

DESERET NEWS.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1851.

THE LAW OF TITHING is beginning to be better understood, by the elders of Israel, than formerly, and its application more duly appreciated. What is the use of tithing? To sustain the priesthood, including all needful preparations for the administration of those ordinances which are necessary to be administered unto man, to bring him back, or open up the way by which he may return to his father in the eternal worlds. Does our father in heaven want any tithing? If he does, where shall he get it from, while the earth is his and all its fullness? The owner of all things can neither be enriched or impoverished by his saints paying or withholding a tenth of the substance lent them for a little season. He who has all riches in heaven and on earth needs no more, wants no more, for his personal benefit; and the reason that he wants his sons and daughters to tithe and sacrifice, is that they who tithe and sacrifice may reap the benefits thereof. Says Jesus, in this is my father glorified that ye bear much fruit. But how can saints bear fruit unto eternal life unless they are planted in the similitude of the celestial kingdom? and how can they become planted in the likeness of the celestial kingdom, unless the priesthood has a temple in which to administer the ordinances of the gospel to those who, by the same ordinances are made, confirmed and sealed heirs of salvation? And shall God build a temple with his own hands? No! He wants no temple for his own use, he wants a temple for the good of his children, consequently he leaves the temple for his children to build, for their own use and benefit; and in building it they are working out their own salvation, according to the command. Who then is admitted to the blessings of the temple when it is completed? Those who helped to build it. And none others? No! certainly not those who had the opportunity to help and did not improve it; and no glory nor honor have such in the building of the temple even if they should succeed in procuring their endowments therein, for they would be eternally indebted to those who built the house; while those who built the house would be so far their saviors, and would legally be entitled to an exalted exaltation, when compared with those they were the means of saving.

The saints are more fully realizing these truths than ever before, even that all their tithings are for their own good and glory; and consequently we see brethren more ready to enlist their labor by the month and year on the public works, (all of which is tending towards the building of the house of the Lord) without even a promise of a temporal remuneration, and from the same cause we see the butter, eggs, and cheese coming in, in greater amount than usual, to gladden the hearts and strengthen the hands of the laborers, and more brethren are engaged in their labor tithing, and the prospect of the public works brightens daily, and so it will increase more and more, while those who pray for Zion labor for Zion, even if they are stimulated in part by self interest, remembering they are doing it all for themselves.

Some of the bishops 20 or 30 miles distant are gathering the tithing of their wards regularly, and forwarding it by loads every ten days, by some one of their ward having business in town, so that there is little trouble and no expense attending the operation, but a little good economy and calculation; and no doubt we shall soon see other bishops following this blessed example; and while these things continue to increase Zion will prosper and the saints will rejoice.

PARENT SCHOOL.

It is very seldom that we spend an hour more pleasantly, more free from some corroding thought, feeling, or surrounding action, than on Friday p. m., the 9th inst., at the public visitation and close of the second quarter of the Parent School of the University of Deseret. Not the least restraint or constraint was manifested by teachers or pupils, during the exercises of the day; but the most free and social interchange of thought and action, that could reasonably be looked for in any intelligent & refined family circle was continually reflected from each individual, and we have been credibly informed the whip and scold have neither been seen or heard for the first time therein, since the commencement of the school; and although a wise man may have said, that he that spareth the rod hateth his son; yet, from observation, we have it established in our mind as a general rule, that when we see the table of a school room covered with rods, there is little or none of the government of heaven presiding in that house. In the case in question, the teachers required nothing but what was right, and the scholars manifested no disposition to offer any thing wrong; and so it should be, and so it will be in all schools, where the spirit of God bears rule.

Chancellor Spencer and Regent Phelps are too well known in this community, to need any eulogiums from our pen, and if there are any ignorant of their capacity as teachers, we would recommend such to put themselves under their tuition, the first opportunity; or place their children under their charge, and visit them there; and we have no doubt it will give them greater satisfaction than we are able to administer.

The recitations in arithmetic, and the elucidations on the black board, bore conclusive testimony to the fact that the design of teaching had been to have rules and principles understood, and ready in the mind of the learner, to be brought into direct practical use; and the same may justly be said of the recitations in geography, grammar, declamation, and other branches. Many compositions were read, which, as a whole, were of a higher order, a more exalted tone and sentiment, than we ever before witnessed in a similar school, and many of them would honor far older heads.

Possibly we may have been a little enthusiastic, but the singing appeared to us like a little foretaste of heaven; but, be that as it may, we have seldom ever attended a religious meeting, where a more meek, quiet, gentle, soothing, united and heavenly influence prevailed uninterruptedly, than there did during the examination of the Parent School while we were present;—and our prayer to God is, that the same celestial in-

fluence may ever be continued, and diffused through all the schools in Deseret. A vacation of two weeks, or until a more appropriate room can be furnished, is anticipated, when another term will commence.

UNIVERSITY LANDS.—It is believed that sufficient stone is quarried to wall three sides of the university lands; and several teams are engaged in hauling them. By resolution of the city council, the land, lying between the Emigration creek and the road to Parley's canyon, as far west as Stony point, has been appropriated to the herding and grazing of the teams engaged in drawing the stone on the university lands; and all people are requested not to drive any herds or cattle on said range.

RAIN commenced in the valley on Thursday p. m., the 8th inst., and continued with little cessation till Saturday morning, and occasional showers till Tuesday morning, during which day, the rain showers were interspersed with hail, the size of peas and hazelnuts, doing very little, if any damage. On Saturday, the 10th, between 3 and 5 p. m., the city was flooded with water to a great extent, and on Tuesday, the driest gardens about the council house were not dry enough for tillage. Few houses in the city have been found water-proof; and beds, bed-bugs, and wardrobes have shared one common fate of saturation. The shrubbery of the city indicates that a slight frost has recently passed by, but of what date we are not informed. The Lord having attended to the irrigation of the crops in due season, the brethren have commenced improving their time more on the public works.

SEVENTIES' HALL.—The foundation of the Seventies' Hall of Science was completed on the 13th inst., ready for the basement story. It is situated on the west side of First East, between First and Second South streets, and not as represented in a previous number.

THE RAILROAD GRADING is progressing well, considering the frequent hindrance by rain.

HAIR.—If there are tanners or others in Deseret, who have, or shall have during the season, HAIR suitable for mixing with mortar, they are requested to forward it to the tithing office. Some is wanted now.

SIXTH INST., Tuesday, p. m. our city was visited with an unusual shower of wind and dust from the northwest, continuing an hour or more, and saturating every vacant spot in our houses with dust.

FIRST ARRIVAL FROM THE EAST. On the 7th inst. four or five wagons loaded with bacon, hams, sugar, coffee, and calicoes, as we understand, arrived in our city direct from Laramie.