



SOUTHERN STATES MISSION.

The following interesting items relating to affairs in the Southern States mission are taken from the "Elders' Journal," published at the mission headquarters in Chattanooga, Georgia:

A remarkable healing is reported by Elder F. J. Sorenson, of East Tennessee. Sister J. R. Colson of Dunlap had suffered for 20 years from the effects of fever in her feet, the result of having them frozen. Her husband had procured all possible aid, but without relief. Last September Sister Colson was baptized into the Church and was promised by the Elders that she should be healed. And as a result of her faith and the power of God through the Priesthood she has been made perfectly well.

The Elders and many of the Saints of Cincinnati were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips of 247 McKen Avenue on the evening of March 20. The occasion was in honor of Elder Joseph Beck, who has labored there so faithfully during the past 23 months, and who was released to return home. The evening was one of great pleasure and festivity and was evidence of the good spirit that prevails among the Saints in Cincinnati, and of their appreciation of the good work of one of the servants of the Lord.

Elders Chadwick and Amor, of South Carolina, were entertained by a minister a short time ago. He purchased some books from them under the pretense of investigating their testimony, but in the morning he ordered the Elders away, saying that he had bought the literature for the purpose of exposing "Mormonism." We wish all ministers would adopt this method of "exposing" us, for it is the proper course and is such a change from the old-fashioned method of quoting liberal reports and defaming our people. But will this man confine his "exposition" to the truth? We hope so.

Elder H. J. Stephens, who is laboring in Ohio, had a very interesting experience recently in the city of Dayton. He encountered a minister in the street who was dealing "Mormonism" a death blow, and upon learning the presence of the Elder engaged him in conversation, which resulted in the gathering of a very large concourse of listeners, who insisted upon hearing him speak. This invitation was a most welcome one and afforded Elder Stephens an excellent opportunity to defend the truth. He made many friends among the crowd, and left his hearers with a strong testimony of the divinity of the great latter day work.

During the last two weeks of March there were 27 baptisms performed in the mission and two Sunday schools organized.

RELEASES.

The following Elders have been honorably released to return home: James H. Jenkins, North Carolina; P. A. Peck, Florida; William A. Millett, on account of sickness; Ezra F. Hatch, Mississippi; George B. Ward, Alabama; Henry Stocks, office; William Harris, Mississippi; George L. Minner, Virginia, on account of sickness; Alfred Carter, South Carolina, on account of sickness at home; J. A. Brunt, Georgia.

TRANSFERS.

T. J. Chadwick from South Carolina to Atlanta; E. D. Buchanan, from Kentucky to St. Louis; President Joseph E. Robinson in the Mississippi conference; J. A. Meacham, appointed to succeed Alfred Carter in the presidency of the South Carolina conference; H. R. Harrison, from Atlanta to office.

CONFERENCE IN CALIFORNIA.

The Northern California conference was held in the Red Men's hall, 220 Golden Gate avenue, San Francisco, Sunday, April 16, 1905. President Joseph E. Robinson presiding. Three meetings were held, at 10 a. m., 2 and 7:30 p. m. President Robinson made the opening address and announced that President Robinson of the Southern States mission was unable to attend on account of illness. President Robinson reported his visit to the general conference recently held at Salt Lake, which he said was the best he had attended. He reported the California mission in good condition, and the Saints alive to their duties as shown by the tithes and offerings received. He gave a detailed report of the tithes received and how dispersed of the remainder of the morning session and the afternoon and evening sessions were occupied by the reading of addresses by the missionaries from Zion who are laboring in this conference. Strong testimonies were borne of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith and of the truth of the latter-day work. President R. E. Hanks, of the San Francisco conference, presided at the evening meeting and Elder Robinson presented the general and local authorities of the Church who were freely upheld and sustained without a dissenting vote.

