

Poetry.

RHYME TO DECREASING CRINOLINE.

With exceeding satisfaction
A remarkable contraction
Of thy petticoat our eyes have lately seen;
The expanse of ladies' dress,
Thank its yielding arbitress,
Growing beautifully less,
Crinoline.

On the flagstones of the street
If a man two women meet,
He may pass, if pretty tolerably lean,
And sufficiently alert,
Stepping not into the dirt
Twixt the kennel and thy skirt,
Crinoline.

Now, when ladies go to Court,
Let us hope that no more sport
They will furnish to the rabble vile and mean,
While their clothes, for want of room,
Stick right out of every brougham;
For retrenchment is thy doom,
Crinoline.

There will soon be room for us
In the public omnibus,
When the middle class of ladies find the Queen,
And the fair Princess of Wales,
And Nobility's females,
Have all had to reef their sails,
Crinoline.

When to church young damsels go,
Their habiliments to show,
In their bonnets of magenta, mauve and green,
A not very spacious pew
Will suffice to hold a few,
If the darlings but eschew
Crinoline.

No more ladies death will find,
In their frames of steel calcined,
Set on blazes by a grate without a screen;
Though some cookmaids yet may flare,
Who dress out, and don't take care,
For the servants still will wear,
Crinoline.

But the dashing stylish belles,
And the exquisite fast swells,
Will deride the grotesque fashion that has been
For so long a time the rage
In a comical past age;
Thy preposterous old cage,
Crinoline.

—[Punch.]

PRESIDENT YOUNG'S TRIP TO SANPETE.

[REPORTED BY G. D. WATT.]

President B. Young, accompanied by Elders John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Geo. A. Smith, Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards and Geo. Q. Cannon of the Twelve Apostles, with a number of other gentlemen and ladies, left Great Salt Lake City on the morning of the 7th, at 9 o'clock, to visit Sanpete and hold meetings in different settlements. We were met by an escort from Lehi, some few miles from that city, where we arrived at about 2 p.m. Partook of a sumptuous public dinner, and resumed our journey, arriving in Provo about 6 p.m., escorted by Col. Pace and guards. The day was showery and cold enough to make a blanket or a great coat comfortable. From the recent rains the crops have greatly improved in appearance. At Provo, the company scattered among the citizens, by whom they were hospitably provided for. The President and immediate attendants were lodged at Bishop Miller's, in whose well planned and commodious new habitation they found ample accommodations.

MEETINGS AT PROVO.

On Saturday, 8th, at 10 a.m., we met with the Saints under a spacious, substantial and well put up bowery, having an elevated stand capable of holding two hundred persons. We noticed the front of the stand covered with a piece of stuff for table cloths, manufactured by mother Billings, composed of linen and cotton. It is a very creditable piece. Flowers and fruit were placed on either side of the books, while the space extending all the length of the stand, above the heads of the speakers and down the pillars supporting the roof of the bowery, was festooned with garlands of flowers and green boughs.

The meeting was called to order by Elder John Taylor, and opened in the usual manner.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon congratulated the people on the comfortable circumstances in which the Saints found themselves. There is no real liberty to be found outside of the organization of this people. If the children of men obtain salvation it must be by means of those principles revealed to us—they must come to the standard and light of Zion. We have the God of heaven and the spirits of the just on our side—we

have their faith and sympathies on our side. Great is the ignorance that prevails upon the earth. Take our own nation: how ignorant they have been with regard to the future! They have been tossed upon a sea of doubts regarding the results of the course they might take. The religious world is equally shrouded in uncertainty. They know not God; but have had to rely upon tradition for what they know of Him and His ways. There is none among them to say "Thus saith the Lord," there is none to mark out the true path; hence there is nothing but confusion and ignorance existing in the world regarding God and His ways. Turn from this and reflect upon the peace and happiness that we enjoy in these mountains, and if we do not then feel thankful we are utterly unworthy of these favors. We have never been without the word of the Lord among us; we need only ask of God in humility, and the heavens are opened to us, His spirit is poured upon us, and we receive His blessings. We have been warned of evil. We can see the future by the spirit of revelation; we can see that God is working with the nations of the earth; we can see that they are destined to destruction unless they repent. Then, enjoying these blessings, what manner of men ought we to be? Let us stop and contemplate these things, and live nearer to God.

That which is governed by law shall be preserved and sanctified by law; then let us abide the law of God. Every man or woman who transgresses the law of God—no matter how secretly, will leave the church, unless they speedily repent. While we have the spirit of God, let us cherish it that it may increase within us constantly.

