

CORRESPONDENCE.

Baptizing—Branch Organized—Discussion—Preaching to Full Houses—Egg Argument—More Baptizing, Etc.

MARION, Marion Co.,
Ohio, June 12, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

On the 11th of April, we baptized (Brother McAllister officiating) one young man at Viola, Wisconsin. In the evening we called the Saints together, and organized a branch of the church, appointing Brother John Matthes to preside.

Next morning we bid the Saints farewell, and started for the State of Michigan, Brother James Matthes hauling us in a wagon twenty miles on our journey to Rockton, where we were kindly received by Hon. Van S. Bennett and family. On account of the fearful state of the roads we remained several days with Mr. Bennett and the good people of Rockton.

On the morning of the 17th Mr. Bennett sent his team and light wagon to convey us to Union Centre, twenty-three miles, where we arrived the same evening. Taking the cars we continued on to Donogiae, Cass Co., Michigan, and were kindly received by Mr. Daniel Oyler, but the people there as a rule were strongly prejudiced against our people, and for a time all seemed black and dismal. We labored on, traveling in Cass and Van Buren Counties, as a rule not much interest being taken in our doctrines, until Sunday 14th, when at the close of one of our meetings a preacher by the name of Kelly took exceptions to some remarks I made in regard to the authority of the priesthood and challenged me to discuss the subject. I accepted, and of course the house was crowded, all having come to hear the "Mormon Elders" doctrine "blown to the winds." But as usual the truth was triumphant, and it was generally conceded that the Bible certainly sustained "Mormon" doctrine in that point at least. This seemed to break the bands of iron we had been bound with, and people began to be anxious to hear the "Mormons," and since leaving there we have had several invitations to return.

By invitation, on the 17th of May, Bro. M. H. McAllister and I separated, he intending to meet his relatives in Philadelphia, and I started en route for this point, intending to remain a short time, until Bro. M.'s return from Philadelphia, when we will return to the northwest. On my arrival here, I met with Joseph Standing and James Bay of Utah, and Bro. H. J. Hill, who resides here. My meeting with these Elders was quite a pleasure. Bro. Standing remained two or three days, and then started on to visit his relations in Canada. Bro. Bay has since that time been traveling with me. We have traveled principally in Marion, Union, and Champaign counties, holding meetings almost every night. In many places the people appear interested in the principles of our faith. At one place I attended Sunday School. The superintendent invited me to open with prayer, gave me the principal Bible class to teach, and at the close of the exercises invited me to address the school, all of which I complied with, with great pleasure. In the evening we held meeting, and the house was literally jammed, so much so that we took the windows out, the congregation being larger outside than inside. We were invited to call again.

On the evening of June 5th we held meeting in Belle school-house, Jackson township, Union county. The house was crowded with an attentive audience. I addressed them on faith, repentance, baptism, and the laying on of hands, followed by Bro. James Bay on the same subject, after which I arose to thank the people for their attention, and to dismiss them, when crack went a pane of glass, and an egg came whizzing through the window, striking me on the right shoulder, followed by several more, one striking the wall just above Bro. Bay's head, another striking a "Baptist" between the eyes, splashing over several young ladies, who were sitting on the same seat. Of course several ladies screamed, but we never felt more self-possessed in our lives. We quieted the audience and dismissed them in good order. Some thought a general assault would be made on us, when we left the house, but we felt that

we were in the hands of God, and that he would protect us. We walked through the crowd, and to our lodging about a mile off without any further demonstration.

We learned the next morning that the principal in this affair, whose name is Hiram Noggles, is a prominent member in the Baptist Church, and his assistants are members of the same church, and none of them ever heard a "Mormon" preach in their lives. So we feel to pity and say, "Lord forgive them, for they know not what they do." The majority of the people are opposed to such proceedings, and I think if the justice (who is a Baptist also) does his duty they will be prosecuted by the people. We held meeting in that neighborhood to-morrow night. The Lord turns all such things as this to our good, for the account of this affair is spreading, and the general sentiment condemns it, and the sympathies of the people are with us.

