

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Millennial Star, Oct. 3rd.

Release—Elder William Blain has been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Scottish conference to return home, October 10, 1895.

Mrs. John Bentley, aged 72 years, received a broken leg Wednesday evening while handling a cow. While leading the animal the rope became tangled around her left leg. The old lady fell and the cow dragged her a short distance. When picked up it was found that one of the bones in her leg was broken. The injuries were attended to by Dr. Milliron at the lady's residence, 833 East Eighth South street.

The NEWS has received the following request: "Will you please inquire through your columns for a Mr. James Thomas, who left Caermarthen, South Wales, with Captain Dan Jones's companies in 1852—was last heard from just after landing in Philadelphia that year. All information leading to whereabouts or that of his family will be very gratefully received by his brother, David Thomas, Murphysboro, Jackson county, Illinois."

On Sunday the 20th inst., a new ward, to be known as Lund, was organized on the level bench lying immediately north of Gentle Valley and south of Bancroft station. Albert E. Blair was sustained as Bishop and A. W. Lundstrom and F. H. Reddish as counselors. The ward is composed of about twenty-five families. President George C. Parkinson, Bishops J. A. Tolman and L. S. Pond were in attendance. Much timely counsel and good instruction were given and all seemed to enjoy the visit of the brethren.

ATTENDANT.

In the issue of October 8th last the NEWS published an interview with Bro. Edson Barney, who believed at the time that he was the oldest living member of the Church, having been baptized on May 8, 1831. The following from Arizona, shows Bro. Owen to have been a member of the Church two months longer than has Bro. Barney, provided both dates are absolutely correct:

WOODRUFF, Navajo Co., Ariz.

I saw a piece in the NEWS that Bro. E. Barney was the oldest member in the Church. I can say that he is mistaken. I was baptized the 2nd day of March, 1831, in Portage county, Ohio. I started with my father's family for Jackson county, Mo., the 2nd day of May, 1831. My father lived the most of the time in Independence. I saw the mob when they came from where our brethren gave up their arms, and L. W. Boga was in the ranks with his gun on his shoulder. He was lieutenant-governor at the time.

Yours truly,

HORACE B. OWENS.

A 15-year-old boy named McQueen received a severe gunshot wound on Wednesday last in Strawberry valley, on the road between Mink Creek and Bear Lake. He had just returned from an unsuccessful hunt for prairie chickens, and another youth said he could get more with a revolver, and

reached up on the wall of the cabin to get the weapon. It fell from the scabbard, struck the floor and was discharged. The ball struck young McQueen's left knee, passed through the skin over the knee-cap and entered the inside of the right leg just above the knee. The boy was taken to his home at Preston, 28 miles distant, and Dr. Ormsby summoned. The doctor traced the course of the bullet for about ten inches, up as far as the joint of the hip, but on account of the badly swelled condition of the limb could not trace it any farther. It may probably have to remain and become encysted.

At the meeting of the board of education Oct. 17 Superintendent Millipugh will submit his report of the attendance of pupils at the city schools for the month of September. It will show an average registration of 9,227, of which number 4,817.4 are girls and 4,409.6 are boys. The daily average attendance was 8,837, the girls numbering 4,612, the boys 4,225, while the average daily absence was 890, of which 205.4 were girls and 184.6 were boys. Neither absent nor tardy were 4,930, of which 2,640 were girls and 2,290 boys. The report also shows the percentage of attendance to have been 96, that of punctuality 99 per cent. The original enrollment for the month was 9,877, of which number 4,052 were girls and 4,825 boys. Belonging on October 4th at the close of the month were 9,344, of which 4,869 were girls and 4,475 are boys. The report further shows the presence of 300 colored children and two Chinese in the schools. The increased attendance is gradual and steady and before many weeks have passed every building in the city will be crowded to the utmost capacity.

The speakers at the quarterly conference held Saturday and Sunday were Elders Brigham Young, F. M. Lyman and John Henry Smith, of the quorum of Apostles; Elders George Reynolds and Seymour B. Young, of the presidency of Seventies; President William Paxman, of the Utah Stake; and Elders Edward Partridge, David John and Reed Smoot, of the Utah Stake presidency. Many valuable instructions were given in regard to the every day duties of the Latter-day Saints, and the necessity for observing the law of tithing was forcibly presented by several of the speakers.

W. R. H. Paxman was sustained as alternate member of the High Council, there being three vacancies, two caused by Elders J. B. Keeler and Jacob F. Gates being called to the position of Bishop and Bishop's counselor, respectively, of the Fourth ward, and one by the death of Elder Josiah W. Cluff. Albert Jones and Oliver B. Huntington were sustained as counselors of the High Priests' quorum. Wm. S. Tanner of Payson and Chas. D. Evans of Springville were ordained patriarchs. There was an unusually good attendance at all the meetings, and a time of rejoicing was experienced by all who availed themselves of the opportunity of listening to the encouraging and instructive discourses of the Elders.

The semi-annual conference of the Weber Stake convened at the Tabernacle at 10 a. m. Sunday. Of the First Presidency Joseph F. Smith was present and A. H. Cannon and John W. Taylor of the Twelve (Apostles) and Elder Edward Stevenson of Salt Lake City. The meetings were very unpleasantly overcrowded a number in the afternoon not being able to obtain admission. At the morning services Elder C. F. Middleton reported the Stake in good condition. Stake Sunday school superintendent R. Ballaclyne made a favorable report of the condition of the schools. Elder John W. Taylor occupied the rest of the time speaking on the subject of obedience to the authority of the Priesthood and the cultivation of brotherly love.

At the afternoon services Elder A. H. Cannon spoke upon the subject of brethren and sisters slandering and backbiting and lack of respect for faithful and tried servants of God. Elder Edward Stevenson dwelt upon the blessings promised Israel to receive a fulfillment in the land of America.

The Weber Stake conference reconvened at 10 a. m. yesterday. President Shurtliff spoke very favorably of the general condition of the Saints of Weber Stake, and of their faithfulness and earnest devotion to the work of the Lord.

President Joseph F. Smith occupied the rest of the time in an earnest appeal to the Saints to live by the truth, and to be consistent, honest and truthful.

At the afternoon services, Elders A. H. Cannon and John W. Taylor spoke upon statehood and its benefits to Utah. Joseph F. Smith made a few remarks on the same subject.

The NEWS was favored with a call from Elder Alfred Osmond, of Bloomington, Bear Lake Co., Idaho, who returned last Tuesday from a two years' mission to Canada. Elder Osmond left this city for his field of labor on June 24, 1893, he having been called to the Eastern States mission, of which Canada forms a part.

Arriving at his destination, he was assigned to labor in the southeastern part of the province of Ontario, and has passed all his time there with the exception of seven weeks in preaching the Gospel in Brooklyn, N. Y. Elder Osmond reports having received kind treatment at the hands of the people amongst whom he labored, and his labors have been fraught with good success. He was honorably released to return home on September 22, and comes back enjoying good health and feeling that he has been in the discharge of his duty. He started for home this afternoon and will visit friends and relatives in Cache county on the way.

Elder Louis Brinkhurst of Taylorsville has recently returned from a mission to Great Britain, for whence he left this city, October 13, 1894. He went direct to his destination and upon arriving in Liverpool was assigned to labor in the Cheltenham conference, England, where he labored until released September 24, to return home on account of trouble in his family, having lost two children during his absence, from that dreadful disease, diphtheria.

Elder Brinkhurst enjoyed excellent health while away and was just be-