

CORRESPONDENCE.

A MOBOCRAT BECOMES CRAZY.

SPRING LAKE, Mich.,
October 25, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

I have attended a very interesting Conference in Indiana, where we were assigned to our different fields of labor. I came here for the purpose of assisting some of the Saints to start for Utah.

As the Presidential election draws near the enthusiasm increases. Passing through Indiana the cars were sometimes packed with people to attend rallies at different places. As the train passed small towns, crowds with hats in hand were hurrahing some for Blaine and Logan, and others for Cleveland and Henericks, urging those on the train to shout a little louder if possible.

I arrived in Spring Lake at 12 p.m., thinking this would be a suitable time to enter this town, as T. E. Olson and myself had been driven out of here by a mob for preaching the doctrine of Christ. A minister of the Dutch Reform Church by the name of Goldemar took a very active part in our expulsion, visiting and denouncing us and the doctrine we preached in strong terms. Being the leader of the mob he took it upon himself to go five miles where we had an appointment for a meeting; visiting from house to house embittering the minds of the people against us and our doctrines, with misrepresentation and lies, so that none came out to hear.

Upon inquiry in regard to this man I was informed that he had been crazy three weeks and had been taken away for medical treatment. A passage in the prophecies of Isaiah is forced on my mind: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. (Is. 54, 17.)"

The Elders of the Indiana Conference are active in their labors. They receive a great deal of abuse and our circumstances sometimes are very humiliating to our proud natures, but I have heard none complain. All rejoice in their mission and feel that we have the prayers of the Saints.

Your brother in the Gospel,

T. C. KING.

A PROLIFIC REGION.

DRY AND WARM.

PIMA, Graham Co., Arizona,
October 27th, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

Frequent inquiries are made in reference to facilities of this part of the country, and I take pleasure in giving a general reply through your paper. The past season has been the driest known for many years, scarcely any rain having fallen. It has also been the warmest, the mercury rising on some occasions to 116 degrees. But I find people can endure 116 degrees here as easily as 100 degrees in Utah. The blood seems thinner, and a resident of this country will shiver when a person just from the north will be warm enough. As a general thing the health of the people has been good along the Gila—some few cases of chills and malarial fever have existed here, and at the present time there is considerable malarial fever at St. David, on the San Pedro, but such complaints as rheumatism, diphtheria, croup, coughs and colds are almost unknown, and taken all in all this is a very healthy country, and has a most delightful climate. We have had no frost yet, and trees are still clothed in a lovely green.

A FRUITFUL COUNTRY.

Small grain and corn do well: wheat has yielded 60 bushels to the acre, and barley 80 at St. David, and sweet potatoes, cotton, peanuts and all kinds of fruit do well. Melons are simply immense as to number, size and quality. Sorghum grows luxuriantly and may be cut repeatedly in one season; in fact it is hard to kill it out when once planted. This is the place to erect works for the manufacture of sugar, the soil and climate being specially adapted for sorghum. Lower down the river Louisiana cane does well, and the natives make tons of sugar from it, but it has not yet been planted here.

Trees grow remarkably fast here; fence posts when set immediately grow and become large trees, either cottonwood or black willow. English walnuts and figs on Father Pace's farm look well, also grapes, peaches, etc.

TEACHERS AND TRADESMEN WANTED.

School teachers are much needed here, that is, properly qualified ones. They are well paid from the public funds, this being a land of free schools, and poverty need debar no one from sending their children. Several teachers are wanted here in this valley now. Masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, shoemakers and other tradesmen are very much needed, and can do well. In a new and opening country there are plenty of openings for men and women of energy and ability, and this is emphatically true of Southern Arizona. To all such we extend a hearty welcome.

Town plats have been surveyed at Thatcher, Graham and Pima, and Curtis, Layton and Central will be as soon as possible. With the energy and skill

of our people we hope this country will soon exchange its wild and primitive appearance for a more attractive one, and become, as it may be, the garden of the south.

JAS. H. MARTINEAU.

BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY EXAMINATION.

Close of a Highly Successful Term.

