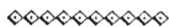


One of my favourite places of visiting was the Historian and Recorder's Office, opposite Mr. Brigham Young's Block. It contained a small collection of volumes, together with papers, official and private, plans, designs, and other requisites, many of them written in the Deseret alphabet, of which I subjoin a copy. It is, as will readily be seen, a stereographic modification of Pitman's and other systems. Types have been cast for it, and articles are printed in the newspapers at times; as man, however, prefers two alphabets to one, it will probably share the fate of the "Fonetik Nuz." Sir A. Alison somewhere delivers it as his opinion that the future historian of America will be forced to Europe, where alone his material can be found: so far from this being the case, the reverse is emphatically true: everywhere in the States, even in the newest, the Historical Society is an institution, and men pride themselves upon labouring for it. At the office I used to meet Messrs. George A. Smith, the armour-bearer to the prophet in the camp of Zion, who boasts of having sown the first seed, built the first sawmill, and ground the first flour in Southern Utah, whence the nearest settlements, separated by terrible deserts, were distant 200 miles. His companions were Messrs. W. Woodruff, Bishop Bentley, who was preparing for a missionary visit to England, and Wm. Thomas Bullock, an intelligent Mormon, who has had the honour to be soundly abused in Mrs. Ferris's 11th letter. The lady's "wicked Welshman"—I suppose she remembered the well-known line anent the sons of the Cymri,

"Taffy is a Welshman, Taffy is a thief,"—

is no Cambrian but an aborigine of Leek, Staffordshire, England, and was from 1838 to 1843 an excise officer in H.M.'s Inland Revenue; he kindly supplied me with a plan of the city, and other information, for which he has my grateful thanks.

At the office, the undying hatred of all things Gentile-federal had reached its climax; every slight offered to the faith by anti-Mormons is there laid up in lavender, every grievance is carefully recorded. There I heard how at a general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in September, 1851, Perry E. Brocchus, a Judge of the Supreme Court, having the design of becoming Territorial delegate to Congress, ascended the rostrum and foully abused their most cherished institution, polygamy.* He was answered with sternness by Mr.



* On the 5th April, 1860, the Chamber of Representatives at Washington passed a projected law to repress polygamy by a majority of 149 to 60. Fortunately, the Committee of the Senate had no time to report upon it, and the slave discussion assumed dimensions which buried Mormonism in complete oblivion.

THE DESERET ALPHABET.

VOCAL SOUNDS.

Long.	Double.
Ə . . E	ɨ . . I
ɜ . . A	Ə . . Ow
ə . . Ah	W . . Woo
O . . Aw	ʋ . . Ye
O . . O	Aspirate. ʋ . . H
O . . Oo	Articulate Sounds.
ɸ	ɹ . . P
ɹ	ɛ . . B
ɹ	ɿ . . T
ɹ	ɛ . . D
ɹ	ç . . Che
ɹ	ɣ . . G
ɹ	Q . . K

Short.

This column of letters are the short sounds of the above.

Q . .	Ga
P . .	F
β . .	V
L . .	Eth
ʌ . .	The
ʒ . .	S
6 . .	Z
D . .	Esh
S . .	Zhe
ɸ . .	Ur
ɹ . .	L
ɿ . .	M
ɣ . .	N
W . .	Eng

The sounds of the letters ɸ, ɹ, ɿ, ɛ, ɛ, ɣ, ɣ, ɣ are heard in the words fit, net, fat, cot, nut, foot.

ç, Q, ɹ, ɿ, ɛ, ɛ, ɣ, ɣ are heard in the words chee-se, ga-te, s-eth, the, fl-esh.

ɸ is like ir in st-ir; are is made by the combination of ɸɸ; W is heard in l-eng-th.

Learn this Alphabet and appreciate its advantages.