

Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross Society, has rented a beautiful house in the suburb of Havana called the Cerro, (the Hill), and is now residing there with her secretary. It is an immense place—a typical Cuban casa, of twenty rooms with marble floors, fountain and statuary in its patio, and beautiful garden full of roses and tall palms. Not least among its beauties is a bath-house in the grounds—a sort of Grecian temple, circular in form, built up over a pool of clear cool water, with marble steps leading down into it. It is the design, I believe, to convert the place into a hospital, or an orphan asylum, for deserving reconcentrados.

Since my first visit to Jaruco, Miss Barton has been there and made a surprising change in that wretched place. A house has been hired in which to store the American food, from which it is to be regularly distributed; and above it floats the Stars and Stripes.

Committees have been organized among the citizens to carry on the good work systematically; and stanger than all, an actually clean hospital has been inaugurated—a perpetual astonishment to the people.

One of the woes of this part of Cuba is the scarcity of water, so many of the wells having been purposely dried by one army or the other. There is some excuse for the general filthiness of the poor when water is not to be had within five miles, and swollen limbs, weak from hunger, cannot go so far to get it. Of course the Cubans attributed the drying of the wells to the Spanish army; but the insurgents are responsible for as much of it.

One of Gen. Gomez's precepts is that "Everything which helps the enemy must be destroyed; everything which hinders and harasses him must be accomplished."

The political prisoner, Matamaras, of whom I wrote in the previous letter, is dead. I told you how we begged the Spanish comandants at Jaruco to have the dying man moved into a more comfortable cell and to allow friends from the outside to bring him food, and how the officers readily promised all we desired. But it did not need this incident to demonstrate the value of Spanish promises! The only act of grace accorded the political prisoner—who had been arrested only on suspicion of being a rebel and had never had any pretence of a trial—was permission to leave the door of the same noisome cell, from which he was not removed, a few inches ajar. Nothing else was done to relieve his last moments; and after two years of close confinement he died of foul air and starvation. His last words were, "Oh, cruelty! Tell the world what these Spaniards are doing to my poor people."

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#### NORTH OGDEN NOTES.

North Ogden, Utah,

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Some length of time has elapsed since this favored spot, nestling in the nook of the Wasatch range, has been heard from through the valuable space of the "News."

The very excellent weather we have been favored with for some time has been utilized by the farmers, gardeners and orchardists of this place in preparing and putting in their spring crops. The present high price of onions has stimulated the planting of a larger acreage than usual, one individual having supplied enough home grown seed for twelve acres to different parties. But little interest is manifested as yet in the planting of beets for the Ogden sugar factory, the principal reason being the lack of facilities for transportation. The distance is too great for transportation by team and an effort

to secure right of way over the Hot Springs motor line for cars to the factory has apparently fallen through.

A very enjoyable time was had in the Pleasant View ward on the 12th inst. in the form of a ward reunion. An interesting program of impromptu exercises was carried out in the meeting house, while three long tables arranged in the school house just south of the street were being loaded down with the most palatable eatables and drinkables of the season—enough to satisfy the most voracious of the inner man, and sufficient left to supply each individual not privileged to be present with a like quantity. Bishop Ward and R. T. Berrett of North Ogden, and other distinguished visitors were present.

A very enjoyable time was had with the family of James Barker of this place on the 2nd inst., celebrating the 47th anniversary of his and his amiable wife's marriage. A number of their relatives and friends were present and engaged in the festivities of the occasion as follows: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Minerva Hickman, Margaret Storey, and Mrs. B. F. Blaylock, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. William Barker of View ward, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shaw, Mesdames Sarah Berrett, five daughters living, fifty grandchildren—Ellen Homes and Mr. F. G. Clifford. After doing ample justice to a copious spread of the delicacies of the season, musical exercises were engaged in with instrumental accompaniment by Lyman Barker and F. W. Ellis. Brother and Sister Barker have three sons and the sons and three of the sons-in-law and five great-grandchildren, all residing in North Ogden except the family of W. F. Garner, who resides at Clifton, Idaho, and was for several years Bishop of that ward. Two of mania for two and a half years, and have filled honorable missions in the earth, one to the far off island of Tahiti and trust among the people. They nearly all of them are in positions of honor and trust among the people. They are also well connected in other parts of the earth. A sister to Brother Barker, Matilda, of Iowa county, Wisconsin, was for eight years an able and leading school teacher of that locality, and in course of time married Alonzo Jenkes, also a noted school teacher, having served in that capacity before and after marriage twenty-four years. They raised a respectable family, one of whom, Aldro Jenkes, is now recognized as one of the leading lawyers Wisconsin, serving as district attorney, member of the county board and mayor of Dodgeville, and is at present probate judge of his native county, his election over Attorney Geo. Whitman, one of the most popular attorneys in the county, evidencing his popularity. He was married to Miss Laura Goodsell, a daughter of Hon. E. B. Goodsell, member of the constitutional convention of that state in 1947. A brother to Miss Laura was elected probate judge of Grant county the same day that Brother Barker's nephew Aldro Jenkes, was elected probate judge of Iowa county.

