

CENTRAL STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

Independence, Mo., 302 South Pleasant Street, Sept. 24.—President Bonham and Mission Secretary Almon T. Butlerfield met the elders of St. John conference at Clyde, Kansas, Sept. 29 and held conference there. Three priests and two public meetings were held. The elders gave favorable reports of their work and were instructed very definitely in regard to their labors. That as well as all other conferences of this mission, is doing good work.

Elder Joseph D. Wilkins is having an interesting time in Texas county, Mo. He says: "The cry about Mormonism has changed in this country. In many places where they have visited they do not want us to ask them if we can preach to them; they say: 'Can't you stop over a day or two and hold some meetings?' They are actually begging us to preach to them. The work is growing in this country. I am working hard to organize a Bible class and a singing class, and have put a great many people to thinking since I have been here."

Our work in St. Louis is expanding. Elder W. F. Phippen says the lady missionaries there have more than they are able to attend to successfully and they need more help to keep up the visits.

Elders Marler and Higginson are preaching to full houses in Hickory county, Mo., and getting exceptionally good treatment. They got the best people here. The doctrine and testimonies of the elders are well received and they are invited to return.

Elders Jos. E. Coleman and Alma Williams are making an extensive tour among the saints in Oklahoma. We quote a few items from their letter of Sept. 26: "We had the pleasure of baptizing Sister Harris and two of her children, who have been converted lately by the meetings held with the saints among whom she resides. At Blocker we baptized six children and blessed two babes of the saints living there. Held a conference with the water's edge, where the saving principles and ordinances were explained. A sacramental and confirmation meeting followed, at which a number of the saints bore strong testimonies to the divinity of the restored gospel. We have visited Brother Robbins at Gowen and were glad to find they had been converting their neighbors to Mormonism. An Indian, the son of a minister, has not only been converted to Christianity by reading the 'Voice of Warning,' but is convinced that Mormonism is true. He now takes pleasure in explaining it to his father and brother, who for years have been trying to convert him to their religion. He now has a set of our books such as we carry, and has applied for others. Some of our Christian friends have asked us to sing our songs to them and would not be satisfied until we could sing to them. We have been treated very hospitably by saints and friends while we have labored 'without purse or scrip.' We say 'without purse or scrip' when we meet any one who has been to Salt Lake City."

The work is also prospering in San Antonio, South Texas, where President Hixson says they expect to baptize soon. Also in Amarillo, North Texas, where a company of elders are laboring. On their first visit to the latter town they tried to get the notice of the local paper to publish notice of their visit, but through prejudice he would do nothing for them. He bought the Book of Mormon, however, and now it and now he is very friendly and gave space in his paper for a good article on the Book of Mormon written by the elders.

On the weekly reports of the elders we find baptisms recorded as follows: By Elder J. W. McDonald, Independence conference; by Elder H. M. Bishop, East Kansas conference; by Elder George L. Anderson, East Kansas conference; by Elder W. F. Phippen, Missouri conference; by Elder W. E. Jenkins, Arkansas conference.

On account of the serious illness of his father, Elder Thomas T. Murdoch has been released to return home from the North Texas conference. Elder P. P. Olson and J. W. McDonald have also returned home, bearing honorable releases from their labors in Independence conference. Elder George S. Harris, following new missionaries have arrived: Elder James F. Simkins, assigned to North Texas conference; Elder Thos. Johnson, Jr., assigned to Arkansas conference; Elder George E. Brown, assigned to Missouri conference; Elder J. H. Judd, assigned to Arkansas conference.

Our mission president has gone to Salt Lake City to attend to business pertaining to the mission and to be at the coming general conference in Salt Lake City.

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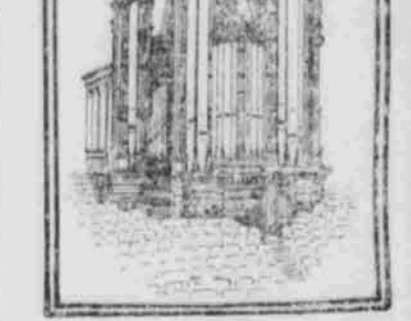
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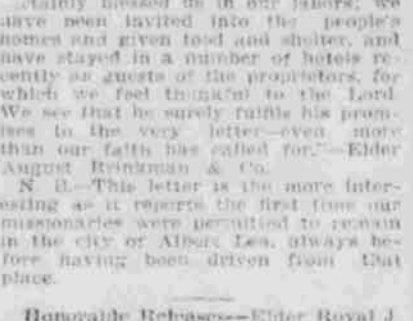
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ordinance. These present were then invited to the meetings in Texas, where those who had just been baptized were confirmed members of the Church.

