

## BREEZY NOTES FROM THE SOUTHERN STATES MISSION

**Ohio**—A. F. Tolson, president, box 41, Station "D," Columbus.—Elders C. D. Gray and C. Frischknecht, who are laboring in Xenia, are assisting the members of the branch. A Mutual Improvement Association has been organized. A very favorable report comes from Elders W. A. Woodbury and A. S. Hall, who are laboring in Adams Co. Company "A" with Elder J. R. Green in charge, is meeting with success in Newark. Politics has given way to the settled condition which makes the better. The health of the elders is good.

**North Carolina**—Robt. B. White, president, box 547, Wilmington.—A successful open air meeting was held on the streets of Statesville by Company "A" a large and intelligent congregation. At the close of the meeting a Rev. (?) gentleman stepped up and commenced to show the elders the error of their ways. Ignorance of the doing he showed the elders of the error, making a failure of his attempt. He left amid the jeers of the crowd. The mayor of Lexington gave the elders permission to hold a series of meetings on the streets. A series of meetings were held at Ennany Springs. Company work has been suspended owing to the inclemency of the weather.

**East Tennessee**—Wm. K. Soelberg, president, box 688, Knoxville.—The elders report much success in their work; in every county which they are laboring in. They have secured church buildings of every denomination at their disposal in which to hold meetings. Work in the City of Knoxville has been continued by Elders S. G. and J. G. Jensen, and a friendly spirit is more manifest than a year or so ago. Elders E. Osguthorne and C. E. Jensen have ten school houses in Blount Co., in which they have obtained permission to hold regular meetings.

**Florida**—O. W. Hyde, president, 1224 Canal street, Jacksonville.—A Mutual Improvement association has been organized in Jacksonville. A social was given on the initial evening and the work given a good start. A district conference was held at Jacksonville, Ga., where nine elders were in attendance. The meetings were well attended and a very profitable time had. A number of the elders, including President Hyde, met at Walden, where some successful meetings were held. Elders J. W. Blazard and James Moore have been visiting the members of the branch, with a desire to continue to live faithful.

**Middle Tennessee**—D. S. Dorritt, president, box 269, Memphis.—Two converts were reported by Elder J. A. Crosby. Elders D. S. Dorritt and J. E. Johnson were called to the home of Sister Ross in Memphis, to administer to her baby. After the administration of the sacrament, the child quickly mended and was soon enjoying complete health. While canvassing in Dyer, Miss., Elder C. B. Bandy had a door closed in his face by a minister. Last year the elders were forbidden to tract in Britts Landing. They are now meeting with success in that county. The work in Memphis is progressing nicely.

**Kentucky**—Thos. E. Sechrist, president, box 554, Louisville.—Two converts were baptized at Elizabethtown by Elders C. C. Longhurst and J. A. Decker. Reports from all parts of the conference show the work to be progressing satisfactorily.

**Alabama**—H. A. Gardner, president, box 705, Montgomery.—At Blue Springs, Elder B. H. Waldron and Bert L. Pope blessed two children. The little child of Brother James Carroll of the above place, took suddenly ill, was administered to by the elders, and was immediately restored to health. At Tallapoosa the above elders stopped over night at the hotel. During the evening the guests were invited into the parlor and the elders much to their surprise were asked to preach. The opportunity of explaining their mission. After the meeting a young lady played the piano while Elder Pope sang a number of songs. Mrs. W. Banks of Macedonia, died on Oct. 23. Brother Banks' home was always a home for the elders. Sister Banks has been a faithful Latter-day Saint. Elder A. O. Stoker and John M. Peart, the port one baptism at the home of Mrs. Alfred Hicks in Montgomery, has been open to the elders for the past six months in which to hold meetings and for which the elders feel grateful. The infant of Sister Epsy Wallace of Independence, passed away on Nov. 8. Elders Nathan H. Stevens and Anson Face have been holding successful meetings at Newartchika, Fla.

**Mississippi**—Elder D. Wm. Stowell, president, box 46, Jackson.—District conferences were held at Beechwood by Elders P. P. Johnson and Willard Brugger, two converts being baptized. A Methodist minister, Lewisville, from the elders, expressing a desire to learn of its contents. The anti-Mormon spirit which in the past prevailed in Alcorn Co., giving way to a friendly feeling on the part of the people, who are becoming acquainted with the truth with reference to Mormonism. A series of six meetings were held in Bookhaven. The paper of the place kindly advertised the meetings to draw a crowd to the service by distributing the elders' announcements.

