

Saints, and with him emigrated to Utah in 1872 and settled at Hyde Park. They soon after moved to Dixie where her husband died. She was the mother of eleven children, four of whom have preceded her to the spirit world. Deceased was an estimable woman, kind and affectionate to her family and with a heart full of sympathy for all who were in distress. She had suffered much from sickness for many years past but through it all retained her hopeful and lively disposition. She leaves many friends who appreciated her excellent qualities and her family, as well that of Brother Myron Abbott, have the deepest sympathy of all in their hereavement.

The school census returns of the state for the year 1897-8 have been compiled by Superintendent of Public Instruction Park. They show an aggregate of 81,882, an increase over the preceding year of 2,489. Of these 79,451 are able to read and write; 70,132 are in attendance upon the district schools; 9,169 are out of school. The colored children number 184 and the white 81,698; there are 41,061 boys and 40,637 girls. The superintendent's report is as follows:

County.	School population.
Beaver.....	1,258
Boxelder.....	3,018
Cache (outside of Logan).....	4,766
Carbon.....	900
Davis.....	2,773
Emery.....	1,755
Garfield.....	1,084
Grand.....	211
Iron.....	1,033
Juab.....	2,180
Kane.....	680
Millard.....	1,760
Morgan.....	704
Plute.....	651
Rich.....	664
Salt Lake (outside the city).....	6,914
San Juan.....	172
Sanpete.....	5,212
Sevier.....	2,783
Summit.....	2,899
Tooele.....	1,514
Uintah.....	1,628
Utah (outside of Provo).....	8,093
Wasatch.....	1,628
Washington.....	1,573
Wayne.....	676
Weber (outside of Ogden).....	3,146

The school population of Salt Lake City on July 1st of this year was 12,957; Ogden, 5,069; Provo, 2,061; Logan, 2,087, making a total for these cities of 22,174, and of all the cities and counties in the State 81,882.

The returns of 1890 showed 60,995 children of school age and a total population for the State of 207,905, a ratio of one child of school age to 3.4 persons of the total population. The State census of 1895 showed a ratio of 3.2. Computed on the average of these two ratios, 3.3, the total population of the State on July 1st of this year would be placed at 270,210, or a gain of 62,305 since the Federal census of 1890 was taken.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 3.—Twenty-five or thirty passengers on an electric car were cut and bruised last night in an accident. The car ran away on Valley Street Hill, slipping on the icy track. The car stopped suddenly at the bottom of the hill, breaking the windows and throwing out the passengers. No serious injuries were received.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 3.—The south-bound passenger train on the Monon road, due here at 12:50 a.m., collided with a northbound freight near McCosburg. Engineer Miller of the passenger train had a leg broken. Others of the crews of both engines escaped by jumping. Freight and passenger cars are piled high and traffic will be stopped for hours. The damage will be heavy.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NORTHERN INDIANA CONFERENCE.

This conference was held in the court house of Indianapolis, Ind., November 13th, 14th and 15th. There were in attendance twenty-four Elders, including four visiting Elders from the southern Indiana conference. Elder L. A. Kelch, president of the mission, and Dr. M. B. Shipp of Salt Lake City, who is on his way to the South on a mission. The Elders formed a choir of twenty-four voices whose singing of the songs of Zion was much appreciated by the listeners.

The subjects of faith, repentance, baptism, the Holy Ghost, the Book of Mormon, prophecy, the kingdom of God and general salvation were discussed by Elders Arnoldson, Klevkie, Welling, Bramwell, Kelsch, Foots, Shipp, Cardon and Barton.

The meetings were not so well attended owing to inclement weather, but were very interesting and highly appreciated by all who came out to listen.

Each meeting was attended by newspaper reporters eager for information to publish in their daily papers concerning us and our teachings at the conference. Most of the reports were true, but one daily could not permit us to go altogether unmolested. It told, in quite an extended editorial, how Mormons are given to fabrication, that they are untrustworthy in every thing they say, even when bound by oath to speak the truth. But generally the Elders receive courteous and fair treatment.

Our labors in this conference have been rewarded during the past year by a number of baptisms, the removal of much prejudice and the gain of many warm, lasting friends.

