

ELDERS' CORRESPONDENCE.

[Extracts of a Letter from Elder Joseph A. Young to his wife.]

12 CROSSLAND ST., Holbeck, Leeds, }
Jan. 18, 1855.

DEAR MARY:—The Bradfordshire Conference, over which I am called to preside, numbers 875 persons, and they are as affectionate a body of saints as ever lived. Sometimes, after I have preached, I have to shake hands with two or three hundred, and it occasionally makes my arm so lame the next morning that I cannot write.

The saints are very kind to me, but they are very poor. I see strong, able-bodied men working for ten shillings (\$2.42) a week, and they have large families to support out of that; and in addition, it takes some money to support the work. Thus the saints have about as much as they can do; and if they stop a little, the load becomes so heavy that they cannot carry it.

I take particular pleasure in telling the people, "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." The work of God is rolling forth quite rapidly in this country, though there are not so many baptized as there used to be. The reason is this, the brethren now tell the people, that if they join us they must expect troubles and trials. And before I baptize any one, I inquire if they are willing to lay everything upon the altar. The consequence is, that those baptized now are a great deal better, taken en masse, than has heretofore been the case.

My health is pretty good; I have, however, this winter been troubled with a severe cold, and sometimes my lungs are very bad; but I think I shall be better when summer comes. My spirits are buoyant, for the Lord blesses me with his Holy Spirit in great abundance. When I lay my hands upon the saints, in cases of sickness, the Lord hears my prayers in their behalf, and they can do as they used to anciently, viz: arise, take their beds, and walk.

One night, not long ago, I was preaching, and the audience commenced a regular row; there were about 600 in the room. I had to go directly through the crowd to get out, and they were going to take me to the pump. I stepped down from the stand, and told them to stand back—that I wanted room to pass. They were powerless, and did not raise an arm against me, but stood there paralyzed until I had passed out, when there arose a great disturbance—one saying, "what did you let him go for?" &c., &c. I then knew what the following passage of scripture meant—"One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight."

George D. Grant and Cyrus H. Wheelock are in Liverpool, well, and doing well. Wm. H. Kimball is in London—his health is tolerably good. Wm. Young is in Macclesfield; his health is better than it has been heretofore, and he is doing a grand, good work. E. Ellsworth is in Birmingham, and writes that he is well; and I know by the spirit of his letters that he is doing well. James A. Little is at Liverpool, and enjoying very good health.

Cousin Franklin and br. Spencer, may God bless them for their kindness unto me, are not very well, but I am in hopes that they will get better as warm weather approaches. Br. Atwood is so faithful an elder, that they are going to keep him another year; he is a little asthmatical, and very fleshy.

Next month I intend to visit Liverpool, Birmingham, London, &c., &c.

I am much obliged to Luna and John, also to Charlotte for the few lines they wrote—a note put me so much in mind of home. My love to father, mother, Brigham, Jr., Alice, Luna, John, and Charlotte, and all inquiring friends.

I remain your affectionate husband,

JOS. A. YOUNG.

[From a letter to Elder Robert Campbell from Elder Wm. H. Kimball.]

35 JEWIN STREET, London, Jan. 24, 1855.

BR. ROBERT:—Very many saints have emigrated, and many will emigrate this year. I am going to Liverpool, the middle of next month, with about two hundred; and from that time forward the stakes in the States will have a constant emigration all the year. But it does not seem to affect much of a change in numbers, as there are almost daily additions. Last year there were five hundred added in London, and that is no more than proportionate with other conferences.

The most who are baptized now, join for the love of the truth, and to stand by it.

Altho' it is new business to me, I begin to feel well. There is some of the best quality of the children of God in these parts, and they would do much good if they had the chance; and it is my mind that they have an opportunity.

As you say, this mission is a great school; and it is by having my eye on the picture of destruction, that I can appreciate the peace, prosperity, happiness, and righteousness of the kingdom of God in the valleys of the mountains; for when away from the people called Latter Day Saints, I hear of nothing but war, war, death, death, and poverty.

[From Elder James Ferguson to Elder Robert Campbell.]

BELFAST, Feb. 7, 1855.

BR. ROBERT:—Tho' you will have heard pretty much all about me since I left, I will give you a few items.

