

had been in this part of the country. Following the remarks of Elder Cluff, the speaker said the scientific people do not believe anything they cannot reason out. Such men err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God. He bore a powerful testimony of the truth of the Gospel, and told how the humblest can obtain the same testimony.

The afternoon session of Monday was wholly taken up on the temporal situation of the Saints. Stake Counselors Thomas E. Bassett and Wm. F. Rigby spoke shortly upon the opportunities of our community of young people. Elder John Henry Smith gave some hints as to building comfortable homes and how to make them attractive. President Joseph F. Smith showed the beneficial results of doing things right, how it paid to take good care of our property and gave some illustrations of the thrifty habits of the people in the early days of Utah and commended their practices as being worthy still of our emulation.

The General and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained. President Thomas E. Riggs thanked the Saints for their attention and all who had aided in making the conference enjoyable. Conference adjourned for three months. Benediction by Patriarch A. E. Huckey.

JAMES GILLESPIE,  
Stake Recorder.

### RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder E. S. Horsley, of Price, Carbon county, who has recently returned from a mission to Great Britain, made a pleasant call on the NEWS Tuesday, before leaving for his home in the evening. He was a member of the company that reached this city on Sunday morning in charge of Elder Olsen.

Elder Horsley left Salt Lake for the mission field on November 4, 1893, and has spent all his time laboring in the Leeds conference, England. He reports a prosperous mission and the enjoyment of the best of health while absent. The prospects in that country for the spread of the Gospel are at present good, and a great number of the honest in heart are presenting themselves for baptism. The Elders laboring there receive very hospitable treatment, and feel greatly encouraged in the work in which they are engaged.

Elder Henry Holyoak, of Moab Grand county, called at the NEWS office Tuesday, and reported his labors while on a mission to England. He left home October 21, 1893, and arrived in the Sanfield conference, his field of labor, November 3, where he remained until the July following. He then went to the Birmingham conference where he labored until he set sail for home. Elder Holyoak enjoyed good health, and made many friends during his missionary labors.

Tuesday evening's train bore to this city Elder David R. Roberts of Logan, who two years ago left his home to take up a missionary labor in the Northern States. His destination reached, he was assigned to labor among the people of the Indiana conference, which comprises the states of Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

During his absence he has labored

in the two latter states, meeting with remarkably good success and administering the ordinance of baptism unto some who were impressed with the truthfulness of the Gospel. The Elders in that district rejoice in their labors, and although sickness of a malarial nature frequently attacks them, they feel that God's blessing is upon them, knowing that they are engaged in His work. Elder Roberts has enjoyed good health during his stay, and has made many warm friends in the districts which he has visited.

Elder Samuel Brinton, of South Cottonwood, arrived in this city over the Rio Grande Western from the East Thursday, having been on a mission to West Virginia, which he entered upon April 14, 1894. During the last nine months of his labor he was president of the West Virginia conference and reports a satisfactory condition of affairs in that district. Of late there have been a goodly number of accessions to the Church and much prejudice has been allayed while warm friends have sprung up on every hand.

The burning of the Latter-day Saints church near Charleston, had the direct opposite effect from that expected by enemies of the Elders. The act was vigorously denounced and sympathizers and friends came forward from among those who had hitherto been regarded as being very indifferent.

Just before leaving for home Elder Brinton, by special request, accepted an invitation to dine with ex-Senator Carr. The event, he says, was a very pleasant one. He stopped over one day en-route at Colorado Springs and visited the Colorado State Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at that place. It is an excellently maintained institution and with the grounds cost \$225,000. Superintendent Dudley is a very efficient officer, says Elder Brinton, and was very courteous in showing him through the different departments. The inmates are kept busy and make many useful and ornamental articles. As an illustration of this Elder Brinton exhibited a very unique and pretty combination cup and saucer made from fine wire and beads, the work of a little blind girl, presented him by Mr. Dudley.

Elder Brinton, during his absence, did not experience the best of health, but enjoyed his labors nevertheless.

Elder Francis Cunnick, of West Jordan, called at this office Friday afternoon, having returned from a mission to Great Britain on Sunday last. He left home for that part of the world Nov. 4, 1893, and on reaching his field of labor was set apart to work in the Welsh conference. He reports little prejudice in that part of the vineyard with exceedingly bright outlooks for the future. He enjoyed good health and is glad to be back to his mountain home once again.

Elder Charles J. Nethercott of the Fourteenth ward of this city is home again after an absence of sixteen months, during which period he was engaged in missionary work in California. His return is earlier than it would have been had his health been good all of the time, but unfortunately he was the victim of a serious attack of typhoid fever. He is, however, steadily improving now and expects a

complete recovery soon. He enjoyed his work thoroughly. His labors were confined entirely to San Francisco and Oakland. The California mission, he says, is in a very promising and prosperous condition.

### WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Deputy Postmaster C. E. McEnerney, of Vallejo, Cal., is missing. He is short in his accounts.

There will be 2,000 birds on exhibition in the California poultry show, which opens this week.

Dr. S. E. Knight, a Stockton, Cal., physician, deserted his wife on Monday, departing with a woman named Mrs. Leoni Okey.

The Wells-Fargo Express company is reported to have withdrawn from the Gila Valley, A. T., road because of the excessive charges the road makes for transportation.

A social war is now raging in Phoenix, A. T. The girls of the city formed an anti-cigarette society, and the boys have retaliated by forming an anti-chewing gum society.

Coal of an excellent quality has been discovered in Arizona in apparently inexhaustible quantities in the Dos Cabezas district, but six miles from the Southern Pacific Railroad.

C. H. Stattuok, the junior member of the well known firm of E. J. Stattuok & Co., manufacturers of printing and lithographic inks, died at Alameda, Cal., Friday evening from rheumatism.

The largest shipment of flour ever made from Puget sound to African ports will be shipped by the British steamer Straits of Meul, now loading at the Port Blakely mills. She will take out 8,000 sacks.

The United States government detectives made a raid in the Chinese quarter of Glroy, Cal., Saturday night and captured \$250 worth of unstamped opium.

At Sonora, Cal., Saturday night, an old Mexican named Lucas Lutregia went to bed under the influence of liquor. Next morning he was found on the floor with his neck broken, having fallen out of bed during the night.

Ex-County Clerk C. O. Downing of Spokane, Wash., convicted of having embezzled the sum of \$72.35 belonging to the county while acting in his official capacity as clerk, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at Walla Walla.

Mrs. Clinton B. Flak, the widow of the late General Flak of New Jersey, who was prohibition candidate for President in 1893, was thrown from her carriage while out driving with Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Welch of Los Angeles, Cal., Saturday, and was probably fatally injured.

James Granzi burglarized a San Francisco saloon on Thursday night. When the saloon was opened in the morning on a chair was a broken lock, and a hammer that told of burglary. A search revealed Granzi behind the bar sleeping. He had started out to drink the place dry, but fell down and went to sleep.

Says the Kern Californian: There