The attendance in the morning was 116, afternoon, 125, and in the evening 200. A good spirit and feeling prevailed at all the meetings. Besides a large number of Utah visitors, the following Elders and one lady missionary were present: President Joseph E. Robinson of the California mission; President R. E. Hanks of the San Francisco conference; Elders W. W. Clark, Farmington; E. M. Corry, Cedar City; J. E. Garrett, Coalingville; E. A. White, Beaver; W. D. Phillips, Salt Lake; James Larson, Moroni; Francis L. Gardner, Elmore; J. Jones, Ogden; Harry A. Gull, Mendocino; Joseph Green, Wellsville; Andrew G. Benson, Grantsville; Ernest H. Clark, Springville; Lee R. Taylor, Salt Lake; H. H. Hanson, Grubb; John B. Sherrard, Paria; Ida, Richard F. Swallow, Shoshone, Nev.; Eugene D. Robinson, Alberta, Canada; Arthur T. McCarthy and Sister Laura McCarthy, American Fork.

Elder William D. Phillips has a fine tenor voice, his solo, "The Ransom of the King," was a special feature of the service and the choir under his direction deserves honorable mention. Monday evening, April 17, a dance was given in the Red Men's hall, 220 Golden Gate avenue. Tuesday, the 18th, a social under the auspices of the Y. M. and Y. L. M. J. A. at mission headquarters, 609 Franklin street, and on Wednesday, the 19th, an outing and picnic was had at Golden Gate park.

The Saints of this district were very sorry to lose Elder N. B. Wright, who was honorably released on account of sickness. ROBERT L. ANDERSON.

CONFERENCE IN IOWA.

Lake, Hawaii, April 11.—To those who may be inclined to think that only among American or European peoples and to be found the most advantages for proselyting and the most desirable associations, it would have been of interest to have seen our chapel at Lake well filled with neatly dressed, intelligent Hawaiians, who had gathered on

with the beauty and simplicity of the ordinance.

Monday evening, the 27th, in Central hall, the Saints and Elders again assembled under the auspices of the Y. L. M. J. A., to partake of delightful refreshments and sing the songs of Zion. A fine time was had and too much praise cannot be given our devoted Saints for making the party such a complete success.

The Spirit shown throughout the entire conference by both Saints and Elders was inspiring and all feel encouraged at the prospect ahead of us. Minnesota has been a very difficult mission, and the people were very indifferent; but the way has opened up wonderfully in the last few months, and it is gratifying to see the splendid results that have come from the untiring efforts of the servants of the Lord.

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THE NEW PRESIDENCY OF THE YOUNG LADIES' MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.



Mrs. Ruth M. Fox.

Mrs. Martha H. Tinney.

Mrs. Mae Taylor Nystrom.

The general board of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations held a meeting Wednesday afternoon, at which time a letter was read from Mrs. Maria Y. Douglass, now in California, expressing regret that the condition of her health would not permit her to continue longer with the organization. The matter having been previously considered by the First Presidency, the resignation of Mrs. Douglass as first counselor was accepted, and the vacancy thus occasioned filled by the appointment of Mrs. Ruth M. Fox as first counselor, and that of Mrs. Mae Taylor Nystrom as second counselor.

ferent conferences. The Sunday school, Mutual Improvement association and the Primary association of Laie, the latter joined by the association of Honolulu, took the time of several meetings in the rendition of exercises both pleasing and instructive. One session was occupied in instructing the Priesthood in their duties, and one session was devoted to the interests of the Red Societies. A continuous outpouring of the Spirit of God was evidenced in all the meetings. The advice and instructions given by President Woolley were gratefully received by the people, who seemed to hunger after the word of God. Some 240 persons have been added to the fold during the past year. It is being conceded by many of the prominent residents of these islands that the "Mormons" are succeeding admirably, and are doing more for the native people than any other denomination. This because we know that we have the truth, and we go among them in the good old fashioned way—without purse or scrip.

