



CENTRAL STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

Independence, Mo., May 28.—On May 15 and 16 our mission president held meetings with the elders of Louisiana conference and local saints at Galvez, La., where there is a thriving branch of the Church and the following Saturday and Sunday he was at Slidell, South Texas, engaged in the same duties. At both places they enjoyed to a good degree the blessings which usually attend such events, and now he and his good wife have gone to hold conference at Kelsey, North Texas, on the 25th and 26th insts. He is not with us at headquarters much of the time, the interests of the mission having grown to such extent in his associates' presence in many other places.

Our work is progressing very well and there is but little if any illness among our missionaries. Elder Alma Harder who has not been enjoying the best of health in Louisiana, has been transferred to East Kansas conference and left here yesterday much improved for his new field of labor.

Elder Thomas H. Greer is still laboring in the branch at St. John, Kansas, and has fixed up the grounds around the meetinghouse so that there are none in the town more attractive. He is also doing good work in the organizations and as a missionary in the surrounding country, and all our elders and sister missionaries are doing good work.

In North Texas Elders Edw. R. Cardale and J. William Johnson have, during the past week, held six cottage meetings, at which the attendance was good. In that district they have many friends, a family of saints, and the prospects are good for more.

Elders William L. Johnson and H. M. Humphreys report the baptism of six new members in the state conference. They relate how the Lord has been to remove his desire for the use of coffee. One morning he got up with an unusual appetite for his coffee and could hardly wait until it was ready, when he drank a large cup of it it made him sick and he had no more since.

Elders J. T. Brown and Leroy J. Muddock are being prospered in their labors in the Independence conference. They are holding good meetings with new friends. Two children of one of their friends sang "In our lovely Deseret" in one of their meetings to the delight of the elders and enjoyment of all present.

President P. P. Oleson of that conference reports that in districts where the feeling against us used to be very bitter is now most friendly. One old gentleman told them their preachers were all leaving them on account of the lack of money and in a few years the only preachers they would have probably would be the Mormons.

Elder Lawrence Hill says of the work in Oklahoma: "Our street meetings are well attended and the broad-minded people are beginning to realize that the message of Mormonism means

something to the world of today. We very often hear the remark that ours is the most interesting religious literature they have ever read. The people in general are treating us very well."

Elder Melzar H. Workman has arrived from Hatch, Utah, and has been assigned to St. John conference to labor.

Elders Henry Oyer and Alfred J. Corden who have labored about two and a quarter years in South Texas, have been honorably released to return to their homes and loved ones.

During the week Elder Edwin R. Dinkley of Louisiana has added two and Elder William L. Johnson of North Texas five new members to our number by baptism.

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Chicago, Ill., May 25.—At Rock Island, Ill., some of the results of our spring work were made complete at the baptismal services in the "Father-of-Waters" yesterday, when three more were added to the fold. Elder R. W. Pinney officiated. Sister Anna M. Stiegel met the elders for the first time about two months ago. A month ago she went to the Grace Lutheran church and asked her former pastor to take her name off the books. The conversation is best told in the words of Sister Stiegel. "What?" said the pastor, "are you going to join the corrupt Mormons?" Do you know how dirty and mean and contemptible those Mormons are? Who sent those devils to your house?" "They are servants of the Lord," she replied, "and they have explained all those questions that I have asked you so many times and you could not answer them." "You cannot join that corrupt church," said he, "the devils take our best members." "I do not doubt that at all," was the calm, earnest reply, "because the truths they teach are so simple yet so beautiful that my soul is hungering for just such things."

Work of our Rock Island students—Sister Lena Van Seickel has been attending the school of Charopactia in Davenport, Iowa, and there met some of our Utah students. The good results are seen in the baptism of herself and her daughter Eva on May 14.

Since April 26 we have been holding a series of meetings in a chapel in Moline. Our count of investigators here is now nearly a score. We organized a Sunday school last Sunday with an at-

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Three new members were added to the Church by baptism on Sunday, May 16, in the Hanley Corporation baths, (Birmingham conference), the ordinance being performed by Elder Abram P. Dalley. Confirmations were attended to in the Sunday school.

Elder W. W. Buchanan officiated at a baptismal service at the Infirmary street baths in Edinburgh (Scottish conference), on May 1, when six new members were added to the Church.

Three converts were baptized in the Full Street baths, Derby, (Nottingham conference), the evening of May 15. Elder David J. Sutton officiating. Confirmations took place at the water's edge.

A baptismal service was held at the Swan public baths (Norwich conference), on Sunday, May 16, when twelve candidates were added to the Church. Elders John A. Horton, R. D. Lowe, and Thomas Edgley administering the ordinance. Over 40 people were in attendance.

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