

School, assembled at 10 in the morning, the house being nicely decorated by three boys. The forenoon was taken up with select readings, dialogues from the *Juvenile*, songs, etc. Prizes were given to the most deserv- ing, and candy to about 150 children. After a recess of two hours, the day schools met to celebrate their vacation. Short speeches by the Bishop and Trustees, after which cake and lemonade were handed around to old and young. It was surely a bright spot in the children's lives which will be long remembered.

In the Friday following we had a social picnic party attended by the President of the Stake, with the superintendents and teachers of the various ward Sunday schools. Short speeches were the order of the day, all in the interest of Sunday schools, showing that much good had been done and that it was a nursery for the future welfare of the various wards.

At sunset we sat down to tables spread with the bounties of life, after we enjoyed ourselves in the dance and thanked God that the future prospect of Zion was so encouraging. JAMES T. WORLTON.

SHADY GROVE,
Hickman County, Tenn.,
February 1st, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

Early in June, '79, in company with a number of elders called to this mission, I left for my field of labor, having for a companion Elder Hyrum Belnap; we traveled together for several months, then I was called to labor in another part of the conference.

During the year '80, sixty-three were baptized and eighty-two bid adieu to their Tennessee homes and emigrated to Colorado, where prosperity has crowned their untiring labors in building new homes and thereby strengthening the Stakes of Zion.

In May, two gentlemen from a distant county, having learned that elders were traveling in this part of the State, visited us, and as they and eighteen of their immediate neighbors, had for two years earnestly and prayerfully petitioned our Father in heaven to lead them in the narrow way to a celestial home and, as Cornelius of old, their prayers were answered, they obeyed the gospel and are now in the valleys of the mountains enjoying its sweet precepts.

Many of the saints are daily enjoying the promised blessings that in all ages have followed the faithful. Diseases, that professed physicians have pronounced incurable, have been cured under the administration of the Elders, to the satisfaction of the saints, who give all honor to our Heavenly Father.

On one occasion, while traveling in Coffee County, I was met by a lady who recognized me, notwithstanding it was the first time I had ever been in that vicinity. On inquiring how she knew me, she related the following: "One night of late I was informed in a dream that an Elder I should meet, in either hand a satchel, lonely, coming down the street," just in the way I was traveling at that time, while in other parts similar manifestations were enjoyed, enabling many to call by name the Elders as they came near their dwellings.

The work of the Lord is progressing under the indefatigable labors of President Franklin Spencer, assisted by humble, energetic and able defenders of divine truth, who are engaged in opening new fields, sowing gospel seed, etc., removing prejudice in many counties that heretofore had never heard the divine message, and doubtless a good work will be done in the near future, in gathering the remaining grapes ere the time comes for gathering the vines to be cast into the winery of the wrath of God. "Where we cannot go, we must send," therefore we find it necessary to place good reading matter before the people, that they may learn the gospel.

Having been released to return home, I bid the Elders, Saints and many friends adieu, having been kindly treated during my absence from home, and gained an experience that will be a benefit to myself and I trust, to many others.

Praying for the blessings of heaven upon all defenders of truth, remain your brother in the covenant of peace. G. H. CARVER.

LAKETOWN,
Rich County, Utah,
February 8th, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

The people of this settlement, in common with the brethren and sisters of this Stake of Zion in the various settlements, have been the recipients of the word of the Lord through his servants in a manner that is rarely, if ever, excelled in this part of his vineyard.

Pursuant to appointment, Elders J. U. Stucki, Daniel Jacobs, A. Gallowsay, George Spencer, John Nebeker, Hugh Findlay and Bishop John Hunt, of St. Charles, met with us at 6.30 o'clock last evening and at 10 o'clock this morning. All the brethren seemed especially impressed with the influence of the good spirit, the theme of their instructions being the necessity of union in matters temporal as well as spiritual, the word of wisdom, overcoming the evils of the flesh, and the subjection of our lives and all that we have and are to the dictation of the will of the Lord. The necessity of education was also treated emphatically and elaborately by the brethren. Truly it proved a feast of fat things that will be remembered for a long time by those who were privileged to share its bounties.

The health of the people is good, although, a short time since, most of the children were suffering from severe colds, brought upon them by the inclement weather, which it was our lot to experience. The people seem generally to have a desire to sustain the priesthood and to unite upon the basis of the principles of the gospel. Our Sunday School is flourishing, as also the young folks Mutual Improvement Associations. They hold their meetings regularly and quite an amount of energy is manifested by them in making their meetings mutually instructive and entertaining.

The citizens were not perfectly in unison in relation to certain water claims but these were satisfactorily adjusted under the wise direction of Bishops Ira Nebeker, Joseph Kimball and Archibald McKinnon, who were here as county water commissioners and we have reason to hope that these sores have been completely and forever healed.

We have the disadvantage of having no day school in session this winter, owing, in a great measure, I suppose, to the absence of Bro. R. S. Spence, who is now on a mission in the Southern States. A good competent teacher, of the right stripe, would find a good field for the exercise of his calling here and would be appreciated by the people here.

We have had two weeks of very rainy weather, flooding our streets and making traveling disagreeable and almost impossible; but it has now cleared up and it looks as though we would be blessed with an early spring, and, as a consequence, our farmers wear a perpetual smile upon their countenances.

While we detest the unwarranted action of our Governor in depriving our representative of his certificate and giving it to another who is certainly not worthy, we lose no sleep over it, but leave it in the hands of Him who has promised to fight our battles and, in the meantime, we will contend for our rights, as guaranteed by the Constitution of our country, which some men, clothed with a little brief authority, have no more patriotism than to trample upon and utterly repudiate.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH IRWIN.

The royal assent has been given the Canada Pacific Railway, and it is now law.

Nine hundred and eighteen hostiles have surrendered thus far. The captives seem content.

The House ways and means committee elected Tucker chairman, vice Fernando Wood.

The Canadian House refused a resolution making the temperance act inoperative—82 to 54.

Mrs. Nelson Johnson, a Swede, of Columbus, Ohio, drowned herself while insane, to-day.

Cotton manufacturers of Ashton-under-Lyne, England, have advanced wages 2 1/2 per cent.

The Senate committee authorized a favorable report on all pending nominations for the army.

The New York assembly has adopted a resolution expressing sympathy with Ireland, 57 to 10.

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