

Returned Elders.

Elder Thomas Butler, of Richfield, Sevier county, called at our office yesterday, having just returned from a mission to Virginia, whither he went on the 4th of November, 1890. Elder Butler labored almost continuously in Virginia and met with very good success. He made many warmhearted friends and speaks highly of the hospitality of the people among whom he traveled. He reports that the mission in that part of the United States is in an exceedingly prosperous condition.

Elder James J. W. Duncan, of this city, and Elder Richard Graham, of Fairview, Sanpete county, have returned from Europe, where they have been filling missions. The former labored in Scotland and has been absent about twenty-one months. The latter traveled in the Leeds Conference, England, and has been absent the same length of time.

Elder Joseph Walte, of Hyde Park, Cache county, returned on Saturday, April 9th, from his mission to the Northern States. He left on May 20th, 1890, for his field of labor, and was first appointed to Pennsylvania, where he traveled for about three months. He was then sent to West Virginia, in which State he labored until released.

Elder David Sudworth, from Grantsville, Tooele county, left on the same date for a mission to the Northern States and returned in company with Elder Walte. The first year he labored partly in Canada and partly in the northwestern part of New York. The last year was spent in West Virginia.

These Elders report that they have been well treated by the people and have had opportunities of bearing their testimony in numerous places. There seems to be a desire to read the literature of the Latter-day Saints and to investigate their principles, and the prospects are very encouraging in this conference.

A Word from Dublin, Mexico.

Editor Deseret News:

The people of this place have a fair prospect for an abundant harvest this year, though much of the grain which was sown in the fall was winter killed. The fruit crop looks very favorable, too, if "Jack Frost" will stay away, but he has visited us a few nights already, nipping our trees and sorrowing vegetation, but no great damage is done yet. Although our crops were a partial failure last year, the enterprising people of this ward have managed to erect an adobe meetinghouse (26x51 feet inside). The same being sufficiently finished as to be used for our school and ward meetings.

The health of the people here is generally good, although the "grippe" has visited us, but has disappeared, I think, entirely, having called upon nearly every family in our ward.

A gloom was cast over our little colony upon receiving a letter from Brother Milton S. Ray, of Deming, New Mexico, informing us of a sad accident which occurred to Brother John R. Young and family while traveling between here and Deming, N. M. Brother Young was en route for Deming, where he was going to take his daughter, Mrs. May Roberts, of Farmington, N. M., who had been

here visiting her parents. When the party was between Palomas and Deming Brother Wm. Black's rifle was accidentally discharged, the ball passing through Brother John R. Young's shoulder, striking his little son in the thigh, from there striking his daughter's little child, six or seven months old, killing it instantly, then slightly wounding the mother. Nothing regarding the condition of the family has since been heard.

The above described accident occurred Friday, March 25th, 1892.

A. B. CALL.

COLONY DUBLAN, Mexico, March 30th, 1892.

News from Almy.

The residents of Almy are having some cold and wintry weather, and it seems that after a mild winter and only an average snowfall we are to be disappointed in our hopes of an early spring. But if this was the worst outlook for the residents of our town we would have far greater cause to be contented than is the case now.

Since writing my former letter to the News we have suffered considerably in regard to employment. No. 5 mine has been shut down about three weeks, and as a consequence many men are out of work. Quite a few have been crowded into No. 6 mine, while others have had to seek work elsewhere. It is a long time since times were so dull in Almy, and many of our residents have been put to their wits' end. Cases of absolute necessity are of frequent disclosure; yet the public must not suppose these are the results of intemperance, for on the whole the heads of these families are men of sterling qualities, hard working, temperate and industrious.

The jubilee of the Relief Society was celebrated in the Almy ward, and the history of the Relief Society in our ward was briefly commented upon by Sister Woodhouse, president of the society. Bishop Bowns gave an interesting account of the organization of the Relief Society by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Songs and recitations were rendered, and the whole of the exercises were interesting and profitable.

Almy ward appears to be in good working order, and our services on Sundays are well attended. Bishop James Bowns presides, having for his Counselors Brothers John Crawford and John Sims.

We have a very commendable choir of over fifty voices, under the conductorship of Mr. James H. Hood, and its success is the best evidence of Mr. Hood's ability as a leader of vocal culture.

Miss J. Beveridge, the organist of our choir, is on a visit to her relatives and friends in Seefeld, Utah, her place being filled temporarily by Miss Dean.

The health of our residents is very fair. J. E. B.

ALMY, March 30th, 1892.

News from Paris, Idaho.

The weather at Paris is something awful, and the boys' definition that "dust is mud with the water squeezed out" is often thought of now-a-days; for we have lots of dust with water squeezed into it. This is not strictly scientific but it is a fact.

A large mercantile company starts up in Montpelier. There seems to be ample capital, and it looks as though they meant to stay.

Not only spring but summer seems to want to linger in the lap of winter, for there is not much prospect of spring at present.

A new drug store will open in Paris shortly. Messrs. Ashay and Pendrey are the promoters. Dr. Phillips of this place will now be able to have his prescriptions compounded without going to Montpelier. It will be an all round benefit to the town.

Politics are occasionally ventilated here.

Some of our students have returned from the Salt Lake and Logan colleges, where they have been hibernating.

Both our district schools have shut down owing to a lack of funds.

Our local merchants complain of hard times and scarcity of money. All of us would like to see it more plentiful than it is at present.

The board controlling the Bear Lake Stake Academy talk of building a \$20,000 schoolhouse this summer. We hope they will do so, as it will be a great educational and financial benefit to this part of the country. They gave their principal, Prof. John H. Miles, a very flattering testimonial.

Some of the brethren are going on missions to Switzerland from this place and will leave very shortly.

The health of the people is good, but a species of influenza seems to be going around among the children.

The people are taking steps to try and secure government titles to the hay land in the valley. It is hoped they will succeed.

We shall have doctors, teachers and lawyers galore in a few years, as several of our enterprising young citizens are qualifying themselves for these positions.

It is claimed that our mining prospects are excellent, and let us hope the prospects will materialize in the near future.

A concert given by our choir a short time ago was a complete musical and financial success. Once in a while a company of actors favors us with a call and a performance. Lindsay's company has just given the "Galley Slave" and few more good pieces.

The next election here will doubtless see two tickets in the field, Republican and Democrat, with non-"Mormons" and "Mormons" on both of them.

J. H.

The California World's Fair Commission has made the following apportionment of the \$30,000 which it has at its disposal: Agriculture, \$10,000; malt and spirituous liquors, \$1000; forestry, \$6000; horticulture, \$12,000; viticulture, \$6000; floriculture, \$2000; live stock, machinery, transportation, manufactures and electricity, \$500 each; fish and fisheries, \$8000; mines and mining, \$15,000; fine arts, \$5000; liberal arts, \$10,000; ethnology, \$2500; publicity and promotion, \$10,000; freight and transportation, \$10,000; building, \$75,000; expense of commissioners, \$14,000; contingent fund, \$50,000. There is left \$61,000, which will be devoted mainly to maintaining the California building and exhibits.