

under the skillful leadership of Sergeant John H. Davis. Heads were reverentially bowed as the Chaplain, Wm. J. Henderson Jr., arose to invoke the divine blessing. The prayer offered was very appropriate, closing with the earnest supplication that the blessings of God might rest upon this and all like assemblies today throughout this great nation, that the souls of its fallen heroes who died in defense of their country, might rest in sweet repose till the morning of the great resurrection.

Captain John M. Dunning, having been accorded the honored position of orator, came forward, and by way of prefacing his remarks briefly alluded to the object and motives of this national holiday, the same being conceived by that valiant hand, survivors of the terrible struggle and fierce conflict of '61-'65 that this Union might remain one and inseparable—the "Grand Army of the Republic." The Captain delivered a brief but pleasing address eulogizing the honored dead, whose valor and sacrifices had made our national progress a great and glorious fact.

To note the program in detail would occupy too much space, but we will mention a few of the most worthy parts rendered: Miss Lucy Henderson recited the famous "Cumberland's Crew," the recitation of which was all that could be desired and elicited unbounded applause; Mrs. Lydia M. Dunning deserves great credit for the able manner in which she sang "Shoulder Arms," being excellently rendered and indeed appropriate; as also the singing of that popular and patriotic piece the "Battle of Buena Vista," by Sergeant John H. Davis, which was the acme of perfection; Corporal O. G. Anderson greatly amused the soldier boys in his original recitation, "A Private's Experience in the National Guard of Utah," which for merriment and wit, was the gem of the program; "Unfurl the Flag," was well rendered by a select quartette; nine little boys and a corresponding number of girls recited a dialogue, having been carefully trained for the same by Mr. Laura Davis, which was pronounced by all exceedingly pleasing; appropriate remarks were made by Bishop Willis and Mrs. Alvira A. Henderson; and after singing, the benediction was pronounced, which closed the services at the hall.

Company L, under command of Captain Dunning, formed in column of fours; those not of the military fell in behind the troops; the children of the Sabbath school and Primary formed a procession in rear under the direction of Counselor Wm. J. Henderson, and together with the ladies in vehicles, all took up the line of march for the cemetery. Arriving there the military stacked arms and being dismissed, the boys in blue, ably assisted by the people, commenced the work of decorating the graves under the special charge of Sergeant Davis and Corporal Anderson, at the conclusion of which the bare mounds put on the appearance of miniature gardens. The sweet voices of a bevy of fair ladies could be heard singing the hymn "America," which touched the hearts of all. Lieutenants Hansen and Johnson each addressed the people in brief but appropriate and fitting

remarks, in which these gentlemen eulogized the martial dead.

A firing escort was then detailed in charge of Corporal Anderson, and the regulation military salute rendered over the grave of Private Wm. W. Littlefield (late of Mormon battalion) the only soldier interred in our cemetery. The benediction having been offered, Muscian Talbot sounded "Taps," which concluded the ceremonies at the graveyard.

The people dispersed feeling well pleased with the exercises for and in behalf of our loved ones. Company L retraced their steps to town, realizing that they had done their duty both as soldiers and citizens. Arriving upon the parade the company were inspected, drilled in the manual of arms, and politely paraded in the presence of an admiring concourse of people.

Thus came to a happy and pleasing termination the first observance of "Memorial Day" ever held in this part of our Territory, which will long be remembered by all the people. Captain Dunning, in behalf of Co. L, N. G. U., feel to tender the thanks of the company for the able assistance rendered by Bishop Willis and counselors, and to the ladies especially, for the happy success attained in the observance of "Memorial Day," for all the people felt to embrace the opportunity when presented to honor an occasion of this kind, especially in which the spirit of patriotism and love of country was paramount.

JOHN M. DUNNING,  
Captain National Guard of Utah.

### SAN JUAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake was held at Moab, Grand county, Utah, May 25 and 26, 1895. Conference convened Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, in the Moab meeting house. There were present on the stand, of the Stake presidency, F. A. Hammond and William Halls; S. B. Young, of the first seven presidents of the Seventies.

Elders William Halls, Hyrum Taylor and James B. Decker (the latter two just returned from the B. Y. academy, where they have been in the interest of the Sabbath schools), and S. B. Young occupied the forenoon. Their remarks were in the interest of Sabbath schools and how to train the young.

The time in the afternoon was taken up principally by the Bishops reporting their wards and their labors therein. Their reports were favorable, showing that the Saints were on the improve. President Hammond spoke a short time on the principles of the Gospel and the various duties of the Saints; exhorted them to put away all ill feeling towards each other that they may partake of the sacrament worthily. The wards and branches were represented by their officers with the exception of Fruitland ward and Jackson branch.

During the day Elder Brigham Young, of the Council of the Apostles, arrived, and there was a Priesthood meeting held in the evening, commencing at seven o'clock. Some very timely and beneficial instructions were given and the duties of the officers pointed out to

them in a clear and comprehensive manner.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the conference met in a grove. Elder Wm. Halls was the first speaker. He treated on the Godhead and the resurrection. Elder Chas. E. Walton (a recently returned missionary from the Southern States) gave a short account of his missionary labors, and bore a faithful testimony of the Gospel of Christ as taught by the Latter-day Saints. The general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained. Elder S. B. Young followed, discoursing upon the Book of Mormon proving it to be a true and divine record.

Elder F. A. Hammond was the first speaker in the afternoon. He gave a short account of his early life and conversion to the Gospel. Elder Brigham Young occupied the rest of the time. His theme was the pre-existence of spirits—where we came from, why we are here, and where we go to. His remarks were replete with instruction.

Old Brees was out on a lark during the day, which made it a little disagreeable for those assembled.

Conference met again in the meeting house at 7 p.m. Elder S. B. Young traced the growth of the human family in the Gospel from before the foundation of the world to their exaltation. Elder Brigham Young said that all knowledge is revealed from God. He touched upon the gathering of Israel, and exhorted the Saints to beautify their homes and redeem the waste places of Zion.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet at Monticello, San Juan county, Utah.

Primary, Relief and Y. L. M. I. association conferences were held Monday and Tuesday. Sisters Stevenson and Caine from Salt Lake City were present and gave excellent instructions. The societies of Moab were put in order and Moab was given a general waking up. CHARLES E. WALTON,  
Stake Clerk.

### THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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RELEASES—Elder George A. Seaman has been honorably released from laboring as Traveling Elder in the Leeds conference to return home May 23, 1895.

Elder Parley P. Parrish has been honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Newcastle conference to return home May 23, 1895.

ARRIVAL.—Elder George F. Phillips, of Ogden, arrived in Liverpool per steamer Kensington, on May 22. He will attend to some business affairs before returning home.

At the sugar factory, says the *Lehi Banner*, work on the low-products left over from last season has been in progress for ten days now and 330,000 pounds of yellow sugar have been spun out. It will take about eight days yet to finish the work and the yield of raw sugar is going to be fully up to the estimates made at the end of the campaign last winter. All the raw sugar (close to 600,000 lbs) will be stored in a large pile in the center of the warehouse at the factory and will be refined next fall while the beets are being worked.