conference—Elder Aubrey F. Tolson, president, box No. 11, station "D," Columbus. Elder G. Maxwell and J. J. Stockham report one baptism in Scioto county.

The work in Cincinnati has been opened up again, two German speaking elders, Karl Viesweg and C. Frickenschne, have been assigned this field of labor, and expect to do a good work. A great percentage of the people of this city are Germans.

Sisters Florence Zundel and Leah V. Holt, two lady missionaries, have been assigned to labor in Columbus. The former has spent the last 14 months in Georgia and Florida and the latter has recently arrived from the West Indies.

James L. Hubbard and Joseph R. Hicks have been honorably released to return home.

Virginia—Elder S. W. Bateman, president, box No. 145, Lynchburg. The Virginia conference convened at Lynchburg on Dec. 21, 1908. Elders C. A. Callis and Elder George Albert Smith of the apostles' quorum were in attendance, as were all the elders laboring in this conference. Two priesthood meetings and two public meetings were held. At the former, the visiting brethren gave such instructions as would tend to build up and encourage the elders; at the latter meetings both delivered excellent discourses, which were appreciated by those in attendance. Elder S. W. Bateman, who has been presiding over the conference for a considerable time, and who has been faithful to his trust and energetic in the discharge of his duties, was released to return home; as was also Elder Willard Call, of whom the same can be said. Elder H. A. Shupe has been selected as Brother Bateman's successor. Elders Leo Loomis and J. S. Spence were transferred to the Ohio conference.

Mississippi—Elder D. Wm. Stowell, president, 416 George street, Jackson. At the conclusion of a well attended street meeting held at Hattiesburg, the elders were approached by a gentleman who stated that he had been asked a minister to define the Holy Ghost. The minister could not give a satisfactory answer, but told the gentleman to "ask the next Mormon elder" he happened to see. The next day a branch conference was held at West Hoxie, recently. Nine meetings were held and a splendid time had by the large crowd in attendance. At the conclusion of the conference two converts were baptized.

A baptism is reported from Pike county by Elder J. S. Schofield.

A series of five successful meetings were held by Elders C. C. Nichols and A. L. Broderick, with the members of the Church at Millville. After having filled a good, faithful mission of 26 months Elder C. C. Nichols was released to return home.

South Carolina—Elder Frank Pasick, president, box 125, Columbia. Brother J. P. Jeffcoat of Swansea passed to the great beyond on the first of this month, being in his twenty-ninth year. Since he accepted the gospel he has lived a very consistent life. The funeral service was held in the Methodist church with the elders in charge. A large concourse of people were in attendance, who listened with attention to the remarks of the elders, who gave them the Mormon idea of the resurrection.

Conference convened at Columbia on the 16th. Two priesthood meetings and two public meetings were held. President C. A. Callis, and Elder George Albert Smith of the apostles' quorum were in attendance, who gave the elders much valuable instruction. The conference was considered a spiritual feast by those in attendance.

Elders George Perry and J. A. Martindale were honorably released after having filled 26 months' missions.

East Kentucky—Elder G. F. Ellsworth, president, box 15, Lexington. Elders John O. Call and B. L. Lefgren report one baptism in Madison county.

After a lingering illness of 48 days, Brother Alfred N. Lowe of Packwood, county, passed quietly to the great beyond. Since uniting with the Church Brother Lowe has been a faithful, energetic worker, ever ready and willing to do all in his power for the advancement of the Master's work. His home has been a home for the elders and many who have partaken of his hospitality will bear with sorrow his death. He leaves an aged mother, wife and four children to mourn his loss. His oldest son recently returned from a two year mission in Georgia. Elders I. E. Barker and J. G. Palmer were at the bedside when the end came. They took charge of the preparations for burial and conducted the funeral. A large crowd of friends attended.

North Carolina—Elder Robt. B. White, president, box 547, Wilmington. Three baptisms were reported from Wayne county by Elders W. E. Godwin and D. R. Taylor. Elder Joseph P. Tracy has been honorably released to return home, after faithful service of 15 months. A branch conference was held at Kinston on the 20th. President C. A. Callis and Elder George Albert Smith of the apostles' quorum, together with all the elders of the conference, were in attendance. Six public meetings were held. The conference was a success in every way. The visiting brethren gave much good counsel, which was greatly appreciated. The numbers of the Church contributed greatly to the success of the conference. The elders have gone to their fields of labor with renewed energy, feeling much encouraged in their work. This year, 113 baptisms have been performed and 240 books of Mormon have been sold.

Middle Tennessee—Elder J. Elmer Johnson, president, box No. 269, Memphis. In fifteen counties, Elders George Shaw and W. D. Taylor are meeting with success. The people of this county have not been visited for quite a while, and they are glad to welcome the elders back.

