

They all returned to Salt Lake valley on Oct. 22, 1898.

The "News" received a call from Elder Geo. W. Worthen Tuesday. He returned from a mission to the Eastern states on November 7th, 1898, having left his home in St. George on September 22, 1896. He looked the picture of health, and said he had been greatly blessed in that direction during his mission. For the last twelve months he labored as president of the Northwest Virginia conference, where he reports a most encouraging outlook. In fact, so great has been the results of the labors of sixty Elders in that district that the erection of two places of worship is seriously contemplated in the near future. Elder Worthen felt to be thankful for the blessings he had enjoyed during his voluntary exile from the abode of his loved ones. He continued his journey to the Temple City the next day.

Elder Clarence Eldredge of Gentile Valley was set apart for a mission to Great Britain November 20, 1896 and left on the east bound train the next evening. He returned yesterday, having spent his mission in the Liverpool conference laboring among the pitmen and cotton operators of Lancashire. He reported the Liverpool conference to be in a fairly prosperous condition since the conference house had been removed to Accrington where there is every prospect of the establishment of a flourishing branch in the near future. Elder Eldredge spent the day in visiting relatives and proceeded on to his destination this morning.

The "News" received a call from Elder Geo. H. Budd this (Saturday) morning. He left his home in the Nineteenth ward, September 19, 1896, and since that date has been performing a mission in Great Britain. He was assigned to labor in the Sheffield conference and during his sojourn in the steel manufacturing center he reports having enjoyed his labors and being blessed by seeing the fruits of the same in a marked degree. For the first year, however, his health was far from satisfactory. He says the Sheffield conference never was in such a prosperous condition as it is at present.

Elder William Anderson also of the Nineteenth ward arrived with the same company from Europe. Having been set apart, he left upon the same date as Elder Budd for his mission. He has labored in the Scandinavian mission, principally in Gothenberg, Sweden, where his labors were crowned with success. He enjoyed splendid health and spirits during his absence from Utah. In common with the rest of the company Elder Anderson experienced a very rough passage across the herring pond, the vessel in fact being several days overdue upon her arrival in New York, owing to heavy head-winds and a general turbulent time.

Elder Carl John Fagergren of the Second ward, although he has been home since October 29th, when he arrived from the long and tedious journey incidental to a trip from Sweden, failed to materialize at the "News" office until Friday last. Elder Fagergren left Salt Lake City for his native country Sept. 19, 1896. He enjoyed his labors in Stockholm and kindred conferences immensely, being blessed with good health and a general good time, as he received a hearty welcome without any chilling opposition during his stay in Scandinavia.

Elder Fred J. Pack, who has just returned from the Colorado mission, called on us on Friday. Elder Pack was president of the Colorado Springs

conference, and reports the establishment there of a branch of the Church, a Relief society, together with a Sunday school, that are in successful operation. He returns in excellent health, not having suffered a day's sickness since the time he left his home, December 28, 1896.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor of the Stake presidency presided over the services at the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, 1898.

The choir sang the hymn:

Glorious things of thee are spoken
Zion city of our God.

Prayer was offered by Elder Joseph Warburton.

The choir further sang:

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
Uttered or unexpressed.

Elder Richard R. Lyman was the first speaker. In beginning he expressed the opinion that there was much in the Gospel besides technical knowledge. The Gospel had been given to the people of the world to make them happier and better. The speaker believed that those who thought they knew the Gospel, very frequently practiced it the least. A knowledge alone would not bring a salvation to the people; it required something more than that. Mankind had to be guided by the Holy Spirit in order to accomplish great things in this life, and that Spirit had to be sought after in sincerity and humility. Then would the Saints of God be blessed; the world then feel happy and be inclined towards kind and charitable acts. Prayer, said the speaker, was an essential element in this respect. A mother who prayed unto the Lord for guidance and strength to govern and control her children, would be given that assistance and would be enabled to raise up a God-fearing family, and one in whose hearts was sown the seeds of righteousness and loyalty to the cause of truth. The speaker related an incident showing what good resolutions would do towards young people, providing they made them in sincerity feeling that they wanted to better their condition spiritually and otherwise.

