

hood meeting that was held the following day.

In addition to the forceful words of wisdom and instruction by the presiding brethren the following Elders addressed the people: Walter M. Everton, Moses P. Jorgenson, Ray Ashworth, W. G. Fisher, C. O. Christenson, Byron Carter, Ariel F. Cardon, John F. Barratt, Daniel H. Kimball.

Albert Matheson, the retiring president, was presented with an elegantly bound volume of Tennyson's poems, supplemented with a purse made up by the Elders.

The new presidency was announced as follows: C. O. Christenson, president, with Arthur Candland and Moses Jorgenson as his counselors.

Retiring president, Elias Kimball, presented each Elder with a photo of himself.

On account of prejudice creeping in it was found necessary to build an arbor or bowery near the church building that we expected to use, but this labor was assumed by the people, and everything was in readiness for the meeting.

The people were struck with amazement when they heard the Elders sing. Elder D. P. Felt was selected as choir leader, and on Friday evening he called the boys together to practice a few pieces. The singing was a marked feature of the services, nearly all saying it was the finest ever heard in the country. Our Elders are about all first class singers.

Encouraging reports were received from all the Elders showing that a good foot hold was being secured in Georgia, the state that has been so radically opposed to our labors. The very best of feelings prevailed at Union, in Campbell county (where the conference was held), a county that, when Elders Rulen M. Owen, Salt Lake City, and David A. Broadbent of Provo first entered the greatest indifference was shown, but by persistent, prayerful and tactful work the conference was held, about fifty strangers well taken care of and the very best of feeling prevailed. This may be said of nearly all portions of Georgia that have been visited by the Elders, all showing a gratifying fulfillment of President Woodruff's prophecy that a wave of toleration was to pass over the country. It certainly has in the state of Georgia.

The meeting of the Elders, some of whom had not seen each other for three years, was indeed pleasant. The Georgia contingent being made up during the past three months from members of other conferences in the various parts of the Southern States mission, hence, of course, they had not met in conference as do those in the various state conventions.

C. O. CHRISTENSON,

President.

D. P. FELT, Clerk.

#### RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder N. K. Nielsen, of Pleasant Grove, reported today his return from the Scandinavian mission. Elder Nielsen has been laboring in Norway, where satisfactory progress is being made, but where there is a scarcity of Elders. He left for his mission in May, 1895, and returned on July 4th last.

Elder Wm. G. Park, of Mill Creek, and Robert H. Argyle, of Bountiful, have returned from the Australian mission, arriving here yesterday. The former has been laboring in the New South Wales conference, and the latter in the Queensland conference. Both Elders report that the great prejudice against the Saints which has existed there is

being overcome and a good work accomplished. Elder Barker, president of the mission, sent by these Elders a report of the good condition of the mission. The Elders left here for the field on November 11, 1895.

Elders Franklin Fairbanks and W. F. Tanner of Payson returned yesterday after filling missions in the Southern States mission. The former labored mostly in South Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Elder Fairbanks left home in August, 1897, and Elder Tanner on May 10, 1895. Both bring good reports from their fields of labor.

Elder Samuel P. Oldham of Paradise, Cache county, has returned from a mission to the Southern States, for which place he left his home on the 24th of August, 1895. Elder Oldham labored in the South Carolina conference, being president of the same for a period of twenty-eight months. He returns feeling well and reports the mission in a flourishing condition.

Elder Don B. Colton, of Vernal, Uintah county, returned Wednesday from a mission to Great Britain, whither he went May 1, 1896. He labored in the Sheffield conference, England, while away, enjoyed his stay there, and reports conditions gradually improving for the spread of the Gospel. Elder Colton went on to his home today.

