

generation that was here at the time of the war has almost entirely passed away. The young crowd out the old very soon, and they come on very fast."

Frank G. Carpenter

THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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Arrivals—The following named Elders from Zion arrived in Liverpool per American Line steamer *Waeland*, on July 28, 1897: For the British mission—Evan R. Owen, Wellsville; James E. Meeks, Thurbur. For the Scandinavian mission—Hyrum Olsen, Salt Lake City; D. P. Jenson, Eldonore; Jens Christensen, Spring City; Rudolph Larson, Smithfield. For the Netherlands mission—Anthony Van Dam and John Draayer, Ogden.

Releases and Appointments—Elder John Hirst, who has been laboring in the Irish conference, has been appointed to the Leeds conference.

President O. H. Skidmore of the Sheffield conference has been honorably released to return home August 5, 1897.

Elder John W. Crawford has been appointed to preside over the Sheffield conference.

Elder Emmet J. Howell of the London conference has been honorably released to return home August 5, 1897.

Evan R. Owen has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Manchester conference.

James E. Meeks has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Newcastle conference.

A MISSOURI CORRESPONDENT.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo.,
August 6, 1897.

The recent Semi-centennial celebration in your State has brought out more favorable comments from the rostrum and the press concerning Utah and her people than were ever known before. Utah, her people and her resources have never stood so high in the popular estimation as at present; why, it has even got so that an article can be written about Utah without the word Mormon or polygamy, which is remarkable.

While Ex-Governor Walte of Colorado was making his Texas fruit farm speech in the court house a few days ago, he took occasion to describe the wanderings of the Pioneers, and the great leadership of Brigham Young, and their entrance to the Salt Lake Valley, and did it in such an honorable way that it was a relief to hear him. The fact is dawning upon the majority of the people of this country that Utah is a great State, and that there is a spirit of progress and advancement found there that is seldom met with in any other community, all of which to a great extent has overcome prejudice and religious intolerance and placed her in her true light.

A splendid rain has fallen and the long drought has been broken. When the earth is as dry as ash, and the mercury registers 100 in the shade we feel our helplessness in not being able to turn water on our crops as they

do in the West, but this cannot be done here, so we are entirely at the mercy of the weather clerk.

Crops are good here, and the times are getting better from the farmers' standpoint, better prices prevailing than for the past three years. Corn is the staple product, and for miles on the prairie south of here the whole country is one vast corn field.

A test made of alfalfa the past two years proves that it will do well here. On July 20th it had been cut three times this season. Timothy and clover is the standard here, besides a vast quantity of prairie hay which is brought in by the railroads.

The business of this city has almost vanished, as the facilities for transportation are so good and cheap that the people do their shopping at Kansas City and their goods are delivered free of charge to any part of the city, consequently this is mainly a residence town. A great many who do business in Kansas City live here with their families.

The Klondike fever has struck this town, but so far few have got away. Most of them are preparing to go in the spring.

E. PETERSON.

BANNOCK STAKE CONFERENCE.

REXBURG, August 2, 1897.

The fourth annual Sunday school conference of the Bannock Stake convened in the Rexburg opera house, Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and Aug. 1.

A very large representation of the Sunday school workers of this Stake were present, and the reports of the superintendents showed that the great Sunday school work was steadily on the increase. Four very interesting sessions were held (besides an officers' and teachers' meeting), at which some valuable instructions were given by Elders Goddard and Griggs of your city. The subjects treated upon were the word for wisdom, punctuality, order and cleanliness in our school rooms, the observance of fast days and fast offerings, the great benefits that schools would derive by following out the plan of instruction as mapped out in the Sunday school treatise, the law of tithing, etc. The remarks of all who addressed the conference were full of timely advice and counsel, such as is suitable for gatherings of this kind, and were highly appreciated by all who were present.

Our venerable leader and champion worker in the great Sunday school cause, Elder Goddard, addressed his remarks principally to the younger portion of the audience, and was especially entertaining, as shown by the strict attention which the children paid to him, and the hearty manner in which they assisted him to sing the choruses of those good and appropriate songs—which we are all so pleased to hear, and which are always such a welcome portion of Brother Goddard's remarks. The children as well as the older portion of the audience highly appreciated his presence and remarks.

Elder Griggs's remarks were also very instructive and entertaining, being addressed principally to the Sunday school workers, on the importance and magnitude of the great work in which they were engaged.

The remarks of the Stake superin-

tendency, as also of the Stake presidency, were very appropriate and instructive.

A creditable feature of the conference was the exercises rendered by the schools in concert, of the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments and the Articles of Faith.

The review of the primary department of the Rexburg Second ward Sunday school is especially worthy of note, and reflects great credit on the teachers of this department. Sisters Dora Clegg and Mamie Collett.

A chorus which was rendered by the same class, shows the superintendent is up to the times musically, as out of an enrollment of 180 at least 140 were present and sang in a beautiful and pleasing manner, The Thanksgiving Hymn.

Owing to the train on which Elders Goddard and Griggs traveled being four hours late, they did not arrive until after the opening exercises of the afternoon session. As soon as they were served to enter the doorway of the hall, the entire congregation rose to their feet and remained standing until our venerable superintendent and his traveling companion had taken their seats upon the stand. This mark of respect visibly affected our visiting brethren, both of whom made suitable acknowledgement of the same.

The Sunday schools of this Stake are in a very vigorous and healthy condition; increasing their numbers and enlarging their boundaries, until today we have 33 schools, with a total enrollment of about 3,000, and an average attendance of about 60 per cent. We have 47 Sunday school normals in our Stake, who have graduated from the B. Y. Academy of Provo, and the Bannock Stake Academy, some of whom are actively engaged as Sunday school home missionaries, and others as teachers and officers throughout the Stake. These, coupled with a live and energetic Stake superintendency keep our standard of excellency and improvement abreast of our sister Stakes. When it is considered that we are but 14 years old; that two years ago we were out in two by making another stake (Bingham) out of us, to which we give 18 schools, and over 1,000 of our enrollment, and that today there are but two Stakes with more schools than we have, and but nine Stakes with a larger enrollment; and that from a financial standpoint there are but five Stakes that have collected and disbursed more in the interest of Sunday school work than we have; there is every reason to feel justly proud of the progress made in the Sunday School work by hardy pioneers of the Bannock Stake of Zion.

Elder Goddard will remain with us till Friday, the 5th inst. He will address meetings in the interest of Sunday school work, as follows: Monday, 7:30 p.m., at Willard; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Parker; Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at Egin; Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Burton. On Friday he will be taken over to Iowa where he will attend the annual Sunday school conference of Bingham Stake.

Elder Griggs leaves for Teton Basin where he will meet with the Sunday schools in district conference on the 15th inst.

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