

cottonwood, wrapped the Union flag about its body, and its branches were covered with green tissue paper, while cotton represented the snow. Among our pop-corn adornments which hung in style from four chandeliers, we interspersed fourteen Japanese lanterns, with forty-eight tiny wax candles adorning the tree. The decorated tree looked brilliant, though very natural.

We opened our doors at 8, and had our little church filled to overflowing before 6:30, the time for commencing the program. Your humble servant bade all welcome and made a few brief remarks. After prayer, our chorus of fifteen young ladies and gentlemen arose to the wave of Elder Beesley's baton and sang "The Bright New Year." Many features of the program were very praiseworthy. We then distributed 250 packages of candy, nuts and apples. To be sure of missing none, we also passed refreshments around.

On New Year's eve we went serenading. At 11:58 the Elders stood upon the church step, and sang "Farewell." Then to bid adieu to dear old '95 with all her joys and sorrows—the watch ticked the knell of that dying year, our bell rang out in solemn tones and slowly, good by, good by. The watch then said '96' in tones of brighter cheer, which our bell rang faster, long and loud, with silvery notes—We come, welcome dear '96.

Our mission is in a prosperous condition. None are confined to bed through sickness, though several are not entirely well. Herewith I give you a few items: During 1895 the Elders have walked 54,240 miles and have otherwise traveled 18,560 miles, not including passage from home; been refused entertainment 601 times; tract distributed 4,802; meetings held 1,308; attendance 45,089; Gospel conversations 10,419; baptisms 29; children blessed 26; ordinations 20; organizations 3; books sold \$43.30; books given away \$35.25; families visited 9,014. We have twenty-four Elders in the Indian Territory mission, with more to join us shortly. Kansas and Arkansas are surprising. They are now good fields for the servants of God to work in, and many honest souls are investigating the plan of salvation.

We intended celebrating Utah Day, but having urgent callings for preaching, we set out and fulfilled an engagement of one week, where one month since we were hardly allowed to hold one meeting. Today our friends there are many, and our labors very satisfactory. Our every thought seemed to go homeward to Zion during inaugural day. We sat in sweet consultation for some time during this memorial hour, picturing the masses as they thronged our grand streets. We took a glimpse of our infancy, could not help drawing the contrast with our 24th of July a few years since; then the soldiers were ready for suppressing our people; today they link hands in friendship, won by the untiring loyalty of Utah's patriotic sons, to join us in bidding welcome to the Union one of her brightest stars, Utah. Now we see that endless procession moving slowly, yet in grandeur, toward the lofty dome of our Tabernacle. Beneath its walls, too, we see our brother, our honored Governor, clasping hands with those who in

times passed executed the law, send log hundreds of our brave men to dungeons for their religious belief and practice. Times have changed and we glory in seeing Mormon, Jew and Gentile pressing onward in love, peace and unity. We welcomed Elders Sorensen and Nielsen from Fountain Green, Utah, en route for Arkansas. They are feeling well and will proceed to Arkansas in a few days.

Yours respectfully,
WM. D. BOWRING.

MORE ABOUT CANAIGRE.

GUNNISON, Utah,
January 20, 1896.

In regard to the cultivation of the canaigre root, I inquired about it (through information by Elder Andrew Kimball) at the Parowan Co-operative Mercantile Co., and the Agricultural Experiment Station of Arizona. From the first I received the following answer under date of December 28 last:

"Yours of December 19th is at hand. In answer I will say that we are using the canaigre root successfully in our tannery. But we have no canaigre farms in this village. We obtain the root from the Dixie country at a cost of \$35 to \$50 per ton delivered at our tannery; that is, dried root. It grows upon a sandy soil without irrigation in the Dixie climate.

"Our tanner, Mr. Pritchard, has planted a small patch in this valley upon sandy loam, and says that he thinks it can be grown here successfully. We bought roots from Mr. Isaac Diffin, of Tequerville, Washington county, Utah.

"I can not say anything about its cultivation, but have been told that it does not require but very little water. It is a strong tanolgy plant, and one ton is about equal to 4 cords of red-pine bark. It can be purchased from almost everybody in Dixie. Wishing you success, I am yours truly,

WM. H. HOLYOAK, Supr."

From the Agricultural Experiment Station at Tucson, Arizona, upon inquiry, I received the following:

"Dear Sir:

"Your favor of Dec. 17th received today, through our Phoenix station. In reply will state that if canaigre is grown successfully at an altitude of 5,300 feet, this is the first instance of which we have heard of its being grown at an altitude of 5,000 feet, but only in isolated cases. Can you ascertain the name of some one in Iron county, Utah, who can give us some facts as to its having grown there at that altitude? It is rather late now to prepare soil, secure roots and plant for the coming season; although if planted as late as the middle of January, a better growth will be secured for the second year, or by the close of the second year, than could be secured in one season. It will grow fairly well on moderate rich soil, either clay, loam or sand, with little irrigation; though a much larger crop is secured where plenty of water is applied. The amount of seed will depend upon the size of the seed planted. The root cannot be cut or divided in any way to advantage, but must be planted whole. It will take from 800 to 2,000 pounds to the acre; small roots going,

of course, much farther than large ones. The roots can be obtained at the Tanning Extract company, C. B. Allaire, manager, Deming, N. M., and perhaps from Professor F. A. Gulley, manager Canaigre company, Phoenix, Arizona. We send you under separate cover copy of our canaigre bulletin. Respectfully yours,

WM. STOWE DEVOL, Director."

According to inquiry in DESERET NEWS, I take the liberty to send you above for disposal.

Very respectfully yours,
CHRISTIAN A. MADSEN.

ST. CHARLES, IDAHO.

ST. CHARLES, Idaho,
January 20th, 1896.

On the evening of Jan. 9th, a very enjoyable time was had in the St. Charles meeting house by the people of this ward, the occasion being a farewell party given in honor of J. A. Hunt Jr., who was shortly to take his departure for a mission to England. The house was crowded. The opening address was delivered by E. M. Pugmire, followed by a nicely prepared program consisting of songs, music, recitations, etc. At the close Elder Hunt made a few remarks, expressing his good desires, and his determination in performing an honorable mission. He has taught school here the past two winters, and has won for himself the respect and esteem of the children, and I may say the whole community. He bade adieu to his aged father and mother, (he is their only living son) his only sister, and a host of friends on Monday the 13th inst, all of whom wish him a successful mission, and a safe return home.

The evening following a dance was given to those who had hauled wood for the poor. The presidency of the Y. M. M. I. A. called on the young men of the association, and all others who desired, to haul wood for the poor. About fifty turned out and about twenty or twenty-five loads were hauled, so the poor were pretty well supplied, also the meeting house. The young ladies furnished picnic.

Wednesday evening the 15th a surprise party was given Elder M. Booth by the members of the theological class and officers and teachers of the Sunday school. Brother Booth has labored a long time as one of the teachers of the theological class, but was recently released, as he was called to be first counselor to the Bishop of the ward, so the members of the class gave him a surprise to show to him that they appreciated his labors.

Alonzo and Sarah Cook, George E. Gardner and wife, Wm. Tremelling and wife have each recently lost a baby from the effects of measles.

Respectfully. A. M. E.

Miles City, Montana, Stock Growers' Journal: This is one of the finest winters stockmen have ever had. The cattle have had plenty of feed on the range and they have gone up to the middle of January without a storm that would in any way injure them. Even though a cold snap were to occur, the cattle on the range are in the finest possible shape to withstand it, and for that reason cattlemen do not fear any loss than that which is due to ordinary winter causes.