

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

pulsive to us. And that day will come for the hands of the Lord are full of blessings and he will bestow them as soon as we become worthy. The day will soon come when wickedness will be abolished for the wicked will be destroyed and the Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh, but the ushering in of a day of righteousness is delayed by the indifference and supineness of some. Many at times are discouraged and feel that the Lord is delaying too long, but we should think only of doing our part. The work is His and He will carry it through.

The Salots are passing through great trials and they should do right under all circumstances. A strict record is being made of every thing which we do, of all the counsel we receive and some day we will have to face it. The brethren and sisters should be cautious and should constantly inquire whether they are acting under the Spirit of God or some other spirit. If they are in doubt they should pray secretly. Our salvation is the dearest thing we can obtain and if we grieve the Spirit of the Lord we will do wrong and are in danger of losing our salvation.

God help us to be faithful and to remember the responsibility which we are under. This is Christ's work and not man's, and we should be as faithful to Him as He is to the Father.

The choir sang the anthem.

Song of the Redeemed.

The closing prayer was offered by President Joseph F. Smith.

## NEWS NOTES.

Two carloads per day of table grapes are now being packed and shipped to Eastern markets from Glendale, Ari.

Among the articles taken from the Los Angeles, Cal., reservoir recently, says the Pasadena Star, were the bodies of a Chinese and a baby.

The confirmation of the sale of the Oregon Pacific railroad to E. L. Bonner and A. B. Hammond, announced in the NEWS the other day, extinguishes the bonded indebtedness of \$15,000,000 and interest, held in the East, and the \$100,000 paid for the road is all there appears to be to satisfy the indebtedness of over \$1,000,000 incurred by the receiver since his appointment in 1890.

On Sunday there died in a miserable hotel in San Diego, Cal., Don Antonio Valdivia, whose long life was cast in scenes of wonderful changes. He was born ninety-three years ago in Guadalajara, Mexico, and was brought when a child to California. For some years he lived at the mission of San Diego, and later became owner of a large ranch called Las Paderes, in Jamacha valley. Valdivia was noted for hospitality and fearlessness and in many respects was a typical Spanish-Californian, open-handed and generous. He was a personal friend of Pio Pico, and of heads of the Baudini, Arguello and other families. Don Antonio took part in the stirring scenes of early days, when his wealth and courage brought him into prominence. With changes, his property gradually slipped away from him, until fifteen years ago he was reduced to beggary. Since that time the county has contributed to his support. His only relative is a son, also named Antonio, aged 53.

DUNBAR, Pa., July 23.—The heaviest rain storms and floods that have visited this section for many years occurred here last night. Rain fell in torrents for over three hours. Trains from Pittsburg and the southwest Pennsylvania railroad and on the B. & Ohio road have not yet passed this point. The bridges between Dunbar and Uniontown are all washed away and the tracks are washed out in many places also. The local streams are swollen higher than at any time since the flood of 1888.

People along the banks of the Dunbar creek were compelled to flee for their lives and buildings were carried away in the torrent. The bridges crossing the creek, which runs through the town, are all swept away, separating the town. The Dunbar Furnace company and the Dunbar Fire Brick company plants are all flooded. The loss will aggregate many thousands of dollars. Samuel Washbaugh, a pumper at the Cambria Iron company's works, was drowned. The pump house was undermined and carried away.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., July 23.—The heaviest rain storm in this vicinity for years culminated last night in a cloudburst resulting in an immense amount of property loss. So far as known no lives were lost but hundreds were placed in danger and all the people in the path of storm have not yet been heard from.

BRADFORD, Pa., July 23.—A cloudburst occurred here last night and all railroads and their branches have been blocked by washouts and bridges swept away. It is impossible to reach Scottsdale, where the worst trouble is feared. The water fell in sheets. The Mount Pleasant accommodation train was obssed by the storm. Five minutes later the track was under water and the Frick coke works here. Boulders weighing hundreds of pounds were rolled down the hillside by the storm. The county bridge over Gauley Run was torn away and swept against the B. & O. railroad bridge, tearing it out. The tracks here are covered with mud. Dozens of farm animals were drowned in the rush of water, which receded almost as rapidly as it came. Houses in creek bottoms were flooded five and six feet and narrow escapes from death occurred. Wrecking crews are working at the debris.

DUNBAR, Pa., July 23.—Last night's flood and storm did great damage. The Presbyterian parsonage was struck by lightning and partially destroyed. Many buildings were badly damaged. The telegraph poles along the P. & O. road were blown down, and the track here Dunbar and Uniontown washed out over half a mile. Bridges over the Dunbar creek were all swept away, separating the town. The mines and coke works in this section are flooded. The Ferguson mine is a total wreck.

Many houses were swept away, but as far as known the occupants escaped, to the mountains. A heavy hail storm, which followed, worked destruction to farms.

DENVER, July 23.—A special to the Times from Silver City, N. M., says: This town presents a sad spectacle today, caused by the most destructive

flood ever known in this region. Sunday night the water came down from every direction, and, meeting at Porterfield's corner, threw the flood right on to the business houses. Mud and sand were piled up on Broadway half way up to the windows. The post office was ruined and the Tremont and Tri-amer hotels badly wrecked, the lower floors being filled with sand and water. Broadway hotel was wrecked. In every part of the town houses were tumbling down. Gillette & Son lost goods to the amount of \$12,000. Other business men lose similar amounts.

The approximate estimate of the loss is \$150,000. A number of bridges were washed away. It will be a week before the trains can pass into town.

The weather is threatening today. Should more rain fall it will finish the buildings that remain.

TORONTO, Ont., July 23.—The closing scenes of the Pietzel inquest may be more sensational than any that have yet characterized it. The inquest is to be resumed and probably concluded Wednesday and it is expected before that time Holmes's lawyer will appear on the scene and Holmes's wife, generally known as Mrs. Howard, will be here. Assistant Attorney Barlow is also expected. Mrs. Howard was Holmes's companion here last October, when it is alleged he murdered the Pietzel children. Detective Geyer will probably return today or tomorrow from Detroit. It is not known what information Mr. Howard may have of Holmes's doings while in Toronto but it is believed that if she testifies against him she could make the case for the crown much stronger than it now is.

MILWAUKEE, July 23.—It is believed that H. H. Holmes, the notorious insurance swindler and alleged murderer, accompanied by Nellie and Howard Pietzel, were in Milwaukee for several days last October. A man answering the description of Holmes called at the Plankinton house with two children who were from 16 to 13 years of age. The girl was the elder of the two and both were well dressed and very bright. The stranger told Manager King that he had found the children in the Davidson theater after the performance and that the girl had told him their father had gone to Waukesha on business. The children were kept at the hotel several days. Then they disappeared.

They next turned up at the office of the Northwestern road. The same man called with them and asked for Frederick Hall, the city ticket agent. The latter was told by the stranger that the children had been found at the theater and that the hotel keeper refused to keep them any longer. He said that the girl had told him that her father, William Dixon, of Sterling, Ill., knew Mr. Hall. The latter could not remember Mr. Dixon, but took charge of the children. Mr. Hall did not question the children, but the stranger told him that Dixon was a real estate dealer and had gone to Waukesha to close a large deal. Together with the children, Hall and the stranger started for the Winsor hotel.