

the shores of the great inland sea and exchange reminiscences of early days in the valleys of the Rocky mountains. Tooele county was on hand with her tea and coffee pots and everything was done that could be done to make the old people happy, most of whom returned from the Lake on early trains. Those living in outside districts leave for their homes this evening, there to cherish a kind and loving remembrance for the Old Folks' committee and all who helped to entertain them. Ere the next celebration rolls round many doubtless will have passed to the other side, there to remain until the trump shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise.

The Old Folks' committee feels a deep debt of gratitude to all who so kindly assisted them in this year's laudable undertaking. To the Oregon Short Line and street railway companies too much cannot be said, while to the citizens of Salt Lake in general, and particularly those who so kindly opened their homes and extended hospitality a hearty vote of thanks is given. R. E. Evans the florist is also remembered and in fact all who in any way contributed to making the entertainment of the old folks such a grand success.

THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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Elder Edwin Price has been honorably released from laboring in the Welsh conference to return home June 19, 1897.

Elder Thomas C. White, who arrived in Liverpool on May 12, 1897, and was appointed to labor in the Sheffield conference, returned home on the 26th of the same month on account of sickness. Elder White expressed his regret at having to go home and hoped that he would be able to return and fulfill a useful mission, feeling that he would not be satisfied without doing so. We join him in the hope that he will speedily regain his health, and trust that his good desire to perform a mission will be gratified in the near future.

Elder Herbert L. James has been released from laboring in the Cheltenham conference and appointed to succeed Elder John H. Burrows in the business department of the Millennial Star office. As Elder Burrows will shortly be released to return home, his successor has been appointed in advance that he might have an opportunity to become acquainted with the details of the business. Elder James occupied this same position while on a former mission some fifteen years ago, when Elder John Henry Smith was president of the European mission.

Elder Elias M. Jones has been released from laboring in the London conference and appointed to labor in the Birmingham conference.

BEAR LAKE STAKE.

The quarterly conference of Bear Lake Stake convened June 12th and 13th. On the stand were the Presidency of the Stake, High Council, Patriarch, Bishops; also Elder Seymour B. Young of the First Council

of Seventies and Elder James Sharp as visitors, President Wm. Budge presiding.

Saturday 10 a. m. After the opening exercises the wards were reported by the respective Bishops. The reports were complete, showing a degree of progression that is encouraging.

Elder James Sharp spoke on the law of the Gospel.

2 p. m. Elder F. M. Dayton, returned missionary, reported his labors as having been the most pleasant experience of his life.

Elder Alfred Eldridge, returned missionary, said that through the faithfulness of the Elders much prejudice and bigotry had been allayed. He rejoiced in his labors and testified to the truth of the great latter day work revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Counselor William L. Rich warned the people not to run into debt. The Lord required something beside good desires. He requires us to practice those things we profess.

Elder Seymour B. Young spoke on man's mission here on earth and his future destiny, also the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Sunday 10 a. m. President Budge said the condition of all the wards of this Stake had been reported at this conference and as far as he could judge they were true and faithful. We attach an increasing interest to the Bishops' reports. We should all take a personal pride in our work and seek to make it as perfect as possible. It seems by the reports that only a part of the people are advancing. It is desirable that we should move as a united body. The careless should step out and join hands with those who are faithful. President Budge said that our Stake choir leader, Brother W. N. B. Shepherd, has resigned in consequence of his labors taking him to Salt Lake City, where he intends to make his future home. The speaker paid a tribute to the devotion, zeal, untiring energy and perseverance of Brother Shepherd as choir leader for many years past, and a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered him for his faithful labors.

Elder T. W. Horsley was unanimously chosen by the choir to succeed the retiring leader.

Counselor James H. Hart spoke on the great work accomplished by our Savior to the meridian of time, the redemption of the dead and other kindred subjects.

2 p. m.—The sacrament was administered.

Elder James Sharp said he rejoiced much in meeting in this conference. The name of Joseph Smith was prominent in his thoughts, also the great work he was called upon to perform. He testified to the understanding of man's true conception of the personality of God at a time when the whole Christian world was in doubt and confusion concerning that important subject.

Elder S. B. Young reviewed the great work of the Pioneers of '47 and the benefits which reverted to after generations. The land, mountains and streams were dedicated to the Lord for the building up of His kingdom. The speaker reviewed much of the early history of the Choron.

President Budge said he believed he

expressed the feeling of all the congregation when he said we have had a most excellent conference. His heart was filled with thankfulness to God for the wise counsels and loving administration of the brethren who had come to visit us.

Anthem, Daughter of Zion.
Benediction by Patriarch W. H. Lee.

Two wards have been organized and added to this Stake.

North Liberty (Bear Lake county) with John T. Lyons as presiding Elder.

Diamondville, Samuel Kiddy as presiding Elder; Jacob Jones and John B. Chedgay counselors; Wm. Nesbitt, Sunday school superintendent and choir leader. T. MINSON, Stake Clerk.

BANNOCK STAKE CONFERENCE.

REXBURG, Idaho, June 15, 1897.—The Bannock Stake conference convened in the Bowery at Wilford, Idaho, Sunday and Monday, June 13th and 14th. There were present on the stand, Elder Douglas M. Todd of Logan, the Stake presidency and Patriarch, and most of the High Council and Bishops.

Sunday 9 a. m.—The Sunday schools of Wilford and East Wilford met and occupied one hour, rendering their exercises in a very entertaining manner.

10 a. m.—After opening exercises the work of conference commenced by Stake President Ricks giving a brief report of the condition of the Stake, which was very satisfactory in all respects.

Bishops of wards and other officers of the various Stake organizations then followed, giving satisfactory accounts of their charges.

Elders P. N. Anderson and H. A. Graver, returned missionaries from the states, reported their labors. Both had enjoyed their missions and counted their experiences above price.

Elders Phineas Tempest and Willard Johnson of the Montana mission gave encouraging reports of the preaching of the Gospel there. The people are most hospitable and the Elders find ready access in obtaining schools and meeting houses to preach in.

Sunday, 2 p. m.—Sacrament was administered.

Elder Douglas M. Todd then discoursed upon the readiness and temporal blessings upon His children. The speaker wanted us to progress temporarily but not to let our souls be exclusively so engaged. We must incline to theory less, and be more practical. He showed that it was self effort that educated, so we must do the things required in the Gospel or we will never see the beauties and truth of the Gospel.

Monday, 10 a. m., the general and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Wm. F. Rigby spoke of the benefits that would accrue to the people of Wilford in having Stake conference held with them and was heartily pleased with the response they gave us in coming here. We are engaged in a wonderful work, even to