

Correspondence.

Appreciation—State of Society—
Fashionable Religion—Winter
and Want—Quack Medicine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

Through the instrumentality of a kind friend the NEWS reaches me every week, and is, I assure you, read with deep interest, more especially as it seems to speak with a prophetic voice, of the grand consummation of the ingathering that shall be in the future. You cannot think what a pleasure it is in this "sin blasted" city, to have the privilege of reading a journal whose columns are not teeming with harrowing accounts of bloodshed, crime and misery, and to feel that, at least, there is one spot in God's beautiful creation, where human frailty and wickedness are not in the ascendant. Oh! could your readers in the peaceful vales of Utah realize the terrible state of society here, they would bless the day when they obeyed the Divine summons, "Come out from among them, oh, my people." All is turmoil, strife and confusion, and the hand of every man is against his brother to make, make, make. Beasts of prey in a jungle are not fiercer in their contentions than man is with man, for greed and gain, and this same spirit permeates all the ramifications of society. The gospel enunciated by the Star at Bethlehem—"glad tidings of good will"—is so travestied that worship is a farce in many instances, and the churches are magazines of fashion, where the votaries

"Compound for sins they are inclined to, By damning those they have a mind to,"

and the purity and simplicity of the meek and lowly Jesus are crowded out by the aristocratic swagger of aristocratic wealth.

Now winter has set in, and the ice king reigns supreme, the suffering among the poor is frightful. Yet fashion and famine stalk forth together, though fashion holds up her skirts and passes on to a palatial abode, while famine, bedraggled in mire, crawls into a cellar to die. And thus the great sob of sorrow goes on, and one half the world knows, not nor cares, how the other half lives. The prisons are crowded, the workhouses full, and yet the tramp, tramp, tramp of the starving thousands is still heard and each one looking like "death in an undress of skin and bone."

Yet amid all this sorrow and suffering there is a class of persons who drive a warring trade out of the poor and needy, viz., the quack medicine humbugs. Foremost among these is one—who during the past five years has flooded the country with a vile decoction of bitter aloes, red pepper, and muriatic acid, under various names. In connection with one is published a book purporting to be a romantic account of the discovery of the secret of the remedy among the Indians. I need scarcely say that the book is a "lie" from beginning to end. It was compiled by two clerks from Catlin's History of the North American Indians under the supervision of a Madam—who is the guiding spirit of this nest of humbug, situated in this city.

The name having become so notorious all over the country, another was adopted, and he is advertised as having business in Jersey City. Whereas there is no such a man and no such a business in Jersey City. It is all concocted in New York and a messenger goes every day to Jersey City to mail and receive all correspondence. This is done to blind and bleed the people out of their hard earned money, for these vampires have no pity. When once they get a person into their clutches it is done, done on postal cards, then fictitious lawyer's letters are sent, and the lawyer firm never had existence. Then follows on a postal card a threatening letter to arrest, till the unfortunate agent is terrified into paying for what never benefitted him or anyone else.

Raise your warning voice to the people your influence can reach. Rather let them die by the hand of God in his own good time than by this "slow poison," for it is a positive fact, and I know to a certainty, that agents often have reported the deaths of persons while taking this vile stuff. Any medical man will inform you that the consequences from using this mixture are terrible indeed to the coats of the stomach, also that it is productive of piles in

a very severe form, which may eventually turn to fistula. Yet occasionally you may hear of some who claim to be benefitted by its use. They are mistaken. It is like a convulsion fit, strong in its workings, but it fears a constitution to pieces. Some of your stores sell it. Oh may this note of warning influence them not only not to deal in it, but to return what they have on hand to these arch hypocrites, who beguile hard working persons into becoming their agents by seductively written fictions interspersed with

"Old odd ends, stolen forth of Holy Writ, And seem, Saints when most they play the Devil."

