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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

To the Presidents of Stakes and Bishops
of Wards:

We have set Sunday, the 26th inst.,
apart for holding memorial services in
honor of the late Apostle Abraham
Owen Woodruff, and would like to have
such meetings held in all the wards in
Zion, believing that the Saints gen-
erally will desire to attend them, and
thus show their love and respect for
one whom they have learned to love and
esteem for his faithful labors in their
midst.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The services at the Tabernacle to-
morrow will be of unusual interest. The
Ensign stake quarterly conference will
commence in the morning in the Assem-
bly hall, and would continue during the
afternoon in the Tabernacle, but the
second meeting is waived to give place
to the program which has been arrang-
ed in memory and honor of the young
Apostle, Abraham Owen Woodruff,
whose departure from this earthly
sphere, in the midst of his active life
and labors, has occasioned so much
sorrow among the Latter-day Saints
and his many friends of different
faiths. The order of the services in the
Tabernacle is published in another part
of this paper.

There will be special services to-
morrow, also, in all the wards of the
Church at the usual time of their meet-
ings. In this city they will be held on
Sunday evening, and it is expected that
the Bishops will follow the instructions
of the First Presidency, as appear at
the head of this column. The speak-
ers will no doubt make remarks appro-
priate to the occasion.

If it were not for the positive assur-
ance that the Latter-day Saints have
received of the realities of that which is
called "the life to come," there would
be much greater grief among them even
than is now exhibited over this sad be-
reavement. Brother Woodruff is en-
deared to the whole Church because of
his manifest sincerity, his untiring
efforts in the latter-day work, his emi-
nent abilities and his kindly and frat-
ernal nature and disposition. He in-
herited many of the lovable traits of his
venerated father, and great things were
expected of him when he should gain
further experience. But, in the Prov-
idence that is over all, he is taken to
another sphere where he will continue
his efforts, in company with those who
have gone before, for the enlightenment
and salvation of the souls of men.

The life that now is, continues ever.
From the cradle to the grave it is but
a part of our existence, an episode in
our history. We lived before, we shall
live after, and the eternal ages furnish
times and fields for experience and op-
portunities for our everlastingly progress.
Mortality is only one of the phases of
the perpetual life of the immortal spirit,
but it furnishes a basis on which honor
and glory and endless increase may be
built, or dishonor and punishment may
be the result of sin and evil deeds at
the stern demands of Justice. We shall
reap according to that which we sow.
We shall be that which we make our-
selves to be. But light and truth and
intelligence and spirit and element are
eternal, and exaltation, happiness and
glory are achieved by doing that which
is right, and the opposites are the in-
evitable consequences of wilful wrong-
doing. Yet Mercy also endureth for-
ever, and advancement even after retri-
bution is the order of God's universe.

To labor for the uplifting and re-
demption of mankind is a noble em-
ployment. Christ set the pattern on
earth and in the spirit world. His ap-
pointed servants and aids follow in His
footsteps. While they are in the flesh
they fill their mission, and when they
are cut of the body they continue their
ministry; "their works do follow them";
and they lose nothing of their spiritual
gifts and powers and authority, but they
rest from their earthly toil, and are
freed from the sufferings and trials
and ordeals of mortality. Blessed are
they, then, who "die in the Lord!"

Brother Owen, as we all loved to call
him, has finished his work among us,
and he is now mingling with the just
and the true, and is ready to join with
other Apostles and Elders who are en-

gaged in the work of redemption "be-
yond the veil." Therefore our sorrow
at saying farewell is softened, by the
assurance that he lives and that we
shall meet him again, and with our
loved ones who have departed spend
a joyful eternity. Death comes with a
shock to our senses, but it is the open-
ing gate to everlasting pleasures and
the heights and depths and breadths of
knowledge, wisdom, power and increase,
wherein are everwidening dominion and
endless glory. These are before our
departed brother in whose honor mem-
orial services are to be held throughout
the Church on Sunday. His earthly life
was good, his heavenly reward is sure!

WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE.

The current number of the Railroad
Red Book, which is published by the
Rio Grande and R. G. Western as their
official time table, contains, among
other interesting and useful items, a
sketch with cut of the Bureau of In-
formation on the Temple Block. We
take from it the following excerpts:

"The Bureau of Information and
Church Literature has made a phenom-
enal record. Although the necessity for
such an institution has been apparent
for years, few, indeed, realized the pos-
sibilities nor is it easy now to conceive
how much may yet be accomplished by
the faithful missionary corps engaged in
this laudable work.

"On Aug. 4, 1903, the actual work
commenced and since then, when the
band of missionary workers (dadies and
gentlemen) has been in attendance, to
entertain the 'strangers' within our
gates."

