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CENTRAL STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

Independence, Mo., May 28 .- On May 15 and 16 our mission president held meeting with the elders of Louisiana conference and local saints at Galvez, La., where there is a thriving branch of the Church and the following Sat-urday and Sunday he was at Silsbee South Texus, engaged in the same du-tics. At both places they enjoyed to a good degree, the blossings which usual ly attend such events, and now he and his good wife have gone to hold con-ference at Keisey, North Texas, on the

29th and 30th usts. He is not with us at headquarters much of the time, the interests of the mission having bis presence in many other places. Our work is progressing very well

and there is but little if any illness atnong 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 Thomus H. Greer is still labor-ing 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. H is also doing good work in the organ-izations and as a missionary in the surrounding courtry, and all our elder. and sister missic paries are doing gro-work. In North Texas Elders Earl F Carlisle and J. William Johnson have, during the past week, held six cottage, three hall and two schoolhouse meetings, at which the attendance was good. In that district they have many friends, a family of saints and the prospects good for more. Elders William L Johnson and H. M. Humphreys report the bastism of six new members in the same conference. They relate how Brother E. T. Clemmons, il years of age had his prayers answered. He has been a member a year and his special request of the Lord has been to remove his desire for the use of coffee. One morning he got up with an unusual ap-petite for his coffee and could hardly walt until it was ready, when he drank a large cup of it it made him sick and he has had no desire since for it.

Elders J. T. Brown and Leroy J. Mu"dock are being prospered in their li-bors in the Independence conference. They are holding good meetings with new friends. Two children of one of their friends stang "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 confer. ence 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 faw years the only preachers they would have probably. would be the Mormons.

Elder Lawrence Slater says of the work in Oklahoma: Our street meetings are well attended and the broadminded people are beginning to realize that the message of Mormonism means

comething to the world of today. W very often hear the remark that our is the most interesting religious litera ture they have ever read. The people n general are treating us very well." Elder Meltiar H. Workman has arrived from Hatch Utah, and has been

assigned to St. John conference to la-Elders Henry Oyler and Alfred J. Corden who have labored about in and a quarter years in South Texas have been honorably released to return

o their homes and loved ones. During the week Elder Edwin R of Louisiana has added two der William L. Johnson of Bulkley Elder North Texas five new members to our number by baptism

CENTRAL STATES MISSION, B. F. L. B.,

NORTHERN STATES MISSION. Chicago, Ill., May 25 .- At Rock Island,

III., some of the results of our spring work were made complete at the bap-tismal services in the "Father-of-Usual 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 later she went to the Grace Lutheran church and asked her former particle church and asked her former pastor to take her name off the books. The coa-versation is best told in the words of tor, "are you going to join the corrupt Mormons? Do you know how dist Sister Stiegel. "What?" said the pas Mormons? Do you know how dirty and mean and contemptible those Mor-mons are? Who sent those devils to your house?" "They are servants of your house?" "They are servants of the Lord," she replied, "and they have explained all those question that I have asked you so many time and you could not answer them." "You cannot join that corrupt church," said he, "the devils take our best members." "I Jo devils take our best members." "I do devils take our best members." "I do not doubt that at all," was the calm, carnest reply, "because the truths they teach are so simple yet so beautiful that my soul is hungering for just such there "

things. Work of our Rock Island students -Sister Lena Van Secikle has been at-tending the school of Charopractic in Davenport, Iowa, and there met som 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-

pentance." Luke xv: 7. While Elder Clarke and 1 were hold-ing a series of meetings at Newburgh we met William Davis who had joined the Church in Wales when a boy. He imigrated to Utah where his mother

owash is superintendent.

'oray writes:

died, and later removed to Missouri. Here he met some of the Reorganite elders who led him astray. But shortly afterwards he saw his mistake and has ever since felt apprehensive. We ex-plained that baptism would be essen-tial in ovder the other the fluers has

