



EASTERN STATES MISSION HISTORY

Brooklyn—President Chas. H. Owen and Elder George F. Ryan left for a short trip in the country at Monticello, N. Y., Aug. 22, and held conference and priesthood meetings. Reports for the past week show honest effort on the part of all the elders in the conference. An interesting feature of the past two weeks' work has been the courteous treatment accorded the elders by ministers of the various churches. Elders M. N. Hogan and N. R. Beattie were entertained two nights by ministers. Elders Merrill and Clark are laboring in Delaware county, the summer boarding house section of New York. They find indifference and stony prejudice in that part of the state. Fifteen street meetings were held in New York city last week. At the close of one of the meetings a young man told the elders that he had boarded with a Mormon family in Ogden, Utah; found that they were clean, moral and upright people. He purchased a Book of Mormon and some doctrinal books. This week he applied for baptism. The daily life of the Mormon family in Ogden was the means of causing him to investigate the gospel. He gave up a position in Delaware and came to New York, declaring he could not get away from the truths he learned at the Mormon residence, and searched until he discovered the elders holding a street meeting on Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

East Pennsylvania—Sunday, August 1, President William H. Dredge had the opportunity of speaking before the "Free Thought Association of Philadelphia." "Mormonism, a Practical Religion," was the subject of his address. At the conclusion of his talk the elders discussed the subject pro and con. The elders present were given time to meet the arguments of the critics and to answer the numerous questions on other phases of Mormonism was extended. Elders J. A. Wagstaff and S. S. Green held a very successful street meeting in Baltimore. Instead of the old fashioned mobbing occasioned by the elders, the people made it modern by surrounding them, anxious to get tracts containing the bread of life. The elders in the country are still standing. Copies of old editions of the Church works were found among the people; and one of the few Mormon churches in the east was located at Homestead, a short distance from Cream Ridge. They found people who claimed that they had been baptized into the Church in their youth when regular meetings were being conducted at Homestead. A heavy invitation to return was given the elders.

Maine—At Bangor, Maine, President W. H. Dredge, Elder J. Miller held a well attended meeting in the schoolhouse. Many books and tracts were distributed at the close of the meeting. At another town a meeting was held. The elders were entertained, purchased some books and invited them at any time to return. Success met them at every turn in their country work. Elders D. M. Layton and H. L. Harker attended a church in Gardner and upon the people learning who they were, request was made of them to take charge of the meeting. They gladly responded and delivered to the people their message. An interesting incident showing how God rewards those who feed His servants: One day Elders A. R. Southwick and Wm. Evans asked an aged widow for dinner. She told them that she had but little to eat but would share with them. At this moment a provision dealer drove up asking for entertainment also. He brought with him a supply of meats which he gave to the lady together with other eatables, making more than was eaten by all of them. Thus the Lord increased her store as he did a certain widow of Bible times who provided for one of the servants of God. Elder Farrar, while traveling in the country became ill and upon explaining his mission to a doctor whom he met was given a surgical aid free of charge. Although Maine is practically a new field, the elders laboring there have many friends and are making more replies.

New England—President Thos. A. Spackman writes: "During the past week Wm. N. Murdoch, who is known by literary circles as a novelist, was visited by the elders. After presenting

their message to him he remarked, 'I don't care a— for your doctrines but I want a Book of Mormon, as I can't get around the truth of that.' Elders John C. Tolton and T. A. Spackman have been traveling in and around Beverly, Mass., the summer home of President Taft. They report being well treated. At a recent service in Boston Mrs. Kirkman, a non-Mormon from Salt Lake City, sang a solo. The elders laboring in Boston are encouraged over the increase in attendance at their hall meetings. At a recent street meeting a stranger told them that many people in Boston were discussing Mormonism and that he knew of at least 20 who were attending their street meetings regularly. At Brockton, Mass., the Reorganizing held a rival street meeting to the one being held by Elders D. D. McEwan and Owen Marley. They were very particular in telling the people that they were in no wise connected with the horrible Utah Mormons. Their efforts, however, had very little effect upon the people who were very fair and considerate.