Following are the appointments for the ensuing year: Samuel Woolley, president of the Hawaiian mission and manager of the Laie plantation; O. H. Bybee, Abraham Fernandez and John Smith, Honolulu conference; Lorenzo Taylor, Kanihina conference; W. Burr, West Maui; E. A. Louie and Walter N. Farr, East Maui; Ira S. Hatch, Hilo; A. J. Bell and J. F. Bell, Hilo; North Hawaii; W. J. Sells and E. J. Nott, South Hawaii; D. J. Dible, P. B. Cox, Oahu conference; Elders Albert J. Davis and C. C. Smith to labor as special missionaries. To labor on the plantation in the temporal part of the mission: S. J. Dible, time keeper; P. B. Cox, storekeeper; Joseph Christensen, bookkeeper; O. C. Jones, school teacher; Sarah Hatch, dress maker; William D. Phillips, teacher; Sarah Lunt, sept of domestic affairs; Hannah Davis, Neillie Cowan, Sarah Hatch, Mable Burt, Retta Grant, and Emma Chambers, clerk of mission.

Elder Edwin C. Dible and Janie C. Dible with their two children, were released to return home.

CONFERENCE IN MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., March 30.—The semi-annual conference of the Latter-day Saints of Minnesota was held at Minneapolis, March 25, and St. Paul, March 26, 1905. Elder Herman E. Ellsworth, president of the Northern States mission, and 20 traveling Elders were present. One testimony, two Priesthood and three public meetings were held. At the testimony meeting both Saints and Elders bore exceptionally strong testimonies. The public meetings were well attended, in fact the attendance was far larger than at any previous conference held in this state, and all present were greatly interested in the conference and concluding way in which the first principles of "Mormonism" were set forth by President Ellsworth, Elder C. S. Green and others. Excellent music was furnished by the choir and Elders' quartet.

This conference has been the means of adding several numbers of earnest seekers after truth. During the week Priesthood meetings were held and valuable counsel was given by President Ellsworth and C. S. Green. The reports for the winter months were very encouraging, and through the untiring efforts of the Elders several have applied for baptism. One pleasing feature of the conference was that one of our friends applied for immediate baptism and being found worthy of such was baptized Tuesday, March 28, 1905, a large crowd of Saints and friends were present, and they were much impressed

with the beauty and simplicity of the ordinance.

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Miss Ann M. Cannon was retained as general secretary.

Mrs. Douglass, whose retirement is much regretted by President Martha H. Tinney and all the members of the board, has been an active worker in the Young Ladies' organization, as first counselor, for a period of 20 years. During that time she has striven unceasingly for the advancement of the Mutual Improvement cause and in her travels has endeavored herself to the members of the associations.

President Martha H. Tinney, who succeeds to the place formerly held by the late lamented Mrs. Elmina S. Taylor, was appointed second counselor to Mrs. Taylor 25 years ago, and is the only member of the original board now living. Since her appointment she has

been a faithful and devoted worker, has traveled considerably and is greatly beloved by the young women generally throughout the Church. Her first counselor, Mrs. Ruth M. Fox, needs no introduction to those among whom she is called to labor in this capacity. For ten years she has been a member of the general board and is thoroughly conversant with the work and knows most of those engaged in it. The same may be said of Mrs. Mae Taylor Nystrom, who is a daughter of the late President Elmina S. Taylor, and who for a number of years has been prominently connected with the Mutual Improvement work, having been corresponding secretary for some time. All are thoroughly good women and will have the confidence and support of their many associates.

Nelson and H. A. Vonk at Duluth, J. R. Iyle and Henry Shandrew at Stillwater, Chas. E. Manning and Geo. K. Riding at Winona, Elijah Jensen and G. H. Smith, Jr. at St. James, Jas. Sanders and Jno. Christensen at St. Cloud, and Saux Rapids, Jos. Arave and C. O. Watkins at Midway, A. N. Nelson and W. Robert at Minneapolis, C. S. Green, Wm. Smith, Lydia Soffner and Jennie Romney at St. Paul.

WM. SMITH, Clerk of Conference.

Missionary Work in an Old Field.

