

Bluffs in the spring of 1853, he once more engaged in school teaching.

In the meantime his wife died, and having married again, he emigrated to Utah in 1856, locating in Ogden, where he has resided ever since. In 1860 he made a visit to California, where he had a sister residing, and in 1865-68 he performed a good mission to Europe, spending two years in Holland, where he acquired a pretty thorough knowledge of the Dutch language, and afterwards presided one year over the Nottingham Conference, England. While in Holland some sixty persons were baptized and the Voice of Warning was translated into the Dutch language. In 1889 and 1890 he again performed a good mission in Holland, being president of the Netherlands Mission.

At home he has filled many positions of trust and responsibility. For two years he served as probate judge of Weber county, for ten years as alderman of the city council of Ogden, and also as justice of the peace for several years. Previous to his departure on his first mission to Europe, he taught school for nine years, and after his return was engaged a number of years in the Ogden branch of Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution. As president of the Central Canal company, he took an active part in getting the water from the Weber river upon the dry bench between Ogden and Kaysville. Since 1880 he has been engaged principally in farming pursuits. When the prosecutions for polygamy and unlawful cohabitation commenced, he was one of the first victims selected from Weber county. Having been arrested May 15, 1885, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, he was arraigned in the First District Court in Ogden on June 30th, when he furnished all the evidence himself for his conviction and read an able plea in court, in which he asserted that he would rather have his head severed from his body than prove recreant to his wives and children and betray his trust. His remarks were characteristic of the man—noble, courageous and conscientious. He was true to what he conceived to be his post of duty, regardless of the consequences to himself. Up to the close of his life he was active in his labors for the welfare of his fellow beings and the establishment of righteousness on the earth. He held the respect and esteem, not only of his co-religionists, but of those who differed widely from him in religious belief, and he will be mourned by all classes of citizens. The world is better through the lives of such men as Francis A. Brown. Would there were more of them.

RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder G. M. Thomson, of Richmond, Cache county, arrived in this city on the Union Pacific train which reached here at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, June 7, the trip from Southampton to Salt Lake having been made in less than 12 days. Elder Thomson left his home May 1, 1892, and six days thereafter departed from this city with a party of missionaries for Great Britain. He was assigned to labor in the Liverpool conference, remaining in that field the whole time

except a couple of months spent among relatives in Scotland and brief visits to other conferences. He enjoyed his missionary labors, which were attended with good success. Especially in the past few months there has been marked improvement in the sentiment toward the Latter-day Saints. There is now shown a marked spirit of inquiry, and where a couple of years ago the people were careful to shun a Mormon Elder the missionaries now are invited to many homes where the people are desirous to know what the Latter-day Saints believe. Elder Thomson thinks that altogether the prospect is much brighter the present season than for many years past.

Elder Wm. D. Callister, of this city, also returned Thursday, June 7. He left home May 7, 1892, and on his arrival in England was assigned to the Leeds conference, where he labored some five months. He was then called to the Liverpool office for the winter months, and in the spring took up his labors in the Birmingham conference, where he remained till released to come home. His missionary labors were attended with success, and in general he found the feeling of inquiry regarding the Gospel to be extending. He visited relatives on the Isle of Man, and was well received. His experience as a missionary has been of an enjoyable character in the opportunities he has had of presenting the Gospel before the people and the blessings of the Lord that have been with him.

Elders H. M. McCune, of Nephi, who labored in the Sheffield and Liverpool conferences; Hyrum Kirkham, of Lehi, whose field was the Sheffield conference; Frank S. Baugh, of Logan, who operated in the Scottish and Birmingham conferences, and Alonzo Lewis, of Logan, who labored in the Welsh and Irish conferences, also were among the returning missionaries. Elder Lewis stopped over a few days in New York; Elder Baugh went north to Logan from Ogden; and Elders McCune and Kirkham remained in Ogden yesterday afternoon, coming to Salt Lake on a later train. All are well, and have generally similar reports to make of their labors. They all left this city May 7, 1892, for Great Britain.

The return journey was made from Southampton, as the Alaska, which was to sail from Liverpool May 26, did not leave, the company deciding to retire. The passengers therefore took the American line, and made the voyage on the Paris, which left the quay at Southampton May 26 at 2:13 p.m., and reached Sandy Hook lightship at 8:46 p.m. the following Friday, making the trip over the long course in six days, eleven hours and thirty-three minutes. This was two hours behind the quickest passage on record, which was made by the Paris, from Southampton, but as it was over the long course and took 68 knots more to travel, it really was the quickest tripever made by the Paris, and consequently the fastest on record from Southampton. On the full days the runs were 504, 500, 500, 510 and 504 knots. The average speed for the voyage was 20.01 knots, or 25 miles per hour. On Decoration Day an iceberg was passed in midocean, latitude 42

deg., longitude 40 deg. It was fifteen miles north of the vessel's course.

On the trip westward, from New York to Chicago the railway accommodations were anything but satisfactory, and showed a marked contrast to the courtesy of officials and efficiency of service on the roads west of Chicago. In respect to these features the West has railway service superior to the East. On the trip, the passengers report excellent treatment on board the Paris, and also on the Chicago & Alton and the Union Pacific trains, everything that was consistent being done for their comfort and safety.

KANAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Kanab Stake conference was held in Orderville, June 2nd and 3rd, 1894. There were present, of the authorities, on the occasion, Elders Edwin D. Woolley and Daniel Seegmiller, of the Kanab Stake presidency, some of the members of the High Council and Bishops of the various wards. Conference was well attended by the female portion of the Stake, but on account of so many of the brethren being away out of the Stake and otherwise hindered, they were not so plentifully represented.

Saturday morning after the usual opening exercises, Pres. E. D. Woolley addressed the Saints a short time on the subject of round-dancing and card-playing. He felt desirous that the Saints in this Stake should be willing to endeavor to carry out the wishes of the First Presidency in this matter, and cease the practice of these things, as he considered it to be the mind and will of the Lord unto us. Resolutions having been adopted by the High Council and Bishops that they would refrain from the practice of these evil habits in the future, an expression from the Saints assembled was had, in which the action of the High Council was sustained, without a dissenting vote.

Elder Heber J. Meeks, a lately returned missionary from the Southern States, occupied most of the remainder of the forenoon to the instruction and edification of the Saints. He was followed by Bishop Macdonald of Graham Ward a short time.

Elders James Leithead, Daniel Seegmiller, of the Stake Presidency, Richard S. Robinson, Bishops Haskel S. Jolley, Henry W. Esplin, Joel H. Johnson and Royal R. Cutler, and Elder Charles S. Craah were also speakers during conference. The subjects treated upon were the signs of the times, keeping out of debt, home industries, obedience to the council of the Priesthood, Sabbath day observance, Word of Wisdom, and many other points of interest. The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained and we had very interesting and instructive programs carried out in the conferences of the different associations and Sabbath school.

In regard to our prosperity it does not look as flattering as we would like to see it. There has been but very little rainfall during the last winter and spring in our vicinity, and in consequence there is but little grass growing on the range, and cattle have been dying off to quite an extent so I am told by stockmen.

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