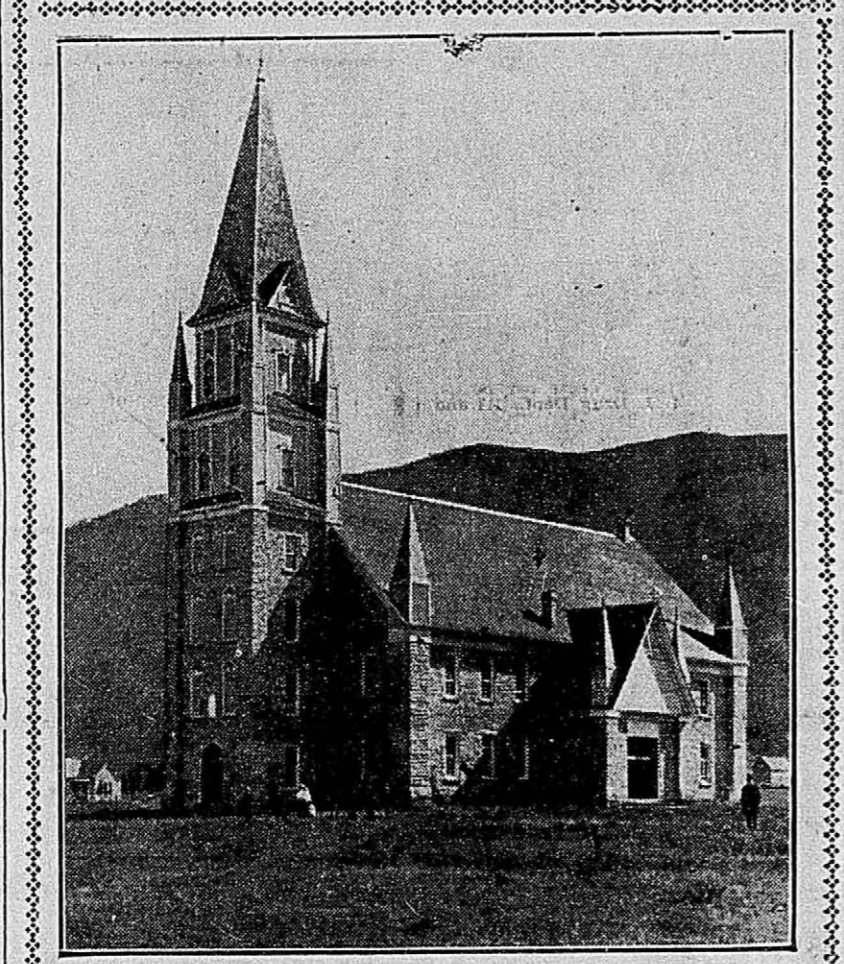
New Hampshire—The elders of this conference are beginning to see the results of their labors. On Aug. 4 Presi-

ducting by President Rice and his companions. Conference was held at Franklin. The church was filled to overflowing and a many interesting meetings were held. Elders traveling in the country have been entertained a number of times by ministers. Elders Grant and Gibbons are meeting with success in Jackson county.

Rhode Island—One baptism was reported from New Haven. The elders laboring in that city are much encouraged over the prospects. Elders Clarence Duffin and Ross Bartlett have had splendid success in distributing literature in Washington county, also in overcoming prejudice. Successful street meetings are being held in Providence.

Southwest Virginia—President Frank Leavitt and Elders J. A. Bateman and A. J. Johnson have been making a tour of the conference. At two mile they held a series of eleven meetings and aroused great interest. Ten applications for baptism have been received in this place. At the close of the series of meetings a Baptist minister arose and said, "Boys, as long as I have a crust of bread you are welcome, and as long as I have the keys to this house it will be open to you any time you wish to preach." During 30 days of the tour of the conference 38 meetings were held. District conference was held at Frays Fork. Hurricane notwithstanding a heavy rain storm the meetings were well attended.