From Newburgh, Ind., Elder Sidney

shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no re-nortance'' Luke SNL'

say unto you that likewise joy

tial in order to re-enter the Church. He then and there applied for baptism. We left him some literature and assured him that we would be back in a few days to attend to the ordinance. On May 22 we returned and Elder Charles Clarke baptized him in the Ohio river At Oatsford, South Illinois, Elders Olson and Madson have been laboring since March 19. Elder Olson writes Though it has been a busy time, yet we have found some who have found the time to listen to our message and to obey it. Sunday, May 16, was the day set for baptisms. It was a beau-tiful day and a number of people came to see the ordinance performed. John F. Stewart, Mrs. Alice Stewart, Walter Williams, Gerdie Stewart and James looney (the last named being baptized little later, however) entered the fold of Christ. We are expecting that oth ers in this vicinity will soon be ready for this ordinance also, for they have so expressed themselves. The new

members are people of integrity and are desirous of serving God. We bid them welcome to the fold and trust that they will remain faithful to the end. The six members of the Church here are anxiously waiting for the time when a branch of the Church can be established. Sister Matilda Watkins Watkins (grandma as she is called by the eld ers) has been a member for four years. Her home has always been open to the elders. She has also informer many about the principles of the gos

pel.

AN INTERESTING CONVERSION IN MINNESOTA.

The baptism of Emil E. Mittag of Vining on May 22, marks the conclu-sion of a long search for the truth. President Charles Broadbent writes: "The conversion may be summed up in the words of the Savior: No man can come to me except the Father draw him." The young man used the Bible as his guide and proceeded to test all religions by the law and the testimony. He started with the Catholics. Soon he found they didn't measure up according to the Bible standard. Then he tried the Lutherans and set them aside as brothers to the Catholics; then he tried the Episcopalians and decided that they were brothers to the Lutherans; next came the Presbyterians and so on Fin ally there were two left that he con-sidered worthy of consideration and he wrote a letter to each. I received one of these letters and answered it. Later I sent him a Fook of Mormon and the Liahona and wrote several gos-

pel letters. Last Friday he came to Minneapolis a distance of 150 miles to be baptized. I talked with him un-



CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS AND OFFICE FORCE OF THE EASTER N STATES MISSION.

Reading from left to right: Top row, Chas. H. Owen, Frank A. Thorley, John G. Allred, Oscar F. Rice, Wm. R. Dredge. Second row, Frank Leavitt, Wm. H. Steed, Jno. S. Allen, James E. Anderson, Anthon E. Jacobson, Thos. A. Spackman. Third row, Samuel Garrerd, Jos. Folkman, A. B. Andrus, Ben E. Rich and C. E. Dinwoodey, (The last four of the Mission office.)

societies at that place, and has filled one mission to Europe, laboring for a full term in Sweden, where he acquired the language and was an active, and able minister of the gospel .-- Millennial Star, May 20.

BAPTISMS IN THE BRITISH MISSION IN MAY

A baptismal service was held at the public baths, Northampton (Birmingham conference), on May 12. A large number of saints and investigators were present. An appropriate address on baptism was made by President L. H. Durrant, after which nine candldates were led down into the waters of baptism, five at the hands of Elder Charles D. Brown, and four at the hands of Elder Henry C. James, Jr. Three new members were added t the Church by baptism on Sunday, May 16, in the Hanley Corporation baths, (Birmingham conference), the ordinance being performed by Elder Abram F. Dalley. Confirmations were attended

o 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, (Nottinghan conference), the evening of May 15, El der David J. Sutton officiating. irmations took place at the water's

dge A haptismal service was held at the Swan public baths (Norwich confer-ence), on Sunday, May 16, when seven converts were admitted to the Church, Elders John A. Horton, R. D. Lowe, and Thomas Edgley administering the ordinance. Over 50 people were in at-tendance at the services, many of whom were not members of the Church. Another baptismal service was held t 'Deseret," South Tottenham (London conference), Sunday, May 16, when four candidates for baptism received the ordinance at the hands of Elder William J. Willes. Confirmations took

whithin J. Whee, Confirmations took place immediately. A baptismal service was held at the home of Brother Alfred Lock. Crow-borough, Sussex (London conference), May 16, when one more convert was

morning at 10 o'clock in Templarordens new hall. The first speaker was ens new hall. The first speaker was Elder Joseph W. Johnson. President N. H. Halstrom gave a report of the Norrkoping branch, and of the conference as a whole, said that we had two fully organized Sunday schools, one Mutual Improvement as-sociation, and two Relief societies in the conference. He spoke on the the conference. He spoke on the Church organizations and bore a strong testimony of the divinity of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The afternoon meeting commenced t 3 o'clock. After a short address by Ider Alma Monson, President P. Elder Sundvall spoke for some length and explained the missionary labor of the Church to the nations of the world. He then presented the authorities of the whole Church, after which the following elders from Zlon were sustain-ed to labor in this conference as follows

N. H. Hallstrom to preside over Norrkoping conference and Norrkoping branch, and as laboring elders in that G. W. Gunnarson, John A. Alma Monson and James branch: Durrell, Monson.

