

HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder George Teasdale spoke upon several principles of the gospel; reasoned upon self and family government; upon marriage; its responsibilities and obligations; and contrasting the actual priest-ridden condition of the various religious sects throughout Christendom, with the alleged mental bondage of the Latter-day Saints, showing that the principles of the gospel received by the Saints secure to them the utmost freedom of thought and action that righteous minded men and women can desire.

AFTERNOON.

Elder E. Williams, returned missionary from Europe, bore his testimony to his having received a knowledge of the truth of the work of God. When he started on his mission his faith was traditional, being received from his parents; but God had been pleased to give him a knowledge for himself. He pointed out that the gospel taught by Jesus and his immediate followers was a gospel of gifts, blessings, healings and manifestations of the power of God. These things he could not find anywhere among any sect of people during his travels through the nations, except among the Latter-day Saints. The gospel taught by them has all the characteristics of the gospel taught by the Savior when upon the earth.

Elder John B. Maiben reasoned upon the superiority of the gospel over the various forms of religion recognized among mankind. He pointed out the happy results flowing from obedience to its principles, and to the will of God, and the counsels of those whom the Lord has appointed to guide and counsel in His Church.

Elder George B. Wallace spoke of the fulfillment of promises made to parents who have received the Priesthood in the person of their children. He reasoned on the obedience by which the Kingdom of God will be built up; and which will characterize it when it is established and exercises sway upon the earth. And spoke of the training which the Saints require, when gathered from the nations, before they understand how to bear off the responsibilities of this life which rest upon them.

Bishop John Sharp said that there were still much to do on the New Tabernacle, and there was work for all the men who are on the building and for more, if more can come forward. The plasterers and men to nail on laths were requested to be at the building on Wednesday morning, that the plastering might be got done and the scaffolding removed, to allow of the floor being laid.

ROSS AND BARRATT.—We direct attention to the notice of this firm, who, as far as we know, have conducted their business upon fair and equitable principles since their opening in this city. They have minded their own business, and justly command large and increasing trade.

THEATRICAL.—On Tuesday night the Hidden Hand was presented. The piece follows the story from which it is dramatized pretty closely, and the story is one full of incongruities and improbabilities. Yet there are ample opportunities for making mirth in it, which were taken advantage of on Tuesday night, and the risibles of the audience were often excited. The introduction of the negro minstrel scene including the walk around was something novel, but was quite successful, being given with considerable spirit. Mrs. Stone, Mr. Stone, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Lindsay, having the principal parts committed to them, rendered their roles in a most efficient manner. The piece as a whole, was well played, and excellently put on the stage.

On Thursday evening Plot and Passion, and the Maid with the Milking Pail were performed, Mr. Stone dancing a character dance between. We did not see the playing, so cannot speak of it.

On Saturday, Tom Taylor's Comedy of Our American Cousin was performed to a very good house, the audience appearing to enjoy the playing very much. Mrs. Stone enacted the role of Florence Trenchard charmingly. She was the lively, vivacious lady befitting the character. Mr. Stone made a good Asa, though it is not by any means one of his best parts. Mr. Graham as Dundreary did exceedingly well; and with sufficient time to study the character thoroughly would be very successful in it. Mr. McKenzie's Abel was natural and consistent. Mr. Lindsay's Coyle, though a well embodied villain, was too stogy a ruffian for the smooth and rascally lawyer. Mr. Margetts' Binny was excellent. Miss Adams as Mary Meredith acted with considerable artlessness and ease. Some of the scenes were played a little slow but the comedy, as a whole, was exceedingly well received and created an immense amount of mirth.

The farce of State Secrets, though coming after a most lively comedy, stirred up the risibles of the audience to a very great extent. Mr. Stone's Gregory was one of the best made up and broadly humorous impersonations which we have seen for some time. He was well sustained by the whole of the cast.

OBITUARY.—The following extract from a letter to Major-General Burton by Captain W. L. Binder, relative to the death of br. John Hay, killed by Indians in Sanpete, Sep. 4th, has been courteously placed at our disposal:

Gunnison, Sept. 7th, 1867.

Br. Robert Morris, James Clark and John Hay were on duty at the lime kiln, near Warm Creek, on the night of Sept. 4th, between 10 and 11 o'clock. All three of them had but a short time left the fire, and had st down opposite to it, when the report of a firearm was heard. Upon looking round they immediately discovered that Indians were close by. Br. James Clark saw an object moving rapidly across the ravine. Unconscious that their comrade was shot, they proceeded to give the alarm to the balance of the brethren who were sleeping close by (8 in number.) Upon looking around for their comrade they discovered that he had been shot; his body was immediately removed from the front of the fire, and life was nearly extinct. The lieutenant in command, discovering that they were in extreme danger, ordered a retreat to the settlement, immediately, which they did, carrying with them, the now dead body of br. John Hay. An express was dispatched to Gunnison to me to inform me of the state of affairs at Warm Creek. I directly repaired to Warm Creek in company with a scouting party that Gen. Pace had ordered out, and arrived there about 4 o'clock of the 5th. At daylight we went to the lime kiln, and upon examining the ground in that vicinity, discovered three distinct Indian tracks, two barefoot and one moccasin. Their tracks were traced by the scouting party to the hill. Upon measuring the ground it was ascertained that the Indian was secreted about 25 feet from the boy when he fired.

Warm Creek settlement is one of the many small settlements that has been abandoned since the commencement of Indian hostilities, and is situated about 6 miles north of Fort Gunnison. The lime kiln is situated about one mile from the settlement, and surrounded by a host of small hills and ravines which are covered with scrub cedars.

The following inscription was found in br. Hay's private journal:—"John Hay, born in the parish of Kilpatrick, Kilbowie, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, on the 5th day of January, 1846." I am informed by br. McFarlane, of Fort Gunnison, who was slightly acquainted with the deceased's family, that br. Hay was raised, from childhood, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He emigrated to Utah in the fall of 1864, in Capt. Wm. Hyde's Co. He has no relative in this country to mourn his loss; was buried in the Gunnison Cemetery on the 6th, with military honors; was carried to his grave by his comrades; and followed by a large concourse of soldiers of Fort Gunnison.

With regard to the character of br. John Hay, as a Saint and soldier I ever saw manifested in him a disposition to do right and live the life of a Saint. Ever on hand to do duty and to cheerfully respond to every call; he was much respected by all who knew him; and his death was the occasion of much grief to his comrades; and no exertion was lacking on their part to render him the last token of respect due their comrade and brother.

The citizens of the Fort spared no trouble to render services and sympathy on the occasion; for which they have the sincere thanks of his friends at camp.

STORM.—A heavy rain storm set in on Saturday night and continued all night, covering the mountains with snow. After keeping dry on Sunday it rained again at night, continuing on Monday up till going to press. Snow covered the high peaks a long way down to the base.

SEE stray notices.