

in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

These are the principles that we profess to believe in. Let us carry them out and God will bless us and lead us in the paths of life. And we will go on, as the Scriptures say, in the path of the just, that shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. We will build up a Zion unto the Lord with His help, and go on from strength to strength, from intelligence to intelligence, and seek to accomplish the word and will and law of God. And if we will fulfill our duty God will fulfill His, and He will stand by and preserve His people and uphold those who cleave unto Him and work the works of righteousness.

God bless you and lead you in the paths of life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Correspondence.

A LADY'S CRITICISM OF BEECHER.

Editor Deseret News:

My mind has been somewhat "loaded" ever since I read Beecher's lecture on the Mormons in the *EVENING NEWS*, so I take my pen to draw the "charge." There is much in it that is worthy of Beecher's mind and character. And then there are expressions and sentiments unworthy his great knowledge and experience, both in human nature and the way in which that complex nature works. His remarks are the best and most liberal, and have the most common sense and realization of the "Mormon problem" of any articles that have lately appeared in the public journals, and even that is very equivocal commendation. No; I will make an exception to a leader in a London paper recently, I think the *Daily Telegraph*, that savored of good sense and good feeling, and considerable understanding and appreciation of the present situation of the Mormon community.

But it seems to me if I had such a mind as Beecher's, such an experience, bearing the august title of a servant of God and many other eligible ecclesiastical, I would not stoop my crest to the vitiated taste of my audience, and so interlard my otherwise good discourse with low references to the Mormon women! I would remember the dignity of my own character, and that I had earned the right to be their teacher, and I would not nor could not pander to the low views of my hearers, that I was speaking on a vital subject, vital, at any rate to the people on whom I was lecturing, and hence I would not and could not succumb to lower my tone to the questionable taste of my audience. Wherein I felt to differ from those people, I would express it in terms that could not offend, but might enlighten and do good; if I felt I was their superior by moving in a greater light, or a higher school, I would endeavor to make that palpable, but I would never allow myself to descend to low sarcasm, or ambiguous language—of all language the most offensive to a delicate and refined mind.

The problem of Mormonism is worthy the study of the highest and most enlightened minds of the present day. If it has sufficient in it (which it has) to excite the observation of the most enlightened among the nations of the earth, why not such minds with serious and earnest study and dignity of thought and language feel determined to take it in hand "not lightly, wantonly or unadvisedly, but in the fear of God." Methinks in such a course truth might be discovered, and certainly would have a more savory impression upon the people so maligned. Instead of which, in almost all cases, without thought, without knowledge, writers descend to the low, and almost the obscene. Surely they color everything with their own ideas, and their own experience.

More than 30 years ago I first read Beecher's writings, and I exalted him almost into one of my ideals. I have continued to read him, and when he came into trial and stood, as it were, at bay before the United States, I gave him my sympathy, and more, I gave him the noble English law, "the benefit of the doubt." I have nothing to say on the pro or con of that matter. I only know that Beecher's character for self-poise and the right sort of stamina of mind and spirit was never shown grander than at that hour of trial; one of a character at

all inferior, would have taken repose in suicide.

Trial and the heavy hand of censure, generally does improve and elevate a character even if innocent, and also teaches mercy and just judgment.

I will look to see more from the lips or pen of Beecher, for much in his discourse had the right ring in it, even the aroma of truth and justice.

EPHRAIM.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 8th, 1883.

PANGUITCH STAKE CONFERENCE.

Convened in Panguitch Dec. 1st and 2nd, 1883, in the First Ward Schoolhouse, and was well attended.

We were favored with the presence of Apostle F. M. Lyman, President John R. Murdock, of Beaver, and Daniel Thompson, of Millard.

Every Ward in the Stake except Escalante, was represented. Reports were tendered showing an excellent state of feeling among the people, with an earnest desire to serve God.

We were edified by addresses from Apostle F. M. Lyman, Counselor David Cameron, David Thompson, John R. Murdock, and President J. W. Crosby.

Reports were rendered by James Houston, Stake President of the Y. M. M. I., and R. G. Clark, Stake Superintendent of Sabbath Schools.

The Priesthood and general and local authorities of the Church were voted upon and unanimously accepted.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered.

There was a Priesthood meeting on Saturday evening, at which much good and wise instructions were given by Apostle F. M. Lyman. The light of truth was abundantly manifest. Altogether we had a time of rejoicing, long to be remembered by all who attended.

