

can come now with impunity, as the Ward turned out in force on Monday, November 6, and on Saturday, November 11, and made eighteen good crossings, put in seventeen foot bridges, kindly furnished by the supervisor, and also made good several mudholes in the streets, hauling, in all, over 600 loads of gravel.

"Yours truly,
"A Lover of Good Streets and Crossings."

In Switzerland.—From a private letter from Elder Reinhard Maeser, dated at Villeret, Switzerland, Sept. 28, we learn that he is laboring in the Berne and Jura Conference, in that country, and enjoys his labors very much, expressing much anxiety that he may be able to perform his missionary duties with diligence and faithfulness. Before proceeding to his field of labor he spent twelve weeks among his relatives, in Germany, there completing his studies in the German language, getting a good understanding of it, but on arriving in Switzerland he found there was a great difference in dialect, and he had almost to begin over again, but he was able to express his sentiments and views with tolerable clearness to the understanding of the people among whom he is traveling. In his letter he bears testimony to the truth of the gospel as taught by the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Guard the Little Ones. — An able article, by a physician of Buffalo, appears in the New York Tribune, from which we make extracts that may be valuable, at a time when diseases common among children are prevalent—

"In my practice as a physician I often meet with people who think that young children are in less danger when taken with the diseases so common to childhood than older persons are with the same diseases. Such persons will carelessly and even purposely expose their babies and children to measles, scarlet fever, or whooping cough. Some have a false, foolish, and pernicious notion that it is natural for children to have these diseases, and think the sooner or younger they have them the better. If one of their grown up boys or girls is taken with one of these diseases their alarm is great, for fear 'it will go so hard with him.' But let us look at the facts as proved by statistics and the opinions of experienced and eminent medical men.

"First, in regard to scarlet fever, Thomas, a German author, says: 'With the increasing years of childhood the prognosis of scarlet fever becomes decidedly better.' Russeger found in his experience with this disease, that of children under 5 years, 20 per cent. died; of children from 5 to 10 years, 15 per cent. died; of children from 10 to 15 years, only 6 per cent. died; while in 27 cases in persons 15 years old or over, not one died."

He then goes on to show, by reliable statistics, the per centages of deaths from the age of one year up to the twentieth, and to prove that the rate of mortality diminishes with increased age. And this is proved by records kept by physicians, with extensive practice, during severe epidemics of this disease. He then says—

"Next we will look at measles. Thomas says in regard to this disease: 'Disregarding the fact that healthy children under six months old are attacked very mildly, if at all, the rule may be laid down that measles are essentially dangerous only for young or very young children; that its danger decreases rapidly with accession of years, and in the late years of childhood is already at a minimum. In old people, who, however, are rarely attacked, the disease is again dangerous.'"

"Concerning whooping cough, our own Flint says: 'This disease is rarely fatal of itself, but occurring in the course of other diseases, as measles or the ailments incident to teething, it is apt to prove a serious affection.' Again, 'Young children with this disease, especially during teething, are sometimes carried off by convulsions.'"

"Small-pox every one shuns, and I believe no persons are guilty of purposely exposing their children to it. But, as in the above diseases, children, if attacked, are much

more likely to die than older persons. For proof see Flint and Curshmann.

"Before vaccination was discovered by Jenner, one-tenth of all children died of this loathsome disease. Let those who object to vaccination ponder this fact, compare those times with the present, and act accordingly.

"Vaccination, however, protects for a limited time only, in some persons much longer than in others; therefore it is a good rule to be properly vaccinated once every eight years, or oftener. In the Winter of 1872 and 1873, Buffalo City was freed from an epidemic of small-pox as if by magic, immediately after vaccination was made free and almost universal by the city authorities.

"Diphtheria also follows the rule of being much more fatal in young children than in older ones. But no one is likely to covet this disease either for themselves or children, for the reason that having had one attack is little or no protection against a second.

"From the above, it will be seen that the very young and the very old are less able to survive disease of most any kind than those of more vigorous years; also that exposure to any disease should be avoided if possible and consistent with duty."

Our Country Contemporaries.

Ogden Junction, Nov. 14—

Small-pox has appeared again in the Ballinger family. It appears that some clothing, which had been buried and supposed to be disinfected, was exhumed and washed by a member of the family, and this is surmised to be the cause of the reappearance of the disease in that household. This should serve as a warning to all who may have buried anything intended for future use, it should be allowed to remain a sufficient time to ensure disinfection, and then be washed by some person who has been afflicted with the malady. Better to let the clothing rot than to be liable to rot yourselves.

Yesterday morning two boys, sons of Mr. Robert Wilson, of Harrisville, aged nine and thirteen years respectively, went out on the prairie to get a load of brush. While they were there a son of Mr. McIntyre came along with a gun loaded with slugs, which he laid down on the ground. He talked with the boys awhile, and moving around forgot where he had put the gun. The youngest of the Wilson boys ran and picked it up, saying, "Here it is," when the gun was immediately discharged, the contents entering the older brother Wilson's left arm and breast, killing him instantly. The arm was dreadfully shattered and one slug went through his left ear. His parents are in great grief over this lamentable affair, this being the second bereavement of the same kind in their family. Six or eight years ago they lost one of their sons by a similar terrible accident. This fatal occurrence has cast a gloom over the whole settlement.

It is not considered a subject of laughter in New Haven to see a young woman prowling around with a cowhide, looking after a theological student.

It is claimed that a Georgia negress, 15 years old, is the mother of five children, having first had triplets, and eleven months afterwards twins.

Miss Lydia Stokes, of Georgia, has had over 100 pins and needles taken from her body, and it is believed that the crop is well nigh exhausted.

Bruce had recourse to the sword, Telf to bow and arrow, and Washington appealed to the God of battles, but when a woman strikes for liberty, she uses anything she can lay her hands on.—Brooklyn Argus.

The Woman's Journal asks: "When shall woman get her rights? We should think she might find them in almost any shoe store, unless the proprietor is keeping merely a supply of lefts for one-legged females, though this of course is not probable."—Norwich Bulletin.

From Punch:—"Oh, mamma, that's Captain Jones' knock! I know he has come to ask me to be his wife!"

"Well, my dear, you must accept him."

"But I thought you hated him?"

"Hate him? I do—so much that I mean to be his mother-in-law!"

Not a thousand miles from Richmond a wife lay in a dying condition. Having brought up a clever orphan girl who was grown, the dying woman called the young woman to her and said: "I will soon leave you my little children motherless. They know you and love you, and after I am gone I want you and my husband to marry." The young woman burst into tears, and said: "We were just talking about that."—Lynchburg (Va.) News.

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