

Conference in London.—A conference was held at the Eastern Hall, East India Road, Limehouse, London, on Sunday, Oct. 24, as reported in the *Millennial Star*, Elder W. L. Binder presiding, E. Adams acting as clerk. Meetings were held morning, afternoon, and evening.

Elders present from Utah:—Albert Carrington, President of the European Mission; W. L. Binder, President of and H. C. Fowler, J. Fayne, and D. K. Udall, Travelling Elders in London Conference; W. H. Maughan, President of and J. T. Belliston, Traveling Elder in Birmingham Conference; G. L. Farrell, President of and W. A. C. Bryan and A. D. Young, Traveling Elders in Nottingham Conference; W. B. Barton, President of Liverpool Conference; P. Barton, President of Sheffield Conference; and T. D. Evans, Traveling Elder in the Welsh Conference; E. I. Young and B. W. Carrington, from the Liverpool Office.

The clerk read the following reports, which were accepted—

HALF-YEARLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

INCOME.	
Tith'g on hand, April, '75	£27 15 1
Rec'd on Tith'g acct.	226 6 8½
“ “ Mission	3 5 8
“ “ Book	71 19 0½
I. E. Account	384 2 8½
	£713 9 2½

EXPENDITURE.

General Conference expenses, hall rents, &c.,	£221 7 1½
Tithing, Book money, and Individual Emigration money remitted to Liverpool	464 1 9½
I. E. Withdrawn	7 19 1
Given to the Poor	2 6 9
Balance in hand	17 14 5½
	£713 9 2½

HALF-YEARLY STATISTICAL REPORT.

Districts, 9; Branches, 25; Elders, 144; Priests, 97; Teachers, 28; Deacons, 27; Members, 1,000; Baptized, 49; Scattered, 10; Cut off, 4; Emigrated, 98.—Total, 1,296.

The congregations were addressed by most of the above-named Elders.

Down on Potatoes.—It is acknowledged, we believe, that the potatoes raised in Utah cannot be excelled in the world, and much has been specially said in their favor. Now hear what Mrs. Adolph Lene has to say about potatoes on general principles, as expressed by that lady in the first of a proposed course of three lectures at College Hall, Cincinnati, a short time since—

“Her subject was ‘The Potato; Its History and Influence upon Civilization.’ After giving an account of the discovery of the potato and the history of its introduction in different countries, she spoke of its influence on the character of the people where it is used almost exclusively for food. For instance, in Ireland, where it is the chief article of food, she said, the people are disposed to be lazy and of a spirit ill-calculated to shake off the slavery resting on them. It might be asked: Why didn't they emigrate? but they hadn't the courage to emigrate. The potato was the cheapest food which could be raised in abundance there, and yet the Irishman earned only cheap wages and proved himself to be worthy only of such. Temperance people and societies, the lecturer said, were saying much and trying hard to abolish the use of strong drink, but they would accomplish more by introducing more nourishing food among the people most addicted to drunkenness. Whiskey and potatoes were necessary twin evils so long as there was nothing provided as food to supply an appetite for stimulant. People may fatten themselves as cattle and only as cattle on potatoes, though they are very good food if mixed with meat and eggs. It was a mistake to suppose that, while there might be produced greater bulk, more nourishment in the way of potatoes than of corn could be raised from the same space of land. Some physicians had stated that scrofula was produced by a steady diet of potatoes, at least this disease appeared in certain countries after the introduction of potatoes. The lecture was illustrated with drawings.”

Relics.—Prof. Barfoot exhibited to us to-day a number of theatrical bills of 1856, when the Social Hall was the temple of the drama. We herewith give the cast for “Paul Pry,” for March 29th of the year named—

“Paul Pry,” H. B. Clawson; “Col. Hardy,” H. K. Whitney; “Frank Hardy,” P. Lynch; “Witherton,” D. H. Sutherland; “Summers,” D. O. Calder; “Stanley,” R. T. Burton; “Harry Stanley,” J. M. Simmons; “Grasp,” D. McKenzie; “Doubledot,” G. W. Crochiron; “Simon,” H. Maiben; and the after piece, the “Widow's Victim,” “Jeremiah Clip,” P. Margetts; “Byron Tremaine Pelham Podge,” H. Maiben; “Mr. Twitter,” J. M. Simmons; “Mrs. Twitter,” Mrs. Hyde; “Rattleton,” Mrs. Tuckett; “Jane,” Miss Clawson.

The bills were presented to the Museum by Mr. Philip Margetts. At the same time we were also shown a bond of the “Confederate States of America,” presented by Major L. E. Granger.

THE SEXES IN GERMANY.—The proportion of males to females in the population of the German Empire appears to be steadily declining. In 1855 the excess of females over males, in what is now the German Empire, was 248,631, which declined in the following nine years of peace to 313,383 in 1864. At the end of 1866, that is, after the Schleswig Holstein and Austrian wars, the excess was 471,885. In December, 1871, the effects of the war with France was shown in an ascertained surplus female population of 755,875. Thus, in the seven years from 1864 to 1871, the excess of females over males in the German population had increased by no less than 14 per cent. Although no inconsiderable portion of this loss to the German male population is due to actual slaughter on the battle field, it is undoubtedly caused principally by emigration. Even if emigration could now be checked, it would take more than one generation to restore the proportion between the two sexes in Germany to what it was ten years ago.—*Popular Science Monthly*.

—The San Francisco papers have been complaining considerably of late concerning hoodlumism. A country paper of that State says it is the rampant evil of the day in all parts of the interior, and that the country press generally is discussing measures of relief from the evil. Meantime, how is it that any State, which is boasted so greatly in advance of Utah in educational matters, should prove such a failure in training up a child in the way he should go, that the most salient evil of the day is youthful rowdiness?

DIED.

In the 10th Ward of this city, Dec. 19th, of Bright's disease of the kidneys, WILLIAM ASHMAN.

Deceased was born in Flevly, Cambridgeshire, Eng. and Nov. 10, 1832; was baptized in Lowestoft, Suffolk, England, 1851, and emigrated to New York, Jan. 1, 1856; came to Utah in 1862; was appointed counselor to the late Bishop John Proctor in 1869, and at the death of Bishop Proctor, first counselor to Bishop Adam Speer, and acted in that capacity until his death.

He was a kind husband, an affectionate parent, a wise counselor, faithful to all the trusts reposed in him and did as he had lived, respected by all who knew him.—[COM.]

Funeral services on Tuesday (to-morrow) morning at 10 o'clock, at the Tenth Ward Meeting House. Friends are invited.

Millennial Star, please copy.

In the 10th Ward of Salt Lake City, on the evening of the 18th inst., PENELOPE R. GOODRICH, aged 82 years, lacking a few days.

Funeral services at 19th Ward School House, at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

Deceased had been a faithful member of the church since 1849, and her end was peace.—[COM.]

At Brigham City, Dec. 10th, of old age and debility, PEARL BRORSSON.

Deceased was born at Skabeyo, Sweden, July 21st, 1802, where he embraced the gospel in 1832; arrived in Utah in 1854; was a member of the Forty-first Quorum of Seventies; lived and died a devoted saint, never murmuring in any condition in life. A large number of people attended his funeral on the 12th inst.—[COM.]

NOTICE.

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