Clear Lake, Texas, April 10.—But very little of the state of Texas has been recaptured by the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but Elders Harvey H. Sessions and Hyrum T. Clark are doing missionary work in Collin county, North Texas conference, which, five years ago, was worked by Elder Wm. H. Heaton and Francis A. Wadsworth. Their work has not been forgotten by the people, and many of their friends were glad to see and extend a welcome invitation to their homes whenever the opportunity presented itself.

A conference was held here at Clear Lake, when Wm. T. Jack was president of the Central States mission. Since that time there has been no Elders in this part, but the Elders and the spirit they carry with them have never been forgotten.

We have just held six meetings with the people here and all were well attended. Several copies of the Book of Mormon are being read and the people are investigating the Gospel.

Many of the missionaries do not realize the good they do, "bread cast upon the waters will return after many days."

The work of the Lord is progressing rapidly and the anti-"Mormon" agitation has been productive of gratifying results.

The "News" and Era are welcomed visitors from Zion.

HARVEY H. SESSIONS, HYRUM T. CLARK.

CONFERENCE IN COPENHAGEN

Testimonial to Veteran Presidents—Miss Judith Anderson Sings.

Copenhagen, Denmark, April 10.—The Copenhagen conference was held on April 2 and 3, and it was in every respect an enjoyable and successful gathering. Our old, venerable, mission president C. D. Fjeldsted with the general conference president, H. J. Christensen, and about 30 Elders, together with a great number of Saints and friends, participated in the meeting. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed throughout the proceedings.

The conference convened on Saturday at 8 o'clock, and the branch presidents then gave their reports. The number of actual addressees to the Church had not been large, but the sentiment among the people is getting more and more favorable towards us.

The leading meetings of Sunday were held at 2 and 8 o'clock in the afternoon, when the authorities of the Church were sustained, and the principles of the Gospel elaborately presented by a number of the Elders. The choir, under the direction of Elder Thor C. Nielsen from Montclair, Idaho, rendered excellent music during the services. A grand feature of the conference was the participation therein of one of Zion's rising bright stars on the musical horizon, Miss Judith Anderson of Salt Lake. Copenhagen is her mother's native town, and they have together come up from Berlin to visit here for a short time. Upon request of Pres. Christensen she consented to sing some of the songs of Zion in the

measured their appreciation of the rare talent she offered them. That strong, full and rich voice of hers sounded splendidly, indeed, in our large, new meeting hall, and made a great impression upon all who heard it, and the singer received many congratulations.

Monday night Y. M. and Y. L. M. J. A. conference was held and an excellent program rendered. Tuesday night a very profitable branch meeting was held.

Wednesday all the Elders were invited by President Christensen to dinner at the office. And as this was the last conference likely to be attended by the honorable leaders and pioneers in the Scandinavian mission, President Fjeldsted and Christensen—this being respectively their sixth and fourth missions—the Elders had a small surprise prepared for them. During the dinner they were each presented with a souvenir consisting of an album, with the photographs of all the Elders on the fly-leaf. The Elders all spoke a few words of testimony and congratulation, whereupon the presidents thanked and expressed their gratitude for the attention shown them.

That same night the Relief society held a bazaar, for the benefit of the poor and needy, and the net sum realized was a little over 100 crowns, which the sisters pronounced a splendid result.

Thursday night the young folks had rented a temperance hall out in the city and arranged for an entertainment to which all Elders, Saints and friends, who felt like participating in a recreation of that kind, were invited. It was an evening spent like we occasionally do at home. The best of feelings prevailed, the enjoyment was

are Roman Catholics, therefore it was quite hard to do work among them generally, but the foundation for a good strong branch has been laid in that quaint old city. The work is progressing well throughout the island, for Belfast branch is also in a good condition.

Elder Robert G. Blackhurst of Pleasant Grove, Utah county, arrived in this city April 21, 1905, on his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart May 5, 1903. The New York conference was his field of labor. The work is progressing nicely in the east, and many friends are being made also some converts. Elder Blackhurst's labor was principally in Warren county, and the city of Amsterdam where the Mohawk valley.

