

Saints that already has reached the dimensions of 135 members.

Elder Jas. A. Eldredge of Woods Cross, accompanied Elder Hawkins, he is the president of Southern California conference and is back in Utah for a few days on a visit.

The company of Saints, comprising over forty members, that arrived in Salt Lake City Oct. 22, had quite an adventurous experience. Whilst crossing the Atlantic on the Anchor Line Aurore they encountered heavy weather in mid ocean, during which the cargo shifted; later whilst speeding across Colorado, the train in which they were riding came into collision with some freight cars near Denver, fortunately no one was badly hurt on board. They eventually arrived safely in Salt Lake City none the worse for their experience and feeling to thank God for His protecting hand that had been over them during their journey.

Elder W. T. Sears of the Eleventh ward returned from Great Britain a few days ago; he was accompanied by his wife who has been a faithful laborer with him in the mission field and the means of removing a great many of the peculiar notions regarding Utah womanhood that are entertained amongst the misinformed, from the minds of the residents of Berkshire. They left home on September 16, 1896, and returned October 22, 1898, during which time of absence from Utah Elder Seare and wife labored in the London conference in the towns of Newbury, Reading and Watford. Their labors were rewarded in a manner that causes them to rejoice in the spread of the Work. During the last few months a flourishing branch has sprung up in the town of Watford.

Elder Thomas D. Wallace, whose native place is Granger, Salt Lake county, reports having spent an enjoyable mission in the Missouri and Iowa conferences, where the work is making headway rapidly especially during the last year. He proceeded to the appointed field on August 1st, 1896 and returned to inhale the salubrious mountain zephyrs of his mountain home just eight days ago.

Another visitor during the week was Elder John Gull of Meadow, Millard county, who was enroute for the home he had not seen since Sept. 12, 1896. He arrived from across the bounding main Oct. 22, 1898, where he had been performing a mission in the Norwich conference of the British mission. Blessed with good health, spirits and visible returns for his labors, Elder Gull rejoices in his valuable experience.

Two more returned missionaries arrived with the same party. They were Elders Hyrum B. Calder of Mill Creek and J. W. James of Union, Salt Lake county. Both of the young men have been laboring since two years last month in the British mission; the former in the Land o' cakes and the latter in the Emerald Isle for fifteen months and subsequently in the Birmingham conference. Elder Calder reports the work to be making good headway in Scotland in the towns of Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dumferline and Aikha, where his lot was cast. Elder James likewise enjoyed his labors and good health during his stay among the Brummagem workers, who were inclined at times to be unnecessarily demonstrative at outdoor meetings.

Elder Thos. E. Green has also been laboring in the Birmingham conference of the British mission. He left his home at Mill Creek on Sept. 12th, 1898, since which time he has been disseminating the principles of light and

truth amongst the residents of humid England. He reported at this office yesterday as having enjoyed a glorious time during his voluntary absence from the Beehive State.

Elder J. H. Paul, late principal of the Agricultural College at Logan, called in at the "News" office today. He has been absent from his accustomed haunts ever since Sept. 5, 1896, when he journeyed to Great Britain in response to a missionary call. For nine months he labored assiduously in Scotland, from whence he was transferred to Birmingham to take up the presidency of the latter conference. Recently he undertook to enter the lecture field and incidentally received some very good press notices upon half a dozen stereopticon lectures on Utah that he delivered in the large towns of Warwickshire. Prof. Paul feels that he has added to his storehouse of knowledge and experience during his temporary absence. He returned Oct. 27th.

Elder John Norris, of the Sugar House ward, arrived direct from England on Oct. 22, 1898, and called into the "News" room yesterday. He said au revoir to the Salt Lake valley on Sept. 12, 1896, and after three weeks of travel landed eventually in the Norwich conference of the British mission, where he had been assigned to labor. His stay in the cathedral town enabled him to partake of the joy of seeing direct fruits of his efforts. Although his health was poor he says he had a splendid time in Albion's Isle.

