

CHURCH MISSIONARY NEWS

EASTERN STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

SECRETARY A. B. ANDRUS of the Eastern States mission sends the "News" the following write up of that mission field:

East Pennsylvania—The time looked forward to by all the elders, saints, and friends, came, and conference was held in Baltimore on Nov. 5. Every effort had been made to make it the signal success that it was. Three of the leading newspapers of the city gave us short write ups. In this way, several came who had never heard, or seen, a Mormon before, and we are sure that thousands were made aware of the fact that, in their midst, there was an assembly of Latter-day Saints.

North West Virginia—On the 10th of November, President Ben E. Rich made a brief visit and held an excellent priesthood meeting. The presidency of the conference and their quorum of ten elders intend to make their conference second to none in the mission. The elders have again resumed their country work with the exception of Elders Chester Johnson and Eugene Curtis. Three councils have been assigned to each pair of elders for their field of labor this winter, and they intend to travel without purse or scrip.

South West Virginia—Elder Frank Leavitt has been appointed conference president. Elder Wm. J. Grant has been released, and Elders Ira S. Russell and C. D. Davis, first and second counselors, respectively. Elders W. F. Dayton and Osborne Hatch have been returned from admitting to a sister, who was ill. She had a good night's rest and was up the next day. While the elders were at this sister's place, they held a cottage meeting, which was well attended.

West Pennsylvania—On Monday Nov. 9, the elders of the West Pa. conference were honored with a visit from President Rich. A priesthood meeting was held in the afternoon, and after each elder had reported his labors for the past six months, President Rich gave many valuable and pointed instructions. Among other good things he said: "You elders may think your mission hard, and feel that you are doing all in their power to keep you in the field until your mission is completed. Then when you are released, you return home with soft white hands, and are called to the stand by your bishop to receive the honors of a well spent mission, while they, who have struggled so hard and to whom the greater part of the honor rightly belongs, only sit looking on with anxious eyes to some obscure place in the audience."

Arrivals and Assignments—The following elders have arrived from Zion: Elder John T. Steele, Brooklyn conference; Elder Albert C. Gardner, East Pennsylvania; Elders William A. Spackman, N. E. Peterson, New England; Elders Orson P. Bates, B.

LeRoy Jensen, Heber C. C. Rick, Jr., Alward T. Lamb, and Lafayette Slosson, New York conference; also Elder Samuel L. Nilson to the same conference; Elders T. Thomas, J. Oldroyd, James O. Gibbons, and Wilford A. Hoeniger, North West Virginia; Elders Norval A. Sorenson, Charles Wright, South West Virginia; and Elder Heber Harker, West Pennsylvania.

NORTHERN STATES MISSION NOTES

Sister Laura Bennion of Taylorville and Sister Hope Russell of Salt Lake City have been honorably released to return home. They have made many friends and only good results can come from their work in the mission field. They have truly been representative women of the Church, not only teaching the gospel by precept, but have lived it every way, and their true worth is appreciated by all who have had the privilege of meeting them.

Elder Anthony W. Ivins spoke to the saints of the Chicago branch Sunday night on "The Apostasy and the Restoration of the Gospel." His talk was enjoyed by all present.

Some few days ago one of our elders laboring in the Minnesota conference chanced to pick up a diamond ring. By watching the ads in the paper, the owner and all appearing upon returning the ring, was given \$25. He did not desire to take any pay for this, but the owner insisted that he take the money. The elder told him that anyone could be honest if paid for being so. The money was accepted as a gift and was much appreciated, as it came just when money was needed, so he could go on with his missionary work.

BRANCH AT ROCK ISLAND.

A branch of the Church is now established in Rock Island. A number of saints and friends met each Sunday at 1718 Second avenue for Sunday school and sacrament meeting. The Sunday school is especially successful. They have two classes, the kindergarten and the regular school, and are taking an active part. The choir, under the direction of J. C. Sorenson as choir leader and Sister Elizabeth Berg as organist, is doing good work. All the saints rejoice in the gospel and take advantage of every opportunity of bearing their testimony to their friends. Many homes have been opened for cottage meetings through the work of the saints; from three to seven cottage meetings are held each week. The Relief Society is doing good work, under the direction of the following officers: Hilda Frank, president; Alice Frank and Minnie Berg, counselors; and Emma Miller, secretary and treasurer.

