



NORTHERN STATES MISSION NOTES

Baptisms for September—Southern Illinois conference reports 11 baptisms; southern Indiana, 9; Wisconsin, 9; Chicago, 4; East Iowa, 2; West Iowa, 2; Northern Illinois, 2; Michigan, 1.

Northern Illinois Conference—Elders George F. Olson and James G. Browning, Jr., write: "Thinking perhaps a little attractive of the Mormon preaching in a forlorn place would be of some interest to you, I will attempt to tell you very briefly of our experience last Thursday night. On account of the somewhat disagreeable weather we did not think it would be very desirable to preach on the street, so we made inquiry at one of the stores in the little town as to the possibility of getting permission to speak in one of the churches. The storekeeper pointed to a church building a short distance away and said it was a union church, and that there was no doubt but that we could occupy it that night. We asked who had charge of it and he didn't seem to know, but directed us to the people who kept the key. Before going to the place where the key was kept we got in conversation with a man outside the store who said the church was built by the people, with the understanding that all churches could use the building, but the Mormons, I said, 'Well then, I guess you are expecting for there is no such church as the Mormon church.' Then I explained to him concerning the application of the name Mormon.

We learned from him the names of the trustees of the church and by phone obtained permission to preach in the church. We had a fine audience and good attention from most of the crowd. Elder James G. Browning, Jr., writes: "We have had many very good conversations the past week, the impressions of which I am sure will not soon fade away. At our meeting last night, in one of the very small towns, after having waited about 20 miles and arriving rather late, we made arrangements for an open air meeting and notified all the people living in a radius of a mile of the store. We had no more than finished notifying them when they began to gather and before the time appointed there was a nice crowd assembled. Our very intelligent old gentleman began asking questions which created much interest. One question brought up another and I took great delight in answering them in the hearing of our attentive audience, for about 30 minutes. We then commenced our meeting and preached the gospel in power and plainness for about an hour. The speaker took us home at the close of the meeting kept us busy explaining gospel principles until midnight; then at their suggestion we read a chapter from the Bible and prayed with them, after which we retired to a peaceful rest."

Northern Illinois Conference—President N. C. Christensen reports as follows: Elders Wendell and Hunt are laboring in Carroll and Whiteside counties and are treated very kindly by the people. They have made several visits to the different towns allotted them and hold interesting and well-attended meetings. It is evident that they have to pay for meals or bed as these are provided them by the people. Elders Hermanson and Rasmussen also report great success in their fields of labor, and that they are scarcely able to keep up with the demand for their services. After their street meeting at Harvard they were not invited home so started out for the country to get a hearing. In passing by the M. E. church they saw the pastor inside so knocked at the door and were admitted. They introduced themselves and asked for entertainment for the night. The pastor was very abashed and told them he would do nothing for them as he considered he would be aiding the work of the devil. The elders bore their testimony to him of the truthfulness of the work and defied him to show them one principle they were teaching that was not according to the Bible—he would not try. As the elders started to leave he called them back and gave them 50 cents. On going to the hotel and making known who they were and how they traveled they were given a bed and breakfast free of charge. This is only a sample of the success the elders are meeting with. In Monmouth as well as Nauvoo the saints and friends are very anxious that the elders be sent back to labor among them. It is easy to see the principles they have been taught as well as the example of the elders are bearing fruit.

Release—The following elders have been honorably released from their labors in the Northern States mission: L. E. Hendricks, Christian Hermanson, Emil Rottschäuser, B. L. Garner, Samuel E. Ingraham, William Ogden and Stanley B. Fairbanks.

