NOTES FROM NEW JERSEY.

Ten Emigrants From There Headed for Utah.

Work of the Elders—Sunday School Attendance—Christmas Day Festivities.

PERTH AMBOY, New Jersey. Jan. 3, 1896.

To the Editor:

Thinking a few lines from this part of the vineyard would be of interest to those at least who have friends here, I submit the following:

First, we are having unusual weather for winter; have had but one snow storm and that not more than one inch deep. The weather, as a rule, is more like spring than winter, aside from a few days about the middle of December, which were cold.

The work of those engaged in the missionary field in the Eastern states is meeting with some success. I am informed that during the past season nearly forty have been baptized into the Church of Christ and many others are almost ready to yield obedience. The above number is not many when one considers the millions of people in the mission. On the other hand, think of only about ten Elders in the field and the result is quite encouraging. There is room today for at least fifty good energetic Elders, and I trust that number will be sent in the spring, then the new year—'96—will I trust show greater results.

The holidays passed pleasantly by, especially Christmas, with us in New Jersey. On that day our Sunday school rendered a very nice program, consisting of songs, speeches, recitations, etc., in which every member took part, and what we lacked in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. At the close of our program, which took some two hours to render, a substantial present was given each pupil, from a large, and, I think, as pretty a Christmas tree as I ever saw. The fact that I helped to cut and bring the tree from the woods may have made me appreciate it more.

Our exercises were held at the residence of Sister John Hornsby, and added to the above was a most excellent dinner, at which forty-four partook of the hospitality of our genial hostess. The dinner consisted of the usual roast turkey, chicken, plum pudding and everything one could desire on such an occasion. Added to our pleasure, as above noted, was the presence of our worthy president, Elder Samuel W. Richards, and his good wife, as also visiting Saints from Long Island and parts of New Jersey. Our Sunday school can boast of one thing—but few others can do, that is the attendance. The report made out by our worthy superintendent, Elder Joseph Hornsby, shows an average attendance of one hundred per cent. Should visitors be added it would make a percentage much higher, but he has only reckoned enrolled members, all of whom are active and anxious to learn more fully the principles of the Gospel.

On New Year's day ten of our little flock left for Utah, consisting of Brother James Hornsby and family and Sister Monk Duffy and family, the former intends engaging in the manufacture of fire-brick, sewer pipe and tile, at which he is an expert, and having spent some time last summer in Utah looking up the clay best suited to his use, there can be but little doubt of his success there.

Ever praying for the blessings of God to rest upon those engaged in His work, with kind regards, I remain,

Yours, etc.,
ARTHUR F. BARNES.

AMUSEMENTS.

Romeo and Juliet a Great Success at the Theater.

The Orpheus club, under the direction of its able leader, W. A. Peabody, scored another success at the Theater last night, in the presentation of the burlesque opera, Romeo and Juliet.

The principal characters were in capable hands, and it will not be saying too much to state that nothing Mr. Westervelt has attempted in the past equaled his "nurse" of last night. Mr. Pyper as the romantic Romeo made a handsome appearance, and his singing was excellent, as usually. Mr. Spencer as Mayor Capulet evoked roars of laughter, and his local hits caught the house every time. Mr. McCoy's Mercutio and Mr. Haim's Tybalt were acceptable, while the Juliet of Mr. Shearman was very clever. Mr. Gillespie, in the role of a friar, looked the part to perfection, but unfamiliarity with his lines and music was barely noticeable at times. However, this will undoubtedly be overcome in this evening's performance.

The ballet dancing, led by Mr. Haskell, was a novel feature of the performance, and had to be repeated. The work of the chorus on the whole was superb, and reflects great credit upon Mr. Peabody. The costumes were handsome and the stage settings very tastefully arranged.

Romeo and Juliet will rank as another triumphant success in the history of amateur performances in this city.

The house, while not large, was comfortably filled in the lower parts.

