

Our managers and performers have a great mission assigned them—their opportunities of doing good are not limited. But they must be sustained in their efforts by the public. If a vitiated public taste should demand a certain class of representations, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for managers or performers to control it. Managers must be sustained in their exertions to inculcate correct morals, and in the case of our own theatre we feel assured they will not be found wanting.

#### EMPLOYMENTS FOR FEMALES.

Eleven of the offices of the Deseret Telegraph Line are now supplied with female operators. In several other offices young ladies are being instructed in the art of telegraphy; and, before long, we presume, that nearly every office on the Line will be furnished with female operators. If they steadily apply themselves to their duties, we know of nothing to prevent their becoming efficient telegraphists. In repairing the Line and other out-door labors connected with the Telegraph, of course men can be employed; but for all office work, it seems to us, that females will answer as well as males.

There are so many demands for man's labor in this country, with every prospect of the demand increasing, that the education of woman, with the view to fit her for the lighter employments which men now follow, is a move in the right direction. There are many branches of business which she can profitably follow—for which she has a peculiar aptitude. As surgeons, especially among their own sex, females have found profitable and satisfactory employment. There is no reason why some of our young ladies should not be instructed in surgery. Every mother can appreciate how grateful the attendance of one of her own sex would be in an hour when skill is required, in preference to one of the opposite sex.

Ladies can also be trained to be good book-keepers, dry goods clerks, type setters, &c., &c. We are in a better position than most communities to introduce female help into the various branches of employment; for most people, in coming here, have to turn their attention to some other business than that to which they have been trained. There is not that jealousy here which exists in many other places, and which leads to the formation of Trades Unions and other societies to protect workmen in their rights.

Up to the present, there has been no scarcity of labor here. If a man could not find employment in that business to which he had been accustomed, he could in some other business. Our old settlers, especially, have worked at a great variety of employments. They were compelled to do so, or have their work stand still. In the settlement of a new country this is necessarily the case. The first adobies that were made here, were the manufacture—excepting in a few instances—of men who had never followed brickmaking for a living. It was common for the man who wanted to build a house to make his own adobies—and frequently to lay them up himself—to procure his own timber and do his own carpenter work. There have been great changes in many respects since then. But even now there is not that variety of employments here which are found in older communities. Men have to adapt themselves to circumstances, and take hold of the labor that most readily presents itself to them. This kind of training begets a self-reliance that is of great advantage to the person obtaining it and to the community at large.

The interest which is now being felt in the education and training of young ladies is very pleasing. It speaks well

for the future. The question of women's rights is an exciting one in the east at the present time. But, leaving the discussion of this fruitful theme to others who delight in theories, it is our policy to deal with the subject practically. Care should be taken to throw around woman every safeguard that will shield her purity and preserve her from contamination. No people can ever attain unto any pitch of greatness who neglect the cultivation and education of their women. We have excellent facilities for education placed within our reach. If we improve them as we should, we will soon have women who will prove worthy co-laborers of their fathers, brothers and husbands in the great work which lies before us, and become the mothers of a race of heroes.

#### HOME ITEMS.

##### FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

**BISHOPS' MEETING.**—There was a very interesting Bishops' meeting at the City Hall last night, which was attended by President B. Young and D. H. Wells, B. Young, junr., Bishop Hunter and his Counselors L. W. Hardy and J. C. Little, with representatives from all the wards in the city and from Brighton Ward.

Various matters were the subject of remark by Bishop Hunter, who urged the payment of the P. E. Fund debts.

President Young invited the Bishops and their Counselors to attend the Theological class to be commenced next Monday evening at the City Hall.

The subject of the poor in this city was taken up and considered; and President Young moved that henceforth the Bishops take care of the poor in their several wards instead of their being supplied from the General Tithing Store as at present.

The motion elicited remarks from a number of the brethren, all of whom expressed their appreciation of its wisdom; and much interest was manifested in the condition of the poor, while a liberality was given expression to which was creditable to the heads and hearts of the speakers.

Bishop E. D. Woolley queried from what source the funds to sustain the poor were to be derived, whether from Tithing or donation.

President Young said that at the monthly fast day, in the days of Joseph, the Prophet, the brethren donated of their substance to help the poor; and that if the same were faithfully done now there would be more than enough to supply the wants of the poor in our midst. Those who thus exercise their liberality are proportionately blessed of the Lord—a principle, the truth of which was recognized by all present. He also recommended that a suitable building in each ward be used for the poor, that several persons may reside together, which he urged for the sake of economy, and for other reasons.