Notice—We wish to call the attention of our saints and friends to the fact that Chicago has been re-numbered and our new address is 118 South Paulina street, Chicago, Illinois; headquarters of the Northern States mission. DAVID A. LAMER, Secretary.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

Independence, Mo., 307 South Pleasant street, Oct. 2.—President Joseph B. Dabney of Arkansas conference, assisted by

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Elder Francis W. Leigh, has been holding meetings all the week at the Rock Island railroad shops in Little Rock, and will continue another week, and more opportunities to hold certain meetings are found in the city than the elders can attend to; and Elders Jennings and Prince, laboring in St. Louis, have letters from two different points, asking them to go and attend to some baptisms, but owing to other appointments, they cannot go at once. There is a lack of helpers also in several other conferences.

President C. E. Bronson of St. John conference says the work there is being pushed with vigor and success. At the close of a largely attended street meeting recently, a local minister, who had just bought a Book of Mormon, stepped out and addressed the crowd for about 40 minutes, and in discursive terms attacked some of the first principles of the gospel. Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, the Book of Mormon, and the character of the Mormon people generally, thinking some of the elders would answer his charges, but instead they invited the people to come to our meeting the following Sunday and hear our side with proofs. The result was large crowds at all the subsequent meetings.

Elders Holt and Dalrymple of Missouri conference met a doctor in a country store who had purchased a Book of Mormon from the elders a year ago. He bought a set of the smaller books and sounded the praises of the Nephite record so loudly that after he stepped out several listeners came up and secured books and literature from the elders.

Elders George S. Bingham of Independence conference says the people where he is laboring like Mormon men better and better all the time, and there is proportionately less prejudice against the elders; and Elder A. C. Dangerefield says the work in St. Joseph, Mo., is getting better, interest is growing, meetings better attended and the elders are more successful in getting our literature into the hands of the people.

Elder Dangerefield has baptized two in St. Joseph, Elder Emil von Almen one in St. Louis, and Elders William Karren and Albert L. Thompson two each in Louisiana in the past week. After filling a successful mission of two and a quarter years in East Kansas, Elder H. P. Brockbank has been honorably released and returned to his home in the west.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION.

WESTERN STATES MISSION NOTES

Denver, Colorado, Oct. 4.—The elders of the North Colorado and Denver conferences met in Denver September 25 and 26. Elders L. O. Bingham, Allen Rose, and Thomas Wells, of the Pueblo conference were also in attendance. Reports from the elders showed that a great work is being done in the parts where they have labored. During all of the meetings the spirit of the Lord was had in great abundance, and all received strength through listening to the testimonies of the elders. The work of the elders is being given. This was the last of a series of conferences that were held throughout the mission. As a result of the work of the elders, the saints are working with renewed energy and are, without exception, heart and soul in the work.

Elder John Robinson, who for the past sixteen months has been in the office, twelve months of which he spent as secretary of the mission, Elder Wm. Redd, president of the Nebraska conference, and Elder Albert S. Jackson, president of the North Colorado conference, have been released to return home after having spent thirty-six, thirty-three, and twenty-four months, respectively, in the mission field. They each filled their positions admirably, and the work that they did will forever be a credit to them. Elder Robinson is succeeded by Elder T. Rose Wilson, Elder Redd by Elder S. W. Ballard, and Elder Jackson by Elder Geo. H. Watts.

Elders Chas. H. Keels and J. Parley Ellison of the Denver conference have been temporarily released from missionary work in order that they might go to Salt Lake City and there be treated for ulcer of the stomach with which they are both afflicted. Although their condition is not serious, it was considered advisable to have them treated before the trouble went farther. They will be back with us soon as our most earnest wish and prayer.

President and Sister John L. Herrick left last week for Utah where they will attend general conference and visit friends and relatives. The elders throughout the mission are in excellent health and spirits and invariably write that their testimonies are growing stronger day by day and that the Lord is always on their side. The work is in a prosperous condition and we have every reason to be encouraged.

The following transfers have recently been made—Elders George H. Watts and Jos. H. Cartwright from Denver to North Colorado; Elders Wm. J. Tanner and Parley Ball from North Colorado to Pueblo; Elders L. W. Frazar and E. L. Munford from Dakota to Denver; Elder F. P. Felt from North Colorado to Denver; and Elder Jas. A. Oles from Nebraska to Denver.