RELEASES.

The following elders have been honorably released to return to their homes: James Rasmussen, J. Archie Wheeler, John H. Peck, Samuel B. Bunnell, Hyrum Stocking, and wife, Morgan Anderson, Lyman Duke, Vernon H. Vickers, Thomas Burton, James A. Armstrong, Omer S. Cordon, Grant W. Webb, David H. Carson, William A. Phil, Wilford Baird, P. Earl Case, Jared D. Johnson, Oliver E. Millard, George H. Romrell, Orvil C. Call.

CONFERENCE IN NORTHERN INDIANA.

A conference of the Northern Indiana Elders was held at Muncie, Nov. 23 and 24. President Gorman E. Elsworth and 17 elders, besides quite a number of Saints and investigators were in attendance.

Three public services and two priesthood meetings were held. All who attended felt highly repaid and the conference throughout proved indeed a spiritual feast.

We have now completed country campaigning entirely and will begin the work in the cities with the same vim

CHICAGO CHOIR SOCIAL.

Friday evening, December 4, the members of the choir entertained the saints and friends of the Chicago branch in a most enjoyable manner. Prof. Mann, but to provide a good time for all. After the evening had passed, the general sentiment was that they did not fall to provide a good time.

M. I. A. CONJOINT MEETING.

Sunday evening, the Y. L. M. I. A. and the M. I. A. met conjointly. Pres. Wiley M. Cragum, presiding. Elder J. M. Anderson gave a short talk on the Prophet Joseph Smith's life work.

The original program for the evening was not carried out because of the presence of Sister Laura Bennion who has been away from Chicago for some time, and Elder Horace S. Ensign, Salt Lake City, Utah. Sister Bennion spoke of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and the beautiful truths contained therein.

CON. PRIEST. JAMES RASMUSSEN RELEASED.

Pres. James Rasmussen has been honorably released to return to his home in Utah. For 13 months he has been president of the Southern Illinois conference.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION.

Independence, Mo., Dec. 18.—During the past month the conferences of Louisiana, North and South Texas, Arkansas and Missouri have been visited by President S. O. Bennion and Mission Secy. Elder Earl Whiteley, and the Oklahoma conference by Elder Almon T. Butterfield, and in each well attended meetings, both for the public and priesthood, were held. The spirit of loyalty to and love for the truth was manifest to a marked degree, and everything goes to show that Mormonism is gaining ground very fast in this mission.

Elder Earl Whiteley, who has been a faithful, capable and energetic worker in this mission for about two and a half years, was released to return home and Elder Almon T. Butterfield, who was presiding in the St. John, Kansas, conference, was called into the office to succeed him as secretary of the mission. Elder Whiteley has served as bookkeeper and mission secretary most of the time of his mission and he is the author of the system of bookkeeping now used in all the missions of the United States and which is so well adapted to keeping missionary accounts.

Campaign work in some of the conferences has been suspended for the season and the elders, two by two are making a systematic canvass of the counties.