**East Kentucky**—G. F. Ellsworth, president, box No. 42, Lexington.—While traveling through Clark county, Elders J. E. Pickett and E. J. Solomon met an old gentleman in Johnson's army. He was very friendly to the elders. On Nov. 7, Sister Mary P. Shelton, wife of B. H. Shelton, of Liberty, Casco, passed away. The Shelton home has sheltered the elders for many years. The many kind acts of Sister Shelton will be greatly missed. She lived a true Latter-day Saint and has gone to that reward which awaits the faithful. Funeral services were held by Elders R. E. Bunker and B. P. Cowley. All the elders are in good health and report success in their labors.

**Atlanta**—Paul E. Nelson, president, box 20, Conally St., Atlanta, Ga.—The Jackson county, Elders J. A. Hunter and W. W. Starley are having success in their labors. Elders A. G. Gunn and J. A. Smith report conditions in Chattanooga county, very favorable. The work in Atlanta moves smoothly along. We are glad to say that every family belonging to the

Atlanta branch with but one exception, are represented on this year's (thing list, and every family is paying its full offerings. . . . Prest. Chas. A. Callis paid a pleasant and profitable visit to Atlanta on the 2nd of November.

**South Carolina**—Frank Paskett, president, box 276, Columbia.—Elder A. Meeks, who presided over the conference for some time past and who has been faithful and energetic in all his labors, was honorably released to return home. During Elder Meek's presidency the conference has advanced and baptisms have been reported for this year. Elder Frank Paskett has been selected as his successor. . . . The people of Columbia are taking a greater interest in the gospel message than ever before. Elder Wm. Decker and W. G. Ogilvie, while canvassing along one of the main roads of Horry county, met a number of men who were coming to the conference. The elders were invited to hold meetings during their noon hour, which they did, and were granted a respectful hearing.

**Georgia**—L. L. Myers, president, 441 1/2 street, Macon.—Four successful meetings were held at Toombsboro by Elders Myers and A. E. Mertonson, all of which were well attended. The people who remarked a few months ago that they would sooner entertain a negro than a Mormon elder. They are now quite friendly disposed. . . . Successful meetings were held at Union Point, a number of people being in attendance, who had previously been quite bitter. . . . Elders Geo. M. James and T. L. Richeson are holding good meetings in Rock county. They recently baptized two converts. . . . Favorable conditions exist in all parts of the conference. There are nine different school houses and churches in which the elders hold regular monthly meetings.

C. E. DINWIDDIE, Secy.

## PRESIDENT OF NORTH-WESTERN STATES MISSION

Logan, Nov. 25.—Melvin J. Ballard of this place has just accepted a call from the Presidency of the Church to take charge of the Northwestern states mission with headquarters at Portland, Oregon. He will leave for that place on the 27th inst. Mr. Ballard is one of the most active Church men in the Cache state, besides one of the most successful business men of Logan. He is a son of the late Elihu N. Henry, a pioneer and was born here 35 years ago. One of his first achievements worth while was to graduate from the Brigham Young college in 1894, and for two years later he taught in the same institution. After marrying Miss Mattie Jones of the eighteenth ward, Salt Lake, he was called on a special mission to the large cities of the United States in company with E. H. Roberts and George D. Pepper, including a mission to the northern states, where he became president of the Southern Illinois conference, on returning home he engaged

in organizing the Logan Knitting factory, first as manager and now as president. This is one of the foremost manufacturing establishments in the state today. In 1899 Mr. Ballard was chosen by the stake authorities here to represent the Church in a six-day debate against the Josephite church and that church hasn't been heard from in this locality since. In company with Elder Joseph W. McMurrin he was also instrumental in opening up the mission at Boise a few years ago. He has been as counselor in the Logan Second ward bishopric and for two years past has been a member of the stake high council. For two terms he was president of the Cache county club, of which he is now a director. He was one of the principal factors as president of the tabernacle choir, in securing the installation of the large tubular organ here. At present Mr. Ballard is president of the B. Y. C. alumni association. While but a young man, he is the father of six children. . . . Logan will suffer a great loss through Mr. Ballard's leaving. No man is more in demand than he, scarcely ever is there an entertainment of any kind in Logan or in the county, but his services are secured either for singing or for lecturing. He never refuses a call; he is ever ready to serve his Church in any capacity, no matter how pressing his business interests are. The Northwestern States mission has secured in Mr. Ballard a very able president and through the cooperation of the elders with him there is no reason why this mission cannot be made one of the most desirable for elders to go to. Mr. Ballard is progressive and able to make it such and there is no reason why it should not be.

