

prove as fast as we might; but I am happy to know that we improve, and we can improve more if we please. Compare the progress of the Saints in the days of the Savior and His disciples, with the progress of the Saints in these days.

When a "Mormon" Elder offers evidence of this great work to unbelievers, they tell him that he is a party concerned, and his evidence cannot be taken with regard to Joseph Smith's mission. I ask the Christian world where are your witnesses that Jesus is the Christ? Who are those who testified of His mission, and how many are there? Eight persons testified of Him, and their testimony is recorded, and they were his disciples and parties concerned; yet at this day all the Christian world is ready to receive their testimony. I testify that this work of God in which we are engaged has been commenced to gather the house of Israel and establish Zion in the last days, and has more outward and weighty evidence to prove that it is of God than there was in the days of Jesus to prove that he was the Christ. When the Book of Mormon came forth it was testified to by twelve witnesses, and who can dispute their testimony? No living person on the earth can do it; and besides the testimony of these twelve witnesses hundreds and thousands have received a witness to themselves from the Heavens, and who can dispute their testimony? No living person on earth can do it. This infidel world inquires, "Where do you get your testimony?" We answer, we get it from the Heavens. Were we to ask them where they get the knowledge they possess, they reply, "We do not know; it came to us; we know not its source." We have testimony that the Bible is true, that the prophecies contained in it are true, that Jesus is the son of God, and came to redeem the world. Have the so-called Christian world this kind of testimony? They have not. All the testimony they can boast of is the testimony of eight men who lived nearly two thousand years ago. The infidel world cannot receive their testimony, because they were parties concerned.

We are asked if signs follow the believer in our day as in days of old. We answer they do. The blind see, the lame leap, the deaf hear, the gift of prophecy is manifest, also the gift of healing, the gift of revelation, the gift of tongues and the interpretation of tongues. Jesus said that these signs should follow them that believe. His Church and Kingdom always have these signs which follow the believer in all ages when the true Church is in existence. Do they follow any but believers? They do not. The gift and power of the Holy Ghost, as assigned by the ancient saints, and its various manifestations, are not received in the faith of modern Christian sects. They say that the gift and power of the Holy Ghost have ceased, that the canon of Scripture is full; that there is no more new revelation; no more prophecy, no more inspired visions, no more administration of angels as in days of old, no more voice of God from the heavens, no more inspired prophets and apostles, who seal on earth and it is sealed in heaven; from whence then have they testimony that Jesus is the Christ, and that God lives? The very book which they believe to be inspired, and which they offer to the heathen and the infidel as the strongest evidence they possess for the divinity of their religion declares positively that signs shall follow the believer, and this very important declaration and promise they discard altogether. We say that signs do in our day follow the believer, and here is the witness and testimony that Jesus is the Christ.

If we speak of ourselves our testimony is nothing, but if we speak by the power of God that is within us, the same Spirit bears witness that we are the true followers of the Lord Jesus, and convinceth the world of sin and of a judgment to come. The Spirit of the Almighty is abroad among the people, and all who will listen to the truth will be convinced by the spirit of truth, and they will flow together from distant lands, and as the salt of the earth is gathered out the nations will break to pieces; and are they not at this time breaking to pieces? The honest in heart are gathering out, by thousands and tens of thousands from the nations of Babylon. They are leaving their fathers, and mothers, and husbands, and wives, and children, and friends, and associations, at the call of the gospel preached by the Elders of this Church. What power, but the power of God, could stir up the world and enlighten the soul and better the condition of multitudes, teaching them to make the wilderness blossom as the rose and the desert places to be inhabited?

After the Latter-day Saints are gathered together, I repeat, that we do not improve as fast as we should. This Word of Wisdom which has been supposed to have become stale, and not in force, is like all the counsels of God, in force as much to-day as it ever was. There is life, everlasting life in it—the life which now is and the life which is to come. We have had this Word of Wisdom thirty-five years last February, and the whole people have not yet learned to observe it after the true spirit and meaning of it. There is within a few years past a great improvement in this, so much so that I very much doubt whether a tobacco spittle could be found upon the floor of this tabernacle after this congregation is dismissed. Tobacco is not good to receive into the human system; hot drinks are not good. We will use cold drinks to allay thirst and warm drinks for medicine. Flesh should be used sparingly, in famine and in cold. The people are beginning to listen to these things. The Spirit of the Lord is urging the people to cease from everything that is evil, and to reform in their lives; for unless the spirit urged the people to do right, we might as well talk to the sides of this house. We are urged by the spirit to refrain from articles which tend to death, to preserve this life, which is the most precious life given to mortal beings preparatory to an immortal life. It is our business to prepare to live here to do good. Instead of crying to the people prepare to die, our cry is prepare to live forevermore. These mortal houses will drop off sometime, and when they are cleansed and purified, sanctified and glorified, we shall inherit them again forever and ever. Let all the Saints pursue a course to live. Let those who fight against God's Kingdom fall asleep; and let those who build it up live and prosper until their work in the flesh is done. We say to worldly-wise men, acknowledge the hand of God in your greatness and wisdom and in all the blessings which you receive, for you receive them all from Him.

