

EASTERN STATES
MISSION HISTORY

Brooklyn, Ind. S. Allen, president, 42nd W. 124th St., 13th Ward, Ashland, Woodruff, of Salt Lake City, met with the saints of the New York branch, in sacrament meeting, delivering a very impressive discourse.

The elders who are laboring in the country continue to do a good work; one pair of elders recently slept with "Hole Sam" and went without food all day. However they called it fast day. Elder Jos. H. Watkins and Jesse McCullough, while at Fairmont, met a very kind family; the gentleman being a Sabbath school superintendent in one of the prominent churches. He tried to induce the elders with consideration and allowed them to use his house in which to hold a cottage meeting. At one of the recent street meetings in New York, Elder M. H. Gustafson spoke to a very large and interested gathering. Ninety-nine Books of Mormon, 570 small books and 140 tracts were distributed in the month of June.

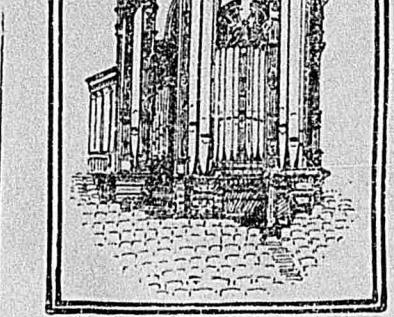
East Pennsylvania, Wm. R. Dredge, president, 3228 Sydenham St., Philadelphia. Mr. John D. Stockberg, husband of one of the faithful members, died in Philadelphia on June 13. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dredge, and Elder Jas. A. Wagstaff. While traveling in Baltimore, Elder Wm. A. Whitehead and his wife, Hendrickson, were followed by a woman distributing and selling anti-Mormon literature. However, she was unsuccessful in her attempt to induce the people against the elders. The members of the Church and their friends of Philadelphia, met at Fairmont Park on July 5, and had a very enjoyable time together. Reports from the elders laboring in the country are very gratifying, showing a marked increase in the distribution of literature.

Mine, Wm. H. Steed, president, 355 Cumberland avenue, Portland. When Elders Archie R. Southwick and D. M. Layton called for their mail at Bangor, the postmaster met them and asked what the prefix "Elder" on their letters meant. It was explained to the gentleman, and one of the elders handed him a little card with the Articles of Faith on the back. The elders were then asked to explain each article, which they were glad to do. The gentleman reported that he had with the articles, especially the last three, and made the remark, "I am an American, and that sounds more like Americanism to me, than anything I have heard for a long time." Elder Wm. R. Andrus and Wesley W. Farner reported a peculiar incident. While traveling after the good people who had entertained them grew suspicious and sent for the city marshal to come and investigate anything who they were. The marshal and two aids arrived, asked the elders and asked them to explain who and what they were. The elders sat up in bed and with the marshal, his aids and the gentleman of the house as their congregation, they explained the things which they traveled, and what their message was. After listening for some time, they allowed the elders to remain in bed, where they enjoyed a good night's rest, after their "successful meeting." Elders Henry M. Beckstead and Geo. A. Hogan recently attended a Pentecostal meeting, by invitation. The minister failed to put in an appearance, and the elders were requested to do the preaching, which they gladly did. At the close of the service, a number of people shook their hands and expressed themselves as well pleased. They had several invitations to go to the people's homes. These same elders recently met a minister of the gospel who had previously met elders and who spoke very highly of them and the work they were doing. He also offered them the use of his church in which to hold meetings.

New England, Thos. A. Spackman, President, 71 Worcester St., Boston, Massachusetts.—Hon. L. R. Martin was a recent Boston visitor. He visited the elders and assisted them in holding an open air meeting, addressing a congregation of five or six hundred people. In Lynn, Mass., Elders John P. Price and James B. McQueen were getting in the force some two months ago, the privilege of holding open air meetings. However, a number of the business men, also two newspapermen, indignant at the action of the mayor in refusing the Mormons this privilege when he was granting it to others, interested themselves for "fair play." The mayor rescinded his former order and the elders are now enjoying equal privileges with others. A public committee of Boston recently forbade the elders to sell their books on the street, however, the chief of police told the elders to go ahead and he would protect them.

New Hampshire, John G. Allred, president, 51 1/2 South Main St., Concord.—After a recent visit to the part of the state, President Allred has returned to Concord, and reports conditions to be very prosperous. On June 27, on occasion of the anniversary of the organization, the action of the mayor in refusing the Mormons this privilege when he was granting it to others, interested themselves for "fair play." The mayor rescinded his former order and the elders are now enjoying equal privileges with others. A public committee of Boston recently forbade the elders to sell their books on the street, however, the chief of police told the elders to go ahead and he would protect them.

