

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder Robert F. Neslin occupied the forenoon in speaking of the necessity of unity on the part of the Saints, in temporal as well as spiritual things.

In the afternoon, Elder C. C. Rich spoke. He said we have been gathered here from the various nations to the valleys of the mountains to be more fully taught in the ways of the Lord, that we may be prepared to build up His kingdom on the earth in righteousness and purity. There is no work that the people of the earth can be engaged in with more advantage to themselves, both in this life and that which is to come, than to be occupied in building up this kingdom. To effectually perform this work, we must put in practice the principles that the Lord has from time to time revealed to His servants. We should strive to come to a unity of the faith and endeavor to see eye to eye on every point that pertains to our advancement as a people and as the church of God. When we contemplate heaven, we do not contemplate it as something that is divided, with differing and jangling opinions; we look upon heavenly things as a unit, as something undivided. And if we adopt in our lives the principles of the gospel, we become more and more united, and find that as we practice its principles, we increase in happiness, joy and gladness and in everything that is calculated in its nature to make us nobler, purer and more intelligent beings, and better fitted to dwell in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

The nations of Christendom talk a great deal about heaven, but latter-day Saints are striving to bring about a heaven on the earth, and trying to establish happiness and peace in their midst. The principles of the gospel, if practised in honesty and purity of motive, bring about peace and happiness, and tend to create love, unity and good feelings among those who embrace and practice them in their lives. They ennoble and elevate mankind and snap asunder the shackles of ignorance and superstition that have for so many ages held the children of men in bondage. What has the world accomplished, after centuries of boasted gospel light? Have they emancipated the human family from thralldom and led them to a unity of the faith and enabled them to see eye to eye the beauties and glories of the great truths of heaven? No; each one is going his own way and following the bent of his own will. But the latter-day Saints, in a few short years, have accomplished wonders and their presence is becoming to be felt and known among the nations of the world for their unity and oneness of purpose.

President B. Young followed in a very interesting discourse, which was reported.

THEATRICAL.—Our "Temple of the Drama" on Christmas night drew a full and appreciative audience, and the pieces selected for this festive season have been of a class well suited to the time and the audiences that have assembled to witness them. On Christmas Eve, the appropriate piece bearing that title was played in conjunction with the "Frisky Cobbler," which were exceedingly well relished. Saturday night's performance was equally well appreciated on that occasion, at the theatre.

An excellent bill is provided for this evening. The performance commences with the fine melo-drama of "Robert Macaire," a highly interesting play, freely interspersed with pathetic and humorous dialogue. Mr. Wilson personates the dashing devil-may-care pickpocket and outlaw, "Robert Macaire." Mr. P. Margret assumes the character of "Jacques Strop," his nervous confederate. Mr. Lindsay plays "Dumont," Mr. Graham "Pierre," Mr. Thorne "Germelut" and the ladies and gentlemen of the corps de ballet in their numerous subordinate parts of the piece. The evening's entertainment concludes with the burlesque of "Ixion," which is freely interspersed with singing and humorisms of all kinds. Kate Denin sings several times during the piece, as do also other members of the company in their several characters. Mr. Wilson sings the "Grecian bend" and dresses suitably to the characters.

To those who desire to spend an agreeable and pleasant evening, we suggest a visit to the theatre to-night as a means of gratifying their desire.

DANIEL, in his Lion's Den, had quite a crowd in and around his store on Friday evening, looking at his novelties.

CHRISTMAS IS PAST.—That festive day is gone for another year. Local has, to-day, been watching among his friends and acquaintances for indications of dyspepsia, but as none of them look either yellow or sour, he has come to the conclusion that they have not unwisely overburdened their digestive capabilities beyond their powers. He finds everybody brimful of good nature.

Christmas day passed off quietly and peaceably, no drunken rows took place so far as we know.

HABEAS CORPUS.—Gus Sprouse was on Saturday night brought to this city from Ogden, by U. S. Marshal Orr, under a writ of Habeas Corpus issued by Judge Strickland, who during the absence of Judge Wilson, is presiding in the 3rd District Court of Utah Territory. We shall watch this case with some interest.

RETURNED.—General H. S. Eldredge, who left this city on a visit to San Francisco, Cal., a few weeks since, returned on the evening of the 26th inst. He is well and hearty, and has had a very pleasant and agreeable trip.

OHIO.—Elder Angus M. Cannon, writing from Cleveland, Ohio, on the 17th instant, informs us that he is laboring with much good effect amongst his relatives and others in that portion of the country. The Herald of that city thus refers to bro. Cannon and his labors.

"Mr. A. M. Cannon, of Salt Lake City, the agent and correspondent of the Deseret News, has called upon us. Mr. C. is one of the two hundred or more Mormon missionaries sent out from Utah to explain to the Gentiles the Mormon faith—politically, civilly, and socially. Mr. C. will spend the winter in visiting relatives from whom he has been separated twelve years, and in discharging the duties of his mission. We believe Mr. Cannon is an 'ex pluribus unum' on the wife question, but he certainly is as mild-mannered and gentle—not gentle as could be asked for, even in a man who has but one wife to mind. He is evidently sincere in his belief, and has that patience so characteristic of a devotee who knows that his cause is just and will surely triumph."

MILITARY BALL AT SPRINGVILLE.—H. Clegg, Esq., writing from Springville, on the 16th inst., says:

"A military dress ball came off in the new hall, lately erected by Bp. A. Johnson, on Wednesday evening last. There was a large attendance of the officers of this brigade, who joined in the dance until a late hour. Among those present we noticed Brig. Gen. A. K. Thurber, Col. Wood, Johnson and Bromley, Majors Greer and Libonberry, also Bp. A. Johnson, the late Major General. At 10 p.m. all partook of an excellent supper provided for the occasion. Not a discordant sound, nor anything to mar the harmony of the occasion, was heard."

Died:

In this city, on the 22nd inst., of typhoid fever, John, son of George and Elizabeth Campkin, aged 15 years and 3 months.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY STAGE.**Arrivals from the Terrains.**

Mrs. Moar, Miss Shilling, Mary Winkler, F. Frost, Mr. Little, Mrs. Keyas, Wm. Kiskadden, Mr. Wall, Mr. T. J. Gray, Mr. Bakhouit, W. C. Gregg, Mr. J. M. Bun-nell.

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