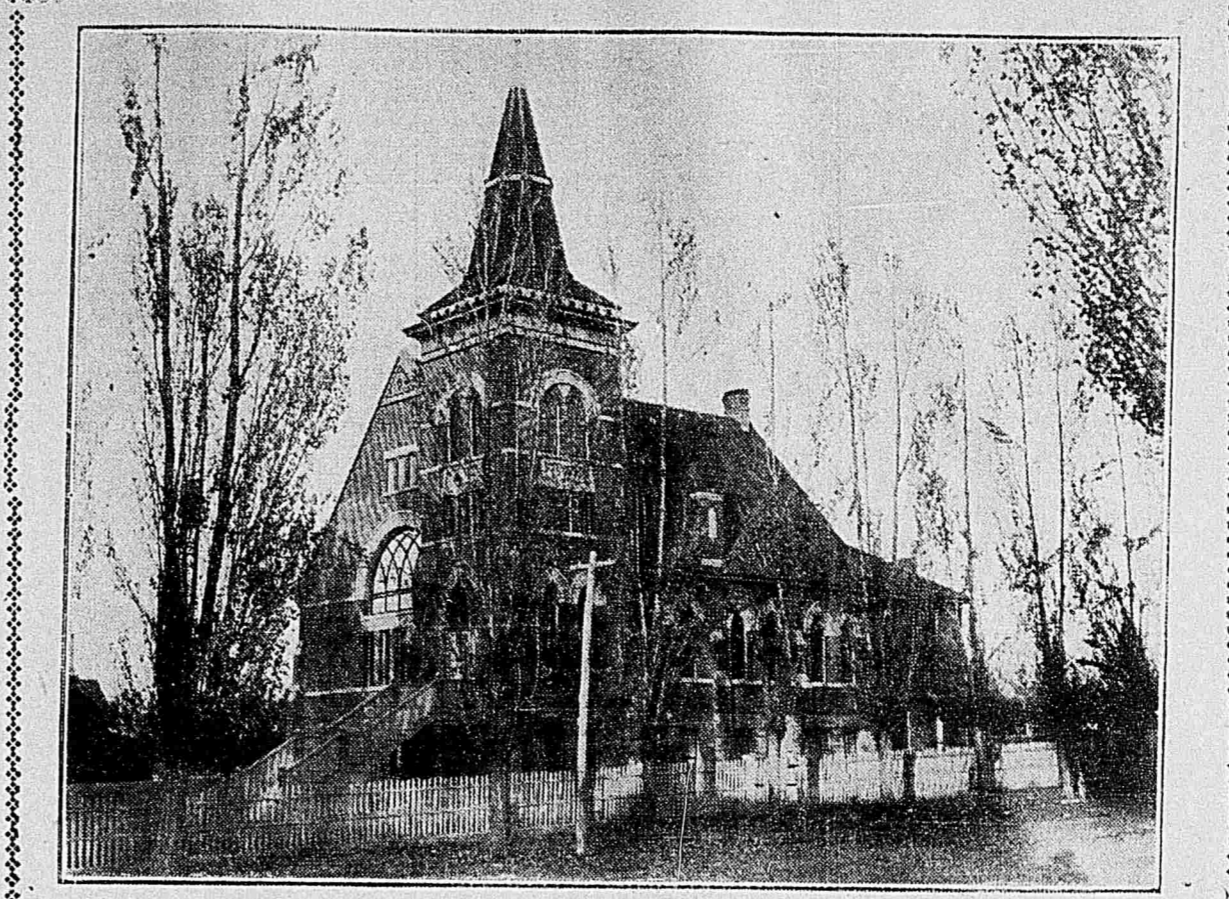
Elder Robert R. Church of Louisiana conference has been released to return home and Elder John P. Rasmussen of the same conference sent to succeed him as president.

Elder P. P. Olson of Missouri conference has been called to preside over the Independence conference in place of Elder James S. Crane who has been transferred to North Texas conference where he will preside.

Elder Charles E. Bronson has been called to preside over the St. John conference and Elder Joseph N. Christensen occupies a similar position in the East Kansas conference, while Elder Mark F. Hixson has been called to be president of the South Texas division of this mission.

Last week Elder Charles E. Bronson sold 12 Books of Mormon and 17 doctrinal books. We think this is the best record of this mission for Book of Mormon sales for one elder in one week in his regular missionary work.

Sister Anna Baker of St. John, Kansas, wife of the late George W. Baker, departed this life Tuesday, Dec. 15, as a result of an attack of pneumonia which lasted five days. Sister Baker was widely known and much beloved by all for her beautiful life which was filled with good works. Her home was ever open to the elders and her hands never tired in caring for their wants and she will ever be remembered as a true friend, a loving mother and a faithful saint. She leaves four sons and three daughters to battle with the realities of life without a parent's guiding hand, her husband having preceded her last March to the great beyond. They both had been to the temple and



MT. PLEASANT SOUTH WARD CHAPEL OPENS SUN AY.

