



## SOUTHERN STATES MISSION.

Brief Statement of Work and Conditions in May and June.

The following review of conditions existing in the Southern States mission, and of the work done by the Elders in the various conferences during May and June, is taken from the Elders' Journal of July 1:

Virginia—On May 12 Elder James D. Terrell left Richmond for Columbia, Fluvanna county, from which place he and A. Carlos Schow started to find their companions. May 23 Elder Terrell and Benj. F. Larsen commenced visiting saints and friends in Albemarle county, where they will labor. Elder James H. Hovers and Frank P. Whitney visited Sister Jacob Hamilton, of Lucia Vista, Rockbridge county, who is ill. They administered to her May 24 and she recovered in immediate relief. They also visited two others, and after administering to them they received the same blessing of health. One of them was baptized the next day. Elder F. Scott Monahan, a physician with rheumatism left is now better and going on with his work as usual. He and Elder D. E. Bishop are meeting with very good success in Montgomery county. May 31 Elder George F. Griffin came to Richmond on account of ill health. He left for Chattanooga June 13. Elder Jos. I. Reid, Elder Griffin's companion, is now in Wythe county. May 22 Elders Larsen and Thomas E. Ricks finished a canvass of Fluvanna county. They have many friends and investigators. Elder Thos. T. Mendenhall and Jesse Winn are visiting saints and friends. They report, with but very few exceptions, all enjoying the Spirit of God, and striving to live as Latter-day Saints should. In Albemarle and Fluvanna counties, they found them feeling fine. The elders are now laboring in Patrick county. Elder Thomas E. Storey and David Egan are now laboring in Pittsylvania county. Before leaving Halifax county they met two preachers; the one sectarian-preacher-like, said: "I will take your pamphlets but will burn them, which should be done with all of your literature;" the other, an Episcopalian, was an intelligent, broad-minded man, and was willing to hear Mormonism from a Mormon, and in a friendly way explained some of the principles of his church to the elders. May 26 Elder Ray A. Dailquist left Richmond to labor with Elder G. A. Hyde, his companion, in Northampton and Accomac counties. Elder M. P. Cosby, his former companion having been transferred to reside over the Georgia conference. Elders Geo. A. Webb and Arthur C. Hinchman, with Elders Dahlquist and Hyde, are doing an excellent work in these counties. In some parts they find the people quite bitter, but there is just enough opposition to cause thinking people to investigate the truth. President Sylvester Broadbent, R. B. Summerhays, T. E. Ricks and A. Carlos Schow held a branch conference at Galsville. Five meetings were held in all of which a very good spirit was manifested. June 6 Elder A. M. Palmer arrived in Richmond from the Georgia conference. He left for Westmoreland county June 7, where he will labor with Elder Schow. June 7 Elder J. C. Farr arrived from the Florida conference. He will labor in Northumberland county. June 11 Elders Broadbent and Summerhays left Richmond to visit Elders, saints and friends. June 13 Elders Pierce and Davis arrived in Richmond. Elder Pierce will remain in the city to work. "Webb and Arthur C. Hinchman are doing a great deal of good in their city work. It has made several good friends for the elders laboring in Richmond. Good health prevails and all the elders are trying to do their duties in every respect, and though there have been some unfavorable weather reports are still very good.

Ohio—June 7 Elder W. H. Smith of the Ohio conference left Cincinnati for his home in Idaho in company with his cousin, A. C. San of the Kentucky conference. During the past month Elders G. A. Rigler and President J. M. Cummings have been traveling through the northeastern part of the state visiting saints and friends. The saints are all well and are for the most part trying to live their religion. The people are friendly and seem to be willing to entertain the elders and to listen to the truth about our people. The elders are all well at present and seem to be enjoying the spirit of the work.

