

that are required of us by the Lord, and the purpose for which we are gathered to this land; spoke of the trials that had united and purified the Saints; gave some excellent counsel as to how to govern ourselves in political matters. After a few closing remarks by Pres. Hesse, conference adjourned for three months to meet at East Bountiful.

JOHN J. SMITH,  
Clerk.

### IN BANNOCK STAKE.

This part of the country is being more rapidly developed than perhaps any other region in the intermountain country. The Teton Basin that has only been settled about six years now has four organized wards and a branch that will shortly be made into a ward. The most southerly of these wards is on Trail Creek, and is called Raymond; Brother David R. Sinclair is Bishop. The first settlers located there in 1869. They now have about thirty families and have located a townsite of 160 acres where there is a flourishing store, and several houses have been erected. The soil is very rich and it is proven that good grain can be produced, specimens of which the writer saw being threshed. They have excellent water facilities and this will be a great dairying country in the near future. Raymond is in Bingham county, and there is talk about constructing a road over the divide into Swan Valley and down the south fork of the Snake river to Idaho Falls. This route is said to be quite feasible and direct, and would be of great advantage to the merchants of Idaho Falls, as it would open up the trade of the south end of the Basin and the Jackson Hole to them and be a great benefit to the settlers, as it would lessen the distance of the railroad, reducing it from about 100 to say 40 miles.

The first district north of Raymond is Fox Creek. There is a branch of the Church there, presided over by James Johnson. This is a good location, but they need more settlers of the right kind.

North of Fox is Derby, which is located on a creek of that name. Brother Emanuel Bagley is Bishop, and there will soon be a flourishing ward.

North of Derby is Teton creek, and on this creek the first settlers located.

Near the mouth of the canyon is Pratt ward, presided over by Brother M. W. Pratt. Brother W. F. Rigby has recently erected a shingle mill and put in a chopnet; up the canyon about two miles is an excellent saw mill.

To the west of Pratt is Driggs P. O., at which point Driggs & Kimball are carrying on a flourishing mercantile business.

The north part of Teton Basin is Lee ward situated on a creek of that name and covering a great extent of country. The ward is presided over by Bishop Ed. Little.

This whole valley is well watered by clear creeks of the best of water, most of which rises in the Teton range on the east where are the noted Teton that can be seen for a hundred miles down the Snake river valley. The region is particularly well adapted to the dairying business, and the near future will see creameries in active operation, as with the excellent native grasses

and the fine tame hays and pure waters, the best of butter and cheese can be produced. Good grain and vegetables have been raised, and this is an encouragement to the settlers who have greatly increased during the past year, while a great influx is expected next spring.

The game season is on and venison has been quite plentiful on the settlers' tables. But there is too much wilful destruction of the game of the region. Deer and elk are getting scarce, while the moose, that was once quite numerous, is now rarely found. Parties still slaughter the game for their antlers and pelts and those who complain the most loudly of the poor red man are the most criminal. Active measures to preserve the game should be instituted by the inter-mountain states and the wealthy tourist should not be allowed privileges denied the poor settler.

TRAVELER.

TETON, Dec. 1, 1895.

### SEVIER STAKE S. S. CONFERENCE.

RICHFIELD, Utah,

December 4th, 1895.

The third annual Sunday school conference of Sevier Stake was held here on Saturday and Sunday last, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, which was fully as interesting to all who attended as had been the preceding ones. The presence of two of the general superintendents, Elder Geo. Goddard, the aged veteran in the Sunday school cause, and Dr. K. G. Maeser, the esteemed veteran educator, was highly appreciated, and but for the inclement season of the year the building could not have contained the congregation.

A good program had been prepared and all appointments called for were filled and creditably rendered, consisting of brief lectures on Sunday school history, the signs of the times, exercises from the primary classes and songs, interspersed with verbal reports from the several Sunday schools. At each of the meetings on both days the visiting brethren addressed the assembly, giving valuable suggestions and instructions on Sunday school work; they also answered pointedly the several written questions handed in for information on points of vital importance in Sunday school labor; Brother Goddard always closing his remarks with a song appropriate to the subject he had last treated on. Bishop Theo. Brandley, Stake Counselor Jos. S. Horne, the former Stake superintendent of Sunday school, briefly related their personal experiences in Sunday school labor. Stake President W. H. Seegmiller and President Crosby of Panguitch Stake also spoke pointedly and interestingly, touching the subject of education. Stake Superintendent William A. Seegmiller and his assistants, Martin Jensen and Magnus C. Nielsen, expressed their pleasure with the visit of the brethren of the general superintendency and gratefulness for the good instructions imparted by them; they also reported their labors since their appointment at a late Stake quarterly conference.

The general Sunday school authorities and Stake officials were presented by the secretary and unanimously sustained.

The visiting brethren also held tw

other meetings on Sunday, one with the officers of the several Sunday schools, and one with the teachers of religion classes, at which much valuable instruction was given which will no doubt be long remembered.

Thus ended one of the most interesting conferences held of late in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Your brother,  
JNO. A. HELLSTROM, Sec'y.

### THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

(Millennial Star, Nov. 28.)

Arrivals.—The following named Elders arrived in Liverpool per American Line Steamer Belgenland on Nov. 28:

For the Swiss and German Mission—Ulrik Schiess, of Mantz; Elijah A. Larkin, of Ogden; Wm. C. Closs, of Mt. Pleasant; John Gilgen, of Logan; John F. Howard, of Salt Lake City; Joseph A. Ott, of Tropic; Nicholas Bangerter, of Bountiful; Wm. C. Cotterell, of Farmington; Oscar C. Barton, of Kayaville; Christian Bandly, of Provo.

For the Netherland Mission—Derk Jan Nyveld and Gerrit John Krultbosch, of Ogden.

For the Scandinavian Mission—Jacob Fickstad, of Mantz.

For the British Mission—Lewis Hunsaker, of Bear River City; W. E. Stokes, of South Hooper; George E. Bench, of Mantz.

Elders Barton, Cotterell and Hunsaker were originally called to go to the Turkish mission, but on account of the unsettled state of affairs in that country it was thought best that they should not go there at present. The two first named were therefore given appointments to the Swiss and German missions, and the latter was assigned to great Britain.

The Elders for the Netherlands continued their journey on the afternoon of the 28th; Elder Fickstad will proceed to Scandinavia on the 29th. Those who are to labor in Switzerland and Germany will remain in Liverpool until the 30th, when they will complete their journey. There was no special incident happened while en route. The severe gales on the ocean a week or two since were succeeded by a very calm spell, and these brethren happily have had their voyage over a quiet sea. All arrived well.

Release and Appointments.—Elder John Kemp has been honorably released from laboring as travelling Elder in the Norwich conference, to return home December 6, 1895.

Elders Lewis Hunsaker and George E. Bench have been appointed to labor as travelling Elders in the Nottingham conference.

Elder W. E. Stokes has been appointed to labor as travelling Elder in the Leeds conference.

Ruth M. Knowles, the seven-year-old daughter of Dr. W. A. L. Knowles, of San Francisco, died on Sunday night from burns received on Sunday morning. The little girl's night dress caught fire as she was warming herself in front of an open grate on Sunday morning and she was fearfully burned from head to foot. She lived in agony until Sunday night.