

ing without meat, vegetables and, in short, without food of any description, only as they are able to procure a little from day to day, while others fortunately are blessed with a comparative abundance. This affords a bitter lesson for learning much to advantage that there may not be another so good an opportunity for acquiring, at least until after many plentiful harvests. On the one hand the destitute have an excellent opportunity to reflect upon how far their own former conduct may have conduced to their present position and learn to operate more wisely in the future, learn patience, forbearance, economy, the dealings of the Lord with his people, gratitude for chastenings as well as blessings, and many other useful principles. On the other hand there is a rare opportunity for those who have to aid those who lack, and to use the utmost diligence in striving to widely dispense the rich blessings of Heaven in the most godlike manner, that their use may redound to the honor of the Giver of all good, and to the spiritual and temporal welfare both of him who dispenses and of all who participate in the glow of joy arising from good deeds and a wise use of means over which we are placed to act as stewards.

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**MASS MEETING.**—Pursuant to adjournment on the 26th of Jan., a large assembly convened in the Tabernacle on Saturday, the 2d inst.; Governor Young, President of the meeting, took the chair. Prayer by Prest. J. M. Grant. Ballo's Band played 'the Star spangled Banner' and several other enlivening tunes. Hon. E. Reese delivered the opening speech, and was followed by Prest. J. M. Grant, Chief Justice Kinney, Capt. L. W. Hardy, O. P. Rockwell, Esq., and His Excellency the Governor, who, at the close of his remarks, individually proffered to take stock and furnish 300 miles of the route. One thousand miles were subscribed for, and the large number present unanimously voted to sustain the chartered company in carrying a daily express from the Missouri river to California, and in extending the line as fast and as far as circumstances may permit.

Adjourned without date.

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**THE CHANCELLOR AND REGENTS** of the University of the State of Deseret held a meeting on the 4th inst., at which His Excellency the Governor, Prests. Kimball and Grant, Bishop L. D. Young and Elders F. Kesler and R. L. Campbell were present. The time was mostly occupied in the discussion of preparing copy for the publication of elementary school-books in the Deseret Alphabet, and Elders W. Woodruff and S. W. Richards, Regents, and Elder Geo. D. Watt, Secretary of the Board, were appointed a committee to prepare and arrange the matter for said publications, and to report progress at each successive meeting, that they may have the advantage of the information, judgment and experience of those who feel interested in the subject of education.

Adjourned to meet at early candle-light on Monday next, Feb. 11, in the room over the President's Office.

### Festivities.

The party given by the Governor and Legislative Assembly came off in the Social Hall on Tuesday, the 29th ult. His Excellency Governor Young, Hon. H. C. Kimball, President of the Council, Hon. J. M. Grant, Speaker of the House, Hon. A. W. Babbitt, Secretary, Judges J. F. Kinney and G. P. Stiles, Dr. G. Hurt, Indian Agent, Messrs. Bell, Livingston, Williams, Gerish and Hooper, Merchants, and a large number of other prominent citizens and a bevy of Utah's fair wives and daughters were present.

The Hall and dining-room were tastefully and beautifully ornamented for the occasion, the supper and arrangements were excellent, and all cordially participated in the frank and free enjoyment of the occasion.

On the 31st ult. the Dramatic Association gave a dance and supper, in the Social Hall, to as many of their friends as the rooms could accommodate. The decorations were the same as on the evening of the 29th, and not being crowded each guest had ample range and free scope for rendering themselves mutually agreeable, which all appeared to do with great zest, and with that pure and unalloyed hilarity known only to the saints.

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**THANKS** are cordially tendered to our friend J. W. Sullivan, of San Francisco, for his customary large package of magazines and papers, which for a wonder came to hand in good condition; to the 'Noisy Carrier's' establishment, at San Francisco, for a very judiciously selected package of papers, and to Messrs. R. R. Hopkins and D. M. Thomas, of San Bernardino, for several papers of late date.

### Lessons from Providence.

Shape our courses as we may, it is definite that we are strictly in a school, while in this probationary state, and it therefore behooves every one to be duly careful with regard to improving upon each lesson as it is marked, otherwise you will have to stop progressing in the grand scale of human movements, or skip a page, and in either case suffer loss.

The drouth and grasshopper lesson of the past season was given out, and by some carefully and patiently conned, and pretty thoroughly understood and profited by. But the pages of that lesson are not yet all turned over, and many have now come to that portion which treats upon do-