

much as most mechanics were paid. "We can afford to pay \$5 a day only by charging more for plumbing, and already we are termed robbers," continued the gentleman, "but if we are such it is only because we are compelled to charge extortionate prices on account of paying such heavy wages."

Another member of the firm stated that if he could be assured \$5 per day for every eight hours work that he performed he would gladly sell out his interest in the company as he would thus make more money and have less responsibility.

RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder James W. Vance, of Alpine City, Utah county, called at our office today, having returned from a mission to the Southern States on May 20th. He left for his mission on April 6th, 1890, and has been laboring in the State of Kentucky. He reports that he has enjoyed good health during his absence from home. The mission is in a prosperous condition, and the Elders now in the field are laboring with good prospects before them, although much indifference is shown to the principles of the Gospel.

Elder L. W. Simmons, of this city, called at our office this afternoon, having just returned from a mission to Holland. He left for this field of labor on August 14th, 1889, and has been laboring principally in the cities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Alkmaar, and has met with good success. Elder Simmons reports that the mission in Holland is in a prosperous condition. The missionaries are generally well treated and people are beginning to inquire into the principles of the Gospel. There are some additions to the Church.

We received a call on Saturday from Elder J. S. Douglas, of Payson, who recently returned from a mission to Great Britain. He left home April 30th, 1890. On arriving at Liverpool he was appointed to labor in the Irish Conference, where he remained the first fifteen months, when he was removed to the Norwich (England) Conference, where he labored six months, when he was appointed to go to Scotland to visit among his relatives, and was thus engaged for two months following, being then released to return to Utah. During his absence Elder Douglas enjoyed his mission and had good health.

Today we had the pleasure of meeting Elder Joseph A. Young, who arrived on Saturday last, from a mission to Europe. He left home June 4th, 1890, and proceeded to Germany, where he labored a year and a half. About one half of that time was spent in Mannheim and the other in Berlin. He and his fellow missionary met with some obstruction from the police in the former city, but did not encounter any difficulty of that character in Berlin. Elder Young and his companion combined baptized twenty-five persons. The opportunities for proselyting are more favorable in Germany than in England, where indifference to the message of the Elders is the rule. The last six months of Elder Young's mission were spent in the Liverpool office, where he labored in the business department.

MRS. THATCHER'S ADDRESS.

MRS. SOLOMON THATCHER JR., of Chicago, a member of the executive committee of the World's Fair, has been, while in this city, the guest of Presiding Bishop Preston. The resident lady managers, Mrs. Margaret Blaine Salisbury and Miss Keogh were very anxious that she should address the people upon women's work in the Fair. Mrs. Thatcher kindly consented. The Tabernacle authorities courteously tendered to the lady managers the use of that building, and the Mutual Improvement Conference abridged their programme to make the opportunity for the distinguished lady from Chicago, on Sunday evening. On the platform with Mrs. Thatcher were Mrs. Salisbury, Miss Keogh, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. W. B. Preston, Mrs. Lulu Thatcher, Mrs. Lettie Thatcher, Mrs. Nettie Y. Snell, Mrs. Batsheba Smith, Mrs. Zina D. Young and others. Hon. Moses Thatcher, before the speaker was introduced to the large audience, made a few preliminary remarks, explanatory of the circumstances which led to the lady's kindly consenting to deliver an address. She was then introduced to the people by Miss Keogh. A brief synopsis of the address appeared in yesterday's issue. It has awakened such a wide public interest that we now present it in full:

WOMEN'S WORK IN THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Ladies and Gentlemen of Utah and Salt Lake City:

I wish to assure you that I appreciate very much the compliment of this invitation to be present and speak to you of a matter that lies very near to my heart. I am exceedingly interested in the association that is holding its grand meeting in this Tabernacle for the last few days. If there is anything that is better for young people than another thing after religion, it is the love of education and culture. I am glad to know that these young men and women are systematically pursuing a course of education and growth. Education is the great lever that shall lift the world from vice and degradation. Education is the great key that shall unlock the storehouse of nature, and shall put into your hands as willing slaves, the great powers of nature. Education is the sunlight that shall drive away the mists and miasmas of ignorance, vice and superstition. Education is the sunlight that shall show to you the face of your God, and lead you to know his love for you.

I should hesitate to occupy your time and trust my ability to interest you, did I not feel that every man and woman should be interested in everything that tends to show God's goodness to us, that tends to elevate manhood and womanhood. We are approaching a great epoch in the history of civilization. Already the great nations of the earth and the islands of the sea are collecting their treasures and bringing them up to show as a thank offering to God for His goodness and mercy to all. Already upon the shores of Lake Michigan, a few miles from the hum and the noise of a million and a half of people, a city is approaching completion, a city of buildings of magnificent proportions, of great architectural beauty.

These palaces are to be the storehouses in which shall be placed the offerings of men, the products of the brain, of the heart, and of the hand of man; products of the sea and of the soil and of the mine. Already the plowshare has turned the soil that shall produce exposition grain; already the forge and smelting furnace are smelting exposition ore; already the choicest products of your quarries are being worked by skillful men to show to the world your marbles, your granites, and your precious stones; already the spinners are weaving their beautiful fabrics to delight your eyes.

No money has been spared in this undertaking. The president of the directory told me just before I left home, that it would be very difficult to obtain in all the world enough insurance to cover the value of the wonderful products that shall be on exhibition at this exposition. 67 countries have already accepted invitations to participate. Japan, that far away country in Asia, has appropriated \$800,000 with which to show the value of her products. The State of Illinois has appropriated \$800,000 with which to properly set forth her resources.

I should be glad to talk to you longer and tell you of the general work of the fair, but I want to talk to you of what the women are doing in the fair. Some little time after Congress had decided to celebrate the quadricentennial of the discovery of America, and had appointed a commission of gentlemen who formed their plans on a comprehensive scale, a large party, stimulated, no doubt, by a patriotic woman, introduced a bill into Congress, asking for the appointment of a board of women, to serve on all departments of the board where women's work was expected, and in the performance of other work. This was a great step in advance for women; and it is the first time in the history of our country that women have been invited to participate in a department of our country's government. This was the result of the sensible ideas of women. The members of the commission, as soon as this board was appointed, vied with each other in their desires to give us great opportunities and full scope. They put into our hands all the interests of women all over the world. They have made us the official channel, through which all women and organizations of women may come into connection with the fair. This opportunity we seized upon, to bring out everything that would elevate and show the value of women in the world.

We are making great efforts to have in the competition exhibition everything that women have ever done. It will be a great surprise to these gentlemen to find how generally women have occupied all positions, if I mention to you that we have discovered women blacksmiths, women wagoners, and one of the best ranches in California is owned and run by a woman. We have found women shoemakers, and in fact the women nowadays are doing about everything they please. We are not satisfied in showing simply what the women in this part of the world are doing, but we have invited our sisters from all over the world to join in this great enterprise. Mrs. Palmer, our president, is a lady com-