

Correspondence.

KARORI, May 31, 1870.

Editor Deseret News.—Dear Brother: I take this opportunity to forward you a brief account of the work of the vineyard. On the eighth of last month Bro. Robert Beauchamp arrived here from Melbourne. He stayed a month, preaching the gospel to, in most cases, very attentive congregations. The result is that up to date, we have a branch established comprising 15 members, three of whom have been ordained Elders, myself as President of the Branch. One has been baptized since Bro. Beauchamp left for Christchurch, and several others are about ready to join. The Saints here are in the enjoyment of the Spirit of God, and are desirous of gathering to Zion as soon as possible.

Bro. Beauchamp stayed at Ka'apoi, Christchurch, a fortnight, and called at Wellington on his way to Melbourne, in order to attend a conference which opens on the 6th of June. He left here on Friday last, this being Tuesday, so that he is now on his way to Melbourne. He was quite well when he left, and in the full enjoyment of the spirit of his calling. He has made many friends here, both among Saints and outsiders. He is truly indefatigable in his efforts to disseminate the principles of salvation among those with whom he comes in contact; and so far, by the blessing of God, his labors have been crowned with success. His field of labor is an extensive one and he has traveled some thousands of miles since he entered upon his mission. In November last, the DESERET NEWS came to hand by each mail. It is a source of comfort to us, and the information it contains, relative to the Territory and its people, enables us to refute the false testimony of our enemies. I send you by each mail a summary of news, as contained in the Independent, which I hope you receive.

Yours in the gospel of peace.

HENRY ALLINGTON.

HYRUM, Cache Co., July 13, 1870.

Editor Deseret News.—Dear Brother: I am glad to inform you that the grasshoppers have left our borders; they came in clouds, sometimes almost darkening the sun; our fields and gardens were brown over with them, and many supposed that everything would again be destroyed, as there came fresh arrivals every day; but thank God they have done but little harm.

Last summer, Br. Benson advised the people of Cache county to select a suitable piece of land in their respective fields and put in a large quantity of Fall wheat and sow it in September. In accordance with this counsel, our brethren selected about two hundred and fifty acres for a co-operative farm and sowed Fall wheat. The grasshoppers came thick upon it, but did very little harm. A small quantity of Spring wheat was put in and has suffered heavily. Still a good crop will be raised. Some of our Fall wheat was cut yesterday. It is an established fact that Fall wheat is our only safety in grasshopper times.

There is an abundance of cane. Corn and vegetables look well. Our farms and gardens look better to-day than they have done for four years past.

We have established a free school, which has proved a great blessing to our children. Elder C. C. Shaw assisted by Miss Mary E. Curtis, have all the scholars they can attend to. We have the rock and other material on hand for a new school house, to be finished (according to contract) by September 30th, 1870, at a cost of about two thousand dollars.

Our Co-operative store is in a flourishing condition. The new store is a very neat rock building, and was built at a cost of two thousand dollars. Henry W. Naisbet, Esq., delivered a lecture on co-operation, on Tuesday evening the 5th instant, the subject was laid before the people in a very clear and satisfactory manner, and I am satisfied that a few such lectures will enable the people not only to understand, but to put into practical operation this great principle and thereby secure to themselves and their posterity a vast amount of wealth.

Bishop Lijonquest is doing all in his power to encourage education and music. By his advice the Female Relief Society are about to purchase a library for the use of our schools. The Ward has engaged H. Monsen, Esq., of Salt Lake City, to teach instrumental music. H. H. Petersen is teaching vocal music with success. Everybody is busy, no loafers to be found in our streets, peace and good order prevails.

Yours truly, H. P.

MANTI, July 13th, 1870.

Editor Deseret News.—Dear brother: The weather for the last few weeks has been extremely hot and sultry, with but little rain, the lack of which has caused quite a scarcity of grass for our cows, and work cattle. The grasshoppers have not only taken our wheat and oats, but they have damaged our hay crop materially. Now, however, they have almost gone, and we all wish them speed from these valleys, and may their return be, as the Scotch sing of royal Charlie, "Lang o' coming."

The health of the people in this settlement, is good; we have had little sickness in our midst this season; and though, comparatively speaking, we have no crops to attend to, I believe the brethren are as busy as in former years, when they had their thousands of bushels of grain to care for. There was more rock taken from our store quarry last winter and Spring, than there has been for the last five years, and the "ironclad" relieving us of our crops gives us a splendid opportunity of building said rock into nice abodes, to shelter our wives and families, from the searching sun in summer, and the cold, bitter blast of winter.

A flute band was organized here last Spring, by a number of our young men. And I am proud to say they have made rapid progress. They are now under the direction of Major Geo. Snow, who is doing all in his power to make them proficient.

Our Day and Sunday schools have a fair attendance; and I can see an im-

provement in the young and rising generation. The desire to obtain an education is on the increase amongst them. Preparations are being made for a grand celebration on the 24th inst., and judging from the programme, we shall have a good time.

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