

ELDERS' CORRESPONDENCE.

[To Elder Thomas Bullock from Elder Joseph A. Young.]
12 Crossland Street, Holbeck, }
Leeds, Feb. 2, 1855. }

When I get home, I shall better know how to appreciate communion with the saints of the Most High, and especially with those who have proved themselves worthy by patience and long suffering.

I have found, in my short experience in this country, that there is often great good done by lopping off dead branches, and think that you have done just right, by disencumbering the Quorum of those who were unworthy.

You are right in supposing that I see many things in England which look strange to me. As for wickedness there is certainly enough, also of distress; yet there is something noble and grand in the mighty fabric of England's power—one sparkling gem of the ocean giving laws to one seventh of the human race.

My heart yearns towards the people, and I pause for a moment appalled, but only to strive, with renewed ardor, to drag the masses from the pit into which they have fallen.

Some elders go home with a long face, and tell long yarns about the temptations a man is subject to while on a mission, when at the same time, the elder himself is the only one to blame.

My health is good; it never was better, and my spirits are good. I never was so happy in my life. I have been appointed to preside over the Bradford Conference, Yorkshire—numbering 875 saints, so that I have all I can do to attend to the business that devolves upon me.

Br. Franklin D. Richards has been a father to me since my leaving home. May God bless him for it. Chancey G. Webb is my pastor. He is not well at present, and I am nursing him.

Br. Webb joins me in love to the Quorum, and to all enquiring friends. Br. Franklin D. Richards has been a father to me since my leaving home.

[From Elder Chas. H. Bassett to Elder D. Mackintosh.]
LUMINARY OFFICE, St. Louis, }
April 22, 1855. }

I arrived in Cincinnati about the middle of July, and after remaining there about a week, I was appointed to labor in and about Springfield, Ohio. I found a few saints in Springfield, who received me kindly, and during my stay with them, tried to make me comfortable.

As to the Gentiles, I found them totally indifferent to matters of religion. Religion is only professed as a matter of convenience, and infidelity is fast obtaining among all classes.

Spiritualism has done much to bring about this state of feeling, and is daily adding to the ranks of skepticism. The many contradictory revelations, coming thro' the spiritual mediums, have had a tendency to destroy all faith in true revelation.

Gladden Bishop is among the apostates in Cincinnati, and has adopted a part of their doctrines, and they in turn have embraced part of his; thus they have amalgamated, tho' Gladden of course, reserves the prerogative of standing at the head.

In my travels I have been able to get out a few hearers for the first time, and frequently they have turned out and filled the rooms we have preached in. They come expecting to hear something about polygamy, for they think that our religion consists of nothing but plurality of wives—and that no other doctrine is recognized as Mormonism.

I am of opinion that it will require more potent ministers to produce any lasting conviction in the minds of this wicked people. Such, for instance, as cholera, famine, wars, earthquakes, and other judgments of the Almighty.

I have been much surprised to find so many who were once connected with the church; now standing outside, and watching, as they say, the signs of the times. I find, in some counties in Ohio, that nearly one half of the population have once been Mormons, and in one town nearly all have been in the church.

are an index to something more in their minds than they can speak.

It seems to be of no use to preach to them; they know all about it now. They have passed thro' a great variety of isms, including spiritualism, and the papers and books of all these isms are found strewn about their houses.

I am now in the 'Luminary' office, assisting br. Snow during the hurry of the emigration. I may go home this season, and I may not—I am not yet certain.

There is a large branch of the church here, and the saints seem to feel well, since they have been organized into a stake of Zion. They come forward as promptly as can be expected, and pay in their tithings, and attend to their general duties cheerfully.

A few companies of saints have gone up to the frontier, preparatory to starting over the plains. Br. Peter Hanson with a company of Danes, br. Hogan with a small company of Danes, and br. Ballantyne with a company of P. E. Fund emigrants.

[From the Millennial Star.]
INDIA--CHINA.

Perilous Voyage from Singapore to Hong Kong—Persecution—Departure of Elder W. Willes for Liverpool.

President Richards—I arrived in this place on the morning of the first inst., after a long and sickening voyage of 35 days from the Straits of Malacca, or Singapore.