Brs. Dunbar, Wheelock, and myself arrived in Liverpool on the night of the 4th to 5th July last, having made the trip from G. S. L. City in 40 traveling days. After re-erecting myself a little in Scotland, I arrived in this town on the 1st of August.

I called my first conference on the 13th here, and in Dublin on the 20th. In the midst of innumerable inconveniences, since that time, I have been enabled to get the work started, and 22 souls have been added to our ranks. This is not a very great number, but when you are informed that the aggregate number in the whole mission is only 99, good and bad, and they scattered over more than 200 miles, it will seem considerable.

Elder J. D. T. McAllister has the presidency of the Belfast conference, which constitutes the most important part of the Irish mission. Under his direction are Elders Cowley, Carson, and Kerr. (The two last named being elders ordained in the British mission). Br. James Bond has charge of the Dublin conference.

Before these brethren were sent to me, I found the burden very heavy upon me. But I am now doubly armed, and feel strong. I endeavor to be wherever I am most needed, and generally divide my time between Belfast and Dublin.

In Dublin the opposition to the truth is very bitter.

The magistrates have denied us their protection, and we are compelled to confine ourselves to preaching from house to house. This however, will not deter us; and I feel satisfied that what the Lord wishes us to do he will enable us to perform. At the best, Ireland ever has been, and ever will be, a hard place to preach the gospel; but in such a place, the pleasure we feel in bringing the few to a knowledge of the truth, is so much the greater. Indeed, I do not know but I feel better in having obstacles to surmount, and much opposition to fight against, than if everything went smooth. I derive great solace too, not only from the brave boys that are with me, but from the letters that I receive from Glover, George, William, Joseph, and br. Franklin. The boys are all kind, and feel as tho' they would gladly lift with me.

The present state of affairs in this country is most fearful. A horrid anticipation of something they cannot fathom, seems to unnerve the nations, and the tottering foundations of European governments predict a general crash.

A spirit of gathering out of these countries has taken possession of the saints in a most unequal manner, and no sacrifice seems too great, that they can make, to get out. But my poor countrymen, and countrywomen!—Those that do obey the truth are poor, and their scanty meals cannot be lessened, nor made more frugal, to assist them away. God must interfere for them, or they perish here.

[From Elder J. D. T. McAllister to Elder R. Campbell.]

BELFAST, Feb. 7, 1855.

BR. ROBERT:—I arrived here Nov. 10, after laboring one year in England, where I enjoyed the spirit of my calling while performing the duties of the same.

Our conference was held on Sunday, 12th of Nov., when I was appointed President of the same. Since then I have baptized three women, and one man, and I truly rejoice, knowing that my labors are not in vain.

Br. James Ferguson, our Pastor, is now with me, and I truly rejoice in his society. He studies the interest of the servants of God, and does all that he can to enhance the welfare of the work.

Elder Matthias Cowley is also laboring with me in this conference, and feels to do all that he can for the advancement of God's kingdom in this Isle. We assigned him to the Londonderry District, which is in the extreme north of Ireland; and he was very ill while there, and Elder Ferguson deemed it wisdom to call him in, and, after recruiting a little, let him turn his attention to another part of the conference, nearer Belfast.

Elder Croston, from the Liverpool Conference, has a good opening in the counties of Fermanagh, Armagh, and Monaghan. He reports some ready for baptism.

Last Sunday we called a native elder, and set him apart for the work of the ministry; he will start out the first of next week, and I feel that he will do a great work.

Elder Ferguson and myself are determined, by the help of God, and the assistance of his servants, our brethren, to give Ireland a faithful warning. We need your prayers, my dear brethren, for we have to face a cold-hearted people—made so by the priestcraft and superstitions of men, not only of the Roman Catholic church, but by the hiring clergy and ministers of the Protestant church, who are alike oppressive, and whose iron hand at present holds the strongest grasp.

I have had word lately from Elders Wm. H. Kimball, G. D. Grant, Edward Martin, P. C. Merrill, C. G. Webb, Edward Barker, J. D. Ross, Jas. Carrigan, and many others of the elders from Utah, who are all enjoying good health, and the spirit of their office and callings.

All desire to be remembered to their families, and the saints at home, and especially to Presidents Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, and Jedediah M. Grant; and we all pray the Lord to bless them continually with everything needful of a spiritual and temporal nature, that His people may still be blessed with their presence and instructions.

[From Elder John Barker to Elder Robert Campbell.]

