

Poetry.

[For the DESERET NEWS.]

NATURE'S NOBLEMAN.

Upon the road, in crowded mart,
You'll know him from the rest apart;
Though clad in rustic garb you'll see
In manner true gentility.
No studied art or polished grace
Deceit or treachery incase;
In every word and tone you'll find
The pen'ning of a noble mind.

Seek not in stately mansions grand
To find the nobles of our land;
Nor e'en where courts of justice meet
To always find them on the seat;
But in the quiet scenes of life,
Apart from all inglorious strife,
Behold him as a monarch grand
The honest-yeoman of the land.

See, in yon plain and humble cot
Contentment is his happy lot.
His is the pleasure to enjoy
Quiet and peace without alloy.
And he can gaze around him there,
O'er fields of rip'ning grain so fair,
Fruit of his honest toil and plan;
Bless'd happy nature's nobleman.

Rest and repose within his door
At night he finds, when labor's o'er,
Nor round the family altar there
Is shadowed aught of gloom or care;
The pleasing smile, the friendly tone,
Welcomes him e'er, returning home,
Where life is all the mind can span
Enjoyed by nature's nobleman.

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PRESIDENT YOUNG'S TRIP SOUTH.

LEHI, Sept. 4, 1865.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

This morning at half-past ten o'clock President Brigham Young of the First Presidency, Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, and a portion of the traveling company left Great Salt Lake City to visit the settlements in the southern parts of this Territory. Elders Lorenzo Snow and E. T. Benson, started at nine o'clock, in advance of the President, and were at this place when we arrived. Elders C. C. Rich and Franklin D. Richards came up to the company at the Hot Springs, where an escort from Lehi met us. We arrived in Lehi at half-past four, and there met with Elder Geo. A. Smith who had preceded us some few days. Elder Woodruff is still behind and expected in every minute. After partaking of a public dinner we repaired to the meeting house, where a crowd of people were assembled to hold meeting.

MEETING AT LEHI.

Pres. B. Young spoke a short time; and was followed by

Elder Ezra T. Benson, who spoke of the good resulting to the Saints in the various settlements through the visits of the President and those traveling with him. The blessings of the Lord have been very visibly poured out upon His people in these valleys during the past season. The President promised last spring, at Conference, that we should have abundant crops this season, and the heavens have poured down rain in a manner never witnessed here before, causing abundant plenty to smile around, where it was supposed the crops would be a failure. The words of President Young have been fulfilled, and the people have received the promised blessing, as they will always do so long as they keep the commandments of God.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon:—We enjoy blessings that we cannot comprehend in their fullness. One thing we can understand and put into practice,—we can be obedient, and we can be humble. God has given unto us this power, and we know what the result will be of our hearkening unto the counsels of His servants. We have never been in any circumstance but what we could, if we lived for it, enjoy the Spirit of the Most High. You may surround such a people with the most adverse circumstances, and they cannot be crushed, for they know the power that will deliver them and give them the victory. There is every incentive for us to be diligent and faithful. We live in a dispensation in which we know the gospel will be triumphant and the Priesthood will rule throughout the whole earth. We have no cause to fear. The path we are traveling in is endless; and if we pursue it faithfully we shall be brought back into the presence of God.

Many of our elders have gone as missionaries to the nations and have left their families along us. These should

should dispense to them a portion of the blessings which God has so abundantly bestowed upon us; and I have no doubt but what the Saints will respond to any call that may be made upon them.

Elder Charles C. Rich said he remembered the time when he was called upon to come out to the Rocky Mountains to hunt out a home for the Saints. He had a large family and little for them to live upon. He believed it was the word of the Lord and he left his family in the hands of God, and they were provided for. There is a class of individuals who have followed the counsels of their own hearts to make wealth, but the advantage has always been on the side of those who have obeyed the counsels of the servants of God. How can the Lord use us build up His kingdom if He cannot dictate us. If we cannot be controlled and dictated by His servants we cannot be controlled and dictated by Him. Some imagine they must have a special call to build up the kingdom of God; but there is room enough for all to labor in this work, if they are disposed to do so. It is the duty of all to learn what is right and then do it. When there is no manner of iniquities practiced in our midst, then we will not be afflicted with evil, and the blessings of God will be upon all that we possess.

Elder Lorenzo Snow:—I would not be afraid to predict riches on the heads of the Saints, if they would keep the commandments of God and be at all times willing to properly dispose of that which the Lord gives to them. When we receive the glory which God has for us, we shall discover that the path of poverty is but a small portion of experience. Job loved God and loved to keep His commandments better than he did riches. The Lord will fulfill His promises to this people, and they will be rich in all things, but they should not wait until they are rich before they learn to exercise the principles of generosity. He enjoined upon the Saints the importance of being counseled by the Lord, through His servants, and in all things seeking to keep His commandments.

