



SOUTHERN STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

Atlanta Conference—Elder Paul E. Nelson, president, 29 Connally St., Atlanta, Ga.—The general conference was held at our home church in Atlanta on Dec. 14, one priesthood meeting and one public meeting being held. The public meeting held in the evening was well attended, the church being taxed to its capacity. The instructions given by President Charles A. Callis and Elder George Albert Smith of the apostles' quorum, were good and timely, tending to encourage the saints and elders in their duties and labors.

Mississippi—Dr. Wm. Stowell, president, 416 George St., Jackson.—Elders Stowell and A. L. Broderick made a profitable visit to the branch of Saints at Vicksburg. At Perth, Elders P. P. Johnson and W. W. Brugger were permitted to preach in one of the churches. A cottage meeting was also held by these brethren in the home of Mr. Hall. A telephone was in the room where the meeting was held. Just prior to the meeting Elder Broderick called Mr. Hall on the phone and asked that the receiver be left down during the meeting. This was done and it was learned afterward that two ministers were listening at the other end. The elders all through the conference are meeting with good success, though the rain has retarded the work to some extent.

North Carolina—Rt. B. White, president, Box 547, Wilmington.—Elders D. R. Taylor and W. E. Godwin held several well attended meetings a short distance out of Kinston. They were treated with respect and their message listened to with interest.

In Kinston Co., Elders W. L. Perkins and G. W. Gibbs have been meeting with good success.

A number of elders returned from conference to their fields of labor, hold meetings in our own church in Albemarle.

Copenhagen-Korsgaade—II.

Stockholm, Sweden-Svartensgatan 3.

Honolulu-Punchbowl St.

Tokyo, Japan—No. 16 Kasumigaseki, Minato, Yotsuya.

Toronto, Canada—659 Bathurst St.

Rotterdam, Holland—

Crooswijkseweg 5.

New Zealand—53 Upper Queen street, or P. O. Box 72, Auckland.

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Chicago—119 So. Paul St.
San Francisco—1442 Baker St.
Los Angeles—425 West Ninth St.

Denver—622 West, Sixth Ave.
Chattanooga, Tenn.—711 Fairview Ave.

Portland—26 Hancock St., Independence, Mo.—302 South Pleasant St.

Mexico—Calsada Sta. Maria (de Victoria) num. 4 talon D. F. London, England—South Tottenham, n. London.

Liverpool, England—295 Edge Lane.

Bristol—10 Albert Place, Cheltenham, England.

Zurich, Switzerland—Hochstrasse 68, Munster.

Copenhagen—Korsgaade 11.

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NORTHERN STATES

MISSION NOTES

President German E. Ellsworth—in behalf of the Northern States mission, presented each elder and lady missionary laboring in the mission a leather-bound copy of Songs of Zion with their name neatly embossed on the cover in gilt as a Christmas remembrance. The gift was appreciated by all and will be treasured as a remembrance of the pleasant and profitable days spent in the mission.

The missionaries laboring in Chicago and Joliet were guests of our Chicago saints at dinner Christmas day; a number of our Utah students were also entertained by them. Elder Eye, Mrs.眼, and Miss Banish of Joliet ate their Christmas dinner at the mission house, the guests of President and Sister Ellsworth.

The Chicago branch Sunday school gave an entertainment Christmas eve at the church, 149 South Paulina street, each department of the school was represented in the program; all joined in singing Christmas songs and a splendid program was rendered; a visit from Santa Claus who entered the room through a "real" fireplace lighted the children. He distributed presents from the Christmas tree and from the big pack on his back. Every girl and boy present received a also a box of candy. Many little hearts were made glad through his visit. The church was artistically and appropriately decorated.

Brothers Leo Madson and S. A. Shreeves, two of our Utah students; they were assisted by some of the elders of the Northern Illinois conference. Supt. Sears and his assistants in the Sabbath school are to be complimented on the success of the evening's entertainment.

One baptism is reported by Elders Bert L. Pope and James W. Hartley. The elders all report having spent a pleasant Christmas with members and friends.

Dec. 15 the general conference convened at Bradlyton. The meetings were attended by about 300 people and the very interesting discourses delivered by Charles A. Callis, president of the mission, and George Albert Smith of the apostles' quorum, were much appreciated. Between meetings dinner was served on the grounds by the members residing in that locality.

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East Kentucky—Elder G. F. Ellsworth, president, box 422, Lexington.—All the elders report good health and are working hard in their respective fields of labor, with very gratifying results. The services rendered by Elder J. G. Palmer from Lewis county, Elder Bunker also reports our baptism and four children blessed. The cold, wet weather, also the holidays, have hindered the work to some extent.

Georgia—L. M. Myers, president, 454 Oak St., Macon.—Four baptisms were performed by Elders Simmons and Thatcher.

The remains of J. Allen Steadman, who died in Nashville, were brought to Augusta, for burial. The funeral services were conducted by Elders Myers and A. E. Mortenson.

The general conference was held in Macon on Dec. 17. Four meetings were held, two of which were Priesthood meetings. President Callis and Apostle Smith were in attendance. Their visit was greatly appreciated by the elders and members of the church.

A very creditable entertainment was recently given by the Augusta Sunday school at the home of Brother John M. Evans in Augusta. Musical numbers were given by the pupils, also an interesting and appropriate talk on the mission of the Savior by Elder James H. Dixon.

Christmas day found every one of the elders pleasantly located in the homes of some of the members and friends.

VISIT OF ELDER GEO. A. SMITH IN THE SOUTH

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Elder George Albert Smith of the quorum of twelve apostles, visited eight of the conferences in the Southern States mission this month. He was accompanied by Elder Charles A. Callis, president of the mission, and Elder George Albert Smith of the apostles' quorum.

The meetings were well attended and a most excellent spirit prevailed.

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South Carolina—Elder Frank Peckett, president, box 25, Columbia—Elder Orlando Barrus, wife and five children arrived from Fairview, Wyo. They are here as special missionaries to labor among the Catawba Indians, who are a tribe of about 100 in number, two-thirds of whom belong to the Church. Bro. John Barrus, one of the Indians, moved out of his comfortable home and gave Elder Barrus and family possession.

The elders have all turned to their fields of labor, and were greatly benefited by their recent conference.

Florida Conference—O. W. Hyde, president, 1324 Claude street, Jacksonville—Our general conference convened in Jacksonville meetinghouse, Dec. 12 and 13 with 24 elders in attendance, besides as visitors Charles A. Callis, president of the mission, and Elder George Albert Smith of the apostles' quorum.

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East Tennessee—W. K. Seppeling, president, box 698, Knoxville—Sister Mattie Walker of Van Buren county, died Dec. 12 after an illness of about 12 hours. Sister Walker was a faithful Latter-day Saint and was energetic for the spread of truth and righteousness. She leaves a husband and five children, to whom our sympathies are extended.

Elders Dr. A. C. Spangler and A. W. Kelly, who labored with success in their labors in Cumberland county. Last week they held eight well attended meetings and had one baptism, besides disposing of considerable literature. They also report 10 subscriptions to the *Liahona*, the Elder's journal.

Oklahoma—Elder A. F. Tolton, president, box 31 Station D, Columbus—Elders Leo Lovry and D. J. Spencer have been transferred from the Virginia conference.

Three very successful meetings were held in the Opera House in New Albany by Elders Tolton and D. J. Spencer. The elders were given a respectful hearing by the large congregation in attendance.

Regular meetings are now being held in Cincinnati, at 303 East Liberty street, by Elders Fryskeinck and Viehweg, and the work in this great city is progressing under their direction.

Elders Tolton and D. J. Spencer recently visited the Xenia branch and found the same in a very prosperous condition. The Sunday school, regular meetings and Mutual aid are well attended. Sisters Flora, Zundel and Leah Holl, two lady missionaries, also visited the above branch.

Alabama—Elder Henry A. Gardner—president, box 106, Montgomery—On

at the mission house in Chattanooga, and he utilized them by holding a meeting with the office forces, and instructing them in their duties. This gathering, like all the others, was productive of much good and has resulted in increased efficiency in handling the business affairs of the mission.

