

Attorney in relation to clothing worn in those ceremonies. He declined to answer. He was remanded to the custody of the Marshal, and next day, being cited to appear and questioned again, he replied:

"I declined to answer that question yesterday, and do so today, because I am under moral and sacred obligations to not answer, and it is interwoven in my character never to betray a friend, a brother, my country my God or my religion."

This was a clear exhibition of the character of the man. Not for worlds would he swerve from that position. He was sentenced to a fine of a hundred dollars and imprisonment for two days. He paid the penalty and on May 6th he was escorted from the Penitentiary by a procession, hastily but thoroughly organized, consisting of about 10,000 people with banners, mottoes, flags and signs of rejoicing, one of the most remarkable gatherings and demonstrations of respect ever witnessed in this country. An immense but peaceful meeting was subsequently held in the Tabernacle, where appropriate speeches were made.

In December, 1884, Counselor Wells crossed the ocean again and presided over the European Mission, visiting the churches throughout the British Isles and also in Scandinavia, Germany and Switzerland. His health was feeble but he labored energetically until his release in January, 1887, when he returned to the United States and after visiting relatives in the East, reached his home again in July of that year, and was joyfully welcomed by his family and friends.

When the Manti Temple was completed and dedicated he was appointed May 21st, 1888, to take charge as President. Here he was in congenial element. The salvation of the dead was the chief attraction to him in the doctrines expounded to him by Joseph Smith the Prophet, and led to his investigation and acceptance of the Gospel. He officiated in the Temple and performed his duties as Counselor to the Twelve until stricken with the illness which culminated in his death. He came to this city on the 14th of March, and received every attention that loving hearts and hands could bestow. He had suffered for many years with a painful physical ailment, but his heroic nature and strong will enabled him to surmount the difficulties it occasioned. Pleuro-pneumonia supervened and at 1 o'clock March 24th, he peacefully departed, being without pain and conscious to the last.

Brother Wells would have been a prominent character in any community. Standing six feet in height, with

prominent features and organs of perception, his appearance was striking while his manner was unassuming. Apparently stern in his demeanor he was really one of the kindest of men, full of sympathy and affection, ready to aid the distressed and with a heart so big that he would welcome the world to partake of his hospitality and share with him whatever he had. His house was always open to his friends, and while acting as Mayor of the city he entertained many distinguished visitors, both Americans and foreigners, who respected him for his virtues while disagreeing with his views on religion.

He was a firm friend and supporter of education, was for many years Chancellor and Regent of the University of Deseret and considered that a good education was the best legacy he could bequeath to his children. He was also a great reader, an ardent admirer of the drama, which was his chief amusement, and a promoter of music, science and art.

In politics he was a Republican from the time of the organization of the party. He took earnest interest in national politics in which he was thoroughly versed, and was ever ready to maintain his views though never a bitter or contentious partizan.

He was engaged in many business enterprises, but, placing his public duties first, his own affairs became somewhat complicated and at one time he was heavily involved. But of late years he was gradually extricated from embarrassment and was able to leave his family the possessors of unincumbered yet modest homes.

Brother Wells had seven wives, six of whom survive him, by whom he had thirty-seven children, of whom twenty-four—thirteen sons and eleven daughters, are living, and he leaves twenty-five living grandchildren.

His faith in God and in the system called "Mormonism" was unbounded, and his integrity to the principles of the Gospel was unwavering. His testimony to the divine mission of Joseph Smith was powerful, and from the time he received it by the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, he never doubted it or feared to face the opposition of its enemies. His was a noble spirit and he performed a noble work on the earth.

Brother Wells has gone to his rest. It was no doubt a joyful welcome that he received beyond the veil from Joseph and Hyrum, Brigham and Heber, Parley and Orson and the rest of the Apostles and Saints who preceded him into the spirit world. He has finished his work and will surely

ly receive his reward. He will live in the memory of many thousands and his name will be perpetuated on earth, and will shine in the history of the Church and the archives of heaven. And when the glad morning of the resurrection dawns he will come forth to meet his Redeemer, for he will be among those who are Christ's at His coming, and with his loved ones will enter into his glory and receive the crown of ETERNAL LIVES!

B. Y. ACADEMY BUILDING.

We are pleased to learn that steps are being taken to provide the B. Y. Academy at Provo with a suitable building. It is to be a fine and imposing structure. Architect J. D. C. Young is preparing the plans and the intention is to push the work to rapid completion.

There is no institution in the Territory more worthy of honor and encouragement than the B. Y. Academy. It has struggled along under adverse circumstances, never having room for its strength or proper quarters for its work, but has yet been successful from the beginning. For its own sake and for the memory of the great man who founded and endowed it, we are glad to know that it will have an opportunity to extend its influence and appear in a proper garb.

Professor Karl G. Maeser will be delighted and encouraged, and he deserves to be. We congratulate him and the people of Provo on the good prospects of that excellent educational institution, and hope to be able, soon, to announce that work on the new building has been actually commenced.

THE JURY SYSTEM INADEQUATE.

A PECULIAR case was tried in one of the Commissioners' courts of this city March 25th; perhaps we ought to say the result of it was peculiar, and so it would have been but for the fact that such things have become quite common of late. A man had been raised up and seriously injured by another in a saloon at Murray, and a warrant was at once issued for the latter's arrest. This was placed in the hands of the Sheriff of the county, who proceeded to make service, but could not find the defendant at his residence, and a search for the man disclosed the fact that he had moved out of the way for the time being.

The residents thereabout would give no information to the officer, some of them saying that it would be dangerous for them to do so, because the person wanted was a noted desperado, had engaged in several fights with dif-