

our speakers and writers touch upon the subject of encouraging home institutions and products.

Welcome the day when such great contracts as we are about to make for school books for the next five years, will be made at home. The picture is often portrayed to us very minutely, of the filth and poison that is found in the tea we get. Let us search out the literature that is so liberally distributed among the young, and we will find equally as much poison, and I am led to believe more, from the dime novel to the magazine, and Santa Claus himself can scarcely find one picture book in a dozen that does not taint the innocence of the little ones with their unceasing tales of falsehood and mystery, that leaves the child's mind enshrouded with wonder and terror.

Not only should attention be given to the right kind of literature, but great care should be taken in the selection of those who are entrusted with the care of our children. Who in our midst has a wider field of influence and power among the young than the teachers of our district schools, especially the teachers of the primary grades. Do they not have to great extent the molding of the child's character? Do they not have the power to stamp indelibly on the young and pliable mind lasting impressions? We do not desire them to be all that the board of examiners require, but we desire them to be the most exemplary, wisest, noblest and best young people that we have in our community; for the scholars almost invariably partake of the spirit of the teacher.

The board of education are the only bad people among us at present because they do not do the same work that was done last year and also make provisions for the coming year, with less money in the treasury than there has been for seven years and because they do not hire teachers for 50 cents and \$1 a day regardless of qualifications and law.

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FROM CENTRAL KANSAS.

ST. JOHN, Kansas, March 26, 1897.

Since my last communication a few weeks ago things in this part of the Indian Territory mission have been running nicely. I am informed by the Secretary, Elder J. M. Knight, that the health of the Elders throughout the entire mission is of the best; at present there not being one, so far as is known, but what is enjoying the best of health. Also that they are receiving kind and courteous treatment in nearly all instances, by the people among whom they are laboring. All indications point to the fact that the work is advancing and much good being done for the cause.

As to the work in this city, things have been moving quietly along, and our citizens have enjoyed a treat in the course of lectures given by Elder Andrew Kimball, president of this mission, on his return from a trip through the same. Mr. Kimball is always trying to do good, and he no sooner arrived in this city than he "rolled up his sleeves" and went to work, beginning Tuesday night after his arrival and continuing Wednesday

and Thursday evenings, also Saturday and Sunday nights following, Friday night being the regular Mutual Improvement meeting. He also took part in this meeting, rendering by way of recitation the scene from Shakespeare, of Mark Antony at the death of Caesar. He is a good elocutionist, and his rendition of this noted scene was greatly appreciated by the large crowd in attendance. The series of lectures given by Elder Kimball embraced the following subjects: "The origin of man and organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," from a foundation based on the rock of revelation; followed by The Organization and Government of the Church in These Latter Days, proving the same by comparison with the Church in the days of Christ, and that the Gospel has been restored to the earth. These subjects were followed by The Origin of the American Indians, closing with Man's Destiny and Man's Hope for Eternity." Our citizens were greatly pleased with this series of lectures, and accorded him a splendid and appreciative attendance. Elder Kimball as a lecturer is considered by our citizens to be among the best who have visited our town, and they are ever ready to give him welcome.

The Elders in charge of the Church in our city have been very busy for the last few weeks attending to the business of this mission, as well as getting the Church ground in shape. The wind-pump recently purchased for irrigating and beautifying the grounds is now in position, and the pipes for conveying the water to different parts of the yard are in place and ready for use. The grounds have been beautifully smoothed and rounded, until now they present a beautiful mound with the church building sitting on the top in the center. The workers are now busy laying out the paths and flower beds, all of which will soon be completed, after which the seeding will begin. Already the hedge for the enclosure has been planted, and the trees for the yard, and surrounding the same has been ordered and soon will be on hand, being over fifty in number. These with other shrubbery and flowers when in place and nicely growing will make a resort of which not only the Saints but the citizens of St. John well may be proud; and the grounds without a doubt will soon be the most beautiful in our city.

The different organizations of the cause here are all moving nicely along; the only drawback of late, hindering the progress of same to no small extent, being a dissolution of the splendid choir, for time Eld. Danyon, the regular organist. The organization consisted principally of friends, instead of members, of the Church. They took exceptions to the act of the local Church authorities, though the removal was only for a short time, as it left them without an organist, so accordingly a part of the members of the choir took a vacation.

For the benefit of the friends and relatives of the following gentlemen we wish to say that Elders Wm. H. Jardine, Wm. H. Anderson, Levi J. Taylor, Alfred Dixon, Richard N. Lund, Richard K. D. Brown, Chas. T. Hulet, Edward I. Cox and Joseph S. Crosby arrived safely here at

headquarters, from their homes in the West, and receiving final instructions parted to their different fields of labor throughout the mission. Also that Elder Byron H. Alfred Jr., of Wyoming, arrived here safely last Saturday night, and we had the pleasure of hearing him expound the principles of the Gospel from the pulpit of the Latter-day Saints' meeting house in this city Sunday evening. Elder Alfred is just starting on his mission, but handled the subject with a familiarity by which one would judge that he had done a faithful work in the same. He will leave in a few days to begin his labors in the Indian Territory.

The next conference to be held in this city, I understand, will convene in June, at which time we hope we may have the pleasure of again meeting the different Elders working in our vicinity; and we anticipate a pleasant as well as valuable meeting for the cause, and trust that the good people of St. John will give the Elders on this occasion the usual warm welcome. A FRIEND.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE NOTES.

LOGAN, March 27, 1897.—The examinations Wednesday and Friday close the spring term. The summer term will open the following Tuesday.

The chief attraction at the closing meeting of the Longfellow Literary society Monday evening is a lecture by President Tanner on National Types of Beauty.

The military band, which has been doing very good work under the direction of Mr. John Christensen, a first year student, will give a ball in the gymnasium, Friday evening. Attendance will be strictly upon invitation.

Professors Foster and Fortier have just returned from the southern part of the State, where they conducted a farmers' institute. They report it one of the best attended and most interesting of the season.

Professor Sears, the new horticulturist, has been away for a week looking up a suitable place to conduct some experiments with fruits, for which neither the climate nor the soil of the station farm is adapted.

Messrs. McCornick and Adams were recently at the college, planning better accommodations for various departments. Plans are making and soon the contract will be let for the building of new woodwork shops. The chemical laboratories will probably be removed to the basement rooms occupied by the workshops; the library will probably go into the large room vacated by the department of physics, and some adjoining rooms; and all departments will receive new equipments.

Professor Sears is seeing through the press a bulletin on spraying fruit trees. Professor Fortier is busy making a bulletin on the water supply of Cache county. If Mr. Dryden's bulletin on the weather was intended to increase that commodity, it has been very successful; for the oldest inhabitant never saw "so much weather" as has been produced here within a fortnight; and the author of that bulletin is still giving his quota of time, in conjunction with the general government, to the making of bad weather.