Pres. Young, in behalf of the company, returned thanks to the bishop and people of Lehi, for the kind hospitality which they had shown to him and his company in passing and re-passing through this settlement. He then blessed the people and dismissed them.

Sept., 5th.

We partook of a public breakfast at half past nine this morning and rolled out of Lehi for Goshen, which we reached after a dusty drive at a quarter past three o'clock.

The west side of Utah Lake is the least adapted for agricultural purposes, but presents the finest view of the Lake, and the romantic scenery which surrounds it. Here we have a succession of promontories, bays and inlets. We can see almost at a glance 300 square miles of water, with an average depth of twelve feet; and it is not difficult to see in a future day, when our contemplated canal is opened from the source of Jordan to Great Salt Lake City, a profitable traffic established, by means of this lake, between the northern and southern settlements of Utah.

GOSHEN

is situated on the south extremity of Utah Lake, upon a low clay soil of an indefinite depth, largely impregnated with alkali salts in the subsoil. The houses are built of logs, mud etc. We passed through this city two years ago, and we are able to see some progress in its growth; but a green tree is difficult to be found, for the people think that fruit cannot be raised here, and they will no doubt continue to believe so until they plant the trees and make the experiment.

After we got the dust so far cleansed out of our eyes, off our faces and clothes as to make us look like white folks, and had refreshed ourselves with the good things which the land of Goshen provides, we repaired to a comfortable, well put up and well seated bower, situated on the south side of a good log school-house to hold meeting. Bishop Woolley opened the meeting with prayer, and

Elder F. D. Richards, arose to address the meeting. This was the first time he had ever visited Goshen, and he was thankful to meet with a healthy and cheerful company of Latter-day Saints here. The Lord has brought us to these mountains to rest from the persecutions our former friends would heap upon us, and that we might gain strength in the service of the Lord. We are here to increase in strength, in power and in faith and holiness before the Lord, and to keep the law of God which we could not keep in the lands of our nativity. Here we are increasing in faith and

good works, and greatly in numbers; the little stone is becoming a strong nation. Here we have peace. In the morning we can kneel before the Lord in our families, and invoke His blessing; in the evening we can call upon His name, and offer thanks to Him; and we can grow up in Christ our living head. Here we can realize the hand of God made manifest for the salvation of His people; and our hope is made bright that in the future we shall still enjoy the favor of God, and our generations after us. Let us keep the covenants we have made with the Lord and with one another, and never submit to sin, that we may attain to all the gospel promises unto us.

President Young spoke for half an hour.

Elder E. T. Benson:—Your circumstances here this evening are very different from what they were some eight years ago. Then there were but a few people here; now there is quite a little settlement. The object of our coming to see you is to speak the truth, and if you are in the dark to bring you to the truth. If the people here do not practice upon the good instructions which they hear this evening, they will be worse off next year than they are at present. Get the Spirit of the Lord, and the spirit of the times which is to improve the land that the Lord our God has given unto us, planting trees and shrubs and vines to make genial shades, and to produce fruit which is good for man. When we have not a green thing to afford shade, the rays of the burning sun are distressingly uncomfortable. Plant out currant trees, and trees of every kind here, that will yield fruit for your children to eat, and to shade them and their mothers when they are out of doors. Obey the counsel of the President, and in so doing you will bless yourselves.

Elder Lorenzo Snow:—Had we come to this Territory and done nothing in the way of improvement, the Lord would not have been satisfied with us. It is a part of the gospel of salvation to attend to these improvements in the name of the Lord, doing what we do as a matter of duty that we owe to the Almighty. It is the business of the Saints in the last days to build cities in the name of the Lord. We should not go about this business as the world does. There is nothing discouraging to the people of Goshen if they do every thing the Lord has given them ability to perform.

The speaker gave a brief history of his mission to Box Elder, and continued,—Anything accomplished in the way of improvement is not done without considerable exertion. In a few years we shall see beautiful orchards here, and shade trees, and good houses to live in, and good houses to worship our God in; and your young men and maidens will grow up in improvement and in the fear of the Lord; and this visit will be the moving cause of this beneficial change. We must use our means and our talents to accomplish all that is required of us. Follow the counsels given by the servants of God, and you will prosper and your hearts shall be glad and you shall see the salvation of God.

