

regard to the future farm I have constantly had my mind upon the main question:

What is the highest productiveness attainable from the soil, at profitable expenditures thereon? as a guide for "The Future Farm."

I believe the answer will be that at this time, and as far as this question can be answered at present:

1. The average benefit of the now cultivated land can be at least tripled.
2. The average amount of water now available can be extended over at least double the acreage.
3. The average amount of water that can now be saved by storage can still irrigate 30 per cent more land.
4. When these improvements have been fairly executed, the farming population can be more than tripled, and make a good, average living.
5. Always provided, that our glorious Republic preserves its dignity, and tellingly and peacefully teaches plutocrats how to make an honest living on a level with their fellow citizens and the good people of the United States to go on to their glorious destiny!

CHRISTIAN A. MADSEN.

RETURNED ELDERS.

The NEWS has received a call from Elders R. A. Berry, of Kanarra, Iron county, and J. T. Tanner, of Beaver, who are on their way home from a mission to the Southern States. Since their release from missionary labors they have made a brief visit to the Eastern and Northern States, going by steamer from Savannah, Georgia, to Baltimore, and then visiting Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Independence and other points of interest. Both are in excellent health and spirits. They will stop over in Salt Lake until Thursday.

Elder Berry left home March 25, 1892, and was assigned first to the North Carolina conference, where he labored five months. He was then transferred to the South Carolina conference, remaining there till released. He received kind treatment from the people and enjoyed his missionary labors, which were mostly in the country districts.

Elder Tanner left home March 9, 1892, his first field being in South Carolina. After being there about a month he was called to North Carolina, and five months later was again sent to South Carolina, where he remained till his release. He also was kindly received by the people. His labors were chiefly in the larger cities.

Both Elders arrived in this city this (Monday) morning. Their experience is that the prejudice against the Latter-day Saints is far from being as strong as formerly, as the Saints are becoming more properly understood. The Temple dedication, accounts of which were sent to all parts of the country and were generally read, contributed largely to this. The visit of the Tabernacle Choir to the World's Fair also was an important factor in this respect. Many of the leading men of the South were at the Fair, and attended the musical contest, and what they learned there through the presence of the choir has been of material aid in giving the better classes of society in the South a more correct and favorable view of the

Latter-day Saints than was held formerly.

Elder H. N. Lunt, of Cedar City, Iron county, made a pleasant call at the NEWS. He arrived here Tuesday, May 1st, on his way home from his mission to Great Britain, whither he left February 16, 1892, and will continue his journey south tomorrow morning. Elder Lunt's first missionary experience in Great Britain was in the Manchester conference as traveling Elder. Later he was appointed to preside over the Liverpool conference, retaining that position until his release to come home. He reports considerable improvement in missionary prospects the past year, with an abatement of the prejudice against the Latter-day Saints and increased success attending the labors of the missionaries. The feeling of unity and earnestness which exists among the Elders is all that can be desired. Brother Lunt's health was excellent, and his labors in the Gospel cause were highly enjoyable.

THE Y. L. M. I. A. CONFERENCE.

The members of the Young Men's and the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations of the Utah Stake had a very enjoyable time in their annual conference, which commenced Friday, May 5 and closed Sunday. The ward choirs of the Stake during the conference have given three concerts in the Stake tabernacle which have been greatly enjoyed, and showed a great improvement over the concerts given a year ago at the Young People's conference. The Young Ladies' conference was held Saturday and was well attended. Territorial President E. S. Taylor was in attendance and addressed the young ladies in a pleasing and encouraging manner. The portions of Friday and Saturday not devoted to concerts were taken up by business meetings of the two associations.

Yesterday the Y. M. M. I. conference was held in the tabernacle and was largely attended. President Joseph F. Smith and Elder B. H. Roberts were down from Salt Lake City, and Stake President Smoot and his counselors, together with the Y. M. M. I. Stake officers and other prominent workers in educational matters occupied the stand. The report of Stake Superintendent Keeler of the condition of the Y. M. M. I. A. was very encouraging, showing an increased interest in mutual improvement work in the Stake. Prof. Brimball, Prof. B. Cluff Jr. and Elder B. H. Roberts also spoke, urging upon the members of the association study and intellectual development, making the knowledge of the principles of the Gospel a foundation upon which to build their educational structure.

In the afternoon President Joseph F. Smith delivered an eloquent and instructive discourse.

In the evening Elder B. H. Roberts lectured upon the subject of agnosticism to a large and attentive audience.

AT ABINGDON.

Elder J. D. Owen writes from Abingdon, Berkshire, England, where he and Elder Albert Seare, both of this city, are laboring, that they are meet-

ing with good success in their missionary labors. The town is the old home of Elder Seare's father, and the estimable character which the latter, who now resides in this city, had in the town and neighborhood has proved of great advantage in securing for the missionaries kind and honorable treatment. Elder Owen relates many experiences that himself and companion have passed through, one being in connection with open air meetings which they have been holding in Abingdon. The people attended their meetings very largely, and the Elders had excellent opportunity, which they availed themselves of, of presenting the principles of the Gospel. At a meeting just previous to the time the letter was written they had got through with the service, which had been listened to attentively by a large audience, when a minister followed, denouncing the Mormons, but admitting that the two young men who had been speaking had preached Bible doctrine. When he concluded, the crowd demanded that the "boys" speak in their own behalf, which they did. The minister again began, but the audience objected to his being abusive in his language and would not listen. The outcome was a challenge to meet the minister at his home next day, which the Elders accepted, and the interview was of a prolonged and pleasant character, the reverend gentleman treating the young missionaries with marked courtesy. They explained to him the principles of the Gospel they were preaching, replied to many objections he made, and at their withdrawal he invited them to come again, saying he had obtained from them much valuable information. The people of the whole town were awakened by the proceedings to an interest in the discussion which had taken place, and the Elders were receiving many and frequent calls to explain the principles of the Gospel.

Says the Carbon county (Wyo.) Journal: Dr. Ricketts has performed the operation of resection upon John Childs who was accidentally shot a few days ago. He took from the upper end of the humerus from fifteen to twenty pieces of bone, some of them two and one-half inches long and more than one-eighth of an inch wide. Dr. Stuver assisted by administering chloroform. The operation lasted one hour, and the patient has visibly improved since that time. It is still a question whether the arm will be saved, but every effort to that end is being made.

The foreign trade of Mexico, says the *Bullion*, is at a very low ebb, and importations that are paid in gold or in depreciated silver dollars, are greatly diminished, while the demand for certain lines of European foreign goods has continued, prices of all such commodities having reached a point beyond the purse and means of the Mexican consumers, enterprising citizens have embarked in numerous industries, and are now producing many articles heretofore obtained from the workshops and factories of foreign nations. Thus it would seem that England and Germany's crusade against the white metal will react violently against their own commercial interests.