

District; Griffith Roberts, London Conference; David J. Reese, Swansea Conference; Isaac A. Kimball, Leicester Conference; Isaac Aldridge, Staffordshire Conference; George Hunter, Warwickshire Conference; Moses Thatcher, Birmingham Conference; Thatcher, "elders" from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Norwich, Liverpool, Warwickshire, and Elders Zebulon Jacobs, Henry C. Jacobs, and Henry J. Moore, all of Birmingham. Brother Moses Thatcher, President of the Birmingham Conference, presided at the morning meeting.

After devotional services, President Thatcher, in a few words, introduced the travelling elders, who had to report of their districts. He said that men of intelligence and learning were confessing that the past years had been gloomy and disastrous, and that now the prospects of the nations of the world were dark. Not so with the Latter-day Saints, who had been prosperous and happy, and their spiritual and material prospects were bright. He urged them to continue in their faith, and be faithful to their religion.

Elders Zebulon Jacobs, Henry J. Moore and Henry C. Jacobs, travelling in the Hockley, Stourbridge, Aston, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Willenhall, Cannock Chase, Darlaston, and surrounding districts, then gave short reports of the prospects of the work. They reported that the branches were prospering and increasing in numbers, and doing all in their power to be "gathered to the people in the valley of the mountains." Their teachers were urging the people to cleanse themselves from sin, and adhere to their pure religion.

President Thatcher said these reports were encouraging. The cause was spreading over the country, and the people were feeling that they now had prospects of being delivered from the land that had been one of bondage for many years. A mighty effort was now being made by the brothers and sisters in the valley of Utah to secure the emigration of a large number of the faith in England. It was solely thought a love for humanity that these young elders had come over from that country to preach the gospel in Europe, and he hoped they would be supported in their labors. The feeling towards their people in England was better now than it had been for many years. People now found out that the Latter-day Saints were not the wicked class that they had once been represented to be. The writings of eminent men had done much to break down the old prejudices. They looked forward to a great emigration this year. They expected to see thousands bidding farewell to England, and seeking a new home in the valleys of Utah.

Franklin D. Richards, one of the "Twelve Apostles," and President of the European Mission, next addressed the meeting. He referred to the effort that was being made in Utah to raise funds for the assistance of emigrants, and said this was being done with great zeal, although for many years there had not been greater scarcity of cash there. Who, he asked them, was their greatest earthly friend after God? He need not pause for an answer to that, for it was President Brigham Young. He was the greatest friend of the human family that walked the earth. The children of men did not know it, but they were on the way to find it out. His people were beginning to show in a ratio which was neither geometrical nor arithmetical—the increase of their power. The friends in this country called Utah their home, and they came to him asking earnestly when they could get home. The instructions sent by President Brigham Young were that all the oldest members of the church were to be sent out first.

The ceremony of presenting the authorities of the church was then performed, the question being put to the meeting whether they sustained the appointment of the various authorities of the church, from President Brigham Young to the Presidents of the quorums of seventies. The audience, including the females, of which there were a large number present, voted unanimously for the sustaining of the officers.

The Financial and Statistical Report of the Birmingham Conference, for the year ending December 31st, 1867, was then read, and it showed that the total income for the past year had been £786. 7s. 2d., and an expenditure of £781. 1s. 3d.; leaving a balance of £4. 6s. 11d. The statistics showed that there were 11 branches, 81 elders, 51 priests, 32 teachers, 36 deacons; received during the year 32 persons; removed during the year 36; excommunicated, 32; dead, 3; emigrated, 7; baptised, 50; total number of members, including officers, 859.

This concluded the business of the morning meeting.

At two o'clock a meeting was held, and in the evening President Thatcher occupied the chair, supported by the delegates. There was a very large audience, and the room was crowded.

Brother O. W. Penrose delivered an address, and after stating what was the mission and purposes of the Latter-day Saints, described how their Church had been growing and increasing, and gave his own experiences of the happy state of things existing at Utah. He urged that it was there that this people, who had been scorned and despised, would accomplish and bring about the glorious things predicted by the prophets, and bore testimony that the holy angels had come down from on high and manifested unto them that the holy Apostleship was restored, that they had received of the spirit, and it was by that power he (the speaker) knew that Brigham Young was a prophet; that God and the power of the spirit was with President Young, and that through him God would reveal His will. He concluded by exhorting them to repentance of their sins, to avoid all strife, and to be honest and upright in their conduct.

President Franklin D. Richards next addressed the meeting, and pointed out how productive of good fruits their work had been, many thousands having gone forth to join the sons of truth in the glorious work they were engaged in. Referring to the adverse reports which had been made against the Latter-day Saints, he asked whether, if they contrasted their 1,000 or more members in Birmingham and its district, their conduct would not well bear comparison with that of any like number that might be selected from the other citizens. Having touched on the subject of emigration to Utah, and stating that every assistance would be afforded to those going thither, he called attention to the present position of Europe, where between three and four millions of men were under arms on a "peace footing," and contrasted them with the happy future they had before them in Utah, and the things they were destined to accomplish while all these other nations went to decay.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of a hymn and a collection.

