

took four of our animals and most of the provisions and with a company went on. I took one horse and with a company of others went back to Sutter's, getting a job of him to dig a canal for a gristmill. According to his wishes, I, with a few others, went up in the mountains some forty miles (to the place now called Caloma) to build a sawmill, and in the tale race, which I helped dig, and in blasting a big rock to get it out of the way, Mr. Marshall found the first piece of gold picked up in California on January 24, 1848.

We were diligent and finished the sawmill and made out to gather up some \$500 of the precious metal.

In the spring, with the first company, I came through to Salt Lake, arriving on September the 28th, 1848, and finding father, mother, sisters and brother, all well, living up on the bench land east of Salt Lake City. Father had got in some crop but the crickets destroyed most of the wheat, leaving only twelve bushels, but preparing the garden sauce. Joy filled our bosoms to meet again according to the promise of God, although not under very favorable circumstances.

Salt Lake City being laid off we took up two lots in the Ninth ward, Seth Tatt being Bishop, and built a comfortable adobe house which we lived in through the winter. Brother Appleton Harmon put a turning lathe in one room. We made a good many chairs.

On the 10th of April, 1849, I was married to Camilla Augusta Taylor, and her brother Cyrenus H. Taylor was married to my sister, Emily Smith, at our house, by Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball.

The crickets again destroyed the most of the wheat; but we had some corn and buckwheat. I got adobes and prepared to build on my lot, but upon being called to go south and make a settlement in Sanpete valley, we sold out as best we could, buying oxen and wagons, etc., and then father, myself and C. H. Taylor, with our families, started, and with Seth Tatt's company worked our way south having hard work especially up Salt Creek canyon in making a road so we could get through. On December 7, 1849, we arrived in Sanpete valley and going down to where Mantipowie, we stopped. In a few days Patriarch Isaac Morley came with another company, also P. P. Pratt came with a small company on an exploring expedition. Through the winter we lived in dugouts, built up with with stone and dirt roof and no floor, on the south side of the hill on which the Temple now stands. That was a severe winter, with much snow. For a long time we had to go down daily to shovel the snow from off the feed to keep the stock from starving. We also had much trouble with the Lamanites, having to keep guard all the time. Father, with my help, made a good many shingle, taking two loads to Salt Lake. In December, 1851, father got a house finished, and moved into it. He also farmed considerably and assisted in building a stone fort to protect ourselves from the Indians. And we also had to take down our log houses and make a fort of them and live in them, having much trouble with the Indians. But we soon began to

build up the place, working mostly at farming, raising good crops.

I was afflicted with epileptic fits from the time that I came to Sanpete, and after about five years my wife left me, having two children; I then lived with father and mother, and on the 17th of September, 1856, mother died causing much sorrow.

Father was blessed with many children, but the most of them died, while others were married and left home.

The last years of my father were devoted to Temple work. He had a record of the names of our progenitors for seven generations, and when the Temple was finished we joined in as a family in doing work for them. We were baptized for about two thousand persons of both sexes. Father continued this labor until he could not go to the Temple although living only three blocks away. He was perfectly willing to go to rest, and died on the 31st of October, 1892, leaving many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, well scattered abroad. The funeral was well attended. After the services he was taken to the cemetery and placed in his grave by the side of mother, to await the first resurrection.

AZARIAH SMITH.

#### BEAR LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The conference of this stake convened on the 11th and 12th instants at Montpelier. We were favored with the presence of Elders F. M. Lyman and A. H. Cannon of the Apostles, Elder Seymour B. Young of the First Council of Seventies, and Elder Geo. F. Gibbs.

The Bishops reported the condition of their wards, and the general authorities of the Church and stake were presented and sustained by vote.

President W. Budge made a very favorable report of the Stake; himself and counselors had visited throughout the Stake, a good feeling prevailed among the people, the tithing was considerably more last year than in 1893. He reported a unity of spirit and action with the Stake presidency, and so with the High Council. The Bishops also enjoy an excellent feeling and spirit, and are full of integrity and energy in their sphere of labor.

Elder F. M. Lyman said he had listened with great pleasure to the reports given. He gave much valuable instruction in regard to the regulation and government of Stakes and the order of the Priesthood. He dwelt at some length upon the calling of a Teacher, reading from the Doctrine and Covenants in support of his remarks.

Elder A. H. Cannon showed how easily we could be mistaken in forming judgment through our natural senses unassisted by the Holy Ghost. The prophecies are being fulfilled; false Christs and false prophets have arisen and will continue to do so and the only safeguard against being deceived and led astray was the possession of the Holy Spirit.

Counselor J. H. Hart spoke upon the Word of Wisdom.

Counselor W. L. Rich followed showing the great advancement the people had made in developing the resources within their reach.

Elders Geo. F. Gibbs, F. M. Lyman,

A. H. Cannon and S. B. Young were the speakers on Sunday. The subjects treated upon were unity, tithing, the Word of Wisdom and the order of the Priesthood. There was a large attendance at all the meetings.

The Montpelier well-trained choir discoursed sweet music throughout the conference, which added much pleasure and interest to the services.

F. MINSON,  
Stake Clerk.

#### THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, May 2.]

**SWISS AND GERMAN MISSION. CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The office and headquarters of the Swiss and German mission which have been for over a quarter of a century at 38, Postgasse, Berne, will owing to the needs and progress of the mission, be changed to better and more favorable quarters on May 1, 1895, and all communications to this office and for *Der Stern*, will be sent to the following address: President Geo. C. Naegle, 20, Achvestrasse, (Kirchenfeld,) Bern, Switzerland.

P. S.—Friends from Zion traveling on the Continent who can make it convenient to call at Bern, will be welcomed at No. 20.

Most respectfully,  
GEO. C. NAEGLÉ.

**ARRIVALS**—The following named Elders arrived in Liverpool per American line steamer Ohio on May 1, 1895: for the British mission—James Holley, of Springfield; A. Saxey, of Prov.; A. M. Ledingham, of Newton; George Hind, of Smithfield; Fred W. Nicholls, of Salt Lake City; J. T. Rackham and Samuel Banford, of Ogden; William A. Thayne, of Wellington; A. B. Call, of Dublin, Mexico; Francis A. Stowell, of Juarez, Mexico. For the Swiss and German Mission—John Gart and John Stahel, of Santa Clara; Christen Riesenmay, of Logan; John U. Probst, of Fred Haueter and Emil Kohler, of Midway; Karl D. Houtz, of Rockland, Idaho; Joseph R. Meservy, of Wilford, Idaho; John Nuffer, of Preston, Idaho. For the Scandinavian Mission—Erick P. Erickson and Lars E. Danielson, of Smithfield; John L. Halhom, of Heber City; Andrew C. Fjeldsted, of Gunnison; Nephi Anderson, of Vernon; Alonzo B. Irvine, of Logan; Peter Magnusson, of Mesa, Arizona; Julius Johnson, of Preston, Idaho. The brethren for the continent continued their journey in the afternoon of May 1. All well.

**RELEASES AND APPOINTMENTS.**—The following named Elders have been honorably released from their labors to return home, May 9, 1895:

Archibald Freebairn, traveling Elder in the Scottish conference.

James T. Lovett, traveling Elder in the Sheffield conference.

Henry C. Overton, traveling Elder in the London conference.

Heber Timothy, traveling Elder in the Welsh conference.

Joseph S. Robinson, traveling Elder in the Sheffield conference.

John Belliston, traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference.

John J. James, president of the Cheltenham conference.

George W. Hislop, traveling Elder in the Newcastle conference.

George Burt, traveling Elder in the Scottish conference.