

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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FEMALE RELIEF SOCIETY PARTY.—Last night the ladies of the Female Relief Society of the Deseret Ward gave a party in aid of the funds of this Society, which was a very pleasant and agreeable one. The Hall was tastefully decorated with pictures, and the west wing was elegantly fitted up for a drawing room, where music was discontinued from the piano. On the centre table were albums, books, dominoes, &c., for those who desired other amusement than dancing.

Among those present we noticed Presidents H. Young and D. H. Wells, Elders Orson Pratt, John Taylor, Willard Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, and other leading men. The Committee on Management, Madam J. Horner, D. Richardson, E. W. East, G. W. Taylor, W. W. Kimball and A. Miner, and the Floor Managers, Messrs. H. S. Beattie & H. P. Richards, discharged their duties in a most efficient and agreeable manner; and everything was pleasant and enjoyable until the hour for separating arrived.

Dancing was kept up spiritedly till 10 o'clock, when the following address was delivered by Mrs. Miner:

Having been called upon by our Presidentess Sister Horne, for an address, I shall endeavor to comply, although my poor incomptency for the task assigned me. While hoping that you will be kind and encouraging excuse all deficiencies, I will try and do the best of my ability, all that is required of me.

I think our Bishop was one of the first to follow President Young's counsel last winter, in forming a Relief Society for the poor; and we have endeavored to copy him in this, and prevent any suffering in the ward, and as far as we have been successful. We have also sent five children to school, and paid \$100 into the Emigration Fund; and we hope all our society increase in wealth and numbers, that we shall do still more good.

As far fashion, I do not think she has, as yet been meddled with, I, for one, realize the truth of her lines:

Fashion, though Folly's child, the guide of Rules o'er the world; and, in learning rules, From crowds and courts to Wisdom's seat she goes,

And reigns triumphant o'er her mother's seat.

and any knowledge that I, at least, am too cowardly to make the first step, then I will follow in the wake of those that do, and render all due homage to their courage. We have one good strawberry in our Society, who is willing to teach those who wish to learn; and at least one good milking cow, and several hundred yards of cotton quilts and other articles and fifty yards of rag carpeting. This is our condition.

Now I appeal to the women of the world: Will you not stand forward with one united effort to claim your right? Is it not a right to be not only the human sunbeam of a good man's home, but messengers of relief and comfort to the abodes of the poor; giving not only recreation to the mind, from your understanding good advice, cheering the sick, seeking work for the healthy, caring for the sick and procuring education for the young. Is not this a fitting work for the daughters of Israel? When faithfully done, it is a rare gift from God, and a happiness or household necessities, to bring truly the companions of the sons of God. To our young ladies it is an actual good. They are gaining an experience that will benefit them, in after years when they will be the partners of wives and mothers, and their husbands sent to carry the gospel to foreign lands, their financial abilities will have been in a measure developed, and the knowledge thus gained may save them many a trouble, and may a sleepless night. Will you not respond, when we see some new faces at our meeting? It would indeed be a pleasure.

Now, to our brethren: We desire that all those who are weak, we will hasten to help them; children in a business point of view; and ask you with your larger experience to aid us with your counsel and advice, for we wish to be ruled but what God made us for; the companions and helpers of man."

President Young then made some appropriate remarks on the objects and workings of the Society, which were profitably listened to by all present. Afterwards, dancing was renewed and kept up till the close.

It is gratifying to state that the party was successful, the object in view in getting it up being so meritorious. The address of Mrs. Miner shows that the labors of the ladies have thus been productive of great good. All honor to them and may their continued efforts be still more greatly blessed!

THE EASTERN MAIL.—There have been numerous complaints made of late that mail matter was lying between the railway terminus and this city, which was due at the Post Office here. Yesterday afternoon we called upon T. F. Tracy, Esq., in relation to the matter, who politely furnished us with the following information, which we hope will be acceptable to the public: During the high water some time ago, it was impossible for the stages to make time, and a certain class of mail matter, composed of newspaper and periodical mail and public documents—the latter predominating—accumulated on the road. When Division Agent J. T. Gilmer, was here some little time ago, he was instructed to use every effort to get it forwarded; but on his going east to Bridger, the heavy storm set in which the telegram to Mr. Tracy, published in Monday's News, referred to. The local agent, where the mail matter was, was instructed to forward first the newspaper and periodical mail, giving preference to it, before the pub. doing but he, either through not knowing the difference or misunderstanding his instructions, forwarded pub. do's. Mr. Tracy said he would dispatch a letter this morning, giving plain and positive instructions with regard to this matter, and from the improved condition of the roads he expected the back mails would reach this city in the course of a week.

GOT IT.—David E. Kimball's train of nine wagons got in to-day from California, and discharged freight. He brought 15,000 lbs. for W. S. Godbe, and Godbe & Mitchell, 8,000 lbs. for Eldredge & Clawson, 4,000 lbs. for G. Q. Cannon, 1,000 lbs. for T. & W. Taylor, 2,500 lbs. for Woods & Bringhurst, of Springville, and several smaller lots for others.

MALAD VALLEY.—Geo. Daniel Daniels, writing from Malad Valley, says—

"Our Fall grain looks beautiful, and sown

spring grain. We have every prospect of an abundant harvest this summer; no grasshoppers yet reported. The grasshoppers have been the bane of God. If you should get short of breadstuffs, in consequence of the grasshoppers, you now know where to come (Malad Valley).

John Nelson from Logan, has commenced building a grist mill in this place. Bro. Henry Peck's saw mill is running and doing good work. We are enclosing the Malad field, summing up 10,000 acres of hay and tillable land. The brevets are quite spirited in temporal labor generally.

We have good meetings every Sunday, and a good Sunday School and Day School under the management of R. G. Evans, Esq.

M.R. JAMES COMPTON has a letter at Pres. Brigham Young's Office.

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