

Mancos water, for a 30 miles' dry drive, passing near the foot of Hermano's Peaks, and intersecting the Durango and Bluff road, 12 miles from the Mancos. We reached Wm. Hyde's late in the evening, weary and tired, fully prepared to enjoy the hospitality of Brother and Sister Hyde, so generously extended.

Considerable cane and some corn have been raised in this vicinity by means of water wheels to bring out the waters of the San Juan, but the country is not extensive and does not lay suitable for farming, without very much labor. Some of the land is good and some not so good. Seven families reside here, considerably scattered, but making fair progress toward success in securing permanent locations.

Very truly,
JOHN MORGAN.

SPRINGVILLE, Ala.,
September 25th, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

Leaving my home at Nephi, Utah, December 3d, 1882, in company with five other Elders I arrived at Chattanooga, Tenn., December 9th, when I was appointed to labor in St. Clair County, Ala., in company with Elder M. A. Empey.

During the four months immediately ensuing we continued preaching in this county, where we baptized 333, organized a branch of the Church, which we named the St. Clair branch, instituted a Sunday school, and with the help of the saints, builded a hewn-log meeting house.

In March 20th, 1883, I was appointed to preside over the Alabama Conference, since when my time has been occupied in visiting among the different branches in the State. As the result of my observations I can represent the "good work" as progressing somewhat in this field, the Gospel having been proclaimed in a great portion of the State, but principally in Northern and Central Alabama.

As a general rule we find the saints exceedingly desirous of getting out from this land to the appointed gathering place in Colorado. I suppose there never was a time when the saints of God were more anxious of going to Zion, but many are very poor and have not the necessary means to emigrate.

There are 12 travelling Elders in this conference, the greater part of whom are young men born and raised in Utah, of whom we could speak many commendable words. They are faithfully and energetically striving to accomplish the work they have been called here to perform.

Much opposition and bitterness attend their labors, and in the face of their indefatigable efforts they find but few, very few, compared with the many who seem at all disposed to listen to their preaching. It is much like picking up a few scattered sheaves when the harvest is over.

In several locations the opposition is taken the shape of the most malignant persecution, so that it is deemed advisable to send the Elders from four counties to open new fields of labor. It seems in this land that but few friends can be found for the "Great Cause," but everywhere the opposition counts.

And where this is the least part of the people generally are possessed of an unfavorable opinion of Mormonism, "obtained from what they hear from our enemies. But the Gospel must be preached in all the world"—to the evil doers as well as the truth-seekers, that the testimony may stand as a witness against all nations."

Every species of wickedness is, very prevalent throughout this land and thousands feel a dread of the immediate future without knowing why.

The Elders are enjoying excellent health with very few exceptions. They seem fully possessed of the spirit of their missions, rejoicing that they are accounted worthy to be called as was Aaron to proclaim and teach the principles of life and salvation to a people and generation in the world of the true light.

Ever praying for the welfare of the people and for the spread of the message of truth.

Your Brother in the Gospel,
A. CARTER.

BLUFF CITY, Utah.

Editor Deseret News:

One peculiarity of this entire country is that over the entire face of it, broken pottery abounds in unlimited quantities; the hill sides are cov-

ered with it, and it has been carried down upon the lowland, by means of flowing water, until, go where you will, you will never fail to find it. Its material, make and various other evidences, would seem to indicate that it is not of so ancient origin as one would at first imagine; this class of pottery is made to-day by Zuni, Moquis and other semi-civilized tribes of Indians.

In every direction the ruins of former habitations exist in various stages of decay. In some instances mere mounds or heaps of earth mark the former habitations of the ancient inhabitants of the land, in other instances well preserved walls of dwellings exist, with every evidence of having been inhabited at no distant day.

One class of these ruins must be quite ancient, while still another class is of more recent construction. The valleys apparently have been inhabited by an agricultural and pastoral people at one time. Their irrigation ditches can be clearly traced, in many instances for miles, their dwellings were, as a rule, scattered, and to a degree isolated from each other as though the people were living in peace and quietness.

Their houses were constructed as a rule out of cobble stones, laid in a species of mortar, generally built on a small knoll or elevation, near the foot hills, along the narrow valleys of the various streams, flowing across the country, many of these edifices must have been of considerable size, judging from the heaps of stone that mark their outline.

Where these ruins are found above the line that water could be brought from the river, a reservoir is generally to be found, apparently used to hold water collected by rainfall. Broken pottery covers the ground in the utmost profusion, adjacent to these ruins, flint arrow heads, stone battle axes and hammers are found in greater or less quantities.

The cause of the disappearance of the people is of course only conjecture. A Navajo Indian informed us that a great wind destroyed multitudes of them, leaving but a few of them alive. It would seem that the more ancient dwellers of the land must, from some cause, have dwindled away, and that the remnants became a prey to some stronger tribe.

Along the almost inaccessible cliffs and bluffs of the San Juan and its tributaries exist numerous houses built of rock, laid in tough clay mortar, and situated on rocks that project and shelve out from the face of perpendicular cliffs hundreds of feet high. These dwellings were built for the sole purpose of defense, and are a complete success in that way. One of them that we visited to-day was so situated that the visitor had to crawl upon all fours for a distance of 100 feet, along a narrow shelving rock, that barely gave room to maintain even that position.

One point that we visited was of peculiar interest, owing to its magnitude and situation. They had selected a spot under an immense rock, that projected from the summit of a high cliff, covering an area almost equal to the large Tabernacle, and in the rear semi-circle of this formation, on a shelf of the rock, they built their houses of stone, laid in excellent mortar and with considerable skill. There were sixteen rooms in the lower story, and there had been probably an equal number in the second story. Numerous port holes, neatly finished and looking in almost every direction, were found all along the face of the building. As there were only one or two entrances, and they situated so that they were almost inaccessible, it could easily be seen that a very few determined men could defend themselves against a hundred times their number.

