

F. C. Pectol and Arthur Minson, Cumberland, Alleghany county, Md.
H. D. Hogan and N. D. Russ, Hagerstown, Washington county, Md.
S. S. Florence and George F. Ashley, Ungerstore, Morgan county, W. Va.
George M. White and Edwin Wright, Charleston, Jefferson county, W. Va.
H. T. Robertson, F. A. Hanks, M. M. Decker, L. D. Brown, Nathan A. Thomas and Charles A. Hardy were given Balto City, No. 325 N. Mount street.

The Maryland conference is in its infancy. The Elders laboring in Baltimore during the past winter were very agreeably surprised one day in coming in contact with three of Utah's young men who were attending a medical college in the city. The young doctors were just on the verge of graduation, and as spring opened up they passed the final examination being awarded a gold medal as well as high degrees of honor. It is needless to say that they were Mormons, when I tell you that they presented the missionaries with no less than \$100 worth of household furniture, which enabled the Elders to commence housekeeping. Also we Elders were invited out and given a ticket to the commencement exercises of the graduating class, which took place in Ford's Grand Opera house on April 14, 1898. The most pleasing feature of the exercise to us was to see the only Utah boys in the class in the front ranks and taking the lead of so large a class, as they were presented their diplomas by the dignity of the college. The names of the doctors are as follows: George E. Robinson, Provo; Charles Jensen, Ephraim, and A. R. Cutler of Salt Lake City, Utah.

H. T. ROBINSON,
President of Maryland Conference.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Stake, presided over the services at the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon, May 22, 1898.

The choir sang the anthem:

We're not ashamed to own our Lord.
And worship Him on earth.

Prayer was offered by Elder E. G. Woolley.

The choir further sang:

Great God indulge my humble prayer,
Thou art my hope, my joy, my rest.

Elder Alfred C. Myers, a returned missionary from Germany and Switzerland, was introduced as the first speaker. While feeling a great timidity in arising to address the Saints, Elder Meyers realized that the Elders of the Church were minute-men subject to any call that would be made upon them. The speaker stated that he had been absent from home in the mission field something like two years and a half, and although a weak instrument, cast adrift, so to speak, among strangers in a strange land, he had experienced the blessings of the Lord in his behalf. He labored in Berlin, the capital of Germany, for nearly a year, during which time he had greatly enjoyed himself, the Lord guiding him in his wanderings and raising up friends to the Elders on the right hand and on the left. In Berlin freedom of religious worship was accorded all denominations, and the result was that Mormonism was prospering and a branch of 100 members had been organized with success crowning their labors. Elder Meyer had also labored with success in Stettin and Kiel, Germany, and Basle, Switzerland—cities in which the people were fast becoming acquainted with the principles of the Gospel, and in which also the blessings of the Lord was being made known.

The speaker testified that while ab-

sent from home he had seen the power of the Lord made manifest, and was gratified to know that God was working among the people, and that His purposes were being accomplished in the earth. The opposition which was once waged against the Latter-day Saints was fast disappearing and Utah and her people were being inquired after as never before. The travels of the Mormon Elders in the mission field were strengthening them and made them rejoice all the more in the Gospel, when they came in contact with people of other denominations and exchanged religious views and ideas. Elder Meyer urged the young men of Zion to faithfulness, for therein, said he, would they experience great joy and fit and prepare themselves for future usefulness.

Elder George Hilton, a returned missionary from England, was the next speaker. Humility, said Elder Hilton, was a great factor in obtaining blessings from our Heavenly Father. His experience in the mission field and at home had taught him that the Lord would bless those who would put their trust in Him. The speaker had labored while away, in London and Southampton, where he experienced much joy and satisfaction. He also traveled in Sussex, his birthplace, in which city he found much indifference regarding religion, especially with reference to Mormonism. His next assignment was in Essex, where he found a good many warm friends and where, said he, the missionaries are sowing the seed that will result in a bountiful harvest in the due time of the Lord.

Elder Hilton knew he had been blessed of the Lord while away. His family also had been well provided for and all in all his labors in the missionary field had given him much joy and satisfaction.