New York, Chas. H. Owen, president, 148 N. Pearl St., Albany, N. Y.—President Owen reports that the trip through the state, the conditions much improved, prejudice abated and opportunities for preaching the gospel were everywhere. In Canada, excellent work has been done and much literature distributed. One baptism is reported from Albany. For several years the elders laboring in Albany have been refused permission to preach on the streets, but now are enjoying this privilege. Elders laboring without purse or scrip in the different counties, report good success in their labors, and the people general-



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present, and at the others President Rich was in attendance. On the 13th President Lund visited the mission, also B. H. Roberts and Ida Smoot Dusenbury, which was the reason for Brother Rich's non-attendance at the West Coast conference.

CENTRAL STATES
MISSION ACTIVITIES

302 South Pleasant St., Independence, Mo., July 9.—From Alberta, La., Elders Rino Ferro and Albert L. Thomas write that they are holding open air meetings and the feeling of the people is changing. Where prejudice existed there is a growing love for the elders and a desire to learn more of the Mormon doctrine. "The elders who come near us will have no trouble in finding a resting place here," say they. The elders, however, are often called to "pluck out their own eyes" to add to their work. They are for they are being received as they truly are representatives of our blessed Redeemer.

Last week we spoke of the good work being done in the Texas panhandle. This week Elders Christian Knudsen and Louis H. Bisset report having disposed of six Books of Mormon, doctrinal works and Elders Mather and Humphreys have left 10 Books of Mormon and 28 other books with the people. They have finished their work in the panhandle and are now on their way to the next place.

South West Virginia, Frank Leavitt, president, box 68, Huntington, W. Va.—During the month of June nineteen baptisms were performed and ninety-six meetings held. Successful meetings have recently been held in Logan and at Whotman Creek, a coal mining town. Heretofore the elders had been hindered by the fact that they could not distribute tracts, but now the people are very friendly. From Sweet Springs, Elders C. D. Davis and J. P. Brown report that they have shown the narrow, contracted condition some men are in. The elders had been given the use of a church by the trustee to hold a meeting. As soon as the minister heard of it he protested, but the trustee promptly overruled the protest; the Christian (?) gentleman then stated that he had no objection to the Mormons' use of the Bible or organ, and again he was told that they did not belong to him. He then said: "Well, I bought the lot in those names and I shall take it out." The elders, little thinking he would do so, went right along with the arrangements for the meeting; however, at the appointed time they went to the church and found that the minister (?) had been as good as his word and had drained the lamps of their oil. This act met many friends for the elders, and they have remained in that locality doing a good work.

West Pennsylvania, A. E. Jacobson, president, 1223 Monterey street, Allegheny.—On the 24th of June, a very successful and well attended baptism was performed at Allegheny by Elder Arthur R. Coombs. On the 24th and 25th of June a very successful and well attended baptism was performed at Allegheny by Elder Arthur R. Coombs. On the 24th and 25th of June a very successful and well attended baptism was performed at Allegheny by Elder Arthur R. Coombs.

SCANDINAVIAN MISSION NOTES

Korsgade 11, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 24.—We are glad to report that all is going along nicely in this mission. The work is progressing rapidly, and we can now and then see the light of hope. The reports from the respective conferences are very encouraging. The Aarhus conference is making many very successful meetings in the country. Many encouraging things happen each week to strengthen the hope in the work.

The Aarhus branch is, on account of the fair being held there this summer, suffering from lack of attendance but most of the other churches are in a very encouraging condition.

The three conferences in Norway are very much encouraged with the work they are doing. The rate of baptisms is continued it will be best in many years. Trondheim conference, the most northerly in the world, is at present in a very encouraging condition. It has been very successful in its work and meetings are very well attended. Two were baptized last week in Namsos by Elder Rolf C. Wold, who is at present presiding over that branch. Christiania conference is this year taking the lead in baptisms and from present appearances we look for a great showing from that part of Norway. The meetings are excellently attended and many are accepting the gospel. Two were added to the church in that conference last month and several have been baptized during the last few weeks. This conference is making a wonderful record in meetings and baptisms while Bergen is not far behind. During the month of May we distributed 45,359 tracts, 1,748 books; there were 33,343 homes visited, 3,868 gospel conversations, 44 meetings held, 24 baptized, and nine children blessed.

We are looking forward with happy anticipation to the time when we shall have the pleasure of meeting President Lund and his company from the far west and President Peterson from England.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

On dates given, the elders named below have returned from their respective offices, in this city, their safe arrival home from the foreign mission field, all the best of health, and with very enjoyable missionary experiences. The gospel work everywhere, they say, is making very satisfactory progress.

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