



EASTERN STATES MISSION.

Progress of the Work in Pennsylvania Conference.

Elder Clarence Snow reports as follows from Allegheny City, Pa., April 23:

The semi-annual conference of the West Pennsylvania mission was held last Sunday, April 19, in Allegheny, Pa. As a part of the conference program we gave a social on Friday evening last at the conference headquarters, 1305, Allegheny avenue, Allegheny. Some 50 church members and other friends gathered there, and spent a very pleasant evening listening to songs, recitations and music. Not the least pleasant feature of the evening was a luncheon provided mainly by the Saints.

The regular conference convenes at 10:45 Sunday morning in the G. A. R. hall on West Diamond street, Elder G. M. Richards presiding. Elder J. G. McQuarrie and Elder R. L. Jones, of the mission presidency, were in attendance. We had expected to have Apostle Woodruff with us, but the death of President Young had prevented his coming to us, very much to our disappointment.

After the usual opening exercises and the administration of the Sacrament, the meeting was turned over to

KIND TO THE ELDERS.

People in Colorado Said to Desire to Entertain the Missionaries.

In a letter, dated West Cliff, Colo., April 30, the writers, Elders A. E. Jensen and J. K. Keddington, express their appreciation of the Deseret News, and then continue:

The work in this part of the Lord's vineyard is progressing nicely. There have been no baptisms as yet, but there are many friends who are willing to aid us in many ways, and some of them are sincere investigators, and a few have expressed themselves as believing that we are right.

The people in the Mt. Mountain valley are, as a rule, kind and hospitable to the Elders, and many of them are anxious to have us call and stop with them.

We are able to hold a great many meetings, which are very well attended. The people are listening attentively and are very much interested in what is said.

The only ones that are not willing to listen to the Elders, and who prefer to fear and tremble at the "Mormon" doctrine, are ministers and the very religious people. Why should they fear, if they have the truth?

At a place called Willows we have

For Iceland, Lofter Blomson, Spanish Fork, Elder Woolfenden will visit relatives and search for genealogical data.

Appointments—The Elders who arrived on the 11th inst. were appointed to labor as follows: William Preston, Grimsby; William E. Maxwell, London; Luke H. Crawshaw, Manchester conference.

Releases—Elder Orson B. Calder is honorably released from his labors in the Manchester conference on account of sickness. He sailed with the company that left April 9. Elder Edwin P. Toot of the London conference is honorably released to return home by steamship New England, sailing April 20, 1903.

First Missionary Farewell.

Elder Thomas W. Roe writes from Stone, Onondaga Co., N. Y., May 4:

Some time ago one of our young men, Edward Quinn, received a call to go to New Zealand on a mission, and last Wednesday a farewell dinner was given in his honor by Mr. and Mrs. George Wade, relatives of the young man. Quite a number of the friends and relatives partook of the repast, and gave words of encouragement to the young man.

On Thursday evening a social was given. A large crowd assembled and a purse of \$71 was raised and presented to him. Those who are conversant with conditions obtaining in this locality will realize that the people "did themselves proud" in assisting this their first missionary to go forth and perform the duty assigned him.

Our ward was only organized Aug. 10, 1902. The health of the people is good.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

That is the Report from the Nottingham Conference, England.

Elder James L. Dunford, in a letter dated Nottingham, England, April 15, says:

According to the opinion of our oldest members resident here, it has been a long time since prospects were brighter for our cause than they are at the present time in the Nottingham conference. Six months ago so much difficulty was experienced in securing a suitable place in which to hold our conference. Our application was rejected in several instances. This spring it was not so. We obtained a choice hall, the manager volunteering the statement that the feeling towards us is very much modified. He gave us a hearty shake and wished us success.

On the 5th inst. we held our semi-annual conference in Mechanics Hall, on Barton street. President Francis M. Lyman and 14 traveling Elders were in attendance. We held three services during the day, all well attended. At our evening meeting we had an exceptionally attentive and appreciative audience of about 200 people; 160 investigators and friends were present. All seemed to enjoy the good spirit and the attention was perfect. The Elders acquitted themselves with honor in their talks and under the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, President Lyman delivered many Gospel truths.

The work done by our choir under the direction of Elder Alvey is worthy of especial mention.

On Friday evening preceding our conference we held seven open-air announcement meetings, and although the weather was not ideal a goodly number of people came to our meetings and heard our testimony.

The following evening Elders, Saints and friends met in Cobden hall and enjoyed a social entertainment. Some excellent talent was manifest in song, music and elocution.

On the 11th inst. the Elders met at the conference office and, in keeping with instructions from President Lyman, were assigned fields of labor in the country districts, thus leaving only Wm. Alvey, Shirley M. Woolley (conference clerk), and myself in Nottingham.