The South ward meetinghouse of Mt. Pleasant will be opened for use Sunday, Dec. 27, the occasion being the holding of ward conference. The building was commenced in 1900, having been in construction during a period of eight

years, the policy being "paying as we go." In the building there is the basement which will be used for Sunday school purposes, one room used by Relief society and Y. L. M. I. A., and one other class room in connection with

auditorium having a seating capacity of 400 people. The lighting and heating are modern. The cost will be \$12,000, which has been obtained through subscription. The building was erected by a committee in charge. R. C. Watkins is the architect.

received their blessings in the house of the Lord. President S. O. Bennion, accompanied by Sisters Phoebe Anderson and May Green of the mission office, attended the funeral which was held in the St. John assembly hall, Dec. 15, at 3 p. m. and was very largely attended. Elder Bennion was the only speaker.

Elder McKay spoke to the children present and told interesting moral stories, which were very much appreciated. President Lyman followed, relating some instances of his early childhood and his acquaintance with prominent leaders of the Church. At the afternoon session the house was filled to the utmost. The general and local authorities of the Church were present and sustained. The saints also unanimously voted to divide the Pocatello ward, the dividing line being the railroad tracks. Henry E. Buhlert was sustained as bishop of the new ward, with William H. Ellis and Herbert J. Williams as his counselors. Samuel G. Garbett was sustained as prominent leader of the Church.

Three high counselors were honorably released, two on account of ill health, and one on account of removal from the stake. Elders Daniel S. Price, H. Howard Broomhead, and F. Martin Winters were sustained as high counselors to fill the places of those released, and Abraham O. Christensen and David C. Kunz were sustained as alternate high counselors in place of those promoted.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

The elders named below have reported at the Central States mission office, and returned from the field in all good health and spirits. All report a splendid work done in all the districts represented.

Nov. 1.—John W. Alteman of Springfield, Utah Co., from the Northern States mission; set apart Jan. 6, 1906. He is returning to the field as president of the time acted as mission secretary and bookkeeper.

ONEIDA STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of Oneida stake was held at Preston, Idaho, Dec. 5 and 6, with President George C. Parkinson presiding. The meetings Saturday were held in the auditorium of the academy, and on Sunday in the Stake house. There were present on the stand besides the stake presidency, Elders Heber J. Grant and George F. Richards. As a result of the muddy roads many people from outside towns were not present.

Nov. 20.—Otto A. Koford of Weston, Oneida Co., Ida., from the Central States mission; set apart Sept. 4, 1906.

Dec. 4.—Earl Whiteley of Pleasant Grove, Utah Co., from the Central States mission; set apart Oct. 19, 1906. He is returning to the field as president of the time acted as mission secretary and bookkeeper.

President Parkinson reported the stake in good condition, the stake presidency is united, the auxiliary organizations are doing good work, as well as the stake academy, and all officers of the stake are men and women of God and are interested in their work.

Dec. 10.—Robert L. Church of Baroka, Utah Co., from the Central States mission; set apart Nov. 7, 1906. Presided over Louisiana conference 13 months.

Dec. 11.—Geo. W. Bronson of Yost, Boxelder Co., from the Central States mission; set apart Oct. 9, 1906. Presided over Arkansas conference part of time.

Elder J. E. Booth lectured Saturday night on the "Mormon Insurrection," and Sunday night on the "Law of Marriage," and Sunday afternoon he preached on "The Gospel." The other young ladies being reported by high counselors, bishops of the several wards and a large number of the local priesthood and members were present.

Dec. 12.—David H. Jenkins of Brigham City, Boxelder Co., from the Eastern States mission; set apart Jan. 25, 1907.

Dec. 13.—Peter A. Peterson of Mink Creek, Oneida Co., Idaho, from the Scandinavian mission; set apart Oct. 16, 1906.

All the general and local authorities were sustained with a hearty vote and a feeling of unity and confidence prevailed.