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**Southern Indiana Conference** finished its country work for the year 1908 on Nov. 7. The elders gathered in Petersburg, Pike county, and held their last regular open air conference. Although the preceding weeks were dedicated to the elders in traveling through the country and holding meetings, the night before election each pair of elders held an open air

meeting. Good results were reported from the week's work. The meetings in Petersburg were attended by large crowds, who listened with much interest to the principles of the gospel and its restoration. The spirit of persistent labor and a desire to reach the people has characterized the work in this conference during the summer campaign. . . . Since that time almost every town, village and cross road in southern Indiana has been visited by our elders. Large numbers of people have attended the meetings. The mission of the Book of Mormon has been presented to the people. The elders of the Southern Indiana conference send warm greetings and congratulations to their fellow laborers in the Northern States mission and pray that the ever good is being accomplished is a part of their work and they rejoice in the work of the Lord. The Lord is spreading and growing as never before in this locality. The elders who have labored in Indiana during the last 10 years will remember Mr. Britton with gratitude in their hearts. His door was always open to them and his hospitable and genial disposition made them feel at home with him. He leaves a wife and two daughters who are faithful Latter-day Saints. The elders and friends extend their sympathy to them in their bereavement.—Prest. E. W. Marchant, per J. A. O.

**Wisconsin Conference**—Conference of the elders and saints at Wisconsin was held in Milwaukee, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. The work was very successful. Good meetings were held. Prest. G. E. Ellsworth and wife, Elder W. D. Pettit were here from Chicago. Also Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fletcher were here from Chicago. At 10 o'clock on Saturday evening service was listened to the following speeches: Elder John Wendel, on apostasy and restoration; Elder W. D. Baird, on the work of the Book of Mormon; Elder H. M. Olmstead, on the Book of Mormon. Sunday morning service commenced at 10:45 and addresses were given by the visiting brethren and sisters. Elder Baird presided. Elder Wendel returned to his old field of labor and visit friends and acquaintances. In the evening the little church was well filled and many strangers were in attendance. . . . Truths were made plain by Elder Hyrum Etockin, Sister Mary S. Ellsworth and President Ellsworth. Priesthood meetings were held Sunday afternoon. In the evening President Ellsworth gave us good instructions and much encouragement to press on in the work of the Lord. A good spirit prevailed and many friends were made by their having attended the conference. The conference marks the end of the summer's work, yet from the good time the elders have had they are sorry it has drawn to a close. Since the 4th of July, the elders have been divided into companies of four and six and in going from city to city have been in a place from three days to a week, preaching to the people every night. In this way the work has quietly and steadily gone on. Many friends have been left and thousands of people have listened attentively to the gospel message, and with their hearts they have been turned to the Lord. It seems as though the people are becoming more and more susceptible to the gospel message. . . . The work has been done for the work of the Master. To keep the people warm in the faith the elders have now been sent out in the field already equipped with the work already done. The desire is always to leave the Book of Mormon, because those who have it read it, also to leave tracts among the people and to leave the work in line with the work, having a progressive Relief society and an enthusiastic Mutual Improvement association, whose members are working hard in search of truth. A word might be said of the good work being done by the bureau of information in the city. Many people have met many who in their travels in the west have gone to Salt Lake City and with the treatment they received there, cannot forget the good time they have had. . . . The visit to Salt Lake City was the gem of all our trip, and "The work of the people of Utah seems next to the work of the Lord."—President D. A. Latimer.

**Michigan Conference**—Since May 1 the elders of the Michigan conference have been busy in their work, and though but little has been said of our work in this conference we want the readers of the News to know that the Lord has a band of faithful workers in Michigan and that their efforts to spread the gospel truths are being crowned with success. While the Michigan conference has been in session many into the waters of baptism yet a great amount of prejudice has been allayed and friends are being made on every hand. . . . The Michigan conference have traversed almost the entire southern peninsula and with few exceptions the elders have traveled without purse or scrip. The people are hospitable and liberal in their views and while converts come rather slow at present we believe that the seeds that are being sown by our faithful elders will soon be a bountiful harvest for the future workers. A summary of the summer's work shows the following results, since our spring conference which was held March 5, 1908: 24,492 smaller doctrinal books, 23,402 tracts distributed, 27,431 families visited, 3,656 revisited and 706 meetings held. . . . The Michigan conference met at Kalamazoo in conference. Two impressive and soul inspiring priesthood meetings were held Sunday in the parlors of the Masonic temple. Strong testimonies were borne by the elders and many interesting experiences were related. President G. E. Ellsworth commended the elders for their faithfulness and spoke of them to be diligent in keeping the commandments of God and in discharging the duties devolving upon them as men holding the priesthood. With the inspiration and encouragement gained at our conference, we are determined not to slacken our efforts; but will push the good work under the new plans with as much vim as we have the country work. The Lord has indeed blessed us during the summer season and we hope to merit greater blessings in the future.—J. C. Roberts, Conf. Prest.

