

HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder Joseph W. Young reasoned on the means which the adversary adopts to overcome the children of men who are striving to do right. He will not attack them where they are strongest, and where there is the least chance of their yielding; but if we have a weak spot in our character,—where we are inclined to anything the giving way to which would lead to wrong—there he will attack us; and those are the points which should be most strongly fortified and guarded by us, seeking strength from God to do so. He urged that every family in this city should have a representative at each meeting in the tabernacle or bowery, that they may hear the words of the Lord as they come through His servants, and progress towards that greater unity which has yet to be manifest among the Saints.

President H. C. Kimball treated upon the nature and power of the Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthoods; on individual and family government; and on the responsibilities resting upon all who are called and ordained to the Holy Priesthood.

AFTERNOON.

President D. H. Wells reasoned on several principles of the gospel; and inculcated a more reverential feeling in partaking of the sacrament, and in referring to or speaking of the ordinances of the gospel. We are accused of being uncharitable and illiberal in our belief and feelings, when we are the most charitable of any people on the earth, for we not only say that all who will receive the gospel in the flesh may be saved, but those who have not had the opportunity of hearing it on the earth will have that privilege in the spirit world, and thus have salvation extended to them. He cautioned families against forming connections and becoming familiar with men before they have been proved to be honorable, upright, truthful men; and exhorted young men not to go in the way of evil for the sake of making a little money and to shun evil speaking and evil actions.

The Clerk of the meeting read the VI and VII chapters of Nephi, and the VI chapter of Moroni, from the Book of Mormon, by the request of Pres. Kimball.

Pres. H. C. Kimball made some remarks on the passages read; exhorted to a continual remembrance of the goodness of God and to keeping His commandments; and spoke highly of the diligence, industry and energy of the men working on the New Tabernacle.

THEATRICAL.—On Thursday evening the Jew of Frankfort, or Payable on Demand, was presented for the first time here, and was very well received. The character of Reuben Goldschied gives opportunity for one of those analytical bits of acting, in the hands of an artist like Mr. Coudeock, which are becoming so rare; yet they afford a view of the secret workings of the human heart such as the modern sensation and spectacular drama can never give. The love of the Jew for money; the hallowed influence of his wife to which he ever yielded; the love of wife and child which exercised so strong a power over him; the struggle between open shame in his ruin, and inward wrong in violating his vow and falling to make restitution; and the excitement of the Stock Exchange speculator, were all exquisitely delineated. Miss Coudeock played very well as the two Linas, the wife and daughter. The other characters are comparatively unimportant.

Mr. Hardie sang "My Josephine;" and Miss Alexander danced a fancy dance. The Wilful Ward was played somewhat slow, and did not go off with as much zest as formerly.

On Saturday evening, Bulwer's play of Richelieu was played, Mr. Coudeock appearing as the Cardinal, Miss Coudeock as Julie, and the other principal parts being in the same hands as when last presented here before Saturday night. Mr. Coudeock's impersonation of Richelieu was very fine, though different in many respects from the impersonations of the character we have had here before. It was more vigorous and robust, and many points in the dramatist's Richelieu would lead to the belief that such an interpretation the correct one. The other parts were filled with the known ability of the artists to whom they were committed.

Miss Alexander executed a character dance afterwards in excellent style.

ST. GEORGE.—Elder John Lang, who left St. George on the 6th, has favored us with the following report: Under the energetic and judicious administration of Pres. E. Snow, who is much loved and highly respected in his position, St. George and other "Dixie" settlements are making rapid strides in substantial improvements.

They had for some time enjoyed the luxury of ripe peaches, and the cotton crop was promising a larger yield than had been anticipated. Wheat had been sometime harvested, and grain and other crops looked well all along the route. No grasshoppers were seen south of American Fork.

Since the Indian raid near Parowan, (an account of which we published at the time), strong guards have had to be kept up at all the settlements between that place and Nephi, which is very onerous, especially during the period of haying and harvesting.

COMING TRAINS.—We had the pleasure of meeting Col. H. P. Kimball on Saturday, who had returned from the east on Thursday. He was in excellent health; and informed us that H. P. Kimball's, D. P. Kimball's, Hooper & Knowlton's, Fuller's, and Swartout's freight trains would be on Green river on Saturday night. Stringam's, Godbe's and Sharp's trains were close behind.