LOCAL ITEMS.

THEATRICAL.—There is a most attractive entertainment offered for to-night, the closing one of the season—"The Leap Year," for the first time here, and the "Illustrious Stranger."

LISLE LESTER.—This lady reached this city from the west yesterday afternoon. As a reader she has gained great celebrity, and as an author and editress she is well and favorably known. As some of our contemporaries, north and east, have given her credit for being here and entertaining our citizens with her readings several weeks ago, we can assure them that if the lady feels so disposed we will notify them of the event, and will wish her *bon voyage* when she takes her departure for Montana or Colorado, should she go to either place.

LOAFISH.—Numerous complaints are made of idle and loafish men sitting on the door steps of stores, preventing by their presence ladies on shopping excursions from entering, and seeming as if the only object in life for such *hombres* were to whittle "chunks" of dry goods boxes, squirt tobacco juice and loiter on the sunniest side of a popular store entrance. The ladies complain of it, the storekeeper's do not like it; and the little boys passing up and down the streets, who see examples of idleness in their fathers and brothers, look upon the loafers as poor apologies for men. Go to work; do something useful; at any rate, stop loafing around the entrances of stores to the disadvantage of the merchants, and the disgust and annoyance of their lady customers.

MR. CAINE'S COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT.—We take pleasure in publishing the following correspondence, premising that lack of space precludes our giving the names—which comprise our most influential citizens—in full:—

SALT LAKE CITY, February 25th, 1868.
JOHN T. CAINE, Esq.,
Manager Salt Lake City Theatre.

Dear Sir:—The undersigned, being familiar with the arduous nature of your duties, and how unceasingly you have labored to maintain a first-class position for our Theatre—to have its reputation fully sustained as a place of recreation and amusement, where representations of a chaste and artistic character can be witnessed, now that the present Theatrical Season is drawing to a close, desire to manifest their appreciation of your efforts by tendering you a complimentary Benefit at such time as may be deemed suitable by you.

Respectfully,
H. C. Kimball, Charles Durkee, Gov. of Utah;
Daniel H. Wells, Mayor of Salt Lake City; Edward Higgins, Secretary of Utah; and 112 others.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 28th, 1868.
Messrs. H. C. KIMBALL, D. H. WELLS,
GOVERNOR DURKEE, AND OTHERS:

Gentlemen:—Your appreciation of my past labors in connection with the Theatre in this City, as expressed in your note, of the 25th inst., and the courteous tender of a Complimentary Benefit, is highly gratifying, and encouraging. I shall be an incentive to still greater efforts in catering for the public amusement, and our Theatre may continue to hold the position it now occupies.

I shall take pleasure in accepting the proposed complimentary testimonial, and beg to name

Tuesday evening, March 3rd, as the most suitable time.

Thanking you sincerely for this mark of your confidence and esteem, I am,
Respectfully, Yours, etc.,
JOHN T. CAINE.

SALT LAKE THEATRE, Feb. 27th, 1868.
JOHN T. CAINE, Esq.—

DEAR SIR:—Having understood that it is the intention of many prominent citizens, to tender you a Complimentary Benefit, we heartily congratulate you on the movement as an evidence of the high esteem in which you are held. Should you take the Benefit, (which we trust you will,) we hereby offer you our services for the occasion, gratuitously.

We beg to assure you that it is not only a pleasure to us to make this offer, but that it will be much increased by your acceptance; inasmuch as it will evince the cordial relations, and indicate the good feelings existing between yourself, as our Manager, and the Company and Attaches of the Salt Lake Theatre.

Yours Respectfully,
D. McKenzie, and the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Company, the Orchestra and the Attaches of the Theatre.

SALT LAKE THEATRE, Feb. 28th, 1868.
David McKenzie, Esq.,
The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Company, the Orchestra and Attaches of the Theatre:

Your kind note of the 27th inst., in which you offer your professional services gratuitously on the occasion of the Complimentary Benefit, tendered me by many of our principal citizens, accompanied, as it is, by the expression of your good feelings and respect, has deeply touched me. An offer so spontaneous and unexpected is very gratifying to me, and I cannot but accept it as an evidence of your friendship—a friendship, which I trust, every day's intercourse, in the future, will cement and strengthen.

Thanking you for your great kindness, I beg to avail myself of your courteous offer for Tuesday evening next.

With cordial feelings of esteem,
I am Yours, etc.,
JOHN T. CAINE.

ARRESTED.—At 2 o'clock p.m. John Redding was brought before Justice Clinton, charged with driving four head of stock from the west Jordan range. W. Jennings and Chas. Harman, of this city appeared and claimed two out of the four head, having recognized the same by the color of hides and the brands on them.

Z. Snow appeared for the people and Mr. Robertson for the defence. Redding was bound over in the sum of \$500 to appear at the next regular term of Probate Court.

Suspicion was excited in the minds of police by their going to the slaughter yard east, at night and avoiding an inspection by City Inspector.

Better have got a certificate of register, John—

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