

# Correspondence.

AMERICAN FORK,  
March 8th, 1870.

Mr. Editor:—A few words from here may not be uninteresting to your readers. We have had a succession of meetings during the winter through our country missionaries, under the direction of Prest. Smoot. Much good has been imparted; a good spirit has prevailed, and the Elders have been animated by the spirit of their mission and the importance of the subjects treated upon.

In addition to this we had the visit of our much respected President and company, on the evening of the 24th ult., at which time a meeting was held; and the return, on Monday, of a portion of the Elders, who accompanied him to Provo, of the Twelve, viz.: John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith, also Elder H. P. Kimball, who attended meeting with us in the afternoon and evening, and all preached to us and bore a faithful testimony of the great work of this dispensation of the gospel. The meetings were densely crowded, and all present enjoyed an opportunity of adding to their faith the further qualifications required of all those to whom pertains the royal priesthood, the Saintly inheritance.

It may be thought by those unacquainted with the Latter-day Saints that the outside pressure, which some are trying to bring to bear upon them, would cast a dampening influence over them, and cause them to sing, if there is any sing in them:

"Our day is past and gone,  
The evening shades appear."

But such is not the case. Whatever men may try, the Saints' course is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, ever aiming to create a heaven upon earth.

In consideration of a visit made to Springville by the American Fork choir, a few weeks ago, a return visit was made by the Bishop, his counselors and the choir of Springville, on Saturday the 6th inst. In the evening a party was given, where mirth and joy, created by the dance, song and recitation, prevailed to the satisfaction of all present.

On Sunday, to say nothing of the excellent preaching, we had the soul-inspiring strains of music poured forth by the Springville choir, which made all present feel as if they had got a foretaste of the great millennium. The leaders of the choirs of Lehi and Alpine City being present it brought about a conversation, resulting in the desire to see, not only one choir visit another, but that all the choirs and brass bands in the county go to work and study some pieces which they can all perform together, and meet at a not very distant date and have a grand musical jubilee.

On Monday morning, previous to their departure, the choir, brass band and a great many of the citizens of American Fork turned out and serenaded their visitors. They left with buoyant spirits, yet feeling their visit was too much like the work of the Lord—"cut short in righteousness."

The following song, composed for the occasion by Wm. Clegg, of Springville, will give an idea of the feelings with which they visited American Fork.

As ever, yours in the gospel,  
L. E. HARRINGTON.

## A SONG

Composed expressly for the Springville Choir  
to be sung at their return visit to the  
American Fork Choir.

TUNE—FINE OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.

The Springville choir are here to-day, with feelings good and true,  
Responding to the kindly visit made to them by you;  
They appreciate such friendly calls and hope they always may,  
While music charms, or memory lasts, or ages roll away.

CHORUS—  
For we are but one grand company, no matter where we be.

Some of our number are not present with us here to-day—

Circumstances hinder them, and that's why they're away;

No doubt that was the case with those who did not come with you,

For those who would not like such joys we think are very few.

For we are, &c.

May we enjoy such gatherings yet many a coming year,  
And this be but a trifling thing to what shall yet appear;  
May harmony and unity and friendship so abound  
Till but one grand efficient choir the country shall be found.

For we are, &c.

Success to all our brethren and sisters on the earth,  
Who love good music, pleasant jokes and health-creating mirth;  
May all be blessed and prospered in their efforts to excel,  
No matter what may be their names or places where they dwell.

For we are, &c.

May we become so perfect in this soul-inspiring art,  
That we may solid pleasure to all listeners impart,  
That angels may rejoice to hear the melody we make,  
And nevermore henceforth our company forsake.

For we are, &c.

Then when we leave Time's changing scenes to meet the choir above,  
Join with that happy countless throng saved by redeeming love,  
Dwell with them in the presence of the Lord the Great I Am,  
And with them sing the wondrous song of Moses and the Lamb!

For we are, &c.

ST. THOMAS, ARIZONA,  
February 21, 1870.

