MISSIONARY MATTERS.

Items Relating to the Work in Great Britain.

Change in Presidency—Duration of Missions—Arrivals, Releases and Appointments.

The mail which left Liverpool on the evening of Saturday, June 17th, arrived here at 8 o'clock this morning, being less than ten and a half days in transit. Among the papers received was the *Millennial Star* of June 10, which contains several items regarding missionary work that will prove interesting to Utah people. Two announcements of holding conference in the British mission are made, the meeting of the Scottish conference to be in Glasgow on Sunday, July 9, and of the Leeds conference to be in Bradford on Sunday, July 16.

ARRIVALS.

The Guion steamer Alaska, which arrived in Liverpool on June 15th, brought the following brethren for the British Mission: Elder Anthon H. Lund, of Ephraim; Henry M. Dinwoodey, Oliver Hodgson, F. W. Simmons, of Salt Lake City, and Israel Hale, of Nephi. Accompanying these brethren were Dr. J. E. Talmage, Bishop John Tinger, Mrs. Henry M. Dinwoodey, Mrs. Israel Hale, Mrs. Sarah Cherrill, and Mrs. Jane Hansen, of Salt Lake City, and Job Pingree, wife and daughter, of Ogden.

RELEASES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Elder Alfred Solomon, who has had charge of the European Mission, in the absence of President Brigham Young, has been released from his labors, and left for his home in Salt Lake City, on the Alaska, June 17. All correspondence relating to the business of the European Mission should be addressed in future to Anthon H. Lund, 42 Islington, Liverpool.

Elder Joseph Quinney has been honorably released from his labors in the Liverpool office, and left for his home in Logan, Utah, on the Alaska, June 17.

Elder Albert C. Young, the president of the Manchester conference, owing to sickness to his family and financial troubles, has found it necessary to return home, and he has been honorably released, and sailed on the Alaska June 17.

Elder Robert Aveson is released from his labors as traveling Elder in the Leeds conference and is appointed to preside over the Manchester conference.

Elder John Burrows is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference.

Elder George Thomas is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Welsh Conference.

Elder Orson F. Haggan is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Scottish Conference.

Elder John W. Cook is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Newcastle Conference.

Elder Henry M. Dinwoodey is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the London Conference.

Elder Israel Hale is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Nottingham Conference.

Elder Oliver Hodgson is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Leeds Conference.

Elder F. W. Simmons is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Sheffield Conference.

CHANGE IN PRESIDENCY.

Elder Anthon H. Lund, of the Twelve Apostles, who has been appointed by the First Presidency of the Church to the presidency of the European mission, and has entered upon the duties of his position, in giving counsel to the Elders in the field on the subject of missionary duties, has the following to say in the Star:

"I recommend to the brethren engaged in the ministry a careful perusal of President George Q. Cannon's excellent article on the length of missions, which appears in this issue. I met this question on the first day of my arrival. It seems that the brethren have it fixed in their minds that a mission means just two years. While this has been the average length of missions in the past, and I have not learned that any change in this matter is contemplated by President Woodruff, it should be borne in mind that no definite length of time has been fixed for a mission. Some Elders have performed honorable missions of only a few months' duration, and others have been called to fill missions that have required their absence from home four years and even longer. The brethren should let the question of time recede to the background, and let the question of how much good, devoted labor can be performed during a mission, come to the front and engage their whole attention. If this course is followed, the time spent on a mission will seem but short, while a different course will make the mission seem unbearably long. Let each of us try to be an example in diligence, in patience, in long-suffering, and in all the gifts and graces of the Gospel, to all men, that our words may be the word of the Lord unto the people; then will the time spent on our mission be the happiest period of our lives."

The article referred to, which is taken from the *Juvenile Instructor*, is as follows:

"The president of a mission was speaking to us the other day in relation to an idea which has become very prevalent among the Elders concerning the duration of their missions. It seems to be the opinion of many that when they have been about two years they should be released to return home, and some feel if they are detained beyond that time, that it is more than should be required of them. This produces real uneasiness to say to an Elder, whose circumstances were such as to make his return absolutely necessary, that when two years were expired he thought he ought to be released. Another Elder was present at this conversation, and when he afterwards was required to stay a little longer than his fellow-laborer, he felt as though he was working unpaid wages, and yet he is nearly as much situated, and there was not the least necessity for him to hurry home.

"We think it impossible that two years is the limit of time that Elders ought to be required to stay in a mission is not a good one, and should not be followed in their minds. Circumstances might require them to stay for a longer period, as it might be an injury to the mission and a serious disadvantage to release them earlier. We have known of cases where it has been necessary for Elders to stay three years, and sometimes longer, and in this remaining they were able to perform an excellent work, sometimes accomplishing in the last year of labor more than they had done in all the time previously.

"When Elders are called to go on missions they should make up their minds that they will remain as long as it may be deemed necessary for the good of the work. A judicious president of a mission will not neglect his fellow-servants, and will not impose burdens upon them which they should not carry. He, especially when he meets with other Elders in conference, is in a position to judge as to the propriety of making releases, and no Elder should be quite content to stay until the spirit indicates that he can be spared to return home. There is reason to believe that the usefulness of many has been impaired by their getting the idea that at the expiration of two years they must be released. Such a feeling should not be encouraged."

COUNCILMAN RICH A VICTIM.

The Official From the Third Precinct Also Maligned by R. O. G. Showell.

R. O. G. Showell, the contractor who has been playing fast and loose among the business men of the community for a considerable time past, has more victims to his credit than was at first supposed. Among the most indignant, and yet the most merciful perhaps of them is Councilman Rich. Showell came to the latter just prior to the commencement of his eastern trip and purchased $95 worth of grain and gave an order on Backer Bacon. When the paper was presented Mr. Bacon informed Mr. Rich that Showell had nothing to his credit. Showell promised to "square" things but has never done so.

Geo. M. Scott & Co., Mallett & Co., S. J. Lynn, the Co-op. Furniture Co., S. P. Teasdel, Western Union Telegraph Co., City Licenses Collector A. Reese and Frank Mantlo, proprietor of the Commercial street Variety theater and others are among the victims.

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The local railway general passenger agents held a meeting at the Rio Grande office late yesterday afternoon and ratified the new rules adopted by the Western Passenger Association of Chicago and endorsed by the Colorado Passenger Association at Denver last week. General Passenger Agent Burley of the Union Pacific acted as chairman and Geo. W. Heinle of the Rio Grande Western as secretary.

The new association rules only apply to the cities of Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo and Park City. The agents present were as follows:

Union Pacific—D. E. Burley, general passenger agent; M. H. McAllister, agent, and J. V. Smith, assistant, Salt Lake City; G. H. Cates, Ogden; F. C. Goist, Park City; G. W. Craig, Provo; W. S. Walker, Sandy.

Rio Grande Western—J. H. Bennett, general passenger agent, and H. W. Hewitt, assistant passenger agent; A. N. Oliver, Salt Lake; S. H. Hinson, Spanish Fork; W. H. Sherman, Payson; W. Allen, Eureka; G. P. Thompson, Springville; W. S. Hodges, Park City; J. R. Keller, general agent, Ogden; C. B. Alex, Provo.

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