



## CENTRAL STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

Independence, Mo., Aug. 6.—Maybe the readers of mission news would like to read another letter direct from the field of activity, unedited. "You will report this week from a favorable part of north Texas. In regard to myself and companion and those among whom we are laboring, I am glad to say all is well with us. Having found many good people who have purchased our books, seemingly desirous to know something about our doctrine, and with so many opportunities to hold hall and cottage meetings, we feel very much encouraged and we desire to add our testimony to the many others, that to travel without money is the only way to do the most effective missionary work. We have, on two different occasions, stopped with the people who owned the only hotel in the county and each time when heavily laden with the same pleasant invitation which is so often extended to us in our labors, "Please come again." We feel that at some future day the seed we have sown in love, prayer and humility will surely take root and grow, and someone will reap an abundant harvest in this part of the Lord's vineyard. For indeed we may say that we have had every success in getting the gospel truths before a good and broad-minded people and have enjoyed every blessing that goes to make a missionary feel that he could spend a pleasant life time in the work of the Lord."

The above is a letter written to our mission president by Elder E. B. Gregory, accompanying his and Elder A. S. Hinckley's weekly report and speaks such sentiments as are expressed in many letters each week from our missionaries.

President Grant of North Texas conference says all the elders are in good health and spirits and doing good work and that he has nothing but good words for them. He says they are doing good, treating and everything seems to be coming our way.

President Mark F. Hixson of South Texas sends the same kind of a report and says they are having more success than ever in getting their books out among the people, especially the Book of Mormon.

President Peter Mortensen relates how the work is getting better in East Kansas conference and the people becoming more enlightened in regard to Mormonism. He met a man in England who was a member of the Church and acquainted with President Young and said that when he heard of the massacre at Mountain Meadows President Young wept like a child. This man is not a member of the Church, yet he said he knew Mormonism was true. Elder Mortensen says all the elders in this conference are well and having much success in their work.

Elders A. L. England and Benj. H. Roberts of Missouri conference are declaring the gospel of faith, repentance and obedience, as restored by angels, visits to men in this age, to the people in the south end of the state and convincing them that Mormonism is not the evil thing they thought it was, and that it is the only way to salvation in the perfect plan taught by the elders.

Elder W. F. Thippen says the work in St. Louis is much better along. Very nicely, each elder and sister missionary working hard to spread the true gospel.

Elders E. F. Robertson and Joseph Black of Arkansas conference forward an interesting report of their labors, telling how they were able by the aid of the Lord to cope with ministers of other churches, build up faith in vital principles, and establish hope in the hearts of saints and friends. It is very wonderful how our boys are able to meet and over throw the errors of man made doctrine.

President Byron Merrill of Louisiana conference says the sales of books are slow as the people where he and companion are, very poor but good and hard workers, so you could have been with them a few days you would have tasted some of the joy of a Mormon missionary, for he says that he and Elder Bell have held 16 meetings in 12 days and had the privilege of baptizing seven converts. He says the members of the little branch at Priddy, have nearly finished meeting and are building and all the elders and saints are well except Elder Taylor and he, though but slightly ailing, is getting better.

We said Elder Merrill and companion had baptized seven in Louisiana. Elder A. H. West baptized one in South Texas, Elder J. E. Reid two and Elder D. G. Robinson one in the north end, and Elder J. L. Slater one in Oklahoma.

It is with sorrow we announce the death of Sister Melissa Dussard which occurred at the Southside hospital in Kansas City, Aug. 1, as the result of an operation for the removal of internal tumors. Sister Dussard was a granddaughter of the late Patriarch B. F. Johnson and was born about 40 years ago at Spring Lake, Utah. She was an affectionate wife and mother and a faithful member of our Church. The funeral services were held at the mission house, Elder Joseph A. McKee being the speaker and the remains were interred here in Independence.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION.

## SOUTHERN STATES

### MISSION HISTORY

FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING JULY 22, 1903.