T. ROSS WILSON, Secretary.

NORTHWESTERN STATES MISSION NOTES

St. E. Main St., Portland, Or., Oct. 2.—The mission work has been greatly benefited throughout the northwest by the recent visit of the Tabernacle choir. The elders all testified the value of such a movement in breaking down prejudice and opening the way to the homes and confidence of many people who apparently could not be reached in any other way, and long before the choir reached the various towns the elders quietly announced the coming converts and interested many people in the choir, the home life of the people of Utah and

the glorious principles of the gospel. Kind and appreciative words have been heard on all sides for what the manager of the Baker theater in Portland called "the pride of the west" in speaking of the choir. The elders who were fortunate enough to meet the members of the choir enjoyed a rare treat in meeting and renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, and partaking of the good spirit that always accompanies our young people, and the treatment of the management in according them free entertainment to concerts and excursions will never be forgotten.

Conference at Seattle was arranged to convene on Sunday, Aug. 29, while the choir and hundreds of Utah visitors were there. Two well attended sessions were held at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. In the morning meeting, President Ballard presented the authorities and gave a brief report of the mission. President W. G. Shields of the Southern States mission, who was in the city, reported the conference in a progressive condition and the elders with one or two exceptions well. He spoke of the great amount of good being done through the exhibits in the Utah building, and the Church exhibit in the government building, of the A. Y. P. exposition. Other speakers were President A. Hyde of the Portland conference, Secy. H. C. Mortensen of the mission, Bishop Robinson of Farmington, and Amasa L. Clark, superintendent of Sunday schools in Davis stake, and Bishop H. J. Smith of Liberty ward, Salt Lake City.

In the afternoon meeting, Prof. J. J. McClellan played the piano for the singing, which was strong and ringing, owing to the fact that many Tabernacle choir members were in attendance and the house was full. Sister Mabel Cooper sang a solo which was much appreciated. The first speaker was Bishop David A. Smith. President Ballard was next, and he delivered an intensely interesting sermon, full of spirit and enthusiasm, much appreciated by saints and strangers alike. Elder Joseph E. Taylor and Sister Lydia D. Alder bore faithful testimonies and gave the elders and saints much encouragement. The evening meeting was dispensed with to allow the saints and elders to attend the concert given by the choir in the natural amphitheater at the fair. And all those who were among that throng of 20,000 on that beautiful night and witnessed the full moon come up from behind the eastern mountains, glimmer across Lake Washington and through the starry sky, beheld a panorama of nature and calm beauty which will live in memory when many other important events have faded away. Then added to this was the clear, sweet voices of the choir, accompanied by Elder's band, making a picture that stamped upon our memory an event never to be forgotten.

The elders' pre-liminary conference was held on Monday and the assignments in the conference were made. On Sept. 3 President Ballard held conference in Vancouver, B. C. Three interesting and well attended sessions were held. In addition to President Ballard, the speakers were Elders J. H. Page, E. J. Ellison, David Gerrard, H. Osborn and W. Perry. Also Sister Ballard and Brother Neill. Elder Page was released, and Elder E. J. Ellison was made president of the Vancouver conference. Elder Page will drive a few miles in the Seattle meetings, when he will be released to go home, having spent something over two years in the mission.

A conference of the Portland district was held in Portland, on Sept. 12, with President Ballard presiding. The first session began at 11:45 a. m. President Ballard presented the officers and spoke at some length on Church organization. President Austin Hyde reported the condition of the conference, told of the good work being done by the elders in spreading the gospel in all parts of the state and city. Elder J. H. Miller also spoke. President Ballard sang beautifully the solo, "Not Ashamed of Jesus."