RILEY G. CLARK,
Stake Clerk.

KANAB STAKE CONFERENCE

The Quarterly Conference of the Kanab Stake of Zion was held at Orderville, Dec. 8th and 9th, Elder John Rider, first member of the High Council, presiding. We were favored with the presence of Apostle F. M. Lyman, Elder Daniel Thompson, of Millard Stake and President Jesse W. Crosby, of Panguitch. All Wards excepting Pahreah were represented, and the reports of the spiritual and temporal condition of the people were good, showing an increase of faith and diligence among the people.

The following brethren addressed the Conference: Apostle F. M. Lyman, Elder Daniel Thompson, President Jesse W. Crosby, John Rider, Elders L. K. Judd, Jr., and W. H. Clayton, returned missionaries, Bishops W. D. Johnson, Jr., H. B. M. Jolly, Thos. Chamberlain and R. J. Cutler and also Elders Richard Robinson, O. S. Cram and Isaiah Bowers. The subjects mostly dwelt upon were the Word of Wisdom the duties of Presidents, Bishops, Officers and members; of parents towards children, and children towards parents, etc. The speakers were blessed with much of the Holy Spirit, and spoke with great power such things as were appropriate to the occasion. The people felt very thankful and blessed by the presence of Elder Lyman and the brethren that were with him.

The General and Local Authorities were sustained by unanimous vote of the Conference.

Besides the regular Conference meetings a Conference of the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. Associations was held on Friday evening, December 7th, and the reports showed the Associations throughout the Stake to be in a thriving condition. A Priesthood meeting was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 8th, when there were present 109 High Priests, Seventies and Elders, of which 108 expressed a determination to keep the word of wisdom, and observe the laws of the Lord.

The Sunday School Conference met on Sunday morning, December 9th, at 10 a.m., and the different classes in their exercises showed advancement and good training.

Conference adjourned to meet at Kanab, March 8th and 9th, 1884.

L. C. MARIGER,
Stake Recorder

The *Butte Miner* is one of the newest of our exchanges.

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of a Conference held at Johnsonville, Warren County, Indiana, on Saturday and Sunday, December 8th and 9th, 1883.

Elders present from Utah: Wm. M. Palmer, Pres. of the North-western States Mission; John E. Booth, Assistant President of the Mission; D. F. Davis, R. R. Farnsworth, E. L. Stookey, Jos. Lapsch, H. H. McConnell, Jas. A. Anderson, E. F. Durfee, Thos. Butler, Mormon Miner, J. G. M. Barnes and John J. Ashby, Traveling Elders in the Indiana Conference.

Saturday, 10.30 a. m.

Singing, What was witnessed in the Heavens? Opening prayer by President John E. Booth. Singing. President Palmer made opening remarks.

Elders Jos. Lapsch, Mormon Miner and R. R. Farnsworth gave reports of their labors since last Conference, and though their fields were not the best they could wish for they had enjoyed their labors, and felt that much good had been done.

Elder D. F. Davis spoke of the blessings of God that have attended the Elders in their labors.

President Palmer spoke on the coming of Christ as being near at hand.

2.30 p. m.

Singing and prayer. Elders E. L. Stookey and D. F. Davis reported their fields of labor at some length. Each found some few who were desirous of learning the truth and left them investigating, while the great majority were either indifferent or strongly opposed to the principles of the Gospel. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining houses in which to preach, because of the great prejudice which exists among the people.

Elder Reuben Farnsworth delivered a Gospel discourse.

Elder Jos. Lapsch spoke on the necessity of personal purity to insure the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

President Palmer said, the world has the idea we are very anxious to increase our numbers, from the fact that we send out many missionaries, but in this they are mistaken, for we want no one but the honest, in heart, those we repent of their sins and come forth with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. We would receive and baptize no one if we knew he had not sincerely repented of his sins.

Sunday, 7 p. m.

After the usual opening exercises, Elder John G. M. Barnes spoke of the great blessings we, as Latter-day Saints, enjoyed.

President Wm. N. Palmer spoke of the restoration of the Gospel, and gave much scripture in proof of the same.

Pres. John E. Booth made a few remarks upon the same subject that Pres. Palmer had dwelt upon, and gave his own testimony of the truth of the Gospel.

Sunday, 9th, 10.30 a. m.

President John E. Booth did not merely believe the Gospel to be true, but knew it positively. Had proven it for himself. He then gave reasons for his positive position on the subject.