Georgia, Elder L. L. Myers, president, 321 Coleman avenue, Macon, Ga.—The elders of this conference report marked success in their meetings. One of the best conferences ever convened in this section was held July 24 and 25 at the Oconee branch, seven miles from the city of Milledgeville, the services being held in the open air in a grove near the home of Brother H. A. Taylor, a local member. President Charles A. Callis was in attendance and held four priesthood meetings with the elders, at which he ably instructed them in regard to their duties as missionaries. President L. L. Myers and all the other elders of the Georgia conference were

also present. Three public meetings were held which were attended not only by a large representation of the people living in the immediate neighborhood, but also by many of the business men of the city of Milledgeville who came out on Sunday to hear Mormonism explained from the standpoint of its adherents. President Callis addressed the congregation at the morning service upon the subject of eternal judgment, and in the afternoon he spoke upon the divine mission of Joseph Smith and the fulfillment of prophecy. The large congregation seemed much interested in the discourses, and much good will likely result from the conference. A very successful Sunday school was held on the morning of the Sabbath day, at which the children of the local branch did their work in an excellent manner. At roll call, the children responded promptly and accurately with a measure of Scripture. Between the morning and evening services, a barbecue was provided by Brother H. A. Taylor, at which several hundred people enjoyed a bounteous feast followed by ice cream dessert.

East Kentucky, Elder G. F. Ellisworth, president, box 422, Lexington, Ky.—The death of Sister Louella May, land of Princess, Ky., who for several months past has been a sufferer from tuberculosis, occurred on the 7th inst. She died a faithful member of the Church, and her husband and six children have the heartfelt sympathy of her many friends and of the saints and elders in general. The most largely attended conference was held at Owensville, July 17 and 18. All the elders of the conference were in attendance. Four priesthood meetings were held, and six public meetings were held in a large tobacco barn which had been cleaned and decorated for the occasion. President Charles A. Callis was present, and his discourse was highly appreciated by the large crowds in attendance. Pioneer day was fittingly celebrated by the elders and the saints of the Stinson branch, the service being held in a grove outside the town and an enjoyable time was had by all.

East Tennessee, Elder W. H. Larson, president, box 683, Knoxville, Tenn.—While Elders W. H. Larson and C. E. Jensen were conversing with a merchant a few days ago upon the subject of the Book of Mormon, the merchant advised the man to buy the book. Said he, "Whether you read it for information or curiosity, you will find it the most interesting book ever read. Money could not buy mine could I not get another." The merchant purchased the book. . . . An excellent conference was held in Knoxville, July 23 to 25. President Charles A. Callis was in attendance the first day and held three priesthood meetings with the elders at which he gave them some very timely instructions relative to their work. Saturday night a successful street meeting, the first that has been held in this city for some time, was held in Knoxville. Favorable comment was made of the meeting in the papers of the city, and special mention was made of the singing of our quartet, composed of Elders Jones, Maxwell, Abraham and Atkin. . . . A Leath V. Holt and Sylvia A. Keddington were in attendance at the Sunday services; and their remarks upon the station and duties of women, coming from the viewpoint of the Mormon woman, were listened to with rapt attention.

Pioneer day was celebrated by the saints and friends of the Knoxville branch at Chalmers Park, an exceptionally interesting oration on the pioneers and their work was delivered at the entertainment by Elder J. Elmer Johnson.

Virginia, Elder H. A. Shupe, president, box 46, Lynchburg, Va.—There is considerable sickness in this conference. Elder H. A. Shupe is unable to receive to administer to the afflicted attest the faith the members and friends have in the ordinances of the gospel. The death of Sister Elizabeth Cleaver, a faithful member of the Church, took place at her home in Cripple Creek, Saturday, July 17. The funeral was held the following day by Elders J. B. Thatcher and Thomas Arnold in the Cripple Creek Lutheran church, where the elders had the opportunity of explaining the belief of the Latter-day Saints in regard to the resurrection to a large congregation of the friends and neighbors of the departed sister.