Elder Lorenzo Snow.—It is of the utmost importance that we should know how to live in a way to improve ourselves and prepare for the life that is to come. We are able to accomplish a great many good things, and much is expected of us; the Lord has laid duties and obligations on us, and he expects us to discharge them. It is our business to establish a way and manner of living here that we may become wiser and better as we become older, that when these bodies become debilitated our minds may retain their strength and vigor, that the candle of the Lord within us may shine brighter and brighter as we near the shores of immortality. In my travels through the Territory, I observe that the people are getting rich; their spiritual improvements should keep pace with their temporal advancement, and they will know better how to use these blessings to the redemption of Israel and the building up of the kingdom of God. But, if our minds are too one-sided, paying too much attention to the acquiring of earthly goods, to the neglect of spiritual wealth, we are not wise stewards. When a man is doing his duty he is doing that which promotes his individual interests the most. If we take a right view of what is required of us, we will see that all our duties, when wisely performed, are necessary to our individual salvation, and preparing us for a glorious resurrection. It is as much our privilege to call upon the Lord to get assistance from Him in our temporal duties, as to get His aid in the preaching of the gospel. We should perform all our duties, and not labor too strenuously at one portion of them and neglect the other part. That which pertains to our individual duties should receive their due share of attention and no more, that our public duties, which are required of us as members of the kingdom of God, may receive their share of attention.

I am pleased to see the respect paid to President Young, and the gratitude of the people in being permitted to associate with him and receive his teachings, in these visits that the President is making.

We have the privilege of preparing for the future. What it may be we know not, but these are good opportunities of preparing for what may come, profiting by the wise teachings of President Young and his brethren. We should keep ourselves prepared for whatever may come, whether it may be of a pleasant or unpleasant nature. We should be ambitious in acquiring the advantages of our holy religion, and devoted to its interests, and be as well prepared to resist temptation here as our young men are to resist temptation when they are abroad preaching the gospel. We should be ready for the important duties that will devolve upon us when the gentiles shall flock to Zion to help to build her walls.

The Lord designs that we shall be the rulers, the governors and directors of the building of Zion in the last days.

The duties that will be placed upon us will in the future be more extended than now; our hearts therefore should not be wedded to the little property we may possess. We are too apt to forget that we are called to be the ministers of the Almighty, that the angels of God ordained Joseph the Prophet, and he others, and so we hold the Holy Priesthood, and it is our special business to build up the kingdom of God. Was Joseph a Prophet? did he see and converse with angels, and talk with God? and is br. Brigham now called to bear off the kingdom of God? If so, then we have other duties on our hands besides those of amassing riches. We must not neglect our spiritual improvements while we seek for worldly wealth. It is our duty to make every effort for the purpose of advancing ourselves in the principles of light and knowledge, as well as of increasing around us the temporal blessings and comforts of this life.

Elder Stenhouse, in a few remarks, glanced at the history of the establishment of the American Republic, as the forerunner to the birth of the kingdom of God in our own day.

AFTERNOON.

Elder Franklin D. Richards:—"It is of the greatest importance that we should understand our ways, and be satisfied that we have the counsel of God written upon our hearts, and should know for ourselves by revelation from Him that our ways are pleasing to Him. When we get astray from the good way of the Lord, we cannot take so much satisfaction in the labors we perform. What is the reason why there is not more private improvement and enterprise in this city which is so abundantly blessed by nature? Perhaps they have been backward in forwarding public improvements. They have now concluded to make a good, beautiful and substantial meeting-house. When that is finished, then a spirit of improvement will be manifested throughout the city. First let us be right in our own hearts, that we may be enabled to receive the mind of the Lord through our President, then we will progress rapidly in every improvement we may make of a public or private nature. When we know and understand ourselves before the Lord, we shall have joy in our labors in the Lord. We came here to purify ourselves before the Lord, and erect houses, open farms and build up towns, cities, and temples unto the Lord. How is it, then, that some will not build up, nor expend means to build up this country, expecting soon to go to Jackson County? They are walking in darkness, and are like clouds without water. If I am not mistaken they will be the last ones who will be called to go to Jackson County; but those who have been faithful in building and planting and redeeming the desert, are the ones that will be prepared to go there. We came here to work, and learn how to build up cities and temples and houses of worship unto the Lord. If we have anything to fear, it is that we become like the wicked around us. We have been trained in this kingdom for years to grapple with wickedness, and contend successfully against iniquity when it shall come upon us like a flood." He spoke of the wonderful increase of the children of the Saints in Utah. "The wicked have said in their hearts let Zion be defiled, but they know not the thoughts of the Lord. The fear of the Lord our God shall fall upon them and the power of the enemy become weakness. All that the wicked can do to destroy the work of the Lord, will every time prove to our advantage, if we are faithful to our God, and live our holy religion day by day and hour by hour.

