

be called the father of the irrigation system of the United States. He urged us to own our own farms and the following out of his suggestions has made our people the most independent on earth."

"Was Brigham Young a man of any education?" I asked.

"Not in the sense of being college bred," replied Mr. Woodruff. "He was, however, educated in the school of experience. He had a wonderfully receptive mind and he seemed to grasp things by intuition, taking them in as a whole and in detail. He appreciated the advantages of education, and established schools and universities. He was great as a planner, great as an organizer and great as an executive. He was not narrow in any respect. He believed in amusements, and while Salt Lake was still a village he built here one of the biggest theaters of the United States. He organized the tabernacle choir, which now has 600 members and which is one of the finest choirs of the country. He was, in fact, an all-around great man, and he would have been great in any place or in any time."

*Frank G. Carpenter*

#### SAW JOSEPH AND BRIGHAM.

CYPRESS, Jackson County, Florida.

September, 23rd, 1896.

We take pleasure in penning a few of our experiences since Conference, held May 30th and 31st. Elder Brigham Haslam and myself were appointed to labor in Gadsden and Jackson counties among Saints and friends, and can say that since that time our sorrows have been few and our joys many. One item we will mention may be of interest to your many readers. On entering the little city of Quincy, the county seat of Gadsden County, we in line of our duty, called on the Editor of the Quincy Herald, and found him to be an aged gentleman of about seventy. On introducing ourselves we learned that his name was W. W. Keep. He said he went to Utah in early days in a company led by Parley P. Pratt, and remembers well Brigham Young acting as Governor of Utah. He related some early reminiscences of Utah to us, which were interesting. One we will mention: He says he went to the home of Brigham Young with his feet badly frozen at one time, and stopped and was in the care of Brigham for six weeks. While there a man by name of Washington Griffith died in Governor Young's care and Governor Young gave Mr. Keep a piccolo that belonged to Griffith. Mr. Keep has the treasured instrument today and showed it to us; it shows its age as well as does its worthy owner. Mr. Keep talked freely with us and with high spirits. He is now hardly able to get around owing to being affected in one side with paralysis, but looks bright and cheerful and expects to visit Salt Lake City in the spring, he also says he is the only one among many living down here that can say he has seen the face of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Our labors have been crowned with reasonable success in getting before the people and we are very greatly encouraged with our situation. Traveling as the Seventy of former days, we often

find ourselves in the mansions of the most popular class of the country, who are eager to hear what we have to say. Some time ago we had the pleasure of being entertained by the chaplain of the state asylum, who deserves praise for his hospitality. He remarked when we bid him good morning, that he had learned something and hoped we would meet again. Thus the great beam of prejudice is being rapidly removed by the divine plan and a better feeling seems to prevail than in former years.

BRIGHAM HASLAM.

G. W. ROGERS.

#### AN ELDER'S EXPERIENCE.

KEYSER, Mineral Co.,

W. Va., Sept. 26, 1896.

With your permission I will narrate some of my experiences in the mission field for the last six months.

I came to the Pennsylvania conference on the 3rd of March and visited relatives in Cumberland, Maryland, for a few weeks. I then traveled with Elder E. Tanner of Utah, until the 5th of July. We labored in Fulton county, Pa., also in Allegheny county, Maryland, where we made many friends and baptized quite a number into the fold of Christ.

I next received Elder P. R. Gilkeple of Tooele city, Utah, as a companion and we were appointed to labor in Mineral county, West Virginia. We have held quite a number of meetings in this county and made many friends. We were holding meeting in a small town and one evening while walking along to a Mr. Martin's place who had asked us come with him, a gentleman rode up to us and asked us if we would come and preach at a school house about two miles distant, on the afternoon of the morrow, it being Sunday. The gentleman said that if we would preach he would let the people know of the meeting, therefore we consented.

At the meeting there was a large congregation, the house not being large enough to hold the people. We had a very nice time together and made many good friends. At an evening meeting we had a good crowd and gave the people a chance to ask questions but there were none asked.

We next went to Cross in this county to call on a few friends that we had made on a previous visit. In our travels we arrived at a Mr. John Smith's and asked if we could stop over night with him. We told him that we were ministers of the Gospel. The gentleman came to the door and said, "You are Mormon preachers, are you not?" We told him that we were best known by that name. "Well," he said, "come in, gentlemen, I am glad to see you." He said that he had traveled out in the West among our people and was never treated better. He gave us a hearty shake of the hand and we took seats, and were soon into a pleasant conversation, Mr. Smith being anxious to find out something more about our religion.

A friend in need is much appreciated to the weary traveler. The road is dark and dreary at times and friends seem very few and while we are traveling on our way many are our thoughts, and we wonder why it is, but when

we stop and think, our minds go back to the passage of scripture, John 17. 14: "I have given them Thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." This gives us relief, so we trust in Him who rules above and the road is traveled over.

We found Mr. Smith to be a very liberal minded man with broad views, and willing to give all men the privileges that belong to them and liked to see all people have the freedom of speech as the Constitution of our government guarantees, and with the assistance of Mr. Smith, we were able to do some preaching in the town. We had a good attendance at our meetings and met with and made many friends, being often asked to come again. After our Sunday evening meeting we had applications for baptism, the applicants being Mr. Evan Jones and his son, John Jones. Mr. Smith and others present told us it would not be many days before they would be baptized also. We left the people feeling a great deal better toward us than when we first came in the neighborhood, with the prospects of a good work being done here in the future.

We then went to Brother J. W. Snyder's, where we have had a stopping place, and have received kind treatment under his roof. Here many weary Elders have found a resting place, and his kind wife is always on hand to do a favor for the Elders. We feel to thank all those that assist the Elders in any way in helping to spread the Gospel.

I have met with many experiences since I left my home in Utah, over two years ago. I spent my first eighteen months in the states of Wisconsin and Missouri laboring in the Iowa conference, and I feel to rejoice that I have been permitted to fill a mission as a servant of God. I see a great change in the people since I have been in the mission field. The clouds of darkness and superstition are gradually removing and the people are getting more of an inquiring spirit with them now that we are getting to be better known.

JOSEPH M. GREEN.

#### THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, Sept. 24.]

Arrivals—The following named Elders from Utah arrived in Liverpool today, per American Line steamer Rhyndland: For the British mission—Joshua H. Paul, Logan; Joseph J. Paul Salt Lake City. For the Swiss and German mission—Frank W. Pentrose, F. W. Freeze, Salt Lake City. For the Scandinavian mission—W. S. Christoffersen, Brigham City.

Appointments—Elder Joshua H. Paul has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Scottish conference.

Elder Joseph J. Paul has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Norwich conference.

Release—George Foster who has been laboring as a traveling Elder in the Norwich conference has been released to return home September 24, 1896. On account of ill-health it was considered wise to release him, although he has been an energetic missionary, and was very anxious to remain longer.