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WOLVERHAMPTON,
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President Brigham Young:—

Dear Brother—Having a few leisure moments, I do not know that they can be better employed than giving you a view in a small way how things are moving in this part of the Lord's vineyard. I am happy to say by the careful management of Bro. Moses Thatcher and the assistance of the Spirit of the Lord, the work is moving steadily along. There are three traveling Elders here in the Birmingham Conference, my brother Chariton, Henry J. Moore and myself. There is a branch in Barrow, in Furness, in Lancashire, made up of Saints removed from this conference. It is 160 miles distant. Bro. James Stuart is and has been laboring there ever since last October. He gives very favorable reports, that the strangers are anxious to know concerning the principles as taught by the Latter-day Saints, he has baptized three.

The spirit of the Lord is working up on the hearts of the people in the vicinity of Birmingham and I may say throughout the entire Conference. There are a good many strangers coming forth to investigate for themselves, and recently quite a number have rendered obedience and gone down into the water of baptism. A spirit of inquiry is being manifested by those who heretofore would have nothing to do with our doctrines, and many see that the predictions of the servants of God are being brought round.

Bro. Thatcher is using every available means to give the people a fair warning, that they may be left without excuse. The brethren and sisters are round every week distributing tracts. Many receive them kindly, some slam the doors in their faces. Occasionally, where a tract has been left, the people see the brothers or sisters coming, open the door wide enough to shove it through, and tell them not to come there with any more of their rubbish. Others say the parson says it is false doctrine, &c. Occasionally, some who have been rude and denied the tract, when they see the distributors, will call after and ask them to give them one. The brethren and sisters are not backward in letting their overseers and shop-mates have the printed word, that they may judge between right and wrong, and not be dependant upon those who are paid to think for so many I may say millions of the human family.

Financially the Saints are, in many instances, in straightened circumstances, on account of the stagnation of business generally, throughout the country. But although poor in this world's wealth, they are striving to amass the riches of heaven, and treasure up wealth that the grasping and unscrupulous masters in the world cannot deprive them of. The condition of the laboring class is indeed deplorable throughout the country. Masters are grinding down the men in their wages on every hand. If a man dare speak about more wages, he is discharged on the spot. But, through all the hard times, our people have been greatly blessed in obtaining work. If there has been any to get, they have secured it. Trade is very bad, and provisions high.

We have an institution (that is the Government) for making paupers on the shortest notice, and filling the workhouse and poorhouse to overflowing, as well as the streets with human beings who have got to live honestly or dishonestly. If begging cannot supply the want, theft must.

I am happy to say that there are none of the Saints driven to these extremities. We try and look after those in straightened circumstances, and assist them all we can.

Ever since our Conference, which was held on the 26th of January, the Saints have seemed to be filled with new life and determination to press on in the good work and use their talent for the upbuilding of the kingdom. They are all looking forward to the glorious future, that will bring them deliverance, and burst asunder the galling bands which bind them, and make them slaves to the will of wicked, merciless men. They are anxiously waiting for the morn to dawn when they can bid adieu to the land of their birth, and go to their homes in the west. At our Conference I noticed a difference in the people who attended; they were of a higher class of society than those who usually attend. They paid good attention, and we all believe that a great amount of good will be done.

The talk about immigration is bring-

ing to life many of the old bones that have been kicking about for years. The last few weeks have brought some to meeting who could not find time to come for the last few years; they are ready to testify to the truth of the work, and some wind up with what they have done years ago—what privations they have under gone, &c.

Brother Thatcher is well in spirits, but has been troubled with a cold, which for the last two or three weeks, has troubled him some, but he is getting over it. Chariton is well and feeling the same. Brother Moore is also well. My health has not been hardly as good as I could have wished, but nothing serious. When warm weather returns I will be all right. We all join in sending love to you and bro. Kimball and Wells. Praying God to bless you and prolong your days, I remain, your bro. in the gospel,

ZEBULON JACOBS.

Provo, Feb. 29th, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—Solely to remedy, in part, the dreadful neglect of Postmasters, I send you the following list of letter packages that arrived at this place this afternoon, in the mail from St. George:—

One package plainly addressed to Washington, one to Kanarrhah, one to Cedar City, one to Chicken Creek, one to Deseret City, two to Cedar Springs, one to Manti, one to Ephriam, one to Moroni, two to Mt. Pleasant, one to Santaquin, one to Piontown, and two to Springville.

I recollect once being in the post office at Beaver, and, in the mail sack just then from Salt Lake City, of seeing several packages addressed to persons in Salt Lake City, and papers and letters (among which were packages of the News and Telegraph) to almost every intermediate place. Nearly all of these parcels were plainly addressed. If the postmasters know what an impediment to business it is, and how much people were annoyed with this state of things, they certainly would be more careful. I recollect that one of the packages I saw at Beaver, was addressed to Mr. Amos Reed (the name printed thereon) soon after his appointment as Secretary.

Respectfully, yours, &c.,

A. MILTON MUSSER.

PAYSON, Feb. 29, 1868.

Dear Bro. Cannon:—For the first time since your occupation of the chair editorial in the News Office, I sent myself to scribble a few items for its dear old columns. The Editor of the News has ever had my sympathies and prayers, and I will add my support, so far as subscribing and paying for the paper is concerned. I realize, in some small degree, the responsibilities, the cares, and the labors that devolve upon you, as editor of the Church organ, as a public servant, and I hope I may ever feel to contribute my mite to sustain you as such.

LEAP YEAR BALLS.

This, you know, is no ordinary kind of year. Aside from the importance it assumes, on account of the grand presidential campaign that will occupy much of the attention of the nation, it is, you know, Leap Year, and therefore a very interesting epoch to the ladies. Since the incoming of their privileged year, the ladies of Payson have been no ways slow in availing themselves of the opportunities thus presented, not of getting husbands any faster than usual, I believe, but of getting up parties for the purpose of procuring means to contribute to the great fund that is being raised all over our Territory, to assist in gathering the poor Saints from Europe. Sister M. Simons, sister A. McLean and sister Dimick, lead off with a grand ball some weeks since; and last evening our Hall was again crowded with merry dancers, sisters L. J. Wightman and Eliza L. Cannon presiding over the festivities. The Hall was fitted up with inimitable taste and elegance. Mirrors, dressing stands, banners, organ, and carpeted platform for the musicians, all crowned with wreaths of evergreen, and the whole scene brilliantly illuminated by chandeliers and lamps, also adorned with evergreen, suggested to the mind the proprieties and decorum due to the presence of lovely woman in her own elegant boudoir or charming bower. Dancing was the chief feature of the occasion, but food for the intellectual man was not wanting. An opening address was read by sister Jane Simons, and essays, recitations, songs and toasts were frequently called for and responded to by several of those present. I had but one fault to find, and that was, there were

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