

## Correspondence.

AMERICAN FORK,  
March 8th, 1870.

Mr. Editor:—A few words from here may not be uninteresting to your readers. We have had a succession of meetings during the winter through our country missionaries, under the direction of Pres. Smoot. Much good has been imparted; a good spirit has prevailed, and the Elders have been animated by the spirit of their mission and the importance of the subjects treated upon.

In addition to this we had the visit of our much respected President and company, on the evening of the 24th ult., at which time a meeting was held; and the return, on Monday, of a portion of the Elders, who accompanied him to Provo, of the Twelve, viz.: John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith, also Elder H. P. Kimball, who attended meeting with us in the afternoon and evening, and all preached to us and bore a faithful testimony of the great work of this dispensation of the gospel. The meetings were densely crowded, and all present enjoyed an opportunity of addressing to their faith the further qualifications required of all those to whom pertains the royal priesthood, the Saintry inheritance.

It may be thought by those unacquainted with the Latter-day Saints that the outside pressure, which some are trying to bring to bear upon them, would cast a dampening influence over them, and cause them to sing, if there is any sing in them:

"Our day is past and gone,  
The evening shades appear."

But such is not the case. Whatever men may try, the Saints' course is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, ever aiming to create a heaven upon earth.

In consideration of a visit made to Springfield by the American Fork choir, a few weeks ago, a return visit was made by the Bishop, his counselors and the choir of Springfield, on Saturday the 6th inst. In the evening a party was given, where mirth and joy, created by the dance, song and recitation, prevailed to the satisfaction of all present. On Sunday, to say nothing of the excellent preaching, we had the soul-inspiring strains of music poured forth by the Springfield choir, which made all present feel as if they had got a foretaste of the great millennium. The leaders of the choir of Lehi and Alpine City being present it brought about a conversation, resulting in the desire to see, not only one choir visit another, but that all the choirs and brass bands in the county go to work and study some pieces which they can all perform together, and meet at a not very distant date and have a grand musical jubilee.

On Monday morning, previous to their departure, the choir, brass band and a great many of the citizens of American Fork turned out and serenaded their visitors. They left with buoyant spirits, yet feeling their visit was too much like the work of the Lord—"out short in righteousness." The following song, composed for the occasion by Wm. Clegg, of Springfield, will give an idea of the feelings with which they visited American Fork.

L. E. HARRINGTON.

## A SONG

Composed expressly for the Springfield Choir to be sung at their return visit to the American Fork Choir.

TUNE—FINE OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.

The Springfield choir are here to-day, with feelings good and true,  
Responding to the kindly visit made to them by you;  
They appreciate such friendly calls and hope they always may,  
While music charms, or memory lasts, or ages roll away.

CHORUS—  
For we are but one grand company, no matter where we be.  
Some of our number are not present with us here to-day—  
Circumstances hinder them, and that's why they're away;

No doubt that was the case with those who did not come with you,  
For those who would not like such joys we think are very few.  
For we are, &c.

May we enjoy such gatherings yet many a coming year,  
And this be but a trifling thing to what shall yet appear;  
May harmony and unity and friendship so abound  
Till but one grand efficient choir the country shall be found.  
For we are, &c.

Success to all our brethren and sisters on the earth,  
Who love good music, pleasant jokes and health-creating mirth;  
May all be blessed and prospered in their efforts to excel,  
No matter what may be their names or places where they dwell.  
For we are, &c.

May we become so perfect in this soul-inspiring art,  
That we may solid pleasure to all listeners impart,  
That angels may rejoice to hear the melody we make,  
And nevertheless henceforth our company forsake.  
For we are, &c.

Then when we leave Time's changing scenes to meet the choir above,  
Join with that happy countless throng saved by redeeming love,  
Dwell with them in the presence of the Lord the Great I Am,  
And with them sing the wondrous song of Moses and the Lamb!

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