Elder C. C. Rich spoke on the principle of making home into heaven,—but it was too dark to report after him.

Meeting dismissed by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

September 6.

The company rolled out at a quarter past eight o'clock this morning, accompanied by a few of the brethren and sisters of Goshen to the southern line of their "Big Field," where we passed through an arch composed of fresh cedar bows intermingled with flowers and mock oranges, with a motto, "We shall," crowning the whole. This motto of two words was suggested by a remark made by the President last evening in the meeting. He proposed to exchange the name of Goshen for "Shall I?" as being more appropriate to the vacillating state of the minds of the people in that place, as to whether they shall commence and improve by planting trees and building good houses or not. We traveled over a new road through a canyon, which saved many miles travel, and arrived at Nephi at one o'clock.

MEETING AT NEPHI.

At four o'clock we met the people in their new meeting house.

Prayer by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

Elder Ezra T. Benson:—This is the fourth trip south which the President has made this season, in company with his brethren, not because we have not business to attend to at home, but our object in visiting the Saints is to encourage them to be faithful, to magnify their Priesthood and build up the kingdom of God on the earth. I can bear

my testimony that a great deal of good results to the Saints from these visits, not only in encouraging the Saints to work righteousness, and exercise increased diligence in spiritual matters, but the roads are made better, the bridges are mended and new ones made, new and better boweries and places of worship are built, and there is a general spirit of improvement made manifest. The people are also made to realize that there is a prophet in the land, through whom God speaks to His people; and the Saints are cheered and comforted and built up in their most holy faith. We have peace around us to-day, and we have the privilege of worshipping God without molestation. Since the Saints have been led to these valleys have we not prospered? We have; and the man who has been the most strict in obeying the voice of the servants of God has been prospered the most. We are apt to be lifted up in the pride of our hearts in the days of our prosperity, and we are not so humble before the Lord. We may love money and prosperity, but there is no enjoyment like that that is enjoyed through obedience to the gospel of the Son of God. There is no situation in life in which so much satisfaction can be enjoyed as in doing our duty towards God and one another; and this is the channel through which God will bless, happily and exalt mankind. Why should not our feet be fast in these mountains? We have the wisdom, the light, the Priesthood and the power of God with us; and if this fail us it is because we are not faithful. We are not led by the imaginations of men's hearts, nor by dreams and visions given to this person or that, but we are led by the prophet of God, and his word inspired by the Almighty is our guiding star.

It is very easy for us to defile ourselves before the Lord, and cause Him to hide His face from us. This is not done all at once, but it comes about by our first refusing to perform some duty required of us, and then continuing in the downward path.

Elder Charles C. Rich said, it is our privilege to so learn and comprehend the principles that pertain to the kingdom of God that we can adopt them in our lives. It would be better for us if we did this more than we do. We have been taught by the traditions of our fathers that we must go away from this earth to find heaven. I want to stay on this earth and get wisdom and knowledge to make myself and everybody more happy. When our President speaks to the people he tells them how to make their heaven here. He teaches them to live righteously, to build good houses and plant trees for fruit and shade, and we see the result of this kind of teaching; we see heaven springing up in our homes by carrying out his instructions. If we are not willing to be governed by the principles of truth in this world, I do not think we shall be willing to do it in another world. Some people think that we shall learn the principles that govern in the heavens all at once, when we pass through the veil of death. I cannot see that we can attain to this knowledge there in any different way from we do here,—by learning one truth at one time, and progressing from one truth to another. Our whole object and aim should be to do right; and to do this we must be subject to the dictation of those who know what is right. The Lord has said he will prove us in all things, and to be prepared to be thus proved we must be found ready and wide awake, and faithful in every duty, little or great, that we may be saved in this world and in the world to come.

Elder Wilford Woodruff:—I have been acquainted with President Young for over thirty years as an Elder in Israel, and I have never heard him give counsel that was not followed with blessings to those that obeyed it. The Lord has made us free agents, and if we wish to travel the path to heaven we must obey the laws that will guide us there. In my visits with the President among the Saints I discover an increasing spirit of obedience and union among the people. The Saints should be united in elections, as in building a temple, or in doing anything else that is required of them. Unless we carry out this principle in all our acts and labors we do not feel right and we cannot prosper. I want to see all the Latter-day Saints united upon the principles of life and salvation. The Lord has given us the Holy Priesthood to save ourselves, our wives, our children and our dead. Whenever the Saints are disunited upon anything, their progress in holiness stops right there. We are free agents and can go to heaven or to hell as we please; but upon the matter of the kingdom of God we must be willing to be united as one man if we desire to receive salvation,