Ah! let not a merchant or person in Utah have it on their conscience in future, that for the sake of a few paltry cents gain, they have sold this falsely called medicine to their neighbors and friends and thus perhaps helped to shorten their lives. Again I say let all the people beware of Dr. C—J—'s I—B—S—, and use your influence to stop this abominable traffic and thus

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Of your existence sinks in night,
Memorial's sweet of duties done
Shall shine your name in memory's light
And the blest seed you've scatter'd bloom
A hundred fold in days to come.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. S.

Public Dinner and Party—Children's
Party—Good Times Generally.

MENDON, Cache Co.,
Dec. 28th, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

We have just brought to a close one of the most pleasant and agreeable times ever enjoyed by us as a ward in this usually quiet place. As the United Order is one of the principal topics now before the people, it was thought wisdom by Bishop Hughes to suggest that we eat our Christmas dinner as one family. The idea was favorably received by the ward, and a committee appointed to make all necessary arrangements. The meeting-house was beautifully decorated with evergreens, pictures, &c., tables were fitted up, and spread with everything that the heart of man could desire to eat or drink. The tables fairly groaned under the weight of the good things piled upon them. One hundred and twenty-five persons sat down to dinner, everything passing off with the usual good feelings which characterize the gatherings of the Latter-day Saints. Nor were the poor neglected—they were specially invited to dinner, and wagons provided to bring them to the meeting-house and take them home again, and where any of the poor were unable to come, through sickness or any other cause, a good dinner was provided and sent to their homes, and none were forgotten or neglected, the teachers being instructed to attend to the inviting of all in their respective districts, especially the poor.

Dancing commenced at 5.30 p.m. and dismissed at 10.30 p.m., all present feeling perfectly satisfied with the day's doings.

It is our usual custom to devote Christmas Day for the amusement of our Sabbath School children, but owing to our public dinner this was put off till Wednesday, when we decorated two Christmas trees, one for the boys and one for the girls, with about 250 suitable presents, which were given to the children according to the number of tickets held by them for regular attendance at Sabbath School. After supplying the Sabbath School children, all the children present who are not in the habit of coming to school were given a present and encouraged to come to Sabbath School in the future.

In the evening the children had a party, commencing at 5 p.m., where they enjoyed themselves, dancing, singing, &c., till 7 p.m., when a herald announced the arrival of Santa Claus from the north, on his Shetland pony, bringing with him an abundance of apples and candies for the little folks. After the excitement of his arrival had subsided, Santa Claus addressed the children, telling them the object of his visit, and then distributed his supply of good things among the company, neglecting neither old nor young. He took his leave, promising to return with the season and remember his friends again.

After a few remarks by Bishop Hughes and a few of the brethren present, by way of encouragement to the children, and in the interest of our Sabbath schools, was brought to a close. One of the happiest times ever enjoyed by the citizens of Mendon. Not an angry word was heard during the whole proceedings, nor a drunken man seen in our streets during our merry Christmas holidays. U. O.

—The Jewish Messenger—"wants to see some Moodyism introduced in the Jewish form of service, some enthusiasm, some life." "Camp meetings," says the Messenger, "may be sensational and ephemeral in their hold on sinners, but we have frequently wished that a little of their warmth were transferred to our synagogues and temples."

Rowland Hill was once requested to preach a sermon to the elect. He promptly replied: "Have the goodness to mark the elect with a piece of chalk, so that I will know them, and I will preach to them."

At a recent performance of "Richard III." in London, the "surers" entered warmly into the spirit of the play, especially in the battle scene, after which one of them presented himself before the manager with an arrow through his nose. A half sovereign healed the wound.

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June 5th, '73, personally appeared Adolph Bornberg, made oath to the following certificate, and by him subscribed and sworn before me. WM. STEVENS, J. P.

LAWRENCE CITY, Mass. June 9, 1876.
We, the undersigned, having personally known Dr. Adolph Bornberg for years, believe him to be an honest, moral man, trustworthy, and in truth and veracity unspotted. His character is without reproach.—M. BORNBERG, Esq., Mayor of Lawrence, Mass., and GEORGE S. MIRRELL, P. M. ROBT H. TEWKSBURY, City Treasurer.

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