Numerous hieroglyphics existed on the wall that formed the rear of the building, consisting of angular and irregular marks, very crude in design and workmanship, in some instances, the human hand in full had apparently been dipped in paint and placed against the wall, leaving a clear and well defined impress. In one case a large serpent coiled and pretty well executed was found. The Navajoes claim to have inhabited the country four old men's ages, equal to about four hundred years, and assert that these ruins then existed.

Very truly,
JOHN MORGAN.

MORE COMMISSIONS.

Acting Governor Thomas has issued commissions to the following persons:

SANPETE COUNTY.

Probate Judge—Wm. Anderson.
County Clerk—John Reid.
Recorder—John Reid.
Surveyor—John H. Hougard.
Prosecuting Attorney—Wm. K. Reid.
Sheriff—Jens P. Larsen.
Superintendent District Schools—Wm. K. Reid.
Justice of the Peace, Spring City Precinct—John R. Baxter.
Justice of the Peace, Wales Precinct—Henry D. Rees.
Justice of the Peace, Fayette Precinct—Edward Reid.
Justice of the Peace, Fountain Green Precinct—Amos P. Johnson.
Constable, Fayette Precinct—Christopher Aleton.
Constable, Fountain Green Precinct—Winfield S. Miller.

UINTAH COUNTY.

Probate Judge—Thomas Bingham.
County Clerk—Geo. Glines.
Selectmen—Jas. Hocking, M. M. Hall, L. Johnson.
Sheriff—S. D. Colton.
Treasurer—A. S. Johnson.
Prosecuting Attorney—W. P. Reynolds.
Assessor and Collector—William Ashton.
Superintendent District Schools—Jos. H. Black.
Justice of the Peace, Ashley Precinct, A. S. Johnson.
Constable, Ashley Precinct—Jos. Hardy.

BOX ELDER COUNTY.

Justice of the Peace, Curlew Precinct—Alex. A. Glen.
Constable, Curlew, Precinct—James Cottam.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Probate Judge—Edwin J. Wooley.
Constable—J. P. Cox, Silver Reef precinct.
Justice of the Peace—Julius Jordan, Silver Reef precinct.
Constable—Augustus P. Hardy, St. George.

KANE COUNTY.

Probate Judge—John Rider.
Clerk of County Court—Joel H. Johnson.
Recorder—Joel H. Johnson.
Treasurer—Jno. S. Riggs.
Justice of the Peace, Kanab precinct, W. S. Lewis.

MORGAN COUNTY.

Selectman—Ole Gaarder.
Justice of the Peace, Ole O. Wold, Peterson precinct.
Constable, Milton precinct—Martin Gaarder.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Probate Judge—F. R. Clayton.

WASATCH COUNTY.

Surveyor—William Buys.
Constable, Heber precinct—D. N. Murdock.

New York, 3.—Moody and Sankey called yesterday for Ireland.

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. 149.—ENIGMA.

My hand upon the infant's breast,
I soothe its beating into rest;
The rosy child, tired out with play,
Upon my lap his head will lay.

The listless, dream-entranced fair
Still gives her beauty to my care.
The stalwart arm, the working mind
In me new power and rest can find.

But when a mortal's life is o'er,
And grief nor joy he feeleth more,
Nor troubled dreams nor vague alarms,
I yield him to my brother's arms.

No. 150.—FIVE HIDDEN POETS.

It is autumn. The golden day glides
wistly by. Down the burn sere yellow
leaves are floating. The acorns, polished
and dry, dent the soft mould under the
oaks. The maples put on their crimson
hoods. By the river a skiff is moored.
Thin lines of smoke curl up from the little
wood-cutter's cottage on the hill.

C. B.

No. 151.—CHARADE.

The village children lost the stream,
That sobs and rolls and rushes,
Though bright its waves with sunshine gleam
Among the alder bushes.

The mossy first within it stands;
And here a beauty brave,
Where willow-trees are clasping hands,
Sunk to a lovely grave—

Sweet all was then the Miller's pride,
His daughter, sweet and gay;
When she among the lilies died,
The Miller went away. ROBIN.

No. 152.—VERBAL MATHEMATICS.

1. Subtract one hundred from a vehicle
and get an accomplishment as a remainder.
2. Subtract fifty from learned things
and get valuable mineral matter as a remainder. UNCLE CLAUDE.

No. 153.—A GROUP OF TREES.

What tree is that that's tall and slim,
And with the roving breeze,
Uplifts to heaven a solemn hymn
Of sylvan symphonies?

What tree is that which proudly waves,
Where blue the waters dash;
Where to the rocky Southern caves
All merrily they splash?

And what the tree that golden fruit
And silver blossoms bears?
From topmost spray to thickest root,
A fairy tree appears. ROBIN.

No. 154.—A BASKET OF VEGETABLES.

1. A river, one-half of a rag and an interjection.
2. One-half of a bird and to pinch.
3. A vehicle and to decay.
4. Equal value and to cut off.
5. Dexterity, a pronoun and to suffocate.
6. Myself between two prepositions.
7. A boy's name, an article and parts of the body.
8. A low shoe and relations. HILDA.

ANSWERS.

Following are the answers to "Riddle Box" of September 22d:

144.—Land occupies less than one-third of the entire surface of the globe.
145.—Cats up.
146.—The letter e was omitted from the lines, which read, when the lacking vowel was supplied:
"Persevere, ye perfect men,
Ever keep these, receipts ten."

147.—A river.
148.—1. Mild, mld. 2. Bald, bad. 3. Cable, able. 4. Cheat, beat. 5. Date, ate. 6. Dread, read.

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