In the afternoon the elders met in a meeting in which they were assigned to their different fields of labor after which each of the elders expressed himself as to the work. A splendid spirit prevailed. Some very timely instructions and advice were given.

Although the weather was somewhat disagreeable the conference meetings were well attended throughout. The best attendance at any one of our meetings was 72, including the elders who numbered 18. A good feeling prevailed throughout.

The address of President Ray L. Pratt, who is in the hospital with typhoid fever, was read very much, but we feel very much encouraged over his condition.

Dr. H. SNARE, JR., Mission Clerk.

MEXICAN CONFERENCE. IN NATIVE COLOR

"The best way to convert the Mexicans," a skeptic once said, "is to kill them all off and then have them baptized for the dead."

That is not the opinion of the two dozen young men laboring throughout the republic of Mexico, and, judging by the success of their recent conference, attended by nearly three hundred natives, they have every reason to feel encouraged.

We left the San Lazaro station in Mexico City in the early morning. The train started the shores of the ancient lakes Texcoco and Chapultepec where several hundred in khaki and boots got off to shoot ducks.

At the station women came to offer for sale at the car windows tamales, molli in confection of red peppers, green vanguard and mangoes of pulque, a vinegary alcoholic drink drawn from the maguey plant and preserved in pig-skins. At one station a bride-trousseau in that style with usual Mexican appropriateness, bridal veil, orange blossoms, and high-heeled satin slippers—got off and was received with a cold-open arms in a cornfield by her jubilant family.

It was 10 o'clock when we reached our destination, the little village of Ozuumba, where the conference was held. The town, has changed little since the conqueror passed through its sunken road and some of the people now, as then, speak the Aztec tongue.

The native, who wastes no labor, has thrived with corn, wheat, the guillemot by canyon streams in flood time, and uses them for roads. The rich vegetation of the tropics covers the high earth banks on both sides of the road while at the roots nestle maidenhair and sword ferns, and the blood-red begonia that the Mexican calls "Heart of Jesus."

Most of the inhabitants of Ozuumba are unmolested by Spanish blood, and it is among the pure Indians that the missionary does his best work. The auditors were listening with rapt attention when we entered the hall, and the children preserved an order unknown among American young people. The Mexican child is well-behaved and polite. A man once said that we would have a much better arranged world if all children could be Mexicans until they are 15 years old.

The platform on the walls of the long hall where conglomerate Mexican—rare old oil painting, exquisite steel engravings, had chromos, and family portraits. Brilliant spreads of scarlet, red and purple blossoms bore witness to the loving offerings of the native sisters, while across the entire front they had constructed in two feet letters of white and green the word "Bienvenidos"—"Welcome."

The well-groomed hair of the women and the clean white cotton blouse and trousers of the men, showed a striving after better things—something above

the ordinary run of poor Mexicans. If they get this satisfaction into colonies so women missionaries can work among them, great progress will be made. It is a difficult thing to preach the higher principles of the gospel to a people ignorant in sanitation, medicine, nursing, cooking, sewing, and general wholesome living. However, the Relief Society already bringing a ship to a community where beggary, disease and dirt are rife.

The hope of Mexico lies in the education of her children. They are not only bright but as they become older they love the aggressive initiative which characterizes Americans. Fatalism hangs like a yoke on the neck of the Mexican.

The little girls who took part in the Sunday school program that evening spoke with dramatic ability, nervy distinctness and the head of a soldier. Their attempts at elegance were pathetic. Most of the children were baptized. Two brothers, who had been baptized before, had been compromised by each wearing one little maid trailed around draped in a Mexican dog, while a red cap and a black head of a soldier. The missionaries sang "O mountains high" which seemed singularly appropriate in the town that nestles at the very feet of the volcanoes. The congregation followed it by a Spanish hymn in infinitely better voice.

That night two marriages were performed. The first was of a young man and woman, and the second of the girl's mother and father, old and withered. The older couple had lived together for 25 years when they met. They could have to be married before they were baptized the man objected to having the ceremony performed in such a remote place. The bridegroom was not 30 per cent of them are married. That the other 70 per cent are not is partly the fault of the Catholic priests. The Mexican considers a marriage by the law no marriage at all, and the Catholic priests are often so exasperated in their charge that the duty and other remedies had to be used.

In gentle courtesy that even the all-wise Americans can learn. The Spanish dishes prepared by the native sisters during the conference were excellent, but on the last day when they were given we were unfortunate enough to have to eat at the "hotel." The national diet of beans was served, while a plate of an intriguing turn of mind, scuttled through the room.

The story is told of a stalwart young man, who, as a special delicacy, a dish of live locusts was placed before him, at them all without blinking an eyelid.

