

met at Sister A. B. Young's home and labored all night to make his funeral suit.

At 2 p.m. funeral services were held in the Burnham ward meeting house, Bishop L. B. Burnham presiding, the ward choir under the direction of Elder Wm. G. Black rendering appropriate singing. It was a great comfort to me to see his body properly clothed submitted to the view and embrace of his grief-stricken wife and sorrowing parents and relatives.

Brother Howard D. Roberts was widely and well known in this vicinity, and all citizens offered kind words and willing help in every way that they could.

Howard Daniel Roberts was the son of Orville Clark and Mary Coray Roberts. He was born July 10, 1871, at Mona, Juab county, Utah. At eight years of age he was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On the 24th of October, 1890, he married Mary W. Young, daughter of John R. and Tamar Black Young, by whom he had four children, two sons and two daughters. Last summer he visited Salt Lake City, and went through the Temple, having his wife and children sealed to him. Recently he attended the San Juan Stake quarterly conference and listened to discourses by Elder F. D. Richards of the Apostles, and Elder C. W. Peabody. Their remarks seemed to enter his heart like fire. He was filled with a desire to labor for the salvation of the human family. The Sabbath before his death he bore feeling testimonies in the Sunday school and afternoon meeting, to the truth of the great latter-day work. He was ever cheerful and self-reliant. As he pulled from the shore I expressed a doubt of his being able to cross the strong current. He replied, with a smile, "Father, in five minutes I will show you what I can do." Those few words were a true index to his character. He was always willing to face danger, and to put forth his best efforts in serving his friends. While I mourn his loss, yet I feel that he was well prepared to go, and that in the resurrection he will come forth, crowned with eternal life.

J. R. YOUNG.

THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

(Millennial Star, June 7.)

Release and Appointments.—Elder John H. Burrows has been honorably released from laboring in the business department of the Millennial Star office to return home. Elder Burrows has occupied this position for the past two years, and has fulfilled the responsible duties connected with it to the entire satisfaction of the presidency of the mission.

For nearly a year past Sister M. J. Burrows, the wife of Elder Burrows, has been visiting in this country. During most of this time she has been staying at this office, and has taken a great interest in the household affairs connected with it, and her services have been much appreciated. Our best wishes go with them on their homeward journey.

Elder D. C. Stephenson has been honorably released from laboring in the Leeds conference to return home July 3, 1897.

Elder Charles D. Smith has been

honorably released from laboring in the London conference to return home July 3, 1897.

Elder Charles H. Baker has been honorably released from laboring in the Birmingham conference to return home July 3, 1897.

Elder William S. Romney has been honorably released from presiding over the Birmingham conference to return home.

Elder Charles T. Stacey has been honorably released from the Leeds conference to return home June 19, on account of sickness. Elder Stacey has only been in the missionary field one month. He has been in poor health for three years past, but thought the change of climate might improve his condition. Since coming here his health has been worse and it has been considered best for him to return.

Elder Theodore C. Best has been honorably released from the Cheltenham conference to return home June 19 on account of illness. Elder Best arrived here last November, and for several months assisted in the business department of the Millennial Star office. On account of his failing health he was appointed to the Cheltenham conference, where he labored for some time, but his physical condition did not improve.

Elder J. H. Paul has been released from the Scottish conference and appointed to preside over the Birmingham conference.

Elder Daniel Whipple has been released from the Irish conference and appointed to labor in the Nottingham conference.

Elder F. J. A. Jaques has been released from the Nottingham conference and appointed to labor in the Irish conference.

BAKER CITY BRANCH.

BAKER CITY, Ore., June 2, 1897.

On arriving in Baker City Saturday evening I was highly pleased with the patriotic sentiment; the city was alive with memorial services. Brother H. E. Baker, presiding Elder, met me and took me to the home of Brother J. M. Grant Geddes, manager of the Oregon Lumber Mills company, and later I returned to Baker City.

Monday morning found me at Sunday school, where Brother Geddes resides, his former assistants having moved away. Theological class, taught by Brother Wm. J. Wale and assisted by Jos. Ballentine, is most progressive. There is an average attendance of about ninety, with twelve officers and teachers. Fully twenty per cent are not Latter-day Saints.

Brother Baker is assisted in the branch organization by Elders Geddes and J. R. Smurthwaite, and I may safely say the little branch is in a good healthy condition. The young people meet on Sunday evenings conjointly in M. I. association. The lesser Priesthood is represented in the various organizations. The Relief Society is doing a good work, and the day I left, being President Brigham Young's birthday, the Primary association, a hundred strong, assembled on the grass near town under the bowery and had a good time.

Joseph Barton, chief engineer of the Sumpter Valley railway and superin-

tendent of electric light works, being just ready to go to the terminus in the interest of the mills, invited me to go along. So Monday morning found me in decidedly good company; for as the immensely long train of narrow gauge cars pulled out of the yard we stood on the platform and took in the sights which were many. Powder canyon, down which flows the river by that name, is one of a peculiar picturesque nature, much like our canyons at home and indeed what I have seen of Oregon so far, greatly to my surprise, is much like our mountainous region. We were soon at Sumpter, a new mining camp of no small dimensions, and the terminus of the railway. Only about fifteen miles from this point, and fully forty-seven from Baker City, is "Grannet," the camp where Grant Bros. of Salt Lake have mining property, which, I am informed, is likely to yield them no very small sum of money. Brother B. F. Grant is operating the mines and from what I can learn, the Grant Bros. stand all right in those parts.

Not of the least interest is the timber of this country, and I was very much interested in seeing where the logs come from. This Oregon Lumber Co., of which Brother David Eccles of Ogden is general manager, owns and operates thirty-two miles of railway, with nearly three hundred cars and four engines. Its mills turn out 75,000 feet daily, and its yard holds fully three million feet; it employs about two hundred men. Cutting 7,000 feet a day you must know these men have to work. Carrying off the timber is not done by hand, in fact scarcely anything is, it being done by rollers. Several men load it on carts and several boys with horses move it to the yard. The narrow slips go to the lath maker, while the large slabs are cut in cord lengths for the market. All refuse goes to a great furnace and is consumed. The saw dust is used to the furnaces for steam generating while the shavings from the planing mills go to the electric light plant. This company furnishes lights for lighting Baker City. Situated around the lumber yard is a village of cottages, mostly owned by the company, though in some instances the occupants possess them. They have a splendid meeting house and store building. Wherever practicable, Bro. Eccles has employed Latter-day Saints, making employment for a great many. The various organizations and Sunday meetings of this little band of Saints so situated, is doing a great work in the cause of truth.

Respectfully,
ANDREW KIMBALL.

TAXATION OF MORTGAGES.

William K. Reid, county attorney of Sanpete, has written the attorney general asking whether or not a banking corporation when listing its property for taxation is entitled to deduct from the amount of its capital stock a sum equal to the amount of money it has loaned upon mortgage securities when such mortgages have also been assessed for taxation. Mr. Bishop in his answer refers Attorney Reid to section 2 of article