Several years ago Elder Smith filled a mission in the south and occupied the position of secretary of this mission the greater part of the time. He was here. He made many friends then among the business and professional men of Chattanooga. He called on as many of them as his brief stay in this city would permit and they received him very cordially.

While in Montgomery, we called on the governor of Alabama. His excellency had visited Utah, and he talked entertainingly of his visit there. He praised the people for their industry and success in subduing the desert and being such great factors in building up the west. Governor Conner said he well deserved tribute to President Brigham Young as a leader and colonizer, and pined Elder Smith with questions relating to conditions social, industrial and religious prevailing in Utah and adjoining states at the present date.

CHARLES A. CALLIS.

CONFERENCE IN ALABAMA.

21 Catonia street, Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 22.—Our annual gathering of the Alabama conference was held at Bradlyton, Dec. 15, and besides the elders present we were favored with the presence of President C. A. Callis and Elder George A. Smith of the apostles' quorum.

Three hundred people were present and all seemed well pleased with our conference. A number of the elders spoke and interesting discourses were delivered by President Callis and Elder Smith. One session was held in the forenoon and two sessions in the afternoon; also a short priesthood meeting, where Brothers Smith and Callis gave the elders many timely and important instructions. I also commended the elders for their faithfulness.

On account of the scattered condition of the people, no night meeting was held, but Elders H. A. Gardner, conference president, and Marion King spent the night with President Callis and Brother Smith at the home of local Elder James F. Wilson, and received much counsel and advice from them relative to the work, also many good instructions to impart to the elders.

The elders laboring among the people, no night meeting was held. The work had steadily grown, until the Church membership has attained to 1,357 souls, with an average of 20 elders from Zion. I need not be told of the laborers among the pure blood of Israel, our privilege here, is of itself a source of inspiration.

Presenting to them the grand truths of their forefathers brings with it a deep love for the spread of truth.

The mission conference was held on the island of Upolu, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and 26, and under the direction of President C. A. Moody, and with the participation of the Conference of Samoa. The gospel was received with a willingness that was encouraging, and in the face of much opposition from sectarians, who had already taken hold here, the work has steadily grown, until the Church membership has attained to 1,357 souls, with an average of 20 elders from Zion. I need not be told of the laborers among the pure blood of Israel, our privilege here, is of itself a source of inspiration.

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President H. A. Gardner met with the elders in a splitted priesthood meeting Dec. 16. Every elder expressed himself as feeling well in the work, and strong testimonies were borne. Sisters Emma Knight and Ada Johnson also bore testimony to the divinity of the work. After the assignments were made the elders bade each other goodbye, and left for their different fields of labor.

A number of our members and friends traveled a good many miles to attend conference, but well paid for their trouble.

The Lord's work is progressing here, many friends have been made and much prejudice has been allayed. The good people of Alabama are a rub trial to our elders with respect. While our members are scattered a great deal, and the number of our elders limited, yet much good is being done. "The harvest is truly great but the laborers ring in every word and note."

It was considered by all who attended one of the most successful conferences yet attended. A pleasing feature was the addition of 15 new converts to our ranks, 13 being baptized on Saturday and six more following Monday. They came from the different islands of the group and are good, representative men, women and young people.

Thus ended an event that we hope to repeat next April with even greater success. It is our conviction that the work here is on the eve of a rapid advancement, hence a boost here and an encouraging word there, coupled with diligent systematic proselytizing.

JOHN QUINN ADAMS, Mission Secretary.

EAST PENN. CONFERENCE.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 5.—The semi-annual gathering of the East Pennsylvania conference, with headquarters at Philadelphia, convened here Dec. 2, 1908. Three of the leading newspapers of the state, the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, the *Philadelphia Daily News*, and the *Philadelphia Evening Inquirer*, were present.

On Saturday evening the conference was well packed with saints, friends and visitors.

President Rich was in attendance and delivered one of his usual powerful sermons on the necessity of the restored gospel. Four newspaper reporters were present, and the next morning all gave a fair and unprejudiced write-up.

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