

a mistake when they honor or obey any law God has given for Salvation? Or do they make a great mistake by jumping overboard?

Did the Lord make a mistake when he had His Kingdom organized, and said it should never more be thrown down? Or have ye made the mistake by thinking the law of the land is greater than the law of the Lord, and that the judges and crusaders are the biggest, and the most powerful, and the most to be feared?

Oh ye weak-kneed! shall not your knees tremble exceedingly in a day to come, when ye have to meet the issue ye have brought upon yourselves by bowing to the decree of the judges?

Behold when ye are weighed in the balances, will ye be full weight, or will ye be found wanting? Ye know, for if your candle hath not gone out, ye may have light enough to see which way the scales turn. Yea, ye may see that ye are in a bad fix.

But the judges cannot help you; nay, they cannot lead you to heaven, where Abraham is, together with the faithful who hath many wives, for they believe not in this thing, but they can lead you to hell, where ye will not have any wife.

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear, and he that hath eyes to read, let him read the scriptures and the revelations of God.

CHRONICLER.

### SAVE THE WHEAT.

#### THERE ARE LOCUSTS IN THE LAND.

It is well known that locusts, in alarming numbers, have recently made their appearance in this and the adjoining Territories. They came too late to do any general injury to crops this year, although many fields of lucern and other green stuff were devoured by the ravenous insects, before laying their eggs. Unless something unusual happens to prevent the eggs hatching out, we may naturally look for myriads of the "ironclads" to devastate a large area next year. Allusion was made to this fact in a letter printed in the News about three weeks ago. The writer was induced to mention it from having, this summer, passed over a considerable stretch of country, on the northern borders of Utah, that was then swarming with the genuine

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN LOCUSTS.

Lest I may be regarded as an alarmist, needlessly urging the people to save wheat and store supplies of flour, I wish to call attention to a statement made by Prof. C. V. Riley, in an address delivered by him at a meeting of the "Am. Ass. Adv. Soc.," on August 28th. *The Prairie Farmer*, in its abstract of his address, quotes him as saying that there is a certain periodicity in locust visitations: that in the trans-Mississippi region more than the average interval has passed since the last serious devastations began and just a decade since their height was reached. Much injury has been done this year in northern portions of California by *Melanoplus devastator*. Fears were expressed early in the season on account of the great abundance of young locusts in the Platte Valley.

"But the recent anxiety felt by people of the Northwest has more real foundation, as investigation shows that not only are native or (for the most part) non-migratory species very abundant, but the true migratory species, viz., the Rocky Mountain Locust (*Caloptenus spretus*), has greatly increased and is now moving in flights to the south and southeast. It is too early to say how extensively the eggs will be laid, but large areas in Montana and Dakota will undoubtedly be stocked. There is also a great scarcity of the natural enemies of the species; and should the weather prove favorable for the next two years there will be a period of increasing injury."

Prof. Riley has devoted a great deal of time and study to the habits of locusts and other destructive pests; his statements should, therefore, be seriously regarded by all interested. He mentions

#### A NOVEL METHOD OF DESTROYING LOCUSTS.

especially applicable to gardens and orchards: it is to mix one pound of arsenic with five pounds of bran; dissolve one pound of sugar in a suitable quantity of water and stir the arsenic and bran therein, making a liquid mixture of which about a teaspoonful is thrown upon the ground near the base of each tree or vine. The poison operates on the insects slowly but surely. Ditching and burning is the best method of destroying the locusts in large fields.

In view of the indications mentioned by Prof. Riley, and that Montana and Dakota are next door neighbors, it seems to me that ordinary prudence should induce us to try and save the wheat now abundant in this Territory. Farmers should endeavor to sell their surplus only to persons who will retain it here. Upon those who are not farmers I would again urge the advisability of taking advantage of present low prices. Store a sufficient supply of good flour to last at least one year, and procure wheat for as many more years as possible. An excellent

#### PLAN FOR KEEPING FLOUR

is to get four short posts, say four inches square and eight inches high, place a milk pan, inverted, on top of each; make a platform of boards about three feet square, with space of an inch or two between the boards, and nail it on the posts. A ton or more of

flour, in sacks, can be piled on a platform of that style and kept safe from mice. If the flour is good, and it is placed in a cool, dry airy location, it will keep good seven years or longer.

#### FOR KEEPING WHEAT.

Brother David James informs me that he has successfully kept weevils and other vermin out of wheat, for many years, by lining the bins with tin. Any shape or size of tin will do, and it does not need to be soldered, if the edges are lapped and tacked on the boards. Of course the tin must not be allowed to get wet, or it will rust and so injure the wheat that comes in contact with it.

To save wheat and flour for impending scarcity that may be caused from a visitation of our old enemies, the locusts, is simply a business precaution, but the Latter-day Saints should be still more strongly influenced in that direction by the injunction of God's servants in relation to the coming days of famine. Each car load of wheat shipped out of the Territory now seems like drawing some of the life sustaining blood out of the body. It is gratifying to learn that the people of Cache county are taking initiatory steps towards saving their wheat; every other Stake of Zion would do well to do likewise, immediately.