WARM.—The heat for some time past has been somewhat oppressive, and lassitude has been the prevailing complaint with those whose duties called upon them to be moving about more or less actively. On Saturday, we understand, the thermometer stood at 96 in the shade, and scarcely a breeze, however slight, to fan the heated forehead.

STILL GOING SOUTH.—The locusts, or "grasshoppers," still keep on their way south. Every cloudless day, when the sun is high in the heavens, they can be seen on the wing in myriads. Will some of our southern correspondents inform us if they have noticed the flight of these insects as we have done here, daily for over three weeks? And, can any one inform us where they are going?

PROFESSIONAL.—Mr. Stone and Miss Amy Stone arrived in this city on Friday. They are under engagement to appear at the Theatre here early in September. The lady is spoken of very highly as an actress.

FROM CEDAR.—We have been favored with a letter from Bishop Henry Lunt, of Cedar, Iron Co., dated Aug. 7th, from which we take the following:—

The weather is very warm and we are busy harvesting. We had a very big flood down Coal Creek canyon, on Saturday last, which brought down an immense amount of mud and rocks which made the ground tremble. It did considerable damage to the canyon road and some to the meadow.

All is peace with us. The Indians here are friendly. There is some little sickness among children, two of whom have recently died.

AT LIVERPOOL.—Elder Zebulon Jacobs writes, July 19, that himself and Elders Robert Dye, Henry Woodmansee, H. Charlton Jacobs, R. E. Egan, E. L. Butterfield, J. F. Hardie, H. J. Moore, Platte Lyman, O. C. Holbrook, H. J. McCullough, N. Baldwin, Joseph H. and John W. Lee, S. Goodmanson, L. Larson, A. W. Brown, John Mace and A. Hyde arrived safely and all well at Liverpool at midnight of the 18th, after a very pleasant voyage on the steamer Denmark; the trip was very pleasant all the way from the time they reached the railroad. The Denmark crossed in 12 days and 9 hours.

There were Sunday services during the passage, an Episcopalian, in the forenoon, and Elder Robert Dye, in the afternoon, addressing the congregations, which were very orderly. There were numerous and free conversations on religious subjects, not marred by a single quarrel among the many nationalities and beliefs on board.

TO THE LAKE.—President B. Young and a number of ladies and gentlemen visited the Lake on Wednesday, and enjoyed a very pleasant trip.

THE TRI-WEEKLY "GAZETTE," Helena, Montana, published by Wilkinson and Ronan, E. S. Wilkinson, Editor, puts in a very creditable newspaper appearance upon our desk this morning. The Gazette, weekly, is on our exchange list, and comes to hand with moderate regularity.

MAJOR STRATMAN, the enterprising news-dealer in San Francisco, has our thanks for another package of pictorials, magazines and papers, as also have Wells, Fargo & Co., for the courteous delivery of the Major's favors.

EASTERN MAILS.—By way bills received, bearing dates from July 29 to August 11, inclusive, 41 through mail and 14 way mail letter sacks, and 21 canvas sacks were forwarded from Denver. From the 12th to the 16th inst., inclusive, 20 through mail and 10 way mail letter sacks, and 49 canvas sacks have been received at the Post Office. This brings up some of the old paper and magazine mail sacks, papers having come to hand mailed east in February, and throws some letter sacks behind a little. Only six months required to carry a paper from the eastern States to this Territory looks like business, and makes us think we live in a go-a-head age.

AT JULESBURG.—By telegram to Pres. B. Young from Elder B. Young, junr., dated Julesburg 17th, we learn that he and those with him had arrived at that point the previous evening all well.

RETURNED.—President B. Young, and a number of those who visited Tooele with him, returned to the city on Sunday evening, arriving about 7½ o'clock. We refer our readers to br. Watt's interesting communication for an account of the trip.

REMOVED.—Messrs Ross and Barratt have removed their stock of goods and business to new and more extensive premises on East Temple Street., two doors south of Salt Lake House. They do a good business.

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THE NEW TABERNACLE.—On paying a visit to this building on Friday morning, it was gratifying to see the place swarming with carpenters, busy as bees. Nearly one hundred were engaged on the work. The elevated part of the floor, at the west end of the house, was making rapid progress towards completion. Parts of the new organ were being placed back on it for putting up; and the lacking bents on the east side were being raised. The work is progressing rapidly.

HAY.—Ransohoff & Co advertise for Hay.

