

EASTERN STATES  
MISSION HISTORY.

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TAHITIAN MISSIONARIES.

Names, reading from left to right—Top row: Isaac Hunt, A. L. Harper, N. H. Green, A. T. Hicks, J. W. Simmons, Solon Edwards, A. S. Hall.

Lower row from left to right: J. T. Aydelotte, Myrie Seegmiller, Mary E. Seegmiller, Flora Seegmiller, Evan Seegmiller, Glen Seegmiller, President William A. Seegmiller, Henry Hooper.

have received the best kind of treatment and have distributed a great many books and other literature. Elder Loren J. Robinson, laboring in St. John, Kansas, says: "I have met some of the old soldiers who were at the encampment at Salt Lake, and they are very much elated with what they say of the way they were treated while there. While on the street the other evening my attention was attracted to a little crowd of people on the edge of the sidewalk, both men and women, who were being entertained by one of the old veterans, who had just returned. With enthusiasm he was giving his auditors an account of his trip and endeavored to make them feel that the temple and tabernacle, explaining what wonderful buildings they are. I shook hands with the gentleman and told him he had spoken the truth. I distributed quite a number of tracts and received invitations to visit them in their homes."

Elders J. Earl Watts and Thomas Parsons have been holding meetings at Howe, Okla., the first held by our elders in public houses in the town. They were treated well and many attended their meetings. Two families of saints live in the town. Brother John Deaton's family is one of them. His wife died on the 31st of last May, and four days later their only boy died. Before Sister Deaton passed away, she requested that her funeral services be held by the elders in her city and pay him a personal visit. He said he had heard many compliments paid to the meetings and conversations of the elders.

Elder Lawrence Slater, who has been a very energetic and able missionary in Oklahoma for nearly two years has been honorably released and returned to his home in the west. Since our last following baptisms are reported. Independence conference, two by Elder Ezra L. Marier and two by Elder R. D. Peters. In Louisiana, one each by Elders Byron Merrill, George Bell and William E. Jenkins. In North Texas, one by Elder Timothy Jones. In south Texas, two by Elder John E. Mitchell. In Oklahoma, one by Elder Thomas Parsons.

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BAPTISMS IN ENGLAND.

A baptismal service was held Aug. 15, 1909, at Deseret, Utah, where the ordinance of baptism at the hands of Elder J. Thaddeus Hammond, Jr.

A baptismal service was held on Aug. 22, at St. Helens (Liverpool) conference, in the presence of Elder H. H. Rogers, who presiding over the ordinance at the hands of Elder Bertrand T. Pond.

Two members were admitted into the Church by baptism at the Norwich Swan Bath (Norwich) conference, on the 22nd inst. The ordinance being performed by Elder William A. Newsome. —Millennial Star.

BAPTISMS IN AALBORG, DEN.

Valdemarsgade 2, Aalborg, Denmark. Aug. 23.—During the summer, we have had well attended meetings, especially Wednesday nights and Sunday nights. But now as fall is nearing and the nights are growing longer, our meetings show a marked increase in attendance, which increase is composed mostly of strangers and friends.

Saturday, Aug. 12, baptismal services were held at the Latter-day Saints' quarters, Valdemarsgade 2, Aalborg, where four converts were baptized with Elder Ole C. Larsen officiating, and again a week later, Aug. 21, three more converts entered the waters of baptism when the ordinance was performed by Elder George S. Schow. In both cases confirmations took place immediately after. A number of friends and investigators witnessed the ceremonies. Appropriate notice was sent both before and after the baptisms.

We are glad to report that in general the prospect of outlook is very encouraging in the Aalborg branch. Aug. 19, 1909, the remains of Annale Poulsen, who died Aug. 16, of tuberculosis, after a prolonged sickness. She was a faithful saint, bearing a strong testimony to the very last. Her dying wish was to have a Latter-day Saint funeral which was granted by her husband who is not a member of the faith. After singing and prayer, Elder Ole C. Larsen read a short but inspiring funeral sermon and the services closed by singing and prayer. The remains to the graveyard where she was laid in her final resting place. The Aalborg choir sang "O My Father" after which Elder Ole C. Larsen dedicated the grave.

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