South Carolina, Elder Jas. H. Moore, president, box 276, Columbia, S. C.—Saturday, July 10, Elders A. A. Follett and L. M. Behnke held a well attended service in the Mill chapel at Bennettsville, and on the following day, the minister being absent, they were accorded the privilege of conducting the regular services at the same place. . . . Elder F. J. Hirsch, who is recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, has been honorably released to return to his home. Elder A. A. Follett has also been honorably released.

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Ohio, Elder Paul E. Nelson, president, box 256, West Park ave., Columbus, O.—During the week ending July 15, the elders of this conference disposed of 24 Books of Mormon and 224 other books. The elders of company are doing well received in the city of Lima—many of the people seem to be greatly interested in the gospel, and the elders are disposing of a great deal of literature. During the week ending July 22, company B sold 12 Books of Mormon and 67 other books.

North Carolina, Elder Robt. Andrus, president, box 633, Charlotte, N. C.—In calling upon the mayor of Roxboro for the purpose of asking permission to canvass the city, the elders were very courteously received, and were willingly accorded the privilege they asked for—they were also given permission to hold as many street meetings as they might desire. They learned that the mayor had carefully read the Book of Mormon, and he expressed himself as being highly pleased with it. A branch conference was held at Gilsum, July 24 and 25, with President Robt. Andrus and seven other elders in attendance.

Kentucky, Elder Thos. E. Secrist, president, box 422, Lexington, Ky.—Elders J. P. Lesueur and L. E. Holmes have just been allowed to preach in the Union chapel of Huntsville, a building which, in many ways, past the elders have been refused permission to use. The same elders were also granted the privilege of speaking at a lodge meeting at Round Hill. . . . Elders T. E. Secrist and A. Thorpe held nine meetings during the week ending July 22, in Shelby county. One of them they held at a place where some time ago a large number of Saints were held. A series of successful meetings have also been held during the past week in Solway by Elders M. T. Tibbels and N. M. Stewart.

Atlanta, Elder O. W. Hyde, president, 29 Connelly St., Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs. J. J. Richardson was baptized Sunday morning, July 18. This lady is the wife of Mr. J. J. Richardson, the owner of the building at Montreal which was destroyed some months ago by enemies of the work of the Lord shortly after he had granted the elders the privilege of using it as a house of worship. . . . Well attended meetings are being held in the suburbs of Atlanta, as well as the Latter-day Saints' chapel at that place.

Mississippi, Elder Geo. J. Gray, president, 551 Mississippi street, Jackson, Miss.—In a letter Elder S. K. Kato met an old gentleman who said he had heard the Prophets Joseph Smith and Brigham Young preach. He spoke of them as being very eloquent speakers, and from the conversation the elder learned that their manner and remarks had made lasting impressions upon his mind. Elders Geo. J. Gray and C. E. Nielsen were willing to grant the use of the hall of a hotel in Chaney, and in it they held two well attended meetings on July 18. . . . A large number of people were held at Beechwood, about 200 people assembled to witness the baptism of six new converts to the gospel. The elders officiating embraced the opportunity to exhort the converts of the gospel to the interested listeners.

Middle Tennessee, Elder I. H. Esplin, president, Smyrna, Tenn.—Many calls to administer to the sick have been made upon the elders laboring in Memphis during the past two weeks. . . . Elders John L. Bushman and P. C. Hays, who were in Perry county, report that they find prejudice waning; they have met with fairly good treatment in places where elders have heretofore met with much opposition.