Correspondence.

PRESIDENT B. YOUNG'S TRIP TO TOOELE.

E. T. CITY, August 16, 1867.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

DEAR BROTHER:—This morning at 8 o'clock President B. Young took leave of the city to visit Tooele and hold a two days meeting. The morning was fine and clear, the air salubrious and comforting, and the grand old mountains on the east and on the west seemed to salute each other with a gay "good morning" as we passed rapidly from the one range to the other. On looking in the distance upon our beloved city—Great Salt Lake City, the city of orchards—it dazzled like a priceless gem locked up within the fastnesses of the everlasting hill. "God is known in her palaces."

We arrived at E. T. City about noon, and were joined there by Elders John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff and George A. Smith. Bishop John Rowberry, of Tooele Co., and brethren of E. T. City welcomed us, sending out an efficient escort of mounted men to meet us on the way. After a sumptuous meal we assembled with the Saints under a neat bowery to hold meeting and hear instructions from the Almighty through the Prophets and Apostles present.

There were present of the First Presidency, Brigham Young; of the Twelve Apostles, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, and George Q. Cannon; George D. Watt, reporter. Meeting called to order by Bishop Rowberry. Singing by the choir, and prayer by Elder John Taylor. Elders Taylor, Cannon and Woodruff addressed the people, then meeting was dismissed by Elder Geo. A. Smith.

The company repaired to Tooele, passing by brother Lorenzo D. Young's habitation, where we watered our animals and drank some new milk. On approaching Tooele City all was gaiety and joy. We were met by a martial band on the suburbs of the town, and were escorted by it into the city; then, between two rows of school children dressed in white and gay colors, and bearing banners with appropriate mottoes, and crowds of citizens old and young, they all at once shouted a hearty hurrah, waving hats and handkerchiefs in testimony of the welcome they gave to the President and his friends. Such demonstrations of joy and welcome are always gratifying, yet I have sometimes thought that they were not entirely unaccompanied with danger, for we cannot expect that horses and mules understand the waving of hats and handkerchiefs and loud shouting, and may become unmanageable through fright. The President with Elders Geo. A. Smith and Geo. Q. Cannon put up at the Bishop's, and the rest of the company among the citizens.

Tooele, Saturday 17.

At an early hour the people of Tooele began to assemble under a substantial bowery, situated on the north side of a new meeting house in the course of completion. Meeting called to order by Bishop Rowberry. Singing by a very good choir. Prayer by Elder Isaac Groo. Elders Geo. D. Watt, John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff addressed the meeting, which was dismissed by Elder Geo. A. Smith.

2 p.m.

After singing "Zion's Captive," &c., Elder G. D. Watt offered prayer, followed with singing by the Grantsville choir. Elders Orson Pratt and Geo. Q. Cannon and President B. Young addressed the Saints. The President spoke 50 minutes. After singing by the Grantsville choir, the assembly was dismissed with benediction by Elder John Taylor. We noticed on the stand this afternoon br. T. B. H. Stenhouse.

Sunday, 18.

Last night we were visited by a brief thunder storm, and a slight sprinkling of rain. The air this morning is less oppressive. We are glad to join hands with Bishop Peter Maughan from Cache Valley, who arrived in Tooele yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Francis Gunnel and the Editor of the Daily Telegraph. Elders Joseph F. Smith and W. S. Godbe are on the stand to-day.

Meeting called to order by Bishop Rowberry; singing; prayer by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon. Bishops Lorenzo D. Young and Frederick Kesler have just come upon the stand. Singing by Grantsville choir. Elders Geo. A. Smith, Wilford Woodruff, W. S. Godbe, President B. Young and Elder Joseph F. Smith addressed the Saints. The Tooele and Grantsville choirs singing between their remarks. Meeting dismissed by Elder George A. Smith. The tenor of the teachings given during the session of this interesting Conference was big with savoring importance to the Saints; the Spirit of God seemed to cry aloud unto the people through the Elders, to observe the Word of Wisdom, for individual and social health, and for temporal and spiritual salvation.

At 3 p.m. the President and company bade adieu to the Saints in Tooele, and after a somewhat dusty ride of four hours and a half we reached our homes again in the city.

Both young and old were pleased to see the President, and generous hospitality strewed its blessings lavishly around. Among the many mottoes that attracted our attention, one read as follows:

"We'd leave our work, our school, our play, To meet with Brigham any day."