Elder Winslow Furr Smith of Salt Lake City, arrived April 21, 1905, from the German mission, where he has been laboring since Jan. 13, 1902, in the conference of Berlin, Stuttgart, Frankfurt.

Elder Abram Smith Workman of Hatch, Garfield county, arrived in this city April 21, 1905, on his return from the Samoan mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 5, 1903. He labored on all the islands of the South Sea, and his field of labor, where the Gospel work is making good progress.

Elder Nicholas G. Smith of Salt Lake City, returned April 21, 1905, from the Netherlands mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 13, 1902. The conferences of Groningen and Amsterdam were his fields of labor, where the Gospel work is making good progress.

Elder Henry Stocks of Lewistown, Cache county, passed through this city April 22, 1905, on his return from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 7, 1903. The Virginia conference of Chattanooga was his field of labor. The work in the Southern States mission is continually increasing, with very encouraging prospects.

Elder William Harris of Cumberland, Wyo., returned April 22, 1905, from the Middle States mission, for which he was set apart April 4, 1903. He labored in East Tennessee 16 months, then was transferred to Mississippi where he remained until released. He reports that the Gospel work is progressing nicely in the south, and more Elders could be used to a great advantage.

Elder Orson Hammond of New Harmony, Washington county, passed through this city April 24, 1905, on his return from the Central States mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 14, 1903. The conference of St. John, Kansas, was his field of labor during the last eight months. The people in Kansas, he says, are quite indifferent to the Gospel, but the missionaries of the Elders receive good treatment. The ministers have poisoned the minds of the people to such an extent that their efforts have been the means of causing some to read our literature and investigate "Mormonism."

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THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

The matter in this column is edited and prepared by ladies of Ogden interested in temperance work.

Christianity in Politics.—It has been said that "Christianity ought to be at its best in politics." Surely this will be so if we have correct ideas of what Christianity consists in. Christianity is the embodiment of our duty to the principles of our holy religion. It has to do with every sphere and relation of life. As has been said, "Religion is righteous living." Religion is one form of expression of that life.

There are those who sneer at what they call "Sunday-school politics," or the bringing to bear of the principles of our religion on political actions. They are wonderfully silent and non-observant with regard to the influence of the rum traffic in politics.

In our country the government is right in the controlling elements among the people are moral.

A proper code of rights, founded on and in harmony with the Word of God, and consistent with the teachings of our Lord, will be a source of great national strength and prosperity.

The influences that are going to make for the stability of national life and institutions will not be found in liquor-permeated politics. Nor is national purity and national power fostered by that hot-bed of national corruption—the saloon.

We have been accustomed to say hard things about the ward healer who controls so many votes through the saloon, and we are having given to us a national policy a very close relation of the liquor traffic and political corruption. But why find fault when we have all along been neglecting our duty as citizens to contribute to the good of the community?

We have no right to complain of the influence of the bar-room politicians or the ward heaters, when we have neglected our solemn responsibility to exert our influence to secure purity of party management, or the nomination of good candidates.

Good citizens grow indignant that the laws are not enforced, that officials are under the influence of the saloon—but how many of these good citizens were at the ward primary to outvote the gang that is responsible for the selection of bad officials—or how many of them thought it worth while to take a turn through the ward with a view of outliving a course of action that would secure good candidates and pure elections.

The duty of the hour is to redeem all municipal and political machinery from the control of the liquor traffic. This can only be done by the cooperation of Christian men in all the political activities of municipal and national life, so that their influence will become a controlling factor in all that affects the government of the nation.

"It is the temperance and not the intemperance of the community that assures its well being and vast advancement in refining efficiency and in morals. Hence all indications of a growing appreciation of the virtue temperance, and even of abstinence, in respect of the use of intoxicating liquor, are reasons for congratulation. They are tokens of encouragement regarding the betterment of business and social conditions. The more the conviction spreads that indulgence of an appetite for alcohol is inconsistent with the best state of physical and mental health, and bodes evil, not only to the individual, but to all who are in any manner dependent on his sane and sober self control, the better it will be for the state."

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