

Poetry.

[For the DESERET NEWS.]
THE LAMANITE.

The Great Spirit, ('tis said), to our forefathers gave
All the lands 'twixt the eastern and western big wave:
And the Indian was happy—he'd nothing to fear
As he ranged o'er the mountains and chased the wild deer:
And he felt like a prince, as he steer'd the canoe,
Or explored the lone wild, with his hatchet and bow—
Quenched his thirst at the streamlet, or simply he fed,
With the heavens for his curtains—the hillock his bed—
Say, then was he homeless? No, no, our hearts beat
For the dear ones we loved, in the wigwam retreat.

But a wreck of the white man came over the wave:
In the chains of the tyrant, he learned to enslave:
Emerging from bondage, and pale with distress,
He fled from oppression—he came to oppress.
Yes, such was the white man, invested with power;
When almost devoured, he could turn and devour.
He seized our possessions, and fatt'ning with pride,
He thirsted for glory, but, freedom he cried.
Our fathers were brave—they contended awhile,
Then left the invader the coveted soil:
The spoiler pursued them—our fathers went on,
And their children are now at the low setting sun.
The white man, yet prouder, would grasp all the shore—
He smuggled, and purchas'd, and coveted more.

The pamper'd blue Eagle is spreading its crest
Beside the great waters that circle the West—
Behind the west woods, where the red man retires,
The white man has kindled his opposite fires,
To fell the last forest and burn up the wild
Which Nature designed for her wandering child!

Chased into environs, and nowhere to fly—
Too weak to contend and unwilling to die:
O where will a place for the Indian be found?
Shall he take to the skies, or retreat under ground?

Such are the breathings of the Indian's soul.
Alas! that scathing, withering, dwindling thing
Degeneracy, the own legitimate—
The natural offspring of apostasy!
Its living monument appears before us,
In the filthy, poor, degraded race
Of Lehi's once delightful, righteous seed.
Once noble, civilized and well refined—
Walking in all the statutes of the Lord;
The golden gems of happiness adorned
His path, and he walked forth with noble tread,
In the most elevated forms of life
Portrayed by earthly human dignity.
He then was wise and most intelligent,
For he drank freely at the flowing fount
Of heavenly wisdom and intelligence,
And held communion with the worlds above.
Then he was white and very beautiful,
For then, the spirit of the Lord, which is
The soul of beauty, and imparts a charm
To all that's beautiful, reigned in his heart
And glowed in every action of his life—
His animated features shone with bright
Reflected beams of God's own countenance.

But mark the change! As habit blunts the edge
Of sensibility, so seasons of
Prosperity, continued long, will lull,
To guilty sleep, appreciation's powers;
And man, dependent, mortal man, forgets
The bounteous hand from whence all blessing flow.
Blinded by mammon's glittering bribes, he grows
Proud in his heart, and vain in all his thoughts;
And pressing to his lip the cup of vile
Iniquity, swallows the deadly draught,
And sinks in degradation's dark abyss!

But justice slumbers not.—He has affix'd
To every law, rewards and penalties;
And in His courts, Judges and Jurors take
No bribes! Therefore, the dreadful curse of God
Upon the Lamanite, fell heavily.

What has beginning, also has an end.
The self-same power, that unto breach of law,
Affixed a punishment, has also to
That punishment, prescribed a certain bound,
O'er which it cannot pass.

Times, seasons and their changes, all fulfil
Th' eternal purpose of Jehovah's will:
Justice must have its legal, full demand,
E'er soothing mercy can extend her hand.
The night of ignorance, which deep shades dis-
till'd

On the poor red man, nearly is fulfill'd:
Another key, the Priesthood turns, and lo!
The glimm'ring rays of light begin to flow
From the broad fountain of eternal day,
And hope is hov'ring o'er his darksome way.
While this last dispensation's moving on,
To Joseph's scatter'd remnants, day will dawn—
Their hearts will beat responsive to the sound

Of truth that's speaking from Cumorah's ground—
The scales will fall, which now becloud their eyes,
And they, in truthful purity, arise;
And the now loathsome, savage Lamanite,
Will, when the Lord removes the curse, be white:
He'll learn our ways and feel as saints should do,
And will assist in building Zion too.