Are we improving as a people? We are. I have said, and say to-day, that according to the age of the people we have improved as fast as the church of Enoch. I trust we improve faster, for we have not as much time as they had. In some of the first revelations which were given to this Church the order of Enoch was given for a pattern to this people; and Enoch patterned after the heavens. The object of the School of the Prophets is to train ourselves until we can receive the order of Enoch in all its fullness. In the commencement of this Church the Latter-day Saints could not receive it, and they were driven from city to city, as the Lord said they should be through the mouth of His servant Joseph, until they should be willing to receive this order.

There is no evil in doing good, no wrong in doing right. It is the evil that people do which renders them obnoxious to the heavens, hateful to each other, and unworthy of their being upon the earth. Let the people be righteous, full of love, faith and good works, loving and serving God with all their hearts, and they are happy, and they strive to make everybody around them happy. From henceforth the wicked will become more wicked, and their wickedness will be made more manifest, and the corruptions which now lurk in darkness will stalk abroad, and confidence and safety will vanish from among men, until the good-meaning people among all nations will be willing to flee to any place to find peace and safety. Let us be obedient to the Man we serve. We believe in a one Man power, and that Man is God our Father, who lives in the Heavens. In being united with Him we can see the beauty of the order of heaven.

The written word which we have, namely, the Old and New Testament, the Book of Mormon and the Book of Doctrine and Covenants all agree in testifying that Jesus is the Christ, but no man can know this without the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy. Flesh and blood did not reveal that fact to Peter, but the Father who is in heaven. By this power do we know that Christ lives and is the Savior of the world, and has commenced His work in the last days to gather His people, redeem and build up Zion, gather the remnants of Israel, bring the Gentiles into His covenant who will receive the gospel, restore the Jews to their lands, and establish the New and Everlasting covenant, which he established with the fathers and ratified to the children. We are in this work; and we are called to be faithful and to sanctify ourselves as a people and prepare for the coming of the Son of Man. May God help us to do so. Amen.

ITEMS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

THE GRASSHOPPERS.—The war on the grasshoppers yesterday was opened to some purpose in and adjacent to this city. In the 20th Ward the people turned out, and destroyed immense numbers of them, by catching them on sheets, driving them into straw and burning them; and driving them into the water sects and trapping them as they were being carried down by the water. We have not heard any estimate made as to the quantity thus destroyed, but it must have been large.

From the 10th Ward we have received the following:

May 12th, '68.

Editor News.—Yesterday Bishop Procter and Council, at the head of the 10th Ward en masse, were on duty attending to the grasshoppers. They destroyed, by means of a sieve, placed in the Butte creek, six bushels per hour. To-day there will be a continuation of the destruction.

Yours, respectfully,

GEO. CHANDLER.

We have learned from another source that twenty bushels were caught there yesterday, six bushels an hour being caught when the sun was highest.

Alderman Pyper informs us that on the stream at the Penitentiary, where General Rockwood had his trap set, eleven sacks full were caught yesterday, each sack holding over a bushel and a half. From other parts information reaches us that the destruction continues.

Calculation is baffled at attempting to estimate the number that have been caught and burned or buried; while there still remain enough to require a continuation of the warfare. We can accomplish more in such a case than the people of other places now suffering from them, because we act more unitedly. In this city, the Bishops have appointed the teachers to superintend their own districts, and to call upon all the inhabitants to join in the work, and thus the results have been brought about which we chronicle.

In other parts throughout the Territory we hope the same wise and judicious course will be pursued. In destroying them, not only are the crops saved in the immediate neighborhood, but the crops in other places to which their flight would be directed when their wings grow. In many places in the States and Territories around us, where they are most numerous, the people are at a loss what to do, and see their crops eaten before their eyes, without the power to prevent it.

FROM GEORGIA.—We have been favored with the following extracts from a letter by Bishop Wm. A. C. Smoot, now on a mission in Georgia, dated Jonesborough, April 22d:

"Brother Jesse Murphy and myself are doing all that we can for the establishing of the truth among this benighted people, for they are truly in the dark; and by the help of God we have been able to convince some few. We are going to baptize some next Sunday; then we shall leave here and go to Rome, to visit our relatives there. I have received a letter from them and they want to hear me preach.

The people are very poor in this country. Wages average from six to eight dollars a month on the farms. There is great excitement just now about elections. The people are running wild over them.

I received a letter from Brothers Crosby and Dusenbery. Brother Crosby was in Alabama, Cosa County, but was going to Mississippi in a few days. Brother Brown is going north to take charge of independent companies; so I learned from Brother Dusenbery. There are one or two families who want to leave here for Zion.

The people are very much divided in this country, politically, religiously and socially, and it would take but little to create another war. In fact, they are fighting in some places now, I understand, and all that keeps it down is, that soldiers are stationed all over the State."

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

PHONOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.—This Society met in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms on Monday evening, to elect officers for the ensuing year and transact other business. The following were sustained as the officers for the current year: President, E. L. Sloan; Vice Presidents, A. McRae, F. S. Richards, J. T. Wilson; Secretary, J. S. Johnson; Corresponding Secretary, D. Buckholt; Treasurer, T. Latimer. It was decided that the first lecture of the season should be given on Wednesday evening next, the 20th inst.