The opera goes again tonight, when with closer attention of the performers to the conductor, infusing a little more life into their work, especially in the finales, the performance should be a complete success.

In Old Kentucky, which will be seen again at the Theater on Thursday and Friday next, has played to large houses almost everywhere. Among its novelties are a brass band of diminutive darkies and a horse racing scene.

A feature of Hoyt's 1492, which comes to the Theater for three nights, commencing on Monday next, is the ... "Forty beautiful young women in blue, red, pink, yellow, fawn and old gold gloves and shoes," says an admirer of that particular feature. But there are other attractions which "must be seen to be appreciated."

There were large audiences again last night, both at the Grand and the Lyceum. At the former place A Black Flag and at the latter, My Awful Dad are the attractions. Mr. Hayes and Miss Lytton were interested spectators at the Grand last night.

It is now said that close to three thousand tickets have been sold for the initial concert in the Tabernacle to be given on Friday night by the Tabernacle choir under the direction of Prof. Stephens. The decorations will remain as they were on Inaugural day, adding to the charm of the musical program. There is a brisk demand for Prof. Stephens' Inaugural chorus, Utah, We Love Thee.

HOOPER ITEMS.

Sunday School Review—Proposed R. G. W. Spur for Hooper.

To the Editor:

HOOPER, Utah, Jan. 6, 1896.—Will you kindly permit me through your columns to report an item or two in connection with that portion of our town located just north of the Davis county line and known as the North Hooper ward; and to inform your many readers that although we are located about four miles west from the railroad tracks, on the eastern shores of the briny inland sea, and consequently somewhat isolated, as it were, we still have interest in common with them, and are trying to perform our part in the great work of redemption.

On Monday, Dec. 23, the officers, teachers and scholars of our Sabbath school, with as many of the parents and friends as could be accommodated met in our commodious meeting house at 10 a.m., when the following program was ably rendered:

First was an exercise from the primary department, entitled the New Covenant. It certainly deserves special mention the rendition being excellent and the sight a most impressive one. To see about seventy-five or eighty little innocents kneeling and with clasped hands and bowed heads reverently reciting the Lord's prayer did not fail to bring tears of joy to many eyes. This was followed by a song from the entire department, entitled Christmas Bells, and was also well rendered.

Next were two class exercises from the first intermediate department, subject, the life and labors of Jesus Christ, from Sunday School Union leaflets one to thirty; Class I answering in concert questions from leaflets one to fifteen, and class 2 from sixteen to thirty, each showing thorough acquaintance with the lesson.

The second intermediate department gave a very excellent exercise on Church history from Deseret Sunday School Union leaflets.

The work of the theological department was on the restoration of the Gospel, in two parts; first, from the young ladies, and second from the young men, each class showing by the individual work of the students that thorough and efficient work had been done by teachers and scholars alike; the same can truly be said of each department and class.

Nor was the beautiful music and singing any the less worthy of note and special mention, the exercises throughout being well interspersed therewith.

The program being ended, remarks highly commending the efforts of all concerned were made by Assistant Stake Superintendent James, followed by Superintendent R. Ballantyne, who spoke words of encouragement and comfort to all. Words of satisfaction were also spoken by Bishop Wm. W. Child. All present seemed to partake largely of the spirit and influence of the Gospel which was abundantly poured out by the Giver of all good.

After the closing exercises four hundred sacks of nuts and candy were distributed to the teachers and scholars, mothers with babies, etc.; after which all those who desired repaired to the amusement hall, where, after partaking of picnic, dancing was freely indulged in until about 5 p.m., when the day's exercises were closed with prayer, and all repaired to their homes feeling well repaid for the exertions made and the efforts put forth to make each other happy, and feeling that the day was one long to be remembered by all.

Our ward organizations are in excellent working order and our poor well provided for.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 1st, we were treated to a light shower of sleet, of a decidedly salty nature, which considerably changed the appearance of objects in its course by the salt contained therein.

