

Correspondence.

Work Among the Indians.

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Deseret News:

Hostles F. M. Lyman, and J. H. ... have requested me to send a report of my labors among the ...

... have taught two terms of school ... they learned quite ... were easy to govern, more so ... the white children, and very ... setting them an example wor- ... of imitation. A number of ... who did not know a letter ... they started, can now read in ... First Reader, can write quite ... and understand some of the ... principles of arithmetic and ... graphy. They were quite de- ... to learn that the world is ... and, that it revolves around the ... etc

... me of them who attended one ... of school taught by Brother ... V. Selmon, last winter, can now ... to read in the second reader. ... y are very anxious to learn to ... and write, they say they want ... earn to understand our language, ... they can know why the Lord ... ts them to be Latter-day Saints; ... at we are here for; why the Lat- ... day Saints pay tithing; ... y they build Temples etc. ... y want to learn to read the Book ... Mormon and find out what their ... fathers did when they lived on ... continent, and what they have ... ten to them, and want them to ... in these days. They want to ... n to read the book of Doctrine ... Covenantants and other good books ... I learn to live like Latter-day ... nts. These are mostly their own ... rds. I have read the Book of ... rmon and Doctrine and Cove- ... nts to them whenever opportu- ... y afforded it and they always ... med deeply interested in what ... le I could explain to their un- ... derstanding. Bishop Spencer told ... e that they had not words in their ... guage that could convey the ... ht meaning if he should try to in- ... terpret the reading of those books to ... em, and that they were in danger ... getting misunderstandings, or I ... ould have read more and tried to ... ve had it interpreted, but he said ... e safest way was to wait until they ... t so far as to read and understand ... themselves.

... They seem to be very thankful for ... eir homes and say they love them ... ad that four years ago they were ... ke the wild deer of the mountain ... bird of the forest; did not know ... ything but to wander wherever ... ney led them, and all they talked ... then was death and the shedding ... blood. But now they are talking ... peace and quietness and of life ... ere and hereafter. Before they did ... ot know there was any hereafter ... any God, but now they say they ... ow there is a God, and that he ... ves, by the feeling that is within ... eir hearts that has been with them ... nce they were baptized and con- ... rmed members of the Church of ... esus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

... Nephi, one who can understand ... nd talk more than the rest, says to ... he white children, "You white ... ildren you know how to behave ... ourselves, your parents know, you ... ow what is right and I want you ... o do it, so we can learn from you, ... nd do like you, and not be doing ... wrong." And I think as the exam- ... ple is which is set before them, so ... hey will be. And it is very neces- ... ary that they have the proper ex- ... ample set before them, for the very ... notions of those whom they con- ... sider their leaders, they try to imi- ... tate.

... The women can all sew quite well, ... with the exception of three or four ... ery aged ones. They piece a quilt ... with excellent taste, considering the ... small advantages they have had. ... They can make good bread of yeast ... powder and soda and sour milk, and ... one of them has learned to make ... salt-rising bread. They fry meat, ... eggs, etc., peel and boil potatoes very ... well, make tea and coffee, and get ... regular meals, wash and iron, white- ... wash and clean their houses, and ... have quite an understanding of the ... rudiments of house keeping. They ... pay Sunday eggs and help in mak- ... ing quilts for the temple.

... All the Indians pay their tithing, ... temple donations, etc.; and have all ... been (who are of age) registered, ... and pay their taxes as American ... citizens, and have the legal right to ... vote. They have an Elders Quo- ... rum, a Sunday school and a Relief ... Society organized among them, and ... with the guidance of Bishop John

Spencer and others, who are work- ... ing for the advancement of the ... mission to the best of their ability, it ... seems as though there is a bright ... future before them.

There is an opposite party, who ... make some difficulty by jumping ... their lands and taking advantage ... of their ignorance. Yet it will only ... be a benefit to them in the end, for ... while they look to white people to ... be taught, they will learn that not ... all are Latter-day Saints who bear ... the name, as their Bishop often tells ... them this is not his work nor Presi- ... dent Taylor's work, but God's work, ... and that neither he nor any other ... man or person is perfect.

I never saw a place where the ... power for good or evil worked so ef- ... fectually, and I do not believe that ... any power but that of God can ac- ... complish the fulfilment of the pro- ... phesies of the Book of Mormon con- ... cerning them, which it seems he ... has commenced, and is amply able ... to accomplish.

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