He'll yet go forth and from his thicket den,
As a young lion, prowl on guilty men—
The scourge of justice—vengeance's rod, he'll be,
And smite with fearful, savage cruelty.
Ere the great indignation goes abroad,
It has beginning at the House of God:
The judgments that will make the nations fear
And tremble, must be felt and tasted here.
Then wherefore marvel at the painful blow,
Which, by the red man lays our brethren low?
While we are smarting 'neath the afflicting rod,
Let us in wisdom own the hand of God:
Tho' famine, war and pestilence appear,
With trust in Him, the righteous need not fear.

Peace to their footsteps, whensoever they go
To Lehi's sons, the path of life to show.
What tho' the cup seems bitter in your hand?
Those who, as saviors, on Mount Zion stand,
Must home and ease and elegance forego,
To bear salvation unto those below:
'Twas thus Messiah left the courts above,
To fill a mission here, of life and love.
Thus go, the cheering lamp of life, to bear
Wherever Jacob's scattered children are;
The ancient fathers will your labors view,
With faith and prayer—with guardian watch-
ings too—
The tarrying Nephites also will appear
From time to time, to guide, instruct and cheer.
Shrink from no duty—fear no future ill:
He that preserves us, will preserve us still.
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Correspondence.

CONTINUATION OF PRESIDENT
YOUNG'S TRIP SOUTH.

Sept. 7, 1865.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

Took our journey from Nephi at 8 a. m., drove against a head wind and through clouds of dust all day, arriving in Round Valley at 4 p. m. Elders F. D. Richards and A. M. Musser parted from the company at Chicken Creek settlement to visit Gunnison and the settlements on the Sevier, expecting to join the company again at St. George. They were accompanied by a sufficient escort of mounted men for safety. Bishop Callister arrived here this morning and several brethren with him from Fillmore, among whom were the Fillmore brass band. Improvements in this place have been limited since the President's last visit; considerable labor has been expended this year, however, in getting more water to the settlements. One saw mill has been put up; but their grinding is done at Fillmore, twenty-four miles from Round Valley. There are about forty families in the settlement.

MEETING AT ROUND VALLEY.

We met in a good log meeting house, at half-past seven o'clock; the evening cold and uncomfortable. Prayer by Elder Ezra T. Benson.

Pres. B. Young spoke a short time. Elder W. Woodruff reasoned upon the position of the Saints, and the condition of the world. They have been in darkness for ages, without a man inspired by the revelations of Heaven to teach them, and ignorance, sin and iniquity abound; we have the society of prophets and apostles who reveal to us the principles and laws of life. It is the right of him who presides over the church to dictate us in all things pertaining to the building up and guidance of that great kingdom that Daniel said should be built up in the last days. He advised the people to plant trees, make their homes comfortable, and increase in everything good and praiseworthy.

Elder Charles C. Rich referred to the coming of the Son of God, and said that all our labors to beautify the earth and make it lovely are but preparing it for his presence. The only way to obtain true happiness is by doing the will of God. When the Spirit of God is poured out upon us then are we happy indeed. Riches, without that Spirit, have always failed to bestow upon men the happiness which they have sought. It is our duty to take a course to remove evil from ourselves and from the earth. Then we bless ourselves and we bless others. When evil is removed from the earth then it will be prepared for a reign of righteousness.

Elder George Q. Cannon reasoned on the objects of our existence, showing that we are here to progress to exaltation with our Father and God, and become participants in His glory and

power by being obedient to His commandments.