A branch from the R. G. W. down to our settlement seems to be quite a topic of conversation at the present time, and is looked upon as one of the probabilities of the near future. It could not fail to be a source of revenue to the company, in the hauling it would get, and also the coal trade it could have. Let it come; it will be a benefit to our town.

OBSERVER.

Utah at Cornell.

ITHACA, New York, January 1, 1896.

To the Editor:

Utah students of Cornell send New Year's greeting to their friends. They are happy, having completed, to their satisfaction, the work of the first term and proving to the professors that they are in the front ranks. The final examinations were given and not a few students have left Cornell not to return until they are better qualified, but Utah may be assured that her sons will retain the coveted honors which they have gained.

The freshmen and sophomores had their fall meet some time since, which resulted in a tie. In the football game three halves were played, neither team being able to score a point. The 'varsity team has been very successful financially, this season, the receipts aggregating $7,500.

Christmas was spent very pleasantly at Mrs. J. D. Call's where the Utah boys partook of a bounteous repast. Mr. Price spent the greater part of the vacation in New York City. Mr. Glover has been working on his thesis. He will have become a L. L. B. before six months have gone. We are ten in number, five laws, three general course men and one, Mrs. Call, taking English literature and English history, and baby Call who will enter the university some time in the future.

Today your correspondent had the pleasure of visiting the Fisk mansion, which was partially completed fourteen years ago at a cost of $300,000. It is a gray sandstone building containing eighty-nine rooms. The one is made of over 1,000 years old. All are finished with either maple, cherry or mahogany. This palace is said to be the grandest in central New York, but its owner, Jennie McGraw Fisk, never saw the inside of it, although her funeral rights were conducted there. This building was bought a short time ago by the Chi Psi fraternity, the purchase price being $40,000. An expenditure of $15,000 is needed to put it in a proper condition for those babies who expect to give a spread therein before commencement exercises.

We have had no snow here this winter, but men, women and children may be seen with skates in hand plodding their way toward Lake Cayuga.

The topic of the day is "war." Many of the students hope it will come as it would give them a chance to view some of the battles without having to take more than a half-hour's ride, and would give us Canada.

The NEWS is a welcome visitor in these parts and is looked upon as "a letter from home." I would suggest that it would be very much appreciated at Barn's Hall reading room, as the students are anxious to learn of Utah and the Mormons. Will some kind friend make the reading room a new year gift?

CYMRO.

High Council.

The High Council of the Salt Lake Stake of Utah will meet this evening at half past seven o'clock. It is important that all the members of the Council attend this meeting.

JAMES D. STIRLING, Clerk.

Drills Postponed.

Owing to the meeting of the Utah State Legislature in the city and county building, drills of Troop C, N. G. U., have been postponed till further notice, by order of

G. H. NAYLOR,
Captain Troop C, N. G. U.

Tea Drinking.

Tea drinking is coming under the severe lash of the medical profession, and a physician in an article in a recent monthly says that tea worship, carried on by its fair devotees in the prettiest drawing-rooms, in the smartest of tea-gowns, with the daintiest of silver and china, may to a large extent disarm them as to the real nature of this insidious, but implacable fiend. He further says the evil effects of the tannin in tea are readily seen by its ravages on the tonsils and stomachs of tea tasters. It is well known that dyspepsia is often caused and increased by tea drinking; it is harmful in two ways. Neither should it be taken by those suffering from varieties of heart affection, or by those having a feeble circulation. Mental depression and extremes of melancholia the doctor also attributes to tea drinking and even suicidal monomania. This view is supported by the lately published statistics concerning the increase of lunacy among the lower orders, considered due in a measure to the excessive amount of tea drinking now prevalent among them, and those acquainted with the ways of the tea drinkers of this class, know that the teapot is never off the hob, and that tea is drunk at every meal, as well as between meals. It is ancient history to say that the tannin is the cause of all the mischief, and that tea should be drunk immediately after it is made. So extensive has this knowledge on the subject become, that at afternoon tea in fashionable drawing-rooms, both in town and country, people are trying their hardest to put it into practice. No easy matter, for tea-makers, both ladies and servants, will not go with them, their notions of hospitality being too strong to admit of offering a cup of weak tea to a valued friend or a new acquaintance. The struggle to decline the strong beverage by saying, "Not quite so strong, please," or "May I have a little water?" when there is no room left in the cup for it, are requests so irritating and trivial giving as a smiling but embarrassed hostess that a good-natured guest finds it easier to swallow the bitter poison than to make a fuss about it.