As president over Vingaker branch, As president over vingaker branch, Elder C. A. Lindstrom and as his as-sociate, Elder Ephraim Adamson. President over Westervik branch, Elder Clarence P. Larson and as as-Pociate, Elder C. A. Dahlquist. As president for Skininge branch, Elder Andrew F. Jensen with Elder Johnson as associate; and Joseph secretary of the conference Swen Anderson.

The evening meeting was commenced The evening meeting was commenced at 7 o'clock. A large audience was in attendance. A lecture was delivered by President N. H. Hallstrom, the sub-ject being, "The Book of Mormon," showing in detail the manner of its coming forth, its translation, etc. Great interest was shown by the audi-ence in the relating of the story of this ence in the relating of the story of this

ence in the relating of the story of this wonderful work. President P. Sundvall also spoke in relation to the history of the Book of Mormon. To show that the Spaulding romance to which the Book of Mormon was ascribed, was false, he stated that Spaulding's daughter has read the Each of Mormon and received a testi-Book of Mormon and received a testi-

this earth.

mony of the divinity of the same, and has joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He bore a strong tertimony that Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God and was one of the greatest men that had lived on

Secretary of Conference

Chicago and return \$55,00. St. Pau and Minneapolis, \$52,00. Dates of sai June 4th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 26th, Jul 2nd, 3rd, 23rd, 24th, Aug. 13th, 14th Sept. 10th and 11th, final return limi Oct, 31st. Diverse routes via the Chi cago & Northwestern Ry. For partie ulars address C. A. WALKER Communication Astler as doing well and all the menibers striving to do their duty. Elder John Henry Smith and Elder George George C. Smith were visitors from Salt Lake City, and their instructive were greatly appreciated by all talks

the saints. Counselor Wilford A. Hyde commented on the great Improvement in the young people of the stake and the ad-vancement of the people in general. A number of bishops reported their wards in splendid shape. Elder George C. Smith spoke on the duty of all saints attending to templa

duty of all saints attending to temple work for their dead. On Sunday, May 23, meetings were

held in the new tabernacle. Elder H. F. Burton spoke on the rapid spread of the gospel and the growth of the saints in this western country. Elders George C. Smith and John

Henry Smith spoke on the life and mis-sion of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of the great love children should have toward their parents. Counselor Wilford A. Hyde then gave a brief sketch of the life of Pres-ident George Osmond who was 73

of the meeting 285 Sunday school pupils passed over the pulpit in the new tabernacle and shook hands with our beloved president.

In the Sunday afternoon meeting the general authorities of the Church and local authorities were sustained by unanimous vote of the people. Elder John Henry Smith counseled

the young people to marry in the tem-ples and start life right. President Osmond made a few closing remarks and conference adjourned.

WILLIAM H. KENNINGTON, Stake Clerk.

ST. JOHNS STAKE CONFERENCE

The quarterly conference of the St. Johns Stake of Zion was held in the stake academy at St. John on Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23.

Elders David O. McKay and Charles H. Hart of the general Church authorities were in attendance. Two of the presidency, the other being absent on a mission in Sweden, nearly all the members of the high council, with for rent.

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May 31.—Emil L. Huber, 933 Euclid avenue, Salt Lake City, from the Eastern States mission; set apart

June 1.--Frank Wm. Wood of Hot-den, Millard Co., from the Westerd States mission; set apart Oct. 24, 1906.

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E. CONWAY ASHTON.

Elias Conway Ashton, born Feb. 16, 1850, finished district schools in Salt Lake City, then attended Latter-day Saints' college until 1899, when he was graduated; left for a mission to Colorado, 15th of July, 1899; returned home in-September, 1901. He was then employed by the Ashton Fire Brick & Tile company as foreman of its yard: in 1903 he took up his studies in the University of Chicago, finishing first two years of work in the College of Commerce and Administration; then entered the law school and was graduated from that department in December, 1906; after returning home began the practise of law with the firm of Richards, Moffatt, Porter & Ashton, On Jan. 1, 1908, he entered the offices of Moyle & Van Cott; November, 1908, he was elected to the house of representatives of the state legislature, and on May 23, 1909, was chosen second counselor to Bishop Heber C. Iverson of the Second ward.



til late that evening and most of the next afternoon. Saturday evening he went down into the waters of baptism.