Editor Deseret News:—Impressed with the notion that an occasional account of the condition and progress of the farthest southern outpost of the settlements of our people must be acceptable to your many readers, I pen a few lines for insertion. Five years have passed since this valley was brought under tribute to the husbandry of our people, during which time the people have produced their grain for their support and some surplus from the virgin soil of the desert. Virgin soil it most undoubtedly was for it was to all appearance perfectly innocent of having produced anything for innumerable ages; yet it has yielded fairly of all those products which were fairly tried and can reasonably be expected to thrive in a climate like ours. St. Joseph has at last abandoned the impracticable drift-sand bench as a town-site, and is now commencing its building upon the better suited site of old St. Joseph, or the place settled on the first season. When its people recover from the discouragements of the past they will no doubt feel satisfied with the present and the prospective future. St. Thomas, having had to move its location but once, and being placed on the only practicable site in the vicinity, has the aspect of permanence and improvements of a solid character, mainly vinicultural. Its citizens are now engaged with commendable energy and great promise in the cultivation of the vine, as the soil is better than nine-tenths of the vineyard land of Europe, and our climate (for curing raisins especially) is not surpassed on the globe. In a very few years this product alone will fully vindicate the wisdom of the establishment of these settlements, for sufficient raisins will be produced here to supply Utah Territory and our adjoining mining regions, thus supplying one of the greatest culinary luxuries by our own hands, and furnishing an article of exportation equal to any in the world and with which the market can never be glutted. Our people are industrious, sober and persevering (they could not be other than gritty among the drifts), and in no wise apprehensive of strangers coveting their possessions as yet; still they expect to make their homes desirable as fast as the power of human industry, directed by the redeeming spirit of the gospel, can make its abiding mark in a region where the desolation of a thousand years has stamped its solemn silence upon the face of Nature. The past winter was rather cold; thermometer went down to eighteen degrees above zero; no snow and scarcely any rain. Lucerne clover is now growing and willows leafing out; wheat generally looks promising.

Yours respectfully,  
D. BONELLI.

The Female Printers' Union, of New York city, now numbers about fifty members. The total number of women type setters in that city is one hundred and fifty.

Life, says Henry Ward Beecher, would be a perpetual flea-hunt, if a man were obliged to run down all the innuendoes, inuendoes, insinuations and suspicions which are uttered against him.

A brass door, weighing 1,456 pounds, has recently been manufactured in England for the Wolf Rock lighthouse, intended to replace a solid oak door, four inches thick, which has been shattered into fragments by the force of the waves.

A good old Quaker lady, after listening to the extravagant yarn of a shop-keeper, as long as her patience would allow, said: "Friend, what a pity it is a sin to lie; it seems so necessary to thy happiness."

Horse-cars are to be introduced into China. An enterprising Prussian has obtained the privilege of laying down tramways in all the cities of the Empire. As this rate, the familiar image of that municipal vehicle will soon possess the world.

A romantic suicide recently took place at Cwmavon village, near Neath, Glamorganshire. A respectable young woman, named Barry, while suffering from the effect of disappointed love, took poison, and with her remaining strength made her way to the house of her old lover, and died in his arms.

There is a difference between supplying a pulpit and "filling" it. Oliver Wendell Holmes, announced on a certain occasion to fill an appointment made for Rufus Choate, told his audience he could never hope to fill Mr. Choate's place, but he would for a little while endeavor to rattle round in it.

Rothschild: "It requires a great deal of boldness, and a great deal of caution to make a great fortune; and when you have got it, it requires ten times as much wit to keep it. That is the rub, 'to keep it.' Not more than three out of a hundred do it. The ninety-seven die without making the fortune, or if made, without having kept it."

A New York woman was much annoyed by the size and appearance of a waterfall that her sister persisted in wearing, and soon after gave birth to a child provided with a large sack on the back of its head, filled with a watery fluid. The deformity was removed by a surgeon without injury to the infant.

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