CHELTEMHAM, Feb. 23, 1855.

DEAR BROTHER:—I expect to leave England, early in March, for Philadelphia, from thence thro' Cincinnati and St. Louis to the camping ground. This is the new route selected for the saints to take for the present.

I find that Mormonism is canvassed among those who carry high heads. It is forcing attention upon the wealthy classes of society, and editors speak a little more respectfully of the "deluded Mormons."

A course of lectures is now being delivered in Cheltenham, which has caused the adversary to rage in the shape of opposition lectures. Elder Dille delivered the first of the course: subject, "Was Joseph Smith sent of God?"—This, the following week, appeared in the Cheltenham Free Press, with a brief account of the rise and progress of the church, its present condition, the number of missions now established in the various parts of the earth, the number emigrated, the amount of money raised for emigrating purposes, and the beauty and order of the organization of the church—all, with some exceptions, tolerably correct.

I delivered the second lecture, on "The necessity of revelation in the last days." The third was on "Priesthood."

Two opposition lectures were delivered in the Town Hall, by a person named Bowes.

Next Thursday, Elder Dille gives a lecture upon the political, social, and religious institutions of Utah, &c. Elder Cyrus Wheelock lately lectured in London (by request) on the same subject, to about 3,000 people, for which he received a vote of thanks from the audience.

The present winter is very severe, and is said to be the hardest winter known in England during the last 14 years. Multitudes are out of employment in consequence of the severe frost, and the working classes suffer very much thro' want. Many of the saints are out of work, and are in a state of great want for food, as they mostly live from hand to mouth.

HOME CORRESPONDENCE.

NEPHI.

JUAB COUNTY, May 4, 1855.

EDITOR OF THE NEWS:—Having just arrived at this city, I improve the first opportunity to inform you of passing events. All the settlements thus far are bountifully supplied with millions of grasshoppers, which are feeding luxuriantly upon the tender blades of the growing crops, and have entirely used up hundreds of acres of grain in this county, and are still busy at their vocation. Every settlement in Utah county is visited in like manner, and

I understand that the grasshoppers are very plenty in San Pete county. Two thirds of the city wall of Springville is six feet high, and three-fourths of the wall at Payson is the same height. Health and peace continue to be enjoyed in the different settlements. Water froze in this place last night. I shall camp on Chicken creek to-night.

Respectfully, yours, GEO. A. SMITH.

[For the Deseret News.]

RURAL SCENERY.

In strolling through this city it is really gratifying to observe an increasing interest in tree and shrub planting, and in laying out flower gardens. This augurs well for the general good taste and prosperity of the community.

Many have laid out and planted the foregrounds to their houses in a neat and well arranged manner, which gives an air of tasteful and useful improvement, and points out the pioneer path for others to also strive to obtain the same delightful improvements.

A high and judicious cultivation of the soil indicates a prosperous condition of the people. The well cultivated farm, the rural cottage, the pretty flower-garden, and the streets and avenues well planted with shade and fruit trees, all give evidence of taste and prosperity; indeed they are the results of enterprise, intelligence, and industry.

On the contrary, let any one picture to himself a "stone house," with not a tree, shrub, or flower to welcome the stranger, and he will at once form a conclusion as to the inmates of such a dwelling. But when his eyes rest upon the ornamental parterres, the shady arbor, the admirably arranged and grouped trees and shrubs, he at once concludes that the occupants of such residences enjoy, and are willing to impart to others, the comforts and luxuries of this life.

In planting flower gardens, I would recommend the introduction of the many pretty flowers that grow in the canyons, in preference to the tender plants of warmer climates, which, if they could ever be made to grow, would have a sickly appearance; for it is obvious that plants and trees that thrive well, are always more beautiful than those which are tender and sickly.

E. SAYERS.

THE BUFFALO BERRY,

Or *Shepherdia Elegnoides*.

The buffalo-berry, being a native of these regions, is well worth cultivating as a hardy, ornamental tree, and for its fruit, which is a good substitute for the red currant, having familiar qualities for domestic use. The berries may be used as tarts, and when made into jam, or preserve, much resemble the red currant, and are also good for making vinegar.

They have been cultivated in the Eastern States upwards of 30 years, and were first discovered and made known by that indefatigable botanist, Nuttall, when on his tour of discovery to Oregon, with Captain Wyeth of Boston, Mass. Mr. N. gave the seeds to the Messrs. Winships, nurserymen in Brighton, Mass., and they have cultivated and sold thousand of trees, which have been sent to all parts of the States.

