

Ivins, vice president and general manager, Silas S. Smith, secretary, and Henry Eyring, assistant secretary.

The following exemptions are granted to each person who comes as a colonist to Mexico, and extend over a period of ten years: Exemption from military service, Exemption from all taxation and imposts, except stamp and municipal taxes; exemption from the payment of customs duties on wagons, harness, saddles, tools, machinery, agricultural implements, breeding and work stock, furniture, materials for the construction of houses, and personal effects, including clothing, dishes, bedding, etc., etc.

The following instructions should be carefully observed by those desiring to colonize under our concession.

The party should first appear before a notary, clerk, recorder or other official, having a seal, from whom he will obtain a certificate in the following form: To whom it may concern: I hereby certify that John Doe is personally known to me to be a moral, industrious man, his occupation being that of (here insert laborer, farmer, stock raiser, or mechanic, as the case may be). He declares it to be his intention to leave the United States and go as a colonist to Mexico, and to establish himself at Colonia Juarez (or other place as the case may be) in the state of Chihuahua, district of Bravos.

[S.S.] RICHARD ROE,
Notary Public.

This certificate must be taken, or sent to the secretary of state, who will certify to the signature and seal of the notary. Thus, legalized, the certificate should be sent to Henry Eyring, Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. At the same time a list should be sent showing the name, age, and nationality of the colonist, and the names and ages of each member of his family, if he have one. Also a list of the property which he desires to bring with him. Each article should be plainly stated and horses or cattle described as to marks, brands and color. This list should be forwarded at least two months before the colonist desires to start from his home, and he should not begin his journey till receives word from us that arrangements have been made at the custom house for him to pass.

Full instructions will be furnished, which, if observed, will obviate all necessity of delays and annoyance at the line.

Heretofore colonists coming from Arizona and Utah with teams have passed the line at the Palomas custom house, forty miles south of Deming, New Mexico, but this house has been closed so that it is now necessary to go by way of El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez. People coming by rail would come into Mexico at the latter point.

Those desiring to colonize in Sonora would do better to go by way of Bisbee, Arizona, and the La Morita custom house.

ANTHONY W. IVINS.
Colonia Juarez, May 30, 1898.

IN FLORIDA.

Buffalo Bluffs, Putnam Co., Fla.
May 21, 1898.

I have labored now some two months in company with Elder Samuel Isom, our field of labor being Putnam county. We have met with success almost on every hand. Of course we have some trials to overcome, and encounter opposition at times, but by the help of the Lord, we are never found "wanting." If we would have salvation we must also have tribulation; if our path were one continual smooth course, strewn with roses, without any stum-

bling stones to cause us to keep our eyes open, or any thorns to prick our feet, we may know assuredly that we are not living strictly to a line of duty, for the decree has gone forth "He that would live Godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution." But the testimony of the Elders, who labored in the South prior to the dedication of the House of the Lord in Salt Lake City, relative to the way they were entertained by the people, and the status of affairs at present, shows that a remarkable change has taken place. The people seem to be awakening from a deep sleep, to a sense of duty—prejudice and false reports, which have heated themselves up mountain high, concerning our people, and the tenets of our religion, are fast being leveled down, and seeds of truth and righteousness are being planted in the hearts which hitherto had been seared with the hot iron of prejudice, scorched in by evil designing men, for their own gain and selfish ends. But all that men can say or do, against the work of the Lord, is cleared away when the light of the Gospel appears.

We have been laboring of late in Crescent City and Denver, the latter place seems to be a hive of the "Bees of Deseret," with a few wasps around, but when we rid them of their venomous sting, prejudice, they are rendered perfectly harmless. We expect to reap a bountiful harvest of sincere converts in the near future. The weather here at present is very sultry but we have a nice cool sea breeze moving all the time. I have enclosed a few clippings from the Florida Philosopher, of different dates: they will portray the other side of the question, in regard to our work in Crescent City, and vicinity; you may insert them if you so desire. Your brother in the Gospel,

DAVID H. ELTON,
Buffalo Bluffs, Putnam Co., Florida.

