

was enlarged to its present dimensions during the past summer. Last April Elder D. R. Gill was sent to take charge of that field, and joined Elders Crockett, Edwards and Fuller. Other Elders were sent there at different times through the summer, until they now number fifteen. The people are principally Welsh, and the leading industry is coal mining. Indifference to the Gospel is general among the people. Some who might listen are intimidated by their ministers and censured for even accepting tracts. The Catholics, who are numerous, will not take tracts on any account—to do so would be a confession of sin. Most people interested in what the Elders say are either dissatisfied with their own church or else not church goers at all. Several out door meetings have been held through the summer, but the ministers soon interferred and had them prohibited. The ministers also attacked the Elders through the press and worked up quite an excitement in Scranton. However, this had the good effect of arousing curiosity and investigation, and many people were thus made acquainted with the Elders who otherwise, perhaps, would have been unaware of their existence among them. Already some had given their houses for holding meetings and were taking a keen interest in the Gospel. Several baptisms have taken place, with others probable in a short time. Elder Gill believes that many honest souls are in that part and feels sanguine over the prospects for the coming summer.

Elder M. R. McFarland, laboring at Cohocton, N. Y., gave the following report: The field had been opened about a year ago by D. H. Walker, and several baptisms were performed by him. Afterward there came, at different times Elders McFarland, Shaw, Woolsey and Derr. The district is agricultural and the people scattered. Very many are not religiously inclined, but this is the very class who treat the Elders best; those who make no profession of religion accord the most Christian treatment in many cases. Since April Brothers Woolsey and McFarland had labored together and were joined recently by Brother Derr. Three were baptized last spring and two this fall since Elder Richards's visit. Cohocton branch now numbered twenty-two members, and all were energetic workers. A Sunday school was organized recently. It is a most interesting work and accomplishes much good, as some who would not come to other meetings will visit the Sunday school.

Elders Walker and Shaw are now at Hornellsville, near Cohocton, where they have some friends, but no members.

The condition of affairs in northern Vermont, as reported by Elder Chas. Giles, is like that in other districts. The people seem satisfied with their present condition and pay little attention to the testimony of the great latter-day work.

In behalf of the Brooklyn Elders, I will say that we enjoyed our visit very much. We found the brethren feeling well and making noticeable progress, under the divine blessing, in the study of theology and Bible history, and in the ability of announcing their important message with power and plainness to the people.

As the following information has not been offered to the News before, I now take the liberty of stating the present

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W. W. Crockett, North Haven, Knox county, Maine.

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S. W. RICHARDS,
President Eastern States Mission.

D. J. WATTS
Secretary.

IN ALABAMA.

LA PINE, Alabama, December 4th, 1896.

Some time has passed since our last writing, during which some changes have been made and a great deal of fruitful labor has been done.

Much sickness has prevailed among the Saints and Elders of South Alabama. Thankful are we, however, to say that all are now able to be around and prosecute our labors in the Lord's vineyard.

We have just passed through the withering heat of summer, which, say the people, has been the hottest for many years past and will doubtless go down in history as such.

We now have thirty Elders in our conference of whom M. A. Lewis, Lawrence Peterson, S. A. Allen, George T. Webster, Charles R. Spencer and T. W. Andrus, came since September.

Many openings are being made and souls are being brought to a knowledge of the truth. We notice a marked difference in the spirit manifested in localities where one year ago we were met by opposition in its grossest forms, we are now meeting with success which bids fair for an excellent harvest in the near future.

We are making quite a specialty of organizing Sunday Schools, where we have a sufficient number of Saints or earnest investigators. We find this to be an excellent manner of reaching the people for when they see that we have the interest of the youth at heart they take more kindly to our doctrine. We have now eleven Sunday Schools in our conference most of which seem to be in a thrifty condition.

Another important feature is that of building meeting houses, which plan was adopted at our last conference held last May. We now have one house finished, another in course of erection and still another which was "captured" by the Elders converting and baptizing all, save two of those who owned it. We are now converted to the fact that the

more meetings we can hold the more converts we make.

Many are the new suggestions that are being submitted to us from our beloved president Elias S. Kimball, which, when carried into action by the Elders of Israel, do but demonstrate the divine inspiration of those whom it has pleased God to place at the head of this mission. Our warcry is "success with the help of God, and that 'without purse or scrip.'"

Following is a list of Elders with their post office addresses.

Iva Call, C. H. Alley, Montgomery County, Alabama.

Aaron Hardy, Charles R. Spencer, Bradbyton, Crumshaw County, Alabama.

Joseph S. Porter, Franklin W. Andrus, Warwick, Geneva County, Alabama.

Jasper C. Jensen, John H. Pace, Dayminette, Baldwin County, Alabama.

I. L. Pratt, Lawrence Peterson, Grove Hill, Clarke County, Alabama.

George E. Jarvis, W. H. Redd, Grove Hill, Clarke County, Alabama.

Heber Ricks, M. A. Heckstead, Lusk, Choctaw County, Alabama.

George A. Reed, Joseph Johnson, Camden, Wilcox County, Alabama.

E. E. Neeley, Joseph A. Turnbow, Braggs, Lowndes County, Alabama.

Artimus Millet, John C. Poulson, Braggs, Lowndes County, Alabama.

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J. P. Jensen, M. A. Lewis, Magnolia, Marengo County, Alabama.

J. S. Geddes, S. R. Brown, La Pine, Crumshaw County, Alabama.

D. H. Thomas, J. F. Wakefield, Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama.

J. S. GEDDES, President.
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LABORING IN IOWA.

WEBSTER City, Iowa, Dec. 8th, 1896.

Having read in your valuable paper many interesting pieces written by the Elders abroad, I thought that probably a few words from me might be appreciated by others.

I left my mountain home March 7th, 1895, and have been laboring most of my time in the state of Iowa. Having been brought through much opposition, I can say honor be to my Maker for protecting me. Many times He has extended His arm of mercy and assisted me when in need. This truly is a great experience for an Elder of Israel. It causes us to appreciate a good home, and the kind words of a dear father and mother, who have passed through many trials and tribulations for the establishment of this great latter-day work. It also causes me to sympathize when I think of their sufferings in Missouri and Illinois where the blood of many innocent souls has been shed for the cause of truth, often weary, hungry and cold, and nowhere to lay their heads. When I think of these trials the words of the Apostle Paul, come to mind, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Brother Parley Williams, from Beaver, Utah, joined me at Hampton, Iowa, November 10th, 1896, shortly after our spiritual feast at conference. From there we came to Webster City, Iowa, our field of labor this winter. The population of this city is about 6,000.