

knew that it was right for us to go into the wilderness and to carve out a new home, far away from those people who called themselves Christians, but who belied their profession—who did not feel this as much as President Young did, or any of the Twelve Apostles. Even the children themselves had the spirit of it. The whole people crossed that river and started out into the then Territory of Iowa, with entire confidence that God would lead them to a good place; they started with far more confidence than the children of Israel did under the leadership of Moses. And from that day to the present the people have had this spirit. Not a settlement has been formed throughout these mountain regions without the people themselves who founded it being fully imbued with the feeling that they were called of God to come to this land, and it needed no constraint from President Young or any other man to influence them to do so. They were ready to act for themselves.

Every man and woman who enters into this Church has the right to know whether this doctrine be of God or not. I would not give a fig, if we numbered millions, if the people did not know for themselves that this was the work of God. I would rather have the six persons who formed the nucleus of the Church on the 6th of April, 1830, if those six new for themselves, that this was the work of God; I would feel we were a greater strength in the earth than six millions who had not this knowledge. And so I say concerning this people to-day throughout these valleys; if they only know for themselves that this is the work of God; if they have received this knowledge by the revelations of God for themselves individually, then they become a power in the earth, they are a living force. Murder may be resorted to for the purpose of destroying them, but as long as one remains there is a power through which God can work and bring to pass that which He has said shall be accomplished. The killing of Joseph Smith did not destroy this work, that was tried; it is not the killing of those who were associated with him that will do it. The past expulsions of the people did not injure or destroy the work, neither would any such attempts, if permitted, do so in the future. It is a living entity, and it is composed of living entities, men and women who know for themselves that this is the work of God, not depending upon Joseph Smith, not depending upon Brigham Young, not depending upon John Taylor, not depending upon Orson Pratt, or any other man tabernacled in the flesh, for their knowledge concerning this work. You might kill all these men off, if God would permit you, and still the knowledge remains until you extirpate the whole people; and in this respect it differs from every other work known among men. I have said it was phenomenal. It is phenomenal. This people who come from the nations of the earth—each one comes bearing testimony that he or she knows it is the work of God. They knew that before they left their homes, and they come impelled by that living faith, and they bear testimony to it. Hence it is a power in the earth. It is God's work. As Brother Orson Pratt has said, God dictated the day of its organization; God dictated that we should come to these mountains. There is not a settlement we make without our seeking to know the mind and will of God concerning it. We do not send a missionary abroad without asking the mind and will of God upon the subject. His mind and will is sought for in all things in holy places, and this Church has been guided from the first day of its organization until to-day by that spirit of divine revelation. Hence the prosperity that has attended us, and the wonderful results that we witness to-day.

God has broken the long silence that has reigned for centuries. It is not to us alone, but He has spoken to the whole world, if they will open their ears to hear and their hearts to understand. God is working mightily to-day among the nations of the earth, and He is bringing to pass His great purposes, that have been so long deferred. But who hears His voice? Who seeks to understand it? Very few indeed. Unbelief is increasing, until even among those who profess to be ministers of religion you hear the power of God questioned respecting the affairs of men, and it is a rare thing to-day to find any man, even a professor of religion, who believes that God interposes by special providence

in behalf of any of His children upon the earth. It is very rarely you can find men who have such a belief. They believe that God allows all things to go on without interference on His part. That, however, is not the faith of Christ, that is not the teaching of the Savior, who taught His disciples and all men to go unto the Father, and ask in His name for that which they needed, and that the very hairs of their head could not fall to the ground unnoticed. That is the God the Latter-day Saints believe in and seek after. They know that He lives. They know by revelation for themselves, and this constitutes the great difference between this Church and every other church. We believe in revelation from God to-day. We believe that He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever; that He changes not, and that if His mind and will was revealed unto the inhabitants of the earth 1800 years ago in answer to prayer, in the same manner it can be obtained to-day.

I pray God to bless you, to pour out His Holy Spirit upon you, to lead and guide you unto all truth, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

TOO BIG FOR ANYTHING.

THE homely adage about "biting off more than one can chew," is illustrated in the history of the vessel known as the *Great Eastern*, or as it was first called the *Leviathan*. It is the largest vessel afloat and, according to the figures given in Genesis, is bigger than the great ark which preserved so many animals with Noah and his family from the flood. Although seaworthy and strong, immense in its capabilities and vast in its carrying capacity, it has only brought financial ruin to each successive company which has come into possession of the monster craft.

One good work was performed through her agency, that was the laying of the first submarine cable from Europe to America. She once carried ten thousand soldiers, with their horses and provisions, from England to Canada. But many misfortunes have attended her and her cost was so great that the returns were inadequate to make any compensation, and she was handed over from company to company with similar loss to all.

She was sold a short time ago for \$150,000, when her cost was about \$3,750,000. Her builders overreached themselves. And what the present purchaser will do with this ocean elephant is a question that time will have to answer. The trouble with this marine monster is that she is too big for anything.

DON'T BITE.