Last Saturday we baptized six persons of this place, in the Sciota river. Yesterday we met and ordained J. H. Ward to the office of an Elder, and organized a branch, appointing H. J. Hill president. This branch consists of nine live members, prominent among whom is Bro. Hill, who has been and is doing a good work in this place. Brother Ward has been advocating our principles for years, though he was not a member of the church.

Yesterday (Sunday) we held meetings in the Court House of this place, at 2 and 8 p. m. The attendance was good, many of the leading men of the city being present. In the evening the house was densely crowded. We enjoyed much of the Spirit of the Lord in speaking, and the prospects here are favorable for more baptisms. When we were here before, we held four meetings in the City Hall. The Mayor and other officials of this place are very kind to us, though in some parts of this State the prejudice is strong, and cruel as the grave; so much so, that if it were not for the law, "Mormon" Elders would be driven out, as we were from Missouri.

I feel well, and thank God that I am counted worthy to be "hated" for his name sake, and though an Elder's life in these states is not on "flowery beds of ease," yet I feel willing to do all I can to spread the truth, knowing that God lives, and that his kingdom is destined to ride triumphant over all opposition.

As soon as all things here are in good running order, I shall return to Wisconsin, as many there are anxious for our return, and some wish to be baptized. We shall go from Cleveland to Milwaukee, through Lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan.

God bless all the Saints everywhere.

MILES P. ROMNEY.

Sunday School Examination—Dance—Good Crop Prospects.

THREE MILE CREEK,
Box Elder County,
June 20th, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

There was a Sunday-school examination at the above-named place on the 13th inst. The school was organized on that date seven years ago. The time of gathering at the school house was 9:30 a. m. The house was beautifully and tastefully decorated, a great deal of mechanical skill being displayed, and all done by the scholars. Nearly all the scholars had appropriate pieces prepared, which were recited in a manner that was commendable both to the scholars and their teacher, Bro. John Peters, he having taken great pains to instruct them for the occasion. He is also our day-school teacher, and is very successful with the children, advancing them very fast. The children all love him. I speak from experience, for I have four children attending the school. The next man that deserves great credit is the leader of the choir, Bro. James Young, who has labored hard to prepare the choir for the occasion, and was truly successful, for they sang many appropriate pieces, which were highly complimented by all present. There were several chapters in the Catechism answered by the scholars, the teacher asking questions, and I think I am safe in saying there are many scholars in the Sunday school that can answer nearly all the questions in that book. Short addresses were given by the superintendents of the sur-

rounding schools and the county superintendent. They all expressed themselves as being much astonished at the advancement of the scholars, and gave us some good instruction. Nearly all the adults of the ward attended, and it seemed as though parents, children and teachers spared no pains to make it a success. The exercises were closed at 4 o'clock p. m., then the children danced till sundown and the adults till 10 o'clock.

Everything is peace here, and a good prospect for an abundant harvest of grain and fruit. The ward, with few exceptions, have renewed their covenants, and a universal good feeling prevails.

Your brother in the gospel,
GEORGE DAVIS.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

—For two years past French officers and cavalymen have been trained to ride with a much shorter stirrup, and it is said they have gained in their improved seat and general horsemanship.

—Prince Arthur, it is reported, is to be made a colonel before he is married. His first charge, as usual in such cases, will be upon the English treasury.

—The London and Northwestern Railway works at Crewe, England, turned out their two thousand locomotive the other day, and gave a public dinner to celebrate the occasion.

—The Springfield (Mass.) Republican says that the Atlantic cotton mills at Lawrence, whose affairs have been declining for some time, and necessitate a reorganization and shrinkage of nominal capital, are the first victims to southern competition in cotton manufacture. The Lawrence mills have always manufactured standard brown cottons, the low grade goods which the new manufacturers at the south first attempt and in which they already compete so actively as to necessitate a change of product at Lawrence.