South Carolina—The elders of the South Carolina conference are enjoying good health and the work of the Lord is progressing very fast. May 23 President John H. Gibbs and Elder Neph J. Wadley, missionaries in the state, held their conference record. They held one good meeting on the water's edge, and three more at the home of Brother J. S. Groves, Tuten. A great many friends came out to hear the gospel. President John H. Gibbs and R. H. Slepert visited the saints and friends in Charleston and held some good meetings with Elders J. Finlison and N. J. Wadley, who have been doing a good work there. Auditor R. Hay Nixon of the mission said on a short visit to his home in Jacksonville, Fla., to North Carolina. Elder R. Ray Nixon and Joshua Finlison, a local elder of Charleston, baptized three souls into the fold of Christ June 2 at Osborn Colleton county. Three successful meetings were held, one at the water's edge and two at the home of the saints. Elder R. H. Slepert was assigned to labor with Elder J. C. Anderson in the northern part of the state, after holding a successful conference in the Junction church. President Christensen and Austin Watts left Louisville for Bath and Montgomery counties on May 25, to look up a suitable place for a branch conference. May 26 Elder William A. Hatch arrived from Mississippi, owing to bad health. June 5, Elder Austin Watts returned to the office from the eastern part of the state, and William A. Hatch left to join President Christensen in Montgomery county. June 4 Elders Albert A. Wilde and Edwin Hutchings report good success in Hancock county. A church was opened to them, and a goodly number came out. June 5 Elder A. C. San left for his home in Idaho. On June 8, Elder M. P. Stinson was notified by letter of his mother's death, which occurred quite suddenly. The night previous he was warned by a dream of the sad news, and related the dream to his companion, Kenneth Dyer, while en route to the postoffice. June 12 the elders in Louisville enjoyed a visit from Sister Ella V. Trent, formerly of Center, Metcalfe county, Ky., but who at present is living in Ontario, Or. She embraced the truth four years ago and moved west, and now has returned to visit her sisters. June 13 Elder Earl M. Crandall of Springfield, Utah, arrived. He was given Elder Hyrum Allen for a companion. June 14 and 15 the following elders met in Bath county, near Owingville to hold a branch conference: President James A. Christensen, Austin Watts, Hyrum Allen, John H. Snow, Duncanson Stewart, Robert J. Hunsaker, David E. Boon, William A. Hatch, Edward Kodoff, David A. Peard, Amos Hawk, Joseph A. Young and Ernest Sheen. It was a time of rejoicing and all were well pleased. Two priesthood and four public meetings were held. The meetings were well attended and it was indeed a spiritual feast. The elders all bore strong testimonies of the truth of the gospel and the divinity of the mission of the

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New York City—32 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth St. Chicago—149 So. Paulina St. San Francisco—809 Franklin St. Los Angeles—423 West Tenth St.

Denver—422 West, Sixth Ave. Chattanooga, Tenn.—711 Fairview Ave. Portland—267 Hancock St. Kansas City—1405 Levee St. Mexico—Calzada, 513, No. Maria (la redonda) num. 4 (altos), D. F. London, England—97 Farnleigh Road.

Liverpool, England—10 Holly Road, Fairfield. Zurich, Switzerland—Hochgasse 68, Munster. Copenhagen—Korsgade 11, Stockholm, Sweden—Svartensgatan 3.

Honolulu—Punchbowl St. Honolulu, Japan—No. 14 Kasumimokamachi, Yotsuya. Toronto, Canada—225 Wilton Avenue. Netherlands, Rotterdam, Holland—Boezemsingel 115.

In a Methodist church. President John H. Gibbs, with H. I. Mills, was in attendance Sunday, June 10, and a spiritual feast was enjoyed. President John H. Gibbs, with Elders H. I. Mills, W. A. Webb and Joseph Anderson, held a branch conference at Wagner, Aiken county, on June 17. A large crowd was in attendance and a time of rejoicing was had. President John H. Gibbs is now traveling among the elders and saints, holding meetings and branch conferences. Conference headquarters were moved from Columbus, C. S., June 12, to Spartanburg, S. C., to the Normandy hotel, No. 148 Magnolia street, postoffice box 273. Elders J. E. Bradley and Joseph Finlison have permission from the mayor of the city to canvass the town and to hold street meetings. The conference has been strengthened by the arrival of Elder John W. Allen from Idaho. Elder A. W. Arnold has been assigned to labor in Union City.

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Middle Tennessee—The elders are nearly all in their summer field, and are doing a very good work. Some of the brethren have been somewhat afflicted, but are getting along very well now. Elder Silas Billis has been troubled with a sore leg. Elders George W. Miller and Orville R. Child were told by the deacons of a certain church in which the elders had been preaching that the building was free to all denominations and people, except "Mormons and niggers." Elder Daniel E. Michaelson and William N. Patten report that they were called upon to administer to a non-member of the church, which they did. Sister Joseph Anderson, held a branch conference at Wagner, Aiken county, on June 17. A large crowd was in attendance and a time of rejoicing was had. President John H. Gibbs is now traveling among the elders and saints, holding meetings and branch conferences. Conference headquarters were moved from Columbus, C. S., June 12, to Spartanburg, S. C., to the Normandy hotel, No. 148 Magnolia street, postoffice box 273. Elders J. E. Bradley and Joseph Finlison have permission from the mayor of the city to canvass the town and to hold street meetings. The conference has been strengthened by the arrival of Elder John W. Allen from Idaho. Elder A. W. Arnold has been assigned to labor in Union City.

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## OVATION OF EGGS IN ARKANSAS

Rogers, Ark., July 7.—This is one of the most beautiful little cities in the state. It has a population of between 5,000 and 6,000, and is the leading town in Benton county. This is the finest fruit district in the state. Large apple and peach orchards heavily loaded with fruit can be seen on every side. We tried to get in this city to labor last winter, but the mayor ordered us from his house, and told us that we would be permitted to do nothing in this city. A few months later a new mayor was elected. President James F. Washburn came to see us June 25, and we called to see the new mayor. He readily gave us a cordial invitation to preach on the street and distribute our literature among the people. We began at once to preach the gospel on the streets and canvass the city. Thus far we have been successful in getting into the homes of the people and have succeeded in allaying much prejudice, which has been very strong hitherto against the Mormon people. Some of the older citizens tell us that not many years ago a Mormon elder's life was in danger in this part.