Elders A. L. White and B. A. Johnson report a case of healing from Hardeman county. Brother Frank P. Rhodes being ill, asked the elders to administer to him, which they did, and he was healed instantly through Gibson county. Elders George D. Rainey and S. L. Smith were entertained at the home of J. H. Walker one evening. After supper Mr. Walker went out among his neighbors inviting them to come to his house to "preach." A good crowd assembled. At the close of the service one gentleman remarked, "It's what you call Mormon."

ALBANY CONFERENCE

At the 7 o'clock meeting Elder John A. Butterworth, John K. Melbo, president of the Albany conference and President Cannon were the speakers. All the meetings were well attended and at night our hall proved to be too small. There were about 360 present. 47 new converts were baptized. A great number of books and tracts distributed and a few addresses were handed in.

The report of the work done in this conference by the elders for the last seven months showed as follows: 56,500 tracts and 4,500 books distributed. 1,250 invitations, 300 new conversions, 55 baptisms, 27 books of Mormon sold.

Monday, Nov. 16, priesthood meeting was held for the elders who gave a brief report of the work done in their different branches and the condition of the same. Reports showed the work in good shape and the outlook for the future very encouraging. Much good counsel was given to the elders by President Cannon.

DAVID L. BRIMHALL, Branch President.

WORK OF NOVEMBER.

Our work this month has been broken into a little by holding of conferences, but the elders have accomplished the following amount of work: Hours of preaching, 1,909; families visited in tracts, 1,741; hours gospel conversations, 1,884; small books of Mormon sold, 5,891; tracts distributed, 14,187; standard Church works, 172; small books, 830; baptisms, 4; fast meetings, 3.

Arrivals and Assignments—Elders August L. Johnson and Chas. W. North, southwest Virginia; Elders John A. Taylor, Brooklyn and Elder Alma H. Momm, West Pennsylvania.

Releases—Elder Wm. C. Fitzgerald from the New York conference, and Elder Heber C. Frank from the Northwest Virginia conference.

CONFERENCE IN AALBORG, DENMARK

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EASTERN STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

Brooklyn—Sunday, Dec. 6th the semi-annual conference was held in New York City, 151 W. One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, and, during the two sessions, which were well attended, the elders and friends enjoyed the privilege of listening to the students, who spoke very encouragingly to the people. On Monday evening following, a social was given, and there were also opportunities of listening to the singing of Bros. Easton and Christopher, and Sister Claudia Holt, to the violin solos of Miss Thatcher, and to the reading of Bro. Harold Goff. The evening the large hall was almost full.

Monday morning at 10 a. m., priesthood meeting of all the elders was held, during which the elders gave their personal reports, and a good feeling prevailed among all the elders.

Monday evening a sacrament meeting was held.

A very instructive and interesting Relief society conference was held Tuesday evening.

Wednesday evening a very successful program was rendered in the large hall, after which refreshments were served to all the friends and saints present.

Brother J. A. Johnson gave a very fine meetinghouse that was built by the Church and private contribution at a cost of about \$5,000 or \$6,000. It stands at the end of a short street and is a beautiful building, and the benefit of what little sun that does shine here.

It is one of the best locations for a church in Aalborg. The meetinghouse is a two-story building, with the large hall on the second floor, while the elders working in Aalborg branch and the custodian of the building live in rooms on the ground floor.

The people here, as a rule, are intelligent and religious, but we find many fine friends. The bitterness towards the Latter-day Saints that was so pronounced a year or two ago is gradually giving place to a more friendly feeling.

Elder I. A. Jensen from Brigham City has been made conference president to fill the place of Hyrum J. Jensen of Salt Lake City, who has been released to return home.

G. S. SCHOW, Conf. Secy.

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ELDER LABORING IN THE AARHUS, DENMARK, CONFERENCE.

Reading from left to right: front row—C. H. Sorensen (visiting), Orson A. Garff, G. A. Nielsen, Hyrum Hansen, Hyrum W. Hansen.

Second row—James Jensen (visiting), Peter Rasmussen, James R. Christensen, Lars J. Halling (visiting), N. J. Nielsen, Charles Jensen, Mission President Soren Rasmussen (visiting), Isaac A. Jensen, J. H. Jensen, Henry M. Jensen, Soren R. Nielsen, C. C. Johnson.

Third row—F. T. Nelson, Joseph H. Hansen, A. W. Jensen, J. P. Johansen, Jens D. Nielsen, Henry J. Nielsen, Morten C. Jensen, C. H. Johnson, Ernest Nielsen, James Brown, Niels Iversen, J. C. Christoffersen.