"During the first year about 150,000
visitors were escorted around the
block and through the Assembly Hall
and Tabernacle. Literature has been
distributed very freely to the tourists
and, with very few exceptions, the
strangers have been exceedingly ap-
preciative of the courtesies thus ex-
tended. Very often a desire is expressed
to remunerate the so-called 'guide,' and
the astonishment is increased when the
benevolent stranger learns that all this
is a labor of love. 'No fees are charged
or donations received' has become a
watchword on the Temple block.

"Often the registry books indicate
that thirty-five and thirty-six states, as
well as numerous foreign countries,
are represented in one day.

"Salt Lake City and the State of Utah
will be greatly benefited by the work
of the bureau, as much of the litera-
ture treats extensively on mining, agri-
cultural and commercial enterprises."

In addition to the literature to be had
of the Bureau, a great variety of beau-
tifully colored illustrations on postal
cards are now on hand which will be
found useful in giving distant friends
some idea of this city's attractions.
The work of the Bureau cannot be too
highly commended, and the faithful la-
bors of the workers there are beyond
praise. 'Verily, they will have their re-
ward.'

THEOLOGY NEEDED.

Observers of religious currents are of
the opinion that the theologian is dis-
appearing. In the religious seminaries
few students, it is said, are making a
specialty of systematic theology. Doc-
trines are not studied, as in the days
of old. All sorts of opinions prevail,
and there is general indifference as to
what beliefs are held.

This is a natural consequence of pre-
vailing conditions. Why should the stu-
dents who prepare for the pulpit con-
cern themselves about the doctrines of
Christianity, as long as a thrilling story,
a few artistically turned phrases, or
discourses of a more or less political
nature are accepted as spiritual food
by the comparatively few who still be-
lieve in going to church? The preachers
of the world have very little use for
systematic theology. If they are able
to sing a solo at a social, or give a
comic recitation, they are more likely to
gain popularity, than by a learned dis-
course upon subjective and objective
righteousness, or the consequences of
the fall of Adam.

But this indifference cannot be per-
manent. Theology is the science of
sciences. It is the one science that
comprehends and utilizes whatever is
true in all other sciences, and without
which they all are incomplete and aim-
less. There will again be a general
hunger and thirst for knowledge of God
and His laws, and this will come, as
the great truth is grasped, that society
itself will crumble into ruins, unless it
is built upon eternal laws that remain,
no matter how the world changes. As
this fact becomes clear, men will learn
to dread the consequences of the loose-
ness that now prevails as regards ethi-
cal laws and spiritual truths, and they
will ask for certainty.

And they will not ask in vain. For
the Almighty is as much able to mani-
fest himself now, as in former ages.
The twaddle of the species of infidelity
that is peculiar to our age, and that
would characterize the Bible as an in-
teresting collection of myths, and place
the teachings of Jesus on a level with
those of Buddha, Confucius and Mo-
hammed, does not satisfy the hunger
and thirst for truth. But those who
turn to God for knowledge will receive
it, line by line, precept upon precept,
through the divinely appointed chan-
nels. God, as a wise Father, always pre-
pares beforehand for the needs of His
children. He has therefore, in this age
and generation, again established His
Church, with its Priesthood and divinely
inspired Prophets, to meet the needs
of the world, when there will be a gen-
eral desire for truth, for divine author-
ity, and for certainty.

GOOD ADVICE.

The baccalaureate sermon of the
president of Brown university is char-
acterized as a masterpiece. According
to a synopsis by the Boston Transcript,
he told his hearers some very pointed
truths. He said, in part, that the
American nation is not regarded as
very profoundly intellectual. It is rather
"agile." "We are quick," he said,
"to expound and adapt truths which
others have discovered. We have mar-
vellous inventors, but few scientists of
the first rank; excellent writers of
school books, few authorities in educa-
tion; admirable preachers, few theo-
logians whose voice is heard in Europe;
skilful expositors in philosophy, no
thinkers who rank with those of land
where thought has time to brood and
ripen before action begins. Our age is
strenuous to the breaking point."

Elaborating upon this idea he en-
treated the graduates to enter into

some great department of human
knowledge for, "we never know the
power of any branch of knowledge un-
till we have penetrated to the heart of
its method and been drenched with its
spirit."

In this connection he warned his
hearers against the evils of our current
literature, and urged them to avoid it. It
was created, he said, for a new read-
ing public that did not read ten years
ago "and who must be induced to read
by cartoons, by cheap wit, by discon-
nected paragraphs and by frothy senti-
ment." He continued:

"Friendship with the great seers and
creators of the past is indispensable in
genuine education. He who has sub-
mitted his own imagination to the
gaunt grasp of Dante's spirit, who has
for a term of months or years been a
loyal disciple of Raphael or Ruskin,
or Bach, or Browning, who has eagerly
followed the leadership of Burke or
Mazzini or Lincoln, is when he emerges
from that wholesome tutelage, the
man of strongest fibre and ripest wis-
dom. Having entered into the secret
of a few great minds of the race, he
cannot become a slave of the little,
the petty, the transient. Familiar with
the Matterhorns of the world, he fears
not the molehills. Through disciplesh-
ip he has attained freedom."