On last Sunday, July 17th, Elder John Lloyd, of Sandy, returned from South Wales, Great Britain, where he has been laboring as a missionary for two years. He says that on the homeward trip the railroad officials were very kind, especially on the Union Pacific, and did all they could do for the comfort of the travelers. Elder Lloyd left home on July 31, 1896. He brings an interesting but sad report of affairs among the poor people in Wales on account of the great colliers' strike, which involves 100,000 men. The people are compelled to get sustenance from numerous soup kitchens, which have been established for their relief. It is a common thing now, says Elder Lloyd, to see little children going to school with a tin cup tied around their necks, and when the noon recess comes the little ones visit the nearest soup kitchen to receive their midday meal. This state of affairs was brought about by the strike over the sliding scale of prices, and when a collier who is working in a mine discovers a place where he can make more money he is obliged to get discharge papers from the company in whose employ he is already, and these are so marked that when he applies for the job he is refused it on account of the private mark, which is understood by employers. In the town of Merthyr there were 1,095 men given employment in the city, cracking stones for turnpikes, in order to prevent their families from starving. Elder Lloyd says that people here who have relatives and friends in Wales should write to them frequently, because even now, in some places, the people there believe that residents of Utah are not permitted by the powers that be to do much writing.

Elder Rufus Day of Fillmore, Millard county, returned Thursday from Virginia, where for three years past he has been laboring as a missionary. Elder Day left home June 29, 1895, and reports having had much satisfaction in his labors in the ministry. He says conditions are favorable for the spread of the Gospel there and believes the work has a great future before it in that section.

Elder Frank Smith of Meadow, Millard county, also returned yesterday from the mission field. Elder Smith traveled in Florida preaching the Gos-

pel unto the people as opportunity afforded, and reports the work there progressing very nicely. He, too, left for the field June 29, 1895, had good health while absent and greatly enjoyed the time spent in the Southern States.

Elder James H. Stevenson of West Jordan returned last Wednesday from the Eastern States mission. He labored in Pennsylvania, Fox Islands, Me.; and latterly in Providence, R. I. Elder Stevenson left home July 2, 1896, and has enjoyed his mission immensely and says that the mission is in a prosperous condition.

Elder Orson Allen of this city arrived home Wednesday from England, where he has filled a mission, laboring mostly in the Sheffield conference, where the Elders are now received much better than for some time past. Elder Allen left for his field of labor on May 22, 1896.

Elder Samuel Isom of Virgin City, Washington county, Utah, called on the "News" today, having just returned from a mission to the Southern States. Elder Isom left his home on November 9th, 1895, and labored in the Florida conference. He reports good success and says he had the privilege of leading fifty-three souls into the waters of baptism. He also found the people among whom he labored very kind and hospitable. He never had to lie out in the woods or miss a meal all the time he was gone. Elder Isom further reported that the work of the Lord was progressing very nicely in the Southern States mission. At present there are 45 Elders laboring energetically in the state.

Elder Ezra Christiansen of Mant, Sanpete county, returned Friday from a mission to the Northern States. Elder Christiansen labored in the Southern Illinois conference, most of his time being spent in St. Louis, Mo. He reports the work there progressing nicely, the labors of the Elders being fraught with gratifying success. The holding of outdoor meetings has been productive of much good and the papers of that city, as well as the people generally, treat the missionaries with much cordiality and respect. Elder Christiansen left home in June, 1896, had good health while away and greatly enjoyed his labors.

Elder Wallace Cragum of Smithfield, Cache county, who left for a mission to Germany on June 23, 1895, returned home on Wednesday of this week. He enjoyed good health and excellent spirits during his entire absence and says the work is progressing favorably under a band of energetic Elders.

#### IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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Arrivals—The following named Elders from Zion arrived in Liverpool, on June 30, 1898, per American Line steamer Belgenland. For the British Mission—Alma L. Sargent, Hoytsville, Utah. For the Holland Mission—Joseph Weston, Ogden. For the Swiss Mission—L. S. Cardon, Logan, Utah. For the Scandinavian Mission—John H. Anderson, American Fork; A. J. Neilson, Salt Lake City; Parley Anderson, Koocharem, Utah.

Sister Sophia Cardon of Logan City was with the party, having come over to Great Britain on a short visit. Sister Cardon is the first and only lady, up to date, in the State of Utah, who has held the position of city recorder. She was elected to the position of recorder for the city of Logan, during the last municipal election held there.

Appointment—Alma L. Sargent has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference.