



## SOUTHERN STATES NOTES.

The following brief notes from Elders laboring in the Southern States mission, are copied from the Elders' Journal of June 15, published at Chattanooga, Tenn.:

There were 66 baptisms reported in the Southern States during the two weeks ending June 1.

Elders Ahner Tanner and Preston M. Joyner, who are laboring in the Middle Tennessee conference, relate the following experience: "On the night of May 1 we held a very successful meeting in the Christian church at Holliday, Benton Co., Tennessee, little village of about 200 inhabitants. A good attendance was had and we were kindly entertained by one of the leading members of the church. On the night following we preached at a schoolhouse about three miles west of Holliday to a large crowd, and after meeting was over we were invited to go home with one of the gentlemen present. Just as we started out of the yard a shower of eggs was hurled at us, none taking effect except one which slightly tipped Elder Tanner's hat to one side and went on without bursting. Presently an old lady was heard to cry, 'Stop!' for an egg had pelted her on the head. We only rejoiced to know that we are worthy to suffer for the testimony which we bear."

Elder Joseph Young and his companion, Elder Huneker, wrote from Kentucky, saying that recently they obtained permission to preach in a Methodist meetinghouse, the preacher who made the appointment failing to come. They attended a second meeting at which were present three Methodist ministers, one of whom, Robinson by name, said to the congregation: "Some people say the Mormons will tear down this church. If it is Christ's it will stand and cannot be disturbed, but if not Christ's then the sooner it is destroyed the better. If the Mormons want to preach let them do so, and if the people want to follow them let them go. Prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good." After the service we were asked if we had anything to say. We announced a meeting which was well attended. They made many friends.

Elders Bagley and Hansen, who are laboring in Gibson county, Tenn., relate the following interesting circumstance: "We met a sanctified man who is a great debator. He let us preach in his house and a large crowd attended. The meeting was the best we ever held and the Lord certainly blessed us. We had a conversation with him after the services in which he said he believed all we taught. We made friends of all the people who attended. We have spent four nights with Uncle Sam (which means in the woods), but every time the next day we have found many friends."

Elders H. S. Pope and George E. Pope, had a very gratifying experience in Columbus, Georgia, recently. They attended the services of the "Apostles' Church" by invitation, and were asked by the pastor to occupy the time both of the Sabbath morning and afternoon. The services the pastor expressed his pleasure at the opportunity afforded him and his congregation of hearing the Gospel and asked the congregation to excuse him for the evening on account of his not being well, assuring the congregation that he would arrange for the Elders to occupy the time. This was done, and the brethren had a large gathering at night and enjoyed themselves immeasurably. They now have a standing invitation to meet with the body of the church often.

Writing from LaGrange, N. C., Elders James R. Burdette and G. W. Ellis write: "We held three successful meetings at this place in connection with Elders Gwynne Page and A. F. Pierce, with which we baptized one applicant. In Wayne county we had three more meetings and baptized four persons. These were confirmed at the home of Brother A. J. Thompson. There is an excellent opening for the spread of the truth here."

Another case of healing is reported by Elders Chester Lillquist and Bertie M. Crump of Mississippi. They say that they were called to the home of Sister Nancy Ferry, who was under the care of two doctors. She was very sick and had been for some time. They anointed her and through their prayers she was forthwith relieved and rapidly recovered. Her husband, Memphis, and her brother, Preston Golemon, were baptized before they left.

Elders C. Bodily and C. E. Walker give the following interesting bit of news concerning a recent experience: "While canvassing in Atlanta, a few days ago we were asked to take part in a Methodist meeting composed of ladies of that religious body. We both spoke to them on the gospel by request of the president of the organization, and enjoyed ourselves in their assembly very much. They all invited us to their homes after the services."

**CONFERENCE AT BOISE.**

The quarterly conference of the Boise branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in the Boise meetinghouse, on the corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets, Sunday, June 10, 1896. Nephi Pratt, president of the Northwestern States mission, presiding.

Morning session commenced at 10 a.m., there was a good attendance, and an excellent program was rendered by the different Sunday school classes. President Pratt commanded the Sunday school on its good work.

Upon convening at 2 p.m., President Pratt gave a report of the mission, and spoke of the grand success and spiritual awakening that prevails throughout the northwest. Elder E. A. Gardner and Branch Pres. H. Q. Hale were the other speakers.

Meeting convened again in the evening at 7:30, when the house was well filled with saints and visitors.

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MISSION ADDRESSES

For the convenience of travelers, the Deseret News gives here-with the addresses of the various missions of the Church which this paper will always be found on file, and where travelers will receive courteous attention.

New York—21 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth St., Chicago—22 West Park St., San Francisco—59 Franklin St., Los Angeles—43 West Tenth St.

Denver—62 West, Fifth Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.—711 Fairview Ave.

Portland—57 Hancock St., Kansas City—165 Locust St., Mexico—Calvary Sta., Marion (Ill.) (roadside) num. 4 (alone). D. F. London, England—87 Finsbury Road.

Liverpool, England—10 Holly Road, Fazalda.

Zurich, Switzerland—Hochgasse 6, Munster.

Copenhagen—Kongsgade 11, Stockholm, Sweden—Stavengatan 5, Copenhagen—Punchbowl St., Tokyo, Japan—No. 18 Kasumigaseki-machi, Yotsuya.

Toronto, Canada—226 Wilton Avenue.

Netherlands, Rotterdam, Holland—Bogesingel 115.

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Took the young women home that night fearing trouble. The people who entered the room the young ladies received a note warning them "against taking any more Mormons in."

