TALKS WITH OLD-TIMERS.

Friendly Words From Our — Given Bitterness From Another.

Editor Deseret News:

In reading over the sermons delivered at the late Semi-Annual Conference by the Authorities of the Church when the people were advised to be more economical and self-sustaining and to keep out of debt, I was reminded of a story told my companion and myself by a gentleman who had visited Utah early in the "fifties."

The gentleman was Mr. Joshua Woolley, of Bristoria, Pa., and one of Green county's most respected citizens.

Hearing of our presence in Green county, he sent for us to come and see him which we did; and our visit to his home was a very pleasant one, not only for us but himself as well, for he enjoyed talking about "old times." He said he went out West during the great gold excitement in California and traveled around in Montana, Wyoming and those northern countries and when winter came on he found himself in Utah and in the heart of the Mormon settlement. He was struck with awe when he entered the beautiful little city of Great Salt Lake and saw the people living so happily together in their comfortable little homes, when all around them for hundreds of miles there was naught but rugged mountains and barren plains to invite the weary wanderer.

He gave a good description of the city as it was then and said he never could forget his visit there. "Well," said he, "I was treated just like one of the 'saints.'" He spoke in glowing terms of the industry and frugality of the people and of their hospitable ways, and ever since he was there he has defended them whenever an opportunity presented itself.

None of the news that the early pioneers sent upon the waters returned to us in the form of Mr. Wood's hospitality, though it had been floating many years seeking a place to lodge.

Mr. Wood said the most unique and interesting feature about Mormonism was the preaching of its Elders which did not consist of some old story reiterated every Sunday morning, but the sermons were full of instruction about temporal as well as spiritual affairs, and he thought that was one reason why we made such successful farmers. He said that a good many farmers of this country lacked the service given to those Mormons out in Utah; and when I look over this country and see some of the half-starved farms, I cannot help but think if the owners of them had some man like Brigham Young or Heber C. Kimball to instruct them they would be better off financially as well as intellectually.

Mr. Woods spoke of attending a ward meeting over which Bishop Woolley presided and said he "I hear part of that man's sermon surging through my ears now;" and judging from the appearance of the surrounding country he had not think he profited by it, for he is the possessor of a nice home and a well disciplined family. He said the Bishop told the people that spring would soon be on and he wanted them to prepare for it by getting all of their farming utensils in working order so there would be no delay in putting in their crops; and when gardening time came he wanted the people to keep up their pigs and chickens so that they would not bother their neighbors, and he wanted them to learn to lay away for a "rainy day" and that "a penny saved is a penny earned." Mr. Woods also gave a good account of the "concerts' visit" "whose duty," says he, "is to visit every family and find out how they are getting along," to see if there are any poor or sick and if so to see that they have the proper care and the necessaries of life. He thinks our system of taking care of the poor the best he has ever seen and never tires singing its virtues to his friends. He spoke of Brigham Young as a "smart man" and a "leader" and what honest man who is acquainted his history will not?

Our visit to Mr. Woods is one long to be remembered for a talk with an honest man who is acquainted with Utah and her people is a thing of beauty not easily forgotten; but a talk with a man like I met a few weeks ago is longed to be forgotten. He at one time, so he said, "went through Utah to California and if it had not been for the snow in the Sierra Nevadas he would have helped wipe us d—n Mormons out of existence." He then went on in a great tirade about the Mountain Meadows massacre, and when I corrected him in some of his statements, he said: "What do you know about it. You are too young to know anything about that affair? I have been there and I ought to know something about it." I then asked him where Mountain meadows were situated, and when he said "on this side of Salt Lake City on a tributary of Bear river," I left him disgusted, with the words running through my mind, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

JOHN Q. CANNON.

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IN A DANISH CREAMERY.

How Dairymen In Denmark Manage the Co-operative Butter Factory.

The executive committee visit the dairy constantly, keep the manager up to his work, test the quality and quantity of the butter and see that it is made according to the most economical method. They must also look the dairy to keep down the working expenses of the dairy, to discover the best and cheapest kinds of fodder and to find out new markets for their produce. They receive no salaries, but they are paid their expenses when engaged on the work of the society. The manager is their representative and is responsible to them for all that takes place at the dairy.

Upon the manager's shoulders for his work depends the success of the dairy. His position is a most difficult one. He only must be appointed the making of the butter, but he must keep a close watch on the processes of the same from day of the society. He must inspect their farms, examine their cows to see that they are in a healthy condition, and must spur the members on to be careful in which the milk is concerned, being kept perfectly clean. All who join the society agree to observe certain rules with regard to the feeding of their cows. They undertake, for instance, to give to each cow at least one pound of impurities per day during the winter; also not to use cabbages or turnips; to use no acid, and to give water to the cows, when they are using potatoes, meal, bran, etc. It is the duty of the manager to see that these rules are duly observed. Any person who infringes them, or, in the last instance, neglects and fail to report his offence to a board, Under the circumstances he may be expelled from the society. The manager is provided with a horse and gig, and is given a small salary and a commission on the every lb. pounds of butter and is responsible for it.

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