

promised to write him asking "why he became a Mormon." The Baptists are now studying how to practice the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

We are well and feel good and extend our regards to friends at home. Your brethren in the Gospel,

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BREDEBYGDEN, Gudbrandsdalen,
Sel, Norge, August 26, 1892.

MORGAN CITY AND COUNTY.

A gentleman of the medical profession from Salt Lake city, at a public meeting recently held in Farmington, made the following statement respecting Morgan, its people and their surroundings. He told the people of Davis county assembled there "that Morgan was a dirty little town; that some of them, although a good and kind people, did not know enough to keep clean, and round their dwellings free from filth; that the accumulation of fetid matter was the cause of the cases of diphtheria that they had every year; the mud around their dwellings was impregnated with the seepage of their corrals, and that a white man going once into some of their outbuildings, would not want to go in again."

Now, there may be a few instances of that character, and while I do not claim that Morgan city is a paragon of cleanliness, yet I maintain that it is (and the whole of the county) as clean and healthy as any farming district in the country, or as any that the gentleman has visited, with all due deference to him, his opinion to the contrary notwithstanding. The feeling of the people that I have spoken to about this is that Morgan has been unjustly singled out and made to appear worse, from a sanitary point of view, than it really is. I am not a resident of Morgan City, but I reside in the county of Morgan and often visit the county seat, being well posted as regards its sanitary condition, and can say advisedly that it is not behind other rural districts in cleanliness. The gentleman's statements in regard to diphtheria are not correct. The few cases they have had were contracted by some of the people visiting in localities infected with the disease and by strangers and friends coming amongst them, bringing the disease in its incipient stage, but fully developed after being there a few days. In the little town where I reside, there has never been a case of diphtheria. Some of the people feel indignant, and wonder why Morgan should have been spoken of so disparagingly in a public meeting, not with any intent to injure the people, they suppose, but the effect produced, has a tendency that way. The people have long struggled under very adverse circumstances, perhaps more so than those of any other county in Utah, and are still laboring to build up and beautify this little valley. They have long raised the stock which produced the milk, and are now in earnest as regards the honey, and they only need encouragement instead of unwise statements respecting them to make the valley a veritable "Land of milk and honey." God has blessed them in their labors.

The land now yields more abundantly; the climate has become more

temperate; the mountain streams have increased; and they acknowledge His hand in all these things, and by His help, they will yet raise this lovely little valley, in the estimation of those, whose lot has apparently been cast in more pleasant places, and who in times past have spoken of it very indifferently as only one of the "back valleys." But a change has come over it; palace cars run through and the Union Pacific Railroad company bring thousands from Salt Lake and Ogden, on pleasure bent, to enjoy themselves in the groves and resorts, and on the banks of the Weber river that so beautifully threads its winding way by fields, rich with golden grain, the reward of the husbandman's toil. The valley looks lovely at this time, showing signs of the autumn season, and the near approach of winter, when it will again put on its mantle of snow and be lovely even in its sternest aspect.

I remember visiting a friend in Davis County about fifteen years ago and amongst the good things with which I was regaled were strawberries. The lady of the house said to me, "They will be quite a treat to you, I have no doubt, for you cannot raise fruit of that kind in your valley." But the good people of Morgan now raise strawberries, and fine ones, too; also apples, plums, tomatoes, raspberries, currants, and other products of that character. This at one time was thought impossible. Instead of mud, some have nice, green lawns around their homes, and the rattle of the lawn mower can be heard as you pass along some portions of the town. I do not think the municipal authorities will neglect to enforce sanitary measures necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants, and cleanse the town from impurities as much as in their power lies.

I hope this letter will be considered a temperate and respectful reply to the statement about Morgan and its people, as I "nothing extenuate, nor ought set down in malice." CREDENDA.

ENTERPRISE, Morgan Co., Sept. 14.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

ST. GEORGE.

Our quarterly conference has just closed. The preliminary meetings were held on Saturday, 10th inst. The regular conference, which convened Sunday and Monday, the 11th and 12th, was well attended. Among those present were Apostles Francis M. Lyman and Anton H. Lund, President Jesse W. Crosby, Jun., of Panguitch Stake, and Counselor Daniel Seegmiller of Kanab Stake, all of whom ministered the word of the Lord to our edification.

The customary business of presenting reports and presenting the authorities of the Church was transacted. There was not a dissenting voice.

The reports of the condition of the Stake were very gratifying. The speakers were listened to with the closest attention.

JAMES G. BLEAK, Clerk.

KANAB.

This quarterly conference was held in the basement of the Academy of Kanab, on Saturday and Sunday, September 3rd and 4th, 1892. Present

on the stand, Apostles F. M. Lyman and Anton H. Lund, President Jesse W. Crosby of Panguitch Stake, and other visiting brethren, the Kanab Stake Presidency, several of the High Council and the Bishops of the several wards.

President Edwin D. Woolley reported the Kanab Stake as improving spiritually. Our financial condition was very gratifying. On account of the drouth a great many cattle, etc., would perish this coming winter. We lacked accommodations for the education of our young. He reported favorably the Indians in this Stake.

Reports were read from the Bishops of the respective wards, after which Apostle Lyman spoke on the subject of education, and the course we should pursue in every avocation of life.

Remarks were also made by President Jesse W. Crosby of Panguitch Stake and Counselor Thomas Chamberlain of Kanab Stake.

Apostle Anton H. Lund dwelt on the subjects of education, sacrifice, obedience to the commandments of God and the requirements made of us.

Counselor Daniel Seegmiller touched upon the subject of temperance, and this concluded the services for the first day.

The Y. M. M. I. A. conference was held Saturday evening. Apostles Lyman and Lund urged the young men to be faithful and seek earnestly to improve in all good works.

On Sunday, at 10 a.m., after the usual exercises, Elder Joseph Jolley of Sanpete Stake, addressed the Saints on the subject of tithes and offerings and the principle of sacrifice.

Apostle Lyman presented the general and local authorities, all of whom were unanimously sustained.

Bishop Henry B. M. Jolley of Mount Carmel ward, having resigned on account of old age and ill health, Elder Haskel S. Jolley was sustained as Bishop of the Mount Carmel ward, with Robert Moncur as first and Wm. J. Jolley, Jr. as second counselors.

Henry B. M. Jolley was sustained as Patriarch in the Stake, and Henry E. Bowman as a member of the High Council.

Apostle Anton H. Lund addressed the Saints on the subject of faith, sacrifice, etc., and the evil effects of infidelity.

In the afternoon, after the sacrament, Apostle Lyman occupied the remainder of the time; advised the Saints to improve their public buildings and surroundings by setting out shade trees, etc.

The Y. L. M. I. A. Conference was held directly after the Quarterly Conference adjourned, and the Sunday School Conference took place in the evening. The Apostles and visiting brethren, etc., were present on these occasions.

Apostles Lyman and Lund, with the Kanab Stake Presidency, held meetings with the Saints in Graham, Glendale, Orderville and Mt. Camel wards while on their way to our Quarterly Conference.

FRANCIS L. PORTER,
Stake Clerk.

GETTYSBURG, Sept. 17.—The old officers were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Battlefield memorial association.