This is sound doctrine, good counsel.
No one can attain to the level of a
master, except through the laborious
climbing through the various stages of
disciplesh-.

One of the statements made invites
a word of comment. The speaker point-
ed out that the country has "few theo-
logians whose voice is heard in Euro-
pe." That is, no doubt, true, if only
so-called orthodox theology is consid-
ered.

But this country has brought forth
prophets, seers, revelators, whose voice
is even now heard to the ends of the
earth, and who have declared truths as
important as any ever made known to
man, in any age. It has given to the
world theologians as profound as Paul,
or Peter, or John, because imbued with
the same Divine Spirit. And the truths
they have declared are gradually filling
the world with light, though many
know not, as yet, whence that light
comes. And this is but a preliminary
to the coming forth of giants on every
field of intellectual activity. True
Christianity prepared the way for
a civilization which left the
pagan civilization far behind. True
Christianity restored on this contin-
ent, in this age, through the instru-
mentality of Joseph the Prophet, will
have a similar effect. It will result
in advancement in philosophy, in sci-
ences and arts, beyond anything hith-
erto dreamed of. For truth is without
limit. It is inexhaustible. In the di-
vine light—and only there—progress is
eternal.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Some time ago attention was called in
these columns to an article in Medical
Record, in which the divorce evil was
considered, and we suggested that it
was useless for the critics of the Church
to try to remove a mote as long as they
themselves are afflicted with a beam
in their own eyes. The Worcester Gas-
ette, a paper that manifests commend-
able impartiality and fairness in its
treatment of all public questions, en-
dorses our comments in the following
paragraphs:

"The reflections of our Mormon con-
temporaries and of the Medical Record
are not far off the straight road to
truth. The divorce evil, with its in-
evitable adjuncts, is the curse of Christian
civilization. It is perhaps but another
of those signs of rancor which attend
any period of transition, and which are
bound to disappear with the coming of
more settled conditions. It is extremely
important, however, that during this
delicate stage in the growth of civiliza-
tion, the purity of the home be con-
served, as far as possible, for with the
home destroyed, society could no longer
be held together. There would be no
soil in which the plant could take root
and from which it could draw nourish-
ment. It is, therefore, of the utmost
importance that every possible precau-
tion be taken to prevent the further
spread of this disease, or weakness,
which is sapping the social strength at
its source. Easy divorce and the coming
of divorce courts, with the consequent
disregard of the marriage tie, proved the
death warrant of Greece and Rome. We
are in imminent danger of following in
the footsteps of those nations, through
the same influence and with less ex-
cuse, since we know the causes of their
downfall."

"During the Middle Ages, when the
church was all-powerful, the divorce
evil was comparatively harmless. The
Teutonic elements in every nation were
in the ascendant, also, adding a power-
ful influence to the preservation of the
home institution. Beyond anything
which Rome or Greece ever knew, ex-
cept among the very select families in
the country, there is a corresponding
leakiness in morals. The grip of the
church, too, is relaxed, partly through
dissemination, but more through good
living. The membership is careless and
indifferent, or else impractical. There
is much talking and some earnest work,
but the intelligent workers are hope-
lessly in the minority. The purity of
the legal fraternity, or rather of a
few conscienceless members of that
profession, have brought ridicule on the
courts and the law. The masses of the
people, possessed of a little knowledge,
imagine themselves omniscient and are
impatient at what they regard as stu-
pidity in everything venerable. A yellow
press aggravates the evil by encourag-
ing all forms of half-cooked, impulsive
theories."

"We are sailing in the midst of a
swift current. There are plenty of rocks
and eddies, possible catastrophes, ahead.
It behooves us to stand fast and get a
fresh grip on the situation, if we are not
to go to pieces."

This is certainly a correct estimate
of the dangers that confront modern
society. But the suggestion that the
conditions surrounding us are owing to
the fact that we are passing through a
period of transition is hardly sus-
tained by facts. It is rather opti-
mistic than true. It is the peril of de-
cay that is brought before us. It is the
danger of a slowly spreading cancer,
rather than a youthful blemish that can
be outgrown. The divorce evil has as-
sumed large proportions. A great many
think it of as little consequence to
break up a home, as to disturb a mole-
hill in the field. It is a good sign that
the matter is being generally talked
about. But so far, the remedy has
not been found in the world.

"Ransom is as ransom does," says
Raisull.

Judge Parker's silence may prove to
be golden.

