

and industrious settlers will be received with open arms and made truly welcome.

And now, Mr. Editor, before closing allow me to correct some of the inaccuracies contained in Mr. Barnes' letter:

First—As to the population of Overton, he says there are eight or ten families, while to my certain knowledge there are twenty or more.

Second—St. Thomas also has more families than the gentleman names, and Harry Gentry is the postmaster, not David Cox.

Third—The gentleman says there is neither church nor school in the valley. While there is no church nor school building, other than tents, yet services are held regularly every Sunday, and three schools are supported five or six months in the year. A school house is under way at Overton, and it is hoped will be completed this fall.

Fourth—He says it is the most sickly country in the West, while my experience has proved it to be the contrary. I have not enjoyed the best of health for a number of years; but I can truly testify that from my entrance into the Muddy Valley to the day I left it, I never enjoyed better health, and excepting a slight cold I did not experience a sick day. The people and children are robust and healthy, and why Mr. Barnes should say to the contrary I cannot imagine. There has never been a case of any kind of contagious disease in the valley other than whoopingcough, and the death rate I am sure could not be undecorated by the same number of inhabitants in any place in the West. Not over six deaths have occurred during the past ten years, and the greater portion of those were fatally affected upon their arrival in the valley. There has been and is lots of talk about the dreaded chills and fever; but they are not near so bad as represented. New settlers coming in generally have a turn at them during the first summer; but after becoming acclimated they are bothered with them no more, and even new comers, by following hygienic rules, could prevent to a great extent the chills and fever.

Fifth—That three or four men do not hold most of the land, nor do they hold a majority of the water stock; and as for not encouraging settlement, Mr. Barnes is mistaken. I am sure that the large land holders and the people in general are anxious for the valley to become settled and will do all they can to encourage it.

Sixth—His quotation of prices is in three or four instances correct but in the balance he is way off. I bought bacon on the 2nd day of this month for 11 cents per pound and coffee for 30 cents. Hay has sold for \$8 and \$10 per ton. It is true goods are higher than they are on a railroad line. But I can say for the merchants, Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Cobb, that their prices are no higher than the prices in many settlements in southern Utah that are much nearer the railroad line.

The Muddy valley has received and it seems must still receive a black eye from transients and restless wanderers who are never contented anywhere, but who take delight in running down any country they happen to pass

through. To any of the readers of the DESERET NEWS who may desire reliable information about the Muddy country, I refer to T. J. Jones, Charles Cobb, Chas. S. H. Morris, Brig. Whitmore, Myron S. Roundy and George Adair, all of Overton, Lincoln county, Nev., and George Whitney and Harry Gentry of St. Thomas, and Joseph Huntman and Horace Holt of Logan, Nevada, either of whom I believe will gladly furnish any information that may be desired.

JESSE P. HOLT JR.  
SPANISH FORK, May 26, 1896.

### THE L. D. S. COLLEGE.

Prof. Willard Done, president of the Latter-day Saints' College, has submitted to the college board of trustees a brief epitome of the attendance and work at the college during the tenth academic year, which closed yesterday. In it the following information is given:

#### STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE.

Half semester or less.....	21
Semester.....	45
One and one-half semesters.....	62
Entire year.....	127
Total.....	255

Of this total, 161 were males and 94 females; 88 have entered in the first year preparatory course, 37 in the second, and 7 in the third; 7 in the first year normal, 4 in the second, and 4 in the special normal course, 30 in the business course, and 78 in special work.

The four who have been following the second year normal course—Maria James, Susan Rachel Grant, Alice Robt Smith and Earnest R. Hensner—have completed the course and received certificates as normal graduates. One student of the business course—Walter Wallace—has completed that course and received a special certificate from the instructor in charge.

According to Church standing the students are classified as follows: Seventies, 3; Elders, 14; Priests, 18; Teachers, 12; Deacons, 73; members, 126; non-members, 9. Total, 155.

Of the non-members one has become converted to the Gospel while in attendance, and others have entered into favorable investigation. The religious spirit of the institution has been all that could be desired. Fast meetings, general and regular theological classes and testimony meetings have been very enjoyable.

According to residence of the students there are registered from Salt Lake City, 122; Salt Lake Stake county wards, 47; other stakes of Utah, 73; Colorado, 9; Idaho, 2; Arizona, 1; New York, 1. Total, 255.

The teachers are entitled to the highest praise for efficient work under difficulties. On account of a variety of circumstances the faculty will necessarily undergo a great change next year. Instructors Maycock and Perkins have been called on missions to Germany. Instructors Woodbury, Haag and Forbes will engage in other work. Miss Smith is studying to become a kindergarten, Dr. Tanner has been called to the presidency of the Agricultural College, and Miss Babcock will devote her time elsewhere. In addition to the four members of this year's faculty who will remain—the president

and Instructors Nelson, Chamberlin and Mills—the following have been secured for next year: John J. McClellan, music; Levi E. Young, B. S., English and mental science; James L. Gibson, B. S., science, and Bertha Wilcken for ladies' work.

It is intended next year to cut out all work below the high school grade, and thus dispense with much of the annoyance which has come from the association of elementary and advanced study. The work proposed for next year is outlined in our "preliminary announcement." The serious lack in our building accommodations. May I again urge upon you the necessity of giving this matter your immediate attention?

### THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, May 21.]

The following named Elders arrived in Liverpool, May 14, 1896, per American Line steamer Penland: For the British Mission—William Stoneman, T. H. Cartwright, James H. Davis, Francis D. Hughes, Robert Cameron, William T. Nowell, Alfred A. Garrick, William F. Tuckett, J. C. Poulton, C. E. Rose, Salt Lake City; Raguel Barber, Centreville; Nathan Hawkes, West Weber; Thomas England, Plain City. For the Scandinavian Mission—Christian Poulsen, Orangeville. With the company were Elders Jesse Smith and George Comer of Lehi, who came here on genealogical business; also Mrs. R. Daynes and Master Dean Daynes, who are here on a visit.

Also on May 20, 1896, by the same company's steamer Belgeland: For the British Mission—Frederick Langton, Raymond McCune, Elias M. Jones, Salt Lake City; Alma Montgomery, David E. Randall, North Ogden; Alexander Faddies, Coalville; John P. Burt, Brigham City; Edmund Price, West Jordan; Don B. Colton, Vernal; Bernard J. Stewart, Draper. For the Scandinavian mission—August E. Rose, Richville; Peter Christensen, Emery. For the Swiss and German mission—William Francis Olsen, Coalville. With the company were Mrs. S. A. Evans and Miss Minnie P. Musser, who are here on a visit.

Appointments.—William Stoneman, Raguel Barber, Nathan Hawkes, Frederick Langton and Bernard J. Stewart have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the London conference.

T. H. Cartwright, Raymond McCune and David E. Randall have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Nottingham conference. James H. Davis has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Manchester conference.

Francis D. Hughes and J. C. Poulton have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Birmingham conference.

Robert Cameron, Alfred A. Garrick and Robert Montgomery have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Scottish conference.

William T. Nowell and Thomas England have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Cheltenham conference.

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