

leaves a large family to mourn their sad bereavement.

Bishop Lund of Mt. Pleasant has been paying his many friends a farewell visit preparatory to his leaving for Europe to take charge of the Scandinavian mission.

A party of home seekers left here on Sunday and others are preparing to follow them. Their destination is Alberta, Canada, which they have visited and think they have found a better location than they could here in Utah.

A great deal of work has been furnished by the railroad companies, and with the sheep-shearing in full blast, there are few idle men in Sannette just now. As soon as the S. P. V. is broadguaged we are promised an improvement in train service whereby people can go from Manti to Salt Lake City and return the same day.

Litigation in relation to water rights is becoming common, although most of it is somewhat in the nature of suits to quiet title. At the same time interest is growing in the selection of sites for reservoirs, and efforts to increase the available water for irrigation are being made by nearly every settlement in the country.

The recent storms have been a little severe on the sheep that have been sheared, although the losses have not been so heavy as feared; but they have not killed the fruit blossoms. The supply of snow was so slight that fears of a scarcity were entertained; since the storms, however, there is a better feeling among the farmers.

The shipment of cattle has about reached an end for the present, but the wool season is here with all its rush and bustle. Prices are about the same as last year, and most of the houses are doing a great deal of their business on commission.

An old man living in Gunnison was taken to the county poorhouse at Fairview this week. He has been insane for some time, or rather he has become like a baby. Some time ago he wandered off and was lost for two days. When found he was lying on the hillside, almost dead from thirst. Since that time he has needed careful watching. Every time he could do so he ran away, with no apparent idea as to where he was going. It is thought he can be taken better care of at the poorhouse than elsewhere. RICARDO.

A GRATIFYING RECEPTION.

SOLLIGENT, Lamar Co., Ala.,
April 27, 1896.

Five of our Elders have just had a very enjoyable time among the people of Crews, this county, and we thought that perhaps a short account of the same might not be uninteresting to friends at home.

There is a private college at Crews conducted by a Mr. Walton, through whose courtesy we were accorded the use of the college building for holding meetings, and accordingly the news was circulated that the Latter-day Saint Elders would hold forth there Saturday evening, the 25th inst.

At the appointed hour we found the room crowded with eager listeners. After opening and singing by the college choir, Elder Albert Matheson addressed the people on the history of our people, touching briefly on the

principles of our religion. The audience was very attentive and a goodly degree of the Spirit of God was enjoyed by the Elders. It was announced that we would hold meeting on the following day (Sunday) at 11 o'clock a. m., and again we were accorded the pleasure of meeting a crowded house. The subject of the Holy Ghost was dwelt upon and its truths were laid down in plainness and power, under the influence of the Spirit of God.

At the close of the meeting many expressed themselves as being well pleased with the doctrines advanced. The Elders were invited to different places for dinner, Elders Matheson and McGregor being the guests of the college faculty. A very pleasant conversation was had with these educated people, and it afforded the Elders much pleasure in giving them correct information respecting the affairs of our Church and the history of our people, a subject they acknowledged, only one side of which they had heretofore heard. We were treated right royally and felt to thank God that we were permitted to mingle with this class of people, as we believe that making such our friends will have a strong bearing in our favor. This college is recognized and conceded to be the foremost institution of learning in this country. Its founder, Prof. Walton, formerly presided over the college of Nashville, where were professors from Germany, France and Greece, and students from fifteen of the states of our Union.

In the afternoon (Sunday) we were called upon by a Mr. Ellis who desired us to hold meeting in his house. His wife, he said, had attended our meeting on Saturday evening and had become very much interested and desired to hear us again. We were pleased to comply with his desires and an interesting meeting was held with about twenty persons present, Elders Black and Stephens discoursing on the first principles. We were kindly invited to stop with the people and to call on them when we came that way again. Some of them seemed especially struck with a remark made by Elder Brown to the effect that the Gospel was not to be sold and that we traveled without purse or scrip. This is so different from the customs of the world and yet so consistent with the doctrines of Christ, that it cannot help attracting attention from the thinking populace.

With hopes of yet presenting the plan of life and salvation to many of the honest in heart of this land, we are

Your brothers in the Gospel,
ALBERT MATHESON,
JOSEPH F. MCGREGOR.

THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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Arrival.—On April 9, 1896, the following named Elders arrived in Liverpool per American line steamer Pennland: For the British mission—George Shorten of Ogden; John Jacobs of Pleasant Green; D. D. E. Jones of Union; George Shearn of East Jordan; George Meadows of Farmington. For the Scandinavian mission: D. K. Brown of Nephi; Ole Jensen of Manti; Soren S. Christensen of Sandy; Andrew A. Blom of Mink Creek, Idaho. For the Swiss and German mission—

George F. Hickman of Benjamin; Andrew Thomson Jr. of Ephraim. The Scandinavian brethren continued their journey on the 10th and those for Switzerland and Germany on the 11th. All well.

Releases and Appointments.—Elder Victor P. Wells has been honorably released from presiding over the Birmingham conference, to return home April 30, 1896.

Elder W. S. Romney has been released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Sheffield conference, and appointed to preside over the Birmingham conference.

Elder Joseph A. Buttle has been honorably released from presiding over the Leeds conference, to return home April 30, 1896.

Elder Edwin J. Winder has been released from laboring as traveling Elder in the London conference, and appointed to preside over the Leeds conference.

By request of President Woodruff, per cablegram, Elder John B. McMaster has been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Scottish conference, to return home April 23, 1896.

Elder William A. Taylor has been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Manchester conference, to return home April 30, 1896.

Elder William G. Westwood has been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference, to return home April 30, 1896.

Elder David Jenkins has been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Welsh conference, to return home April 30, 1896.

Elder William F. Pratt has been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Cheltenham conference, to return home April 30, 1896.

Elder J. E. Booth has been released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference, and appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Manchester conference.

Elder Benjamin R. Brough has been released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Manchester conference, and appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference.

Elder George Shorten has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the London conference.

Elders John Jacobs and George Meadows have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Birmingham conference.

Elders D. D. E. Jones and George Shearn have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Welsh conference.

AN EXTENDED TRIP

Thursday a News reporter met Mr. B. F. Cummings Jr., who reached home Wednesday after having traveled quite extensively in the Eastern States and Canada. He left this city on Nov. 24th last and went to Omaha, where he transacted some business, and sat as a member of the Utah delegation in the Transmississippi congress. Business was very much depressed in Omaha, but the universal