Perhaps no more touching example of the work occurred than when we made the ascent of Popocatepetl with two of the native sisters as guides. Our brothers we called them. It is said that on a clear day from the top of this highest volcano of the Americas you can look from ocean to ocean, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. We talked across the lava beds leaving our footprints in the black ash.

Ermano felt in his breast and took out a Spanish hymn book. He turned to "O mi Padre." Above us loomed the peaked peak, below some towers beneath the clouds, lay the world, and we, a strange group, gathered from the four quarters of the earth, at an altitude of 15,000 feet above the sea, lifted up our voices and sang "O my Father" in Spanish.

ELIZABETH R. CANNON.

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Names, top row, reading from left to right—William A. Budge, I. Owen Horsfall, Lorin R. Dunkley, D. Chastin Loveland.
Center row—John D. Stevenson, Mrs. Mary R. Booth, J. Wilford Booth (mission president), Joseph O. Phelan.
Lower row—S. Burton Newman, John T. Woodbury, Jr.

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Aintab, Syria, Turkey, July 25, 1909.—Upon invitation of President J. Wilford Booth, the Turkish missionaries assembled at Aleppo, July 2, and with our apostle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, and vice and deputy council, Mr. Manahel, celebrated the glorious Fourth, or third, in the gardens just outside the city, where, after playing games and doing a few athletic "stunts," we sat down to a good American dinner prepared by Sister Booth and Mrs. Jackson.

The following day, Sunday, July 4, in our new meetinghouse, we commenced our conference, the following missionaries being present: President J. Wilford Booth, Sister Mary R. Booth, Elders S. Burton Newman, John T. Woodbury, Jr., John D. Stevenson, Joseph O. Phelan, Lorin R. Dunkley, I. Owen Horsfall, Wm. A. Budge and Don C. Loveland. We held three meetings Sunday and listened to many good instructions from the speakers.

At present we have about 100 saints in Aleppo, who attended the meetings along with many friends and investigators, and we believe that more good will be derived from our meetings.

On July 12, with the exception of Elder Horsfall, who has been appointed to preside over the Aleppo branch, we all came to Aintab where we held four more conference meetings, July 25, with many in attendance.

We gave exhibition of magic lantern pictures every few nights and the people flock to our meetings, and in the week the gospel is taught to many who would not otherwise hear it. Our collection consists of 45 views of Zion and 24 pictures of Palestine.

The people here number about 100 and despite the fact that they are in destitute circumstances most of them are pressing forward and performing good works, and the spirit of God as found in Zion is also here.

The people of the land appear to be awakening to the dawn of a new era, and there is a manifest tendency among them to listen to the gospel as taught by the servants of the Lord, that has not been felt heretofore. Much progress is being made and perseverance which the early missionaries to Turkey experienced is very seldom met.

The political outlook is brighter and the people are being granted more religious freedom, in fact things and conditions are gradually taking on a better appearance. Our work is slowly growing and we can see the fruits of our labors in many directions.

Infantile service was held in Aleppo July 12, and two converts were baptized by Pres. Wilford Booth. The maker 23 baptisms performed here since Jan. 1, 1909.

There is much fever and influenza among our people here, but we are looking forward for some rain which will in all probability drive some of the pests manacles away.

JOSEPH O. PHELAN, Secretary of Mission.

ABUSE BRINGS USUAL RESULTS AT COPENHAGEN

Korngade 11, Copenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 15.—A ghost was cast over the Copenhagen branch when death claimed the mortal tabernacle of Sister Jennie Jorgensen. Last Sunday we were given the privilege of holding her funeral services in the "Bespelg" chapel. There were a large number of the city's drowsy present, her husband and many members of the organization, also many strangers and saints. The choir was present and did some very good singing which, in connection with the sermon, led some of the old stories against us. It did not have the desired results, as they were scorned by those present. Their captain called upon President Soren Andersen to refute their stories. He thanked them for their charity and announced that he would hold meeting Sunday evening, where our principles would be presented in their true light, as he thought our elders could explain them as well as our enemies can. The advertisement was fruitful, as the hall was full Sunday evening and many new friends and some investigators were made. The results of the two meetings

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HENRY O. POULSEN, Secretary Scandinavian Mission.

TOOLEE STAKE CONFERENCE

The quarterly conference of the Toolee stake of Zion was held in the Grantsville ward meetinghouse Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25 and 26, 1909, and was presided over by President Hugh A. Gowans.

The meetings were fairly well attended. The bishops presented reports of their respective wards in good condition and without exception their reports were spirited and encouraging. The stake officers of the auxiliary organizations were all present and reported excellent organization in good condition. The reports from the Y. M. and Y. W. M. associations especially showed much zeal and encouragement for a good, energetic winter's work with the young people.

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