

Grain has made rapid progress and is much improved; all garden truck is growing rapidly and is in excellent condition; grasses are exceptionally good; fruit continues to prosper.

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OBITUARY NOTES.

OGDEN, Weber County, June 12.—Permit me to inform your numerous readers of the great sorrow that has entered the home of our esteemed Bishop of the First ward of this city. Bishop Moroni F. Brown, is directly connected with our noble Utah Pioneers, being a grandson of Captain James Brown of the Mormon Battalion.

For over a year the numerous friends and relatives of the family have regretted the ill health of our Bishop, which led to his departure during the winter season to the warmer climate of Arizona, where he had arrived only a few brief days when a telegram informed him of the sudden death of his mother on the 15th day of December, 1895. He returned home early in the month of February, feeling much improved in health and strengthened in the hope of again caring for and directing the interests of his ward. Scarce had a month passed away when the gloom of sickness and the shadow of death covered the most precious treasures of his family's hearts. For six weeks their home was quarantined, while the loved ones were suffering with measles, chickenpox and scarlet fever. Having exercised every precaution, the children at length appeared to be progressing favorably towards recovery, but by some great law unseen the darkness deepened, and upon the 8th day of May their bright-eyed Willie, aged 4 years and 7 months, closed his eyes in that deep, long sleep to awake in the home of our heavenly Father. Again, on the 21st day of May, the angel of death called for another of their jewels—this time their latest gift from God, their infant son, Hubert Ellis, aged only 6 months and 13 days.

The writer unites in and would repeat the heart's response to the stricken parents, from their many friends, the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; so let your trembling hearts be still while we hear the children's voices sweetly answer back, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." J. McL.

GEORGE O. CHASE.

George O. Chase was born on March 11, 1832, in Sparta, Livingston county, New York. At the age of 9 years he left the State of New York with his parents, coming west to Nauvoo, where he arrived in 1841. The family was in Nauvoo during the building of the Temple and became intimately acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith, being baptized by him in the Missouri river. Elder Chase left Nauvoo for Winter Quarters in the spring of 1846 and on June 1, 1847, he emigrated from there to the Rocky Mountains, before Utah had become a portion of the United States. On the way west he met the Pioneers on the Sweetwater, who were returning from this valley. On September 20, 1849, he arrived in the valley. After wintering here he returned in the spring of 1848 to meet President Young. Before leaving, the Saints had planted all the grain they had but the crickets came and devoured it as fast as it came up. A special fast meeting was called at which some of the Saints expressed doubt as to the advisability of having traveled out here; but Isaac Chase, father of the deceased, said

that the Lord had led them out and that He would take care of His own. While he was speaking there was heard a strange noise and flock after flock of gulls was seen to fly over the house and into the fields. They ate the crickets and saved some of the grain. The winter of 1847-8 was spent in the old fort in the Sixth ward. In the spring of 1848 the Chase family located on the old mill property, or Liberty park, built the first saw mill and sawed the first lumber ever turned out in the Territory. The family lived there until the "move" south and then returned, occupying the property for years.—[Com.]

LETTIE STEVENS.

Died at Holden, Millard county, Utah, June 8th, 1896, Lettie Stevens, the beloved wife of Albert Stevens. She was the daughter of David McKee and Mary Tweed McMillan. She was born April 14th, 1830, in Slippery Rock township, Pa.; was blessed at 7 years of age by Apostle Erasmus Snow; was baptized when 8 years of age by Michael B. Welton and confirmed by Harlo Redfield, in Mormontown, Pike county, Ill. Came to Utah in the fall of 1852; was married to Albert Stevens in Pleasant Grove, Utah county, Utah, in 1853. They moved to Holden in 1857, where they have since resided. She was generous-hearted, kind to everybody, especially the poor; she delighted in relating the early experiences of the Saints, and the sayings of the Prophet Joseph, on which her mind was very vivid. She leaves a devoted husband, five children, thirty grandchildren, one great grandchild and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She was generally known as Aunt Lettie, and will be greatly missed. She died in full faith of the Gospel, and with a hope of a glorious resurrection.—[Com.]

AMERICUS VESPUCCIUS GREER.

Provo, May 18.—Americus Vespuccius Greer was born March 4, 1832, near the Chattahoochee river, Chambers county, Ala. He was the son of Nathaniel H. and Ann Terry Roberts Greer. His parents had twelve children—ten sons and two daughters. Americus was the sixth child. His twin brother's name is Christopher Columbus Greer.