**BAPTISMS IN INDIANA.**

Evansville, Ind., June 6.—It affords me great pleasure to report a baptismal service held at one of the bathing resorts at Evansville, Ind., on Sunday June 5, 1896, when 100 honest souls were initiated into the fold. Before the ordinance was performed two appropriate hymns were sung. Prayer was offered by Elder Wilford D. Jensen, after which President Thomas H. Wilke spoke on the ordinance of baptism, and explained the necessity of complying with this sacred ordinance. Elder Wilford Walker then led the worthy number down into the water and performed the ordinance.

In the evening a confirmation and sacrament meeting was held, where all partook of the good spirit which prevailed.

The work of the Lord is progressing in this part of the vineyard, where the Saints as well as the elders are doing all in their power for the spread of truth. On each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Sunday school is held. Meetings are conducted regularly at 1112 East street, and are always well attended.

The "News" and Era are among our most welcome visitors.

THOMAS H. WILKE,  
President.

THOMAS M. HERBERT,  
Secretary.

**BAPTISMS IN MINNESOTA.**

St. Paul, Minn., June 4.—On May 14 two honest souls were taken into the waters of baptism. Mrs. Mullen and Mrs. Dawson were baptized in the Mississippi river, President L. N. Neal officiating. On June 2, a daughter and two sons of Mr. A. L. Blank were baptized by President Neal. This conference is in a flourishing condition. The members feel well in spirit and the Elders are making many friends and investigators. We are beginning to see the fruits of the labors of the Elders, and we have a promising future before us.

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LEON E. MERRILL,  
Secretary.

**BAPTISMS IN MICHIGAN.**

Elder Abraham Adamson, president of the Michigan conference, writes the "News" from Alpena under date of June 14, reporting the baptism of Orville King and two of his children, following the restoration of a little child to health from a serious illness, through the healing ordinance of the Church.

Though meeting with much prejudice, the 16 elders laboring in Michigan are making many friends, and the prospects for further additions to the Church are most promising.

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**FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.**

The following notes of the gospel work in Great Britain are from the Millennial Star of June 7:

**GOOD WORK OF LOCAL BRETHREN.**

President Wilford Day of the Bristol conference writes: "The good work is being done by the local brethren at Bristol and Bath. Elders there are at present working with families. President Day attended a baptismal service at Bath on June 4, wherein two souls were added to the Church."

**Healing at Birmingham.**

Elder John N. White, laboring in the

Blackheath district of the Birmingham conference, reports that the blessings of the Lord are with the administrations of the Elders. He tells of a case of healing which recently came under his immediate observation, wherein a sister who had suffered severely from rheumatic fever was healed by the power of God through the ministrations of the Elders. Sister Alice Hopkins is a recent convert, and she is now rejoicing exceedingly because of the blessings of the Lord to her.

**A Minister's Unusual Advice.**

Elder O. J. Bateman, writing from Ashford, Kent, sends a lecture recently given in that city by a Baptist minister against the Latter-day Saints. The theme was along the usual lines of misrepresentation and abuse. Towards the close of his lecture the preacher made a most unusual statement, namely, "If you want to know more about the Latter-day Saints go to their meetings which are held at Neword school, Neword street, every Sunday evening at 8 p.m. Go to the fountainhead and find out, but see that you make them stick to the word," and he tapped the Bible with his finger.

The Elders will certainly agree with him on the last statement, and are no doubt thankful for the advertisement given them.

**STAKE CONFERENCES.**

**BOX ELDER STAKE.**

The quarterly conference of the Box Elder Stake of Zion was held at Brigham City, June 3 and 10. The attendance was good considering that there were Mutual conferences at Salt Lake City and the U. C. T. excursion to Ogden. The visiting brethren were Elders Orson F. Whitney of the quorum of the apostles, and Charles H. Hart of the presidents of Seventies.

President Stohl reported the Box Elder stake in excellent condition. The various wards of the stake, auxiliary organizations and priesthood quorums were reported also in fair condition and improving.

The discourses of Elders Whitney and Hart were interesting and instructive, and much appreciated by the people.

The Sunday morning session was occupied by the Sunday schools of the stake, the exercises being conducted by Stake Supl. J. D. Peters. An interesting program was rendered by the children who were addressed by Elders Hart, Whitney, George D. Pyper and Jos. W. Hooper. George D. Pyper of the general Sunday school board sang a solo, "Sister Little Children to Come." Mr. Pyper sang "Summer Morn."

In the Sunday afternoon session, Elder Charles H. Hart addressed the congregation on the subject, "Our Relation to God Through the Order of the Holy Priesthood."

President Gleon N. Stohl then presented the general authorities of the Church and stake. Sister Lizzie Kelly Jensen was released as stake organist and Ethel Kelly sustained in her place. Sister Louisa Peters, second counselor of the stake Relief society, was released, and Sister Mary Harding succeeded her to fill the vacancy.

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Sunday evening a conjoint M. I. A. conference was held in the tabernacle, Elder O. Peterson presiding. Elder Charles H. Hart spoke on the subject, "Reputation and Character." Elder Orson F. Whitney spoke on "What Makes a Meeting Interesting," and on the inducements held out by the gospel. He explained the passage, "He who keepeth his first estate shall be adjoined upon."

S. N. LEE,  
Stake Clerk.

**NORTH SANPETE STAKE.**

The quarterly conference of the North Sanpete stake was held at Mt. Pleasant June 16 and 17, 1896. Stake Pres. C. N. Lund presiding.

It was an ideal conference, and distinguished in many features, which made it most interesting, instructive and beneficial. The weather was ideal, the attendance large, the music and singing excellent, the discourses most instructive and inspiring.

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