At Chicago, Dr. J. E. Talmage spent Sunday with us and gave an excellent discourse. Investigators who were present were more than pleased, We regret that his coming was not known in time to gather in more strangers and friends.

Sister Anna Hindley who has la-bored in the mission office for the past 13 months has been transferred to Rock Island. President Van Dyke and Elder J. T. Beckstead returned last Thursday from Burlington, Wis. The day spent

there at the home of President Wat-son of the Strang church was both profitable and pleasant. The courtesy shown them by Mr. Watson and the Christian attitude which he maintain-ed toward them, they will not soon forget. The following new elders have ar-

rived: Wallace R. Jones from Spanish Fork, Utah; Milford J. Wiltbank from Greer, Arizona; George M. Webster from Grant, Idaho; Levi Porritt from Ashton, Idaho; John Powelson from Raymond, Canada; Joseph A. Orgill from Daniels, Utah; Lars C. Larsen from Mapleton, Utah.

CHANGE IN EDITORIAL STAFF OF MILLENNIAL STAR

Elder William A. Morton, who has held the position of associate-editor of the Millennial Star since Aug. 30, 1906. is now released to return to his home in Zion on the s. s. Canada, which is to sail on May 27, 1909. Elder Morton arrived in Liverpool Aug. 24, 1906, on the s. s. Republic, and from that time to the present has labored faithfully, devotedly and efficiently as an able missionary, preacher and writer, and has accomplished a great work in every capacity which he has been colled called to occupy. Elder S. Norman Lee, who arrived in Liverpool on the s. s. Dominion, May 27, 1909, is appointed to succeed Elder

27, 1909, is appointed to succeed pairs William A. Morton as associate-editor of the Millennial Star. Elder Lee has been for some time editor and part proprietor of the Boxelder News, a paper which has obtained a large circulation and excellent reputation in north-ern Utah, and has figured in a number of important enterprises in Brigham City, and its vicinity. He is of good "Mormon" stock, and has been promi-nent in the different associations and NORRKOPING CONFERENCE

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initiated into the true fold. The ordi-nance was performed in an open stream by Elder L. O. Clark.

On Sunday, May 16, a baptismal ser-vice was held at Barnsley (Sheffield conference). About 100 saints and President P. Sundvall. President P. Sundvall. Priesthood meeting was held Mon-day morning at 10 o'clock where the elders all expressed their satisfaction and pleasure in working in the vine-yard of the Lord, and where council friends were present. Appropriate ad-dresses were made by Elder Thomas W. Duce and President Josiah H. Eardley, after which eight new members were added to the Church, Elders Mark and instructions were given by Provi dent N. H. Halstrom and President P H. Sutton and Alvin Robinson officiat-Sundvall

On Monday evening an entertain-ment was tendered the presidents and missionaries, where a big spread was prepared by the sisters and friends, ing. On May 15, 1909, a very impressive baptismal service was held at the Feversham street school baths (Leeds conference), at which 13 candidates rester which a fine program was car-ried out, and everybody felt to thank the Lord for the good time we had together through this conference. SWEN E, ANDERSON, ceived the ordinance of water baptism at the hands of Elder Morris R. Parry and James D. Allen. About 175 people were in attendance and gave marked attention and interest while Elder John F. Cutler explained in a very able manner the object, mode and necessit; STAR VALLEY CONFERENCE. of the ordinance to be performed. After the services the people assembled at the

The quarterly conference of Star Westgate New Hall, where the ordi nance of confirmation was attended to and many strong testimonies were Valley stake of Zion convened in Afton, on May 22 and 23, 1909. The attendborne. President Penrose also adance was very good taking into condressed the assembly. A Laptismal service was held at "Deseret" South Tottenham (London sideration the condition of the weath er. On Saturday, May 22, the time was occupied principally in hearing reports. President George Osmond reported the Star Valley stake progressing very onference). May 14, 1909, and one new member admitted at the hands of El ler AlbertB. Needham.-Millennial Star, May 20, 1909.

favorably, all organizations are com-plete and doing good work. Charles D. Cazier, gave an excellent report of the high priests' quorum. Religion classes ELDERS IN TURKEY ARE SAFE. were well represented by their super-intendent, John A. Hyde. The seven-ties' quorums were reported by John F. By letter from Prest. J. Wilford

