

and radical. Among the most outspoken is the *Englishman*, edited by Dr. Kenealy, the counsel for the Tichborne claimant, who, in consequence of some of its outspoken and radical articles, has been disbarred. I think some of its articles eclipse some of the scurrilous sheets that go by the name of newspapers in America. The manner in which they talk about royalty, the government, the church, and public men, if it increases for a few years to come as it has done recently, must compel, I am sure, some restraint to be placed upon the now free press. Nothing is allowed to pass by without being freely commented upon, and the churches receive their due share. Advertisements of curacies, rectories, and other livings in the church are held up in anything but a complimentary manner.

I believe I am correct in saying there are no strikes of any importance going on at the present time in England, although the miners are restless. This disposition to strike seems to be chronic with them. During the last strike public sympathy for them lessened very much, for they did not receive the support they expected. Labor, I believe, is considered plentiful and the working classes are generally well employed and I suppose are satisfied when they have plenty of work.

Intemperance does not lessen, but rather increases. The liquor business is assuming gigantic proportions. The capital invested reaches the enormous sum of £117,000,000. I believe it outrivals all other branches. Only think of the power and influence so much capital must have in this country, and we can form some idea of the magnitude of the evil to contend with. All efforts of earnest, working, sincere men seem powerless to grapple with this great evil.

In Over Darwen there has been a very serious outbreak of fever. This is one of the towns where a small branch of the Church exists. I was informed by a gentleman in the factory business that at one time over 1000 looms were idle in consequence of the fever. This, in a population of twenty thousand, will give you some idea of the malignity of the epidemic. The mortality was very great and everything and everybody were blamed. Finally they blamed the sanitary condition of the town. Some of the children in the families of the Saints were afflicted, but all recovered.

You will perceive by the *Star* the progress of the work in these lands. I believe the brethren are doing their utmost to bring our principles prominently before the people. We note with pleasure the response to the call for men to work upon the Temple, the working of the United Order, and all other material prosperity of our mountain home. Our hearts are grateful for the overruling Providence that still surrounds the people of God, and our continued prayers are offered up in behalf of the Saints.

I am in the enjoyment of the best of health. The brethren tell me I am looking well. I know I am gaining in weight and I feel first rate.

WM. B. BARTON.

#### Mormonism in Indiana and Ohio.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.,  
December 27, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

I left Washington City 10th of Nov., visited relatives near Cincinnati about two weeks and found nearly all with whom I talked ready and willing with unprejudiced minds to listen to and talk upon what they chose to term "Mormonism."

After leaving there I visited some very kind friends, whom I found at Richmond, Ind. They were very much surprised that among all the other changes during the past eight years I had actually joined the "Mormons." But they discountenanced the newspaper reports which are so frequently manufactured at Salt Lake and sent out to the world, and were much surprised that the "Mormons" were so industrious and numerous, also that their doctrines were so good. Many of them believed that the signs spoken of in the last of Mark should actually follow the believer now as in the days of Jesus and the Apostles. They asked questions and seemed to have confidence in me that I would tell them the truth. I ex-

plained all I could and prayed God to teach me what to say and accompany the word with the Spirit unto the convincing of those who might be honestly enquiring after the truth. I believe there are some in Richmond who will embrace the true Gospel when they hear it preached.

I next visited relatives in Arcanum, Ohio, who were more inclined to believe newspaper reports and seemed to think they could not trust what I said of the "Mormons" and their institutions for fear I might want to delude them. In fact all my relatives are more prejudiced than others. But nearly all think that I am sincere in my belief and that my wife is also. She has accompanied me in all my visits so far. Her relatives live near Cincinnati and were somewhat inclined to believe the true Gospel, which gives us hope that some day we may perhaps be instrumental in the hands of God of bringing them into the Church.

After visiting one week at Arcanum, Ohio, we next went to Winchester, Ind., near which I have relatives. My brother-in-law there is a local Methodist preacher. He and I had some very serious arguments, but all went off pleasantly and we had an excellent time while there. They did not know that we were "Mormons" for two or three days after we got there. But they treated us just the same as before. They have singing and prayer before going to bed and in the morning they have reading from the Bible and prayer before breakfast.

