

ple and a few were searching for truth.

Sunday, 10 a. m. President Palmer read a portion of the 34 chap. of 2d Tim., took his text from the 9th verse of 2d John and showed the gifts and blessings that were promised the gospel believers and how they were enjoyed by the Saints of God at the present time. Showed what the laws of the Gospel were, in a very plain manner.

Elder S. Bryson bore a strong testimony to the work of God as revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith, and taught by the Elders of Israel.

2 p. m. After opening exercises Elder H. Bennion read from Mark 12th chap., and showed how the people of all ages had rejected the Gospel and other messages from the Lord, and had been led by the teachings of those who had no authority. Spoke on the restoration of the Gospel by an angel.

President Palmer showed the apostasy from the primitive faith and how the Gospel was driven from the earth and the ancient Saints destroyed.

7 p. m. After opening exercises the sacrament was administered. The general authorities of the Church were unanimously sustained, as at the last Annual Conference at Salt Lake City; the general and local authorities of the Mission and Conference were also sustained.

Elders Loutensack and Fisher reported their field as in a prosperous condition, many were investigating the principles of the gospel. They felt well in their labors. Elders N. L. Lund and Soren Jacobson of this Conference not being able to attend, reported by letter their field was improving and they felt well.

President Palmer spoke of the great responsibility that rested upon the Elders who were called to the ministry, gave much good advice and instruction and exhorted all to the faithful performance of their duties.

Although notice of our conference was extensively published, comparatively speaking few were in attendance. A good spirit prevailed throughout the Conference, and those who attended seemed very much edified. A number of press reports were in attendance, and several articles appeared in their papers which will no doubt spread the Gospel more than they anticipate. Yours in the Gospel, H. M. PAYNE, Clerk of Conference.

THE "EDUCATION" CRAZE.

SALT LAKE CITY, September 18th, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

When men persist in maintaining that it is education that will be finally successful in "stamping out" or destroying a creed or religion contrary to their own, I exactly agree with my Mormon brethren that such "methods" will, in the end, prove a miserable failure. The world will have its craze, manifested in one way or another from time to time; and just now our orthodox churches in Salt Lake City have their craze in the line of what they term "Christian" schools. Now there is nothing Christian or spiritual in education, only so far as it is instrumental in teaching the human family to read the word of God and no farther; and I am sorry to see that our orthodox leaders are giving too much of their time and too much of their thought and attention to this one object of education; indeed, so much so, as to almost make it appear as a very part of the doctrine of salvation, and if they are not careful as to how they proceed, they will yet make this worldly temporal benefit an ever-shading the cross that men will not be able to see but dimly into the simple doctrine of salvation. "Not by power, nor by might, but by my spirit, saith the Lord;" and I believe the Holy Spirit will say me Amen when I assert that a dozen poor fishermen, baptized with fire from on high, and sent forth with the high praises of God in their mouths, and the sword of the spirit in their hands—which is the word of God, will do more in this present age to save poor sinners, than this educational craze will accomplish for years to come; for God preferred to use the foolish things, yea the weak things of this world to confound the wise and mighty.

It is just as true to-day as when St. Paul proclaimed it: "That our faith should not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God." If God can take away the stony heart and give us a heart of flesh, then what power over the heart has education which does not reach any further than the brain. I do feel that the critical hour has arrived when the Christian world must write in defence of the doctrine that the Christian religion is emphatically a religion of revelation and spiritual inspiration. I believe that Jesus rejoiced in spirit when his disciple confessed to this doctrine of revelation, for he said: "Blessed art thou Simon, Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Nicodemus was very learned, and Jesus confessed that he was a master in Israel, yet when he came to Jesus by night, he had no idea whatever as to the new birth by water and the spirit until the divine revealer of secrets illuminated his heart. God will not give his glory to another, nor to any idol, even though that idol be education. BAPTIST BROTHER

Correspondence.