President Palmer bore testimony to the remarks of President Booth. Said he had a great many testimonies of the truth of the Gospel, and related several interesting incidents in his missionary experience.

2.30 p. m.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered by Elders R. R. Farnsworth and J. G. M. Barnes, after which President Booth presented the general authorities of the church, as they were presented at the last general conference; also, Wm. M. Palmer as President of the North Western States Mission, John E. Booth as assistant to Elder Palmer in the Presidency of the Mission; D. F. Davis as President of the Indiana Conference to succeed Elder S. R. Marks who was recently released to return home. D. F. Davis, R. R. Farnsworth, E. L. Stookey, Jos. Lapsch, H. H. McConnell, Jas. A. Anderson, E. F. Durfee, Thos. Butler, Mormon Miner, J. G. M. Barnes and John J. Ashby as traveling Elders in this conference; Wm. R. Newell as Clerk of the Johnsonville Branch, and E. L. Stookey as Clerk of this conference, of which were unanimously sustained.

President Palmer addressed the meeting, taking for his text Hosea, 1: 1, "Hear the word of the Lord,

ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land; because there is no truth, no mercy, nor the knowledge of God in the land," and delivered an able discourse.

6.30 p. m.

Elder Reuben Farnsworth was the first speaker.

President Wm. Palmer said the Spirit constrained him to speak for a short time. Defined the Kingdom of God, and what steps are necessary to be taken, to become a citizen of that kingdom. Dwelt upon the subject of Divine authority. Said if we will be content to follow Jesus instead of trying to find a new way, we will have no trouble in getting into the kingdom.

President Davis showed the necessity of new revelation in this age, and without it we cannot know the mind and will of God concerning us, and therefore would not be able to please him. In order for a man to officiate in the ordinances of the Gospel, he must be called of God as was Aaron.

Conference adjourned sine die.

ENOS L. STOOKEY,
Clerk of Conference.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The *Sacramento Record Union* says: If the divorce evil grows 2 years more at its present rate, it will be far more serious a menace to the country than polygamy—indeed, under the conflicting laws of the States there is a species of legalized polygamy already.

The colors in the sky were more wonderfully beautiful than ever last evening. Shortly after sunset the ethereal vault assumed a lovely tint approaching that of peach blossom, except toward the horizon, where it was of a more golden hue, and gradually deepened to a fiery red.

The horse marine is no longer a fable, for, according to the *Republique Francaise*, the French Government, instead of sending out regular cavalry to the Red River delta in Tonquin, purposes to purchase the horses of the country and have them mounted by companies of marines, who are to be organized by regular cavalry officers as mounted infantry.

John Platt Bailey, a North Salem, N. Y., milkman, has sued Ulysses Grant, Jr., for \$10,028. Ten thousand dollars is for damages, because the stallion which the Khedive of Egypt gave to General Grant, reared up and kicked Bailey, without provocation, as he drove his humble team past the horse's aristocratic heels. The balance—\$28—is for milk spilt.

An Indian hunter and trapper, says the corn husks are thin this year. When the sun crossed the line the wind blew mildly from the southeast; the ground hog has not yet carried a leaf or twig to this hole the "coons haven't begun to gnaw the corn; the woodpeckers to drum and make holes in the tree for storing nuts; therefore this winter is to be a mild one.

The present year is drawing to an end, and in a few days the new year will have opened. It will be full of promise and hope. Nearly everybody will have started out with some new resolutions. Some will keep them, others will not. To those who intend to stop any habit or custom, and are really in earnest, we can offer no better suggestion than to stop now. Don't wait for the beginning of the year.

The silk manufacture is probably the most heavily protected of all others in the country. Still there is no other that at the present time exhibits more marked symptoms of depression and distress. The last indication of such is the failure of E. M. Meyenberg & Co., of Hoboken, N. J., for nearly \$300,000, which throws 400 people out of employment. No one has the temerity to claim that tariff reduction is the cause of this collapse.

One of the grand secrets of success in life is to keep ahead in all ways possible. If you once fall behind it may be difficult to make up the headway lost. One who begins with putting aside some of his earnings, however small, and keeps it up for a number of years, is likely to become rich before he dies. One who inherits property, and goes on year by year spending a little more than his income, will become poor, if he lives long enough. Living beyond their means has brought multitudes of persons to ruin in this generation.

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