

Correspondence.

BLOOMINGTON, BEAR LAKE VALLEY,
March 8th, 1868.
Editor News.—This winter has been a very pleasant one with us. The cañons have been kept open, and a great amount of out-door work has been performed. We are now having warm, cloudy weather, with a good prospect of the resignation of grim Winter, to make room for his more youthful and amiable successor, Spring.

There has been a Sunday School established here under the auspices of brothers James H. Hart and Walter Walker, and it has flourished most unprecedentedly, being well attended; thus affording the means of sowing the seed which will germinate, and, ere long, produce the desired fruit.

The instructions given by the President and company, when they were here last September, have sunk deep into the hearts of their hearers, and have been productive of much good. As an illustration of this, a Mutual Improvement Association has been organized, whose laws, regulations, and general arrangements would reflect credit on a much older state of society than is here; and although our material and general resources have been scanty, yet we flatter ourselves that we have accomplished something towards the increase and spread of knowledge, and we mean to progress in everything that tends to the promotion and embellishment of longevity.

We now have a weekly mail which is a blessing that those only who have been without it for two or three years can fully appreciate. One great advantage which the establishment of the mail affords us, is the regularity with which your valued paper arrives in our midst. Hoping we may ever progress in everything useful, I remain,
EDMUND ELVY.

BOUNTIFUL, Davis County
March 24, 1868.

Editor Deseret News.—To all who desire the prosperity of Israel it will be gratifying, as well as to yourself, to know that in this section of country the truth is onward and the counsels of God's priesthood are revered. Hence our attention is turned towards the times we live in, so that the Word of Wisdom is generally observed, the means of the Saints is freely donated for the immigration of the poor, and the education of the rising generation—the hope of Israel—is cared for. It is true we may be very quiet, but we are alive, nevertheless, and to-day we have in successful operation three first class Sabbath schools, numbering between three and four hundred scholars of all ages, who punctually attend to be taught the truths of the everlasting gospel as found in the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Jacques' Catechism, and in that valuable little sheet published by yourself, the *Juvenile Instructor*. Music and singing are also taught by brother Allen McFindlay, which delights the little ones greatly. These schools are watched over by a committee of three, elders J. A. Perkins, Henry Rampton and Richard Jones, who are a kind of traveling committee, being at one school to-day and at another one to-morrow, giving such teachings as their combined wisdom may deem necessary. Each school has also a class leader, who sees that the school is opened and closed at the proper time, that the teachers do their duty, and that general good behavior is observed. Our teachers, male and female, vie with each other in discharging the duties imposed upon them. Before closing school a short lecture is delivered by one of the teachers, or it may be by a visitor who may happen along. In addition to these Sabbath Schools, we have six day schools. During the past few months we have had Seventies' lectures weekly, on various subjects. Our farmers are now busily engaged plowing and sowing, and, notwithstanding grasshopper eggs now and again present themselves, they sow in faith believing that they will reap. Our worthy bishop is as usual alive and busy, ever seeking the welfare of those he presides over. Good feelings abound, and the Saints rejoice together. The leading elders, too, set an excellent example before the Saints, in being diligent in the discharge of their duties, and by teaching them the truth as they have acquired it by long experience in the church and an intimate acquaintance with the authorities thereof. Bountiful, therefore, prospers and her inhabitants rejoice in the principles of salvation.
Yours truly,
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