

Some of the learned scribes have tried to show us from the Bible that we are wrong, but before they got through with us they found out that the Lord has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the wise. One of these learned gentlemen, a German Baptist, came to the house where we were staying and argued with us till eleven o'clock. We finally got him cornered up and he denied all of the old Bible and all of the gifts and blessings that Christ said should follow the believer. About two months after that we were back in that neighborhood again. Conen found out that we were there. He came to the house where we were staying in the morning. He had his Bible with him with the corners of the leaves turned down on a great many passages of scripture that he had been studying since we were there before. The first thing we tried to prove was that John the Baptist was Elijah, spoken of in the last chapter of Malachi, and fulfilled that prophecy when he was on the earth. He read numerous passages that he thought proved his doctrine. We asked him if he believed that a man was born more than once. He said no, he did not believe that. Then we asked him how John and Elijah could be the same person. He could not explain that but he still believed they were the same person. He failed to convert us on that point, but he was not discouraged yet, he had several other points of doctrine that he thought he could convince us of. He said Paul was the Angel that John the revelator saw flying through the midst of heaven having the everlasting Gospel to preach to every nation, kindred tongue and people, and fulfilled that prophecy when he carried the Gospel to the Gentiles, and that the Gentiles were the other sheep that Christ spoke of, and that they heard the voice of God through Paul and were gathered into the fold. He had also found out from reading the Bible that the Jews would never be gathered again, and a great many other points too numerous to mention. All this he had learned by obeying the commandments of the Savior, "seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened." He had scripture to prove what he said, as he thought. We showed him from the Bible where he was wrong on every point, and told him that the things of God were understood only by the Spirit of God, and told him how he could obtain the Spirit of God and explained to him the true plan of salvation and bore our testimony to him that the Gospel that we preached was true and was being preached to all the world as a witness, that the end will soon come, and that those that reject it will be among those that will call for the rocks to fall on them to hide them from the presence of the Lord when he comes to reign on the earth. He stayed with us till four o'clock in the afternoon.

His arguments are a fair sample of what we have to meet with very often. We feel truly thankful to the Lord for the knowledge of the Gospel that we have and that we have been counted worthy to proclaim it to some of those that sit in darkness. We know that the Lord sustains us in our labors and that He hears and answers our prayers when we pray in faith. We would advise

all of the young men of our Church to get a testimony of the Gospel and make themselves familiar with the scriptures before they are called to fill a mission, and leave off all of their bad habits; as the Scriptures say, "be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." If they will profit by this advice they will escape some of the hard knocks and humiliations that a missionary receives who is not prepared when he is called.

For fear we will weary your patience we will close, ever praying for the welfare of Zion.

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HERER BILLS.

WINTER WORK IN TETON.

TETON, Fremont county, Idaho,
March 6, 1895.

Seeing reports from almost every ward, I thought you may also listen to a report from the Teton ward, Bannock Stake.

We have a growing settlement, the most beautiful location in all the Snake River valley, and a very prosperous, happy people, fast becoming well-off in this world's goods, and possessing very robust minds. We have spent the winter, which has been very mild and favorable, with our horses wintering out; they are in good condition this spring. Now, when the snow is almost all gone, the people are enjoying good health, only a few cases of measles (but very mild), for all of which we continue to give God the praise. We have a most excellent Sunday school and primary class. Our Y. M. M. I. association is held on Sunday night with a crowded house all the time, deep interest being took by our young and old men. Our Y. L. M. I. A. is also largely attended, being held every Tuesday evening. Our amusements consist of a dance every Friday evening which is well patronized and conducted with strict propriety, opened and closed by prayer in our ward meeting house, with picnic and surprise parties all the time, we believing ourselves to be a social set of people all well met. We have two home missionaries and two Sunday school missionaries called from our ward, and they are always at the place of their appointment.

Our young men gave out a notice a week ago for all that were able (we knew they were willing) to turn out and haul firewood for the widows that live in our midst; and in that morning there was a large response, twenty-four loads being hauled to the four widows, and twenty-five loads to our ward meeting house. During the time the boys were after the wood our young ladies (they never being behind) got together and arranged for a picnic and dance at night to warm and cheer the boys; and at early lamp light our meeting house was full. The dance went on for awhile, then supper was announced, and this was in every respect a credit to the ladies, well suited for the occasion; all ate until they cried, "no, thanks." Then came songs, recitations and speeches for a short time, when, to gratify the young, the dance was again indulged in. Finally, after again invoking God's blessing, all went to rest.

Our worthy Bishop, John E. Pincocke, did not feel, however, like

giving it up that way; so next Sunday he gave it out in meeting that on Tuesday all hands would turn out and chop the wood that had been hauled. At the time appointed over forty turned out and chopped all the widows' wood, and they have a better and larger supply of fuel now than they will burn this year. Besides, a big quantity was chopped for the meeting house.

Well, here we are, and if you know of any that need a home, send them along; all we want is for people to mind their own business; there is plenty of room for a great many more families, and wealth for honest labor.

ROBERT MCKINLEY.

IN OLD MEXICO.

COLONIA JUAREZ, Mexico,
March 1st, 1895.

A few words from this burg may be of interest to the many readers of the NEWS. Juarez has an altitude of 5100 feet above sea level, and being so far to the south, we have a very pleasant climate. The fall has been exceedingly fine and pleasant. The first of February gave us a heavy snow fall for this section and the snow remained on the ground nearly a week, which had a profitable effect, as it moistened Mother Earth over a foot in depth and made it agreeable for our farmers to turn the soil. It also had another favorable feature, namely to keep the atmosphere cold, which has kept the buds back on our trees, so they are now just commencing sending forth their beautiful flowers. Our prospects at present are very favorable for a prosperous fruit year; and when we do have fruit it is very delicious.

Elders Goddard and Maesser have just visited us, and they gave excellent teachings, which will long be remembered.

They spoke in such a kind and fatherly manner that it was much appreciated by the people.

Our Arbor Day for the planting of trees has arrived and many a hand is busy in beautifying and planting trees, so that our village may be enticing to the stranger and a comfort to our inhabitants. Our water resources are on the increase, and it seems that as the people grow in numbers, so is the supply multiplying in proportion, for which we are grateful to our heavenly Father.

Stock has had a ready sale for cash the last few months at a reasonable figure, which has had a tendency to increase the circulating medium. Hard times is often one's lot in new settlements, but thrift and energy should stand ahead and hard times would be entirely lost, for where economy is coupled with thrift and energy success is sure to follow. I know of an old lady nearly 70 years old who lives in this place. Her daughter died and left six small orphan children. This noble old lady took the children and has now provided for them nearly three years. They are kept well dressed and tidy, do not draw support from the tithing or other charitable institutions, but by being frugal and doing what they can, working six days in the week and spending the Sabbath in the house of the Lord, giving praises to His protecting care, they get along nicely. It may be asked how do they