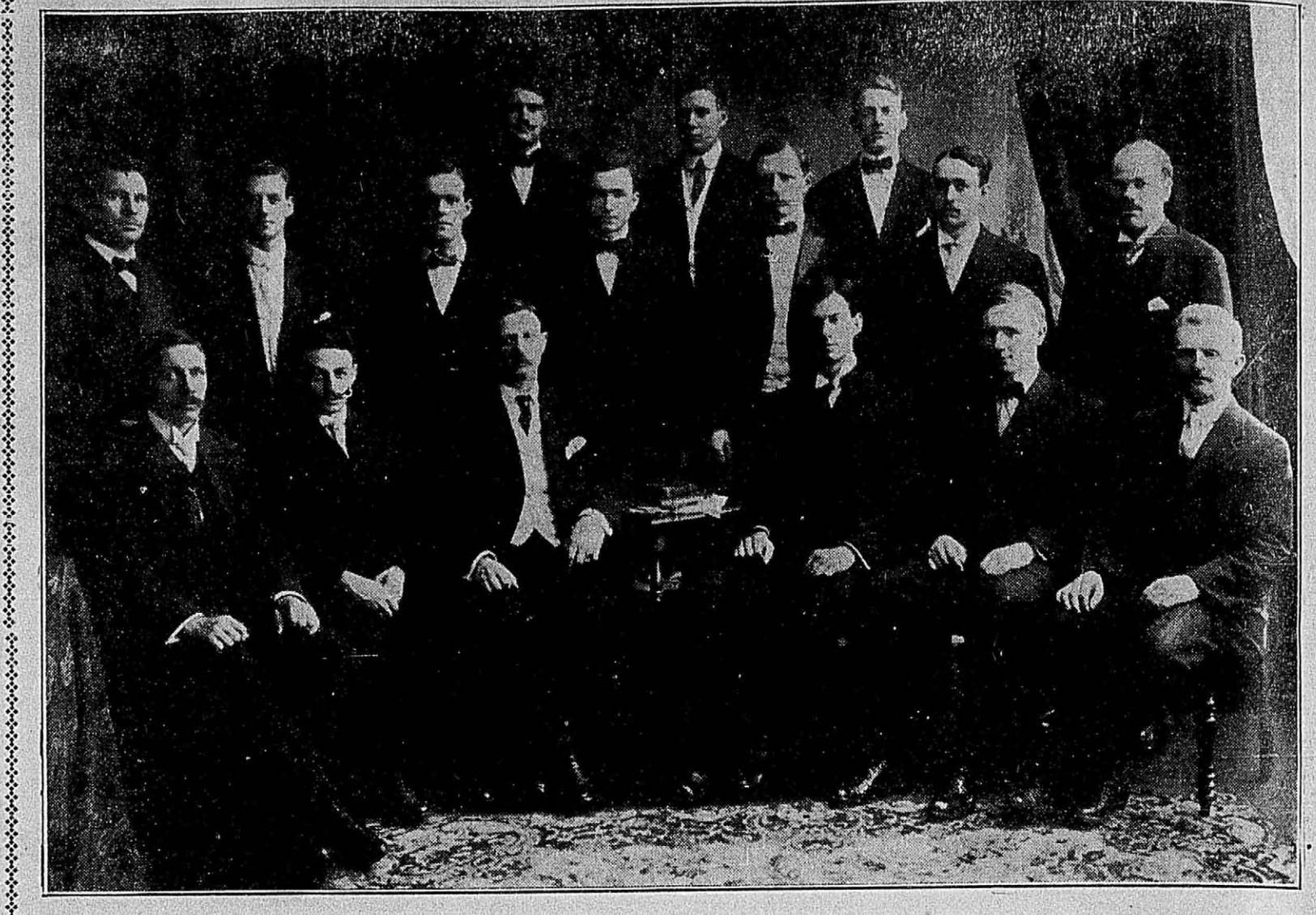
Alabama, Elder J. J. Curtiss, president, box 705, Montgomery, Ala.—Three very well attended meetings were held at Ponce de Leon by Elders J. D. Brown and Milton Robbins. . . . While laboring near Shelburne, Elders H. K. Maxham and Edward Watkins were called very rapidly, and only being in their repast, and after the luncheon a very successful meeting was held with the pleasure seeking party.

