

from the Southern States on Saturday last. For two years and two months Elder Sanders has labored as a missionary in the Southern States, the first part of the time being spent in the Mississippi conference, where he was superintendent of the Sunday schools of that conference, and the latter part of his stay being in the North Alabama conference, where there are more baptisms occurring now, says Elder Sanders, than in any other conference. The health of the Saints is reported as very good and improving, and the progress of the work of the Lord is entirely satisfactory.

Elder Ernest Ricks of Rexburg, Idaho, also returned from the North Alabama conference on Saturday last. He has labored in that conference, which he reports in a splendid condition, during his whole stay in the missionary field. Elder Ricks left his home in Rexburg on June 18, 1896. His health has been of the best and he has enjoyed his labors wonderfully well.

Elder Hyrum A. Reeve of the Tenth ward, this city, returned Sunday from Great Britain, for which part of the earth he left April 14 1896. Elder Reeve labored in the Norwich conference, England, while away and reports the work quite successful in that section. He says the Elders are doing much good among the people and are converting many to the truthfulness of the Gospel. Elder Reeve had fairly good health while away, enjoyed his labors splendidly and returned in charge of a company of 22 Saints, 10 of whom stopped off at New York to resume their journey later on.

The "News" received a call Monday from Elder Chester V. Call of Chesterfield, Bannock county, Idaho. Elder Call left home for the Southern States mission on the 27th of July 1896, and was assigned to labor in the southern Carolina conference. He reports highly of the treatment accorded him by the people of the South.

R. F. Jardine of Lewisville, Fremont Co., Idaho, returned here Monday morning from a mission in the Mississippi conference. Elder Jardine left his home for the mission field on June 29, 1896, and has been laboring with great success in his field. Elder Jardine was released on June 23, but having some visiting and baptizing to do he remained until those duties were disposed of. He says that the work in that conference is coming rapidly to the fore, a great many conversions and baptisms being made among the representative citizens. In some counties where previously prejudice prevented a fair presentation of the principles of the Gospel, people are now taking great interest in the message of life and the Elders are most successful in their labors.

Elder Jedediah Taylor of this city has reported his return. In July, 1896, he left for a mission in eastern Kentucky, where he has been laboring until his return on Sunday evening. He reports progress in Kentucky as being of a satisfactory nature, although not many baptisms are being performed. The Elders have begun labors in the Blue Grass counties and are meeting with some success, but it is expected that here, as in all other places, some time will be required to remove prejudice.

Private Charles Kennedy, of Company L, First Tennessee, died at the marine hospital, San Francisco, Monday, of pneumonia, following measles. The number of cases on the rolls of the field division hospital Monday, all told, was 179.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Stake, presided over the services at the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon, July 17, 1896.

The choir sang the hymn:

Lord, Thou wilt hear me when I pray,
I am forever Thine.

Prayer was offered by Elder F. A. Hammond.

The choir further sang:

Hark listen to the trumpeters,
They sound for volunteers.

Elder John H. Taylor, who had labored as a missionary in Great Britain, was the first speaker. His report was that the work there was progressing favorably, baptisms increasing, prejudice being allayed and a faith in the Gospel and its ordinances being more firmly engendered in the hearts of the people. Elder Taylor explained the method in vogue there in spreading the principles of the Gospel, referring to the distribution of tracts from house to house and the holding of meetings whenever and wherever opportunity afforded. Outdoor meetings on street corners were also employed in promulgating the Gospel, and much good was done in this way, a class of people being reached that could not be interested in other ways and at other places. Despite the measure of opposition meted out to the Mormon Elders, the Lord was blessing them and their labors were being attended with good results. The speaker had labored in the Nottingham conference, England, and had experienced much joy and satisfaction in his travels in the ministry.

Elder John H. Bailey, also a returned missionary from Great Britain, was the next speaker. In relating his experience in the mission field, Elder Bailey referred to his labors in Hull and Bradford, England, the customs of the people and the industries of those particular sections. While he had found many good people in his travels, he had seen to an extent the wickedness of the world and had become truly convinced of the saving power of the Gospel, and the peace and happiness enjoyed by those who lived up to it. He, too, had encountered considerable opposition while absent, but had learned that the Lord was with His Elders, when they would seek Him in humility and ask for His assistance. The young women laboring in England, said the speaker, were also doing a good work and their presence had set at naught many fallacies that had been promulgated in opposition to the Gospel. The speaker had enjoyed his labors and felt to thank God that he had been privileged to engage in His ministry.

Elder John D. Hagman next spoke. He had labored in the Scandinavian mission field, his travels while absent being among the Swedish people, whom he found to be a religiously inclined class, most of whom were living good lives and fitting and preparing themselves for the reception of the Gospel. Elder Hagman's first experience was in the city of Malmö, which, two years ago, was practically dead so far as the Gospel of Jesus Christ was concerned. Diligent labors on the part of the Elders and Saints had brought about a changed condition of affairs, and those working there were much encouraged and felt that the Lord was with them in their travels among the people. Elder Hagman felt to press forward in the cause of truth and hoped that the Saints at home would remain true and faithful even unto the end.

Elder Brigham Young, of the Council of the Apostles, then addressed the congregation. He referred to the time

when he had given a report of his first labors in the ministry, and compared his remarks then with those of the returned Elders of today. The testimonies were much the same, their experiences very similar, and the Gospel which they taught the exact prototype of that taught by the Savior and promulgated by the Elders in earlier years. Elder Young rejoiced to know that the Gospel was spreading and gaining favor in the earth. He was not afraid of the consequences of missionary work among the people abroad, but felt more to fear the conditions that would creep in among those at home.

The speaker referred to the tendency at home to put on worldly airs and forget the Gospel. This, said he, was a dangerous condition of affairs and should be guarded against if the Saints would retain the favor of the Lord and gain His blessings. Those who had received the Gospel and had covenanted to serve the Lord through good and through evil report, should keep on the armor, and be Saints in very deed, whether at home or in a foreign land. Such a condition would redound to their credit and keep them in the path of rectitude and righteousness.

The speaker called attention to those who had gone to serve their country in the present conflict. Many from this State were sons of Latter-day Saints. As such they should go out in the fear of the Lord, depend on Him for assistance, seek after Him and He would be with them. Elder Young referred to his remarks of several Sundays ago, and the furor which they had created. While many had felt to condemn him for so speaking, he had lived through it, and even now felt that he had spoken advisedly. On this point the speaker related his experience in Mexico several years ago when in his travels through that section in the month of December, he had taken the yellow fever, which was so prevalent in the country to which our soldiers and volunteers had gone. There was wisdom in all things, and in any step that might be taken, whether to go to war or on a mission, the spirit of the Lord should be sought after and His assistance asked for that in all the walks of life, He would be acknowledged as the Giver of all good and the Protector of all who would seek after Him. The speaker's motto was, first his God, next his country, and in this he believed was the proper order of things. War was a terrible thing, but in a fight for the right, God would be with those who would seek after Him.

President Angus M. Cannon announced Maine Memorial services for Sunday next, and invited the Saints to come prepared to contribute to such a worthy cause.

The choir sang the anthem:

Hallelujah.

Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch John Smith.

SEVIER STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

Conference of the Sevier Stake Sabbath schools was held on the 9th and 10th insts.

Heretofore the conferences of this Stake have been held in Sevier valley and as a consequence the Sabbath school workers of Grass Valley, in the extreme eastern part of the Stake, have not been able to participate in them to any great extent; so in order to give these Saints an opportunity to enjoy the pleasures and benefits attending such gatherings, the Stake superintendency decided to hold one day's session at Koosharem, which