Elder Heber J. Grant, of the Council of Apostles, next addressed the congregation. In commencing, Elder Grant expressed his pleasure at being privileged to listen to the testimonies of returned Elders. There was no variance in their reports, as all who had filled honorable missions came home testifying that God had been with them, that their testimonies had been materially strengthened, and that the work in which they were engaged was the true work of the Lord, and that God the Father was with the Elders in their labors. At present, said the speaker, the Church had between 1,600 and 1,700 Elders in the mission field, all of whom reported the work of the Lord progressing and testified that the hand of God the Father was being made manifest in the promulgation of the principles of His Gospel. Contact with other religious denominations only tended to strengthen the cause of truth as well as to build up those who were engaged in the dissemination of its principles. Research and investigation, prompted by a desire to know the truth and follow it, always resulted in the investigator being fully convinced whether the Gospel was true or not.

Elder Grant said he had never been privileged to go upon a mission to preach the Gospel, but in his travels across the continent attending to business affairs, he had met with some of the most influential people in the country, and had had the opportunity of bearing his testimony and chatting with them concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith the Prophet. Among these people, said Elder Grant, he had found many convinced of the divinity of Mormonism, although their positions among men would perhaps never permit them to embrace the Gospel. The speaker had many warm friends not members of the Church—

men whose honest-hearted declarations and actions, had stirred within him a love for them almost equalling that which he had for his brethren and sisters in the Church of Jesus Christ.

The principle of self-sacrifice, said the speaker, was one which brought joy unspeakable to those adhering to it. The humble missionary in a strange land and among a strange people felt within him a feeling of joy and satisfaction, because of the knowledge which he had that he was doing that which was right and proper. So it was in all the events of life, especially when people were denying themselves many comforts in order to benefit and make others happy.

Elder Grant bore a powerful testimony to the divinity of the Gospel and urged upon the youth of Zion a loyalty to their God, to their fathers and mothers, to the Pioneers, and to the government of which they were subjects. The speaker paid a tribute to the late President Brigham Young, and expressed his joy that a grandson of the great Pioneer leader had been chosen to lead Utah's quota of Volunteers to take part in the impending conflict.

The choir say the hymn:

God of Israel, hear our prayer,
With quartet work by Mrs. Lizzie Thomas Edward, Miss Edna Dwyer, and Messrs. Thomas Ashworth and Willard Christopherson.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder George Hamlin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

American Fork, Utah, May 15, 1898.
Trusting that your many readers would like a statement of our Sunday school and its thirty-third anniversary, I will furnish it. Our Sunday school consists of four departments, primary, first and second intermediate and theological, with an enrollment of 60 efficient teachers, who are striving earnestly to impress upon the 600 energetic scholars the principles of life and salvation. On Sunday, the 15th inst., we held our thirty-third anniversary, and for a whole week prior to the great day when our little darlings delight to place themselves before the public and show what their parents and teachers are doing for them, a host of willing hands were engaged decorating the opera house, a work which gained the applause of every observer.

At 9 o'clock on the above date the streets were lined with children and parents wending their way to the opera house, and before 10 o'clock, the time to open the meeting, the house including every alley was packed to its utmost capacity. Among the throng could be seen the familiar face of Elders George Goddard and John M. Mills of Salt Lake City, S. E. Eggertson, W. S. Rawlins and A. S. Booth of Provo, and other hard workers in the interest of moral and social training. I will not undertake to describe the addresses made, the songs sung, the recitations given, the questions propounded and the prompt answers; but will say that a better display of moral and religious training could scarcely be given. The Latter-day Saints of American Fork have just cause to be proud of their children, and the efficient labors of our Sunday school teachers in training them in the ways of the Lord, not forgetting the untiring diligence of our worthy Bishop, who by precept and example shows that he has the interest of Zion's children at heart.

Respectfully,

LEO T. SHELLEY.

Secretary of the Sunday School.

Cattle are said to be dying by the hundreds within a few miles of Denver, Col., and all on account of the late severe snowstorm in that vicinity.