

These wild-wood flowers were also accompanied with some lines which we publish on page 8d, they are as sweet and as delicate as the tender flowers of which they speak. Words are poor, very poor to thank these kind friends and others who have brought their floral offerings, to give us pleasure.

BOOK NOTES.

"PROSE AND POETRY"—a neat little book just from the press is by Mrs. Emily B. Spencer of St. George. It contains a variety of truths and sentiments tenderly told in the simple unaffected spirit of a true woman and a saint. Many of them were written under trying circumstances, which others similarly situated will fully appreciate. Some are addressed to individuals and are of a character peculiar to the circumstances and time. Among the best of the poems are "The True Christmas," "Song of the Creator," "Come," "Who Comes," "Evening." There are a few good prose articles interspersed. The book is suitable for the young people's library collections and will no doubt carry comfort and hope to many a lonely heart. It is for sale at this office and contains 88 pages price, 50 cts.

The Primary Hymn Book is now in the hands of the publishers at the Deseret News Office, and is partly completed. The first 70 pages are already stereotyped—and the work is progressing as fast as possible. The Book will contain 128 pages and will be neatly and strongly bound, in cloth with a leather back; to make it sufficiently strong for the children to handle without injury.

This book has been edited and compiled by Eliza R. Snow Smith, President of the Latter-day Saint Women's Organizations, with great care and patience as well as an earnest love for all and any work in the interest of the children of Zion, whom she considers her special charge. The first 70 pages are a choice selection of hymns, from the pen of Sister Eliza herself and other home writers. A part of them have been selected by the lady editor from writers of distinction such as Watts, Heber, Dwight and others. The book will probably be finished about the 10th, of this month. Every child in the Territory should have a copy. It will be suitable for the use of Sunday Schools as well as Primary Associations. It is expected it can be afforded as low as eight copies for one dollar thus placing it within the reach of every one.

"Spring Blossoms."—We are pleased to see this new book added to the catalogue of home literary productions. The authors of "Spring Blossoms," Leo Haefeli, a German Professor, and Mr. E. H. Anderson, are both connected with the office of the Junction, Ogden. This interesting little work contains 46 pages in prose and verse. The prose articles entitled "The Good, the True and the Beautiful," or the three ideals of education are really good, true and beautiful, just as expressed in the title, and are interspersed with choice selections from eminent authors. The young people should read these and seek to profit by the admirable lessons contained in them. "Family Joys and Griefs," by the same author, speak to the heart.

The poems which are by E. H. Anderson "Eternity," "Love" and "Home," contain good sentiment and bespeak poetical talent. There are also Historical essays by the same author very well-written. The book is suitable for the libraries of the Young Peoples' Associations, or the homes of the Saints.

If we were permitted to suggest we would say it was in bad taste to advertise in a book of poems.

We have before us Two Poems in pamphlet form. They are from the pen of Bishop O. F. Whitney. The first is entitled "The Women of the Everlasting Covenant," and is a delicate and

affectionate tribute to woman, and more especially to the women of this Church who have endured much for their religion. The poem is rich with pathos and glooms with tender sympathy. It is somewhat historical in character, and exceedingly pure in tone. The style of verse and rhythm is pleasant and every line is expressive.

It is dedicated to his mother and to all mothers in Israel whose lives show equal virtue and integrity.

The poem contains many exquisitely beautiful passages, of which we will only quote one,

"Of all the virtues that uniting frame,
The lofty column reared to Duty's name—
Whose summit pencils on the glowing sky,
The deeds of those whose names refuse to die—
O'er crowning all in triumph of device,
Is woman's life of love—Self-Sacrifice."

"The Land of Shimehah" is a descriptive and historical poem. It contrasts Kirtland of the present time with what it was more than forty years ago. It is perhaps richer in word painting and delineation than the other and contains more variety but does not speak as forcibly to the heart. It will be very interesting to all, who cherish a tender memory of the first gathering place of the Saints.

We are well-assured of one fact in connection with both these poems they are *sure to live*. The writer has talent which should be encouraged; and we hope he may be inspired to write much more of a historic character.

OBITUARY.

June, 19th, 1880, of heart disease, Hans Peter Lund, age 58 years, 11 months and 3 days.

Deceased was born at Nexø, Bornholm, Denmark. He was baptized September 17th, 1853, and ordained an Elder April 8, 1854, he labored as a missionary in North Sjælland until Nov. 18, '56, being released to preside over the Norwegian mission, which office he filled to the satisfaction of all concerned until January, 1858, when he was released to come to Zion. After his arrival he was ordained a Seventy in the 23d quorum in the winter of 1858, and at the April Conference of 1860 he was called to fill a mission in Scandinavia, which he honored, laboring in said mission for three years.

