

Deseret Typographical Association.

G. S. L. CITY, Aug. 2, 1855. }
Tuesday, 6 P.M. }

Elder J. McKnight presiding.

Opened by prayer by Elder. J. G. Chambers.

Communications read—among which was one from Hon. John M. Bernhisel, accompanied by a handsome contribution of books for the Library.

On motion, a committee, consisting of J. McKnight, G. Hales, and H. McEwan, were appointed to draft By-Laws for the Association, and general regulations for the Typographic Art in this Territory.

Elder Geo. D. Watt, of the Committee on the Deseret Alphabet, presented a Preamble and Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted as follows:—

Whereas, the Regency of the University of Deseret, assisted by the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, have invented a new Alphabet:—
and,

Whereas, the present system of English orthography is very imperfect, and inadequate to the end it is designed to serve:—and,

Whereas, the Deseret Alphabet supplies a simple character to most of the simple sounds of the human voice, substantially correcting the absurdities of English spelling,—rendering more definite the pronunciation of words, and more easy the acquisition of other languages, and lessening to a very great extent, for the rising generation, the labor of learning to read:—therefore,

Resolved, that this Association hail the Deseret Alphabet as a forerunner in that series of developments in philology which shall prepare mankind for the reception of a pure language.

Resolved, that justice to ourselves, and to our posterity, demands that our serious attention and endeavors be directed towards rendering universal in our midst the practical adoption of this New Alphabet:—And that we may be more capable of fulfilling this resolution,

Resolved, that Elder Geo. D. Watt be solicited to instruct this Association in the principles of the Deseret Alphabet.

Elders A. C. Brower, J. V. Long, and J. McKnight presented for consideration suggestions for the good of the Association, and the individual improvement of its members.

Elder Geo. D. Watt gave notice that he would give his first lesson in the New Alphabet to the members, and others, on Thursday next, 9th inst., at 6 p.m.

On motion, adjourned to special meeting, two weeks from this evening, Thursday, 16th inst.

J. G. CHAMBERS, Clerk.