At first we preached, a policeman tried to drive us off the street, saying "We have the Bible and preachers who are able to preach it. The people are not in favor of your doctrine. When we told him that we had obtained permission to preach, he went away.

The third night we preached, a shower of eggs came up. They fell thick and fast all around us, but none of them hit with a small rock, but it did not hurt him much. We went right ahead with our meeting, and were molested no more that night. The following night the boys had planned, we afterwards learned, to give us another ovation of eggs; but some of the citizens put a stop to it. The police did not want us with the greatest respect and we look forward to a pleasant time in the city. We have many friends in the surrounding country, and a number of earnest investigators, who expect to soon be baptized. One has already obeyed this ordinance.

President Washburn and Elder Ira L. Neely left us July 5 to visit the elders in Washington county.

The "News" and Era are ever welcome and are appreciated by all.

JOSEPH P. WELCH, GEO. B. ALLEN.

## BAPTISMS IN NEW YORK.

New York, July 6.—The great cloud of prejudice against our people seems to be rising slightly and the work of the Lord is progressing more rapidly now than it has in the past. The street meetings this year have been especially successful and through them the Elders have been enabled to reach thousands of people with the message we have been sent to bear. Thousands of tracts have been distributed by the Elders and all are working untiringly for the furtherance of the gospel's truths.

Three honest souls were added to the Brooklyn conference by baptism on July 3. Elders M. K. Jacobs and F. D. Worlton officiating.

F. D. WORLTON, Conference Clerk.

## FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.

## WRITTEN WORD IN ENGLAND.

Tons of Gospel Tracts and Books Distributed in Great Britain.

In a personal letter to Elder Charles W. Penrose, written from Liverpool, England, June 25, Elder Heber J. Grant, president of the European mission, has the following to say of the gospel work in Great Britain:

"You are doing a wonderful work in this land in preaching the gospel through your 'Rays of Living Light.' We are so crowded that we have had to order 50,000 copies bound 'Rays' two tons—printed at a down town office. Nearly all of these will be disposed of before the first of January. Over 10,000 bound 'Rays' have been sold since the 1st of January. In addition to the 50,000 single 'Rays,' 10,000 single 'Rays' would be equivalent to 720,000 single 'Rays,' or a grand total of 1,090,000. This will be over 4,000,000 pages of your writings.

Florida—Elders G. L. Spangenberg and G. L. Tate report that they have made a very successful canvass of Taylor county, where they have been surrounded with many friends. They baptized four souls in the county. President D. A. Tidwell and Elder R. Ray Nixon organized a Sunday school of held a branch conference at Sanderson on the 28th of May. Elders Nixon and J. C. Parr, left for South Carolina on the 30th. Elders Tidwell and Tate have been assigned to labor in the vicinity of McDonald, Ga. A

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the most of which will be distributed in the British mission during this year. I have never seen so profoundly impressed with the magnitude of the work for the spread of the gospel which a man can do who has the capacity to write as you have, as since I have been looking over the record of the sales and publication of your 'Rays' during the present year in this mission. God bless you forever and assist you in winning your pen in the defense of right with the same vigor which you now possess as long as you are permitted to remain with us."

Following are the figures of mission work performed in the British mission for May, 1906, the second column gives the increase over the same month for 1905:

	May, 1906.	Increase.
Baptisms	92	50
Tracts distributed	325,640	72,621
Books distributed	8,369	2,730
Gospel tracts	21,331	5,641
Averages per elder	1,540-38-58	251-11-21
Strangers' houses visited	64,766	19,730

## CONFERENCE IN NEW ZEALAND

Whangarei, N. Z., May 8.—Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, a number of native saints of the Waikato district assembled at Whangarei, in district conference, it being the first held here for a number of years. Owing to the difficulties in traveling there were only about 40 natives in attendance.

Although there has been no meetings of this kind held with the saints for some years, the most of them are still firm and true to the cause of Christ.

There were five Elders and one sister from Zion at the conference, and all bore strong testimonies to the truthfulness of the gospel, and to the divinity of Joseph Smith's mission.

President Louis G. Hoagland, of the New Zealand mission, was in attendance, and instructed the elders and saints and encouraged them in their labors and duties, showing the necessity of living pure and upright lives, so that they may receive the blessings promised to the faithful children of God.

Hoani Peape, a native elder, spoke at the afternoon meetings both days, delivering eloquent sermons and admonishing members to live better and purer lives in the sight of God. The saints desired him to remain with them for a short time, but as he is traveling through the different districts he could not.

Wahakawa, a native, a native sister from the Manawatu conference, was also in attendance and did a good work among her people, teaching them by precept and example.

Saturday evening a concert was given, all the elders and a number of natives, both saints and outsiders, assisted, making it a grand success. Sunday being fast day a testimony meeting was held in the