

AT TEMPLE AND TABERNACLE

Elder D. P. Felt of Springville has been transferred from Mississippi to Georgia.

Nearly 175,000 public meetings were held by the missionaries in the Southern States mission in 1897.

Prof. Guy C. Wilson has been appointed Inspector of the Latter-day Saint Church schools in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Elders John Henry Smith and Matthias F. Cowley of the Twelve Apostles have gone to Baker City to hold conference, and to meet with the Elders laboring in the Oregon mission.

District conventions of the teachers of the church schools will be held during the summer vacation at Pocatello, Provo and Salt Lake City, under the direction of General Superintendent K. G. Macser.

Bishop C. N. Lund, of Mount Pleasant, will shortly be released from the presidency of the Scandinavian mission to return home; he will in all probability be succeeded by Elder Geo. C. Christenson, also of Sanpete Stake.

The St. George Relief society people had a fine turnout March 26, 130 men and 30 teams coming out to aid in putting up their granary. The foundation was put in and sufficient rock, sand, etc., put on the ground to complete it. The tabernacle grounds were cleared off and shale put upon the paths about the building. A picnic wound up the affair.

Letters from Apostle A. H. Lund, state that he and his companions have reached Palestine, held meetings with the saints at Haifa, visited a number of the Jewish colonies in the Holy Land, and when last heard from were on their way to Asia Minor to meet with the churches there. The growth and prosperity of the Jewish colonies which they visited were a source of gratifying surprises to the brethren.

Dr. Reiner, the Roman Catholic writer, who a short time ago visited Salt Lake City, has since his return home written some of his observations in Utah to the eastern press. The result is that a number of educated gentlemen have formed a society in New York City for the disinterested study of Mormonism; and to this end hold weekly meetings.

There is a movement on foot to have the time of the Seventies conference called for Friday evening, April 8th, changed to the afternoon of Sunday, April 10th, in the Assembly hall. While the regular conference is being held in the Tabernacle it is proposed that the overflow meeting be devoted to special teachings to members of the Seventy's Quorums. The reason for this suggested change is that it has been arranged that Dr. J. E. Talmage shall lecture for the benefit of the Mutual Improvement League in the Tabernacle on Friday evening, and it has been thought that so many of the Seventies would desire to attend the lecture that the suggestion arose for the postponement of the conference. Dr. J. E. Talmage's subject will be "Russia and Her People."

At the Tabernacle services last Sunday, March 27, the principal addresses were made by President George Q. Cannon and Apostle Heber J. Grant. Sermons were also delivered by Elders Byron D. Nebeker and John Gallagher of the Indian Territory mission, and Elder Walter J. Sloan, who returned recently from a mission in Tennessee. Each of the elders said that work was progressing, and that many new elders had been added to the field. Apostle Grant spoke of the great blessing each of the Saints had in the fact that all were entitled to a testimony of the truth of the gospel. He stated that he knew that Joseph Smith was a prophet and that God had blessed the Latter-day Saints. President Cannon spoke of the advantages which Latter-day Saints have over other denominations. The Saints themselves do not have to depend on the presidency and apostles, but each for himself may know that the gospel is true. Members of the church will stand steadfast even if the presidency might fall, and there will always be enough of the faithful remaining to carry on the work successfully. Another advantage referred to by President Cannon was that most of the male members of the church hold the priesthood, and will remain faithful even if those high in authority apostatize.

Seth C. Jones, manager of the Kaysville creamery, has been honored with a box B letter.

The Ladies Relief Societies intend to hold their conference Tuesday, April 5th, and also a special meeting in the Assembly Hall on Saturday morning at the same time as the General Priesthood meeting is being held in the Tabernacle.

Numerous religious classes have been organized and are running successfully in the following stakes of Zion: Rancho, Bingham, Beaver, Bear Lake, Box Elder, Cache, Emery, Parowan, Summit, Utah, Tooele, Sanpete, Sevier, St. Johns, Snowflake, San Luis and Wayne.

Will Harrison, Eddie Whiting, John Wardsworth and John Whiting of Springville have been appointed missionaries. Elders Harrison and Whiting's field of labor will be in the eastern states, while Wardsworth and John Whiting will go to Oregon.