

Correspondence.

RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE,
Chicago, Jan. 16th.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir, having had the pleasure of perusing some of your papers recently, and noticing in them allusions to missionaries now in different sections of this eastern climate, as I am so fortunate as to come under the above category, I thought that perhaps some of my friends would like to know my whereabouts, and what I am engaged at; I therefore will furnish a brief account.

At our October Conference I was designated as one of a large number of missionaries who were called to carry the gospel to the nations of the earth. I cheerfully made the necessary arrangements for performing said mission to the best of my ability, (although very young in Mormonism.) However, about ten days previous to my departure I was informed of a change in my mission from one exclusively for preaching to one of attending Medical Lectures, not however of debarment of the privilege of talking Mormonism whenever the opportunity afforded.

I have been highly, and satisfactorily entertained medically during my attendance at this college. Its professors (eleven) would do honor, and credit, to any medical institution in the world; they of course are highly educated and cultivated gentlemen, well informed upon all subjects except one, which should be prominent in every man's mind, that is, concerning the salvation of their souls. This seems to be a minor consideration with them, as a general thing; there are, however, one or two honorable exceptions to this among them. Those who stand at the head of the institution, are purely infidels—they make a perfect mockery of religion. While in conversation with some of them a few days since on the subject of "Mormonism" they observed that it mattered not to them what religion a person believed in so that it would not conflict with their making money. I find that conversing with them on religion is like talking to the idle winds, they heed it not. There are over three hundred students in attendance at this college, all of whom of course are striving to become surgeons and physicians, in order to be able to relieve suffering humanity. They are impervious to "Mormonism." They sometimes gather around me for the purpose of satisfying their natural curiosity, not that they care a farthing for the principles of "Mormonism" only to ridicule. As a general thing they are very civil, but occasionally I run across one who is a little obstreperous; but if I am as successful in the treatment of diseases in the future as I have been in the management of these cases I shall consider myself very fortunate indeed. Students like all others I come in contact with, are very worldly inclined—money being their God; it seems to be their thoughts by day, and their dreams by night. Says one "give me money, and I will chance my soul's salvation." I suppose that if the truth could be ascertained this would be the verdict of the majority of mankind.

Out of a population of three hundred thousand, which the statistics of Chicago claim, there are thirty thousand public and private prostitutes. This is a fair sample of the condition of things throughout the world; yet, notwithstanding all this, it proposes teaching the Latter-day Saints "Morality." What an absurdity! Some three weeks since I was called upon by Bros. W. W. Ritter, W. Bringham, and Dr. Crookwell. We spent the day and evening together in a very agreeable manner, the former brethren had just returned from a visit among their friends and relatives in one of the neighboring States. They did not succeed in baptizing any I believe, however, they were warmly received by them. Allow me to state here that it afforded me a great deal of pleasure to meet a saint, for I had not met with any from the time we all parted for our various points of labor at Omaha and intermediate points. Although I have been a resident of Utah but few years I feel that my interests are identified with the Latter-day Saints and that, that shall be my home as long as I am permitted to tabernacle in the flesh. I love "Mormonism" and all who strive to live up to its requirements. I occasionally hear a word about the "Schism" in Utah as it is termed, but it is considered of such a trivial nature, and of so little effect, that it is looked upon as a thing of the past, not worthy of mention. The weather thus far has been very wet and disagreeable, part of the time very cold. Allow me if not too late to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Most respectfully, your Bro. in the Gospel.

O. C. ORMSBY.

EXTRAORDINARY HEROINISM.

It has been reserved for Chicago to produce one of the most remarkable young ladies of the age—a veritable heroine, the model girl of the period. There lives on Washington Avenue, in a home of respectable interior, a young lady, the pride of her mother and joy of her papa. She is, or rather she was, in every respect, an attractive, graceful, and accomplished girl; and so thought young Mr. — to whom she is engaged, and who, looking to her as a lover, could see, of course, no blemish in her.

Yet there was one little defect, one small imperfection, which was said to mar the symmetry of her otherwise perfect form. Nature had given her wonderfully small feet, but although in length they were all that a Chinese beauty might have adored, they were just a little too broad in proportion to their size. But for this little oversight of nature, they would have been the most ravishing pair of little feet that ever twinkled beneath a petticoat. The young lady often sighed at the bootmaker took the measure of them, and thought how she might have dazzled the world, and her adored particularly, had nature been a little less liberal. In short, her feet gave her no rest by day or night. She was about to be married, and in view of that event, she resolved to make a double sacrifice.

A few months ago she visited an eminent surgeon of this city, and made a proposal which caused the practitioner to shudder. He at once declined to accede to her request, and there the mat-

ter dropped for a time. More recently the young lady renewed her proposition, expressing her firm determination to have it carried out, and so persistently did she cling to her resolution, that the doctor was at last prevailed upon to comply with her wish. This was nothing less than the amputation of the small toe of each foot, which would reduce the member to a size exactly proportioned to its length. The operation was one demanding the nicest skill on the part of the surgeon, and a few days since was successfully performed with the consent of the young lady's relatives and friends. The obnoxious toes have been extracted, just like teeth, leaving the feet somewhat disfigured for a time, but suited to fit into the smallest, daintiest little boot that can be fashioned. The young martyr is now in bed, waiting patiently for the wounds to heal.

The operation has cost her a pang, perhaps; but only think what she has gained (what she has lost) by it! Two small fantastic toes! Many a victor has lived long, honored and happy, with one foot in the grave. This courageous little heroine has achieved a victory which the fashionable world will delight to honor, and she can now walk abroad without trailing her skirts. Doubtless she is aching for the next evening party, where her little foot will be exhibited as a triumph of Art over Nature. The young lady has boldly put into practice the scriptural precept, "If thy toe offend thee, cut it off."—Chicago Times.

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