

above donkeys almost concealed beneath huge paniers of greens, trot along, lifting up their rancous voices, meantime, in vain, but rigorous protest. Little children, too small for school, come toddling in the cemetery, hand in hand; a Turkish mother with a baby in purple velvet, drops down on a convenient stone, and a Mohalibi vendor takes his tray from his head, sets it down in the shade, and settles himself on the ground for a nap. Mild and subdued are the pleasures of this cemetery rendezvous, until after school in the afternoon, when the real life begins. Then the red-flezzed boys, with many a whoop of pure delight, take full possession. They play "duck on the rock," with an abandon that would make the tombstones rock on their foundations if they had any; they fly kites—gorgeous affairs of pink and yellow and green tissue paper—with voluminous rustling tails that go swish by my window like some hissing comet; they play marbles and tag and ball—and wrestle and roll over and over with an unction that makes one feel that the sleeper below would find excuse in doing the same. As the sun draws near the western horizon, the scene from my window is one of exquisite beauty. The sky before me lights up with flaming torches of crimson and spreading sheaves of gold, that find a soft reflection in the silver stream below. The tall masts of the ships, the swelling domes and pointed minarets seem to pierce the gray and opal of the floating clouds and the dark green of countless cypress groves accentuate the resting places of the dead in the soft purple haze that is enveloping the landscape. Every breath of air is filled with the fragrance of syringa bushes and locust trees gleaming white in the gardens, and the perfume of countless roses and jessamines floats in at the window.

The mellow notes of a bugle call come in lingering cadences across the water; and the stars shine out one by one, while the familiar words of that old hymn sing themselves almost without volition, and with a deeper meaning than ever before:

"Where every prospect pleases,  
And only man is vile."

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### RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder David Childester of Richfield, Sevier county, returned from Texas in the Indian Territory mission field on Saturday, for which part of the country he left home May 11, 1895. He reports the conference in splendid shape with the Elders laboring diligently to promulgate Gospel principles. The people are very open hearted and treat the missionaries with all due respect as well as keeping them busy attending to appointments made in different parts of the state. A gratifying number of souls have been added to the Church membership and all in all the conference is strong and healthy with the best of prospects for future work. The Texas conference was opened up June 17, 1893, at which time it was a part of the Southern States mission and was presided over by Elder Alexander Campbell of this city. A few months ago the state was made a part of the Indian Territory mission and is now presided over by Elder Hyrum Andrews of Idaho who succeeded Elder A. C. Dalley of

Iron county, Utah, in the presidency.

Elder John Nuffer, of Preston, Idaho, returned on Saturday from the Swiss and German mission in charge of a company consisting of fifty souls, eleven of whom were returning Elders. Some of the emigrants left the company and went to Idaho, Arizona, and various points in Utah for location. Elder Nuffer left his home twenty-seven months ago and was first appointed to labor in southern Germany. He was afterwards transferred to Bavaria, then to Switzerland, spending the last six months in the office at Berne. He will leave for his home in Preston tomorrow morning.

The steamship City of Rome, on which the company came over, took fire when one day out from New York, but reached port and landed her passengers in safety and the fire was soon under control.

Elder Henry Peterson of Provo, who recently returned from a mission to California, called on the NEWS Saturday. He left home a little over two years ago, and labored in San Francisco, Sacramento, San Jose and adjoining country districts. He reports the work there to be in a very prosperous condition. Since the Elders have been traveling without purse or scrip, and preaching on the streets, much good has been accomplished, the Elders having reached more people and lived better. A report having been circulated here that he and his companion had gone 36 hours without food, Elder Peterson stated that he never was better provided for than while traveling without purse or scrip. The Californians are a kind and hospitable people, and he had nothing but words of praise for them. Elder Peterson has enjoyed excellent health during his absence. He was met in San Francisco by his wife, who accompanied him on the return journey.

Elder Christian Jensen Jr. of Redmond, Sevier county, returned Friday evening from a mission to Samoa, where he has been laboring for the past thirty-eight months. He reports the Samoan mission to be in a flourishing condition, and the Sunday schools are doing a good work. In the last five months there have been 150 baptisms, and the prejudice once existing against the Latter-day Saints is fast disappearing. Much good is being accomplished through the day schools in acquainting the people with the aims and objects of the Latter-day Saints. The Elders are very energetic in their labors and are mastering the language very rapidly. Elder Jensen enjoyed his mission and had a pleasant voyage home. He came on the steamer Moana, which made the trip to San Francisco in twelve days, the usual time being fourteen.

Elder John N. Davis of Vernal, Uintah county, called at the NEWS editorial rooms on Tuesday having returned yesterday from a mission to the Northern States. He left home June, 1895, and went to southern Indiana and Illinois where he spent the first nine months. From there he went to Port Huron, Michigan, and opened a new branch, after which he established headquarters at Chicago where he remains, as President of the Northern Illinois conference until released. The Chicago branch, he says is in a very prosperous

condition. Elder Davis was accompanied home by his wife and sister, the latter being the wife of Professor Careless of this city. The ladies spent a month in Chicago and assisted very materially in the success of the meetings, singing hymns, etc. The outdoor meetings, says Elder Davis, have been largely attended and very satisfactory.

Elder John B. Peart of Farmers ward, Salt Lake county, returned Monday from a mission to the states, for which section he left on June 29, 1895. He first labored in West Virginia and from there went to Kentucky and returned again to West Virginia. His labors were mostly in the Southern States mission, but at the time of the transfer of West Virginia to the Eastern States mission he was laboring there and since that time has been in that mission. He reports the work in that portion of the field to be in good condition, and he has enjoyed excellent health during his entire absence from home. The season has been very backward in West Virginia, the weather being quite cool up to the 10th of June.

Elder Fred Smith, son of Bishop Thos. X. Smith, of Logan, returned on July 3rd, from a two years' mission to the Southern States. Elder Smith left this city June 29, 1895, and went to Texas where he was appointed to his field of labor. He enjoyed good health and was treated very kindly by the people of Texas where he labored the entire two years. He returns home well pleased with his mission. He intends stopping at Logan for a few days to visit his father and other relatives, after which he will proceed to his home in Rexburg, Idaho.

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

Fully twelve thousand people assembled in the Tabernacle on Sunday evening, on the occasion of the regular Sunday services held at the time mentioned Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake, presided.

The choir sang the anthem,

From afar gracious Lord  
Thou didst gather Thy flock.

Prayer was offered by Elder Charles A. Hickenlooper.

The choir sang the hymn:

O my Father Thou that dwellest  
In that high and glorious place.

Elder Charles W. Penrose was the first speaker. He commenced by expressing the sentiment that the Latter-day Saints were always pleased to meet with their friends from whatever part of the world they might come, or belonging to what, ever religious denomination. It was the desire of the Saints to encourage all people who were trying to uplift humanity. The Mormons said claim to being endowed with that authority and apostleship which was on the earth in ancient times. This authority, they claimed, had been restored to the earth in the nineteenth century—a period of time in which the Saints believed it just as possible to receive revelation as in the beginning of the Christian era. They decided the idea that revelation from on high had ceased, for they verily