

By President J. M. Grant, Tabernacle, Oct. 7, 1854. This afternoon I have very little disposition to detail your long. My health is such I would prefer listening rather than speaking myself.

never hold my family. I wish all the Mormos felt as I do, there would be a flame in Zion, and a fire in Jerusalem. I say, if all the Mormos felt as I do about those who laugh at our distresses, and when calamities come upon us, wag their heads, and say 'Ha, but so would we have it,' they would think there was a furnace in Zion, and a flame in Jerusalem.

the Hindostan Mission, then told me I might return home, if I wished to do so, as he could do all that was to be done in Calcutta; and as to this place, brother Leonard and myself preached as long as any unbelievers would come to hear us, and then he and brother Willes were up again afterwards. But I did not wish to be the first to leave the country, so I said 'I would rather stay until fall, at least. President Jones told me to do just as I pleased, and also said, 'I will be glad of your company.'

I expect to baptize three or four more before long, if their officers do not stop it, which I do not think they can. Brother Fotheringham has not been able to get a ship for your parts, as he wrote expecting to do so, he will not be there very soon if he comes at all; the Lord seems to hedge the way.

The work of the Lord prospers in this land, notwithstanding the opposing power. It is continually gaining ground; many are entering into covenant with the Lord; there are quite a number baptized every week here in the Cape and in the interior. In one week recently we baptized as high as 14. This branch now numbers over 600. Our hall is filled with overflowing every Sunday, a great many strangers attend, who appear interested as a general thing.

will be a great *tanasa*, or procession; the wedding, and they are invited to attend if the boy's father is rich, he will spend great deal of money on this fortunate occasion. I remember, in 1805, a very rich man, with whom I had frequent dealings, who made all his money by trading with Europeans, having a grand *tanasa* at his son's wedding, which lasted three days. There was a gorgeous procession through the streets of Calcutta at that time, which not less than one thousand persons assisted; and besides other devices there was a large mountain made of bales of cotton, upon which were placed various birds, from the elephant and tiger to the squirrel and mouse, and from the cassowary (the Indian ostrich) to the wren—all made of the same material and painted to life. This was carried through the streets on heads of probably not less than a hundred men, a certain hanging down to prevent their being seen. A guard of a hundred men in uniform went before, and a same number followed, all with imitation muskets on their shoulders, covered with gauzes of red and yellow cloth, and garnished with numerous bands of drum (low tone) and other instruments.

THE SWISS AND ITALIAN MISSIONS.

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Scandinavian Mission.

Sept. 1, 1854. While in Utah enjoying peace and prosperity, and blessed above every other people of the earth, a jarring in a great degree that liberty which a wise Creator designs for his covenant children, would we not reflect upon the almost innumerable opportunities that we have of treasuring up doctrine and principle, and improve upon the same as we ought, of what lasting benefit it would be unto us; then when abroad we will not have to reflect back upon the time which is passed unimproved.

A Couple of Stray Leaves.

'Well, my dear, will you go to the party tonight? you know we have a very polite invitation. 'Why, my love, just as you please. I know I'd love to, but I must go to my place. 'Well, then, Harriet, suppose we go—what if you're perfectly willing; now don't say so because I do, for you know that where you are, there I am perfectly happy.'

A HINDOO WEDDING.

It is well known in England that the Hindoos marry or are betrothed very young; and also, that the fair sex is so confined to the house, that the young women, after they are ten or twelve years of age, see no male persons, not even their own brothers. The houses of wealthy persons are all constructed so that they have no windows that look into the streets; but are built in squares, the windows looking into the interior.

THE EAST INDIA MISSION.

Travels from Agra in Cawnpore, Allahabad, Calcutta, and Hindostan—course of lectures at Ciltahna—his return—his health. CHICAGO, thirty miles north of Calcutta: June 24th, 1854. Beloved Brother Richards.—I thought I would pen a few lines to send to you. Although I am aware in a small degree of the multiplicity of your business, yet at the same time I love to hear from my old friends, and I judge you feel the same.

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