Florida, Elder J. W. Blazard, president, 1224 Claude street, Jacksonville, Fla.—The work in this conference is progressing very rapidly, and is being carried through untiring zeal of the lady missionaries who are doing an excellent work in the Jacksonville branch. Many baptisms are reported to Kentucky. J. Elmer Johnson, mission office to Atlanta.

Releases—Leo Lowry, Asa C. Bagley, Nathan H. Stevenson, Benjamin Waldron, Alfred L. Broderick, John O. Call, Albert A. Follett and Fred J. Hirsch.

## CALIFORNIA MISSION NOTES.

422 West Tenth St., Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 4.—Saturday, July 24, the sales of Los Angeles and vicinity, together with the elders and quite a number of friends, celebrated Pioneer day at Redondo, special rates having been se-



## ELDERS OF THE AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE, HOLLAND.

Top row, left to right—O. P. Schettler, W. Olsson, C. de Gooyer, Middle row—E. E. Mitchell, H. Hemley, F. H. Platt, Joseph S. Bennion, J. H. A. Grovers, P. Badger, D. W. Jones, Lower row—J. Eggen, C. A. Wolley, I. Sander (conference president), J. W. Walker, (mission president), T. W. Matthews, J. R. Stringham.

ured for the excursion. The elders that had been laboring in San Bernardino and Orange counties, came in and joined in the celebration. A well rendered program consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and speeches, was given in the auditorium at Redondo, commencing at 10:15 a. m. and continuing until 12 noon, with an attendance of 150 to 175. Immediately following the program, we repaired to a little grove near by and there had lunch. Several more saints and friends met us here so that our number was increased to 200 or more. In the afternoon many of our party went bathing in the surf or the plunge in the bath house recently erected, which is said to be the largest in the world. At about 5 o'clock, foot races and other sports were engaged in. Quite a number remained for the evening, so that there was a nice little crowd as well as the Latter-day Saints in dancing. President Joseph E. Robinson spent the day with us.

Word received from San Diego states that Pioneer day was very pleasantly celebrated there. The reports of the elders are reported, and the prospects are said to be bright for the spread of the gospel there. We know that the spirit of the mission and are doing a good work. On Sunday, the 25th, immediately following the local priesthood meeting, a special meeting of the elders was held, the work was talked over and general conditions outlined. Many friends had been made and there were several investigators, both in San Bernardino and Orange counties. It being the country work that was mostly discussed. The assignments which were made the following morning, are as follows: To Orange county, Elders Jos. C. Hays and H. A. Brown; San Bernardino county, Elders Benham Gibbons and A. M. Bingham; to Cxnard and vicinity, Elders H. W. Crockett, E. Kearns, A. V. Nelson and William E. Poulter; to Los Angeles, Elders Ephraim Nelson, R. F. Burton, H. H. Redd, Joseph H. Kirkham, Len O. Bird, D. C. Van Dyke, and John M. Cahoon.

Tuesday afternoon the 27th, Elder Charles V. Ashcraft left for home on account of ill health, in company with one of his brothers and a sister who had been visiting with him for two or three weeks while he was at Ocean Park in the hope of regaining health. We regret that he cannot remain with us, but our blessings go with him and our prayers for his recovery. Friday morning, July 23, Elder William R. Poulter of Ogden, Utah, and Elder John M. Cahoon of Deseret, Utah, arrived at Los Angeles to labor in the California mission, also, on Aug. 4, Elder Arthur L. Hansen of Salt Lake City.

CALIFORNIA MISSION.  
R. F. BURTON, Secretary.

## PRESIDENT LUND AND PARTY AT AALBORG, DEN.

Aalborg, Denmark, July 9.—After a stay of two days and nights in Aalborg, President Lund and company took the early train for Frederikshavn from where they will sail by boat to Sweden and Norway.