The conference has a band of earnest, exemplary Elders, who, though not given to newspaper publicity, are doing efficient service in the Lord's vineyard. Their labors are chiefly in the larger cities.

Our experience teaches us that the Elders who can sing Latter-day Saints songs have a great advantage over those who have neglected learning them. We preach the Gospel as much by singing Gospel hymns as by ordinary methods.

The six Elders who labor in Indianapolis rent a hall in which we regularly hold two services on Sunday. These meetings are fairly well attended, and much good will result from them.

It is interesting to notice the difference in sentiment entertained toward the Elders and our people since the memorable prophecy of President Woodruff at the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple. Three or four years ago the press of Indianapolis would have disdained to publish articles, or minutes of meetings, in our favor. Now they court opportunities to do so. We were enabled to obtain the elegant court house for our conference without any expense.

There is a lady from Provo City, Utah, by the name of Miss Webster, who is lecturing in some of the cities of this state against Mormonism, for the purpose of increasing the fund for carrying on mission work in Utah. This lady was very much embarrassed at receiving a call from the president of the mission the morning after an evening lecture at Spencer, this state, and having a number of misstatements concerning the Mormons in Utah pointed out to her.

Elder Joseph E. Cardon, president of our conference, has recently been

called to the mission office at Chicago as mission clerk.

The new addresses of the Elders are as follows:

John Phillips, Geo. E. Barton, Nels E. Nelson, Wm. R. Andrew, J. H. Hale and John Foote, 618 Huron St., Indianapolis.

John L. Ellertson and F. W. Passey, Crawfordsville, Montgomery Co., Indiana.

Alfred A. Bramwell and Wm. O. Phelps, Kokomo, Howard Co., Indiana. H. S. Arnoldson and Richard E. Sprague, Marion, Grant Co., Indiana.

Wm. W. Wright and Geo. A. Welling, Muncie, Delaware Co., Indianapolis.

John L. Parcell and John T. Gabbott, New Castle, Henry Co., Indiana.

We remain your co-laborers in the Gospel,

JOHN FOOTE,

GEO. E. BARTON.

THE BEST FRUIT TREES;

Salt Lake City, Utah,
Nov. 27, 1897.

The secretary of state board of horticulture has given a good description of trees suitable for a commercial orchard, but as there are fifty orchards in Salt Lake county planted for family use where there is one for commercial purposes, planters of family orchards would no doubt be pleased to hear what would be most suitable for them to plant.

In response to such I will give a few points and name the best fruits. In apples, the Red Astrachan ripens in July and lasts to the middle of August; the Yellow Transparent ripens August 1st, lasts to August 20th; Duchess of Oldenburg ripens about the 20th of August and lasts to the middle of September; the Alexander ripens September 20th and lasts to October 20th; 20 Ounce, September and October; Rambo (fall), October to November. These are all the very best of household apples, and though not good for shipping long distances, nor to keep long, no family orchard is complete without them, as they are the best each in its season, and a couple of trees each of these varieties should be in every orchard. Then to fill up with what the secretary recommends, viz.: Rhode Island Greening, Jonathan, Wine Sap, Ben Davis, Baldwin, Rome Beauty, all of them winter apples, and suitable for exportation.

Of pear variety enough is given: Bartlett, Bewerre Easter and Winter Nellies are best; of cherries, Napoleon, Black Tartarian and Early Richmond head the list. As for plums, Bradshaw in August, Coe's Golden Drop in September, green-gage in August, and yellow egg in September are all very desirable for family use, but for exportation plant only what the secretary of the State board recommends—the Italian or Fellenberg Prune preferred.

Of peaches a long list is given. Don't plant any of them except the locality suits. High, dry, gravelly or sandy bench-land is suitable; avoid low, wet and swampy land. Alexander, Hale's Early, Mountain Rose, Foster, Crawford's Early, Utah Cling, and above all Elberta, Old Mixon and Wheatland are to be remembered along with Santa Casto's Cling. Of grapes the best of all in Salt Lake county is the Purple Damascus, next the Black Morocco, Flame Tokay, Black Prince and the Muscat. All these have to be trimmed and covered in winter.

Of small fruits, Jessie and Bubach in strawberries, Cuthbert in Raspberries, Fay's Prolific in red currants and Poor Man and White Smith in gooseberries. The Palmetto and Con-