

tract more attention to the Territory or do more good than a creditable showing on this occasion. Great dependence is put on the choir, as that will be the drawing card, and up to the present time no other state or territory has proposed anything that seems to meet with such general favor. The fame of this choir has gone abroad and most every one throughout the United States has heard of it, and when it is generally known that the choir is to appear here on the 9th of September, many people will time their visit to the Fair so as to be present on that day. A gentleman who has traveled a great deal, and who heard the choir give a concert during the great Irrigation Congress, said to me the other day that he would come one thousand miles to hear that choir, and that a great many other people were as anxious to hear it as he was. He said if Utah brought the choir down it would be a ten-strike, and Utah day would rank as one of the great days of the Exposition. Up to the present time German day has been the greatest special day, and each state and country is anxious to do something on the day set apart for its celebration, that will be specially attractive and create a good impression. In addition to the choir, the free distribution of Utah fruits will do a great deal of good, and everyone who visits the Fair on that day will remember Utah and say a good word for her.

The one great aim of the Utah officials at the Fair is to make everything count for the good of the Territory, and they take special pains to see that all interested visitors are fully informed in regard to any particular feature in which they may be interested. People from all parts of the world are here gathering information on special subjects. A great many are interested in irrigation, and as Utah makes the irrigating exhibit of the Exposition, this feature has attracted a great amount of attention. The foreign representatives especially make copious notes from the Utah irrigation exhibit and have copied very freely the statistical facts given. The statistics speak well for the Territory and go to prove that farming by irrigation is one of the most successful means of cultivating the soil, and the return for the amount of labor expended is certainly greater than by any other means of farming. The products of the soil are here to speak for themselves, and they tell the story in an interesting and convincing manner. Farmers have become greatly interested and the benefit to the Territory from this feature alone will more than compensate people for the expenditure of money made in the preparation of the entire exhibit.

TIMOTHY.

## IN NOTTINGHAM.

NO. 49 SABINA ST., Nottingham, England, July, 1893.—A few days since I wrote a letter to the Leicester *Daily Post* in answer to a writing of a Mr. Florar of that place, who it appears had visited Salt Lake City a year ago and was there at the laying of the capstone of the Temple. To the best of his memory, no doubt, he describes the condition of the people of Utah and also the great Temple which has been reared during the past forty

years, the account being full of crude and foolish assertions and unjustified and hasty deductions, some of which I hope my answer was effective in correcting.

I have been laboring in the Nottingham Conference now a little over a year and during this time have seen many strange faces and have heard many different ideas in regard to what an individual must do to inherit eternal life; but as yet I have not found any one able to confute the principles which we are presenting for their consideration. There are now in the conference ten Elders, including the President, William C. Hunter, who spends his time in the affairs of the conference and visiting and comforting the Saints throughout its different branches. There has been a great change brought among the Saints since the dedication of the Temple and now the line can plainly be seen, for it is not a very difficult matter to tell who are Saints and who are not. Some of those who were dilatory are coming to the front and taking a greater interest than ever before; while on the other hand, others have turned back like the sow that was washed to her wallow in the mire. The Elders' time is occupied in "tracting" through the day and holding open air meetings in the evening. A few days since Elder Hunter and your humble servant were in Leicester and in connection with James Borden and H. J. Smith, traveling Elders of that place, held a few open air meetings. Our first was entirely to a traveling congregation, which of course was not very encouraging. However, we were blessed with the pleasant feeling that gave us to understand we had done our duty, and thus we had courage to try another place. This time we held forth at Humberston gate, a public gathering place which the Elders are well acquainted with. Here a very large crowd gathered around us, but as soon as they found out who we were they began insulting the speaker by asking impertinent questions. This did not seem to satisfy them and by this time an organ-grinder made his appearance and our meeting was turned into a dancing school. They were soon quieted down again for a few minutes, and again the Gospel of Christ was presented to them and again the speaker was interrupted. The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those that heard it. My mind was led to reflect upon an article in the *Juvenile* giving an experience of the Prophet Joseph Smith on one occasion while preaching to an assembly. A flock of geese flew over their heads and drew the attention of the assembly and he told them that if they thought more of the geese than of his remarks he would stop, which he did. We also felt that if the people thought more of the organ grinder than of the Gospel we would stop, which we did. We can lead a horse to water, but we cannot force it to drink; likewise we can preach the Gospel to the people, but we cannot force them to accept it.

There are now four different fields open which are being worked: the Leicester branch by Elders C. C. Cressall, H. J. Smith and Israel Bole; the Derby branch by James Borden

and John Belliston; the Loughboro district by Edmund Stevens and John Parkin; and Nottingham by Wm. C. Hunter, Henry Harker and C. Wm. Wright. The last council meeting reported for labor during the last six weeks as follows: Meetings held in chapels and cottages, 158; in open air, 119; tracts distributed, 6042; books given away, 19; persons baptised, 5; children blessed, 4. The general feeling of the Elders is good and all are desirous of doing all in their power for the spread of truth and righteousness throughout the different districts wherein they are called to labor; but about the same feeling is found all through the conference, and we find that it is hard to get the Gospel before the people, for they seem to be so bound up in their ideas and traditions that they are satisfied with what they have. Still, tracts and testimonies are being left from door to door which we hope some day will have the desired effect and like bread cast upon the waters, be seen again after many days.

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## BOX ELDER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of Box Elder Stake of Zion was held in the Brigham City Tabernacle, July 23rd and 24th, 1893.

There were present on the stand the opening day Elder Lorenzo Snow, the Stake Presidency, members of the High Council, Bishops of various wards and Elder Geo. Reynolds of Salt Lake City.

Elder Rudger Clawson, president of the Stake, expressed himself as believing most of the people are growing more prayerful and faithful, and the spirit of the Gospel is among them. He had observed of late that many of the young, middle aged and the aged are passing away; this suggests the necessity of diligence, that we should not go into the other world unprepared. He advised the Saints to exercise a spirit of economy, not indulge in luxury, but live within the means that the Lord has bestowed upon us.

Elder John Crawford referred to his labors in the Salt Lake Temple and gave instructions to the Saints regarding their labors in such places.

Elder George Reynolds said we are called to be ministers of salvation to all the children of men. The scattering of Israel began in early history and they were established in various lands and on the islands of the sea. This Priesthood is God's authority to preach His Gospel to all the world. There are not two roads whereby salvation is to be obtained. Our ancestors who have passed away are saved in the same manner as we are saved; the same ordinances must be performed for the dead as for the living.

2 p. m.—After the opening exercises Elder Lorenzo Snow read from the Pearl of Great Price regarding the intelligence Abraham saw. He thought it the duty of every man and woman to understand whether we will receive a reward for a good life lived or there will be disappointment when life is over. He said when laboring in the Salt Lake Temple the spiritual climate is different from what it is outside. It is wonderful to think of the spirit and desire that exist to go into the Temple