**West Iowa**—It may be of interest to the readers of the "News" to know how greatly the Lord has prospered

the work in this part of His vineyard. The Book of Mormon has been widely distributed. During the months of July, August, September and October, 15 and part of the time only 15 elders have disposed of 1,859 Books of Mormon, 7,955 smaller doctrinal books, which is an average per elder for the four months of 117 Books of Mormon and 445 small books or an average per elder per month of a little better than 29 Books of Mormon and 117 small books. During this time we also distributed 25,558 tracts, visited 18,733 families and had 24,188 gospel conversations. We feel to thank our Heavenly Father for the same and pray that He will continue to bless us. While we have been so greatly blessed in sowing we have done no harvesting. Yet we know the harvest will come. One may plant another's harvest, but God gives the increase.—Louis Fugate, Conf. president.

**Chicago Branch Bazaar**—November 11 and 12, a bazaar was held in the L. O. B. building, Chicago. It was given under the auspices of the Relief Society, Chicago branch, a good program each evening furnishes entertainment for which a social and financial success. Many new friends were made and purchasing the useful and ornamental articles on sale. When the closing hours came all articles not sold were auctioned off—Student, Craig, one of our friends, presented the bazaar with a medicine case, hand carved and polished. It is an exceptionally fine piece of work and the gift was much appreciated. Many new friends visited the bazaar and expressed appreciation of the good spirit prevailing. The bazaar was held in many ways and the saints of the Chicago branch were greatly benefited by example as well as by precept. The sisters of the Relief Society were to be congratulated upon the success of their bazaar—it was a success both socially and financially. The cost of the association are Caroline Dennison, president; Margaret Johnson, first counselor; Marie Bedtke, second counselor, and Daisy Marsh, secretary.

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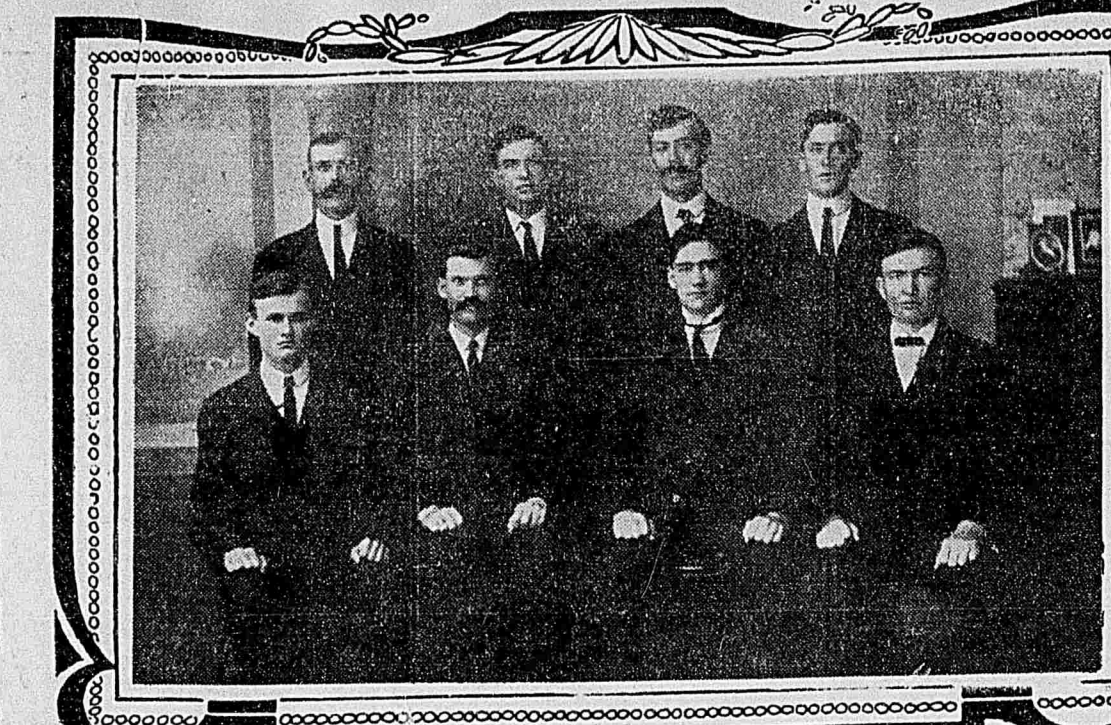
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Immediately after the close of the meeting the Waikahia branch was reorganized with the following officers: Matatu as president, Hatarel Topeka as first and Mirimiri Hapeta as second counselors. Raharuhi, who had been a deacon, was elected a counselor. This branch had been in a state of decline for several years, the counselors and most of the members having moved away or left the Church. Within the last year they returned, and one after another have returned, and now since the death of their old and faithful president, Te Runu Alimama, they have come forward to reorganize the branch. In this meeting several more confessed their wrongs in leaving the Church. At the close a cheer was given for the Waikahia branch and all went away happy.