Booth, Aleppo, Turkey, April 30, we learn that the elders were safe at that CARTER'S time. The city of Aleppo was in a state of intense excitement, but no outbreaks had yet occurred and the pros-ITTLE pects were that peace would be re-stored. The elders report that the American consul, Mr. Jackson, took a great deal of interest in them, sending IVER PILLS. separate telegrams to each advising them to be careful, and taking those who were in Aleppo to the consulate for protection during the most danger-CURE ous hours. The two American mis-sionaries who were killed at Adana were in no way connected with us, and we are glad that our elders are acting carefully and wisely and that the end of the troubles in that land appears to be in sight.—Millennial Star, May 20.



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number of other stake authorities were present at the meet-The conference closed by the choir singing "On the Mountain Tops Ap-pearing." Benediction pronounced by vacancy in the high council was

A vacancy in the high council was filled and a change in the presidency of the Primaries of the stake was made

The meetings were fairly well at-tended and the spirit of the Lord was enjoyed both by the speakers and listeners Elders McKay and Hart occupied the greater portion of the time at each of

he sessions and discussed on the prin-

the sessions and discussed on the prin-ciples of the gospel and gave timely advice and counsel which seemed to be appreciated by all. On Friday the 21st the Primaries held their conference. Two of the sisters from Salt Lake were in attendance, The Mutuals also held a conjoint meet-ing Sunday, evening which were well ng Sunday evening which was well attended and a good and profitable ime had.

WILLARD FARR Stake Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

The elders named below have recently reported at the Church Historian's office in this city their safe rrival home on dates given from the foreign mission field, all in good health except where noted. All re-port successful, and enjoyable mis-sionary labors, and bring very gratify-ing account of the progress of the gospel work in all the fields represent-

May 1.—Joseph F. Fackrell of Riverside, Bingham Co., Idaho, from the Western States mission; set apart June, 4, 1907. Released on account of his father's death, who was buri-ed the day before he arrived home.

Elias E. Higginbotham of the Eleventh ward of Salt Lake City, from the Eastern States mission; set apart Oct. 20, 1905, Came home on account sickness and financial eireum.

Noah M. Feik, of Mt. Glen ward, La Grande. Oregon, from the Southern States mission, set apart Jan. 8, 1907.

stanes.

May 15 .- Thaddeus F. Corbett of Francis, Summit Co., from the Cen-tral states mission; set apart Oct. 23, 1906.

May 22.-H. M. Bohne, Sen., of Aetna Alberta, Canada, from the Scandinavian mission; set apart Sept. 17, 1907. Released on account of 17, 1907, Rel-voice failure.

May 26.—BenJamin Franklin Cum-mings, Jr., of the Nineteenth ward, Salt Lake City, from the Swiss and German mission, set apart June 20, 1906, He arrived at the home of his parents in Independence, Mo., March 27, 1909, and wisted with them until 7, 1909, and visited with them until May 24.

May 27.—Henry Leroy Bywater of the Fifth Ward, Salt Lake City, from the British mission; set apart Feb. 12, 1907.

May 29 .- Jas. Lawrence Haywood of Bountful, Davis Co., from the East-ern States mission; set apart Feb. 19 1907.

Alexander B. Andrus of St. George. Washington Co., from the Eastern States mission; set apart March 27, 1907.

May 30-Henry Oyler of Garland,

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dent P. Sundvall, Conference President N. H. Hallstrom and the follow labor-ing elders: John A. Durrell, G. W. Gunnarson, Alma Monson, C. A. Lind-strom, Ephraim Adamson, C. P. Lar-sen, C. A. Dahlquist, Andrew F. Jen-son, J. W. Johnson and James Monson. The first meeting was held at S o'clock Saturday evening. President N. T. Hallstrom gave the address of wel-come, and reported the conference in good condition. Elder C. A. Lindstrom reported Vingakers branch, Elder C. reported Vingakers, branch, Elder C. P. Larsen the Westervik branch and Elder Anderw F. Jensen reported Skininge branch. Elder G. W. Gunnarson and President Sundvall occupied the rest of the time of the meeting.

At the semi-annual conference held

in the city of Norrkoping, April 24 and

25. there were present Mission Presi-

dent P. Sundvall, Conference President

The conference continued Sunday,