WATCH THEM.—General Rockwood requests us to invite superintendents of districts in grasshopper trapping to keep a stricter watch over the traps in the various streams. As the insects keep hatching out in great numbers, we hope the exertions to destroy them will not be relaxed.

DROWNED.—Early this morning, while Christian Larsen, a resident of Mill Creek Ward was returning from Sugar House Ward with his family, while crossing Canyon Creek on a temporary foot bridge, his son Niels, ten years old, fell in and was drowned. The body had not been got at eleven o'clock this forenoon.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Hannah Gordon, of the 10th Ward of this city, is anxious to obtain information concerning her husband, John Gordon, who left here for Montana in 1865. Any person who can give any information concerning him, will confer a favor upon her by forwarding it.

THE "HOPPERS."—We hear reports from various parts concerning the success attending the destruction of the locusts. In Sugar House Ward the quantity trapped daily, as they come down from the benches on the stream is enormous. In the five acre lots, we understand those engaged in fighting them are overcoming them, though they swarm in from land south, where it is supposed there is no organized effort made to destroy them. The brethren should organize immediately all through the country

where these insects are, and never cease their endeavors until the enemy is conquered. Brother Rockwood informs us that there are five traps on one branch of Big Canyon Creek, in which the quantity caught yesterday averaged seven and a half bushels to each trap.

THE REGENCY.—The members of the Board of Regents are requested to meet tomorrow evening at six o'clock, in President Young's Office.

THROWN.—Geo. Nunn was riding a broncho horse this morning, on East Temple street, when the horse commenced jumping, and, throwing the rider, fell on or of him. The young man's head suffered most, being severely bruised. Notwithstanding he was badly stunned it is hoped he will soon recover.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.—There was a very interesting conference of the Southern mission held in St. George on the 1st, 2d and 3d inst., at St. George, Elder Erastus Snow, President of the mission, presiding. Much valuable instruction was given during the progress of the meetings by President Snow, Elders Joseph W. Young, Henry Harriman, Jacob Gates, F. B. Woolley, Bishops H. Lunt, Wm. Snow and Alma H. Bennett. The principal subjects treated upon were union in temporal as well as in doctrinal matters, education, home-manufactures, sending teams to the railway terminus for the immigration, importing labor-saving machinery, planting Fall wheat, and kindred subjects. President Snow expressed his regret at seeing so many families and young men from the Southern mission on their way north, which he viewed as one result of the late disastrous floods that had occurred; and he expressed his wishes that the Bishops and presiding officers should, more than ever, extend a kindly spirit and influence over the people. Bishop Alma H. Bennett, in his remarks, said the people on the Muddy were trying to live their religion; but the cry was "more help." Various subjects of local and general interest were treated upon. The meetings were well attended, and were enlivened by the Santa Clara Swiss brass band and the St. George brass and martial bands. The singing was by the St. George, Cedar and Santa Clara choirs.

We are indebted to the Historian's Office for a perusal of the minutes from which we have extracted.

MONTANA EXPORTS.—The Helena Gazette says that last year \$50,000 worth of hides and wool were sent eastward from that Territory, and that thousands of pounds of wool were lost for want of a home market. This year two or three tanneries are in operation, and the Gazette inquires who will first step forward to fill the demand for a woolen factory. It believes in manufacturing at home instead of importing Sensible.

A DESPERATE CHARACTER.—The Reese River Record of the 6th records a murder in that city by a desperate character named Rufus Anderson who shot and killed a man by the name of Noble T. Slocum, in his own cabin. The murderer was immediately arrested. Instead of manifesting contrition for the crime, he expressed his regret that he had not been able to kill several other persons whom he wished to dispose of. He had killed a Chinese doctor in Carson two years ago; and for some time has been acting more like a fiend than a human being. There was some talk of lynching him. Slocum was from Burlington, Vermont; and was forty years old. A large company attended his funeral.

NOTICE!

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that, on the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of

JOHN Y. GREEN,

of Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake and Territory of Utah, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be held at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, before R. H. Robertson, Register, on the 13th day of June, 1868, at 10 o'clock M.

JOSHUA HOSMER,

U. S. Marshal as Messenger in Bankruptcy.

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By WM. P. APPLEBY, Deputy.

NOTICE!

In the Supreme Court of Utah Territory.

In the Matter of } In
GILBERT WEBB, Bankrupt. } Bankruptcy.

To whom it may Concern. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of GILBERT WEBB, Bankrupt, of Salt Lake City and County, Territory of Utah, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, by the Supreme Court of said Territory. Dated the 11th day of May, A. D., 1868.

JAMES M. CARTER,

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Assignee, etc.

WOOL CARDING.

THE undersigned now wishes to notify the Public that his

CARDING MACHINE

Is now in Successful Operation, with an efficient and experienced Man in charge, and will CARD WOOL as Cheap, and give as good satisfaction as the best.

The MACHINE is near the WEBER MILLS, Ogden City, Weber County.

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JOHN NEWY.