Personal Paragraphs.

A. A. Cahoon, of Mt. Pleasant, is at the Walker.

Dr. S. H. Allen, of Provo, is registered at the Cullen.

J. C. Coppage, San Francisco, is at the Templeton.

A. C. Rossean and J. A. Woodworth are Cullen guests.

G. H. Bennett, of Geneva, Ill., arrived at the Walker this morning.

William Hyndman is down from Idaho and is registered at the Walker.

J. H. Dunniger and J. T. Pardee, of Omaha, are late arrivals at the Templeton.

C. C. Lasells arrived from San Francisco this morning and registered at the Knutsford.

COMMERCIAL.

SALT LAKE CLEARING HOUSE.

Today's clearing house exchanges amounted to $[illegible]; same day last year, $218,[illegible].

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS.

New York.—Silver, 67; lead, $3.00.
London.—Silver, 30 [illegible].

ORE AND BULLION.

T. R. Jones & Co. received today: Ore, $[illegible]; bullion, $[illegible]. Total, $23,4[illegible].

W. S. McCornick & Co. received today: Silver and lead ores, $5,[illegible].

STOCKS AND MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

[illegible]

London Stock Exchange.

[illegible]

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.

[illegible]

CHICAGO MARKETS.

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GRAVEL CURED.

Mrs. Benjamin Hulse's Story, of

MILL CREEK, UTAH.

Mrs. Hiram Yeager of Arcadia, Salt Lake City, in writing of the great benefit her little boy had derived from the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, tells of a similar result obtained by the son of Mrs. Benjamin Hulse of Mill Creek, Utah, by the same means. "Mrs. Hulse's little boy of six years was very sick, lingering along under the doctor's care with no apparent improvement. He was suffering from gravel in the bladder.

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PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH will instruct and interest our readers with some articles descriptive of

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Which will contain reminiscences of his valuable though oftimes trying experiences as a boy and man in Utah.

My First Mission,
Will be the title of some articles from the pen of APOSTLE FRANCIS M. LYMAN, wherein he will give an account of his interesting experience of traveling "without purse or scrip," and many marvelous incidents connected with his ministry abroad.

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The Sandwich Islands Country and Mission
These articles will give a brief historical account of the group of islands, review some of the customs of the people and describe the past labors of our missionaries and the present condition of the latter-day work.

Twelve papers will be furnished by ELDER JAMES R. WALLIS, on

The Consistencies of Mormonism.
These will be most ably written, and are designed to furnish arguments in favor of the truth for our missionaries and those who are called to defend our religion.

My School Days at Ann Arbor,
Will receive treatment by ELDER RICHARD R. LYMAN who recently graduated as a civil engineer from this noted Michigan school with high honors. These articles will be illustrated.

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Is the title of a deeply interesting serial story which will be continued through the whole volume; its author is our versatile and talented friend SUSA YOUNG GATES (HOMESPUN), whose already published narratives have been of so much interest.

Ideal Manhood: Some Suggestions About It.
This will be the title of some articles containing valuable suggestions to our young men who have an ambition to do or be something in the world. The author is a long resident of Utah, but desires his identity concealed and will consequently write under the *nom de plume* of SIMPLEX.

College Department.
The Latter-day Saints' College in Salt Lake City, will be represented by a department which will be supplied with essays and other articles from students and teachers. These productions will represent, as far as possible, the actual work of the college, and will pass through the hands of the Principal, who will see that everything used is of a high order.

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