

Elder Ellis spent some seven weeks in traveling through Victoria and Melbourne, and a short time in New Zealand. He returns in good health and feels that his labors have not been in vain. The personnel of the party, some of whom stopped off at their different residences in Idaho and elsewhere, is as follows:

F. W. Ellis; L. C. Pond and wife, Louie K., also two children born to them in Tasmania, Lucinda Tasma and Gladys May; G. W. Lewis, missionary from the Victoria conference, Australia; R. H. Bodily, missionary from the Queensland conference, Australia; E. O. Best, missionary from Canberrary conference, New Zealand. Emigrating Saints—Robert and Margaret Menzies from New Zealand; W. J. Brooksbury, Victoria, Australia; Leah S. Holmes, Tasmania; George and Mary J. Wilson and family of six, and Thomas and Laura E. Finlayson and family of ten, all from New Zealand.

Elder Thomas A. Howard of Big Cottonwood arrived in this city Wednesday, returning from the British mission. He left home for his field of labor on March 16, 1894, and during his absence did duty as a traveling Elder in the Newcastle conference, England. The work, he says, is improving in that part of the Lord's vineyard and the missionaries are fast making many warm friends. The principles of the Gospel are being investigated, and the prospects are that ere long many honest-hearted people in that vicinity will make application for baptism. Elder Howard sailed from Glasgow on his return trip on April 9th and the voyage of fourteen days in crossing the ocean on the steamer Anchora was a very pleasant one. He spent some time in visiting friends in Brooklyn, N. Y., otherwise he should have arrived here much sooner than he did. His health has been splendid while away.

The News had a pleasant call Friday from Elder E. O. Best of this city, who has recently returned from his labors as a Gospel messenger in the Australasian mission. Elder Best left this city Feb. 25, 1893, and during his absence of over three and a half years he has labored in New Zealand, his work being distributed in four different districts.

The work, he says, is progressing very favorably and the mission is in good condition. The hearts of the people are becoming softened to Mormonism and they are turning their attention to an investigation of its principles. Generally speaking the Elders are treated with much respect, and great kindness is shown them in their visits among the people. The Elders laboring there are very energetic and a good work is being accomplished. As an evidence of this statement it is but necessary to say that in New Zealand alone 335 souls have been added to the Church membership during the past year. Elder Best has enjoyed good health, and left Sydney, Australia, on his return trip, May 1st.

Saturday afternoon's Rio Grande Western train had among its passengers three returned missionaries, Elder Bair of Richmond, Cache County, Elder Philip H. Margetts, of Preston, Idaho, and Elder Heber C. Anderson of the Sixth ward, Salt Lake City.

Elder Bair left his home in April,

1894, and performed missionary duty in the North Carolina conference of the Southern States mission during his absence from home. He reports a good feeling there among the Elders and the people, the latter being much more anxious to hear the Gospel than they were in former years.

Elder Margetts left on his mission Oct. 9, 1894, going to the Indian Territory mission. He was first assigned to Arkansas, laboring there until his health necessitated a change. His new field was in Indian Territory, his time being divided among the Creek, Choctaw and Cherokee nations. During the latter portion of his absence he presided over the Cherokee conference. The past few months his health has not been the best; still he has been able to perform his labors. He is stopping over in this city visiting his father, the veteran actor Phil. Margetts, and his mother, who is seriously ill with pneumonia, and whose condition is reported as more hopeful today than for several days past.

Elder Anderson left on his mission September 1, 1894, going to the Indian Territory. For a time he labored in the Cherokee and Creek nations, and then was transferred to the Kansas conference, where he performed missionary duties and aided in finishing the meeting house there upon the building being removed to its present site. He was next appointed to the Choctaw nation, remaining there to the close of his mission. For a time a few weeks ago he was severely ill, but was gradually regaining health previous to his release, and was able to resume his labors.

The three Elders named returned in fair health and good spirits. Elders Margetts and Anderson report considerable improvement in prospects in the Indian Territory the past six months, as the people are getting to be better informed about the Mormons, and give less credence to the absurd tales commonly circulated concerning them.

A REPORT ON CARP.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,
May 27, 1895.

In their report (1894, page 18) to Gov. John P. Altgeld, the Hon. R. Roe, George W. Langford and H. Schmidt, Illinois state fish commissioners, refer to carp in the following manner, in answer to the question, "Is not the carp a failure?"

"We do not hesitate to say that the carp, which is found in all the waters of the state, is the greatest source of revenue to those who fish for a business, and has paid larger dividends on the investment than any other fish ever introduced into our waters. Some years ago, carp were placed in every stream of the state. At first they were not considered at all valuable as a market fish, so, fortunately, were not sought. Thus they were permitted to grow and increase until now they are such a part of our fish supply as any fish indigenous to the waters of the state, and every inland pond and lake, as well as the rivers, furnish a supply of carp as a part of its product. The result is, that today more of this species of fish are taken and banded by the fishermen than all the other varieties com-

bined. From one net on the Illinois river, last season, 250,000 pounds of carp found its way to Chicago and New York markets.

"Carp are, undoubtedly, the fish for the great mass of fish-eating people, those who eat fish as food, not as a luxury. It is the working man's fish—game fish come too high for him. Carp have not been a failure, but, on the contrary, have given to the people of our State a greater supply of food from the waters than could have been produced in any other way from the same area, and in no way do they interfere with other fish."

The above suggests that if carp are in such demand in a land where the best fresh and salt water fishes are found in its markets at nominal prices, cannot the carp so abundant in Utah waters be made to pay a revenue to the people of the State? It has been suggested that a large business could be worked up in curing carp for the inter-mountain market, and the way proposed is to cure it as the smoked salmon found in our markets is cured. It is believed that if properly cleaned and cured it can be made marketable, and readily sold at a price much below that of salmon. Carp can be caught in great quantities and put on the cars at a nominal cost.

I submit the above with the hope that some person or persons may be stimulated to develop this industry, which I believe can be made to give employment to a great many persons, yield a handsome profit to the investors, and be a source of great benefit to the consumers.

I respectfully invite suggestions,
A. MILTON MUSSER.

MORGAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Morgan Stake conference was held May 17 and 18; there was a large attendance. Of the general authorities we had with us at all the meetings Elder John Henry Smith of the quorum of the Apostles, and Elder Edward Stevenson of the council of Seventies. The former spoke upon the subject of adjusting our own difficulties, and the evidences of a supreme Being; the latter upon the Book of Mormon and the prophecies of the Bible referring to the latter days. Elder Ezra T. Clark, visiting from Davis Stake with his wife Mary S. Clark, encouraged the Saints to follow the counsel of the authorities. There were also Bishops' reports, remarks from the presidency of the Stake and voting for the Church authorities. Elder Stevenson presided at a special meeting of the Thirty-fifth quorum of Seventy, wherein they were advised to procure their Seventies' licenses and study the principles of the Gospel and be prepared to preach them.

O. R. CLARK, Clerk.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Patrick Niles, who first visited California in 1830, died at Los Angeles on Thursday.

The Union Pacific has detectives investigating the action of hoodlums who throw stones through car windows, the purpose being to land some of the offenders in jail.

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