The family moved to Texas in 1836. About 1850 a book was given to these twin brothers. Its purpose was to refute Mormonism. It contained a brief history of the organization of the Church, and told how it was fashioned after the ancient style, which the writer attempted to show was done away in these days, when men do not need Prophets, Apostles, etc. The object of those who were working against the truth was defeated in this case; instead of prejudicing these honest men against the Church of Christ, it increased the desire to learn more about it. About the year 1853 a Mormon missionary by the name of John Ostler came to Texas. His first sermon convinced Uncle H., as the people are fond of calling this veteran Saint, and he was baptized the following summer by Elder S. M. Blair. He emigrated to Utah in 1855 and settled in the Sixth ward, Salt Lake City. In 1856 he returned to Texas on business. There he remained until the commencement of the Civil war, in which he enlisted as a volunteer with the Confederate forces. During the two years he served as a soldier he suffered much privation, and was chosen captain of his company. He did much traveling, but did not happen to participate in any battle. On account of sickness he was given a furlough and returned home. He was then compelled to go as a scout against the Comanche Indians. Three months after, he and his comrades were released, as the officers had been badly deceived; the Indians were not hostile. Uncle H. returned

home disabled for a year. During his stay in Texas in 1864 he was married to Polly Ann Lane, a true and noble woman. She was baptized in 1876, against the will of her father.

Uncle H. returned to Utah with his wife and four children in 1877. After a short stay in Salt Lake City, he moved to Springerville, Apache county, Arizona, to live in the same locality as his brother Thomas L. Greer. He has made this his home ever since, and followed the occupation of a farmer. He served his country for a term of two years as county assessor. In an ecclesiastical way he filled with honor the office of Bishop's counselor of the Union ward, and counselor to the president of the High Priests' quorum in the St. John's Stake.

In 1882 he and his children mourned the loss of his faithful wife, who passed away leaving six children—three daughters and three sons. Melvina Sknowsen, their oldest daughter, is now living in Chihuahua, Mexico. Susan Hamblin, Wilmerth Dewitt, Stansell and James C. Greer are now living in Springerville, Arizona. The youngest son, Orson Pratt Greer, is now attending the B. Y. A. in Provo.

Brother Greer, desiring to visit his relatives and friends in Texas, asked to be commissioned as a missionary, which was done. He left for his field of labor in December, 1891, and returned in July, 1892.

He and his youngest son were on a visit to Utah for the purpose of attending the recent Conference and doing work in the Temple. While visiting his brother in Wallisburg he was caught in a heavy storm and received a severe cold. He was sick during his stay there and returned to Provo and died a few days after, while visiting Sister Ellen Greer, who is stopping at Provo to give her children and grandchildren an opportunity to attend the Brigham Young Academy.

Brother Greer was an energetic Latter-day Saint, always ready to defend the truth of the Gospel. He has done much for his departed dead, having worked in the St. George, Mantle and Salt Lake temples. He was always present at sabbath schools and meetings, conferences and M. I. associations. He set a good example for the youth of Zion to follow, and the people and youth in the St. John's Stake will miss this devout man.

A. C. P.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

BATY.—Richard H. Baty, of Oalla Fort, Rex Elder county, Utah, June 15, 1896, of black measles.

GOFF.—At Sandy, Utah, of diphtheria, Thomas Alma Goff, son of Heber and Ellen E. Goff, after an illness of ten days, aged 4 years.

PEDERSEN.—In the Nineteenth ward, this city, June 14, 1896, from the effects of lye poisoning, Lenox A., daughter of Hans H. and Jennie A. Pedersen, born March 5, 1895.

BRIGGS.—At East Bountiful, Davis county, June 8, 1896, Ann Luthera Briggs, daughter of Ephraim and Mary Evans Briggs, Monday, June 6; she was 18 years and 10 months old.

MAROKTTS.—In Farmers ward, Salt Lake county, Utah, June 11, 1896, of uremic poisoning, Elizabeth B., daughter of Thomas and Mary Baileman and wife of Philip Margetta, born February 11, 1834, in Manchester, England. Utah papers please copy.

GLOVER.—At East Jordan ward, June 10, 1896, of consumption of the bowels, Mary R. Glover, beloved wife of James Glover; born at Barrington, Somersetshire, England, January 5, 1824, and joined the Church in the year 1860 at Victoria, Monmouthshire, Wales. She died as she had lived, in full faith of the Gospel.