—Judge McAdam, in the Marine Court Chambers, New York, June 18, administered the following rebuke to two contending counsel—"If members of the learned profession of the law are to be permitted in a court of justice to call each other 'shysters,' 'pettifoggers' and such like opprobrious terms without rebuke from the Court it may probably lead to the suspicion that such ungentlemanly, unprofessional and undignified conduct meets its approbation. To effectually remove all such suspicion, I wish it to be understood for all time hereafter that any member of the bar so far forgetting his manners as to indulge in such impropriety, will be disciplined by the Court, not only by fine but by imprisonment. This court can be enlightened only by legal argument, made with deliberation and judgment, and lawyers unable to furnish such aid to the Court had better employ others who can. The Court will take into consideration the nature and amount of the punishment to be imposed and will see that its order is literally enforced."

—A German quack was recently sentenced to one month's imprisonment for selling *can anti-neuralgic*, advertised as a specific in affections of the nerves and epilepsy. The medicine was found to be brandy, with an infusion of tobacco leaves and burnt sugar, and the receipts from its sale last year was \$860,000.

—As to practicability and cheapness, the experiments made in lighting a railroad depot in Paris with electricity instead of gas have been satisfactory.

—Sir H. Thompson, an eminent English physician, acknowledges the grateful effect of a glass of pure and good wine, but insists that all kinds of alcoholic drinks must be considered a luxury, not a necessity. He recently wrote thus to Lady Jane Ellice in connection with the Ladies' Temperance Convention—"I am quite satisfied that fermented liquor of any kind is unnecessary as an article of diet. For the few who require habitual alcoholic stimulants it can only be considered as medicine, and should therefore for them be so regarded." The "few who require habitual alcoholic stimulants" don't care whether you term the same "medicine" or anything else, so that they get their quantum.

—Mrs. Craik, author of John Halifax, gentleman, has erected a

drinking fountain, under a railway arch, near her residence, in Kent, England, with a money box and a constant supply of penny loaves. Your cheese you find yourself.

—"Themists" in the Woman. Journal talks of some things in this way—"Among the many inventions sought out by human ingenuity, it appears that some wise men on either side of Gotham, have discovered that the whole *genus homo* has been very imperfectly made, or there has been a mistake somewhere about the 'survival of the fittest.' A high Boston authority, I suppose, has finally determined that woman, the last work from the hands of her Creator, is by Nature unfitted to earn her bread. Now a Philadelphia savan has discovered, that the male division of the *genus* is much more imperfect than the female; having been made with passions entirely beyond his power to control; thereby ranking below the brute, where a wise instinct rules."

—A lady correspondent of the Oakland Transcript says the true inwardness of an agreeable escort at the Centennial is something like beefsteak and potatoes to begin with.

—The San Bernardino Times says, "Insanity and suicides continue to be on the increase throughout the State, and some alarm is manifested at this inexplicable state of affairs." It is difficult to see how insanity can greatly increase, as most people are sufficiently insane already. Suicide may be on the increase, but it is to be apprehended that not half the people will commit suicide who would do so if the public good was the first consideration.

—As regards one of the candidates a Washington paper claims that it is Wheeler woe. In regard to the other the prospect is said to be under a cloudy Hayes.

—Says an exchange—"Mrs. Tilton sews for a living now. She seems to be the only one of the entire set that is trodden down and stoned."

—The Pittsburg Leader talks in this way—"The frequency of the cases of rape of late brings out the old indignant array of correspondents who demand that this crime be placed on the same plane as murder, and have the penalty of capital punishment affixed. The demand seems reasonable. The crime is certainly almost as bad, if not quite as bad, as murder. The man guilty of it shows a disregard of the rights of others that place him on the level of a wild beast, and not much sympathy would be wasted on him were he treated like a mad dog, a man killing a tiger or any other infuriated and dangerous animal. But the tide of opinion is against increasing the basis of capital punishment. The death penalty is being abolished for murder in many places, and it would be a hopeless task to get it attached to any additional crime at this time. Rape should have the severest punishment next to death, however, that the law could mete out."

—Some of the papers state it in this way—"Rose Eytinge, says a Pittsburg paper, almost followed the Baron in Rose Michel the other night by taking an overdose of morphia. Fortunately for the stage, however, the magnificent actress recovered."