Dec. 14.—Arlie A. Yates of Yost, Boxelder Co., from the Central States mission; set apart Oct. 8, 1906.

Dec. 15.—Roy D. Mellor of Fayette, Sanpete Co., from the British mission; set apart Oct. 19, 1906.

The music of the conference was under the direction of Henry Otto and the academy choir, soloists were rendered by May Borcham, Alabell Weaver, Mabel Neely and Prof. Otto.

Dec. 16.—John P. Rasmussen of the Southern States mission; set apart Nov. 27, 1906.

Dec. 17.—Charles H. Brewerton of the Twenty-first ward, Salt Lake City, from the British mission; set apart Oct. 16, 1906.

The conference closed with a Mutual Improvement meeting Sunday evening, at which a creditable program was rendered.

Dec. 18.—Nichols of Burton (Rexburg), Fremont Co., Idaho, from the Southern States mission; set apart Oct. 10, 1906.

Dec. 19.—Arlie A. Yates of Yost, Boxelder Co., from the Central States mission; set apart Oct. 8, 1906.

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POCATELLO CONFERENCE.

The Forty-second quarterly conference of the Pocatello stake was held Dec. 12 and 13. The meetings were presided over by President Francis M. Lyman and David O. McKay of the council of apostles, the stake presidency, members of the high council, bishops of the several wards of the stake, and an excellent representation of the priesthood in general and a good attendance of members.

After the first meeting, we were favored with the presence of Elder Hyrum M. Smith of the council of the twelve, Elder Rulon S. Wells of the first council of seventy, and Elder B. F. Grant of Salt Lake City.

CONFERENCE AT MORONI.

The thirty-third quarterly conference of the North Sanpete stake was held in the Moroni tabernacle, Dec. 11 and 12. President C. N. Lund presiding. The meetings were presided over by high counselors, bishops of the several wards and a large number of the local priesthood and members were present.

Saturday morning the meetings were devoted to the affairs of the priesthood, in two meetings held with the stake presidency, high council, bishops of wards, and presidents of quorums.

The musical numbers were appropriate and well rendered by the Moroni choir and were greatly enjoyed by the conference.

CONFERENCE AT KANAB.

The quarterly stake conference of the Kanab stake was held in Kanab, Dec. 5 and 6. There was an exceptionally large attendance throughout the conference. The different stake organizations were well represented, and all the bishops in the stake but one were present.

At 8 o'clock Saturday evening a Relief society conference was held, at which a good representation, an excellent spirit prevailed and an enjoyable time was had.

At 2 p. m., the first public session of the conference convened in the Pocatello ward chapel. President William A. Hyde reported the condition of the stake both spiritually and temporally. The people were in a prosperous condition and had been blessed with bounteous harvests this past season. The stake presidency and high council were united in their labors and were supported by the bishops and the people generally throughout the stake.

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COPENHAGEN LATTER-DAY SAINTS CHOIR.

Front row, reading from left to right, Valborg Weinreich, Ebba Fredericksen, Betty Magnussen, Amalie Fredericksen, Esther Hendericksen, Mathilda Zobel, Hedvig Jespersen, Johanna Nielsen, Johanna Nielsen, Ruth Lindgreen, Anna Schafer. Third row, reading from left to right, Soren Rasmussen, O. J. Anderson, N. P. Nielsen, Jr., H. C. Hansen. Fourth row, Carl Dannberg, Marie K. Jorgensen, J. L. Monk, Ellen Mord, Agatha Jacobsen, Olga Nielsen. Fifth row, Hjalmar Nilsen, Robert Andersen, Enoch Hendericksen, Carl Berg, Cleam Poulsen, Joseph W. Olsen, Emille Nielsen, J. G. Hansen, Sver Andersen, Charlotte Johansen, Theodore Imsen, Doris Landvigg.

from the Liverpool office 14 copies of the Book of Mormon. He inserted an advertisement in four issues of the Pioneer, of Alhambra, and afterwards in six issues of the Statesman, of Calcutta. The result, we are glad to say, is that he received orders for the book from the people in distant parts of the country. With each copy Elder Lillie sent one of Elder Teasdale's tracts, "The Restoration of the Gospel," and also a letter telling the purchaser he would be pleased to furnish him with more information respecting the saints and their doctrines if he desired such. Almost all the books have been sold, and Elder Lillie has sent in an order for several more copies. We recommend and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Elder Lillie's tract would do for me. F. J. Hill Drug Co., "The Never Substitutors."