West Pennsylvania—Sister Mary Locks Barnes, wife of George Barnes, of New England, Pa., a faithful and esteemed member of the Church, passed on to the great beyond August 13, 1909. The funeral was conducted by President Jacobson, and Elders Jacob Frei and Arthur F. Coombs. Sister



STAR VALLEY STAKE TABERNACLE, AFTON, WYO.

dent J. G. Allred baptized Brother James Wesley Edmonds and Miss Louisa D. Edmonds, both of Littleton, N. H. President Allred and Elder J. G. Skinner have been holding a number of successful hall and open air meetings in the northern part of the state. They have met many people who have visited Utah and without exception have good opinions of the Mormons. Elders John H. Russell and H. L. Harker are holding successful meetings in a grove belonging to a Mr. Robinson, near Concord.

New York—Elders H. C. C. Rich and W. A. Ransom report a successful week in the Adirondacks. They put up at the best hotels and very seldom were refused entertainment. Elders M. D. Seely and N. S. Richards visited with friends in the Adirondacks. Canada, a gentleman purchased a Book of Mormon, then went on his way to a store. When the elders arrived, he had advanced the book to such good advantage that they were able to unload their goods. Elder E. T. Lamb has been released on account of ill health. He was an energetic and faithful elder and his companions were loth to lose him.

Northwest Virginia—At Taney, Elders Eugene Cutler, E. R. Haslam and W. A. Henninger held a successful open air meeting; made many friends and sold a number of books. Funeral services over the remains of Bro. Wm. P. Hartman were con-

Barnes is the mother of 14 children, and is survived by her husband, 42 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. After the funeral service Elder Matthew Barnes officiated in the baptism of Sisters Esther Horne and Margaret Gedwin. The last named came from West Virginia to attend the funeral of her sister. After hearing the Gospel explained she declared, "That is what I have been looking for for years." President Jacobson attended a United Presbyterian Sunday school recently and listened to a discussion on Mormonism. The usual stock stories were the chief given the clues. At the close of the class Elder Jacobson attempted to disabuse their minds concerning the subject, but the teacher refused to be informed. Elder Thomas A. Robinson has been honorably released to return home.

EASTERN STATES MISSION.
C. E. DINWIDDY, Secy.

CENTRAL STATES ELDERS ENERGETIC AND ZEALOUS

Independence, Mo., 302 South Pleasant St., Aug. 20, 1909.—In our last we told you how very hot the weather had been. We were very glad to hear that we will say that you may add 5 or 7 degrees to that report and then draw your own conclusions as to conditions in these states. One day this week nine people and 30 horses died in Kansas City from the effects of the heat. We are all very thankful that normal weather prevails once more.

MISSIONARIES "ARE SHOWN"

Elders O. A. Tolman and Jerry Reece and Elders A. L. England and Benj. H. Roberts of the Missouri conference are holding many meetings in their respective counties and have many interested listeners. Like all the rest of our elders and sisters who are working to spread the truth, they are having a good time, profitable alike to themselves and the great cause they represent. In the experience of the two first named missionaries, while traveling in the town of Potosi a much-mistaken citizen took Elder Reece by the collar and shaking his fist in his face, ordered them off his premises. This treatment is not common in Missouri, for most Missourians are kind and tolerant and willing to "be shown," as the following extract from a letter written by Elder Leroy Benson will illustrate:

We are laboring here in the city (Marionville, Mo.) now. Yesterday afternoon I went out traveling and the first house I visited I met a gentleman who when I told him what my mission was, said:

"I am not interested in that religion at all nor any other religion that will

Top row (from left to right)—R. J. Heamsly, C. F. Palmer, J. C. Kidd, R. Adams, C. Austin, J. E. Carroll, L. A. Sherwood, J. S. Bonham, E. E. Smith. Second Row—J. L. Elbertson, G. H. Knight, David H. Thomas, E. J. Evans, J. B. Flint, J. J. Millard, G. W. Ked-

teach such corrupt doctrine as the Mor-

"Well, brother," said I, "perhaps you

"Yes," he returned, "I understand all

"Have you read any of our litera-

"Yes."