Following are the clippings enclosed in Elder Elton's letter:

"Elder Samuel Isom and Elder David H. Elton, Latter-day Saints or Mormons from Utah, held meetings on Wednesday and Thursday nights of last week at the schoolhouse, as the use of the church was not proffered, and V. I. A. Hall could not be procured. The schoolhouse not being centrally located the audiences were small, but the second was larger than the first. Both Elders, who are comparatively young men, are good speakers and gave able sermons. They preach from the Bible, not from the "Book of Mormon," as some seem to think, and their preaching is similar to that of other denominations. They claim to preach the Gospel in its original purity, and travel "without purse or scrip." They take up no collections at their meetings, but do not refuse financial assistance from persons who voluntarily offer it. They say that polygamy has been abandoned in Utah, in accordance with the law passed by Congress. Much of the Mormon doctrine is good, but, like that of other denominations, some of it is open to criticism and doubt. For instance, one of the Elders expressed the belief that God is a being having flesh and bones like man, because the Bible says man was created in the image of God. Another interpretation of scripture set forth by one of the Elders was that as in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve were told that they should surely die in the day they partook of the forbidden fruit, and that as a thousand years were as one day with the Lord, our first parents did die within the thousand years. It was also asserted that mankind in heaven have corporeal bodies of flesh and bones, but without blood, the Spirit of God coursing through their veins. One of the best impressions created upon the audience was the assertion that the magnificent Mormon Temple at Salt Lake City is

always open to other denominations who come along and have something to say. The Mormons are liberal enough to hear all sides, and are open to conviction if there are others who can propound a better system of religion than their own. The Elders have been stopping with Mr. Thurber, and they have held subsequent meetings at his house, we understand."

"The Mormon Elders have been holding a series of well-attended meetings at Denver, embracing 2 Sundays, the 1st and 8th, and then baptised converts in the lake. They expect to hold meetings in Como, Pomona and Cisco, and later in Palotka, where several persons are to be baptised by them. During their stay of two weeks in this community they have held meetings nearly every night, we believe, both preaching at each meeting. It is the tabernacle in Salt Lake, and not the Temple, that is open to ministers of other denominations. The Temple is a smaller building, and is open only to members of the Church."

DENVER NEWS ITEMS.

Messrs. Isom and Elton, the Mormon Elders, preached here last Thursday evening and twice on Sunday to large congregations. They last week baptised Mr. Daniel Turner and wife, of Georgetown, late in logging business at West Denver, and on Tuesday last they baptised Miss Melissa Higginbotham. There will probably be other Elders arrive during the month. Whether we agree with their doctrine or not, one cannot but admire the tireless zeal and energy they display in the cause they are advocating."

The two Mormon Elders, D. Elton and Sam Isom, have raised a sort of religious fury in this vicinity. They preached here three times last week, and if they continue in this locality, as they say they intend doing, they will probably capture nearly the whole of the present church members and others. They do not present to their hearers the salient points of Mormonism, but confine themselves to expounding the regular version of the Bible. How their converts will take it when they find out they will have to believe in Joe Smith, the Book of Mormon and other oddities of the creed remains to be seen. By request, they will hold service here again on Thursday evening. It is said the clergy in places are getting much stirred up at the innovation. Then why do not they organize lectures to enlighten the people in the real tenets of the Mormon faith?"

IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, May 26, 1898.]
Releases and Appointments—Elder Alfred A. Garrick has been honorably released from laboring in the Scottish conference to return home June 9, 1898.

Elder Edward Rushton has been honorably released from laboring in the Birmingham conference to return home June 9, 1898. His early return is on account of ill-health.

Elder Alexander Faddies has been released from the Irish conference and appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Scottish conference.

Elder Peter G. Johnston, of the Scottish conference, Nels Nelson, of the Newcastle conference, Ray Decker, of the London conference, and Louis C. Duncan, of the Birmingham conference, have been released from the respective conference in which they have been laboring and appointed as traveling Elders in the Irish conference.

All the supplies of the South Dakota volunteers have been received and by this (Monday) evening, the regiment will be fully equipped.