Our next place was Muncie, Ind., where my half-brother lives, who is not a member of any church. He says a new system of religion will have to be invented or brought about before he can be suited. I told him I had the pure article, and loaned him the "Key to Theology" for an indefinite time, with a prayer that it might satisfactorily answer his skepticism.

Logansport, Ind., was the next place on the list, where one of my sisters lives, whose husband is a Methodist preacher, a regular shouting revivalist, but he seems to be a good man and always engaged in good works. But so far he believes the story that all people are permitted to believe who oppose or find fault with "Mormonism," that "the Book of Mormon was written by an invalid Presbyterian preacher, who never intended it should go to the public." He said he had the testimony of this preacher's wife, who was an excellent, good woman, and also the testimony of others. I answered that the Book of Mormon contained nothing that would in any way disagree with the Bible, or that would encourage wickedness in any way, shape or form; that in regard to polygamy, it did not show God's approval of it so often or near so much as the old Testament; and that we did not believe polygamy should be practised now merely because the Old Testament showed Divine approval (which is admitted by all), while the New Testament is almost entirely silent on that point, but because we believed God had given us a revelation on the celestial law of marriage, explaining plainly polygamy, and desiring his servants to enter into marriages of that kind. I told him that the Book of Mormon was not published to get gain or to bind together a band of thieves, and he failed to show that the Prophet Joseph had an evil instead of a good object in bringing it forth.

During the last three years I have read nearly all our publications, some of them twice, and have read nearly all the works I could find against our doctrines, which has served to increase my faith. I find now, while visiting among old friends and relatives, that every argument I have investigated both sides for me. Even when talking with the learned on the subject of religion, they utterly fail to prove that there is one erroneous doctrine taught by the Latter-day Saints, and they also fail to show me a system that is half as good as the one Jesus has permitted me to embrace.

We were at Logansport over a week and came here a week before Christmas. We have relatives and also several old acquaintances here, some of whom I have already seen and mentioned to them the "dispensation of the fullness of times." I hope to see all before we leave for the west, and by the help of God point out to them the straight and narrow way that leads to life everlasting.

In the Methodist weekly paper, the *Western Christian Advocate*, of Dec. 9th, is an account of the miraculous healing of a lady through prayer, which I think is an excellent lesson to those who say such things were done away. If the case actually occurred I believe it was designed as a lesson to those who would do away with such blessings.

If you know of any Latter-day Saints here or any missionaries that have been sent here, will you please be kind enough to drop me a line on a postal card or otherwise give me the information. Mrs. H. and myself are strangers among a strange people, although this is the land of our nativity. But we have most of our publications with us and shall early look for the Weekly News, *Woman's Exponent*, and correspondence from our friends in Utah. May the kingdom of God continue to grow on earth and all the interests of Zion be prospered is the prayer of your brother in the Gospel.

H. J. HILL.

JONES OF NEVADA.—The Hon. John P. Jones, one of the United States senators from Nevada, who made considerable of a sensation at Washington last winter, began the New Year well, that is, by entering the grand army of Benedicts.

On New Year's day he married Miss Georgiana F. Sullivan, youngest daughter of Eugene L. Sullivan, of San Francisco, where the noble deed was done, the happy, happy pair leaving the next day for Gold Hill, Nevada. The ceremony was kept as private as possible, and only a few of the most intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom were bidden to the marriage. Forty persons sat down to a magnificent supper, after which the high contracting parties retired to Oakland.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF TWO DAYS.—The telegraph is burdened with the recital of some dreadful crimes that have been committed in various sections of the country during the past two days. The most shocking of all is reported from Philadelphia, where an unfortunate girl, victim to her own sin, was murdered by medical malpractice and her mutilated remains conveyed to the dissecting room of a college. Near Boston a young child was foully outraged by a negro, and now hovers between life and death. The ruffian assassins of the mining regions in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, Pennsylvania, have killed two men against whom they had a grudge, and the immunity of similar criminals affords little reason to believe that they will ever be detected and punished. Two of Pinkerton's detectives, who were in the dangerous quest after the night-raiders and train robbers of southwestern Missouri, were found dead near Kansas City on Saturday. An organized effort was made on Saturday evening by the convicts in the New York State penitentiary at Auburn to fire the building. The flames were started in several detached structures, but were extinguished, although during the confusion a notorious counterfeiter and some other prisoners escaped.—*Washington Star*, Dec. 21.

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