MRS. McRANEY'S EXPERIENCE. Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians, but failed to get relief. No human doctor could now I suffered and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new woman and I feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me. F. J. Hill Drug Co., "The Never Substitutors."

L. D. S. CHURCH ACADEMY IN MEXICO

Colonla Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 5.—The growth and development of the Mormon colonies in Mexico, there is no condition or characteristic of people, climate or physiography so prominent as a factor as the educational interests of the colonists. The purchase of the home of President A. W. Ivins for the stake academy has already proven to be a most profitable investment. The building is excellently adapted for the domestic science and arts departments for which it is now being used. The practical training which the young ladies of the academy are getting in this "school kitchen" is a most toward household economy and better health. The Domestic arts department has been enlarged to accommodate a number of the ladies of the town. The purchase is ideal for experimental work in agriculture, and experiments with various farm crops are being made by the students. The raising of chickens and fruit are now growing upon the place and the students in horticulture this year have been given some practical experience in the picking and packing of fruit. The fruit production on the property this year has been excellent both in amount and quality. A number of 8-year-old apple trees yielded an average of 55 pounds of shipping apples. The fruit is very attractive and a few culls. On some of these trees not a single worm eaten or blighted apple was found.

In addition to the fruit crop several tons of lucern hay was produced and the returns from garden crops raised were very satisfactory. An important variety test in potato crops was made showing the ability to be the best yielder of the following varieties: The Greely, acme, red Willard, early Ohio and mammoth pear.

The weather recording apparatus which was purchased last year has been set upon the Ivins property and close tab is being kept on meteorological conditions.

Another most valuable addition has been made to the school this year in the establishment of a kindergarten department. More than 20 young ladies are taking advantage of its training under the direction of Miss Ellis Day of Fairview, Utah. Miss Day is a kindergarten of experience and ability as her work here is proving.

This year has added another decided improvement in the introduction of manual training in the training school of the academy. The enthusiasm and interest of the young folk in this department is very gratifying.

Some idea of the size and scope of the school may be had from the following list of courses which it offers: Two four-year courses, normal and high school. The three-year course, commercial, agricultural and musical. Four two-year courses, domestic science, domestic arts, missionary, carpentry.

Notwithstanding the late financial depression the enrollment of the academy has been larger than ever before. There are about 180 students enrolled in the high school, and the three-year course continued in the 12 weeks just passed than in any other equal length of time in the history of the school. The class working for graduation this year numbers 18.

The music department is stronger than ever before both in number and interest. It has a choir organization of 55 members, two orchestras with 16 instruments in each, a string orchestra of 35 members and a mandolin and guitar club of 12 members.

The attention which the school is attracting among the native Mexican is increasing year by year. A government school commissioner was sent to Colima, Juarez this fall to take plans of the academy buildings and study the methods of teaching.

The danger of the colonists becoming exclusive and antiquated in their ideas and methods of education, because of the primitive customs and prevalent ignorance of the natives surrounding them, is fully recognized and to a great extent provided against. The teachers throughout the stake are encouraged to visit prominent schools of the United States and attend educational conventions during their summer vacations as often as they can. It has been a regular feature of Principal C. C. Wilson's work to spend his vacations in this manner.

A two or three weeks' session of educational convention of summer school is held each year which all the teachers of the stake are required to attend. At the session held last summer from Aug. 19 to Aug. 21, which was a most successful one, Prof. Henry P. Peterson of the L. D. S. University, Salt Lake City, was in attendance.

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THE BOOK OF MORMON IN INDIA. A few months ago Elder Henry Lillie, of Charlkata, Karachi, obtained