"Have you read the Book of Mor-

"No."

"You had better let me sell it to you.

"No, I wouldn't have it in my house.

"It's nothing but a myth."

From here we drifted on to the first

principles of the gospel and after rea-

soning for about three hours on differ-

ent subjects, especially baptism, I arose

to go, at which he said:

"Well, brother, I am glad I met you

I see you are sincere and if you will

keep on studying and will ask God to

direct you, I believe He will show you

the right way. You are young yet."

"Yes, I am 19 years old and I ask

God every day for wisdom, and every

day of my life my testimony is

strengthened. I have a strong one, too,

and that is why I forsake all that is

dear at home and come out among

strangers to bear my testimony to

them; and I bear it to you, for I know

Joseph Smith and all his successors

were prophets of God and that the gos-

pel has been restored to the earth with

all its gifts and blessings."

"What do you charge for the Book of

Mormon?"

"Oh, yes! Well, I'll just take it; but

remember, I do not accept your doc-

trine at all, but I am glad you came,

and I would like to have you come to

my church. I preach over here in the

Methodist church every Sunday."

I thanked him and told him I would

visit his church. You see they usually

change their ideas when we get a

chance to explain. We meet other good

friends in this town who invite us to

come again and one man gave us

money and told us to call whenever we

need help.

Elders Benson and Murdoch, who

sent the above, are laboring in Inde-

pendence conference.

IN LOUISIANA.

Elders James W. Brown and Wil-

liam Karren have been visiting among

saints and friends in Louisiana. They

held a series of meetings at all points

and the gospel and bear strong testi-

monies and say they love the elders.

Our prayers have been answered sev-

eral times when administering to the

sick both members and non-members

of the Church, and we have left good

will behind us wherever we have been."

ADDITIONS BY BAPTISM.

Additions to the Church by baptism

have been made as follows:

By Elder George Bell in Louisiana,

one.

By Elder Alma Williams, Oklahoma,

two.

By Elder James A. Chadwick, Okla-

homa, two.

By Elder Peter Mortensen, East Kan-

sas, one.

THIRD OPERATION PREVENTED

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Veg-

etable Compound

Chicago, Ill.—"I want to tell you

what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable

Compound did for me. I was so sick

that two of the best doctors in Chicago

said I would die if I did not have an

operation. I had

already had two

operations, and

they wanted me to

go through a third

one. I suffered day

and night from in-

flammation and a

small tumor, and

never thought of

seeing a well day

again. A friend

told me how Lydia

E. Pinkham's Veg-

etable Compound helped her, and I

tried it, and after the third bottle

was cured."—Mrs. ALVEXA SPERLING,

11 Langdon Street, Chicago, Ill.

If you are ill do not drag along at

home or in your place of employment

until an operation is necessary, but

build up the feminine system, and re-

move the cause of those distressing

aches and pains by taking Lydia E.

Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made

from roots and herbs.

For thirty years it has been the stand-

ard remedy for female ills, and has

positively restored the health of thou-

sands of women who have been trou-

bled with displacements, inflammation,

ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities,

periodic pains, backache, bearing-down

feeling, indigestion, indigestion, dizz-

iness, or nervous prostration. Why

don't you try it?

LATTER-DAY SAINT MISSIONARIES LABORING IN NETHERLANDS.

Portrait Taken at Time of General Conference in Rotterdam in July, 1909.

Portraits of the Latter-day Saint Missionaries laboring in the Netherlands. The group is posed in several rows, with some standing and some seated. The men are dressed in formal attire, including suits and ties. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.