Editor Deseret News:

The exercises incident to the close of the first term, ninth academic year of the B. Y. Academy, were held in the assembly hall of the institution on Friday, Nov. 7th, commencing at 10 a.m. There were present, of the members of the board, Prest. A. O. Smoot, H. H. Cluff, Esq. and Myron Tanner, Esq., Counselor David John and Bishop John E. Booth, together with numerous visitors and the entire faculty. The sides of the large hall were occupied by elaborate exhibits from the ladies' department, and from the classes in penmanship and drawing. The programme included frequent exercises in vocal music by the choir, and the various department singing classes.

After the opening exercises the members of the Faculty presented in turn the report of their respective departments, with comments on the examination of the classes.

The Ladies' Department was represented by Mrs. Jennie Tanner; the Preparatory department by Willard Done; the Intermediate by Jos. B. Keeler; the Academic by Nels L. Nelson; the Collegiate by Edward H. Snow and Prof. Benj. Cluff, Jr., and the Scientific Course and Normal department by Professor James E. Talmage.

Prof. K. G. Maeser, the principal, then read his report to the board, and from it the following items are culled:

The statistics of general attendance for the term have been, 137 entered, of whom five left for justifiable causes during the term. The report stated, "Considering the hard times and the uncertainty in the minds of the public concerning our accommodations, the attendance this term is an evidence of the hold which the institution has upon the affections of the people."

The department statistics are as follows:

| Department | Students | Weekly Recitations |
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| Preparatory..... | 18 | 64 |
| Intermediate..... | 28 | 40 |
| Academic..... | 37 | 47 |
| Collegiate..... | 20 | 111 |
| Normal..... | 34 | 15 |
| Total..... | 137 | 277 |

The record of the Theological organization shows the students average according to their Church standing as follows: Seventies 3, Elders 18, Priests 6, Teachers 2, Deacons 20, lay members 82, not baptized 3, non-members 3 total 137. The usual exercises in this organization have been carried on, with flattering results. Several ordinations to the Aaronic Priesthood have been performed in the missionary meeting, with the recommendation and sanction of the respective Bishops.

The students are tabulated according to their places of residence as follows: From Provo 46, Lehi 1, Alpine 1, American Fork 4, Springville 3, Pleasant Grove 3, Payson 3, Goshen 5, Juab Co. 1, Millard Co. 9, Sanpete Co. 7, Emery Co. 1, Garfield Co. 2, Sevier Co. 5, Beaver Co. 1, Kane Co. 1, Iron Co. 1, Washington Co. 5, Salt Lake Co. 22, Davis Co. 2, Tooele Co. 2, Cache Co. 7, Colorado 1, Nevada 2, Arizona 3. Total 137.

The Polysophical Society was reported in active operation, and the founding of the society periodical *The Academic Review* was noted. The Principal announced a change in the term record, a style having been now adopted showing the student's efficiency and deportment, copies of which are to be sent to the parents or guardians of the pupils.

The report closed with the following: "It cannot be denied that we looked toward the opening of this first term of the ninth academic year with some apprehensions; while the hard times, the impression abroad that there were not sufficient accommodations for our students, the limited financial resources at our command, all conspired to seemingly justify the apprehensions which the friends of the Academy felt in regard to a successful term. With what different feelings are we enabled to-day to cast a retrospective view upon this so much dreaded term. A full Normal Department and all other departments largely attended, students present from Colorado, Arizona, Nevada and fifteen counties of Utah, our Polysophical Society in full operation, a periodical of our own started, a laboratory in such operation as we never had it before; and accommodations for class-rooms excelling for comfort the old ones beyond comparison, and the spirit of teachers and students encouraged by the results of as thorough an examination as can possibly be made, all demonstrate to us that adversity has been to this institution, as to the whole Church of God, a stimulus to faster growth, and that the B. Y. Academy has entered upon a new era of prosperity, as testimony that the Lord is sustaining the institution, and that Israel will support it for the good of the rising generation."

