

Traveling Elder in the Sheffield conference and appointed to preside in the London conference; Elder Amos N. W. West is appointed to preside in the Nottingham conference; Elder Jacob Merrill is released as Traveling Elder in the Leeds conference and appointed to preside in the Liverpool conference; Elder A. P. Ballinger is released as Traveling Elder in the London conference and appointed to labor in the Bristol conference.

Sister Lucy Jane Brimhall whose release is noted in this issue of the Star, will sail from Glasgow for home on the 17th inst. During her sojourn in the British mission; she has won the love and esteem of all who have had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her missionary work has been prosecuted with much zeal and faith and great good will come from the labor she has performed. Sister Brimhall is one of the first two sisters that were sent as regular missionaries to Great Britain and is therefore a pioneer in this labor. It is with regret we see her leave the mission and yet we feel that it is the will of the Lord for her to return. May the Lord's good peace and blessing go with her, and continue upon her evermore! She was released at the request of the Missionary Committee of the Apostles.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder Joseph Smith of Granger left home August 1st two years ago and in response to a call to fulfill a mission journeyed to Philadelphia and then crossed the broad Atlantic to his destination, which was Great Britain. On his arrival in the Mersey River he was assigned to roll on the work in the Birmingham conference where he fulfilled an honorable mission until released to return home a couple of weeks ago. During his stay in the county of Warwickshire he enjoyed robust health and a big share of healthy spirits. He reports the Birmingham conference, which by the way is the only conference in the British mission that owns their own meeting house, to be in a flourishing condition as regards baptisms.

Elder R. W. King, of Fillmore, and brother to Judge King, left Millard county on October 5, 1895, to fulfill a mission in the Southern States. He was assigned to labor in the turpentine and tobacco state, principally in North Carolina, he reports having enjoyed a splendid time in the sunny South where, despite considerable opposition, the work is growing apace so much so that now eight Mormon meeting houses may be counted in the districts wherein he labored. He returned to Salt Lake City, Nov. 16th, in good health.

Elder R. C. Savage—not brothers no relation to C. R.—left Toquerville, Washington county, on November 3rd, 1895. He was Elder King's companion for a great deal of the time in the Southern States mission, where he labored in the North Carolina conference. He enjoyed excellent health during his three years' mission until he received his honorable release when he promptly contracted a touch of fever that placed him hors de combat for three weeks, however, the mountain breezes of Zion have restored him to his wanted health and strength. He arrived on Thursday last.

The "News" received a call from Elder John W. Lawson last Wednesday. Elder Lawson, who makes Murray his home, has just returned from a protracted stay in the Scandinavian mission, having been called on a mission to Sweden where he has been laboring during the last year. He left Salt Lake City, October 24, 1897, and was hon-

orably released from his labors as president of the Gateborg conference owing to his work being retarded consequent on the fact that he had contracted an obstinate case of rheumatism. He was very desirous of voicing his appreciation regarding the treatment he had received from the steamship and railroad officials en route from his field of labor.

Elder E. H. Kimball likewise expressed sincere regret at his inability to stay the usual two years or so in the mission field as he was recalled owing to the illness of his wife, who has been ailing for several months. He left Sugar House ward for the Southern States mission on the 21st of last April. He labored in the Georgia conference until he was released to return home. During his brief call at the "News" office he stated that the outlook was splendid in the state and that the only thing that impeded the full development of the work was the scarcity of missionaries.

William Eyre of Parowan, Iron county, returned last Monday from the Southern States, where he has been engaged in the labor of love of rolling on the cause of Christ. He left his home October 2nd, 1896, and was set apart for his mission five days later. His labors were mostly concentrated in the cities of Jackson and Lexington, where he traveled without purse or scrip, and from the testimonies that he had received on his mission he felt that his voluntary sacrifice had not been in vain. He returned direct from the Mississippi conference and left for his home the next day.