We have in our conference a noble set of men and we hope to accomplish much good to posterity from our labors during the coming season. Besides those already mentioned the following Elders are laboring here: Frank B. Hall, John J. Dade, Jos. L. Sanders, Jas. C. Smith, Jos. V. Verrell, Verrell, Jos. Thos. L. Cox, Roland J. Freeman, Jos. S. Barlow and Albert L. Hohman. Any one desiring favors of either can find them through this office.

The "News" and Era are valued adjuncts to our source of information and aid us materially in our labor of love. We are grateful for them.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Thos. Jenkins of Plain City, Weber Co., who was set apart June 11, 1901, returned March 20 from the Colorado mission, where he has been laboring in the Nebraska conference with fair success. He was released earlier than usual on account of the serious illness of his father, who, though still very sick, is improving.

Elder Don C. Walker, of Lewistown, Fremont Co., Idaho, passed through this city May 6, on his way home from the Northwestern States mission, to which he was set apart July 17, 1901. He labored in the Northern Illinois and Iowa conferences, presiding over the latter. He reports the work making excellent progress. There are 18 Elders from Zion now laboring in Iowa, with a Church membership of about 200, with very flattering prospects. The Elders are well treated everywhere. The city of Davenport is now the headquarters of the conference. A year ago there were no members there, but they have a live branch and Sunday school in the town. Elder Brigham L. Tippitts succeeds Elder Walker in the presidency of the conference, and resides at Grandview Flat No. 6, Westgate St., Davenport, Iowa.

Elder Thomas F. Birch of Oakley, Cassia Co., Idaho, who was set apart April 24, 1901, for missionary labors in the Northern States returned May 6, having enjoyed a successful mission in the Iowa conference, where he was well treated and enjoyed his labors.

Elder W. M. Leonard, of the Third ward of this city, who was set apart Oct. 5, 1900, for the German mission, returned May 1. The Stuttgart and Hamburg conferences were his fields of labor, where there are good branches. Elder Leonard had a rather hard experience in Prussia, where he was imprisoned for 21 days for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, he enjoyed his labors and had a good time on his mission. On returning home he had a very rough sea passage on the Mayflower. During a gale a little English boy was washed overboard.

Elder Benjamin A. Johnson, of Provo, Utah, passed through this city May 8 on his return from the Society Island mission, to which he was set apart Oct. 28, 1899. He labored in the Cook Islands, but met with little success, due largely to the indifference to religion of the natives. Two Elders remain in that group, and will continue to preach and make efforts to reach the people.

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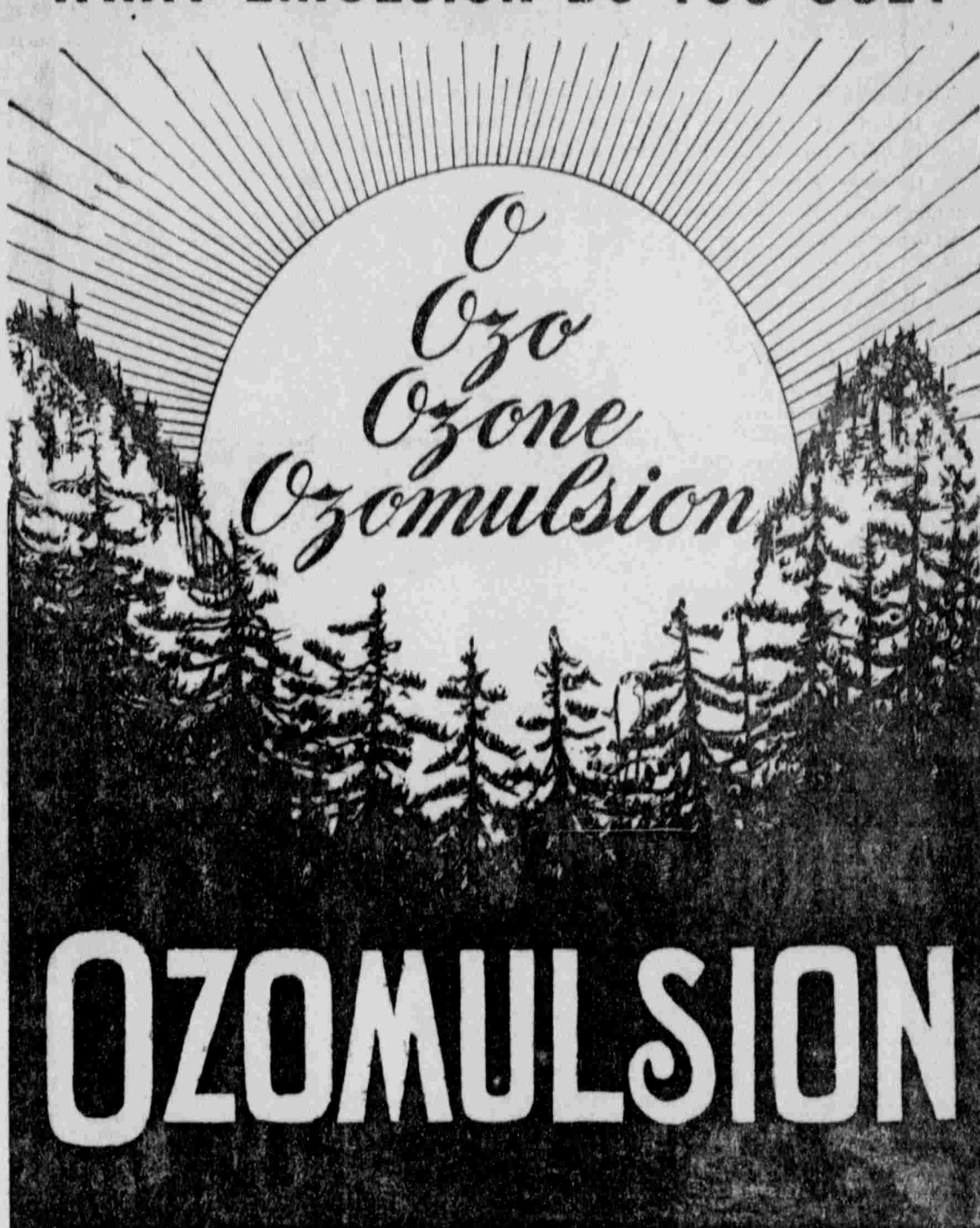
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AN INTERESTING CITY.