On the ninth day out, 15 miles to the westward of Paliwon Island, in south latitude 8 deg. 50 min., east longitude 117 deg. 15 min., just before the dawn of day, on Saturday the 4th of November, in a heavy fog and rain, our clipper struck with great violence on a coral reef or sunken rock.

I had a little hope that we might save ourselves in our boats, but to our terror the captain informed us that the inhabitants of Paliwon Island were all cannibals.

Our spirits groaned within us. It was a time of the deepest distress. I felt that my mission had been according to the will and counsels of heaven, and I could not but ask, 'Father, must I leave my body here? But I felt, 'Thy will, O Lord, be done.'

Our gallant brig was bound for Shanghai, and the captain was determined to run her into that port, if possible, to save expense, otherwise we might have put into Manila, which would have been far better.

Here commenced the epoch—trouble, sorrow, sickness, pain, vituperation, and abuse. I was sick and had to stand in the water at the brake of the pump morning and night, to keep us afloat, and save our lives, with however but little hopes.

Sometimes we were carried on mountain waves, and then again thrust down into the great abyss of waters, in the troughs of the sea, expecting at times to be buried, as the vessel often shipped seas which swept the decks fore and aft.

All this was but trifling, said the captain, 'Ah! you are the Judas, your religion is of the devil, you all ought to be put to death, and if Jesus was now on the earth, you would put him to death.'

'No,' I replied, 'we are his friends, and not his enemies.' The persecution came hotter and hotter. After reading Elder Spencer's letters, the captain said he was a liar, for he condemned everybody and everything but his own order.

We passed Formosa Island two days out in the Pacific Ocean. The leak increased, and caused alarm, and we turned our course and stood for Amoy. The storm came on again, accompanied with thunder and lightning, the clouds gathered blackness, the elements became furious, and the seas again swept our decks; we then put into Hong Kong.

From the time we left Singapore, the captain's spirit strove against me continually. I prayed and gave thanks and prophesied good, while the captain prophesied evil; and said the vessel would never see Shanghai, that we should have head-winds, and that he had been cursed ever since they ran upon the coral reef, and I was the Jonas—I had brought all the evil upon them, and not good.

I testified to them of the truth of this work, both day and night, that it was the kingdom of God, and that the Lord was with us. Mr. Harris said it was all of the devil, and we would all go to the devil together.

I landed in this den of devils, or island of pirates, in spite of all my Indian or European foes. The captain came here because he could not go anywhere else, until he had landed an Elder in Israel, although much against his will.

These seas should be avoided if possible in future by the Elders at this season of the year, which is the time of the regular monsoons, which often increase into hurricanes and tornadoes.

I have recovered from my sea sickness and bodily infirmities, and am trying, if possible, to get a free passage to California. I am expecting to leave next week, on board the ship Lucas, for San Francisco.

This is the third time, in the neighborhood of the continent of Asia, that I have been in perils in sinking vessels on the sea. Have I complained? God forbid, it is all right. I acknowledge the hand of God in all this.

Where shall we go to find peace on the earth, but in Zion? I have preached, and asked from the citizens the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table? They say—'D—n the Mormon plurality of wives, they ought to be burnt at the stake.'

Elder William Willes will give you the details of what I have here stated. He left Singapore for Liverpool on the 14th October, on board the clipper ship Gazelle, Captain Leslie. Brother Willes spent four days with me, which was like balm to a wounded spirit, or water to a thirsty man.

Our parting was like extracting teeth. May the Lord God of Israel bless our worthy brother Willes, and give him a speedy passage to the bosom of his dear family.

I have visited the capital of India, drunk of the waters of the Irrawaddy, in Burmah, touched at Penang, or Prince of Wales' Island, drunk of the beverage that flows from its mighty summit, spent ten weeks at Singapore, all the time having an eye on India, where I arrived the 6th of last April, and spent 127 days, crying repentance unto the people.

Farewell may we all meet again. God bless you all.— Amen. E. LUDDINGTON.

Deseret Theological Institute.

