

Stevenson left Salt Lake City on the 18th day of last December, and was released to return home on the 11th day of August. During the time of his absence he held 177 public meetings, which were generally very well attended. A great deal of prejudice had existed against the truth, but since the people have had an opportunity to investigate, many defenders of the Gospel have arisen, and the feeling of sympathy and honest inquiry is steadily gaining ground.

Brother Parley P. Pratt, who was the companion of Elder Stevenson, remains to continue the labor of preaching in Tennessee, and will be assisted by Brother Thomas S. Higham, a young Elder who left here with the last party of missionaries.

Daring Robbery.—Mr. A. K. Zeigler of Ogden is in town to-day, and gives us information of two daring burglaries, which took place in Ogden sometime between Saturday night at dark and yesterday morning at daylight.

Messrs. Ford & Co., hide dealers, discovered, yesterday morning, that the combination safe which is kept in their office had been blown open and robbed of \$40 or \$50. This morning Messrs. L. D. Wilson and Joshua Williams, the well known lumbermen, on opening their establishment found their office a perfect wreck—their safe, also, having been blown open by dynamite or some other powerful explosive, and a steel lined cash drawer, containing about \$200, taken therefrom. Bits of metal were strewn about the room, and the rail dividing the office was broken to pieces. The method adopted must have been to drill a small hole through the outer plate of the safe's door, and then after pouring in the dynamite to insert a long fuse. No clue is had to the robbers, and the whole affair is very mysterious.

Meetings at Ogden.—On Saturday morning, President John Taylor, with Elders George Q. Cannon and Albert Carrington, of the Twelve Apostles, several Presidents of Stakes and other Elders, went to Ogden to hold a special priesthood meeting of the Weber Stake of Zion.

The morning meeting was held in the City Hall, but in consequence of the large number present the afternoon meeting was held in the Tabernacle. President John Taylor and Elder George Q. Cannon occupied the morning, Elders Lorenzo Snow and Albert Carrington and Pres. Taylor the afternoon.

On Sunday, at 10 a.m. the Tabernacle was filled with the people from all parts of Weber County, who were addressed by Elders Willard G. Smith, F. M. Lyman, A. M. Cannon, W. R. Smith and C. W. Penrose. In the afternoon the time was occupied by Elders George Q. Cannon and Lorenzo Snow, and President John Taylor.

Co-operation, union, home industries, education, and the absolute necessity of a fusion and identity of temporal as well as spiritual interests, were the main subjects treated upon. A splendid spirit prevailed, and excellent results are anticipated from the meetings.

Tabernacle Services.—Yesterday, the congregation at the Tabernacle was addressed by Elders C. W. Stayner and T. B. Lewis. The former dilated upon the first principles of the gospel; drew the contrast between the unscriptural traditions inherited by the various sects of Christendom and the pure principles of truth, restored by divine revelation, in these days, corroborating the teachings of the servants of God in all ages.

The second speaker dwelt upon the blessings enjoyed by the people of these valleys, at a time when wars and pestilences were imminent, or already at their work of destruction among the nations of the earth. Spoke of the opposite condition of the people of Utah thirteen years ago, and to-day, that although they had not superior advantages of education then, neither did they have the vices which have accompanied the introduction of so-called civilization into their midst. The priesthood of the Church had always advocated intelligence, and only opposed those educational doctrines which tended to infidelity.

The choir rendered the anthem "Awake, Put on thy Strength, oh Zion," and the services came to a close.

Returned Missionary.—This morning we received a pleasant call from Elder Eli Pierce, of Brigham City, who has returned recently from a mission to the United States. He started on this his second mission, Aug. 2, 1877, and returned on the 14th inst. During his absence he labored, principally, in Pennsylvania, in company with Elder B. M. Young. The latter being released, started for home the 22nd of May, while Elder Pierce was instructed to remain in the field until other Elders were sent to succeed him. After Bro. Young left him, he baptized nine adult persons and blessed five children, making a total, during the mission, of 24 baptized, 1 rebaptized, 9 children blessed, 75 meetings held, and 2 branches organized. Most of those baptized had never heard the gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints, until they came out of curiosity to hear these Elders. Some have already gathered, and it is expected the greater part will migrate to Zion either this fall or in the spring. Several families who had not the moral courage and fortitude to openly receive the gospel in the States have determined to come west and here unite with the body of the Church. They have advertised their property for sale for this purpose.