The President's remarks and suggestions met the hearty concurrence of the brethren present; and those who spoke expressed themselves warmly as to the good results which would arise from their practical application. It was decided that the counsel and suggestions given with regard to the poor should be acted upon immediately.

**THEATRICAL.**—Last night Mr. Coudock appeared as Shylock and Miss Coudock as Portia, in "The Merchant of Venice," supported by a good cast of characters. The comedy was put on the boards in good style, and was played throughout with much care and appreciation of its beauties by the ladies and gentlemen engaged. Mr. Coudock's Shylock was very different to any representation of the character we have had here before. "His" was the Jew that Shakespeare drew; not the embodiment of an actor's fanciful creation. Miss Coudock's Portia was a highly artistic performance. Her delivery of the lines commencing "The quality of mercy is not strained" was very fine; and the manner in which she brought out the points of the character elicited much applause. Miss Colebrook as Jessica; Miss Alexander as Nerissa; Mr. McKenzie as Antonio, and Mr. Lindsay as Bassanio, were very good; indeed all the characters were well enacted. "A Kiss in the Dark" was the farce, and created no little mirth in its performance.

To-morrow evening Sheridan Knowles' beautiful play of "The Hunchback" will be performed, with Mr. Coudock as Master Walter, Miss Coudock as Julia, and Miss Adams, who has recovered from her late sickness, as Helen. The other characters are in good hands. "Bow'd Out" is the farce; and one which should make everybody laugh.

We notice that the great play of Henry IV is underlined, and expect a great histrionic treat in Mr. Coudock's impersonation of Falstaff, the fat knight.

We have now a word of advice to offer to some of the members of our regular company. In enacting a character you are supposed by the very nature of the drama to be utterly oblivious of the fact that you are before an audience. It is therefore in the worst possible taste to evince a knowledge of their presence, by looking at or playing to them. The speaking to, singing to, or by other means letting the audience see that you crave after their applause, while representing a character on the stage, is in violation of every rule of dramatic art, and in the highest degree reprehensible. It should be shunned by every actor and actress, and frowned down by every intelligent person in the audience. Mr. and Miss Coudock are living exemplars of correctness in this respect; and our own company, with transient professionals who have played here, could pattern after them to much advantage. We do hope the practice will be henceforth shunned by every one who may feel tempted to be guilty of it.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**—On Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, the President's Message was delivered by him to the Senate and House of Representatives. It contained about 13,000 words, which at the usual rate of telegraphing would take about nine hours to transmit across the wire. The ordinary business of the line interrupted its transmission for several hours; but the last words reached this city about 8 o'clock on Wednesday.

nesday morning, and an hour afterwards we had it in print ready for our readers. We appreciate and acknowledge the courtesy and prompt attention shown by the gentlemen in the Western Union Telegraph Office in this city, during the transmission of the Message.

This, and other local items were crowded out of yesterday's issue by a press of matter.

**THE WEATHER.**—This morning the sun shone out again, the rain of yesterday and snow of last night having been followed by a frost, which brought a clear sky. The following is the state of the weather, at the points named, learned by Deseret Telegraph Line this morning:—

Logan; clear and warm; hard frost last night. Kaysville; sun shining, but quite cold. American Fork; sun shining, and very pleasant. Springville; snowed two inches last night; cloudy and cold.

Nepht; cold and cloudy; very muddy. Fountain Green; sun shining brightly. Fort Ephraim; clearing up; the sun is coming out brightly between the clouds. Gualison; very fine.

Last night a soldier, named Chas. Wallace, broke into the residence of Mr. Ellis, a little west of the Theatre, broke a looking-glass, vases and a stove, made himself generally destructive, tore down the window curtains, and wrapping himself up in them, went to sleep. The inmates being in bed did not know of it until this morning, when they found him minus coat, hat and boots. He was handed over to the police, and will have an introduction to a Justice of the Peace this evening.

##### FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

**PERSONAL.**—By telegram to President B. Young, dated St. George, 6th, we learn that Elder H. P. Folsom, who left this city in poor health to fill his mission South, felt first rate from leaving Parowan until he reached the sand; from which time he suffered with sickness until yesterday.