By Elders L. H. Bissel and C. Knud-
son, North Texas, three.
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NETHERLANDS MISSION

Rotterdam, July 25.—The annual general conference of the Netherlands Mission, held in the Excelsior Hall, Rotterdam, July 25, was a great success in every respect. The attendance at all meetings was the largest ever in the history of the mission. The evening meetings were attended by at least 200 strangers present; even more were desirous of attending, but were turned away as the hall was crowded. We feel that much credit is due to the missionaries for their labors. For a week the newspapers had advertised the same, and by this means many of the higher class were reached.

The morning meeting was opened at 10 a. m. by singing "Now Let Us Rejoice in the Day of Salvation." The prayer was offered by Elder Herman Tromp, followed by an anthem from the Rotterdam choir.

President Jas. H. Walker addressed the congregation, extending to all a hearty welcome, and urging a full attendance at all three meetings. He also spoke on the first principles of the Gospel. President Edmund Olson, of the Groningen conference, explained the necessity of obedience, and bore testimony of the resurrection, which came by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. An English solo was rendered in a pleasing manner by Elder Geo. W. Keddlington. President S. R. Newton of the Rotterdam conference compared the mode of baptism in the sea with the days of Noah to that of the individual, and showed the gospel of Christ to be a pure and simple plan of salvation. The choir then sang the English anthem, "Lead Kindly Light." Elder P. A. Clayton was the first speaker. He took for his subject the pre-existence of man. The meeting was brought to a close by the choir singing an English hymn. Prayer by Elder J. L. Wallace.

The afternoon meeting convened at 2 p. m. This was given as a sacrament meeting for the saints, although everybody was invited. "We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet," was sung with much spirit by the congregation. Prayer by Elder L. C. Healy. The choir sang the anthem "Be Joyful in the Lord." The general and local authorities of the Church were presented and all unanimously accepted. Elder Paul Zysling was the first speaker. He referred to the prophecies which preceded the coming of Christ. Elders J. H. Walker, S. R. Newton, J. H. F. Volker and G. B. Alexander sang the quartet "Mother is praying for you." President E. D. Thurman of the Leige conference spoke of the mission of Mormonism to mankind. His remarks were translated into Dutch by Elder W. J. De Bry. The choir sang again, and was followed by C. S. Hyde, who spoke on revelation, showing that it was the foundation of our faith. President Walker made the closing remarks. He counseled the saints to live according to the teachings of the Gospel, saying the blessings of the Lord would come in proportion to our faithfulness. The choir sang and Elder S. E. Busati pronounced the benediction.

At 7 o'clock the house was packed, nearly half the congregation consisting of strangers. The meeting opened by singing "The Spirit of God." Prayer was given by Elder J. L. Wallace, followed by the choir singing the English anthem "Hark! Hark! My Soul." President D. D. Brimhall of the Amsterdam conference was the first speaker. He proved clearly from the Bible that an apostasy was to come before the restoration of the Gospel in the last dispensation. "Rock of Ages" was sung with spirit by the choir. Elder W. J. De Bry spoke of the misrepresentation of Mormonism by the press and the ministers of the so-called Christian churches, and gave the evidences of the divine mission of Joseph Smith. A male chorus of 16 missionaries rendered "O Home Beloved, Wherever I Wander," which was heartily enjoyed by all present. Benediction was offered by Elder T. B. Korthals, and the conference adjourned for one year.

A preliminary feature of all three meetings was the musical selections; the chorus and solo work was of the highest class. "The Mormon choir" is well known throughout the city, and is the means of attracting many strangers. The same is much larger than heretofore, and of late has made wonderful improvement under the able leadership of Elder S. R. Newton. It compares favorably with similar war organizations in Zion, and mention may well be made of the assistance given by an author by the choir. Elder G. W. J. De Bry spoke of the misrepresentation of Mormonism by the press and the ministers of the so-called Christian churches, and gave the evidences of the divine mission of Joseph Smith. A male chorus of 16 missionaries rendered "O Home Beloved, Wherever I Wander," which was heartily enjoyed by all present. Benediction was offered by Elder T. B. Korthals, and the conference adjourned for one year.

