

place legally. The question, as it seemed to the Commission, was whether or not they were the proper persons to have called the election, and whether the present suit could be maintained at the instance of Richard W. Young. Other questions were, of course, collateral with these—namely, statutory construction, implied powers, and strict powers under statutes and corporation laws. Counsel read from the affidavit for the writ of prohibition of Mr. Young, already published in our columns, and asked, could Richard W. Young, under the statute, secure and have for his benefit, under the allegations of his complaint, the extraordinary remedy which he now sought? Would the Board of Education be benefited by the Utah Commission controlling the election, or by they themselves taking control of it? What financial interest had the Board in the issuance of the bonds that would not be subserved just as thoroughly, completely and legally when the Commission took control?

The arguments were concluded and the case submitted.

MISSIONARY WORK AT LOWESTOFT

Editor Deseret News:

For some time past, having tramped through the narrow lanes and along the highways of this country, so familiar to many of your readers, I am led to send you a few items as to the experience of the traveling Elders.

The cry of "Bloaters! two for three ha' pence!" rends the foggy morning air, awakening us from our slumbers, and reminding us that it is time to arise, have breakfast and go out tract distributing.

Having donned our clerical attire—my companion crowning his with a "stovepipe" hat, while I take refuge under a black broad-brimmed flat-topped covering—we sally forth into the narrow, crooked streets, bearing a portion of the Gospel of life and salvation in the form of a No. 1 Morgan tract, which we leave at the homes of those who will accept one. This tract we call for in a week, with a verbal invitation to attend our meetings.

In this way we have visited every house in this city, conversing with those who wished to hear about us, our faith and people. Last week we finished our work of tract distributing, and drew a veil over the "two parsons"—as we have been dubbed—who have figured so conspicuously on the streets of Lowestoft this winter.

We have been gratified at seeing an increased attendance at our meetings, and hope that the seed sown will bring forth fruit in the due time of the Lord. We are aware that "Paul may plant and Appolos may water; but it is God who giveth the increase." Though we may distribute tracts and preach, yet it is the influence of the Holy Spirit that causes men to turn from the fables which they have been taught, removes the scales of darkness from their eyes, and gives them courage to unite with a people who are persecuted, because they have truth on their side.

We hold our meetings in the little chapel that was built for the Saints by the late Brother Samuel Neslin. For some time it has been in the hands of other parties, but through the energy

of Elder Isaac Sears it was again opened to our people.

There are but few Saints in this branch, most of them having emigrated. Those who remain and are living their religion are anxiously awaiting the opportunity of gathering to Zion and again associating with those who have been blessed with means and an opportunity to unite with the main body of the Church.

Several attempts have proved unsuccessful—owing to prejudices existing—where the Elders have been desirous of renting halls in which to deliver lectures on the first principles of the Gospel. One very erroneous idea is that the Saints in Zion cannot communicate with their friends here without the letter being first read by the authorities of the Church. This and other reports, equally without foundation, which are circulated among the people of this country do not have a beneficial influence in spreading the truth.

Realizing that much good would attend the visit of an Elder by removing false impressions, and giving him an opportunity to lay the Gospel before the people, I feel to offer my services to any of the Saints in Zion who have friends or relatives in Lowestoft, or the neighboring villages, whom they wish visited. If they will send me the addresses of such I will, with pleasure, call upon them, for I am persuaded that this is one way of reaching those whom we wish to see saved.

Your brother in the Gospel,
PRIME COLEMAN.
CLARENCE ROAD, Lowestoft, Suffolk,
England, March 14, 1891.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

MARICOPA.

An excellent conference of the Maricopa Stake has just closed, Chas. I. Robson with Counselors Harry C. Rogers and Collins R. Hokes, presiding.

The usual business was attended to and much valuable instruction given. The principal topics dwelt upon were the duties of the Saints, the evil results of a dissolute as compared with a Godly life, and the sin of Sabbath breaking. The proper culture of our land, and the necessity of raising merchantable fruit was also treated upon.

The recent high water which deluged Lehi has now subsided, melting down the adobe houses of Ernest Crismon and Syrina Steele. Aside from this, the brethren of Lehi testify that the flood was a benefit to the town.

GEO. PARSEY, Clerk.

PAROWAN.

The quarterly conference of the Parowan Stake was held in Cedar City Tabernacle, March 22nd and 23rd, 1891. There were present on the stand the Stake Presidency, Bishops and representative brethren from the different wards in the Stake.

President Thomas J. Jones was the first speaker. He was very thankful to see so many of the Saints present at the first meeting of our conference; exhorted the Saints to lay aside the labors and cares of life and devote their minds during conference to the worship of God.

Elder William Leight, who had re-

cently returned from a mission, gave a very interesting account of his experience while traveling and preaching the Gospel in Wales.

Elder R. Maeser, Edwin Cutler, Joseph Jensen and Mayhew H. Daly, each discoursed upon the subject of education, in a very forcible manner.

Elder James J. Adams, who had recently spent several weeks in Old Mexico, gave a short sketch of that land, its people, climate and resources.

The Bishops reported their respective wards, and gave much good counsel and instruction to the Saints.

President Morgan Richards, Jr., discoursed upon the subject of health, Word of Wisdom and self-preservation, encouraging the youth to lay aside their unwise habits and the fashions that are so injurious to our bodies.

President Francis Webster said the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the pure, unadulterated truth. He advised the youth to search the scriptures and to seek God in secret prayer that they might obtain a testimony of the truth of the Gospel and know of a surety that it is of God.

President Thomas J. Jones endorsed the instructions given during the conference, and hoped the Saints would strive to live in accordance with them, and sustain by their patronage and means these Church schools that have been established in our midst for the education of the youth.

The conference was fairly attended, considering the sickness extant among the people, and a good spirit prevailed throughout.

Conference adjourned for three months to convene in Parowan.

WM. H. HOLYOAK,
Stake Clerk.

RETURNED ELDER.

We are pleased to notice the safe return of Elder Francis A. Brown, of Ogden, from his mission to Europe. He left his home January 16th, 1889, and spent some time in visiting friends in the East. In Tennessee he had the privilege of baptizing one of his relatives. He arrived in Amsterdam in the beginning of March and entered immediately on his labors as president of the mission in Holland. A translation of the Book of Mormon in the Dutch language had just been completed Elder by J. W. F. Volker, and Elder Brown now made arrangements for its publication. 2000 copies were printed, and one neatly bound volume of the sacred record respectfully presented to the late King of Holland, William III.

Elder Brown reports the mission in Holland in a prosperous condition. 130 have been baptized during the last two years. There are eight missionaries in the field. At Rotterdam a branch has just been organized, consisting of sixty members. The population of the kingdom manifest a commendable spirit of religious toleration, although much indifference is to be met with.

Elder Brown arrived home on the 5th of March, and feels happy to be back once more among his friends. This is his second mission to Holland.

The length of the railroads now in use in Norway is 970 miles.