

Correspondence.

SYDNEY, Dec. 24, 1869.

President Geo. A. Smith:—Dear Brother—I again avail myself of the opportunity afforded me by the outgoing monthly mail, to write you a few lines to let you know where I am and what I am doing. In my last I informed you of my arrival on my mission and what I had done up to that time. I will now give you a brief history of my doings since then to the present.

Having organized branches where opportunity offered in the colony of Victoria, and set things in order according to my understanding in the spirit of my calling, I proceeded to Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales. There I found those who had been (and still called themselves) Latter-day Saints, in a scattered and disorganized condition, "having a name to live; but were dead." I went round and visited about half a dozen families and invited them to a meeting to be held at the house of a brother named Nicholls, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, 1869. About a half dozen persons met, but there was such a want of union and such bitter animosities, that I almost despaired, and should have left them for "fairer fields and pastures new," had it not been revealed to me by the spirit of prophecy that I should succeed. I therefore appointed another meeting for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, 1869, for the purpose of putting to them in the form of a resolution, the necessity of rebaptism. We met. The resolution was put. One of the Elders present said it had been suggested that it should be left to the private judgment of each Saint to be re-baptised, or to retain his or her place in the church without it, as they should think proper. To this I objected, and the resolution, affirming the necessity of re-baptism, was carried unanimously. In the evening we had another meeting. I spoke on obedience to authority and gathering to Zion. After which an Elder, who was not present in the afternoon, (but had been made acquainted with the object of the meeting and invited to attend) excused himself for his absence on the plea that he had attended the funeral of an acquaintance. He objected to the resolution relative to re-baptism, said he did not think it necessary. Upon this, one sister (the wife of an Elder who had held the office of President of the branch) declared she would never be re-baptised. Seeing that the devil was pretty busy stirring up the spirit of discord and opposition, and fearing that the meeting might terminate in a disagreeable scene, I rose to my feet and told them that when I was set apart to this mission by the laying on of the hands of the Authorities in Zion, I received power from on high; that I had brought that power with me, over sea and land, into their midst; that I knew, as long as I lived my religion and magnified my calling, that power would continue with me. I said I did know that re-baptism was necessary; and I should be on hand next Sunday morning to baptise or re-baptise all who might require it, repenting of their sins, and, in the afternoon, would organize such into a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The consequence of this decided action (as I have reason to believe) will be the re-baptism of nearly all the old members and some new candidates. From their records, I gathered that they have met but once, as a branch, since the year 1859, so that it will be seen, they have been virtually disorganized and demoralized for a period of over ten years. Now if re-baptism be not necessary under the above circumstances, I am at a loss to know under what circumstances it would become necessary.

I have written the above just as it occurred, "nothing extenuating nor setting down aught in malice," that you may be able to judge of my action as correctly as if you had been present. God is my witness I had no other motive for insisting on re-baptism than the building up of the kingdom of our God and their salvation in it. I have deemed it right to be thus explicit to you, as I am the only elder from Utah, in all the Australian and New Zealand colonies, necessitating several thousand miles of travel, and to show you the difficulties I have (and may still have) to contend with; and to ask your faith and prayers on behalf of myself and the work in which I am engaged. I shall also thankfully receive and faithfully obey any counsel you may from time to time, in your wisdom, think proper to give me.

Dear Sir, I find by the Australian papers, and also from a letter that I have seen, that a Miss Geraldine Warden has been paying you a professional visit as a vocalist. She has written a letter to her father here, speaking very highly of our people. The old gentleman, as soon as he heard of my arrival, sent for me and showed me the letter. He told me that when I saw Brigham Young I was to be sure to return him a father's hearty thanks for the kindness his daughter had received. I told him that our loved President, in common with all good Saints, did right because it was right, irrespective of thanks. This lady's letter, so far as it relates to our people, has been published in all the Victoria newspapers, and has created quite a favorable impression. Please convey my sincere love and faithful obedience to our loved President. I should have written to him, but believing that the onerous duties of his office gave him letter reading and work enough, without being troubled with my ungainly scrawl of bad writing, bad grammar, and worse spelling, I spare him the infliction, while I impose it on you, because I believe you will feel some interest in one who was set apart under your own hands, and more especially as you counseled me to correspond with you. And as you have such a keen relish for the ridiculous, notwithstanding your high benevolence, you will be able to have a good laugh at my composition and at the same time sympathize with the matter contained in it. I hope I have made out a good excuse for writing to you instead of our President. I must let somebody know how I am getting along.

I pray God our Father to bless you with health, strength, long life and great happiness; and may you be endowed with wisdom from on high to counsel the Saints both at home and abroad, that by obedience we may be built up in our most holy faith, and finally together find an abundant entrance into the Celestial kingdom of our God, which is my continued prayer in the name of Jesus our Redeemer, Amen.

Obediently yours in the New and Everlasting Covenant.

ROBERT BEAUCHAMP DOLLING.

HOYTSTVILLE, March 31, 1870.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear sir,—Knowing the interest which you and others take in the spread and increase of knowledge, among the children in Zion, we thought a few brief notes from our school would not be uninteresting. We have a school of between 50 and 60, scholars, although somewhat irregular in attendance. As school books we use Webster's elementary spellers, Wilson's readers, Pinneo's and analytical grammars, and Ray's arithmetic 1st, 2nd and 3rd. At our recent examination, the questions were answered readily and correctly; the recitations, singly and in concert, were creditably performed.

Last Summer the school was dismissed on account of the small pox. This Winter its progress has been somewhat retarded in consequence of various children's diseases. However we have, in some of our juvenile classes, those who did not know a letter in the Spring of '69, and part of them, not yet five years old, who can without embarrassment, answer every question in the speller from the analysis of sounds, to the end of abbreviations. They have also learned thoroughly Ray's first mental arithmetic, and can parse quite fluently in Pinneo's Primary. We say this, not boasting, but for the encouragement of other children in Zion, and to the wise in the East we would say that they are the children of polygamists, and we fear not a comparison, including ages and time spent in school. With the blessing of Heaven, the continued approbation of parents and trustees, we expect to have higher branches taught in the school ere long. The first division of the exercises were concluded with singing select and appropriate pieces under the direction of Miss Sarah A. Brown. Other divisions of the time were spent in dancing, songs, recitations, etc., to the amusement and satisfaction of all present. At one interval of the music a new electrical machine was brought forward, a large circle was formed, and those who desired it, felt, to their heart's content the thrilling impulses of the power of electricity on the human system. Reminding us of the power which carries intelligence on wires from ocean to ocean across the American continent.

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Respectfully,

E. S. HOYT & J. P. LEE, teachers.

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ROBT. L. CAMPBELL, Historian's Office.

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TO WHOM IT MAY MAY CONCERN; that Cash entry, no 141, for the city of provo, embracing south half of north-east and south half of north-west quarter and lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 sec. 1 and sec. 12, township 7 south range 2 east. South half of north-east—south-east of north-west—south-east quarter—east half of south-west quarter and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, sec. 6, and north-east quarter—east half of north-west quarter and lots 1 and 2 sec. 7, township 7 south, range 3 east have been suspended for further proof.

And this is to notify all claimants that on the 4th day of May A. D., 1870, at 10 o'clock, a.m., I will appear at the U. S. Land office, Salt Lake City, U. T., to make the proof required and show that I am entitled to have the entry of said land confirmed under the town site act of March 2, 1867, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants thereof, at which time and place any person or persons can appear and contest if they see proper.

A. O. SMOOT, Mayor of Provo City.

Provo City, March 23d, 1870.

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JOHN W. YOUNG.