Their coming was well advertised and the fruits of the publicity were shown in the large hall, which was full to overflowing before meeting was called to order. Extra benches and chairs were made use of, in every available place. Old members report that this was the next largest gathering ever held by the Latter-day Saints in Aalborg. Those present were of a good class of people and seemed much interested. Perfect order was maintained throughout the conference. President Lund seemed well pleased in the reception given him by the people of his native town and birthplace. Conference President Isaac A. Jensen, presiding, called the meeting to order at 8:15 p. m., Wednesday, July 7. After singing and prayer, President Penrose was the first speaker, with President Andrew Jensen as interpreter. He gave an interesting talk about the mission of Christ, the resurrection and the law of love as given by Christ. He further talked about the plan of salvation, the apostasy and the restoration of the gospel. President Lund next took the stand and compared the condition here in Aalborg with that of early days and talked about Utah and her people. Gave a short but interesting talk about the first principles of the gospel and the mission of Joseph Smith the prophet. Thursday night, July 8, another meet-

ing was held with a good attendance but not equal to that of the former night. After the opening exercises, President Andrew Jensen talked about conditions in Utah compared with the conditions existing in Denmark and the world at large. Mrs. Reynolds, President Jensen's daughter, sang a solo, "Beautiful Isle."

President Lund was the next speaker and said: "The way of sin is not the right way or the easiest way, for the burdens of sin are heavy and hard to bear."

President Penrose next spoke and talked about the origin of the Bible and the Book of Mormon. He also spoke about the second coming of Christ. After which meeting closed with singing and prayer.  
GEO. S. SCHOW,  
Conference Secretary.

## CONFERENCE AT AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Amsterdam, Holland, July 11.—The semi-annual Amsterdam conference was held June 20, 1903, under the direction of Conference President I. Sander. The meetings were held at the regular place of meeting in the De Wittenstraat, 109 and 111. All three meetings were very well attended, and President I. Sander welcomed all present and made the opening address. He was followed by Elders J. W. Howe and T. W. Matthews and interesting gospel addresses.

During the morning services Elder J. H. Walker, G. B. Alexander, S. R. Newton and J. H. Volker sang "Softly Now the Light of Day." At the 2 p. m. session the Church authorities were sustained and two children were blessed after which Elder O. Olsen spoke of the hardships of the Latter-day Saints of the early days. He related some experiences from his own life in Utah. The other speakers were Elder S. R. Newton and Charles S. Hays.

The same elders who sang at the morning session and Elders Joseph S. Bennion, I. A. Jackson, J. J. Millard and J. van Deuren sang "The Flag Without a Star."

The evening session convened at 7 o'clock. A sister who had just been baptized was confirmed a member of the Church and another child blessed. Elder Joseph H. Smith spoke upon the divine prophetic calling of Joseph Smith. He cited several prophecies that he uttered which had already been fulfilled. Elders D. D. Brynhall and W. J. de Bry were the other speakers.

A very good spirit was manifest during the entire session and was one of the most successful conferences ever held in Amsterdam.

Monday morning a priesthood meeting was held for all the missionaries where they gave a very good report of the work being done in the different fields of labor.

The work is going forward very rapidly in this conference and many people are making investigation. From November conference to the conference in June, there were 64 baptisms in the Amsterdam conference.

C. A. WOOLLEY,  
Secretary.

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## GENEALOGY

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## NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

It will be of interest to the readers of this department to continue our inquiry into the conditions of this powerful and pioneer New England society. The extracts from its history written in the early sixties which recently appeared here, show how deep was the interest taken by a few scholarly men in genealogy in those far-away days; and it will be profitable for us now to enquire what the present status of the society is, and if the work they have undertaken has been successful and profitable. Another thing to consider along the line of their progress, achievements and acquisitions, together with their present expressed need, as revealed by their own publications, what is and what will be necessary to make of our own beloved society, the vital force for good which the Lord certainly intends it shall be. And therefore we shall stop occasionally and comment on the various points as we pass along.

First, let it be said that the building now occupied by the N. E. H. & G. society is the same one which has been used for many years. The building has had considerable sums of money spent upon it, for it is now entirely inadequate for the great library already crowded within its vaults and walls. The council of the society is constantly calling out for more room, or rather it is now asking rich friends for a quarter of a million dollars to build a new edifice. The rooms are filled with books and every available inch of space has been utilized for the storage of books. Forty thousand books and pamphlets are stored in this compactly filled three-story building. While our own small library has barely 1,200 volumes.