Some say that General Miles will be

named at St. Louis. What's in a
"name?"

Cabinet changes are becoming light-
ning changes.

Colorado is now enjoying martial law
and Bell weather.

Sounding a keynote is different from
playing a pean of victory.

If not careful, the World's Fair build-
ings will be burned up before the show
is over.

Senator Fairbanks is rather tall and
slender, built just about right for a
running mate.

What a succession of rare June days
we are having now. And so unpre-
cedentedly cool.

There seems to be nothing the matter
with Perdicaris except that he suffers
from that tired feeling.

General Kurepatkin won't give battle
to the combined armies of Generals
Oku and Kuroki. He prefers to give
ground.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon has malaria. He
might have had the nomination for
Vice President had he just said the
word.

Dingley rates have been established
for the Panama strip. The tariff fol-
lows the flag no matter what the Con-
stitution does.

Senator Depew dubbed the first day
at Chicago a "curtain raiser." The
first day at St. Louis may prove to be
a "storm raiser."

The sealer of weights and measures
might turn his attention to the little
weights of the lemen with great profit
to their patrons.

Hayti explains that the attack on the
French minister was by disorderly sol-
diers. True, but disorderly soldiers
should not be on the palace guard.

The Japanese have got another
Russian battleship. Could they
swallow their pride, it would pay the
Russians to sell their warships to the
Japanese.

The wild pigeons, so famous in early
American history, are said to be return-
ing in large numbers to New England.
Their return should be hailed with joy
and every effort made to protect them.

A Telluride, Colo., merchant who was
deported, returned and was waited
upon by a committee of citizens who
told him to leave, telling him he re-
mained at the peril of his life. If that
is not lynch law, what is it?

The Igorrotes and Negritos represen-
tatives at the St. Louis fair are to be
clothed so that their nudity shall not
be criticized. Now their minds should
be clothed with knowledge, for which
purpose Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus"
would be a most excellent book.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Lynchburg, Va., News.

The American doctrine briefly stated
is: That every man has the right to
profess and practice any religion that
commends itself to his judgment so long
as he does not interfere with the rights
of others, and that he is responsible for
his faith and practice to his Creator
alone, and not to his fellow men. This
religious liberty, and not mere tolera-
tion, such as exists in England, is the
difference is not small. Liberty is
claimed as a right. Toleration is con-
ceded as a privilege.

Northwestern Christian Advocate.

In the list of rare virtues it is prob-
able that contentment is the rarest.
Many who think they possess the virtue
do not know their own minds. They
have not sufficiently tested themselves
and they lack imagination. They can-
not put themselves in other's places
and imagine just how they would feel.
Many a man or woman claims patience,
for example, who has never been thor-
oughly tested in the matter. It is easy
to profess to be patient with a sign read-
ing: "I will give this land to the one
who is really contented." It is probable
that most of his neighbors hardly be-
lieve the statement, but at last an
applicant came and claimed the field,
saying that he was perfectly contented.
"If that is true," said the farmer,
"what do you want of my field?"

Sunday School Times.

"A tearless life is a loveless life." The
greater the love with which our life has
been blessed, the keener will be the sor-
row when the earthly tie with a loved
one are sundered. And then comes the
danger of letting our grief, which is
right, become blind hopelessness, which
is wrong. If death indeed the worst
grief which can come to a trusting
Christian? There are griefs that are
blackier than death. A young man,
clean, true, upright, lovable, brilliant
in his promise of usefulness, is taken
home. For the moment, light goes out
for the grief-stricken parents. But all
their memories of their boy are beau-
tiful—nothing to regret, nothing to con-
sole, nothing to lighten different, save
that he might be back again. What of
the mother whose boy is alive but be-
hind prison bars, or in a far country,
no one knows where? Even that moth-
er's sorrow is not hopeless, thank God!
but it is a sorrow before which mere
death becomes a joy. "Blessed are they
that mourn; for they shall be comforted."
Our comfort may be found by
turning away from self to the blessed
memories of divine revelations past
and present gain, and by ministering
to those whose grief is greater than
ours.

New York Examiner.

Devoutly do we believe in the atone-
ment wrought by Jesus Christ in His
sacrificial death. But we do not believe
that any man, or any body of men, can
state the doctrine in adequate terms.
We accept it as a fact of revelation, at-
tested by Christian experience. If it
is to be in all its length and breadth,
and height and depth, brought within
the narrow compass of human speech,
we should begin to fear lest, after all,
it might not be true. But, like the
"wisdom of God's mercy," it is too vast
to be defined. We can only receive it,
and adore the love of which it is the
transcendent expression. Our attempt-
ed definitions of divine revelations must
all, the best of them, fall short of the
fulness of the truth. And this should
teach us humility and mutual forbear-
ance one toward another in our theolog-
ical controversies.

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