Elder John L. Cherling, of the Thirteenth ward of this city, stepped on the train at the Union Pacific depot this morning on the completion of his long journey from the Stockholm, Sweden, where he has been laboring for his allotted time. He was set apart Sept. 18, 1896, for a mission to Scandinavia and left for his destination the following day. He labored assiduously in Sweden until released, enjoying good health the entire time. Elder Cherling reports the Scandinavian mission to be in a prosperous condition and says it was with mingled feelings of regret and joy that he turned his face homeward.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Services at the Tabernacle, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30, 1898, were presided over by Elder Joseph E. Taylor of the Stake presidency.

The choir sang the hymn:

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.

Prayer was offered by Elder Arthur Winter.

The choir further sang:

Jesus, once of humble birth,
Now in glory comes to earth.

Elder Joshua H. Paul, who has just returned from a missionary sojourn in Great Britain, was introduced to the congregation as the first speaker. He had labored in the Scottish and Birmingham conferences, where it had been a pleasure to scatter the seeds of the Gospel, and as a general rule, his lot had been cast in pleasant places, although the work was broken and fragmentary, and at times it seemed almost vain and ineffective. The speaker was not sorry, however, for the time spent in the mission field, as his had been a happy experience, laboring with a band of energetic, young Elders whose whole souls were in the Gospel, and whose examples did more to roll on the Church and kingdom than anything else that could be brought to bear.

Elder Paul spent most of his time in

the Birmingham conference, England, where he had learned to love the Elders and those who had been raised up to minister unto their wants. His mission had taught him much, and especially that great truth, that God's people were few in numbers, and to a great extent were separated from the world and had not the enjoyment of its favors. This had impressed upon the speaker more than ever, the fact that Mormonism embraced all that was good and true, and that the Saints of God were indeed a chosen and peculiar people and must needs suffer persecution, tribulation and reproach for the Gospel's sake. The world knew not those who had been raised up to do good, to call sinners to repentance. The organization of society was against the people of God, and the fact that His Church was not popular bore out its divinity and genuineness.

In conclusion Elder Paul urged upon the young men the necessity of living righteous lives. He exhorted them to cultivate their talents, as they were all useful in missionary work. It was essential that they seek after the Lord in prayer and supplication, and with His blessings nothing would be impossible in the carrying out of His bidding.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor here announced that Elders Platt Lyman, James L. McMurrin and Henry W. Naisbitt, who had been called to preside over the European mission, would leave for that field on Wednesday next. The latter was introduced as the next speaker.

Elder Naisbitt began by stating that to enter upon missionary duty from a human standpoint was not encouraging; but it depended on the faith possessed by the missionary, as to whether or not his labors would be successful. The Lord's work was to gather in one of a city and two of a family, and the Elders were not expected to convert the whole world, but to perform the duty devolving upon them—preach the Gospel and call sinners to repentance.

Elder Naisbitt referred to former experience in Great Britain, and stated that he had learned to love the Gospel and to listen to and assist the laborers. He was pleased to see the young men take up their labors in the Priesthood and had enjoyed the opposition encountered in the home missionary field, knowing as he did that God was ever with his servants to bless and strengthen them. It required experience, a training and the Spirit of God to revolutionize the world concerning things spiritual, and the progression among the Latter-day Saints was brought about by the light of the Spirit which was daily becoming stronger and more effective.

The speaker again entered the missionary field feeling well, and knowing that he represented the people of God. He felt that the prayers of the Saints would ascend in his behalf as they did in behalf of all the missionaries. He knew the force of example was a factor in spreading the Gospel, and while away would depend on the Spirit of the Lord to lead and guide him in the ministry.

President George Q. Cannon next spoke referring particularly to what was expected of the servants of the Lord laboring as missionaries. Their duty was to preach the Gospel and whether they gathered any into the fold or not, mattered not, just so they warned the nations concerning that which was not necessary for their spiritual welfare and exaltation.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn:

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph E. Taylor.