

**A Kindly Word.**—A short time since Dr. E. A. Scammon, of Columbus, Kansas, a nephew by marriage of President Woodruff, paid a visit to the city, and was here with his relatives during the whole of the last General Conference. The following appears in the *Advocate*, a paper published in Columbus:

Our fellow townsman, Dr. E. A. Scammon, returned from Utah Territory Wednesday last, where in company with his mother he had been visiting relatives several weeks. His mother had a sister residing in Salt Lake City, her husband being one of the twelve apostles, and in fact the President of the chosen Twelve. Yesterday the doctor called and we forthwith proceeded to interview him upon Utah, her people and her capital. In reply to our interrogations the doctor's replies were published in his own language:

"Salt Lake City is a most beautiful city, pure mountain water running in each side street, heavy shade trees, cool and refreshing on hot days. City surrounded by mountains, snow in some of them the year round. The valley, where water can be had in very productive. Much wealth in the city and grand buildings. I saw the Tabernacle full during conference, 12,000 people and many could not get in. Heard President Taylor preach, his sermon being full of good instructions and conservative in regard to governmental matters. The Mormons profess to obey all laws, and test before the United States courts all laws in final to their interests, believing the constitution of the United States will protect them in their religion."

They have twenty-two schools in the city, one in each ward, very little illiteracy, and none among growing up children. I was never in a community where I saw as little immorality among the young people, no profanity, drinking, or use of tobacco."

I found the Mormons to be honest, industrious and sincere. They are, as a people, wealthy, having amassed a great deal of property in Salt Lake City and in the valleys of Utah. Polygamy is not practiced near as much as supposed, as only those who are able and willing have more than one wife. The women are entirely satisfied with a plurality of wives, and honestly believe it is ordained of God. I think the practice is getting less and will probably continue so."

In conclusion, we believe the Mormons are generally misrepresented and they have very many good qualities that we never hear of. We were never treated better by any class of people, and the knowledge gained while there has removed many prejudices we formerly had."

The "Contributor."—The November number of this excellent periodical is out. The contents are: George A. Smith, II. Baptism—Zion's Camp; The Echo Canyon War, II. Lot Smith's Narrative; The Autumn, Emmeline B. Wells; Eternal Duration of Matter; I. Parley P. Pratt; Sermons and Writings of the Prophets, Elias, Elijah and Messiah, Joseph Smith; 1847; James A. Little; Mineral Springs, Jos. T. Kingsbury; The Seasons, Ruby Leamon; Incompleteness of Modern Christianity, II. Joseph A. West; Sir Garnet Wolseley, Selected; The First Predicted Eclipse, O. M. Mitchell; Music in the Associations, Musicians; To the Comet, H. W. Naisbitt; Editorial. Our Political Platform; The Haunts of Gray, William Winter; Association Intelligence; Notice of Sem-Annual Conference; Meeting of Officers; November—The Salt Lake Day, Longfellow.

Special attention is directed to the timely and highly interesting article on Continuous Revelation, by Apostle P. D. Richards; the analytical account of the mineral springs north of this city, by Prof. Kingsbury, and the continuation of Lot Smith's narrative of the Echo Canyon war. These with the second chapter of the biography of President Geo. A. Smith, which describes the travels of Zion's Camp, contribute to make the November number one of the best yet issued.

Seasonable for Farmers.—The *American Agriculturist* for November gives this seasonable advice to farmers:

"The importance of planning for the winter work during stormy days, is not fully appreciated. There are many things that can be done as well when it rains, as during fair days. With a small force, the threshing of the little amount of grain raised, may be done by hand in stormy weather. The tools should be thoroughly cleaned, mended, and painted if it is needed, and put away to be in readiness for the busy time of spring. A good day's work may be given to the reaper and binder, and the hay made. There are enough jobs that may be done under cover, to fill all the rainy days, if there is only planning for it. At this season there may be much rain, and the day the tool bench is far more profitable in every way, than one spent in lounging, especially if it be done at the village store. Make the most of every day, and not count stormy days as black ones."

The "Juvenile Instructor."—Number 21 of the current volume of this priceless periodical is before us. The contents are:

The Pharisee, (Illustrated); The Dawn of Modern Intelligence, by J. H. W.; History of the Church; Our Savior, by W. J.; Functation; Editorial Thoughts; The Duties of Sunday School Scholars, by John C. Cutler; Scenes in Europe, (Illustrated); Missionary Incidents, by J. M.; The Origin of the Name of States; Jottings by a Young Missionary, by Streben; Topics of the Times, by The Editor; Fifteen Months' Experience, by Newman Bulkley; A Freed Slave, by J. W.; The Snow Song, music by Ella Barker; A Little Song; Daybreak; Enigma.

Tenth Ward.—The 10th Ward M. I. A. met last night for the election of officers, with the following results: President, George Backley; First Counselor, S. E. Baxter; Second Counselor, Jos. Kedington; Secretary, Oliver Hodgson; Assistant Secretary, J. W. Saunders; Treasurer, Wm. Pettigrew; Librarian, R. J. Beer; Assistant Librarian, G. Wright. The meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 o'clock.

Accident.—This afternoon Mrs. A. Woodruff, aged eighty-two years, was accidentally thrown out of a wagon on East Temple Street. Besides a severe bruise on the hip, caused by the fall, her hand was badly hurt by the horse stepping on it when she was on the ground. Her system also sustained a severe shock. She was taken into Mr. Teasdel's store and Dr. Benedict summoned, who attended to the venerable lady's injuries. Fortunately no bones were broken.

Returned from the South.—This morning we received a call from Elder J. L. Townsend, of Payson, Utah County, who returned last evening from a mission to the Southern States. He left here July 12th, 1881, and labored during the whole of the time of his ministry in West Virginia. He and missionary companions baptized thirteen persons. All the school-rooms and other public buildings were closed against the Elders, the only place where the kind they could preach in being the school-house in Smith County built by the Latter-day Saints. The usual amount of opposition was met with, in the form of notices to leave, posted up in various public places, but no personal violence was suffered by the brethren.

Elder Townsend's health was good until recently, and he enjoyed his labors. A short time since, however, he was attacked with rheumatism, from which he still suffers.

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