He was an exemplary man in every respect and was truly loved by all his acquaintances; as a Saint he was wholly devoted to the cause, ever ready to answer every call. His all was truly on the altar; he was not rich in this world's goods, but he had laid up treasures in heaven which he will receive with increased interest. His funeral was largely attended and those who spoke of his labors in his native home and of his career while here, had only words of praise for the departed.—Com.

Died, at her residence in Mant, Sanpete County, Utah Territory, June 15th, 1880, Ellen Spencer, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Wilson, beloved wife of James C. Cahoon; born in Liverpool, England, October 29, 1817; baptized when eight years old. Lived and died a faithful Latter-day Saint. She leaves a husband, five children and many kind friends.—Com.

SALT LAKE STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The Sisters' Conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion was held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19. The first day was devoted to Relief Society reports, business, etc. Mrs. M. Isabella Horne presiding. Sung, "O, Awake My Slumbering Minstrels." Prayer by Mrs. E. S. Taylor. Singing, "Come, O thou King of Kings." Minutes of last Conference read by the Stake Secretary, Mrs. E. Howard. Reports from the

several branches in the county were read, which were very favorable. Pres. Horne made a few remarks relative to the necessity of having correct reports, and said she wanted the sisters to become business women.

Pres. E. R. Snow Smith referred to the good conference in Brigham City, where the young ladies had spoken upon practical principles and were putting them into practice. Said the city council there had donated liberally of land for the purpose of raising mulberry trees to promote sericulture. Spoke of the calamities and judgments that were coming upon the earth and that Zion would be the place of safety.

Meeting closed by singing, "O, Say what is Truth." Benediction by Mrs. S. M. Kimball. 2 p. m.: Meeting opened with singing and prayer by Mrs. E. Howard. After which several of the presidents of Relief Societies gave verbal reports. Mrs. E. B. Wells made a few remarks preceding the reading of an original poem by Bishop O. F. Whitney, "The Women of the Everlasting Covenant." She then introduced Dr. Ellen B. Ferguson, who read this grand poem in a smooth, eloquent and effective manner. Pres. Horne then spoke of a committee of two or three sisters being formed in each Relief Society to look after new comers. Joseph Smith had said the mission of the Relief Society was not only to look after the temporal wants of the poor, but to save souls.

"Sister Eliza" explained this subject clearly and definitely and stated that there was a positive necessity for such committee and gave good instruction on the subject. She then asked the sisters to take shares in the Silk Association and to interest themselves in this simple and useful industry, which was now established upon a firm basis.

Bishop Johnson, of Provo, heartily endorsed what had been spoken and blessed the sisters in their labors; said he had realized the great help the Relief Society was to the Bishops in many respects. Sang "Lord dismiss us with thy blessing." Prayer by Bishop Johnson.

Saturday morning, June 19th. The middle seats of the Tabernacle were filled with the children of the Primary Associations of the city. President E. R. Snow Smith presiding. Children sang: "Sweet is the work, my God, my King." Mrs. Zina D. Young offered prayer. Children sang: "We thank thee, O God, for a prophet." The first business transacted was to appoint a central committee to preside over the Primary Associations of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion. Mrs. Ellen C. S. Clawson was nominated and sustained as President, Mrs. Camilla Cobb and Miss Annie Davis as her Counselors. "Sister Eliza" then nominated Mrs. Louie Felt as General Superintendent, to preside over all the Primary Associations of all the Stakes of Zion, which was unanimously carried. Mrs. Matilda M. Barratt and Mrs. Clara M. Cannon were sustained as her Counselors. "Sister Eliza" addressed the children for a few minutes and asked them some questions, which were promptly answered. Mrs. Zina D. Young made a short speech upon obedience, reverence, honesty, truthfulness, etc., adapting her language to the children's comprehension. The children sang by request, "O my Father." "Sister Eliza" announced that President Taylor and President Angus M. Cannon were present, and asked the children who they would like to speak to them; they answered, President John Taylor.

President Taylor said, "I am pleased to have an opportunity of meeting with the children. The ladies of the Relief Societies are doing a good work in teaching the children correct principles, and instructing them that they may grow up to be honorable numbers in the Church of Jesus Christ, and to be honors to the kingdom. I appreciate the efforts of the ladies who are trying to bring the children up in the fear of the Lord; and the Presidents of these Primary Associations. Children you ought to be obedient to your parents and pray morning and night for them and for your presidents, that they may be under the inspiration of the Lord, and God will bless you and give you blessings upon blessings, and he will build up Zion, and these sisters are trying to instruct you in purity and in the laws of God, that your names may be honored in and through eternity; be careful to honor your fathers and mothers. This is one of the ten commandments. We purpose having them written here in this tabernacle, sometime—"Honor thy father and thy mother, etc." Now I want to say a word to the Relief Society. You had your meeting yesterday, but as a number of you are here, I will say a few words to you. I consider it a duty for all to do all they possibly can to aid