This little couplet very aptly portrays the feeling which everywhere prevails among the settlements when they are favored with the visits of the President and his friends.

Tooele City numbers some fifteen hundred persons. It has two schools, consisting of two hundred scholars. It is erecting a very substantial meeting-house of rock, walls two feet thick, dimensions 40 by 60. The walls are completed and the roof timbers on. It is expected that this building will be finished in January next, or sometime during the spring of 1868. Its cost is estimated at between fifteen and sixteen thousand dollars. The ceiling will be twenty-one feet from the floor, and it is intended to

erect a gallery. In the rear of the house will be situated a vestry and supper room. It is a good house, and I am satisfied that the Tooele Saints will be proud of this magnificent improvement. They are also building a Social Hall, which is being done by shares. This house is substantially built of rock, its dimensions 60 by 30. It will be used for a dancing hall, for dramatic representations, and other social and intellectual purposes. It is estimated that this building will cost twelve thousand dollars. The Toole and Grantsville choirs sang sweetly. From the quality of the melody they produced, I conclude that there exists among the members of these choirs unity of effort to honor the Lord in their songs of praise. While strict musical method should not be ignored, a heartfelt appreciation of the songs of Zion, and the spirit of praise should not be sacrificed to it. In the performances of these excellent choirs their exist a heartiness and oneness in the blending of good voices, which make their songs not only pleasing to the ear, but they reach the heart. There are no distilleries or whisky shops in Tooele. I observed two dry goods stores. The wheat crop is better than usual. The corn crop promising. The oat crop very fair. A number of very good dwelling-houses are in the course of erection, and general prosperity, content, plenty and happiness everywhere prevail.

Respectfully,
G. D. WATT.

HEATING POWER OF EVERGREENS.

The *Horticultural Annual* has an article from the pen of Thomas Meehan, a well-known expert in the propagation of shade trees, in which occurs the following in relation to the heat producing powers of trees, and especially evergreens:

We all know that a stove throws out heat by reason of the fuel it consumes, and that, in like manner, the food taken by an animal is as so much fuel to a stove—the source from which animal heat is derived, and which is given off to the surrounding atmosphere, precisely as heat is given off by the stove; but it is not so well known that trees give off heat in the same way; they feed, their food is decomposed, and during decomposition, heat is generated, and the surplus is given off to the atmosphere.

If anyone will examine a tree a few hours after a snow storm, he will find that the snow, for perhaps a quarter of an inch from the tree, has been thawed away, more or less, according to the severity of the cold; this is owing to the waste heat from the tree. If he plant a hyacinth four inches or more beneath the surface of the earth in November, and it becomes immediately frozen in, and stays frozen until March, yet, when it shall then be examined, it will be found that by means of its internal heat the bud has thawed itself through the frozen soil to the surface of the earth.

These facts show the power of plants to generate heat, and the more trees there are on property, the warmer the locality becomes. Evergreens, besides possessing this heat-dispersing property, have the additional merit of keeping in check cold winds from other quarters, thus filling, as it were, that twofold office of stove and blanket.

These statements are worthy of our serious consideration, and while the climate is changing for the worse in the older States, since the clearing off of the timber over large tracts, we, in the west, may anticipate a corresponding melioration of climate, both as to temperature and moisture, just in proportion to the increase of screens and timber belts, whether these be of native growth or the result of judicious planting by our intelligent farmers.

THE SUMMIT TUNNEL.—At 11 o'clock a.m., August 3d, the laborers on the Summit Tunnel of the Central Pacific Railroad broke through the headings on the west end. At the same time sixty-four feet only remained between the headings on the east end, which will be taken out by the 20th of this month. Last fall it was generally believed that it would take three years to excavate this tunnel, and some of the most sanguine fixed it at not less than two years, and yet the work will be done in much less than one year. This rate of progress far exceeds any tunnel work through similar rock, which is the hardest of blue granite.—*Sacramento Union*.

—The *London Lancet* says the latest news from the East would lead to the conclusion that the pestilential disease which has recently prevailed most fatally among the Arab tribes in the Valley of the Euphrates is veritable plague. At first it was hoped that the malady was a malignant remittent, but the symptoms indicate true plague.

DESTRUCTION of crops by grasshoppers is reported to be very severe in some of the valleys in Montana.