

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Written for this Paper.

## GOOD REPORTS FROM TENNESSEE.

COLUMBIA, Tenn.

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It is with pleasure that I pen a few lines to you endeavoring to express my thanks to you for the many copies of your most valuable paper sent to me. I can truly say it has been a great pleasure for me to peruse its contents, through which I have been able to hear from my co-laborers in the cause of truth and the promulgation of the Gospel of Christ.

During this last summer I have labored with Elders I. W. West, of Washington city, Wm. S. Greenwood, of American Fork, and E. S. Larsen, of Coveville, Utah, and have spent two months revisiting Salts and investigating friends of five different counties. I have done some baptizing, blessing of children and assisting in allaying much prejudice by holding meetings and conversing with the people where and whenever opportunity presented itself, and I am thankful to say we had this privilege quite often. We met people who one year ago refused to hear anything from us or allow us to enter their homes, but are now glad to have us come and preach for them. They invite us to their homes and have made many apologies for the way they treated the Elders before. We are meeting with friends on every hand as well as some of the opposite, but we find it necessary to have some of the bitter in order that we may enjoy the sweet. It is true that the people of the South are a kind and hospitable people; many times we enter their homes when they are preparing or eating their meals and about the first words are, "Won't you come and eat something with us?" I am thankful to say that during my sixteen months from home I have always found or had provided for me a good bed to sleep on, neither have I suffered for want of food. This has not been because I had money to pay for it, as I have paid out but little for meals or lodging, comparatively speaking.

During my summer tour I had the privilege of listening to a Christian or Campbellite preacher by the name of Daugherty, from Warren county, Tenn., who endeavored to show the difference between his belief or that of his church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the beginning of his sermon he stated that he went right with the Mormon brethren in a great many of their principles and he acknowledged that it was on account of ignorance, prejudice and false rumors that the Mormons were persecuted so.

Some may think it strange that the Elders feel encouraged or glad to meet a person who will tell the truth about us, and when they meet persons who ridicule and revile us, we feel to thank the Lord that we have been counted worthy to stand the abuse, and this also makes us feel to rejoice and press forward with more zeal and energy to spread the Gospel and return good for evil, "blessing for railing," etc. Many

times do we think of the words of the Savior, "Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake, rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Our annual conference was held Saturday and Sunday Sept. 21st and 22nd at which there were present twenty-one Elders including the presidents of the mission and of the conference. It is needless to say we had one of the most enjoyable times ever had in middle Tennessee; after which we were given our new companions and counties to labor in. On Oct. 3rd I was joined by Elder Chas. A. Hickenlooper, of Pleasant View, Weber county; and we wended our way for Columbia, Maury Co., Tenn., where we will be very glad to receive and pursue carefully your highly prized paper, and should any reading the same have friends or connections here who would desire us to call on them, by making their wants known, we would be pleased to do so.

Upon our arrival here we visited some of the leading men of the city, among them the editor of the leading paper; we formed his acquaintance and subscribed for the paper. We called upon the mayor, Theo. Lipscomb, whose friends had been to Salt Lake City and had been so highly and kindly entertained by President Brigham Young and others that upon their arrival here they told just how they had been treated and what kind of a people we are, which made a very favorable impression upon him and he said he would do anything he could for us. He wished us to call again and make ourselves at home. He also stated that we would have no trouble in getting a place to preach and getting our principles before the people.

We sincerely hope to be able to do our part and we know that as long as we do that we will be blessed and the way opened. I can and do truthfully say that my mission has been the happiest days of my life. May the work still grow and increase in the desire of your brother in the Gospel,

WM. T. CGDEN.

COLUMBIA, Maury Co., Tenn.

## SHARP HOME INDUSTRY TALK.

People now talk home industries again. The agitation of last year had a good effect although the methods of the Manufacturers' Bureau in holding mass meetings and otherwise pushing the home industry campaign were considered too violent by some people. A great deal of money was spent in Utah last year however which would have been sent away had the people not been stirred by the work that was done.

Now, under the pressure of the times, the necessities of the situation are again referred to generally.

It is considered good politics also to discuss home industries. This is a good time, therefore, to call the attention of people to the fact that probably over \$15,000,-

000 are sent away from Utah annually that ought to be kept at home—sent hundreds and thousands of miles away from home; that thousands of men many miles away are kept busy manufacturing goods for us; that the people so employed consider us silver cranks and general fools, and that while we give work to people who denounce us we allow our own people to stand around idle, some of them actually in want.

Maybe somebody thinks \$15,000,000 too high an estimate. It means \$75 per year or \$6 25 per month each for 200,000 people. If Utah has a population of 247,000 probably 200,000 are average consumers.

This whole question is, or ought to be, above politics. It is too practical for the use of politicians generally.

But the object of this communication is to call attention to the fact that it is time something more than talk should be indulged in. It is time that somebody should read the sermons and speeches Brigham Young delivered and find out just where the trouble was in his day and where the difficulty lies now and how to apply the remedy.

It is not possible that the many who talk home industries now fail to see what stands in the way of the successful introduction and maintenance of many industries in Utah.

I think it is time to distribute the blame a little. It is not fair to throw the whole burden upon the rank and file.

The leaders of trade should round up their shoulders and assume their share of criticism.

The great masses of the people of Utah are in favor of buying home made goods, but are not given a chance. Selfish trade interests stand in the way!

I wonder if the present conditions will be forever endured?

Or will some influence be strong enough to bring the great mass of consumers together solidly in a co-operative movement to offset the present conditions?

Or will those in control of the present trade relations voluntarily stand together to force the development of home industries? Or will the burdens become so hard that radical legislation will be considered the only effectual method of meeting the issue?

I would regret to be called a fool or an agitator for mentioning three remedies.

C. E. W.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Minutes of the semi-annual conference of the Desert Sunday School Union, held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Oct. 6th, 1895, at 7 p. m.

Present of the general superintendency—George Q. Cannon, George Goddard and Karl G. Maeser, all members of the Union board, Apostles Brigham Young and John W. Taylor, many Stake superintendents, presidents of Stakes, Bishops and the vast auditorium and galleries were filled with Sunday school officers and workers, as was shown by all such rising to their feet at the request of Assistant General Superintendent George Goddard, who called the conference to order.

The Tabernacle choir, under the able leadership of Prof. Evau Stephens,