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**DO NOT DESPAIR.**

The Chicago Tribune has been "sold" by its Cleveland correspondent. In a long letter signed by him, he gives an account of a visit to the city of the "Lone Hawk," in Lake county, and a search among the papers left by the deceased, resulting in the discovery of two letters from Spaulding and Henry L. which make out a full page. About half the half page is filled with the name of the town, and the rest of the paper is filled with the names of the townspeople. The few days, quite a lively correspondence between the two letters copied with care by the Tribune's correspondent, can be found on page 2 of the "Hawk," in Lake county, published in 1864, which it appears was written by the correspondent who wrote the book called History of Mormonism.

The above is from the Cleveland Herald. There are many papers besides the Chicago Tribune which are too easily obtained to copy anything which is not apparent falsehoods.

These "discoveries" of others which have been published by thousands of copies, and of the original Book of Mormon, which has been duplicated in New York and issued in several editions, ought to be too transparent to induce experienced journalists.

When gentilists of both sides obtain information about the subject of "Mormonism" and the "Mormons," it would not be better to seek for it in reliable sources than to snap up anything that is presented so long as it is favorable to that system and oppose themselves to it.

The facts in relation to both sides of the question are well known to all.

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lashed at this office. And the current history of the people who attract so much attention to both hemispheres may be learned through the columns of the paper.

There is no need for any one to remain in ignorance on these matters, neither is there any excuse for publication of so many absurd representations of our doctrine and practices, our past career and present designs. They might seek for an exposition of policy from the Russian or of May's course with a disappointed North-seeker, as to expect facts to be given to them by "Mormonism" and the mons from prejudiced persons interested in the antagonistic denominations, particulars can be learned.

Adjourning till 2 p.m.

**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.**

The Quarterly Conference of the Priesthood of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion commenced, pursuant to adjournment, in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms, on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1878, at 10 a.m.

Present on the stand, in the course of the proceedings:

Of the Twelve Apostles, President John Taylor and Elders Wilford Woodruff, Orson Hyde, Orson Pratt, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith.

Patriarch John Smith.

Of the Presiding Bishopric, Elder Hunter.

Of the Presidency of the Stake, Angus M. Cannon, David O. Calder and Joseph E. Taylor.

A large representation of the Priesthood from all the Wards in the Stake was present.

Remarks were made by the Patriarch, Elder Wilford Woodruff, on the benefit likely to flow from the more perfect organization of the Priesthood, the encouraging progress being made in the building of Temples, and the responsibility devolving upon the Saints generally, and more especially the Priesthood.

Elder Orson Hyde gave an account of the work of the Stake on the duties of the Saints. Instead of replying for the errors of our past lives and desiring to live them over again, we should begin and live them over now, thus proving our sincerity by our works.

The class then read the Statistical Report of the Stake for the past year.

President Angus M. Cannon hoped the Bishops would settle the tithe at the beginning of the year that the people may feel the necessity of being prompt.

In other Stakes the Bishops report their tithe, but here, however, the Patriarch, Elder Wilford Woodruff, the Bishop of the Stake, and the bishops of this Stake are required to make such reports to him. He was gratified with the spirit manifested by those interested in Sunday schools, the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations, the Relief Society, and Young Women's Mutual Improvement Associations, all of which are organized in almost every Ward in the Stake, and are great levers for good in the midst of the Saints.

Commended the efforts of the County Court in organizing companies for the purpose of taking out canals, thus furnishing labor for many who could not otherwise find it.

In visiting the schools in this city, he has heretofore made a specialty of going when least expected, without any previous notification, with a view of finding out the condition of each school.

But hoping to make our visits in the schools more interesting, we have determined on a series of local jubilees, by having the teachers and children of two or three schools meet in the most commodious house in their immediate neighborhood, and recite and sing certain lessons which we appropriate to them for the occasion.

The present condition of our Sabbath schools, compared with only a few years past, fills our hearts with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, and to give expression to the language "Our feelings were Grown wretched." And while we meet with so much that is encouraging, in our visitation to the schools, we notice, in many a serious lack of those faithful and devoted and constant teachers, whose whole soul is fired with zeal and love for the salvation of the children, and a desire to impart into their minds a knowledge of the plan of salvation in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

And with a view to mutually aid and assist each superintendent and teacher in their important labor, we cordially invite one and all to attend our monthly meetings, which are specially designed for that purpose.

Gordon Good, and

County Superintendent,

WILLIAM WILLIS,

SAMUEL L. EVANS,

Assistants.

Elder Joseph F. Smith gave a powerful and interesting address on the necessity for union among the Priesthood in spiritual matters, and showed that when each understands and performs his duties in the congregation, it will be an easy matter to unite them all.

President John Taylor addressed the congregation, explaining and enlarging on the remarks of Elder Smith, and showing the order and harmony existing in the organization of the Priesthood, Jesus having said, "He who holds it is anathema to the world."

While it is the Lord's right to reveal and dictate through His servants, they should not try to tyrannize, but should act as fathers to the people.

The singing of the choir, consisting of the voices belonging to the Tabernacle Chorus, and conducted by Prof. Carrasco, was magnificently rendered, and added greatly to the enjoyment of what was in all other respects a very edifying and instructive Conference.

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