ST. DAVID, Cochise County, Arizona, September 7th, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

President C. Layton, of the St. Joseph Stake of Zion, with a party of 25 Elders and sisters, left here on the 28th ult., to attend our quarterly conference, to be held at Pima, Graham County on the 1st and 2nd instants.

We drove through in two days a distance of 110 miles, held up at Bishop John M. Moody's, at Thatcher, were kindly received and feasted on melons, some Cochise greens weighing upwards of eighty pounds, as well as good things from the kitchen. Thatcher is located four miles west of Safford, the old county seat, and five miles east of Pima, has excellent opportunities for settlers, and will in time become one of, if not the, leading town of the Upper Gila Valley, or more properly the Pueblo Veijo Valley (the old town valley); has 145 inhabitants and 44 families. The water privileges are good and Bishop Moody has made a crop every season since his settlement. His peach trees were loaded, corn of several varieties was above the average crop.

Northeast and on the opposite side of the river is located Graham, with Jorgen Jorgenson as Bishop. It has eight families with forty-five souls. Water and land privileges good.

On the morning of the 30th ult., drove to a village of our people some three miles west, where we met Elder Joseph Cluff and others, who desire a settlement organization, but at present belong to John M. Moody's Ward. Here the brethren have made some good improvements and their farming interests are average. Two miles further west we came into the oldest "Mormon" settlement (formerly Smithville but now Pima, owing to the Postal Department accepting the latter name) where Joseph K. Rogers has charge of the people. There are 83 families and 414 souls, independent of backsliders who have not yet renewed their obligations to God and His Saints. There are some good buildings, but owing to the location being on railroad land and no encouragement in getting a title, the interests of Pima have suffered very much and the people are not feeling encouraged, as they would were they to carry out the councils of Apostles Snow and Thatcher, who advised a move to the west on a government section. Not being able to get the water on their newly advised site is the reason. Yet many could build on the new site, the wells the same as one half the people of this place have done, getting their upper canal through in the future, as time, and means will permit.

Some of us put up with Bro. Hyrum Weach, who superintends the co-op. He is a lively young man and has done well for himself and the people in the mercantile way.

Sister Harriet Teeples, the widow of the late Wm. R. Teeples, also carries on a mercantile house as well, keeps the postoffice, and seems to be an energetic lady.

Elder Gales, who has been working on a thrasher, thinks upwards of one million pounds of wheat, barley and oats have been cleaned up. The corn crop will also yield abundantly, and general prosperity is with the people of the St. Joseph Stake of Zion.

Several miles northwest and on the opposite side of the river is Curtis, with Monroe M. Curtis as Bishop, has 44 families and 117 souls, a good location, townsite on government land, and in a few days will have a small grist mill in operation, having Eureka smutter, bolt, etc., to make an excellent quality of flour.

In these four wards have been nine deaths in the last three months, three adults and six children, one old age, one accidentally killed, one liver complaint, and six whooping cough.

Friday, 31st ult., held Priesthood meeting, Saturday and Sunday Conference, Saturday forenoon was occupied in the Bishops reports.

Pres. C. Layton and Elders P. C. Merrill, R. A. Alred, N. P. Beebe, C. Reed, W. N. Fife, Alfred Cluff, and D. P. Kimball addressed the Saints and strangers upon the general principles of the gospel, a good kind spirit prevailed, and an excellent feeling amongst the Saints, which only those who have bowed the knee can know. The general Church and local authorities were sustained.

Pres. Layton having received letter from home, at St. David, that his son Richard, whom he left sick, was worse, and two members of my family were sick, we bade adieu to the Saints at 8.30 p. m., with part of the company who had light vehicles, made a forced march home, where we arrived Tuesday morning at 7 a. m., having made the journey in 14 driving hours. Thanks to our God, found the children better and Sister Kimball mother of a fine boy.

The rainy season is at an end, and most of the brethren are cutting and putting up wild hay, running some 18 mowers. With the rainy season has gone the malarial season, for which we are not sorry.