Dedicating a New Hall—Report of Work in Denmark.

Elder Oluf Petersen writes from Aalborg, Denmark, April 17:

The city of Aalborg has a population of about 33,000 and is one of the oldest towns in Denmark. We were in a little house the other day that was erected 1576. It is near the old Jew church, just across the narrow street from which is located the former home of President Anthon H. Lund. Other buildings were pointed out to us dating back to 1555. It is interesting to walk through the older portion of the city with its narrow streets. A few of them are so narrow that a load of hay can not pass through. One of them can not properly be called a street. On passing through it I could touch the houses on both sides with my walking cane at the same time, one of our Elders made the remark, when first he saw this, that it looked 5,000 years behind the times.

In the newer portion of the city it is quite a contrast. Here we can see as fine buildings, broad paved streets and fine sidewalks as we can find anywhere. However, there are no "sky-scrapers" here. From four to six stories is the average height.

Aalborg has the finest union railroad station in Denmark, erected during the last few years and finished in the fall of 1902, at an immense cost, over 60 trains pass through here every 24 hours. Aalborg is quite a manufacturing town, has an excellent harbor and ships of all kinds come in here through "Limfjorden."

Just outside of the city is a large glass factory but "no admittance" was the word a few days ago when a number of the Elders went there. A little beyond that the water referred to Portland, Me., where we were informed the promoters of this great enterprise have their headquarters. Though the courtesy of the manager, the Elders were shown all through the establishment. About 600 men are employed. The company has erected houses and cottages around the factories where many of the employees live. A number of sailing vessels were loading and while we were among these busy bees, a large steamer came for a load of this widely known Portland cement, looked for England.

Our semi-annual conference was held in our new temple, May 1 and 2, 1903. The day before conference Mission President Anthon L. Skanckhy accompanied by President C. D. Fieldsted and the Elders laboring in this part of the country, went down to Frederikshavn to dedicate the new hall there. Two meetings were held there on that day. President C. D. Fieldsted offered up the dedicatory prayer. This building has been erected by a local Elder by the name of Niels Sophus Petersen, a man who is a wholesome Latter-day Saint and one who is a credit to the work of God in this part of the vineyard.

Our conference was well attended by Saints and strangers, a good spirit prevailed. We all enjoyed and appreciated the good counsel and instructions given us by President Anthon L. Skanckhy and C. D. Fieldsted as well as other visiting brethren. Our choir, under the direction of Elder Winifred A. Fieldsted, is also a drawing card. A number of good singers are non-members of the Church, two of them have been baptized lately and others are investigating.

At present there are but 13 Elders laboring in this conference. "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." The report made by these Elders since last conference, a little over four months, shows: 6311 tracts distributed to strangers, 733 books given away, 53 loaned and 312 after first invitation; and 312 re-investitures; 1590 Gospel conversations, 290 meetings held, 6 persons baptized, 6 confirmed and 8 ordained, 9 children blessed and 22 persons excommunicated.

We have a good Sunday school here in Aalborg. The parents of many of the children are non-"Mormons." During the conference the Sunday schools from Frederikshavn, Brønderslev and Thisted were also represented.

Our headquarters in Aalborg has been changed from Urbargsgade 24, where it has been for over 40 years, to "Nørregade No. 13. Here we have a fine hall so we are not ashamed to invite any one to our meetings.



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