This tree belongs to the class Dlocea of botanists, and, like the hop, bears distinct male and female flowers on separate plants; hence the male plants never bear fruit.

Those who desire to cultivate bearing trees should set out male and female plants, always letting the female, or berry bearing trees, outnumber the male, for the Polygamia of the vegetable kingdom, like the animal, is always the most numerous on the female.

Again, it may be well to say, to those who believe that the hop often changes from the male to female, that there are no such incongruities in the natural organization of the vegetable kingdom; and it is absurd to suppose any such changes in its eternal organization.

E. SAYERS.

For the Deseret News.

Whisky an Antidote for Poison in Sheep.

MR. EDITOR:—A few of my sheep have died from eating poisonous herbs this winter, and I tried the usual remedies without effect. At last I tried whiskey, and found it cured the sheep right off, since which time, whenever I see a sheep frothing at the mouth, or shewing other signs of being poisoned, I give it from a quarter to half a pint of whisky, (a full half pint will not hurt them) and it never fails to produce the desired effect.

Yours faithfully, OZIAS KILBOURN.

Weber county, May 14th, 1855.

CAOUTCHOUC.—The Paris correspondent of the N. Y. Commercial makes mention of the new uses the French are putting caoutchouc (koochook) to:

One of the branches of industry which attracts at this moment a large share of public attention in France is the manufacture of articles in caoutchouc. The application of this substance has received within the last few years an enormous development, and has already made the fortune of several establishments. They are not content, however, with employing it in its resinous elastic state, and have lately imported from the United States a proceeding which consists in giving to caoutchouc the hardness of woods and metals. A company eagerly bought the patent, and are developing their new art to an extraordinary extent. They imitate iron, bronze and ebony; they form the richest incrustations with a great economy over the old material. They even propose to replace copper with this new material for the bottom of ships, and it is argued that it possesses advantages over copper for this purpose, in its greater properties of preservation to the keel.

A GREAT SNOW STORM IN IOWA.—The Keokuk (Iowa) Whig, of Jan. 28th, says: "We were visited, on the night of the 20th and the following day and night, with one of the most severe snow storms ever known in the West. On Saturday, the 20th, the wind blew very strong from the northwest—cloudy and intensely cold—and at 10 o'clock on Saturday night it began to snow with great rapidity, and continued to fall for thirty-two hours without intermission. The sky during the whole time was filled with so dense a mass of falling snow, that it was impossible to see a distance of a few yards. The wind continued to blow from the northwest a perfect hurricane. Forest trees were prostrated; old buildings were blown down; good houses, barns and other buildings were unroofed; signs and every other moveable substance within the reach of the wind were rent asunder, and tossed about like so much chaff. There was great suffering among many that were not prepared for such a storm, in consequence of the intense cold. The mercury fell to nine degrees below zero, and the snow was so deep, that neither man nor beast could get about. And now up to this time, the hour of gloom to press, we have not seen a team in the streets of Keokuk, so usually crowded with merchandise, country teams, drays and vehicles of every kind, all rushing ahead with the utmost vigor. The streets are blocked with snow."

Deseret Theological Institute.

SOCIAL HALL, G. S. L. City, }
May 15, 1855. }

The Deseret Theological Institute met at 7 1-2 p.m.

Orchestra chanted, "We praise thee, O God."

Prayer by Elder S. W. Richards.

Music by the band.

Orchestra chanted the "Hallelujah Chorus," in an electrifying manner.

Professor Orson Pratt delivered a scientific lecture on "Light."

Music.

Messrs. Smithies, Hutchinson, and Grimshaw sung the glee, "a little farm well filled."

Benediction by James W. Cummings.

THOMAS BULLOCK, Secretary.

A SENSIBLE WOMAN.—Mrs. Swisshelm says she has never worn a bonnet that cost so much as four dollars; and will not be troubled with a new one every winter, or even a re-trimming every fall, for the sake of being leader of the *ton* in the largest circle in the city.

MARRIED:

On Tuesday, May 15, 1855, by Bishop J. Hendrix, Mr. GEORGE HIBBARD and Miss HANNAH WILLIAMS, both from England.