It is not generally known that there is some resemblance between a human bite and the bite of a serpent. Rabelais declares that human saliva is poisonous and science has recently determined the fact by experiment. In a communication to the Paris Academy of Medicine, M. Gautier relates the result of his observations on this subject. He took twenty grammes of human saliva, and after lixivating and purifying it, injected the substance, in solution, under the skin of a bird. Immediately the bird was seized with trembling, and soon staggered and fell to the ground in complete stupor, and death ensued in half an hour. The phenomena resembled fully those produced by the bite of a venomous serpent. The poisonous matter of the saliva is thought to be an alkaloid similar to the cadaveric poisons called *ptomaines*, which M. Brouardel and Boutmy have isolated. Like them, it produces Prussian blue when mixed with ferrocyanide of potassium. The facts stated throw some light on the question of virulent maladies. "The present case," it is pointed out, "is not that of a true virus; for at high temperatures a virus is destroyed, but when the salivary alkaloid is heated to more than 100°, its poisonous property is not affected." M. Gautier studied comparatively the poison of the cobra (one of the most formidable of Indian serpents). This injected in a dose of one milligramme in a quarter of a cubic centimeter of water, under the skin of a small bird, such as a chaffinch or a sparrow, kills it in five to eleven minutes.

The difference between the poison of serpents and that of human saliva is thus shown to be rather in the intensity of its effects than in its essential nature.

Moral.—Be careful not to bite any thing but what you intend to eat.

Y. M. M. I. A.

We would be pleased to have the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association of Salt Lake City make a note of and adopt the following suggestions:

That they recommend the system of sending visitors from one association to another with the week commencing Nov. 13th.

That they send the visitors in the reverse direction to that heretofore pursued; that is the First Ward sending to the Twenty-first, the latter to the Tenth, and so on.

That every association pursue this system with diligence, sending out two visitors at a time, and neither missing an association nor a week.

That they report to us as soon as possible the result of their reorganization and the time of holding their meetings, that we may have a list of the same published for the benefit of visitors.

That all associations commence the operations of the season with a determination to improve, to carry out the instructions given by the General Superintendency, and to discard, as far as practicable, from their exercises all that is frivolous and unprofitable, replacing the same with that which will instruct, elevate and refine.

That good, wise persons be placed upon the programme committees, who will take a lively interest in their duties.

That strict records be kept of the membership, attendance, number of visitors sent and received, number of testimonies borne in meetings, number of chapters read by members—not only in meetings but elsewhere, etc., as called for in blank reports which have been furnished.

We also wish the country associations to adopt these suggestions so far as applicable to them. They should send visitors in same circuit as directed last winter.

JOS. H. FELT,
GEO. C. LAMBERT,
Stake Supts.
Salt Lake City, Nov. 7, 1881.

Who is the Oldest Member?

Editor Deseret News:

Doubtless it would be interesting to many of your readers to know who is the oldest living member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I should like to know myself. Could you give the desired information?

INQUIRER.

We are not prepared at present to say who is the oldest member of the Church. Can any one give the desired information?

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ESTATE OF PATSY ANN DEBERRY, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, Administratrix of the Estate of Patsy Ann DeBerry, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, to the Administratrix at her residence First North Street, between Fourth and Fifth West Streets, Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake.

Dated at Salt Lake City, Nov. 5th, 1881.
LOUISA M. WILLIAMS,
Administratrix of the Estate of Patsy Ann DeBerry, deceased. w42 4w

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, BY THE undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of Wm. Barnes, Sen., deceased, to the Creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to the Administrator, at his Office at Kaysville, Davis County, Utah.

Kaysville, October 13th, 1881.
JOHN E. BARNES,
Administrator of the Estate of William Barnes, Sen., deceased. w30 4w

NOTICE.

In the Probate Court in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

EVA MADDEN, Plaintiff,
against
GEORGE W. MADDEN, Defendant. } In Divorce.

The People of the Territory of Utah, To George W. Madden, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO appear in an action brought against you by the above named Eva Madden, Plaintiff, in the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake and Territory of Utah, and answer the complaint filed therein, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County, and if not within this County but within the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Utah within twenty days; otherwise within forty days.

This action is brought to obtain a decree of this Court, dissolving the marriage contract existing between said Plaintiff and you, and if you fail to appear or answer said plaintiff's complaint as by law provided, said Plaintiff will apply to this Court for the relief prayed for and cost of suit.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and Seal of said Court, in Salt Lake City, this 28th day of October, A. D., 1881.

D. BOCKHOLT,
Clerk of the Probate Court, Salt Lake County. w41 4w

NOTICE.

In the Probate Court, in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

JOHAN H. F. VAN ENSCHUT, Plaintiff,
against
CHARLOTTE L. VAN ENSCHUT, Defendant. } In Divorce.

The People of the Territory of Utah, to Charlotte L. Van Ens-chut, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO appear in an action brought against you by the above named Johan H. F. Van Ens-chut, plaintiff, in the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake and Territory of Utah, and answer the complaint filed therein, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County, and if not within this County but within the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Utah within twenty days; otherwise within forty days, or judgment will be taken against you by default.

This action is brought to obtain a decree dissolving the marriage contract between the plaintiff and defendant, and divorcing him absolutely from her on the ground of wilful desertion of plaintiff by defendant, which has continued for more than one year, and for such other order and decree as to the Court seemeth just and proper, and for costs. And if you fail to appear, or answer as by law required, said plaintiff will apply to this Court for the relief prayed for in his said complaint.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of said Court, in Salt Lake City, this 18th day of October, A. D., 1881.

D. BOCKHOLT,
Clerk of the Probate Court, Salt Lake County.

CHAS. F. BLANDIN,
Attorney for Plaintiff. w40 4t

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