Brief and encouraging remarks were offered by Prest. Smoot, Counselor H. H. Cluff and Bishop Myron Tanner; also by Counselor David John and

Bishop J. E. Booth; each of whom held out bright hopes for the future, coupled with congratulations on the labors of the past. It was announced that a social re-union of the students and their friends would be held in the evening, and that the second term would begin Monday, Nov. 10.

BELLE HARRIS,
Sec'y of Examination.
B. Y. A., Provo, Nov. 8, 1884.

IS A MEETING CALLED TO DECIDE A LOCAL SCHOOL TAX QUESTION AN ELECTION?

MR. RAYBOULD'S FELLOW TRUSTEES
DEFINE THEIR POSITION.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,
Oct. 31, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

In your last evening's issue we observed a clipping from the *Tribune* of the 29th inst., over the signature of our fellow trustee, Mr. Benj. G. Raybould, together with the copy of a letter written by him to the Utah Commissioners on Sep. 15th ultimo, asking them to give a ruling on the question (after referring to the school law as amended) "if then a polygamist property taxpayer (whether male or female) resident in the district entitled to vote at a meeting in the district called for the purpose of levying a tax on the property of the district to purchase, build, repair or furnish school houses or for other purposes?"

In his communication he says: "My associate trustees are members of the Mormon Church and were of the opinion that polygamists were entitled to vote at said meeting." So far he states our position on this matter correctly. He then goes on to say, "but at the same time expressed their willingness to abide by the decision of the Commissioners if we could obtain it."

In relation to the last statement, we can only say that the first time we saw anything of the contents of the communication which he addressed to the Commissioners was last evening in the News.

That letter was sent to the Commissioners upon his own responsibility; he never consulted us in the matter, neither did he intimate to us his intention to write to the Commissioners on the subject.

He met one of the undersigned during the day of the 15th of September, after he had sent his letter to the Commissioners, and told him what he had done, and that he was expecting an answer to it. He was told by his fellow-trustee that in his opinion the Commissioners had nothing to do with the question.

Mr. Raybould is certainly mistaken when he says that we had "expressed our willingness to abide by the decision of the Commissioners if it could be obtained."

Respectfully,

ISAAC M. WADDELL,
HENRY WALLACE.

BOX ELDER STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

The Box Elder Stake Quarterly Conference was held in the Tabernacle at Brigham City, Oct. 25 and 26, 1884. The visiting Elders were Prest. W. Woodruff and Apostle George Teasdale.

The meetings on Saturday, the 25th, were very thinly attended. Bishops gave reports of their wards. The statistical report was read.

Prest. W. Woodruff humorously alluded to the slim attendance at meeting. He desired while here to meet with the young people because of the presence of Bro. Teasdale who took such a deep interest in their welfare. He counseled the people to save and store up their grain, for their is a time of scarcity coming.

Prest. O. G. Snow gave notice that a meeting of the young people would be held Sunday evening at half past six p. m.

Apostle George Teasdale, after being introduced to the congregation by Prest. Woodruff, spoke on the uselessness of life service, theorizing and simply talking, it is the practical man who will make his mark, for straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth to the lives, and few there be who find it. Men take their own course yet it will be required of them to render an account of all their acts. Bishops should never show distinction and favoritism, but treat all in their wards alike.

Prest. Woodruff said we want all the societies to meet on Sunday evening, both old and young. I am interested as much in one as the other. There is no division of interest, and all are equally necessary in their several gradations.

Sunday forenoon, 26th.

Prest. W. Woodruff occupied most of the time in addressing the Saints in a great many subjects and principles of deep interest, giving much wise and timely counsel. Sketches of early Church history and remarks on the redemption of the dead were presented in a striking manner and power that reached every heart.

Apostle L. Snow offered a few remarks and suggestions in regard to the temporal conditions and affairs of the people.

In the afternoon the sacrament was administered. The general authorities of the Church and Stake were pre-

sented, and all were unanimously sustained.

A circular contained in the *Deseret News*, from the Presidency of the Church, on the Tennessee martyrs fund was read.