**CHICKEN CREEK.**—The following telegrams were received last night:

Pres. B. YOUNG. Chicken Creek, Dec. 6. Opened office at 6 p.m., Charles C. Jones, operator. Go to Fillmore to-morrow.

A. M. MUSSER. Chicken Creek, Dec. 6.

Pres. BRIGHAM YOUNG.

We thank you heartily for the Telegraph Office just opened. Will try and appreciate the favor by living nearer our God. Please name for us our new settlement,—beautiful for location, three miles north-east of this place and just surveyed.

ABRAHAM PALMER, Pres't.

**THEATRICAL.**—To-night "The Hunchback" will be played, with Mr. and Miss Coudock in the roles of Master Walter and Julia. We hope to see the house crowded, for the drama is a most interesting one, and there is no question as to the excellent manner in which these fine roles will be enacted. The cast embraces the names of Miss Adams, Messrs. Lindsay, Graham, Dunbar and others.

In the farce of "Bow'd Out" Mr. Margetts sustains the part of Yearner, the hypocritical second-rate who gets "bow'd out." It is a very laughable piece.

Miss Nunn sings a favorite ballad between the play and farce.

**WILL COMMENCE.**—The classes in the Council House will commence Monday morning. Professor Calder informed us this afternoon that he has already received the names of sixty pupils. We hope the number will soon be sufficient to fill the building, and compel an addition being made to it, knowing how important their advantages are, and the great good that result from their organization.

**THE WEATHER.**—The following was the state of the weather at noon to-day, received over the Deseret Telegraph Line:—

Logan; a little cloudy but warm; hard frost last night.

Brigham City; pleasant; a little cloudy.

Ogden; fine and warm.

American Fork; sun shining and warm; a few clouds.

Springville; mild and pleasant; a few hovering clouds.

Puysen; somewhat cloudy, but warm and pleasant.

Nepht; fine but cloudy.

Fountain Green; sun shining, but cold.

Mount Pleasant; warm but cloudy.

Fort Ephraim; mixture of clouds, with sun shining at intervals.

Cove Creek; cloudy with slight breeze from the north.

Beaver; cloudy but warm and pleasant.

Parowan; very gloomy; clouds look heavy.

St. George; very misty but clearing off now. Thermometer 60.

At the hour of our going to press there was every indication of a storm in this valley.

**BEAVER.**—By Dr. Isaac Riddle, just in from Beaver, we learn that peace, prosperity and plenty abound in that region. They have had no trouble with Indians lately; and believe the savages are quiet for the season. Public improvements are claiming the attention of the citizens; among others, the new meeting house, for the finishing of which the materials are on hand. It will be, when completed, a fine building, erected with a good quality of burnt brick. Shortly before he left three horse thieves were arrested and tried before Judge Murdock, who sentenced them respectively to six, four, and one year's imprisonment, with \$300 of a fine added to the thief who got the four years. They are now in the Penitentiary. The grasshoppers arrived in Beaver late in the season, and some fears are entertained for next year. The crops for the past harvest turned out very good, and thrashing is nearly got through with. They are plowing and sowing considerable wheat, preparing for a crop next season.

**NORTH OGDEN.**—Mr. Henry Holmes, our agent in North Ogden, informs us by letter of the Dedication of the new meeting house there, on Sunday last, Dec. 1st. President Lorin Farr, Bishop C. W. West, and Elders Walter Thompson and Joseph Parry, of Ogden City, attended the meeting. President Farr offered the Dedication prayer; and with Bishop West and Elders Thompson and Parry gave much valuable in-

struction to the Saints, on a variety of subjects having a bearing upon their present and future welfare and happiness. The building is 34 by 24 feet, with a gallery 14 by 21 feet; and the means to build it was raised by voluntary contribution. They have also a good schoolhouse on the same block, 34 by 24 feet. Their day and Sunday Schools are well attended; and the Saints manifest a desire to assist in every good work. During the past season they have taken up twelve new farms, which have been fenced, under contract, by Mr. Elihu Warren, with lumber and good sawed posts, the whole being a valuable addition to their farming lands on which they hope to raise grain the coming season. Bro. Holmes speaks of the beautiful location of North Ogden, with the abundant resources of range, water and timber that they possess, which through the blessings of God, they hope to fully develop.

