



EASTERN STATES MISSION HISTORY

Brooklyn Conference—A number of the elders came into the city for the purpose of viewing the school and parades of the Brooklyn Union congregation. A number of students from the west have identified themselves with the New York branch. Elder Levi E. Young, who was recently selected as one of the first seven presidents of seventies, addressed the Sacrament meeting in New York, on Oct. 19. Elders John T. Taylor and Clarence Burgess attended the Sunday school of the Congregational church at Tallman, N. Y., and before the close of the school they were given the privilege of speaking to the pupils, thereby making an impression for good.

Elder George F. Ryan has been transferred to the North West Virginia conference.

East Pennsylvania Conference—Dr. Hughes and Shepard, students in Philadelphia, were the speakers at the Sunday services Sept. 26, 27, 28, on Oct. 2, a profitable priesthood meeting was held at Columbia, Pa., all the elders who are laboring in the country were in attendance and were given instructions and encouragement by Elder William R. Dredge, conference president.

The baptisms were reported by Elders William Whitehead and Daryl Fowler, at Baltimore on Oct. 2. President Dredge and companion visited the Presbyterian church at Columbia, and at the close of the service the minister greeted the elders very kindly. They were all well received at Lake during the past summer, and had nothing but good to say of the Mormons. He further stated that he thought his church had spent too much money and time sending missionaries to Utah when they had much better use for them in places where they were needed.

Elders John F. Moody and Ezra Phelps, who are laboring in Eastern conference, report success in their labors and state that wherever they have sold a Book of Mormon the people have spoken well of its contents and the following will show: "I find truths in the Book of Mormon that I cannot find in the Bible." —"he Bickle, "If I could not get another I would not take many times the price paid for it." —Danial Steele, "It was to follow any book for my salvation; it would be the Book of Mormon." —James Bell.

Maine Conference—Elders Almon J. Miller and William Evans placed 15 small books and two copies of the Book of Mormon in the homes at Lake George, a small village, where state that they had passed in every home in the village. The above mentioned elders were walking from Lake George to Vanceboro using the railroad track for a highway, when out a mile or so a train overtook them; the conductor signaled the engineer to stop the train, and after stopping invited the elders to enter his car. They also held successful meetings in Weston and Hallowell, at the latter place they were acceded the use of a church.

President Sted and Elder A. G. Jewkes, Jr., have returned to Portland after a three months' tour through the conference, in which they traveled over 1,000 miles; they also visited in New Brunswick, Canada, etc. Sister Brothe Sted says that the prospects for the Lord's work are very promising.

While tracting in the town of Kingman, Elders Archie R. Southwick and George A. Hogan, met a Methodist minister, who had recently been traveling in the west, and while in California had heard two elders speak on the gospel and also visited the tabernacle in Salt Lake, where he stated he heard a very impressive sermon.

He purchased a Book of Mormon from the elders and took them to dinner at the leading hotel.

Elders Henry M. Beckstead and Ernest Kohler recently held a very successful meeting in a large church in New Brunswick.

New England Conference—On September 26 Joseph W. Summers, of the general Sunday school board was a Boston visitor. He spoke at the Sabbath meeting and also at the mid-week meeting in Lynn. Elders Owen Marley and Dean D. McLean visited one of the churches in Newton, after the services they introduced themselves to the minister, who treated them with much consideration, they sat down with a number of others and in a friendly way discussed Mormonism.

The gentleman stated that he had heard the elders on the street and that if ever anyone was possessed of the spirit of God the Mormon elder was further stated that in Mormonism he recognized many truths which would be of benefit to his own congregation.

The elders distributed a number of tracts and pamphlets, which were given a hearty invitation to return.

At the close of a street meeting held in Boston in the early summer, a young man approached the elders wanting to purchase some books, the elders having been forbidden the privilege of selling books at street meetings, delivered the books to his home the following day.

The young man, the parents of whom were recently married, came to know that Mormonism is in the world to bless and uplift mankind, they become more friendly and desire to aid the work rather than hinder its progress.

South West Virginia Conference—On September 26 Joseph W. Summers of the general Sunday school board was a Boston visitor. He spoke at the Sabbath meeting and also at the mid-week meeting. Recently a minister stated that he would hold a meeting and denounce the Mormons, proving the doctrines as false. A large congregation was in attendance at the meeting, which was held at 11 a.m. The gentleman made a speech, which the elders recently remarked, after he had given space to a short sermon. "Two years ago we would not have published that sermon for any amount of money," the minister said, "but now people come to know that Mormonism is in the world to bless and uplift mankind, they become more friendly and desire to aid the work rather than hinder its progress."

New Hampshire Conference—A series of seven open air meetings has recently been held in Lebanon by President John C. Alfred. Good attendance was marked throughout, and an impression for good made among the people. President Alfred was assisted in one of his meetings by Sister Alice Sawyer, a local member of the Church.

Successful street meetings continue to be held in Nashua and Manchester.

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