

and destroyed a lot of grain, there being no one there to look after it. The caulked wagon boxes and provisions reached the party stranded in the mud and they were enabled to cross the streams in safety, and reaching the fort reposed for a season under the protection of Uncle Samuel, whose power and dignity was maintained at that post, by a superannuated ordnance sergeant and two soldiers to support him on dress parade.

WM. P. APPERLY.

Salt Lake City, August 13, 1897.

THE C. E. IN SALT LAKE.

The following is from a letter written by Mrs. E. C. Baldry, who has been staying for some time in Salt Lake, to the Houston, Texas, Post:

The Christian Endeavorers have come and gone. The crowd was much larger than anticipated. Salt Lake was filled with them for more than a week. As I had never attended a convention my expectations ran high. Of course I expected them to act here as they did in other cities, to see rousing, enthusiastic meetings, to go through the streets singing Christian Endeavor songs, etc. To me the rally was a disappointment all round. There seemed to be an utter lack of enthusiasm.

Trains were delayed from eight to twenty-four hours; the traffic was so immense it was a hardship on the railroads. They had to press every engine into service and delay all freights. The Denver and Rio Grande and Rio Grande Western alone hauled seventy-nine extra trains, carrying from fifteen to eighteen coaches each, to say nothing of the regular trains. The Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific had a very heavy travel, and the Southern Pacific worked like a Trojan to get the masses to California in time. Every thing that was planned for Saturday had to be given up on account of delayed trains. Large crowds went out to Saltair that evening to hear the address of Governor Heber M. Wells welcoming the Endeavorers to this city. For hours they waited for Mr. Clark, the founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, and they waited in vain. The Endeavorers bathed, and they danced to their hearts' content in the big pavilion, and they amused themselves as best they could. It was very chilly that day, teeth were chattering, lips were blue and noses red as in midwinter. It was really disagreeable, and I guess all who had been suffering from the sun's hot rays in the East found the weather in the West somewhat different from what they expected. Those who passed through Leadville had the pleasure of shoeing and snow two feet deep. They snowballed each other as long as time would permit.

Sunday morning was an ideal day. Sunrise prayer meeting was given up for some reason or other. At the usual hour all churches were filled, each one having some prominent minister from abroad to fill its pulpit. The churches were filled, but mostly by our local people. The Endeavorers seemed bent on sight-seeing, as their stay was but short. I was quite amused on Saturday while out at Saltair hearing them tell each other they had not come to Salt Lake to attend religious services, but to see the Lake, the city and all the curios, that they expected to give their time to worship when in San Francisco. When I attended the big rally at the Tabernacle and noticed the lack of enthusiasm, that fervent spirit we expected from Endeavorers, I thought to myself the whole crowd of Endeavorers was imbued with the spirit expressed by those at Saltair. The Tabernacle was

well filled, but not as full as I expected to see it. The meeting lasted from 2:30 to 4:30.

At 7:30 the Mormon Church gave a full service. George Q. Cannon and Elder Penrose spoke. It was a regular Mormon service, such as you hear any Sunday. After benediction the choir rendered some of its best numbers and the organist, Joseph J. Daynes, played a few choice selections. The Tabernacle was not only filled to suffocation but the people stood all around it in the Temple grounds to hear the choir. The full choir was not present as some of the best singers had gone on a vacation the Endeavor-pleasure of this concert the Endeavorers have to thank me solely. In the beginning this concert was held out as the chief attraction after visiting Saltair; it was so advertised through the Associated Press dispatches in all the papers in the United States and Canada, and in all the religious periodicals. The Mormon Church was asked for the use of the Tabernacle. President Woodruff not only told them they could have it for one day, but as long as they wished to use it. He gave the choir; he had the Tabernacle decorated with bunting, flags, pot plants and flowers to save them expense; he had his men (Mormons) do the work, and gave strict instructions to let the committee of 1897 have all they wanted. Saltair company, a Mormon institution, agreed to give the Endeavorers 25 per cent of all receipts to help them defray expenses. All these courtesies were accepted by the committee of 1897. And when the Mormons in turn asked the privilege of giving the visiting Endeavorers a welcome or greeting service prior to the big rally, they were flatly refused. The Mormon people felt kindly toward the Gentiles and were anxious to have their young people meet our young people and to extend courtesies. Our local Endeavorers were not to blame for this; they were powerless. The gentlemen composing the executive committee were Mormon haters, and they opposed the others from beginning to end. Dissension characterized every meeting, and reporters and outsiders were barred so the world should not know of their squabbles over this Mormon question.

