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MAINE MARTYR MEMORIAL DAY.

For the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, July 25th, 1898.

To the Presidents of Stakes and the Bishops of the Church:

Dear Brethren—In view of the fact that the commissioners of the Maine Monument Fund have announced, and Congress stands on the eve of the annual gathering of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in assisting on the 25th day of July, to call upon the Church to join the other churches of the land in holding memorial services on the 4th day of May, in honor of the brave men who gave their lives in the Maine disaster, and now asks us through its management to appoint a suitable day on which the members of the Church may hold Memorial services and take up collections for the Maine Monument Fund, we have decided to designate October the 25th of July, as the day on which such services shall be held.

It is our desire that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should be identified with all such patriotic movements as the question of this monument to the sailors honored dead, that our fellow citizens may know that our sympathies, both in the love and in its sorrows, are with our country. We therefore ask the Presidents of Stakes and the Bishops of the wards throughout the Church to make all necessary arrangements for holding special Memorial services at the time designated, and at the conclusion thereof to take up a collection from the people to assist in the erection of a monument to the Maine martyrs.

All moneys collected should be promptly forwarded by the Bishops to Elder Henry A. Grant and B. H. Roberts, who have been appointed a committee to take charge of this business. Address them at 20-38 south, East Temple street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Your Brethren,
WILFORD WOODRUFF,
GEORGE Q. CANNON,
JOSEPH F. SMITH.

PIONEER DAY.

The anniversary of the Pioneers to Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847, will always be gratefully and reverently remembered in this church as one of the great events in the history of our country during this century. It was but a small band—43 men, three women and two children—but it was the advance guard of the hosts that under Providence were destined to conquer an immense region for civilization and to make possible the inception of what the American Commonwealth is to become.

The country upon which the Pioneers looked into immediately for rest in the beginning of the morning, as stated of the Hupacrates, with from having golden edges. Only a narrow plain bounded in with mountains and mountains under the face of the sun. Beneath not the rye everywhere. What a marvelous change in the little period of half a century! Among the now for the first time comes to that gaining spot of the mountains and makes it now the beautiful home that have among the forty, or have the enjoyment in contemplation of its existence, and believe that all that is the work of fifty years.

In view of the foregoing reasons and upon this occasion it is well to remember that the age of the pioneers compared to the Pioneers was to distinct that that of those who had no opportunity enjoyed the benefits of the Pioneers. Whether he be in his prime, or in the decay, he who is old enough, with looking back the Pioneer who, can make the comparison, will find in the first a sufficient explanation of the present condition of affairs in Utah. The Pioneers were not perfect men, and the work of their hands was not perfect. They simply did the work of pioneers, and they did it well. "Their work is good." "Have the pioneer fathers and their successors been faithful?" "Their work is good." "Are they faithful?" "Their work is good." "Are they in their creation the beautiful scene of the Prophet. The earthquake shall rise up the same, with the earthquake shall they arise." "Let the dead bury their dead, but go thou and preach the kingdom." In the time to come there shall be at the little town [illegible] in the hospital of the nationals and [illegible] and [illegible] to the home of [illegible] the [illegible] and the Sentinel [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and