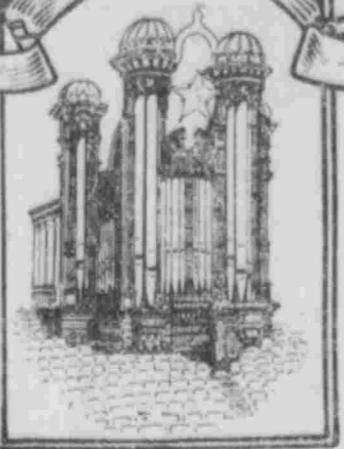


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MISSION NEWS

Brooklyn: John S. Allen, president, No. 429 West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth St., New York City. All the elders of the conference were in attendance at the monthly priesthood meeting, held at the mission headquarters. The work in the different branches was reported to be in a very healthy condition. Four applications for baptism have recently been received. . . . The meetings are being well attended and the elders are privileged to speak to a crowd of from two to three hundred people. A successful and well attended branch conference was held in Newark, N. J., on the 11th. President Allen, Elder A. B. Andrus, Mission secretary, and Elder Charles E. Dinswood were speakers. Vocal selections were furnished by Elder C. E. Dinswood and Prof. A. M. Durham. Many in the congregation were non-members, and they were very favorably impressed with the service. The Mutual Improvement Association of the Brooklyn branch closed its meetings after a successful season. To mark the close of the season's meetings, a social was given on the 17th at the mission home; about fifty being in attendance. . . . Mr. Ray Knight and wife of Raymond, Canada, were visitors at Mission Home a few days ago. They were en route to England.

East Pennsylvania: Wm. R. Dredge, president, No. 3528 Saydenham St., Philadelphia.—The elders are finding many new friends in the training places and are succeeding in obtaining places in which to hold cottage meetings. At a recent meeting of this kind, Elders J. A. Wagstaff, Jr., and Jas. Lawrence Heywood were privileged to talk to a number of people who had never before heard of a "Mormon." After a conference or two, the elders were given several invitations to visit the people in their homes, and hold meetings with them. . . . Pres. Dredge reports the conference to be in excellent condition, the elders all enjoying good health and enthusiasm with the spirit of their mission.

Maine: Wm. H. Stoddard, president, No. 335 Cumberland Ave., Portland.—In Saco and Biddeford the elders' meetings are being held and the attendance increasing each week. Occasionally the elders meet with people who have visited in the west, and in every instance they have a kind word to say about Utah and the Mormons.

Elders A. Hogan and W. W. Farren have been visiting in places the book of Mormon in the Biddeford public library. . . . Elder E. F. Higginbotham has been honorably released to return home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mrs. Nancy Vannatter, a non-member, 75 years of age, requested the elders to administer to her, and she was immediately healed from her illness. One of the brethren who had promised to promise her church, and that she would join the church in the near future. The promise was fulfilled to the letter. She was made whole and in a few days was baptized.

West Pennsylvania: A. E. Jacobson, president, 121 Bogie street, Allegheny. Elders J. E. Grantham and H. R. Nelson, who are laboring in Monongahela City, report that there is a bright outlook for favorable work in that vicinity. The elders find that cottage meetings are the source of much good, as they are privileged to get close to the people's hearts in the explanation of the principles of the gospel.

The weekly school at Allegheny is in a prosperous condition and much good is being accomplished. Sister Jacobson as teacher of the intermediate class is doing a splendid work. Sister Jacobson is also doing a good work in tracteting and visiting with the people in their homes.

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TRANSFERS.

Elder Leslie Bardulli has been transferred from Southern Illinois to the Northern Illinois conference.

Elder John T. Heninger from Minnesota to Northern Illinois.

BAPTISMS.

In West Iowa, Bessie May McNair was baptized by Elder H. W. Stewart and confirmed by Elder F. B. Clark.

In Minneapolis Mt. D. W. Dillingham was baptized by President Chas. Broadbent and confirmed by B. L. Garner. Prospects for baptisms in Minnesota are very bright.

R. J. MURDOCK,
Secretary of Mission.

CENTRAL STATES

MISSION NOTES

302 South Pleasant street, Independence, Mo., April 16.—There is the commencement of one of the letters from the elders this week, and these few words express what they all contain. The weekly statistical reports show that our missionaries are working hard, and their results are growing larger. This is a busy time, especially for farmers, yet they seem to be holding more meetings than ever before. They hold in church and school houses in towns and country districts, and in many instances these buildings are filled to overflowing. In the large cities many cottage meetings are also being held, and some are held for people who wish to investigate. Our representatives spend no idle hours. They are always full of business. The consequences is, they are well entertained and happy, and best of all they see the blessings of the Lord following their humble efforts. Preachers of other churches assist them in getting their meetings, and some are held for their entertainment. In all our conferences Mormonism is winning the souls of the honest in heart. Of this class Elders Webster and Tolman have baptized two more in Missouri conference, the latter officiating, and Elders Leo W. Child and John M. Peart at Magnolia, two candidates were baptized by Elder D. C. Alteman on April 4. Elders N. H. Stevens and Chas. R. Handford baptized one person at Carbon Hill, Ala., on April 26.

