

gether, while I took a picture of the beds and the dwelling in which David lives. I proposed taking one with him in it. "O, no," he said, "take the building without me," and walked away quite fast to get out of range. He walked quite erect, looked well dressed, was a fine specimen of a man—tall, over six feet, and will weigh 240 lbs. He is quite well proportioned.

I was thinking that he was much larger than King David of old, as we learn from the Bible that David of old was, when young, only a stripling cupid with Goliath the giant. I long for the time, if it should please God, that this, the youngest of the three living sons of the Prophet, may be touched by the power of the Eternal Master and be released from these bands. Nebuchadnezzar of old was released only by the power of the Lord and why not he?

The thirty minutes had passed and our walk among the evergreens, shrubs, flowers and a rustic bridge over a spring branch in which was a water wheel (a miniature one), which David said he had aided in constructing. We all drank from the beautiful spring. A warm shaking of hands with thanks for our visit and hoped that it would not be long before another visit, and to be sure to kindly remember him to his friends in beautiful Utah.

There is such a thing as a person being comfortably sick. We were pleased to find David enjoying so much liberty and so good a degree of health. In conclusion, we believe all is well with David, for God rules in His own way, His purposes to fulfill. The case of the younger is, to my mind, far preferable to the older one who the Lord will hold more responsible. I fully believe he is at the present time in the right place, and would not disturb him, for he is comfortable and sane. Our meeting was pleasant and agreeable and our parting quite satisfactory.

We returned by electric car to Elgin, where a few hours had to be whittled away. By invitation we concluded our Sabbath day's labor by preaching to the Salvation Army with excellent attention, after which we had supper with a large family who had sought rest in Methodism and the Army.

We blessed the food and the house and said, peace be unto this house. The family in return, warmly parted with us, saying, you have brought good tidings unto us; come again. We shall send more good tidings to them.

After a ride of thirty-five miles by rail and six by cable car, we could but thank God for the fullness of the Gospel, its peace, joy and continuation of the fruits of the Spirit—through Joseph the martyr, Brigham Young and Wilford Woodruff—God's appointed servants; and also for the gathering of Israel, the Temples, and the redemption of the dead, all of which is the foundation laid by the Prophet and the father of Joseph, Alexander and David. God grant to bring fruit in due time to praise His holy name.

The testimony of one of the so-called down-trodden sisters of Utah has had a grand and good result wherever imparted, and it has been much sought for.

EDWARD STEVENSON.

RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The general conference of the Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in the Assembly Hall in this city, Thursday, Oct. 3rd. The morning session opened at 10 o'clock, President Zina D. H. Young presiding. Her counselors, Sisters Jane S. Richards and Bathsheba W. Smith, were present on the stand, also other members of the central board and a goodly number of presidents of the Stake organizations of the Society from a distance.

The congregation joined in singing "Redeemer of Israel," and prayer was offered by Brother Eyring from Mexico; the usual exercises followed, and the president made an opening address, in which she welcomed all present in her kind motherly way, and expressed her pleasure in seeing so many, some of whom had traveled long distances to attend the conference. Reports were given and other remarks made by Brother Eyring of Mexico and Sisters Julia P. Lindsey, Mary S. Anderson, Emma Jane Bennett and Lulu G. Richards, who represented Stakes in Idaho; Sisters Aveline H. Bosher, Lydia Riob, Mary Harding, Jane S. Richards, Susan Grant, Ann C. Woodbury and B. C. George Benson. The subjects treated upon were the duties of the Relief Society, the home, the mother, the training of the children, charity, humility, prayer, union, and other important matters, spiritual and temporal; the storing of grain was spoken of by each one who reported, and an unusual interest seemed manifest in this respect.

The president made closing remarks in which she alluded to some of her early experiences in the Church, which were exceedingly interesting, and of which she spoke with intense feeling. The meeting closed with the exhortation and benediction by Counselor B. W. Smith.

The afternoon session was numerously attended, notwithstanding the concert in the Tabernacle. On the stand, besides the general officers of the Society and several presidents of Stake organizations, were four of the Apostles, F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, John Henry Smith and H. J. Grant. Prayer was offered by Apostle Lyman.

Reports were made by Sisters Olivia Widerborg, Sage Jones, Arterisia Seegmiller, Mary Ann Hyde and Mary Bell Heywood.

Ann C. Bartlett, of Uintah, who had recently visited England, Mary John, Ruth Pack, Rhoda A. Lyman, Mary Pitchforth, all of these sisters gave favorable accounts of the several organizations where they preside, and in fact the whole tenor of the meeting proves the Relief Society to be increasing in influence and in importance and in prosperity throughout all the Stakes of Zion. After the report from the sisters Elder John Henry Smith was the first speaker; he referred in the course of his remarks to the great change which had taken place during the past few years in regard to our position before the world, and spoke particularly of the recent Irrigation Congress in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the honor shown to President George Q. Cannon and others of our people. Elder H. J. Grant

followed in a similar strain and spoke of the prophecy of President Woodruff in Brigham City that the time had come for the Lord to favor Zion, etc.; thought the Saints should be careful and not get lifted up with pride.

Elder F. M. Lyman in his remarks dwelt specially upon the labors of the sisters in the society and in the home, and expressed the deep interest he had always taken in the sisters' organizations, and his appreciation of their efforts for good in various directions.

President Geo. Q. Cannon who came in late after having addressed the audience in the Tabernacle occupied a few minutes in speaking to the sisters; giving wise counsel and timely instructions; encouraging them in the path of duty as Latter-day Saints and as mothers, commending their labors in the past, and especially the integrity and courage they had manifested heretofore in times of trial and adverse circumstances; touched upon many subjects pertaining to woman's advancement here and elsewhere, and to the present political conditions in Utah in view of statehood and of equal suffrage in the near future. In closing his remarks President Cannon invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the sisters, mentioning especially the presiding officers of the Society.

Apostle F. D. Richards fully appreciated the labors of the Relief society and referred to the excellent instructions given by the brethren who had spoken; felt the sisters needed the blessing and encouragement of the presiding authorities in the various Stakes and wards, and gave the presidents excellent advice about many things connected with their organization.

President Young made a few remarks thanking the brethren for their presence. President M. I. Horne presented the general officers who were sustained by unanimous vote, and the conference was adjourned until next October. Singing "Our God We Raise to Thee." Dismissed with prayer by Apostle John Henry Smith.

E. B. WELLS,

Secretary.

THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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Elder J. B. Patterson has been honorably released from presiding over the Birmingham conference to return home October 2, 1895.

Elder Victor P. Wells has been released from presiding over the Sheffield conference and has been appointed to preside over the Birmingham conference.

Elder Herschel Bullock Jr. has been appointed to preside over the Sheffield conference.

The Nottingham conference will be held in the Temperance Hall, St. Ann street, Nottingham, on Sunday, October 13, 1895.

The London conference will be held at 36 Penton street, Islington, London, on Sunday, October 20, 1895.

Jesus Ochoa, who was killed by a train near Duarte, Cal., Tuesday night, was a Mexican rancher. He leaves a large family. Two trains passed over the body, which was horribly mangled.