LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder J. Francis, missionary of the Baptist Home Missionary Society, on the U.P.R.R. between Omaha and Sacramento, occupied the forenoon, taking for his text the 9th verse of the 5th chapter of Hebrews.

In the afternoon Elder Orson Pratt delivered a discourse on the nature of the gospel and the blessings which it will secure to all who are faithful to its principles.

THEATRICAL.—On Saturday night the ladies and gentlemen in the cast of "The Gunmaker of Moscow" acquitted themselves of their task in good style. The play was vigorously performed. Mr. McKenzie's Rurio was a spirited and natural piece of acting; Mr. Margetts, as Bizewacks, was exceedingly funny; and Mr. Lindsay's Valdimir, Mr. Graham's Pula, Mr. Hardie's Demanoff, and Miss Adams' Rosalind were well presented, and so were the characters in which Mrs. Bowring, Miss Platte, Messrs. Nealen, Merrill, Hyde, Kelly, Crawshaw, and Haines appeared. The Shadow Pantomime, produced by Professor Bosco, assisted by Mr. Graham, Mr. Merrill, Miss Clive, and others, was most laughable and quite a success.

To-morrow evening Madame Scheller, the talented and popular lyric artiste, will appear as Josephine in the military and musical drama, "The Child of the Regiment," which will be produced with Donizetti's original and beautiful music. This play was produced previous to Madame Scheller leaving this city for Montana, and was a complete success. It then crowded the house during the two closing nights of her engagement, and we look for a crowded audience to-morrow evening on her re-appearance and its reproduction. It will be followed by the mirth-provoking farce, "The Spectre Bridegroom," with Mr. Margetts as Diggory, Mr. McKenzie as Aldwinkle, Mr. Lindsay as the Living Ghost, Mr. Graham as Paul, Mr. Hyde as Vauntington, Mr. Matthews as Thomas, Mrs. M. G. Clawson as Georgina, and Mrs. Romney as Lavinia.

PROFESSOR CALDER'S BAZAAR.—Our space and time on Saturday precluded giving this place a proper notice; and, indeed, the public could better appreciate its value to the students by paying it a visit. Entering at the east door, you see the apartment surrounded with the counters and bazaar shelvings on which are tastefully arranged the various articles in charge of the student storekeepers. Stationery and various kinds of neat and tasteful books—pocket and otherwise—occupy the north side; fancy goods—including a great variety of perfumes and toilet requisites—are on the west end, the south side is the repository of music and musical instruments of various kinds; while the east end is devoted to books, maps, &c.; beautiful chromos, prints, &c., being arranged around the building. These articles will be varied as the students buy at the wholesale rooms. This, in connection with the theoretical department up stairs—which gives the same practical form to book-learning that other commercial colleges do—introduces the students to actual business and all the details of commercial transactions. The idea is as good as it is original, and will commend itself to parents everywhere who wish their children to obtain a practical commercial education, and to young ladies and gentlemen who desire to go through a thorough course of study.

PROJECT FOR CULTIVATING SILK.—Elder George D. Watt has been appointed to travel throughout the Territory and lecture on Silk culture, and also to organize societies for the cultivation of silk. Bro. Watt's long continued interest in silk culture is sufficient guarantee that he will give the subject his best and most earnest efforts; and his experience in breeding worms and producing silk, and in the cultivation of the mulberry tree, make him an authority that can be relied upon. His lectures will therefore be of a highly instructive and practical character, and the advantages and profits that will accrue from silk culture in this Territory will be plainly laid before the people. The Bishops in this city and Territory are requested to aid bro. Watt in fulfilling his mission, in the organization of societies, and in giving a practical character to the instructions on silk culture, by having mulberry trees planted and seeing that the necessary steps are taken to procure eggs and have worms bred from them in each ward and settlement.

Last night he lectured in the 13th Ward to a large congregation. President Geo. A. Smith followed with a brief and lucid address on the same subject.

LEAVE COUNTY.—Bishop M. T. Smoot, who got into the city on Saturday from Provo, reports peace and good feelings existing in that city, and a considerable degree of quietness, a large portion of the male population being at work on the railroad. The spirit of progress, however, is not allowed to slumber, and improvements continue with commendable vigor. Bishop Smoot and Elder Joseph F. Smith had visited all the settlements in Utah County, with one or two exceptions, and lectured on co-operation. The matter had been well received by the people, who subscribed for shares in a spirited manner.

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER.—Since the storm of last week we have been favored with beautiful weather, though the nights have been cold and frosty. The sunshine shown out with brilliancy and warmth, and the atmosphere seems clearer and purer than before the storm came. If mothers will take a little extra care of their little babes during mornings and evenings, by putting on some extra clothing when it is cold and chilly, there will be a decrease of sickness and fewer colds and less disease around than there have been for some time.

CITY SEXTON'S REPORT for October, 1868.—Males, 47; females, 23; of these, adults, 20; children, 50. Died of the following causes, as reported: Teething and bowel complaints, 40; canker, 5; brain fever, 3; inflammation of the lungs, 2; general debility, 3; marasmus, 4; peritonitis, 1; dislocation of the spine, 1; liver complaint, 1; diphtheria, 1; child-bed, 3; measles, 1; old age, 2; croup, 1; tumor, 1; killed accidentally, (thrown from a wagon), 1; burnt to death, 1; not reported, 3. Total interments, 70.

JOSEPH E. TAYLOR, Sexton.

SALT LAKE CITY, Monday, Nov. 2d, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir:—At a general assembly of the authorities of the people of the Saints in the Old Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, on the 31st ult., I was called and appointed to visit the wards and settlements of Utah, to lay before the people the capabilities of our country for and the advantages to be derived from the culture of the mulberry tree, and the production of silk by means of the silk worm; and also to organize co-operative bodies in every ward for the effectual introduction, and permanent establishment of this remunerative industry.

I delivered my first lecture in the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms last evening, 1st inst., to a large, attentive and appreciative audience. There were present Prests. Geo. A. Smith, and D. H. Wells, Prest. Geo. A. Smith and Bishop E. H. Woolley earnestly responded in favor of at once preparing ourselves to carry out the wishes of Prest. B. Young relating to the subject of the Lecture.

The Bishop announced another meeting of the members of the ward on an early day, for the purpose of again talking the matter over and organizing.

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