The salubrious little settlement of Richmond, Cache county, has for the last twenty-five months been without the presence of Elder Alex E. Harris, who has been away from the vales and dells of the Rockies, building up the kingdom of God in the Southern States and especially in the East Kentucky conference of the same. He called in upon the "News" the 14th inst., looking the picture of health and strength and feeling that his time had been far from wasted during his absence from the presence of his relatives. Two local Elders—so says Elder Harris—are now filling missions in Kentucky and the erection of a couple of places of worship are in contemplation. He left his home on October 1, 1896 to be set apart on his mission on the 7th of the same month.

Missionaries returning from the Southern States, bring the cheering intelligence that Elders Thos. R. Condie of Morgan county, Melvin E. Kent of Lewiston, Cache county, and Elder O. D. Flake of Meza, Arizona, who contracted yellow fever, are now on a fair way to recovery.

Elder Peter G. Johnston, of the Twenty-second ward, returned from a mission of two years' duration on November 11th, 1898. He called in the "News" office this week and stated that he had enjoyed his labors in Great Britain very much, and felt that he had gained a lasting and valuable experience. He left his home in this city on Nov. 21, 1896, and landed in Liverpool some three weeks later, when he was assigned to labor in the Scottish conference. He remained in the land o' cakes for eighteen months, concentrating his energies principally in the towns of Wishaw and Stirling, where twenty souls were added to the Church. Later he was called to work in the Emerald Isle among the Irish people in Cookstown. Before returning to Utah's vales, Elder Johnston made a tour of France, Switzerland and as far south

in Italy as Pompeii. He reports that for the first twenty months of his mission that his health was excellent, after which period he contracted an attack of rheumatism.

Elder H. H. Kinsman of the Tenth ward, came in from the east on Nov. 15, 1898, where he has been laboring since June 18, 1896. He arrived at his home on Tuesday morning last. Elder Kinsman has been traveling in the New England States conference of the Eastern States mission, in fact, when he left there a few days ago, a new president had to be appointed in his stead. He reports the work to be progressing in the hub of culture and contingent towns, and prospects to be brighter every day, although a great deal of ignorance and prejudice against the Latter-day Saints are prevalent.

STAKE CONFERENCE REPORTS.

Bannock Stake.

Chesterfield, Idaho. The first quarterly conference of Bannock Stake was held at Trout Creek, Bannock Co., Idaho, Oct. 23rd and 24th. L. S. Pond, Stake president, and D. Jensen, first counselor, with all the Bishops of the wards were present. The reports of the Bishops show the Stake to be in a good condition.

Elder Pond said the presidency have visited all the wards since the organization in July and find a very good spirit prevailing.

Everybody seems to rejoice because we can now have conference close at home, without climbing a range of mountains.

Elder Ben E. Rich said he had visited the Southern States and about 500 Elders, and found greater love, unity and harmony among those Elders than he had found elsewhere.

Brother P. J. Williams, who has just returned from Nebraska, and Brother Nathan Thatcher, from the South, testified to the same condition and all said we can have just as much love and harmony at home if we will do our duty and live our religion.

Chester Call, president of the High Council, said this is no time to sit down in Zion and say, "all is well." Not more than one half of the people are doing their duty. We are willing to receive the Priesthood but neglect to perform the duties devolving upon us. Not only in our Stake but all over Zion this is true. We are careless, slack and negligent and need awakening.

Counselor D. Jensen spoke of the principle of faith. He urged the people to study the Scriptures and learn the duties of the Priesthood.

Elder Pond rejoiced, he said, in the testimonies given at this conference. Zion is progressing and the puny arm of man cannot stay her progress. We have all the facilities here for a prosperous Stake. Our country is settling up very fast and our numbers will soon be doubled or even trebled.

The Trout Creek choir furnished excellent music.

Conference adjourned for three months.

J. H. BEVINS, Stake Clerk.

Wayne Stake.

Lo., Utah Nov. 7, 1898.

Minutes of the quarterly conference of the Wayne Stake of Zion held at Loa, Wayne county, Utah, Oct. 20th and 31st, 1898.

Elder W. E. Robison presided. Of the Council of Apostles there were present F. M. Lyman and A. O. Woodruff. There was also a fair representation of the Stake and local authorities.

After the Sunday school services, which were attended by Elders Lyman and Woodruff, the regular conference services commenced.

Elder Willis E. Robison was the first