

a host. It is impossible for one acquainted with Mrs. Burton to think of her without emotion. She had been afflicted for years and bore her sufferings with phenomenal patience. The deepest sympathy will be felt for the bereaved husband. His trip to Europe was solely in the hope of obtaining aid for his wife. No one could have been more solicitous for his partner in life than he has been, every means within reach that had in it a prospect or probability of relief for her having been tried. Now his last effort has failed, and he returns with the lifeless remains of his wife, that her body may be interred in the home of her kindred and friends.

God bless the memory of this tender hearted woman.

#### Returned Elders.

Elder A. McMaster, who returned from his mission to Kentucky and West Virginia on Nov. 24th, made a friendly call on the News Nov. 27. He reports having had a very pleasant time among the Southerners; he was occasionally invited out by mobs, but declined all such invitations, and otherwise was treated very well. Some few converts were made by him and his associates, but there is a general indifference among the people and it is rather up hill work. Brother McMaster is looking and feeling well and we are pleased to welcome him home.

December 3d, we received a call from Elder John B. Reed, of the Sixteenth Ward, who returned from a mission to the Southern States on the 3rd inst. He left home on the 6th of Nov., 1888. During the whole time of his absence he labored in Georgia. He met with the usual amount of opposition, but suffered no personal violence, the antagonism encountered being confined to threats. Success in proselyting has been rather limited. Elder Reed returns in good health, with a kind word to say for many of the people of the South. He goes back to his old position, with Mr. S. P. Teasdel.

Elder John Hansen, of Riverton, Salt Lake County, returned on Tuesday, Dec. 3d, from a mission to the Southern States. He left his home October 11th, 1887, and was appointed to labor in the Maryland conference, his field being in the States of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. He was generally well treated by the people. A few threats were made against him, but no efforts were made to carry them out. There is not much interest in religion in the sections where Elder Hansen traveled. His health has been good, and he has enjoyed his missionary labors.

Dec. 3d, we met Elder Peter S. Condle, of this city, who returned from the Southern States a few days ago. The greater portion of his mission was occupied by traveling and preaching in the State of Tennessee, where fair success was met with, and the Elders found many friends. During the last two months his field of labor was in North Carolina, in a part where the

feeling against the "Mormons" is very strong. The people there, with but an occasional exception, would not listen to the Gospel, and were strongly inclined to use violence toward the Elders, who had to use caution in proclaiming Bible doctrines to the people. During the early part of his mission Elder Condle's health was poor, but later it improved.

Elder Wm. R. Lee, of Oakley, Cassia County, Idaho, reached this city, Sunday, Dec. 1st, on his return from a mission to Mississippi and Alabama. He started on his mission from this city November 1st, 1887, and first went to Mississippi. He labored, in all, about a year in that State, meeting with very good success. He also labored in Alabama, going back and forth between the two States. On November 4, 1888, he was appointed to preside over the Alabama Conference. He met with even better success in the latter State than in Mississippi. In Alabama the work of the Gospel is in a fairly prosperous condition, but in Mississippi not a great deal is being done by the Elders. Elder Lee's health was good all the time he was in the field, and he met with no violent treatment of any consequence.

Dec. 5th, we received a call from Elder Richard Morse, who reached this city this morning with the small party of migrating Saints and returning Elders which left Liverpool on Nov. 16th, as previously noted in these columns.

Elder Morse resides in Samaria, Idaho, and started on his mission Oct. 17th, 1887. He labored in Wales during the whole period of his mission, and became President of the Welsh Conference in June of this year. He states that baptisms occur occasionally in that field, and that considerable quantities of Church publications are circulated. Yet the people as a rule do not want to hear the Gospel. When he left Wales Jarman was there, but the papers were taking no notice of him, and the general public had become convinced that his statements in regard to the "Mormons" were untrue; hence his following is now confined almost entirely to a low, rowdy element.

We had a friendly call December seventh from Elder Robert Skelton, Jr., of Tooele, who has just returned from a mission to the Southern States, whither he went in November, 1887. The first year of his mission was spent in the south central part of Kentucky, where he met and made many warm friends. The opposing element was quite strong. Generally speaking the people of that section are indifferent to the Gospel. From there he went to Middle Tennessee, where he labored until his release in the early part of November, when, in company with Elders Spry, Lee, and others, he visited some of the scattered Saints. On their way home they visited some of the settlements of the Saints in Colorado and found them in a prosperous and cheerful condition. Brother Skelton returns

in good health, although he has been poorly much of the time. He will spend a few days in the city before going home.

On November 26th, we received a call from Elder Stephen Sample Worthington, of Grantsville, Tooele County, who returned on Nov. 23, from a mission to the Southern States. He left home November 2nd, 1887. He labored in Tennessee until April of the present year. After that he was assigned to Wayne County, Mo., where he remained until June, when he proceeded to Kentucky and presided over the Conference known by that name until his return. In the first two fields but little headway was made, although the Elders were generally well treated. In Kentucky there was better progress, five additions having been made to the Church quite recently, some of them citizens of high standing. This success aroused the mobocratic feeling in Caldwell County. About three weeks ago a mob of fifteen men, armed with rifles and shotguns, called at a house where Elders Worthington and Anderson had been visiting. Fortunately the Elders had left about two hours before. About a week later an unarmed mob of nineteen men called at the house of Brother M. V. Darnall and found the Elders there. A man named Stirling Lilly, who appeared to be the leader of the crowd, informed the brethren that they must leave the country by sundown; otherwise there were men in the community who would not hesitate to use violence, not only upon the Elders, but toward the family where they were stopping. The brethren left the same night, but subsequently returned, a few days later, but were not then molested. They were entertained by a gentleman named Vickrey, who informed them that they were welcome and would be defended as long as he had life in him. Elder Worthington is succeeded in the Presidency of the Kentucky Conference by Elder John L. Hunsacker. Brother Worthington returns in good health and spirits.

We had the pleasure of a call a few days ago from Elder Joseph H. Johnson, of Johnson, Kane County, who returned to this city November 24th, from a mission to the Southern States, after an absence of upwards of two years. His labors during his absence were chiefly confined to South Carolina, though they extended into Cleveland and Union Counties of North Carolina occasionally. As a rule he met with kind and hospitable treatment, though he found comparatively few who were willing to listen to his testimony or investigate the doctrines which he taught, on account of the deep-rooted prejudice so prevalent in that region against the Saints and their religion. He was never mobbed but many times threatened, and on several occasions narrowly escaped violent usage at the hands of lawless and bigoted people. The last occasion of this kind was only a short