

## IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER?

You've heard it said in "olden times"  
That the world is getting better;  
We'd have no hangings after walls,  
And have no hall and fetter.

But they're hanging people every day  
For every sort of crime;  
The world, it seems, is getting worse  
Than in the olden times.

The trouble lies in the home today;  
In training the little feet,  
For the parents turn the children out  
Upon the town and street.

They see and hear all kinds of sin  
Before the age eleven,  
That starts them on the road to hell  
Instead the road to heaven.

We can expect no better days  
Till we train the children's feet,  
In the paths of righteousness,  
And keep them off the street.

This hanging then will all be stopped,  
And the prisons be vacated;  
Crime will cease all over the world,  
And peace be re-instated.

ROBERT H. WALTON.

## THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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The following named missionaries and visitors from Utah arrived in Liverpool June 23, 1897, per American Line steamer Wacahia: Dr. James E. Talmage, Salt Lake City; L. M. Christensen, Spring City, O. W. Peterson, A. L. Larson, Ephraim; John Hansen, Riverton; Mary Pexton, Nephi. Elder Talmage is on a business mission of a scientific character. He will spend some weeks in England, and then proceed to St. Petersburg, Russia, to join a company of scientists in an expedition to the Ural Mountains. Elders Christensen, Peterson and Hansen are missionaries to Scandinavia, the latter on genealogical business; Elder Larson is for the Swiss and German mission, and Sister Pexton is a visitor on her way to Sweden.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

Elder Charles W. Penrose of the Stake presidency presided over the services at the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon, July 11, 1897.

The choir sang the hymn:

Glorious things are sang of Zion.  
Enoch's city seen of old.

Prayer was offered by Elder John Christensen.

The choir further sang:

Sweet is the work, my God, my King.  
To praise Thy name, give thanks and sing.

Elder John G. Peart, a recently returned missionary from the Southern States, was the first speaker. He said he felt to rejoice and thank God for having been privileged to return home after having spent some time in preaching the Gospel to the nations of the earth. His labors had been mainly in the state of Kentucky where he found many kind hearted people who were willing to listen to the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saint Elders. The ministers there had shown much kindness to the Mormon missionaries and had generously offered them their churches to preach in. There was an anxiety in that vicinity to hear of the Mormon religion, and since the Elders had commenced to travel strictly without purse or scrip, their labors were

proving a blessing to them as well as to those whom they labored among.

In conclusion the speaker referred to the condition of the Eastern States mission which he had visited. It was prospering as were the other fields, and his prayer was that the Saints at home would gird up their loins and remain firm and steadfast even unto the end.

Elder Orson F. Whitney next spoke. He read from the words of the Savior, wherein ministers of the Gospel were likened unto the fishermen who would go out to gather in the fish. This prophecy, said the speaker, had been verily fulfilled in this our day. The remarks of the previous speaker indicated a fulfillment of that prophecy. He had gone into the world to preach the Gospel and had assisted in gathering in a portion of the harvest in heart scattered to the four wings of the earth. The Elders were sent out to test the people of the earth to see whether or not they would yield obedience to the dictates of the Savior. Such a test was applied anciently. Abraham was put to the test and although it tried him for a time, he finally yielded obedience and gained an exaltation and blessings in His Father's kingdom. The Saints were enjoined to let their light shine that others might see their good works and glorify their Father which was in heaven; and thus it was that they went out into the world to testify of the Gospel as it had been revealed to them from on high. They were prepared of the way for the coming of the Son of Man, and in preaching His Gospel they had filled the mission to which all of the harvest in heart had been assigned.

The speaker recited the experiences of Isaac and Jacob and called attention to the greater light which was to shine in the latter days. That greater light was the fulness of the Gospel as restored to the earth through Joseph the Prophet. It had come upon the earth for the benefit of humankind and to act as a test as to whether they would accept God or Mammon. That it might be made known to the world the ambassadors of Christ were being sent to the four corners of the earth, endowed with authority, to preach, teach, exhort and baptize. Those who received the representatives so authorized would do that which would bring blessings unto them, but those who rejected them and their teachings, would cut themselves off from those blessings. It was not necessary to see the Savior face to face in order to believe in Him and accept His teachings. Rather was it of greater necessity to receive the Gospel from His servants, for to them was vested the power and authority to open up the avenue whereby the blessings promised would flow freely to those who had laid themselves liable to them. Why was it, asked the speaker, that Elders of the Church went out into all the world. Because, said he, they were the hunters and fishers of men and had been sent out to gather scattered Israel, thus filling the capacity of saviors of men—a work than which none other could be more noble and Godlike.

One of the marvels of history, said the speaker, was the rapid spread of Christianity. Why was this? Be-

cause God had come before and prepared the way by laying down the law, an obedience to which would be met with blessings on every hand.

Elder Whitney showed the consistency of the Gospel with the teachings of the Savior and concluded by invoking God's blessings upon all who were seeking after righteousness.

President Joseph F. Smith was the closing speaker. He referred to the testimonies borne to the Saints from time to time and expressed the wish that all could realize and retain the spirit in which those testimonies were given. He read from and alluded upon the 10th chapter of John, putting special stress upon the lethargy and indifference existing among Latter-day Saints with reference to their attention to religious worship. The choir sang the anthem:

O come and let us sing unto the Lord.

Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch John Smith.

Silver City Star: Ed. Wallace, the cook at the Alaska made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide while in a fit of mental aberration Friday evening by stabbing himself with a pocket knife. He did not succeed in his purpose, however, and only inflicted several flesh wounds. He was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Cronin and will probably be committed to the asylum.

## OBITUARY NOTES.

SAMUEL NORMAN.

Samuel Norman died in the eighty-eighth year of his age at Layton, Davis county, Utah, May 20, 1897, of old age. Deceased was born in Bradpool, Dorsetshire, England, in 1810; was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Elder George Kendall, in 1847; passed through all the persecutions of that day when the Gospel was first preached in that town, and finally was compelled to move out and find another home. He moved to Plymouth, Devonshire, England, and took a very active part in spreading the Gospel in that region, where he resided until 1879, and emigrated with the Saints in that year. The Elders who traveled in that part will always have cause to remember Father Norman, as he was called, for his many acts of kindness towards them while they were strangers in a strange land preaching the Gospel. He leaves three sons, many grand children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He died as he had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint, with an abiding hope of coming forth in the morning of the resurrection with all the faithful of God's children.

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## THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

FASSELL.—In this city, July 6, 1897, of aneurism of the aorta, Martha Fassell; born April 18, 1856, in Alsace, Germany. St. Louis papers please copy.

KIMBALL.—At 167 north, East Temple street, Mrs. Elvira Kimball, wife of Chas. S. Kimball, aged 67 years.

PETTY.—Charlotte E. J. Petty, born July 10, 1822, in Plymouth, Devonshire, England; came to Utah in December, 1856; died July 8, 1897, at 2:10 a. m.