The First Presidency and the Twelve have for years been requesting the people to raise flax. It can be raised here abundantly, and can be manufactured by our men and boys in the winter, instead of taxing their inventive powers how to trifle away their time. Those who have kept the counsels of God's servants, regarding the making of their own garments, will win in the end.

Elder Joseph Bull bore testimony to the truths advanced by the Elders; and expressed his desire to do all he can for the rolling forth of the cause of truth. He more especially appeared before them as the Agent of the DESERET NEWS, and informed them of the intention of publishing a Semi-weekly paper in addition to the present Weekly publication.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon:—"If Elder Bull is enthusiastic upon any one subject it is on publishing. He assisted me to establish the *Western Standard*, in California, and when I was appointed to go to England on a mission, he also was appointed to England, and assisted

in the work of publishing there. The word of the Lord is published through the DESERET NEWS. It is the Church organ and should be read and sustained by the people, and be placed in the hands of our children. The Editor intends to publish a Semi-weekly, to meet the wants of the people. We have now the opportunity and time to devote attention to the cultivation of the minds of our children and in the right direction, instead of having our tables loaded with the miserable trash that is imported from the States. If I want to judge of a man's character, let me know what he reads and what company he keeps. Constant reading of some of the works published in the States, will demoralize the mind, and excite unholy passions and desires in our children. Let us read the works God has given us, the revelations of Jesus Christ. Those who read this trash, to which I refer, cannot read the books of the Church, nor scientific and useful works, with any degree of pleasure. Let us take the church papers, and put such reading matter in the hands of our children as we are not afraid to have them read.

Elder John Van Cott exhorted the Saints to hearken to the counsels of God through His servants.

Elder Geo. A. Smith felt delighted, not only in meeting the Saints, but in hearing the rich instructions given to them. We do not sufficiently appreciate our blessings. The devil does not love us, thank God for that, and all the power of evil among men and devils will be brought to bear against us: We must remember our prayers. He presented Elder Hooper as delegate to Congress, who was unanimously sustained.

Elder Hooper referred to his past experience previous to becoming acquainted with the gospel, and the providences of the Almighty in leading him to the truth. He expressed himself as equally ready and willing to carry out the mission appointed him last conference or go to Washington.

SUNDAY 9TH, 10 A. M.

After prayer, Elder John Taylor said, "It is a pleasant thing to meet together to reflect upon the goodness of God and upon the relationship we hold to him. It is very difficult to comprehend the richness and magnitude of the blessings we enjoy. God has in the last days revealed the fulness of His truth. He has not only revealed His will, but has bestowed the Holy Priesthood upon us so that we to-day stand as a kingdom of priests before God. The world knows nothing of these things. The light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not. A few have understood and obeyed in part, and by the operation of the spirit of God upon them, and through the exertions of the Holy Priesthood, they have been gathered together from all nations. Man is of the earth, earthy; and, then, there are the influences that operate upon the human mind, calculated to befog and lead it away from the rich blessings revealed through the gospel. As the Lord permits noxious weeds to grow in our gardens and fields, so He suffers the existence of principles that are contrary to good, that people may be exercised in purging and cleansing their natures from every unrighteous way.

Who can tell the value of one soul? Who can see the eternal consequences attached to its progress to eternal life? The seeds of eternal life have been committed unto us, but the vastness of its blessing cannot be calculated. When we consider the darkness that is in the world, and then consider that God has commenced to cultivate His garden, and has caused the light and influence of the sun of righteousness to shine forth upon the midnight darkness, fructifying and enlivening the sterile soil, until it begins to bring forth fruits of righteousness, we are at a loss to see and comprehend the consequences that shall grow out of it in the future. Possessing the treasure of eternal life in these earthly vessels, we can stand forth in His power and perform all He wills we shall do.

God has established His kingdom, and it will grow and spread. We expect there will be an antagonism to contend against, and that we shall come out of the fire like gold tried seven times. If we fear God and keep His commandments we need have no other fear; God will have respect to His kingdom and to His Saints, and His kingdom will roll on, and the powers of earth and hell cannot stop it. He will say to every opposition as he said of old, 'Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm.' We expect to build up a Zion so pure and holy that it may be taken up to God in heaven like the Zion of Enoch of old, a Zion that will