Atlanta: Elder O. W. Hyde, president, Box 29 Connally street, Atlanta, Ga.—On Saturday April 28, Sister James E. Miller gave an ice-cream party for the pupils of the Sunday school who came from Mill district. . . . Mr. A. R. Lowland and Miss Cammy Brooks were united in marriage on Thursday evening, April 8, by Elder O. W. Hyde.

East Kentucky: Elder G. F. Ellsworth, president, Box 422 Lexington, Ky.—During the week ending April 8, Elders R. E. Bunker and B. F. Cowley officiated in blessing six children whose parents are members of the Church. . . . On Sunday, March 28, Elders G. F. Ellsworth and J. M. Ward were called to administer to a lady who had been ill for eight weeks. The doctors told her that it would be eight weeks more before she could get out, but the next day after the administration she was up feeling well. This lady now has an earned rest in the quiet of the gospel. During the week ending April 1, two persons were baptized and three children were blessed at Indian Head, by Elders R. E. Cowley and E. J. Solomon.

East Tennessee: Elder Oscar F. Rice, president, Box 331, Fairmont—Work in this conference is progressing rapidly, and we are in the field, saturated with the spirit of their calling. Many friends are being made, some of whom are earnestly investigating the gospel.

Rhode Island: Frank A. Thorley, president, 35 Broadway, Providence. Some two years ago Elders Frank A. Thorley and Belvoir Walker were requested to hold a cottage meeting at a home where they were being entertained over night, the gentleman of the house inviting them to do so. A little congregation of eight people were there to attend, the elders explained the gospel to them, the people became friendly, then interested, and at this writing four of the eight have applied for baptism. The elders laboring in Providence were entertained at their meetings at the expense of Mr. Hammond. It will be remembered that this lady wrote a very favorable article about the Latter-day Saints, which was published in the *Liaison*. . . . The elders are having exceptionally fine success in the distribution of literature. One of the elders recently remarked that it was nearly as easy to dispose of the small books as to give them to the poor.

South West Virginia: Frank A. Thorley, president, 35 Broadway, Providence. The work is in a prosperous condition. All the elders are in good health and are enjoying their labors as dutiful servants of God always do. In some of the conferences, where the weather permits the elders are holding street meetings and are meeting with good success. Many seem to be anxious to learn the truth, and it is likely that some of the conferences will adopt the same plan again this year.

In Wisconsin the work is in a prosperous condition. The Book of Mormon is being widely advertised in the largest cities and many are being sold,

Quite an interest in the work is being shown by leading business men, and we are all happy over this progress.

Brother David Evans, 310 of Berlin, Wis., made a report of a remarkable case of healing. Brother Evans had been deaf for some time and was in a very distressing condition, as he could not hear an ordinary conversation. His name was sent to the Salt Lake Temple and he was returned to the temple. He however returned suddenly but receded again. This was repeated twice, but the next time it returned it became permanent and at the present time is as good as an ordinary man's. Brother Evans expresses his thankfulness and gratitude for the answer to his prayers.

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MISSISSIPPI: Elder D. Wm. Stowell, president, 416 George street, Jackson, Miss.—A number of elders while assembled in the parlors of the Beard hotel of Liberty, were asked to sing some of the songs of Zion. After singing a number of songs they were permitted to draw the crowd upon the platform and sing a few more.

Michigan: Elder Ernest Head, 1200 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Mich.—On March 27 and 28 a branch conference was held at Red Star with 11 elders in attendance. One priesthood and four well attended public meetings were held. At the close of the services, one person was baptized by Elder Willard Brugger.

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At Birchwood, Elders A. S. Johnson and Leroy Hulse baptized one person on Sunday, April 4.

After fulfilling good missions the following brethren have been honorably released to return to their homes: Elders John W. George, Parley Parker Johnson, Henry M. Hodges, W. W. Clark, Jr., and George J. Taylor.

CONFERENCE AT NOTTINGHAM

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Ohio: Elder Paul E. Nelson, president, box 41, Sta. 1, Columbus, Ohio.—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, all the elders report good health and are working hard for the welfare of the saints.

Elder Louis A. Meeks has been honorably released to return to his home at Cowley, Wyo.

Southern Carolina: Elder Robert B. White, president, Kinston, N.C.—Headquarters for the North Carolina conference have been transferred from Wilmington to Kinston.

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Alabama: Elder Henry A. Gardner, president, Box 705, Montgomery, Ala.—At Keynesville, Fla., on March 29, Elders Lee W. Child and H. K. Maxham baptized one candidate and blessed two children. Elders Alma O. Stoker and John M. Peart blessed four babies at Eufaula on March 29.

Successful street meetings are being held at Phenix City, Ala., Elders Bert F. Peart and W. Hartman report that the ministers of that city are very friendly to them and their work.

On April 1, one person was baptized at Ponce de Leon, Fla., by Elders Leo W. Child and John M. Peart.

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