Apostle George Teasdale made a few remarks on the stoppage of our co-operative institution and the inconvenience resulting therefrom. Said we should appear natural and not try to appear as somebody else. Israel had an unflinching faith in God through trial and persecution, the sects and parties draw near unto God with their lips, but their hearts are far from him, offering us for our faith a God without body, parts or passions.

Prest. W. Woodruff hoped that the people would profit by the remarks made, and live in conformity with God's laws, yet in former times men for doing so were sometimes cast into the lion's den and fire furnace. This Kingdom is the little stone cut out of the mountain without hands, and after the Elder's testimonies, comes the testimony of thunder, earthquakes and the wasting of the nations.

Choir sang an anthem. Conference adjourned for three months.

Benediction by Elder M. W. Dalton.
JAMES BRUNTIE, Clerk

SABBATH SCHOOL INTERESTS IN OGDEN.

OGDEN CITY, Utah,
November 9, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

One of the most interesting events that has occurred among the Latter-day Saints in this city took place here to-day. It was the

SUNDAY SCHOOL REUNION

of Ogden City. The day was auspicious for the occasion—the weather was delightful—the sun rose bright and clear, the atmosphere was healthy and bracing. By ten o'clock this morning the Tabernacle was well filled, and by the time the services commenced the building contained between 1,600 and 2,000 persons, four-fifths of whom were the members of the Sabbath schools of the four wards of this city.

On the stand were the Stake Superintendents, members of the presidency of Weber Stake, members of the High Council, Bishops, and other leading Elders. The vast assembly was called to order by

SUPERINTENDENT R. BALLANTYNE,

who briefly announced the object of the meeting. "Did you think to pray," was the opening hymn. Prayer was offered by Bishop B. C. Critchlow.

THE PROGRAMME

was excellent, being extensive and rich in quality; it consisted of the following selections of songs, duets, trios, quartettes, anthems, recitations, addresses, etc.; "Did you think to pray," "Song of the Workers;" "The first chapter Key to Theology," "Recitation," Doc. and Cov. Sec. 28, "The Bees of Deseret," "Catechism on Baptism," "Articles of Faith," "The Classmates March," "Questions and Answers on the first Commandment," "Key to St. John's Revelation," "Hear Me O Lord," "Ho, e of Israel," by all the Schools; "When Shall We Meet Thee," "The Lord Will Provide," "The Duties of the Priesthood," "In Our Lovely Deseret," "Important Items of Instruction," Doc. & Cov. Sec. 130, "Word of Wisdom," "Appearing of Christ to the Apostles," "Recitation," Doc. & Cov. Sec. 133, "Recitation," Doc. & Cov. Sec. 84, "When the Rosy Light of Morning," and other important subjects pertaining to the fundamental as well as more advanced principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as contained in the scriptures, and which have been restored by revelations through the Prophet Joseph Smith in the latter days.

The number of subjects dwelt upon, the length and importance of the lessons, all of which were correctly rendered and distinctly enunciated, evinced a great amount of labor, care and study on the part of the superintendents and teachers in their preparation as well as the aptitude of the students in so fully committing them to memory and rendering them with such spirit and understanding of the grand and momentous issues that are involved in them.

Those who took part in these exercises comprised members of the Primary Associations, and young men and young ladies of the several ecclesiastical wards of the city; all of whom are members of the Sabbath schools. The officers of these valuable institutions, both male and female, deserve credit for their untiring diligence in laboring to promote the spiritual growth and moral and intellectual culture of the children and youth of this community, and establishing them in the principles of true religion, and reverence of the true and living God.

A few years since the Ogden Tabernacle would convene, comfortably all the Sunday School scholars there were in Weber County, but now that building will not hold those contained in this city—hence the juveniles as well as the adults have to say "give us room"—they require a more spacious building in which to assemble on the occasions of such reunions.

It was fully demonstrated to-day that the youth of Israel are not only increasing immensely in numbers, but that they are rapidly advancing in the various branches of education, theological and secular; but more especi-

ally did they exhibit their familiarity with Biblical subjects, and notably the tenets and doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As they will continue to be nurtured, these sacred truths will increase and strengthen with the maturity of our children, and they will become so firmly grounded and established in them that, notwithstanding all the cunning and machinations of those who are so assiduously toiling to overthrow the work of God, will find it will be as difficult for them to seduce the child as it would the parent from the paths of rectitude and obedience to the laws of the Lord.

