

Correspondence.

MANASSA, May 10, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

It is not my intention to mention anything in particular about this place now, as I have noticed correspondence from here quite frequently in the columns of the News during the past winter, but will only say that since spring opened the people have been very busy in putting in grain, most of which is up and looks well. We are fencing a field of 960 acres, the fence to be up by the first of June.

Ephraim lies about three miles from here in a northeasterly direction. It is of this settlement I wish more particularly to make mention. Three families located there last fall from Utah, these were joined this spring by others, till there are now eleven families there. They have already accomplished a great work for so few. They have in connection with a few families from this place, made a canal four and a half miles long, 6 to 8 feet wide in the bottom, and from 12 to 33 inches below the surface of the ground. They have taken up a section of land, and have a great deal of the fencing already on the ground. They are now very busy putting in their grain.

Bishop W. L. Ball, his Counselor, S. S. Sellars, and myself made a visit down there last Sunday, held meeting at 10 a. m., in which nineteen persons were confirmed, having been baptized the previous Thursday. Fifteen children were blessed, belonging to families who came in from the Southern States late last season.

A good spirit prevails there, as well as here, and there is a determination shown on the part of all, to beautify and build up these waste places, and prepare desirable places for the gathering Saints.

Very respectfully,
W. CHRISTENSON.

BETHEL, Pitt Co., N. C.,
May 8, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

Bro. Riley G. Clark, of Panguitch, Iron Co, left this place for home, May 6th, having been released on account of ill health. He has been laboring in this and two adjoining counties since November 21st, 1880, during which time he has made many friends and succeeded in allaying considerable prejudice. Bro. John S. Carpenter, of Glendale, Kane Co., having been appointed by Pres. Morgan to labor in his stead, arrived here April 23d, enjoying good health and spirits. We endeavor to hold meetings every Sabbath, but are not able to hold any during the week on account of the crowd of work. The spring having been very backward has caused the people generally to be rather late getting their crops in. But spring has seemingly come at last, bringing with it pleasant weather, singing birds, blooming flowers, and the lovely green apparel of all vegetation, (not omitting the silent tick and gnat, nor the ever musical mosquito,) which remind us of the near approach of summer.

I did not realize ere I left home that there were so many people within 3,000 miles of Utah, and not more than half that distance from the scenes of the mobbings, drivings, and persecutions of the Saints, that were totally ignorant of the gospel we teach, many say they have never even heard of such a community. While others, it is true, have heard and read a great deal about the "Mormons," but unfortunately it was nothing but the falsehood contained in the many libelous publications penned by our worst enemies, causing prejudices to exist in their minds which, in many cases, are very hard to remove. In some places these persons took pains to spread this feeling as rapidly as possible as soon as we made our appearance upon the field. But thanks to God there are many honest hearted people here who think it wise to hear before judging. And after hearing, some seem quite interested. But as yet, but one has had the courage to step forth and embrace the principles of eternal life, and thereby gain the enmity of those they thought to be their best friends. But we feel confident of this yet being a field that will in time yield a bountiful harvest to the reapers of the Lord.

Young brethren, let us fit ourselves for the great work before us instead of spending our time in idleness. Young sisters, encourage brothers,

lovers, and husbands to be faithful in this great work, and God will bless you.

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In the Probate Court of Davis
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JONATHAN H. HOLMES, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Jonathan H. Holmes, deceased, to the creditors of and to all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administratrix at her residence at Farmington, Davis County, Utah.

SARAH I. HOLMES,
Administratrix of the Estate of Jonathan H. Holmes, deceased.
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