DIED:

In G. S. L. City May 16, MARTHA, wife of William Wagstaff, Gardener, aged 33 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.

A ROTARY KNITTING Machine—(from Nottingham, England) for making Pants, Drawers, Under and Overshirts, Socks, &c.

Price—\$100, or a good yoke of cattle.
GEO. GODDARD,
Auctioneer.

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my care a Sorrel HORSE,

12 years old, no brands visible. Also, a brown OX, 8 years old, branded on the left hip with a horse-shoe, and has a crop off the left ear, and an underbit on the right.

The owners are requested to prove property, pay charges and take them away.
JOHN THOMPSON,
Pound Keeper, Ogden City.

5\$ REWARD!

STRAYED from the mouth of Emigration Canyon, about the 1st of May, one RED OX—

branded **HD** on the near hip; the left hind leg stiff.

The above reward will be paid by returning the said ox to I. & J. M. HOCKADAY.

11-3t P. K. DOTSON.

W. L. JOLLY,

LUMBER MERCHANT—is prepared

to purchase good Lumber, for which he will pay part cash.

W. L. J. can be found daily at Goddard's Auction store, East Temple st.

N. B.—W. L. J. has on hand constantly, a good supply of well-assorted season LUMBER, SHINGLES, LATH, PICKETS, &c., and is also prepared to execute orders to any amount on very reasonable terms.

O yes, come and see!

FOOT & ADAMSON would inform

their old customers and friends in general, that they have got their grist mill in operation at Union Fort, Little Cottonwood. They have new stones and gearing and a new Smutter, and feel satisfied that they can do as good work as the best.

The above property is offered for sale on reasonable terms. Enquire of FOOT & ADAMSON,
Union Fort.

11-2t

STRAYED OR STOLEN,

ON the night of the 12th inst., out of

the pasture on Spring creek, Utah county, a red cow, with a short tail, the points of her horns cut off; about 6 years old, branded with **g** on the left hip. Also a black 3 year old heifer, very large, branded **G S** on the left hip.

Any person that will return the above animals to John Lott, at Lehi, or David Brinton, on Big Cottonwood, shall be liberally rewarded.

11-3t

JENNINGS & WINDER.

IN addition to the DESERET MEAT & PROVISION STORE, on East Temple St., have taken

THE MEAT MARKET

corner of Union Square where a choice selection of Meat & Provisions will always be on hand. Inhabitants in that part of the City can be supplied on the most satisfactory terms.

N. B.—Our Tannery is now in full operation, and we want BARK, HIDES, AND SKINS.

11-4t

STRAYED

FROM White's Fort, two miles west of

Jordan, about the 25th of April, a large dark red and white cow, unusually long horns—the horns turn up at the

points quite high, branded **S** on the nigh fore leg. Said cow is about nine or ten years old; is near calving or has a calf. Any person having such a cow in their possession, or will give information where she may be obtained will be liberally rewarded by the subscriber in 9th ward, or to John Irwin, White's Fort.

11-2t LEVI E. RITER.

The 37th Quorum of the Seventies.

THE members of the 37th quorum are

hereby notified that meetings are now held on the first and third Sundays in each month, in the upper room of the Council House, immediately after the afternoon meetings in the Tabernacle, on the above days. Attendance of all who are in the city and neighborhood is particularly requested. Members are requested to write out their biographies—a short sketch of their lives—and send them in to the clerk.

By order of the Council, JOHN G. CHAMBERS,
Clerk.

NEW CLOTHING STORE.

UNBOUNDED ATTRACTION.—

The Subscriber has opened opposite O. Hyde's Provision Store, a Gentlemen's Clothing & Furnishing Establishment consisting of a fine lot of

Black Dress and Frock Coats,
Satin and Young American Vest,
Super Embroider Buff,
Plush, Silk, and Valencia,
Know Nothing Pants,
Black and Fancy Cassimire,
Business and Overcoats,
Napoleon, Beaufril, and Albert, Neck Ties,
Shirt, Hosiery, and a general Gentlemen's & Outfitter Store.

I will still continue to carry on the Tailoring Business and execute to order in the best style of workmanship all articles entrusted to my charge.

Trimmings for sale. I will sell low for cash, produce, and lumber. And I invite my old friends and new ones to call, see, buy, and be satisfied.

Don't forget opposite O. Hyde's Provision Store.
11-4t GEO. DOCKSTADER.