

done their duty faithfully. Last Tuesday I baptized an intelligent young man. Quite a number of others, in different parts of the Conference, appear on the verge of baptism. The sun having crossed the equator lately, the gospel seed sown during winter months may germinate and bring forth fruit to the glory of God. The hearts of thousands are rejoicing, Elders and Saints included, in fond anticipation that its genial rays will not only repay the tillers of the soil, but with its blessings will come activity in many branches of industry, that during winter's months have been slumbering, to the great disadvantage of the working classes.

This immediate neighborhood is one of good order, its population in the last census was something over 53,000. Some call it an antiquated town; not because of its many beautiful parks, so laid out as to be easy of access, giving equal benefits to all, where plebeians can sit with aristocracy and inhale rich fragrance of sweet and lovely flowers, and their children coming in festive sport together, but because market places are obsolete. Quietude and sanitary benefits are enhanced by their absence; neither do the public hereabouts suffer loss. One thing is certain, there is not that disposition consequent upon market going, as one sees in Birmingham and other large towns on market days.

The notorious Hawkin, who returned to Southampton last year, declared that he would drive every Mormon out of town and make it hot for any that dare re-enter. Having encountered bears when alone in Utah's mountains, his threats could not arouse my fears. He, like other bears, kept himself retired through wintry months, but came out to exhibit himself before the public, draped in oriental garments, making believe that his dress was that of the Endowment House. This mighty exhibition and expose, as announced, proved a dying fizzle, only nine persons were in attendance. The next Sabbath myself and others went into the immediate neighborhood, gave out upwards of 200 tracts. Calling at the Hawkin's domicile, I persuaded her who a few nights previous stood before the public gaze, mocking God and His purposes, to accept a tract, and apply the instructions to herself, as she much needed them. Presently, looking back, I saw a man standing with tract in hand; it was Hawkin. Going to him, I informed him that I gave the lady the tract. "Yes, yes," he exclaimed, "I am your bitter enemy." "You appear very harmless," I said. He asked if I was from Utah. Answering yes, he began a tirade of abuse against many of our honorable and well-to-do citizens. I informed him that I had not traveled 7,000 miles to settle his difficulties with those once his neighbors. Although he had expressed himself as a bitter enemy to me, I was happy in telling him personally that I was a defender of all the doctrines believed in by the Latter-day Saints; but I could not prevail upon him to hire a first-class hall in this town, and afterwards I would reply to his arguments against the "Mormons."

The present issue of the *Millennial Star* contains my release and the appointment of Elder James B. Burningham as my successor. During my stay in these lands, I have earnestly endeavored to preach the word of God as revealed from heaven in these days. As to my success, all I have to say is, Paul may plant, Apollonius water, but it is God that giveth the increase. It is God, through the Holy Ghost, that enables the unlearned boys of Utah, in these lands, to take Bible truths and expound theories produced by biblical theologians and accepted by the masses as of divine origin. These youths make learned priests stand ghast at their own folly. No age develops facts confirmatory of Christ's second coming like unto the present one. The Bible Society publishes that the Scriptures have been translated into 229 different languages, being made readable to 100,000,000 of people. These extensive publishers and clergymen could do well to read pages 27 to 29 of the Book of Mormon; they contain an account of these very things as they were told by an angel to Nephi, 550 years before Christ's first advent, that Gentile nations would cross many mighty waters and take the Bible and scatter it around. Oh, that the nations would learn of God, and live in the righteousness of the glory and beauty of perfected principles, now bestowed for man's benefit.

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