Elder E. T. Benson spoke on the building up of the kingdom of God and of the physical labor, the wisdom and energy that have to be employed in accomplishing it. He counseled the Saints in relation to various matters pertaining to their everyday duties and labors, and assured them that if they continued faithful the Lord would work with them in the establishment of His kingdom upon the earth.

Pres. Young gave some advice of a local character, with reference to their fields and the watering of them; after which the meeting was dismissed by Elder Woodruff.

FRUIT IN ROUND VALLEY.

It has been thought that fruit trees will not flourish in Round Valley; this, however, is a mistake. Peter Boyce has planted out an apple orchard of some fifty or sixty trees, which are now three years from the bud and have made an excellent growth and look healthy; some of the trees bloomed this year and many of them are set for fruit next year. It is considered by those who are competent to judge, that the lake from which the Round Valley settlement receives its irrigating waters, can be made to supply water sufficient to irrigate 1000 acres of land, if used judiciously and with care, while only 250 acres are now under cultivation. It seems that the borders of that lake are used for grazing purposes, and there is an objection to making a reservoir of the lake on this account, but this need not be raised as an objection, when we consider that the bases of the mountains east and west from Round Valley to the Sevier are covered with an abundance of bunch grass.

THE STORM.

Sept. 8th.

In the night the storm broke upon us, and it rained and snowed incessantly until near noon to-day. At 8 o'clock some of the company started out, and all arrived in Fillmore about 2 p. m. The mountains in every direction are white. There must have fallen upon them from six inches to a foot of snow.

FILLMORE.

At four o'clock the people assembled for meeting. Bishop Nichols opened the meeting.

Elder George Q. Cannon addressed the congregation on the work which we have to perform as Saints, and directed the attention of the people to the assurance which we have that God will hear and answer the united prayers of His people that His kingdom may be maintained. We have a few things placed under our control that we may learn to use greater blessings yet in store for us if we are faithful.

Elder Charles C. Rich remarked that it was seven years since he had visited Fillmore, and he was happy to mark the improvements which the people had made in that time. He spoke at some length upon the blessings which we enjoy through having obeyed the gospel, and upon the duties of the Saints, temporal and spiritual, encouraging the people to continue improving in all things.

Elder E. T. Benson complimented the people of Fillmore on the fine display of fruits which he saw before him. It had been thought at one time that fruit could not be raised in that locality, but Pres. Young had always said it could, had encouraged the people to persevere, and the result was before them. The speaker encouraged the people to continue persevering in every laudable work, and practically apply the counsels given by the servants of God.

Elder Wilford Woodruff.—There has never been a time from the beginning to this day when this kingdom has not been on the progress. We have seen gloomy times, but the Lord has never deserted His faithful servants; and the Spirit of God was with His poor, afflicted Saints in all their doings and troubles. Now look at this people and their great prosperity. Look at this fruit here as an evidence of it. Such fruit cannot be raised in the best fruit districts of the east. Who has given to us these great blessings and this great prosperity. It is our God—the God of heaven. Then how faithful we should be in keeping His laws. I am much pleased to see the improvements you are making here, and hope you will continue your labors until you make this place very desirable. The speaker then encouraged the Saints to sanctify themselves before the Lord, and to continue their improvements making their homes beautiful and desirable, that their children might have strong inducements to remain at home and not wander off where they might be led into doing wrong.

Bishop Callister announced a meeting for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and invited the President and company to a party in the hall where meeting was being held at early candle light this evening.

Meeting dismissed by Elder Lorenzo Snow.

The evening came and so did the party, which lasted until half-past eleven o'clock, and was seemingly enjoyed by all. The President retired early.

Sept. 9th, 10 a. m.