In the evening the speakers were Elders T. M. Davis, J. L. Cook, R. H. Hamilton and President Ballard. During the meeting Elders Hooper, Hamilton, Mortensen and Hyde sang the quartet, "Sweet Sabbath Eve," and President Ballard and Elder Mortensen sang the duet "Bygone Days." On Monday the elders' pre-liminary meeting was held and new assignments made. Among the releases and appointments are the following: Former Secy J. B. Evans, released on account of ill health, leave Alfred appointed to take his place as president of East Washington conference. The Anacostia conference was united with the Butte conference and A. H. Cox appointed president. William Meador, president of the Great Falls conference, was released, having performed a faithful mission, and E. F. H. Jones assigned to take his place. Austin C. Hyde, president of the Portland conference, was released to take effect Sept. 23. He leaves with the love and esteem of all the saints and elders. He has performed a faithful mission and his energy and devotion to duty have ever been a source of inspiration to the elders who have been associated with him.

The Portland branch Sunday school was recently reorganized. Elder H. C. Simmons, who has labored so long and faithfully as superintendent, was released, and Elder H. C. Mortensen sustained to fill the position, with Elder J. H. Miller and Ben Pratt as assistants. The mission generally is in a prosperous and progressive condition.

H. C. MORTENSEN, Secretary.

SEATTLE BRANCH CHANGES.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 27.—Pres. J. H. Ballard made a special trip to Seattle Sunday, Sept. 26, to make the following changes in the Seattle branch: C. H. Fritche was released as first counselor in the presidency of the Seattle branch on account of being Sunday school superintendent. Secy and Counselor G. D. Hoorman was made first counselor. H. C. Mortensen was sustained as second counselor to Bro. L. H. Hanzberg, president of the Seattle branch. Alvin Hockstetter was released as first assistant Sunday school superintendent. Bro. Walker was released as chorister, because of his age, and Sister Thalia Price was sustained as chorister. President Ballard delivered an in-

teresting sermon, which concluded the pre-liminary services. After the meeting President Ballard visited the new meetinghouse and was well pleased with it; the brethren expect to be able to have the building near enough completed in one month more to hold our services in it.

The Seattle branch is doing nicely. The elders are doing a good work. Our meeting place is at present in the A. O. U. W. hall on Seventh ave. between Pike and Union streets. GEORGE W. M. HOORMAN, Branch Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

The following elders have reported at the Church Historical office in this city their safe return on furlough from the foreign mission field. All make glowing reports of the progress of the gospel work in all the districts represented.

Sept. 2.—Thomas Todd Murdoch of Farmington, President county, Idaho, from the Central States mission; set apart Dec. 16, 1907. Returns on account of illness of his parents.

Oct. 2.—J. W. Bismarck of Thatcher, Graham county, Ark., from the Southern States mission; set apart Aug. 28, 1908. Presided over the Florida conference.

James Henry Moore of Joseph, Sevier county, Utah, from the Southern States mission; set apart Nov. 5, 1907. Presided over South Carolina conference. William Redd of Raymond, Alberta, Canada, from the Western States mission; set apart Jan. 1, 1907. Presided over Dakota and Nebraska conferences.

Oct. 1.—William Ogden of Richfield, Sevier county, from the Northern States mission; set apart Oct. 8, 1907.

