

prophetic voice to mothers and to fathers to teach and guard their children.

Elder F. M. Lyman after two years had again visited the people of Morgan. On Sunday morning he would have had a Sunday school session of the conference, if preparations had been made. He was anxious to meet as many parents as possible with the Sunday school children. He spoke of the necessity of living up to our professions; showed how much better it is to be moderate in politics and not be fanatical. In recommending charity he defined charity that always pleads an excuse for the erring. Cautioned the people to be ready for other trials, for we are to be a tried people.

Elder Alonzo Francis, lately returned from the Swiss and German Mission gave a report of his experience.

A striking feature of the conference was the strong testimonies borne that this is the true Church of Jesus Christ and that the authorities are servants of God.

CHAS. R. CLARK,  
Stake Clerk.

## A LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

BATH, Jan. 28, 1897.

In your weekly issue of Jan. 2nd I noticed an article under the heading of "Protestantism Declining," which struck me very forcibly, coming as it does about the same time that a similar series of articles appeared in a local daily paper here. A writer to the Bath Argus, first asked the question, "Is Local Nonconformity Dying or Declining?" The writer then goes on to show by facts and figures, that the membership of the various non-conformist churches are considerably less than they used to be. His article brought out quite a correspondence and discussion of the subject for about four weeks by ministers and prominent members of the various churches, and nearly every one admitted the decline and it was amusing to read their reasons for it. Only a short time ago whilst visiting a friend of mine, a minister of the Church of England called, and I was introduced as a friend from America. Upon learning I was from the State of Utah he appeared very interested and asked many questions about our people and their political and religious conditions. I was able to remove many erroneous ideas he formerly had. We gradually drifted into a discussion of religious doctrines and principles and finally to the apostasy of the primitive Church, as foretold by Daniel, John the Revelator and Paul. He admitted the Church had gone into darkness for a time, but that man of sin referred to by Paul had not yet appeared, but would shortly make his appearance in the form of infidelity. What an admission for a minister of the Gospel to make, that with the many hundreds of highly educated clergymen they are totally unable to stem the tide of infidelity, and it should prevail against their teachings and overcome them. In our tracting from house to house we meet with many who express themselves as being disgusted with the religions of the day, others again are wrapt up in a certain minister, and when he has the usual call to a more profitable field, they desert

the body they formerly worshiped with and join another, or drift with the stream. They labor under strong delusion and are ready to believe almost anything their ministers tell them without investigating for themselves. The Presbyterian journal, or any other, may try to disguise the facts, but Protestantism is declining in England as well as America. Infidelity, or at least a disregard of modern Christianity is rapidly growing, in spite of the rabid utterances of many of the so called reverend divines who are lecturing all over this country telling the people the millennium will commence in 1908, and that the judgments of God will shortly be poured out upon the earth. These facts should stimulate the youth of the Latter-day Saints to study and prepare themselves for the great work that lays before them that they may be able to intelligently teach the nations of the earth the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its purity, and that the authority, gifts and blessings are again restored to the earth as was predicted.

Respectfully,  
W. M. PURRINGTON.

## THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, Feb. 4.]

**ARRIVALS**—The following named Elders arrived in Liverpool by the American Line steamer Waealand on February 3, 1897:

For the British Mission—Dan Muir, Ephraim Briggs Jr., Bountiful; Thomas Phillips, Porterville; Joseph E. Williams, Centerville; Francis S. Humphries, Pleasant Grove; Robert Hugg Jr., Morgan.

For the Swiss and German Mission—John Helner, Morgan.

For the Scandinavian Mission—Peter Mogensen, Mt. Pleasant; Hyrum Hogan, Bountiful.

For the Netherlands Mission—Albert Carlos Robinson, Farmington.

**Appointments**—Robert Hogg Jr. has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Scottish conference. Joseph E. Williams and Thomas Phillips have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Birmingham conference.

Francis S. Humphries has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Cheltenham conference.

Ephraim Briggs Jr. and Dan Muir have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Newcastle conference.

Hyrum P. Frodeham has been released from laboring as a traveling Elder in the Norwich conference and appointed to labor in the Liverpool conference.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

**CINCINNATI, Feb. 16.**—During a row among some boys, John Schwanecko, aged 16, was shot and killed. While it is believed to have been a deliberate murder, the officers have failed to find the boy who did the shooting.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 16.**—A dispatch to the Herald from Panama, Colombia, says: A letter received by an official here from La Paz, Bolivia, states that the Bolivian congress will declare war upon Peru.

The letter also states that there is great activity in military circles in Bolivia. The army is being placed on a war footing and recruiting has begun through the republic.

The general staff is studying the topography of the Peruvian provinces of Arequipa, Puno and Mequegua, and the Bolivian press published documents to plainly show that this territory is undoubtedly a part of Bolivia.

The Bolivian government has withdrawn its diplomatic representatives from Asuncion, Paraguay.

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 16.**—Five hundred members were present at the first session of the annual meeting of the superintendents of the National Educational association this morning, which was called to order by President Gilbert of Newark.

W. N. Hallmaun, superintendent of Indian schools, made a report urging the creation of a standing committee of fifteen educators to receive data of instructions of successful teaching, which data are to be used as a basis for outlining an American method of teaching in primary schools. The idea advanced is to carry kindergarten methods in to the higher grades, discountenancing the memorizing methods so long in vogue and forcing the pupils more upon their own powers of observation and deduction, thus promoting a more vital connection between school studies and the educational development of the child and of man. The report of the committee was discussed at length.

**OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 16.**—Washington is on the verge of wiping out all of her saloons and wholesale liquor houses by adopting a prohibitory law similar to that governing the sale of liquors in South Carolina. This dispensary law bill known as the Cline bill passed the house today by a vote of 47 yeas to 30 nays, much to the surprise of the house itself. The measure was supported by nearly all the middle-of-the-road Populists and a few silver Republicans. The proposed law puts full control of the liquor traffic in the hands of the governor, but eliminates from the South Carolina plan the profit system. The governor appoints a state committee, which in turn appoints county commissioners, and they in turn appoint local dispensers of all liquor.

No liquor is to be sold at retail to be drunk upon the premises, and minors or drunkards are prohibited from receiving it. It is to be sold only in quantities not less than a pint nor more than five gallons. The promoters are now confident the measure will pass the senate.

The house today passed a bill for a constitutional amendment to submit the initiative and referendum system for the control of elections.

The senate today passed a bill providing for a bounty on the sugar industry.

**HAVANA, Feb. 16.**—Capt. Gen. Weyler has issued an edict prohibiting speculation in exchanging bank bills for coin or vice versa, in the exchange houses where this has been the practice, and secondly, ordering these establishments to affix the edict on their doors.

In addition, all establishments buying and selling effects and industries of all kinds are obliged to receive bills at