LORIN HALL, Conference President.

BAPTISMS IN ENGLAND.

On the evening of Dec. 11, a baptismal service was held at the home of Sister Emma Awkcock, Tunbridge Wells (London conference), when another member was added to the Church. The ordinance was performed by Elder Lewis O. Clark. Confirmation by Elder A. B. Case.

A baptismal service was held in the Gordon Baths, Manchester (Manchester conference), Wednesday night. Two converts were baptized by Elder James E. Burns.

Latter-day Saints received the ordinance of baptism at Freckleton Street Baths, Blackburn, (Liverpool conference), on Dec. 13. Elder Vincent Bennington officiated.

At "Deseret" South Tottenham, London, on Dec. 10, another member was baptized into the Church. The ordinance was performed by Elder Walter B. White, performed by Elder Walter B. White.

A baptismal service was held at the Shelton Baths, Nottingham, on Dec. 12. Instructive addresses were delivered by Elders D. J. Suttles and Lafayette Orme, after which five persons were baptized by Elders A. J. Gilbert and Thomas Martin.

Another baptismal service was held in the South Shields, on Dec. 15. The ceremony was performed at the Derby Street Baths, by Elder Josiah Blackburn. Four converts were baptized into the Church.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION NOTES

Independence, Mo., Dec. 25.—The holiday season is on and most of our elders have left canvassing for a week and have gone to visit saints and friends. This is the season of the year when the thoughts and desires revert to home and loved ones, yet next to home the happiest place is in those hearts the gospel has planted, and which binds together in common brotherhood all who obey its precepts.

Truly did our Savior say "whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, my sister and my mother."

In these visits the elders have an excellent opportunity to instruct the new saints in regard to honest every-day living, that no one needs to be a hypocrite, but that each should be a real, practical Christian. This is a very important feature of mission work and no doubt our elders will have a happy time and do much good.

A token of love which is fully reciprocated, President and Sister Bennington have presented each elder and sister missionary in this mission with a fine, large size photo of themselves. They couldn't have given anything which would be appreciated more.

Christmas eve the mission house was filled to the limit with local saints and friends, who enjoyed the rendition of a program appropriate to the occasion, and received a personal visit from Santa Claus who gave presents and sacks of goodness to all.

Elder W. H. Heaton and Joseph A. Melbo of the Western States mission and his family have moved from Denver and are now comfortably located at Independence in a pleasant little home recently purchased for the Church by our mission president. They are warmly welcomed by our little branch. Bro. McRae has accepted a position with the Danielson Implement company and will commence work for them after he has been to Denver and formally turned the mission work over to his successor.

Elder George H. Toolson, who has been laboring in North Texas conference is sick with typhoid fever. A few days ago Elder W. H. Heaton, his conference president, brought him to the St. Joseph hospital where he is receiving the best of care. His father and mother are with him and he is getting along very well and will probably be up again in a short time.

Elders W. H. Heaton and F. A. Coburn have been released to return home and Elder George L. Anderson has been transferred from Missouri to East Kansas conference.

HERB. F. LE BARON, Branch President.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

St. Louis, Dec. 2.—The elders, saints and investigators of the Missouri conference met at 4266 East Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 5 and 6, in conference capacity. A good spirit and great interest was manifested in all the meetings. At the four priesthood meetings the elders gave reports of their labors and were given timely instructions from Mission President S. O. Bennington.

The three public meetings were well attended, the hall being crowded to its limit. The Australian people are kind and helpful, although they cannot all see the truth, they hold no enmity against the truth, they hold no enmity against the truth, they hold no enmity against the truth.

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WILLIAM W. SELCK, SR., Stake Clerk.

ALBERTA STAKE CONFERENCE.

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President E. J. Wood and Counselors Thomas Price and S. Williams were in charge. There was a large attendance. President Wood read the revelation given to President John Taylor Oct. 12, 1897, and commented on the same at the lengthiest. He also showed the harmony existing between science and the teachings of Joseph Smith the prophet.

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The saints are prospering and enjoying good health in this country.

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Dec. 17.—Sydney A. Russell of Provo, Utah Co., from the Western mission; set apart Oct. 19, 1908.

Nov. 18.—Elders of Cache, Fremont Co., Idaho, from the Central States mission; set apart May 14, 1907.

William A. Smith of Salt Lake City, from the Central States mission; set apart Jan. 8, 1907.

Sister Laura Bennington of Taylorville, Salt Lake Co., from the Western States mission; set apart Jan. 22, 1907.

James E. Rawlings of Fairview, Onondaga Co., Idaho, from the Central States mission; set apart May 7, 1906.

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