The Sunday evening session Elder W. A. Miller bore his testimony in the Maori language, and the subjects of baptism and repentance were dwelt upon by Whakangaro Makahu and Peka Euphemia Pangoa. Elder Rukia Wiangipiri made a few pleasant remarks concerning the schools among the Maori people. All in fact had good words to say for the schools and the elders who had labored as teachers in the same. All expressed their great desire to see their children educated and if possible by teachers from Zion. A vote of thanks was tendered the good speakers and the Maori laity made the conference a success, and also to the school children.

## CONFERENCE AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, La., Nov. 12.—Yesterday and today President Benion and Elder Whitley from the mission office at Independence, Mo., met in conference with the elders of this state in this city, where an excellent time was had. Yesterday two prelate meetings were held when the work of the elders here was commended by President Benion and all were encouraged to continue in the good work. The meeting of the elders was held this morning. The visiting brethren leave on the 9 p. m. train for South Texas where they will hold conference for the next few days. They leave here tomorrow to make a house to house canvass of different districts of the country. The efforts of the saints in different localities in regard to the building of the temple is very gratifying. We have two buildings under headway at present one at Galvez the other at Pride. Four Sunday schools are now in operation and being just lately organized at Pride.

As a rule the elders are treated very well. The people we meet are a Bible reading people and in a great many places where the elders could not even pass through without receiving full sway and are now given full sway and are reaping the fruit of a well cultivated garden in which seed of early days in the history of the Louisiana conference. We feel to say God bless them, who have paved the way for us, for their reward is great.

According to this is a photo of our conference workers which Mrs. Brennan 809 Canal street, New Orleans, has furnished free. The firm is a friend to the elders.

The News is very much appreciated among the elders and saints of this conference and all wish it success. SAMUEL J. ORME.

## BAPTISMS IN FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS

On Sunday morning, Nov. 8, a baptismal service was held in the Westgate public baths, Newcastle. After the opening exercises, Elder L. S. Meehan gave a very convincing talk on the essentiality, mode, and object of baptism. The water and baptism by Elder Stayner Richards. The new member was confirmed at the water's edge.

A number of saints and friends of the Manchester branch met together at 11 a. m. on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1908, at the Leaf Street baths, Manchester, to witness a baptismal service. Elders C. A. Duke and J. M. Thomas spoke upon the sacred ordinance, which was conducted by Elder James E. Burns and an convert from Rochdale by Elder Julian M. Thomas. The confirmations took place at the evening meeting.

A baptismal service was held at the Roman baths, Bath (Bristol conference), Nov. 7, 1908, when three members were added to the Swindon branch. Elders John H. Rawden and John Mison officiating. Confirmations took place at the baths, immediately after.—Millennial Star.

Baptismal service was held at the Topham Baths, Glasgow (Scottish conference), Sunday, November 1st. About 50 saints and friends congregated at the baths to witness the ceremony. A very nice service was held, during which President J. G. Johnson and Elder A. Z. Richards spoke briefly on the necessity, object and mode of baptism. Four souls

dren and master for the pleasant singing.

With much regrets we had goodbye to our president and visiting elders Monday morning, and within a few days but one lonely elder was left at the borders of Mahia.

E. P. PECTOL.

## TETON STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Teton stake was held at Briggs, Idaho, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11 and 12. Elders Orson F. Whitney and Joseph W. McMurrin of the general authorities were in attendance. A good representation of ward and stake organizations was present, most of the meetings, with a very fair attendance of the saints generally. The weather was ideal.

Reports by ward and stake officers showed the conditions generally fair. Primary associations were shown to be in very good condition, while Religion class work is very hard to even get started, which contrast gave a visiting brethren a subject to