Elder Lorenzo Snow.—We have received this gospel of the kingdom for the saving of ourselves, to make ourselves happy in this world and in the world to come, and to make us like God. The gospel teaches us how to take the elements that are at our command and produce from them all the comforts we need; and when done in a proper way and with a proper purpose, honestly, by any man, then has he satisfaction in his labors. Now, when he is in the midst of these works of improvement, is he willing to leave all to go abroad to preach the gospel and use the means he has for the gathering of the Saints, as readily as to use them for his own personal benefit? While he has been engaged in building his beautiful mansion, and planting his fine orchards, did he give way to cursing and swearing and anger if a little thing went wrong? Was he faithful to his prayers, and was he faithful to his God and his brethren, and to all his duties? Did he become covetous and abusive to his family? The gospel is given to us to learn to build ourselves up in the principles of holiness and happiness in a godlike manner sanctifying everything we gather around us and ourselves to the Lord our God.

This is a beautiful location to build a holy city to our God; and here we may take the elements around us to put them to pure and holy uses. If we wish to grow in favor with God and with His servants, we must labor to build up Zion in establishing holy cities to our God. If we expect to be great in the future we must commence here and do as we are counseled to do, in the Spirit of the Almighty and in His name, upon honest and upright principles. We should work ourselves up from point to point in knowledge, until we become like God. Our work is a work of to-day. It has been truly said, that the man who will not create around him every facility and comfort of life with the means in his power, will not cultivate his mind. In all of our getting in this world, let us keep ourselves pure and holy, and feel to pray, "Never let me get the riches of the world only upon honorable principles that when I get them I can enjoy them without bitterness."

Bishop E. D. Woolley discoursed upon the good results arising to the Saints from the President traveling through the settlements.

Elder Geo. A. Smith expressed his gratification at the manner in which the people there had voted at the last election, and the energy manifested by them in going to the polls.

Pres. B. Young spoke about three-quarters of an hour, which was reported, as were, also, his previous discourses on the trip.

Meeting dismissed by Elder G. D. Watt.

Respectfully,
G. D. WATT.

IMMIGRATION LISTS.

CAPTAIN MINOR G. ATTWOOD'S COM-
PANY left Wyoming, July 28th, 1865:—

Minor G. Attwood, Captain; Charles B. Taylor, Assistant Captain; Andrew W. Winberg, Chaplain; John Swenson, Commissary; Miles P. Romney, returning Missionary; Albert Davis, John Alford, Joseph Blumshaw, Mrs. Whit-mall and family, Henry V. Evans, F. Benson, Joseph Heaps, Mrs. Frankom and family, Margaret Gregg, Isaac Quinn, S. A. Hughes, M. A. Jemett and daughter, John Everett and family, Thos. Wise and family, H. C. Hogsted and family, Jens Jacobsen and family, A. P. Nielsen and family, Ann Petersen and family, Lars Petersen and family, Peter Nielsen and family, Bengt Olsen, Maria Hakansen and family, John Hoffman and family, Anders Erickson and family, Morten Olsen and family, A. J. Agaard and family, Jens Larsen and family, Carl Andersen, Anders Andersen and family, Peter O. Holmgren and family, Eleanor Eklund and family, C. J. Hansen, F. C. Petersen and family, Jens C. Christiansen and family, Peter Christiansen and family, Christopher Jensen and family, H. C. Jensen and family, M. P. Sorenson, Johannes Larsen, A. and J. J. Lejon, Anders Andersen and family, Torke C. Petersen and family, Morten Iversen and family, Jens C. Petersen and family, Bengta Hansen and family, Gusta Pego and family, Gertrude Christiansen and family, H. W. Hansen, Caroline Brom, John Gentrup, Marie Jensen, Mecheline Jensen, Jens Andersen, C. F. B. Lebbert and family, Maren Jacobsen, Lars Pedersen, Anne Larsen, Soren O. Waddel and family, Anne Jensen, Lina Mickelsen, Ole Andersen and wife, Gustave Johansen and family, Johannah Andersen and family, E. F. Olsen, Johannah C. Thompson, Christian Pearsen, M. C. Jensen, Marlina D. Simmondsen and family, Niels C. Andersen, Anna M. Anderson and daughter, Line Mortensen, Line Sorenson, Christian Nicholasen, Maren