Pres. Layton and Martineau's dry farming will, with a little irrigation, make a grand success in alfalfa.

Trusting times are good with you in Utah, I continue a friend to Israel. D. P. KIMBALL.

Small-pox at Mesa.—Intelligence has reached this city to the effect that President A. F. Macdonald and his wife Agnes are among those who are afflicted with small-pox at Mesa City, Maricopa County, Arizona.

OUR RIDDLE BOX.

This department will contain once a week original puzzles for the young folks. The answers will be given the following week. Our juvenile friends are invited to send the solutions. All who forward correct answers will receive due credit and their names will be printed in the NEWS.

No. 133.—TEN BURIED NAMES OF GIRLS.

The sunbeams fell above the lake, long and slant; not a cloud nor a single flock marred the pure blue of the upper heaven, nor the pale lavender near the horizon. Flower girls came out on the lake shores to offer their violets and rosemary and long sprays of orange blossoms to travelers. The air was calm. Arias, sweet and clear, floated out from the gondolas. Lo, lavag its broad, white wings, a bird swummed the water. A sound on the air; it is a bell from the chapel, calling to the vespers. Two young tourists pass, speaking in the sweet tongue of France, smiling and gay; one pulls a daisy to pieces, and the other holds a bright fan. Never was a sweeter scene. A. R.

No. 130.—ENIGMA.

"Ushered into the world and dying with noise, The terror of women and pleasure of boys, For silver and gold I don't trouble my head, But all I delight in is pieces of lead; Except when I trade with a ship, or a town. For there I make pieces of iron go down, O ne property more I would have you remark; No lady was ever more fond of a spark; The moment I get one my soul's all afire, I wear out my joy and in transport expire." A. G. ANDERSON.

No. 140.—CHARADE.

I wandered one first down by the river's brink, and second the placid water I saw reflected black clouds foretelling the approach of a fearful third. As I turned to seek a shelter the plaintive melody of the song of the whole was borne to my ears, UNCLE CLAUDE.

No. 141.—LITERARY ACROSTIC.

1. Author of "Agreeableness of Men-gets."

- 2. Author of "Lenore."
3. Author of "Experiences of the Eye."
4. Was an English Admiral.
5. Author of "Our Bugler Sang Truce."
6. Said, "Let no man dare when I am dead to charge me with dishonor."
7. Author of "Passing the Icebergs."
Primals spell an English philoso, her. BLANCHE.

- 4. Tat! tat! Do my ears deceive me, or did you call me a lunatic?
[In these sentences four words, forming a square, are concealed, the words having the definitions:
1. A dramatic work; 2. learning; 3. an open space; 4. a period of time.]
UNCLE CLAUDE.

ANSWERS.

Following are the answers to "Riddle Box" of September 8th:

- 132.—J uno; U rania; P amphos; i ris; T erpsichore; R hodos.
133.—Forget-me-not.
134.—POTATO ORATOR TATTLE ATTAIN TOLIMA ORENAS.
135.—Repel a leper.
136.—Jewel-ry (e)
137.—"Nineteen day-rays make half a grant.
Correct solutions have been received to 116 118 119 121, 122, 124, 125 and 126 from J. M. Fisher, Jr., East Mill Creek

No. 142.—A CURIOUS PROBLEM.

What's one-fourth of a mill and one-third of a dollar, And one-fourth of a cent, if you add lif As quick as a flash every upper-room scholar Held his hand up to shew us he had it. "Ths thirty-three cents, six mills and one-twelfth!" "That is right!" cried the school with a roar. But the teacher said, as he shook his head, "I think you will find it is more." The teacher was right and the scholars were, too. Yet how both could be right I would question of you. J. K. P. BAKER.

No. 143.—HIDDEN WORD SQUARE.

- 1. A pump plays upon the floor.
2. Why does not Lorenzenary it away?
3. You are a lunatic to make such an inquiry.

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