

President Cannon said we had made the most sacred covenants, and one of those covenants we frequently violated, that is, not to speak evil of each other, nor of the Lord's anointed. This is a most important matter to us individually. We should not be hasty in reaching conclusions, especially against those who stand in responsible positions. We read from Isaiah 11th chapter, 2nd to 4th verses, the Savior is represented as a most just Judge, who will know our inmost intentions. The Prophet Joseph urged upon his brethren not to speak evil of the Lord's anointed, nor against the Savior, nor against the Holy Ghost, nor betray the Kingdom of God. The Spirit of God gives cheerfulness and enables us to look on the bright side of life, and not the dark side; the Spirit of God gives light and life, the opposite spirit brings depression and darkness. We should cultivate the gifts of the Gospel.

Apostle Lyman showed the necessity of the living oracles, advised the young men and young women to marry and not defer doing so expecting perhaps to find perfection, which is not to be found. But be not unequally yoked by marrying outside of the Church of Christ.

2 p. m.—Opened as usual. Sacrament was administered by the Bishops of Ephraim.

Apostle Lund read from the 11 chapter, 1 Corinthians, commencing at the 27 verse, gave instructions to be observed in administering the sacrament; urged upon the Saints the necessity of forgiving one another and to cease so much talking about each other. There are too many idle young men in Sanpete; the people in general are industrious and economical, but some young men are too much given to waste their time; if they cannot afford to attend school they should read good books and learn the Gospel and its precepts thoroughly.

Apostle Lyman said, the time of youth is most valuable, opportunities that then present themselves may never return, young men should be taught to acquire good habits that shall be a recommendation wherever they may be; the young women should be taught to manage the household, and its income, be it large or small; we should set good examples before our children, and not expect them to be better than we are ourselves; all our labors are for the purpose of saving ourselves, and we are required to labor with all our might for the salvation of the Saints, also of the Jew and the Gentile.

President Cannon thought the teachings of Paul quite applicable to the Saints. We should be very careful in partaking of the Sacrament and endeavor to do so worthily. All the ancient, Apostles and Prophets and righteous men who have ever lived are looking forward to the time when they will enjoy this privilege of partaking of this feast with the Savior. He invoked the blessing of God upon the Saints, upon all they possess and upon all their surroundings in the name of Jesus Christ.

After the singing by the choir, Apostle Lyman pronounced the benediction.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet in Manti.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk.

WRITING TO RELATIVES.

SCORFIELD, Emery Co., Utah.

Editor Deseret News:

I saw in Friday's paper of Feb. 13, communication from W. G. Bickley, laboring as a missionary in England, complaining of neglect to write on the part of those who have gathered to Zion, and also of those who have labored as missionaries in that land. Six years ago I came to this country and I have written often to my friends, Saints and relatives, but can get no answers.

To induce the Saints of the Moorside Branch of the Manchester Conference to write to me, I promised all who would write to me one page I would send two in return. I wrote to my relatives, who do not belong to the Church; twice they answered; and today I only know the address of one person in England. Since my friends have quit writing to me, instead of worrying over it I have spent a portion of my time and means in laboring for the dead.

I am still willing to correspond with anyone in England, let them be Saint or sinner, and tell them of the blessings to be enjoyed in the Gospel of Christ, the beautiful country we live in, and of the greater blessings and privileges we enjoy in this land of Zion. I have also a testimony that the quickest way to get to Zion is for the Saints to pay their tithing and discharge their duties according to their strength, having proven the same for myself.

If any of the Elders should go to the villages of Ringley and Kearsley, and enquire for people of the same name as mine, tell them I would like to hear from them and I will answer, I am sure they would be made welcome and I think good would come from it.

Your Brother in the Gospel.

JOHN POTTER.

Millennial Star, please copy.

CEDAR CITY, Iron Co., Utah,
February 15, 1891.

Editor Deseret News:

I have read with much interest the letter from W. G. Bickley. I want to call your attention, to crave your indulgence a few minutes.

Brother Bickley heads his letter: "Birmingham, England;" now suppose I wanted to send \$5 to Brother Bickley, or a News or some other paper of interest to him and other Saints, Birmingham, England, would not find him. Well, now, all you writers to the *Deseret News*, traveling Elders, etc., who want a kind letter from home—head your letters with full address, then your old friends at home can at least send you a flower from Utah's land, and through you hold communication with old friends of long ago.

I have often read letters from Elders in parts where I once traveled and should like to have written to them and through them to old friends not forgotten, but could not do so because they headed their letters, London, or Birmingham, or Leicester, etc. For instance, I received a letter from a traveling Elder the other day stating he had visited some of my relations at Kettering, whom I did not know anything about, and all I could do was to send a *Deseret*

News with my full address, hoping it might find them.

Hoping this may be the means of calling the attention of Elders and the *Millennial Star* to the matter and to promote the cause of truth,

I remain yours, etc.,

JESSE TYE.

THE CITY OF ST. DAVID.

Since our last correspondence this town has been somewhat diminished in population, many having gone to the Gila and other parts. Still, the Saints on the river are numerous enough to maintain three schools.

Owing to the great amount of rains last season the St. David canal was completely washed away for nearly a mile, and what is worse, there is no place left to make another. The company have now driven the piles for a pile dam, and intend to take the water away from the river and not have any more levies to wash away. The general belief of engineers who have been consulted is that such a structure, if properly made, will withstand any amount of pressure that may be brought to bear upon it by floods. There has never been a dam put in the river yet that has stood more than one or two seasons, and although the dam now in progress is an immense structure, being twenty-two feet high, the people have no faith in its efficiency.

Our soil and climate are well adapted to the raising of many kinds of fruit, besides small grain and all kinds of vegetables, and if our supply of water could be increased, it would produce a surplus of nearly everything that can be raised. There is an abundance of water under the surface, and many believe that artesian wells could be found; but as it required a large amount of capital, there is no one at present willing to make the venture.

The health of the people is generally good, and all seem to manifest a spirit of the Gospel, and feel like helping forward God's great work. Our Sabbath meetings are generally well attended, and the Sabbath School is in good running order. The Relief and Young Ladies' Societies and the Primary are doing their utmost in the great work we have begun.

On account of the various employments that have been pursued by the male population, it has been thought wise not to organize a Young Men's Society.

Yours etc.,

X. Y. Z.

ST. DAVID, Arizona, Feb. 14, 1891.

VERY DEFINITE.

To the Editor.

The "*Tribune*" reporter to whom I recently referred as having informed me that he was obliged to make his report suit the requirements of the *Tribune* management, is the same man who wrote the "indecent" article for which the *Tribune* made an apology yesterday. The *Tribune* manager knows now precisely who he is. I would say, furthermore, that he is the same man, who has so blasphemously burlesqued the Sunday services in the Tabernacle. This should be definite enough for the *Tribune* management.

(CHARLES ELLIS.