Two years and a half, out of the last three, Elder Pierce has performed missionary labor in the United States, during which time his diary reports 87 baptisms, 21 rebaptisms, (64 females and 44 males,) 33 children blessed, 6 branches organized and over 200 public meetings. He returns in excellent health.

Bad Behavior in Church.—The necessity of good behavior in a house of worship is a matter of such obvious propriety that it would seem superfluous to call the attention of any one to it, who had ever received the benefits of a Christian education. Yet we are sorry to say that we have occasion to severely condemn its neglect, in the action of some persons who attended the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon. These were no less than a prominent "Christian" minister of this city and some of his friends, who were in the congregation, did little else than laugh, converse and pass satirical remarks concerning the speaker during the whole of his discourse. It appears incredible that a reverend divine, taking the position that he is "called of God" to teach others, should have no more knowledge of, or respect for good manners than to do that which even a child knows to be wicked and improper. Perhaps the gentleman thought it was only a "Mormon" church, and that as such it had no rights which "a follower of the meek and lowly Savior" was bound to respect. We can but differ from him here, or from anyone who entertains notions so devoid of all principle and decency. A house of worship of any denomination should be a house of order, and a Christian minister should be the first to set an example of good behavior, and the last to forget what even the Arab remembers, a due return of common politeness. Strangers are always made welcome by the Latter-day Saints to their meetings, and the best seats are reserved for them. They are only expected to behave themselves properly. We regret to chronicle the violation of this rule at the hands of an individual whose duty to himself, regard for his associates, and respect for his calling, as a professed teacher of righteousness, should have taught him better. And we hope this is the last time anything so contemptible will come under our notice.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Prof. Thomas Taylor, microscopist of the United States Agricultural Bureau, has proven that common gasoline is a powerful disinfectant and insecticide. Thrown into cesspools and sewers it will destroy animal germs and fatty degeneration. It is sure death to fungi and insects, and being harmless to delicate materials they can be dipped into it for purposes of disinfection, as it will quickly evaporate. It is cheap and effective, but very dangerous when brought into contact with artificial light.

One of the many stupid objections to the doctrine of the resurrection is that as the human body contains five-sixths of its weight in water, the raising of all the dead will exhaust all the water on the

globe. A minister by the name of Bancroft has been figuring on this proposition, and his calculations demonstrate—to his own satisfaction at least—that if all the bodies that have lived on earth during six thousand years were reproduced, it would only exhaust a little more than a cubic mile of water.

When Professor Swift re-discovered Leverrier's lost planet Vulcan during the late solar eclipse, he saw it in close proximity to the star Theta Cenci. He has since sought for the fugitive in the same vicinity, but the fixed star was alone. This proves that the body he saw was indeed a planet, for if it had been a star like Theta Cenci, they would have been seen together again. The fact of its disappearance indicates that the planet was engaged in the general business of its order, taking a trip around the Sun.

The modern style of pulpit oratory, which seems so much to charm the multitude, finds no favor with the *Jewish Messenger*, which comments upon them as follows: "Fine words, pretty pictures, may charm the crowd for a while, but upon the intellectual few, who alone are to be relied on as the bulwark against infidelity and indifference, the illustrated sermon, overflowing with metaphor, has little influence. They require the preacher to be a thinking, acting man, and not an amateur painter of descriptive scenes."

One of the speakers at the Woman's Rights Congress at Paris is reported as saying: "We were born naked, and yet society makes us cover ourselves with clothes, to earn which we have to work and labor. Such anomalies as these will soon disappear when our rights are conceded." We are gratified in the conviction that when women's political rights are conceded, such anomalies as the creature who talked in that strain will disappear from the public view, and even now the movement would be much better and stronger without them.

Bikuben, the paper published in this city, in the Scandinavian language, will, hereafter, be again under the sole direction of Mr. Winberg. Mr. Bruun withdrew some time since, and now Mr. Andrew Jensen retires, after fulfilling his agreement to assist during the issue of one volume. The Scandinavians of Utah ought to have a first class representative organ, and with needful help *Bikuben* could be enlarged and improved, to fill the need that is felt in the Territory. The talent and the means are here and we should like to see them utilized.

Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love, shows startling marks of the work of professional politicians, who have succeeded in obtaining control of the finances. Its municipal debt had been gradually growing up to January 1st, 1872, when it amounted to \$53,270,000. Six years later, on the 1st day of the present year, it had climbed up to \$73,615,000, taking yearly hoists of \$3,390,000. If Salt Lake City could be wrested from the control of honest and economical officials, and a "Liberal" regime inaugurated, we should soon be granting under a financial burden as hard to be borne as the load which Philadelphia has to carry.

Punishment does not follow crime with anything like the certainty which ought to attend it in this country. And even after the conviction of notorious criminals, there is no assurance that the generally mild sentences of the law will be allowed to go into full effect. The records of one State—Illinois—show that within the last 20 years 314 murderers have been sent to the State prison, 90 of them for life and the remainder from one to 25 years. One hundred have been pardoned, 62 have been released in other ways, 21 have died or gone to asylums for the insane, and 131 are still in prison. Three years and six months, it is estimated, is the average term for a convicted murderer in Illinois. Thus crime is encouraged and consequently increases throughout the land.

A man at Poughkeepsie remarked that all American women were below the women of any other nation, and the hotel chambermaid held him by the hair until he was retracted.—*Detroit Free Press.*

ST. GEORGE STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

At 5 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 13th, the Priesthood meeting for the Stake convened in St. George Tabernacle.

The attention of the meeting was devoted to reading the reports from the wards composing the Stake, and remarks thereon, and the giving of general instruction to the officers.

According to previous adjournment, Conference opened at 10 o'clock a.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

The Stake was well represented, but two wards being without official representation.

The speakers during the Conference were: Presidents John D. T. McAllister, Jacob Gates, Thomas J. Jones and H. Eyring; Bishops Jno. Parker, of Virgin City; Thos. S. Terry, of Hebron; Chas. N. Smith, of Rockville; Wm. A. Bringham, of Toquerville; Robert Knell, of Pinto; M. Ensign, of Santa Clara; Wm. Snow, of Pine Valley; Geo. H. Crosby, of Leeds; and Elders Geo. A. Wadsworth, of Panacea, and Augustus P. Hardy, of St. George, President of the Lamanites.

The topics dwelt upon by the speakers were chiefly: Necessity of faithfulness in serving God, observing our covenants with Him and with each other, exercising the charity of the gospel; paying our tithes and offerings; observing the word of wisdom according to the spirit and meaning thereof, and attending to our family and secret prayers; the religious and secular education of the young, and the providing of suitable amusement and recreation for them, and the increasing of the usefulness of the mutual improvement associations for both sexes, and of the relief societies of the Stake.

Full statistical reports were read from every ward, and quarterly reports of the Sunday schools and of the young men's mutual improvement associations of the Stake.

The record was read of the St. George Temple ordinance work since the 9th of January, 1877, and of the amount of labor performed in the Temple by the brethren and sisters who administer there.

The general authorities of the Church and the authorities of the St. George Stake were presented, and were heartily and without a dissenting vote, sustained by uplifted hands.

The proceedings of the conference throughout were characterized by that kind, peaceful, but admonitory and instructive spirit of the Father so acceptable to the children of the kingdom, who love to learn the ways of life.

JAMES G. BLEAK, Clerk.

Can the Truth Overtake a Lie?

Investigation discloses the fact that the lady reported in the Associated Press dispatches, about August 10th, to have died in Chicago after two weeks' use of some *reputed remedy* for corpulency, had not taken Allen's Anti-Fat, but had used a preparation put up by a regular physician in Luzerne, Pa. Allen's Anti-Fat is manufactured in Buffalo, N. Y., by the undersigned. We have already sold over 100,000 bottles of it. It has therefore been taken by thousands, and we challenge proof that it has ever harmed anybody, unless the reduction of obese persons from 20 to 60 pounds, leaving them healthy and strong, is considered a misfortune. Furthermore, we hereby offer \$5,000 reward for evidence showing that it contains poisonous or injurious ingredients. We also offer \$5,000 if we cannot prove that it has reduced numbers of persons as stated herein, and always without injury. It is said a lie will out travel the truth any time; but we trust that those newspapers that have misled the public by saying that physicians attribute the lady's death to the use of Anti-Fat (which is only put up by us, the term "Anti-Fat" being our trade mark), will correct the false impression they have conveyed, by publishing this refutation.

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