# Correspondence.

Editor Descret News .- Dear Brother .-Thinking it would not be altogether uninteresting, I write you of the feelings and

interesting, I write you of the feelings and condition of the people as I found them, traveling through the States, and of my reception in my matter town after an absence of a few years.

In company with several of the brethren called to go on missions, I left Sait Lake City, on the 9th of June, for England. To see the city of the Saints gradually fading from my view, to feel the distance lengthening out that was separating me from my friends, to realize that I was being swiftly horse away from the endearing systems of home and all that is most dear in life, caused an sching in the heart, that in life, caused an aching in the heart, that the knowledge only of the errand on which I was bound could recompense.

Not to dwell on an experience so fami-liar to the Elders in Israel, I would say, that we had a very pleasant and speady trip over the U. P. R. R. to Omaha, at which place I left the brethren and hastened to Indiana, landing in Edinburgh, the place of my birth, on the 15th inst. Here I met with a kindly reception and was earnestly solicited by many of my old acquaintances and as-sociates to preach to them on the subject of "Mormonism," which invitation I accepted. An effort was made to secure some one of the churches for the occasion, but it failed. The sanctity of their pulpits forbad the entrance of a "Mormon" elder. Some of the more liberal of the citizens were much surprised at the refusal, but I was not at all myself, for the Latter-day Saints have been long accustomed to such treatment; yet I could not but help contrast the courtesy extended to ministers visiting Salt Lake City and that received by us in return. However, the fair ground adjoining town was obtained. A very fine grove, with seats that would accommodate two thousand persons. As it turned out, it was well we had the meeting outdoors, for there was not a building in the place that would have held one-third of the people. The appointment for Sunday afternoon at 30 clock was pretty thoroughly circulated the two days previous, so that the appointed hour found a large congregation assembled, varithe more liberal of the citizens were much found a large congregation assembled, variously estimated at from fifteen hundred to two thousand persons, comprising most of the citizens of the place and many farmers and their families from the surrounding country. Nearly all the ministers of the

On approaching the temporary stand that had been placed for my use I felt a nervousness and trembling never before experienced. Not having been accustomed to much public speaking, especially out door and before such a crowd of folks; and I felt if the Lord did not come to my rescue I should most signally fail, and thereby bring a reproach upon the cause I was sent to represent. In this situation I for a moment most earnestly called upon the name of the Lord. The call was not in vain.
Summoning all the faith and courage
I was in possession of I launched forth
upon my subject, the first principles of the
gospel. I was soon oblivious to everygospel. I was soon oblivious to every-thing but the subject on which I was speak-ing. Not a soul stirred, the best of order prevailed and the undivided attention of the entire multitude was secured. My failing voice warned me to bring my remarks to a close when I found I had been speaking near an hour and a half. After closing the meeting they gathered around me, still anxious to hear more concerning our doctrines, many expressing themselves well pleased with what they had heard. However there were plenty of those to mock and ridicule behind my back. I send you the following clipping, from the Indiana-polis Daily Sentinel of June 25th, copied from the Jeffersonian, published at Frank-lin, the county seat of this county, which shows what is in the hearts of many. "We are informed that Milton Shipp, a

few years ago a citizen of Johnson county, but now a Salt Lake Mormon, preached in the fair grounds at Edinburgh on last Sun-day at three o'clock. A gaping crowd numbering some six or seven hundred were out to hear him. Mr. Shipp is on his way to Europe for a three years' stay, where he expects to make thousands of converts to the Mormon cause. Better that he should be drowned in the depths of the sea. He has two sisters living in Edinburgh we

I find about as strong an argument as they set up, is to vilify the character of the saints and to wish them "drowned in the

depths of the sea."

Mingling in society, conversing with men of all classes and parties I find the most noticeable features are, the almost entire lack of confidence in each other, the uneasiness that exists, the spirit of distrust that is prevalent, consummate selfishness, unscrupiousness, low standard of morals, the almost universal use of whisky, and in political circles avoiding no means however corrupt to accomplish their purposes. But I must not encroach further. I start in a day or two for New York, and am in most excellent health and spirits. Most respectfully,
Your Bro., in the Gospel,
M. B. SHIPP.

LEAMINGTON, Warwickshire, England,

June 11th, 1869, Editor Descret News:—Dear Sir and Brother,—I feel under many obligations to my brethren in the Valley of the Mountains. I take pleasure in writing a few lines so that you may have a look at us in the distance. George O. Noble, Samuel M. Price, Andrew P. Shumway, Charles Shumway, William W. Taylor, George Romney, George H. Dunford, John Tuddenham, Hamilton, G. Park and John Toone all came together, and another brother named came together, and another brother named Jenken. Jones from Cache. Valley, who came with us, he says to help take his family back to the Valley.

We left the Valley on Thursday morning, the 20th of May, landing in Liverpool about 3 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the 9th of June, accomplishing the whole of the journey in about 20 days. What a change!

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We paid \$42 each for railroad fare from
Omaha to New York, and \$35 each for crossing the Atlantic in the steamship City of
Antecop, they finding us food, and it was
very good. It cost us about five dollars
each for our accountry comforts on board, for we had to find our own bedding, plates, dishes, knives and forkt old. We reported ourselves at the office, 42 Islington, Liver-pool, the same evening we landed, and ome of us found to our susprise that our fields of labor were marked out before we

landed. I accept my appointment with much pleasure. I believe as a general thing we, one and all, feel full of preaching, testifying and trying in our humble manner to build up the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

This journey has been one of the most pleasurable things of my sife. Compare our present journey with our former traveling by oxen and hand-casts, and can't we thank God and shout Hallelujah! We met me accident on land or sea. The passage across the Atlantic was beautiful. The articles we had for every day use stood safe wherever we put them; no lashing or tying to keep them in place, on rejection it looks as if old Neptune was taking a nap while we crossed over. We found a very kind reception from Brother Carrington and the brethren in the office (the Lord bless them); and I cannot omit one thing that gave me much pleasure. When we came to New Tork we met with Brother

friend and brother Naisbitt. There is a warmth and comfort in him which does an Elder good in many ways. We found our ever studious friend and brother. Orson Prattshut up in a room by himself at the Stephens House, preparing the New Testament for the Deseret type. He expressed himself as though he would leave there the next week and find a less expensive home while stopping in New York. Economy is the word for the hour with me all

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I am, sir, your brother.

John Took

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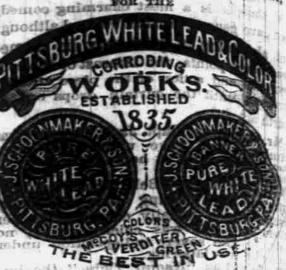
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