The following day a general priesthood meeting was held. Seventy-four elders were in attendance, and the reports given were very encouraging. The work of the Lord in both Holland and Belgium is progressing. Some time ago missionaries were sent into Lille, France, and since then a number of investigators have been found. The work in Holland is also being crowned with success. G. B. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

ACTIVE AT 87.

This would be unusual news if men and women would keep themselves free from rheumatism and all aches and pains as well as keeping their muscles and joints limber with Ballard's Snow Liniment. Sold by C. M. I. Drug Dept., City.

NORTHERN STATES MISSION NOTES

Northern Indiana Conference.—The work of the Lord in Northern Indiana has progressed rapidly during July, and the 14 elders laboring here have been able to accomplish a great deal of work. The best record for the year has been made in sales of the Book of Mormon, other books, meetings and baptisms, and the elders report a more liberal spirit among the people than ever before. Throughout the conference there are many earnest investigators and several of them will be baptized in the near future. The saints are doing very well and trying to better their conditions all the time. The growing interest encourages all to do better and we hope to hold regular services in several towns during the winter months.—D. Albert Banks, president of Northern Indiana Conference.

Southern Indiana Conference.—The elders of the Southern Indiana conference are in the best of spirits despite the excessive heat and attacks of chiggers. The reports for the closing month nearly double any of the previous months, and the elders report a more liberal spirit among the people than ever before. Throughout the conference there are many earnest investigators and several of them will be baptized in the near future. The saints are doing very well and trying to better their conditions all the time. The growing interest encourages all to do better and we hope to hold regular services in several towns during the winter months.—D. Albert Banks, president of Northern Indiana Conference.

Southern Illinois Conference.—Just a line to assure you of our cheerful spirits. We held two well attended meetings Thursday and Friday evenings at Mount Pleasant. We arrived here at Hill yesterday. The Methodists hired the hall above the building where we were holding a meeting and had a minister come especially for the occasion, but we were successful in drawing the crowd, and they were obliged to discontinue their services. Many of the people told us that this special meeting was called just because we were here. We have decided to remain in this vicinity for at least a week. Prospects are very encouraging for a number of baptisms.—President J. T. Beckstead.

Wisconsin Conference.—The past two weeks have been spent very profitably by C. M. Chapman, Lars C. Larsen, J. R. Bingham and E. M. Crawford. Two persons were baptized and a babe born. During the last week a meeting was held among the Indians, the local minister introducing the elders and their own songs. Upon their arrival at Escanaba, Elder Bingham wrote: "We haven't one book large or small left and only 10 tracts. The kind people have willingly supplied the elders' wants."—E. M. Crawford.

PROSPEROUS CONDITIONS IN SNOWFLAKE STAKE

The regular quarterly conference of Snowflake stake was held at Shawhead, Aug. 14 and 15. Although not so largely attended as usual on account of its being mid-harvest time, yet the spirit of the Lord was present to a marked degree and a very profitable time was had by all in attendance.

Patriarch Joseph H. Richards, late of the stake presidency, was chosen to preside at the conference. The cause caused by the death of Brother Smith D. Rogers, and vacancies were also filled in a number of the auxiliary organizations. President Samuel F. Smith reported the health of the people as a whole as very good and the prospects for the farmer and stockman are above the average.

The work on the academy addition is progressing nicely and we expect to have the basement and upper story completed ready for the school season. When completed we will have one of the finest school buildings in Arizona, accommodating in the neighborhood of 250 pupils.

M. R. TANNER, Stake clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

The following elders have reported at the church of the Lord in this city their safe return home on the dates given from the foreign mission field, all in good health and spirits. They report enjoyable experiences and successful labors. The prospects are very encouraging and represented is making very satisfactory progress:

Aug. 18—Seth Johnson of Kanab, Kane county, from the British mission; set apart May 28, 1907.

Charles Thomas Jones of Hooper, Weber county, from the British mission; set apart July 23, 1907.

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