Our district schools are doing excellent work under the management of R. N. Ames of this place, Charles E. Maw of Plain City, and Miss Stimson of Riverdale. For lack of room the intermediate department is taught in the hall. The trustees, however, contemplate enlarging the school building to accommodate all the departments during the summer vacation.

A. H. Rogers of this place is at home from his school in Farr West on account of sickness.

L. Waldram of North Ogden is teaching the Slaterville school, while John Q. Blaylock also of this place is teaching the Warren district school.

Elder J. G. Kimball of the first seven presidents of Seventies held a series of

interesting meetings recently in North Ogden with the Seventies of North Ogden and Pleasant View. In compliance with his request at a meeting of the council on the 11th inst., seven names for missionary work were selected.

Our Sunday school is now doing excellent work, being graded into kindergarten, primary, first and second intermediate, and theological departments, under willing and efficient teachers. The kindergarten and primary departments hold in the school house, separated by folding doors, which are open for opening and closing. The program is laid for six months, seven teachers working through both departments—10 minutes allotted to each exercise, each teacher taking up his or her exercise just on the minute. To illustrate—the first ten minutes is occupied by Emily Brown in the kindergarten and Thos. Storey in the primary; from 10:40 to 10:50 B. F. Blaylock gives chart lesson in the kindergarten, while David Shupe is lecturing in primary on Life of Christ; David Shupe then gives Life by Thomas Storey with Life of Moses, while motion, songs and singing practice are engaged in primary by Lucy Randall, Cora Ellis and Lillian Ferrin, for twenty minutes from 10:50 to 11:10; the music is then taken into the kindergarten, while the chart lesson is being delivered in the primary from 11:10 to 11:20; then comes pupils' and visitors' work from 11:20 to 11:30, followed by the closing exercises. The other departments hold in the meeting house divided by curtains, laying their plans also for from three to six months and doing good work under the direction of Superintendent N. Montgomery and his assistants, J. A. Clark and John Q. Blaylock.

Next Thursday, March 17th, the Relief Society of this place will hold a reunion in our meeting house in commemoration of the birthday of Sister Zina D. H. Young.

The health of the people of our ward is generally good except some aged people, who have passed the allotted span of life. Sister Lillias Clark, nearly 80, relict of the late Wm. Gibson of Woodman-Gibson discussion fame, is very feeble and has been for some time.

RUFFIN READY.

#### KANAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

Kanab Stake conference was held in Kanab Feb. 26 and 27, 1898. There were present on the occasion, the Kanab Stake presidency and a majority of the High Council and all of the Bishops but one, of the various wards. Of visiting brethren with us, were Elders J. Parry, A. C. Buchannon, J. McQuarrie and W. S. Lamoreaux from various parts of the State laboring in the interest of the Mutual Improvement cause.

During the first day many good instructions were given in the interest of the young men in this State. Saturday evening the Y. M. M. I. A. conference was held. On Sunday morning at 9 o'clock the Kanab Sunday school convened in the school house, and at 10 a. m. the conference convened as usual in the Social hall. The remarks of the speakers during the conference were spirited and timely. A new list of home missionaries was presented and sustained.

Directly after the afternoon meeting on Sunday the Seventies held their conference, meeting in the school house, and had an enjoyable time while the Y. L. M. I. Association conference was held in the Hall. In the evening a Sunday school review was held in which an excellent program was carried out.

F. L. PORTER,  
Stake Clerk.

Whisky is a drug on the market when you have to get it at a drug store on a prescription.