SOCIAL HALL, G. S. L. City, }
June 13, 1855. }

The Deseret Theological Institute met according to adjournment at 7 1/2 p.m.

Music by the orchestra. Prayer by Elder Ezra T. Benson.

W. W. Phelps read a funeral sermon on the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Patriarch Hyrum Smith, who were murdered in Carthage jail, under the violated pledges of Governor Thomas Ford and his officers.

Henry Maiben sang a new song, about Father Adam and Mother Eve, composed by W. W. Phelps.

The choir then sang the President's favorite hymn, 'O my Father, thou that dwellest,' &c.

Benediction by William Hyde. THOMAS BULLOCK, Secretary.

Disfellowship Notice.

On the 27th of last May, MICHAEL T. BARR was cut off from the Second Quorum of Seventies, for going to California without counsel and leaving an indebtedness to the P. E. Fund, for which his uncle is here held responsible.

WALTER THOMPSON, Clerk.

MARRIED:

On Wednesday, June 13, 1855, by Elder John Bear, Mr. WILKIN TIFFE, of Farmington, and Miss JULIA ANNE AMELIA WATERMAN, of Ogden Hole.

Keep pure the heart, and never part, And live in love together— And you shall know the joys that flow To faithful ones forever.

DIED:

In this city, on June 17, 1855, ELLEN REBECCA, daughter of Jonathan and Emma Moreton, aged 14 months.

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The Alphabetical List OF MARKS AND BRANDS will be ready, without fail, on the 1st of July. For sale at the Post Office and Deseret Store. Price, \$1.25.

STRAYED FROM the 2d WARD HERD, an old COW, with red head, neck, and legs, and white body; brands and marks not known; supposed to be in Emigration Canyon. Whoever returns her to me shall be rewarded. GEORGE GODDARD.

A GOOD CHANCE FOR FISHING, or Pleasure Trips.—A Clinker built BOAT 20 feet long, 5 feet 6 inches beam, rigged with main and foresails, well adapted for fishing, or pleasure trips in Utah or Salt Lake, will be sold at Public Auction on Saturday, July 14, if not previously disposed of by private sale.

Where shall I take my Cows TO HAVE THEM ON good range, and well taken care of? Over to the point of the mountain, in care of A. Cahoon & Brothers, where there is an abundance of good grass, and plenty of good water.

YES! O, YES! LOOK! LOOK!! By an Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1855, all persons having been in the service of the United States in any war for a period of fourteen days, who can prove the same by record evidence, are entitled to 160 acres of land, and in certain cases their widows and minor children are to have the land, &c.

NOTICE. THERE IS IN MY possession, near Jordan bridge, a three year old COW, brown sided, face, back and rump white, with black specks mixed with the white, an unintelligible brand on left shoulder, has a calf.

STRAYED OR STOLEN, FROM THE PASTURE near the city, on or about the 15th instant, a SORREL MARE, about 7 years old, white streak extending from between the eyes to the nose, white saddle marks on her sides and back, 5 small black spots on her hips; wart on the left hind ankle joint; branded on left shoulder low down, and half circle on left thigh; spirited and good traveler.

NOTICE THE ESTRAYS will be brought to General Estray Pound in G. S. L. City on THURSDAY, the 19th day of July next, where they will be kept a day or two for the purpose of giving claimants an opportunity to establish their claims.

IN STRAY POUND AT OGDEN CITY:—A large BAY HORSE, with a white spot on the face and a small black spot on the left side of his rump, branded Y on the right shoulder and thus on the right thigh.

15\$ REWARD! STRAYED FROM THE RANGE over Jordan, north of the Sloughs, the following cattle:—A young, dark roan STEER, 4 or 5 years old, white belly, white spots on top of back behind, and on the top of fore shoulders, and on hind legs, white forehead, two white spots on fore legs near the feet; right ear cropped, horns small and pointing inwards, branded X & 21; end of tail off.

HOME MANUFACTURE BRUSHES—GILBERT CLEMENTS Brush Manufacturer, respectfully informs the public that he has opened his new shop, East Temple st, next door to Mulliner's Tannery, for the sale of all kinds of BRUSHES, which on inspection, will be found of superior quality, and at moderate prices.