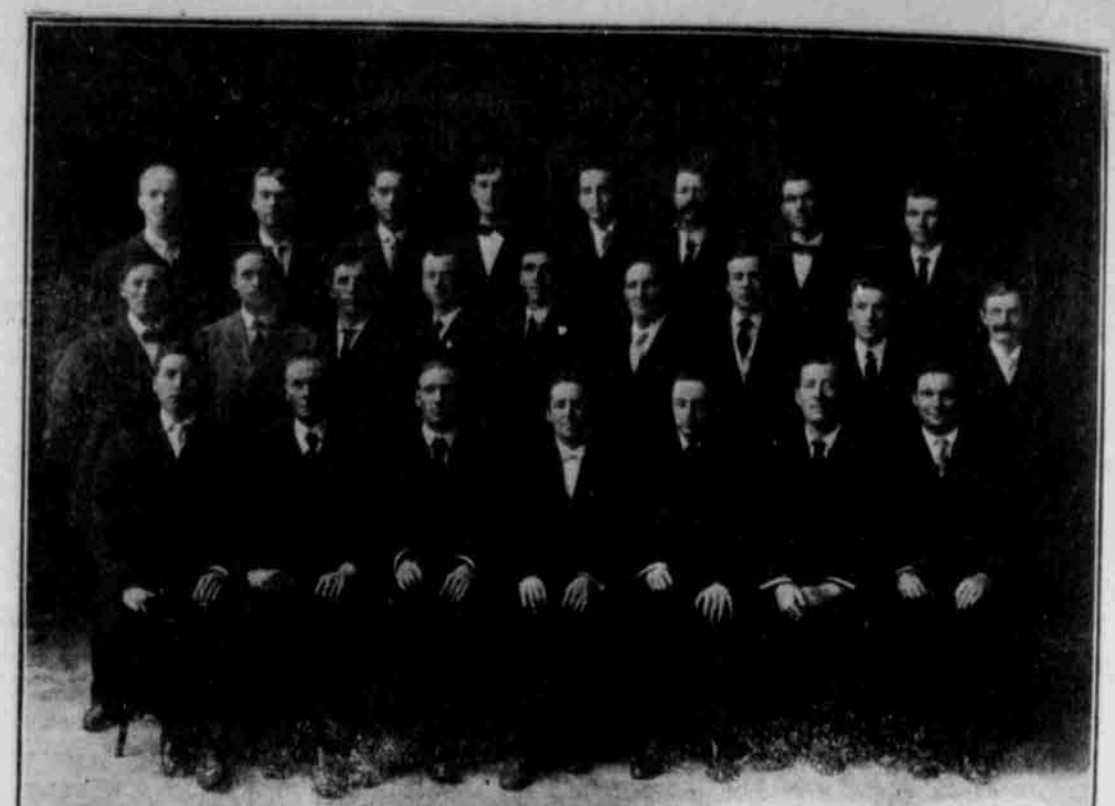
Oct. 4.—Milton Robbins of Thatcher, Idaho, from the Southern States mission; set apart May 26, 1908.

Oct. 5.—James H. Page of Francis, Summit county, Utah, from the Northern States mission; set apart June 15, 1907. Presided over the Vancouver conference.

Oct. 1.—John Howard Bowden of Granger, Salt Lake county, Utah, from the British mission; set apart June 25, 1907.

John Henry Murri of Midway, Wasatch county, Utah, from the British mission; set apart Jan. 16, 1907. Rolf Christian Wold of Preston, Canada, county, Idaho, from the Scandinavian mission; set apart April 30, 1907. James L. Shaffer of Richmond, Cache county, Utah, from the British mission; set apart July 23, 1907.

Oct. 12.—Alma Spackman Hall of Can-



ELDERS AT THE SEATTLE CONFERENCE, AUG. 30, 1909.

Bottom row, reading from left to right: Irvin Curtis, Austin C. Hyde, president Portland conference; W. G. Shields, president Seattle conference; Melvin J. Ballard, president N. W. S. mission; H. C. Mortensen, mission secretary; T. R. Greenier, William H. Cantwell.

Middle row: W. J. Finlanson, J. S. Bushman, L. C. White, D. O. Mackay, Jr., Nathaniel Ashby, H. B. Williams, Wilford Parry, M. H. Hanson, David Gerrard.

Top row: E. L. Hooper, Bert Roper, J. A. Briggs, W. J. Brady, J. M. Newton, Henry Osborn, Alma O. Wilford Stevens.

Willard E. Steffensen of Inverary, Sevier county, Utah, from the Scandinavian mission; set apart March 4, 1909. Returned on account of poor health.

Oct. 12.—Alma Spackman Hall of Can-

non ward, Salt Lake City, from the Sevier county, Utah, from the British mission; set apart July 23, 1907.

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