

Correspondence.

SOUTH WOLFBORE, N. H.,

May 14, 1870.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir:—My

experience in the last four months' observations, is much the same as the Elders generally. No came down to the States last fall to visit their friends, and to spend the winter in acquainting the people with our principles, &c. So far as I have been able to learn, I think the good done to be far greater than some have expressed themselves. We have given general information in very many places, where before there existed little or no correct understanding in relation to us as a people, which in most instances, I am thoroughly convinced, will have its tendency for good. Few, comparatively, will embrace the gospel, yet many are led to investigate, to reflect, and the results will be better known hereafter.

I have visited extensively in New Hampshire and recently made a short visit to the State of Maine, and in most of the towns visited have spoken to the public from one to three times. My hearers have been generally of the first class, and with but one exception, as near as I can recollect, about equal numbers of ladies and gentlemen, and on that occasion, I was informed there were several ladies listening in an adjoining hall or anteroom. The subject was celestial marriage, or our social system. Of course it was too much for the modesty of the present generation. But where ladies and gentlemen have sat and listened to a plain statement of the principle, whether public or private, they have expressed themselves much surprised and satisfied in most instances; and all gentlemen, as also the ladies, with whom I have conversed upon the social and political condition of our once happy, virtuous and free country, with very rare exceptions, agree with me that the present condition of things is anything but pleasant to contemplate. Many will admit that we are living in the last days, but scarcely one believes that Christ will come and the kingdom of God be established in this generation. In saying that our Government has grossly corrupted itself, within the last quarter of a century, I have yet to find the first man to contradict it; neither have I found any to contradict the statement that society, the world over, is as corrupt to-day as it was in the days of Sodom, and that in many respects even worse. As to the religious condition of the world it is too milk-and-waterish to discuss. They know nothing more of the priesthood, of its powers and duties, or of the fullness of the everlasting gospel, with its ordinances, and the gifts and blessings following them that believe, than if it had never been revealed to man. Infidelity and spiritualism run rampant and in all probability what is called Christianity has conducted more to their development than any other thing. May the God of Abraham pour out His spirit upon the righteous and the honest in heart, that they may escape the destructions that await the wicked, is the desire of this contributor to your columns.

Respectfully, yours, &c.,

S. H. RALEIGH.

BERDAN, Greene County, Ill.,

March 12, 1870.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Bro.,—I left your beautiful city on the 20th of last month, to visit my relatives in this State, and to preach the gospel. On the cars from Ogden were several gentlemen from California. In conversation with one returning to Illinois he found out that I was a "Mormon." He demanded at once that I should give him some information concerning our faith, in which I suppose he expected to have some fun. Our talk commenced before noon, and when we had conversed an hour or two on the Scriptures he became serious on the subject, and seemed astonished to find that we believed so much, and our organization was so much like that laid down in the Scripture by our Savior. What might I say? I can assure you that my lungs were sore, for the questions put were not a few. I had Bro. G. A. Smith's "Answers to Questions" and the "Discourses on Celestial Marriage." He read them and wanted to buy them; but as they were the only ones I had, I could not well spare them. His company was very agreeable the entire trip, and before we parted he assured me that as far as his influence went the people of Utah should enjoy their homes and religion unmolested. He wished me to write you to send him a list of our church books, with their prices. His address is L. Compton, Rockport, Ill.

I reached this place on the 24th and was kindly received by my friends. A few days after my arrival I heard of an Elder traveling through the country. I hunted him up and found Evan M. Greene, from Smithfield, Cache county. We have held two meetings, and expected to hold more but Bro. Greene was taken very sick at his brother's, thirty miles from here. He sent for me to visit him. I did so. He had also sent for Bro. Barlow, of Salt Lake City. We laid our hands upon him and washed him, stayed over night and left him much better.

There seems much curiosity manifested to see a "Mormon," but no great desire to understand the truth. But I pray the Lord will open the hearts of the honest to see and understand the truth, and to give them courage to obey it.

I remain your brother in the Gospel of Christ,

T. SLEIGHT.

THE SOCIAL EVIL IN NEW YORK.—

The number of professional women in N. Y. city is estimated at 10,000. Three-eighths are born in the United States. New York furnishes the most, then Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, the Middle States the next largest number, then the Southern States, and last the Western States. Five-eighths are born abroad. Of these Ireland furnished more than one half, Germany about one-sixth, England one-twelfth, British North America one-twentieth. In large numbers these fallen girls begin their career of shame almost immediately upon entering the United States. Up to the 1st of January the different institutions for the reclamation of fallen women had cared for 1,403 unfortunates.

MARSHAL'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION to me directed from the District Court, 2d Judicial District of the Territory of Utah, against CHAS. DAVIES et al and in favor of JAMES D. HARRIS & CO., for the sum of six hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty-five cents, I have levied upon the following named property, to-wit:—

North half of lot No. 6, south half lot No. 4, west half lot No. 5, in Block No. 13, plot A, also lot No. 6, Block 14, plot A, City Survey, and will offer the same for sale at public auction, on March 31st, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., to the highest bidder for cash, at the door of the Court House, Salt Lake City.

J. D. T. MCALISTER, Territorial Marshal.

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