—Charles Fisher, of the Fifth Avenue Theatre, and formerly of Wallack's, New York, married a girlish girl, June 14. The bride's name was Miss Josephine Shaw. (Boone on the stage). Misses Kate Holland and Helen Vincent were the bridesmaids, and Messrs. Charles Rockwell and John Drew were the groomsmen. Mr. Fisher took his bride to a house in West Twenty-fourth Street. She is 19 and he is 60.

—The rhymes for Wheeler are coming along, such as healer, feeler, zealer, revealer, annealer, dealer, stealer, squealer, congealer, appealer, repealer, pealer, peel her, keel her, kneeler, reeler, stealer, reel her, wheel her. The list can be still further extended by a more liberal use of the aspirate, in this way—Heal her, heeler, reveal her, anneal her, deal her, repeal her, reel her, etc. The capacities of the language are certainly liberal.

Said a North Carolina Congressman, in a lamp-post debate, to another congressman, "What would you do if you felt real arguments against whiskey?" He said, "I'd snake 'em out."

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 21.

For Liverpool.—By letter from Elder William C. Staines, we learn that Elders Judd, Miles and Duffreiz sailed from New York for Liverpool, June 20th.

Expected.—Elders Ernest I. Young and James Sharp were expected to reach New York last Sunday; we presume therefore they will be home on Thursday or Friday.

The Convicts.—There are good reasons for believing that three of the escaped convicts went in south-westerly direction and three to the north-eastward. Officers are out in search in each of those directions.

The Clerkship.—Chief Justice Schaeffer has appointed Mr. Chas. Hill, of Illinois, clerk of the Third District Court. Mr. Willis P. McBride, the late incumbent of the position, will remain in the office as deputy.

Gone.—Harrison Carter, shot last Thursday, by James Cain, one of the escaped convicts, is dead. Carter was formerly a resident of Provo, and, when shot, was serving a term of ten years for the killing of Chief of Police Bowen, of that city.

At Monroe.—President B. Young and party reached Monroe, Sevier County, last evening. The President and those accompanying him are all well, though both travelers and animals are somewhat weary. Individually the President stands the journey remarkably well. The roads are good, but very dusty, and the company expect to reach this city next Saturday evening.

The Weber Felling.—We learn from Brother E. R. Young that the Weber river is gradually receding. The parties who have been getting out railroad ties, about fifteen to twenty miles above Wanship, are throwing them into the Weber, floating them to Echo, where a "boom" has been constructed to catch them. Between two and three hundred thousand will be sent down the stream the present week.

Information Wanted.—Lucy Blair, care of Mr. Norman Simmons, South West Oswego, Oswego County, New York, is desirous to obtain information concerning a lady whose maiden name was Maria Mayilvisia, who left Oswego County, New York, in 1847, to join her mother, who was in this city and the wife of a gentleman named Ellsworth. Miss Blair is desirous of coming to this Territory, and would like to join the parties of whom she desires information. Address above.

Good Sidewalks.—During the past day or two Mr. Charles Bassett, recently arrived from the east, cousin to Mr. Royal M. Bassett, President of the Utah Northern Railroad, has been engaged in putting down, opposite the office of Mr. John W. Young, a specimen of "Downs" patent concrete walk which he assures us will resist frost and damp, and will endure for many years without being impaired by use. We believe the materials used are gravel, tar and sand, and a patent dryers, which latter causes the concrete, after its first summer, to stand the heat of the sun without any tendency to softening. The walk presents a smooth, solid surface.

Ben Tasker Again.—Ben Tasker is an industrious man at his business, horse and cattle stealing, and two others were arrested this morning on a charge of collecting a herd of cattle and some horses belonging to some parties in the neighborhood of Tintic and Ammon Fork, driving them northward and offering them for sale. Between 20 and 30 head of the animals were recovered this morning by Sheriff Taylor, deputy John and Mr. Joseph McIntyre, of Tintic, who tracked Tasker to this city. A description of the stock will be advertised in to-morrow's News.

Tasker and his confederates are in jail, awaiting preliminary examination. In Italy.—Lo Statuto, a newspaper published in Palermo, the chief city of the Island of Sicily, announces the presence there of Elder Joseph Toronto, now on mission to Italy. As an evidence of the interest created by Elder Toronto's arrival may be mentioned the fact that Lo Statuto has since