When I heard the concert was countermanded, I made up my mind I would have it if I had to move heaven and earth to do it. I had told the people of Texas they were to hear this choir, and then to have them come this great distance to be disappointed simply to gratify five narrow-minded people was more than I could stand. The spirit these men displayed was anything but Christian. Our Savior taught love and forbearance. He did not think himself too good to sit with the publicans and sinners. No matter what the Mormons have done in the past, let that be forgotten. The Mormons of today are no worse than the Gentiles. If we want to hunt up shortcomings we can find lots among Christians of all sects. Let us look to the good that is in every one and leave the bad alone. When I went to the Presidency of the Mormon Church to ask them to give this concert they refused, saying they could not after having been treated so brusquely by the Endeavorers. I went to see everybody I thought could help me; finally Elder B. H. Roberts kindly promised to intercede for me. He had several meetings with the Presidency of the Church and pleaded hard with them. Finally, two days before the arrival of the Endeavorers, he brought me the good news that the choir would not only sing for the Endeavorers, but they should hear a Mormon service.

On Saturday afternoon, when the big rally was being held at the Taberna-

cle, the committee of 1897 was requested three different times to announce while other announcements felt indignant at the way the Mormons were being made that a concert would be given by the choir that evening for the Endeavorers, and each time the chairman refused. A minister from Canada, who made the most eloquent talk that afternoon, told Mr. Thomas if he had only asked him he would have made the announcement. He were treated by the committee. When I told the music and entertainment committee of my success I was congratulated all around for my courage of going it lone-handed. When they went out on the different roads to meet the Endeavorers they told them with glad hearts they were to hear the choir. As a Texan, I am proud of my country and love its people, and it was for the Texas people first, and then for the Endeavorers in general, I was working.

"UNCLE JIM'S" BUDGET.

Lehi, Utah, Aug. 18.—This week we have a number of people visiting friends here. Among the many are Joseph Cutler and family, Mr. Sears and wife and others of Salt Lake City. Mrs. E. Beesly of Tooele, Misses Anderson and Judd of Grantsville and Miss Douglass of Provo.

A joint meeting of the young people of the ward was held on Sunday evening and a good program was given.

On Monday evening an operetta was given in the opera house by thirty-five members of the primary associations. The little folks were well patronized and all took their parts well. Mrs. Kate Kirkham presided at the organ and Mrs. Laura Salzvién conducted.

This week a number of cattle and horses were killed by the R. G. W.

Miss G. Broadbent gave a lawn party to a number of her friends of Lehi, Salt Lake City and American Fork at the residence of her brother, J. S. Broadbent. The lawn was very nicely arranged with tables and a band of music lent a charm, and all the latest society games were participated in, and ice cream and cake were served.

A number of our citizens are rusticated in the mountains this week. We find on the list T. R. Cutler, C. A. Granger, G. Austin, Mayor Evans, and the Gaughs, Sorensens, Taylors, Trinamans, Southwicks, Carles, Smiths and a number of others, besides.

We are sorry to report that Wm. Bone Sr., and John Simms, also Mrs. C. Evans, are all under the care of the doctors.

Our choir will take an outing to Castilla this week and expect to have a good, old-fashioned time.

Next Sunday afternoon is set apart to select a committee on location for a new meeting house for the Saints of the ward.

Some tramps entered a lonely house near Lehi Junction and found an old man the only inmate, and supposing he had money, requested him to deliver up. He told them he had none, but they were not satisfied with his answer, so they hung him in order to make him tell of the whereabouts of his money. But seeing that no money could be got, they took him down and put him on the floor, placed a number of articles on him and requested him not to move, or he would be killed. They then left him.

Among the new arrivals is a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Camp; all are happy.

Our school trustees are repairing our school buildings and also erecting a new one in the northeast part of the city, and all are in hopes of having everything ready for the teach-