Elder Lyman referred to the Mutual Improvement associations as institutions calculated to be of great benefit to the young men and women, and he believed that all who would ally themselves with those organizations, would never regret the step taken. There was a growing tendency among the young people to be recreant to the duties devolving upon them, and unless this tendency were checked and that immediately, many lives, otherwise full of promise for the future, would be blighted and crowded into obscurity. It was the duty of parents to see that their children were doing what was right. It was their duty to use their utmost endeavors in so shaping the destinies of their families, as to place before them a career of joy and happiness, to say nothing of the usefulness which would characterize their journeyings in life. The treatment of parents towards children in their tender years, would reflect on the parents when their hairs were tinged with the frost of winter.

Children were born a bundle of infinite possibilities, and no man dare dictate the calling of this child, or the work to be performed by that individual. It was the duty of children, however, to take advantage of the opportunities afforded them from time to time, and to exert an influence over others that would tend towards benefiting and elevating their fellows. The organizations of the Church afforded excellent opportunities for the young to enhance and better their condition, and among

them was the Mutual Improvement Association, which the speaker hoped would be taken advantage of by the children of the Saints.

Elder George A. Smith next addressed the congregation. The Latter-day Saints said he, were looked upon as a peculiar people, and indeed they were peculiar compared with other religious denominations of the day. They claimed to be led and guided by the Father through inspiration, and claimed further that this guidance had led them out of bondage and caused the work to progress as it had done since the organization of the Church in this dispensation. The Church of God anciently was marked by the same characteristics. The ancient prophets and apostles were maligned, ridiculed, oppressed and put to death for the Gospel's sake. In our day it had been the same. The Saints of God had been tried and oppressed, driven from their homes and cast out for their religion's sake. They had been denominated the worst people on the earth because they sought to serve God and to keep His commandments. But in all their trials and tribulations they had come out conquerors in the end, the Lord had been with them and His blessings had followed them in all their oppression and tribulation.

Elder Smith cited the experiences of the Saints in early days, following their history from the organization of the Church until their arrival in the tops of the Rocky mountains. Persecuted to an extent hard to realize, driven from pillar to post, ridiculed and reviled by the world at large, they continued to serve the Lord, knowing as they did that God would verily bless His people in accordance with His promise in Holy Writ. And He did bless them. The crops grew, the desert was reclaimed and one of the garden spots of the earth had been established. The Saints continued to grow in power and influence and would always be so if they remained true and faithful to the cause which they had espoused. God's blessings were well worth striving for. They brought joy and satisfaction to the heart even in the most perilous times, and caused comfort and happiness in homes where otherwise would reign misery and dejection.

Concluding, the speaker exhorted all to exercise charity towards their fellow men. Some were not blessed as others—all were not situated alike. The harvest of the farms had been great, and those having plenty should not forget their fellows in more unfavorable circumstances. God was watching his people, and he would reward those whose actions merited the blessings he had in store for the faithful.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor expressed his pleasure at the remarks made by the previous speakers, and joined in the admonition to parents to guard their children from the temptations and snares of the world. Many years had been spent in bringing into the fold the honest in heart from the nations of the earth. Elders had labored assiduously in the promulgation of the Gospel, had suffered great privations in endeavoring to reach the hearts of the people, and had spent much time and means in spreading the seeds of truth and righteousness. They did it because of the love they had for the Gospel and because of the testimony received of its divinity; and in this they were blessed. The duty devolving upon them had been well discharged and the fruits of their labors were apparent. As great a mission was resting upon the parents in the training and bringing up of their children. The principles of the Gospel should be inculcated within them from their earliest infancy. They should be taught and instructed from the cradle. The ordinances of the Gospel should be applied, and everything done for them that could be done, to