Valuable instructions were imparted to the schools by Elder Lorin Farr, Presidents Middleton and Flygare and Superintendent R. Ballantyne, all of whom commended teachers and pupils and congratulated the parents and guardians on the progress their children and wards had made in their important and interesting studies.

It was considered the most precious, as it certainly was, one of the most gratifying meetings of this character that has ever been held in this town, and Superintendent Ballantyne expressed himself not only highly delighted, but more than satisfied with the results of the days exercises.

Sabbath schools are institutions that are appreciated by the majority of the people of this community, by whom they will continue to be fed, fostered, and assisted in every way needful to insure their permanence, continued increase and development.

WEBER.

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

The Indiana Conference of the Northwestern States Mission assembled.

Prest. W. M. Palmer, J. E. Booth and D. F. Davis, in connection with the following traveling Elders were present: Thos. E. King, Edmund Olson, M. Miner, J. J. Ashby, V. E. Bean, E. F. Durfee, C. H. Bennett, J. A. Anderson, J. B. Jackson, H. H. Bell, P. K. Lemmon, J. M. Stewart, J. Houston, J. B. Haywood, O. Rose and W. Greenwood.

Services opened by singing "Joy to the world."

Prayer by Prest. J. E. Booth. Singing.

Prest. Palmer made suitable opening remarks.

Prest. Davis felt to praise God for being permitted to meet unmolested to be fed with the bread of eternal life. The principles of spiritual creation and pre-existence were ably discussed, which are so plainly elucidated in the second chapter of Genesis. Showed the apparent justice and benevolence of God's punishment, in redeeming the pagan and benighted nations, and taking back infants to the bosom of heaven. Where the full law is, mankind may attain the highest glory, here or beyond the grave. Spoke of the beauty of the principles of the gospel when made manifest by the revelations. Contentions and strife not existing in communities where God's will is revealed, is patent in the man-governed world. No disposition to relax effort in continuing labors in the work, though his life may be sacrificed.

Thos. E. King stated it was important for mankind to study the purposes in placing men in a mundane state by the proper way which is understanding what the power of God is. Alluded to the great testimony which makes plain the restoration of the Gospel, followed the prophecies of Daniel in their fulfillment along the history of the world and many other predictions relating to the blood of the promised people.

Conference adjourned till 2 p. m. with singing "Lord dismiss us etc."

Edmund Olson, pronounced benediction.

2 p. m.

Singing, prayer by Elder Miner.

President Palmer testified we are ambassadors of Christ, a marvel to ourselves and also to the world. Christ made sacrifice to do the will of the Father. So we tear ourselves from those who love us at home, who lingered on our last words with tears in their eyes, to be scattered as sheep among wolves to do the same. Yet when the converts are redeemed with righteousness Zion will be glorious. Christ is the light, out side of this is blood and coanage. We cannot learn God unless we gather up to his Temple. The devil is a liar and murderer and all the nations under his influence will be addicted to the same acts. Gods spirit is still among this nation to some extent but when he will cause his spirit to strive no longer with them, the horrors among them will be unspeakable. As it was in the days of Noah so in the days of Christs coming. Should lucre bar us from gathering God will sweep it away as chaff. The judgments are now mixed with blessings but will soon be flooded upon the nations without mixture (Rev. 14.) In our sphere we can be perfect as God is perfect. The Elders here have proved that God is dearer than all. Henry George says the nation must fall because it is corrupt as all nations have before. God has started a nucleus to redeem the world.

Elder Olson proved that the mandates of God being continued, was indispensable to the Kingdom of God on earth, being scriptural and reasonable. Traced the history of the Roman power from the time that Titus compassed Jerusalem, through the battles with the Huns, Vandals and Goths, enough to show that the Priesthood and oracles of God were lost. Their having scourged the people through whom all mankind are to be blessed.