**INFORMATION WANTED.**—Bro. R. R. Birbeck writes from Cedar, Iron Co., desiring to know the whereabouts of David Needham, William and Levi Abbott, John Fowkes and John Winterton, formerly of the Nottingham Conference. Elder John D. Chase, for whom he inquires, resides at Moroni, Sanpete. He also informs us that George Brooks, of Heywood's Cross, near Leigh Sinton, Worcestershire, England, is anxious to hear from his two daughters who emigrated to this country some years ago.

**FROM SANPETE.**—Our Special south, writing, informs us that the roads are in a very dilapidated condition in places. Once he was compelled to pull his buggy, horse and harness out of the mud by pieces. He speaks well of the public spirit manifested by Bro. D. Holladay, Bishop of Santaquin; and talks highly of the Sanpete brethren, who having been afflicted for a length of time by Indians are now well provided with the means of defence, and are making several public improvements, while performing their varied duties with energy and good spirit.

**MARRIED.**—On Saturday, Nov. 30, by Elder Wilford Woodruff, Mr. John E. Evans, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones.—[Mtl. Star please copy.]

##### FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

**SABBATH MEETINGS.**—Elder J. C. Little referred to his early connection with the Church and the testimonies which he received, when called to accompany the Pioneers, that President Brigham Young was the man chosen by the Lord to preside over the Church. He also related instances, which occurred in these valleys, of his having been sent to perform certain duties, and having promises made to him which he could not believe at the time would be fulfilled; yet they were verified to the very letter, proving that the inspiration of the Lord dictated them, and giving an assurance that evidence of the divine authority which directs through the Priesthood will follow obedience to its requirements.

Elder George Q. Cannon spoke of the movement now being made in favor of education, and urged the importance of the Saints being prepared for the great events that are rapidly approaching, by acquiring and storing up all the useful knowledge which they can obtain. He also urged upon mothers the great importance of the responsibilities placed upon them in training the young minds committed to their care.

**Afternoon.** President B. Young instructed the congregation on various principles, and pointed out the best course to be adopted with regard to caring for our poor. They are very few in number, but they have to be provided for; and in drawing their support from the General Tithing Store much time is lost which might be usefully employed and turned to productive advantage. He recommended the Bishops to look after the poor in their various wards, to find a suitable place in each ward where they can reside and be comfortable, to find employment for the sisters at knitting, sewing, crocheting, lace-making, and similar kinds of work which they can do; and to find something for the brethren to do, who are not able to go out and cut and saw wood, or do any heavy labor, at botteming chairs, making door mats of flags, weaving willow baskets, and such kinds of employment.

He referred to the origin of fast days in the Church, and their objects, one of which was to have the food of every kind that was saved by fasting donated for the use of the poor; and showed that if the flour, meat, fruit, &c., saved by one day's fasting of the whole community in a month, were placed in the hands of the Bishops for the poor, there would be more than enough to supply the wants of every person in the Territory, whose necessities would give them a claim upon the liberality of their richer brethren and sisters.

He also recommended that Female Relief Societies be immediately formed in the various wards, to look after the poor and minister to their wants.

His concluding remarks were on the subject of education, the value of which he impressed upon the congregation.

**DIED.**—Yesterday evening, Bro. George Washington Mousley died after a brief illness. Friends are invited to attend the funeral obsequies, at the residence of his family, in the 16th Ward, to-morrow at noon.

**THE WEATHER.**—The weather at the points named, reported by Deseret Telegraph Line, was this morning as follows:—

Logan; a little cloudy, but warm and pleasant.

Brigham City; fine.

Springville; warm and pleasant; a few scattering clouds; very muddy.

Nepht; warm but cloudy.

Mount Pleasant; cloudy but mild. Thermometer at 50°.

Fort Ephraim; sun shining, with a few clouds.

Scipio; a little cloudy but very mild.

Fillmore; very fine.

Cove Creek; cloudy and windy.

Beaver; cloudy and quite warm.

Parowan; quite warm and pleasant; cloudy; indications of rain from heavy clouds west.

St. George; cloudy and warm. Thermometer at 70°.

**ROADS EAST.**—By G. Knowlton, Esq., just in from East Weber, we learn that the bottom of the roads in that direction must be away on an exploring expedition to the antipodes, leaving holes in places sufficient to engulf a large wagon or small sized hay stack. Mud and no bottom seem to be the result of soundings there.