It is extremely interesting to note that the charter of the society was given by the Massachusetts legislature in 1845, with a perpetual clause to hold real and personal estate not to exceed \$20,000; in 1868, the act was amended to allow the society to hold property amounting to \$100,000. In 1888, that sum was doubled by the legislature; and in 1902, the act was increased to the sum of \$1,500,000. Thus one may see how the spiritual and moral aims have increased by observing the rapid growth of the financial ideals. And, too, one may readily observe how great a sum will be required by the Utah society, if we would become even as far advanced in this subject as is this our powerful sister society. It does not require much faith or prophecy to estimate the certain rapid growth and increase of this society, if one has a foundation faith in the work established by Joseph Smith; for the two faiths are founded upon the same rock.

Another act passed by the Massachusetts legislature in 1897, permits women to become full members in the society. This is an interesting item in the world's advancement of women. And since that time, this New England society has constantly had women upon its board, and amongst its committee members. And now, accepting the first statement made by the original constitution of the New England society, what are the present results of this movement? First, the society has over 40,000 books on genealogy in its library. This amounting to over \$100,000 a year, are used to promote the labors of the society. Altogether the society owns \$350,000 worth of real estate, stocks and bonds. There is a most valuable magazine published quarterly, and there are many current publications issued by the society. Such as the by-laws, the standing rules of the society; a circular on "durable paper for books for permanent use." This last gives some extremely important information to authors and publishers of family histories and genealogies. Next, is a small eight-page "specimen of the reg-

ister plan for arranging genealogies." The family of Henry Curtis of Sudbury, Mass., is taken for the basis of this exposition, and if there are any of our readers who are related to the New England Curtis family, this department will be glad to furnish them with this sample sheet. A one-page circular gives the names of the vital records already published by the society, from the income of the Eddy fund, which was donated for that purpose; there are 37 vital records already printed, and 32 in course of preparation. These vital records are the birth, marriage and death statistics of the towns which they represent. Then there is a pamphlet of "Suggestions as to Copying Inscriptions." This is a very valuable suggestion even to us. For it may be of any use to our family circles. The first paragraph of this reads: "As there is no person and no institution in the United States with authority to regulate the use of coats of arms, your committee discourages their display on any way or form." The circular proceeds to explain this matter in full, and it forms one of the most interesting of the series of pamphlets issued. There are small circulars with a brief history of the Society, and most important of all is a printed copy of the act passed by the Massachusetts legislature of 1902, in regard to the preservation of towns, records of birth, marriage, and death, previous to the year 1850. This list is a matter of the greatest importance for the western peoples, for many descendants of famous old New Englanders, and of the labor and means which have indeed all tribes and nations, have been represented by descendants in our western states and territories. And these statistics should be published, as our descendants will be quite as anxious to secure them as we are of our forefathers. In addition to all these, there are the published reports of all the society's annual meetings, of minutes by famous members, and as fitting conclusion, a small booklet, with a picture of the library in Somerset St., a brief summary of its aims and history, with some hints to collectors of the society. Of these latter circulars there have been 30,000 distributed. Think of it, you Latter-day Saints, in most of whom the subject of regulated study and genealogical research is a new one, think of the mass of literature published and distributed by this entirely philanthropic society, and as fitting conclusion, a small booklet, with a picture of the library in Somerset St., a brief summary of its aims and history, with some hints to collectors of the society. Of these latter circulars there have been 30,000 distributed. Think of it, you Latter-day Saints, in most of whom the subject of regulated study and genealogical research is a new one, think of the mass of literature published and distributed by this entirely philanthropic society, and as fitting conclusion, a small booklet, with a picture of the library in Somerset St., a brief summary of its aims and history, with some hints to collectors of the society.

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