

counsel given to them while passing through these circumstances, all the evil intended us will result in our greatest good, or it will be turned away, and we shall enjoy ourselves under the smiles of heaven.

What turned away the wrath of our enemies? It was the Spirit of God that checked them, when they saw the preparations that were being made. The servants of God were moved upon to do certain things, and they have done them. And although there has been some difference of feeling, with regard to the preparations for defence through the territory, yet, so far as I know, and I am proud to know it, all difference of opinion is done away; and when the brethren strike hands together in this union, I tell you the efforts of the enemy are palsied in a moment; they have no power against us, because our union prevails with God, and He fights our battles. Who can withstand Him? He has caused our enemies to be troubled by day and by night. Their dreams have tormented them, until they are dispirited, and disarmed of their strength. Your union and fidelity have done it, through the blessings of God, which have been upon you.

Now there was some seed that fell upon

good ground, and it brought forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold. I will tell you what I am doing in my garden, in order to remove the stony ground—I go to work and pick out the cobble stones. So if we find stony places, pick out the stones, and clear the vineyard of them—that all the seed of the word that is sown from this stand, and falls upon your ears, may sink down, not in stony hearts, but in hearts of flesh; that it may fall upon good ground, and bring forth some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold.

With regard to the great field that is opened, for instance in Nebraska, Ohio, and California, it is so big, I fear I shall get lost in it, if I enter it on this occasion; I will therefore leave it for somebody else to explore at the present. It is glorious to me, and it is all right; let the truth go to the ends of the earth, and let God overrule every movement of this Church for the good of His kingdom.

It is the desire of my heart—I say, let the little stone cut out of the mountain without hands, roll and fill the whole earth; and let God be glorified, and His Saints exalted; which may He grant for Christ's sake. Amen.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE—DESERET.

Historian's Office, Great Salt Lake City, April 19, 1854.

Elder F. D. Richards.

Dear Brother—Learning that Major Bedell leaves this city to-morrow, I take the opportunity of commencing the correspondence I promised you. You will no doubt discover that the burden of presiding over the southern country in this territory was rolled off my back at Conference. And I can assure you I felt something like John Bunyan's Christian is supposed to have done when he got rid of the burden of his sins, although my shoulders were immediately provided with another load, not less weighty in its proportion, but of a very different character, as you will see. I was appointed Historian and General Church Recorder, and have commenced the duties of that office, by removing the papers belonging to the History, to the upper part of the Council House, and, by the assistance of brother

Thomas Bullock, assorting them under their proper dates. The history of brother Joseph Smith was brought up by President Willard Richards to the 28th of February 1843. As you are aware, he was ready to recommence compiling the History when he was taken sick, and I most deeply regret his not having been able to continue the History, especially to the murder of Presidents Joseph and Hyrum Smith, as no person living can be as well qualified to do justice to the subject as himself.

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You will no doubt be surprised that a man of my mountain habits should be appointed Historian, but I desire the Saints will give me their faith, and I will try and do my best.

Every thing is prospering among the Saints in Utah, and a good feeling has prevailed since a few disheartened ones

left for the gold diggings. A spirit of improvement prevails.

Two men arrived from California by the South route on Saturday evening. They report all peace this side of the rim of the Basin, but on the Rio Virgin one of their company named Lamphear was killed by the Pa-utes.

A great number of the brethren who went to Iron County last fall, have acquired considerable knowledge of the Indian languages.

A company of about fifteen brethren started from here under the direction of Elder P. P. Pratt, to build a new Fort at Harmony. * * *

Walker has been driven by the Snakes into the neighbourhood of our settlements, and is now *tooidge tickaboo* [very friendly] with the "Mormons."

We would be obliged if you would furnish the Historian's Office with the works, papers, and publications necessary to keep up a chain of history, not forgetting Lyon's and Snow's poems, and all information

for or against this people, and also newspapers showing the overturn of the world as much as possible.

The last few evenings previous to Conference the Social Hall was crowded, and multitudes had to leave unable to get inside. The dramatic season closed the Saturday previous to Conference.

Since Conference the Hall has been opened to hear lectures on the *Deseret Alfabet*, by Professors Watt and Carrington, which have been well attended, and now brother Watt is organising schools in the different wards of the city.

I have visited your family to day, and find them all well, and in pretty good spirits. Sister Richards was patronising home manufactures by using Mother's home fashioned spinning wheel. Franklin says he does not wish to go with me among the Indians again, until his father comes home.

I met your father, he was in good health, and reported his family also well.

GEORGE A. SMITH.

The Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1854.

HOME INTELLIGENCE—*Newcastle-on-Tyne, Hull, and Carlisle Conferences.*—Sunderland, August 25, Elder William Glover writes—"In the Newcastle-on-Tyne Conference all things are going on well, in a general way. We have camp meetings every Sunday, a great number of people turn out to hear us, and I think that, the Lord helping us, good will be done in this part of the country. The Saints all feel well, and everything is right as far as I know, blessed be the name of our God, for He has blessed us all the day long. In the Hull Conference we have baptized a number, and have organized a new Branch. The Saints rejoice, for the Lord is prospering them, and all things are going on well. In the Carlisle Conference the Lord is refreshing His people, and they feel first-rate. Many persons are believing the Gospel, and some are coming into the Church. I want to have ten good men to travel in that Conference, for I know that there will be a good work done there, and we are determined to do all we can."

From various other parts of the Empire we receive cheering communications of the progress of the work of the Lord. Many who had begun to believe that but few more would receive the Gospel, have become satisfied that much remains to be done to get its principles before the people, that they may choose or refuse it understandingly, and now contemplate the ingathering of many precious souls.

Whenever any new doctrine has been revealed from God, it has caused a kind of astonishment, wonder, and apparent suspension of the work, until an understanding or testimony of the same has been obtained; when it has renewed its pace, and if it has not made more rapid strides, and acquired more numerous disciples, those whom it