Let us stop the use of

#### IMPORTED PIG MEAT,

the naturally filthy pork and lard are infected with germs of hog cholera, and other disease-breeding matter, that are now prevalent in the States. Cease importing useless trash in the shape of pickles, spices and gewgaws; discontinue using the nerve destroyers, tea, coffee and tobacco. Abstain from the demoralizing beverages that wreck both body and soul, strong drinks. Invest the immense sums that may be saved from these worse than useless indulgencies in erecting store houses and filling them with flour and wheat, and thus we may become temporal saviors on Mount Zion.

Raise and export cattle; we need but very few for home consumption. Raise and export swine; that which God has declared unclean is not fit for Saints to eat. Establish creameries; make and export butter that is good for something better than soap grease. Pack up in nice shape and export our surplus fruits and vegetables. Export cheese, woolen goods and other articles we can equally well manufacture, if we would but try aright. Export barley and other grains we can spare. Continue to ship the mining products; silver and gold we can live without, but SAVE THE WHEAT; we shall need it.

Yours truly,  
D. M. McALLISTER.

#### THE BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY.

##### Editor Deseret News:

The closing exercises of the first term of the tenth academic year of the Brigham Young Academy took place on the 16th of October, 1885.

The day also happened to mark the close of the tenth year of the Academy's existence.

The musical exercises were ably conducted by Prof. William Vogelberg, and were interspersed throughout the proceedings in a very pleasing manner.

The reports of the teachers were favorable, showing a marked advancement by the students in the various branches. Mrs. Jennie Tanner represented the Ladies' Work; Brother Willard Done the Preparatory Department; Brother Joseph B. Keeler the Intermediate Department; Prof. Benj. Cluff the Academic Department; the Mathematical Course, Book-keeping, and the Theological Organization; and Prof. Jas. E. Talmage the Scientific course, the Polysophical Society, and the Domestic Organization. The Principal read his report to the Board of Trustees, from which the following are excerpts:

GENERAL STATISTICS:		
Departments.	Registered.	Left.
Preparatory .....	42	3
Intermediate .....	43	4
Academic .....	29	—
Normal .....	26	—

#### THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

In charge of the principal, assisted by Brother Jos. Nelson, contains 26 students, of whom 10 are beneficiaries of the Church appropriation, and the other 16 independents. Thirteen of these are now in their second year of normal training; four have taught on several occasions in the schools of this city during absence of the respective teachers; and all have faithfully assisted in our repetition and due work during the term. Daily lessons in theory and practice of teaching were given by the principal.

#### FACULTY LABORS.

There have been eight regular teachers and nine assistants, during the term, who together have taught 317 weekly recitations.

#### THEOLOGICAL ORGANIZATION.

The theological statistics are as follows: Three Seventies, 8 Elders, 5 Priests, 9 Teachers, 32 Deacons, 81 lay members, 3 not baptized; total, 142. Besides the theological classes reported under the various departments, there were held six general repetitions, six Priesthood meetings, seven general meetings on Wednesdays, six missionary meetings and the various theological appointments were distributed among the students as judiciously as

possible. Two rebaptisms and one ordination took place during the term. Our missionary meetings have been largely attended, and have been addressed occasionally by prominent Elders and returned missionaries; also letters from former students, now on foreign missions, were read. Quorum meetings were held every alternate Thursday.

#### DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION.

The students from abroad have been distributed in 23 boarding places, and been visited bi-weekly by 15 appointed visitors, who made their reports every alternate Thursday. The new experiment of our own boarding-house has thus far proved an unqualified success. According to the regulations adopted for conducting the same, of which a copy is on file, Mrs. Jennie Tanner is acting as matron, Brother J. B. Keeler as steward, and Brother Willard Done as presiding tutor. There are 32 gentlemen and 9 lady boarders registered, who occupy 31 rooms, besides the dining and study rooms.

The students of the Academy are tabulated domestically as follows: From Provo, 34; Springville, 1; Spanish Fork, 3; Payson, 6; Goshen, 1; Benjamin, 1; Pleasant Valley, 1; Lehi, 3; Alpine, 3; American Fork, 1; Pleasant Grove, 4; Juab County, 3; Sanpete, 12; Millard, 14; Sevier, 5; Iron, 2; Beaver, 1; Washington, 3; Uintah, 2; Wasatch, 1; Tooele, 4; Weber, 4; Cache, 1; Idaho, 4; Arizona, 1. Total, 142.

#### CLOSING REMARKS.

It is to-day ten years since the Brigham Young Academy commenced its operations with Elder Warren N. Dusenberry as its first principal. What changes since then this institution has undergone; what trials it has passed through; what difficulties overcome; what opposition encountered; what hopes realized, and what its influence has become among the youth of Zion—all that constitutes its history, which so closely resembles the development and fortunes of the whole Latter-day work, that we justly feel comforted in the reflection of its having become an inseparable and living part of the latter. The spirit that dictated its foundation, that shaped its organization and controlled its administration, whispers to us prophecies of increasing usefulness for the future.

After the reading of the principal's report, President A. O. Smoot, Harvey H. Cluff and Wilson H. Dusenberry, of the Board of Trustees and Elder David John, addressed the students and visitors in instructive remarks.

Some of the students' work was on exhibition, and was viewed by the visitors.

The principal announced that the second term would begin on Monday, Oct. 19, 1885.

WILLARD DONE,  
Secretary.

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