

JOTTINGS FROM INDEPENDENCE.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Oct. 14th, 1893.—I returned from Adam-ondi-Ahman this evening. From Independence to Diahman is about seventy miles direct. By rail it is eleven miles from here to Kansas City, seventy-six miles thence to Gallatin, Davies Co., and from Gallatin five miles to Adam-ondi-Ahman, ninety-two miles in all. There may be others who, while traveling through these parts, may desire to set their feet on these historic grounds and for this purpose I am thus plain in giving directions. So many missionaries and other Utah people pass through Kansas City, and this may be of value to them. A dummy runs from Kansas City every few minutes to Independence, eleven miles, and costs 25c return ticket. It passes the Temple lot. From Kansas City the Rock Island railroad passes Gallatin, within a little more than one-fourth of a mile (buss fare 15c); tickets \$2.50 each way. From Gallatin I paid a livery outfit \$1.50 being gone a little more than half a day. With this information time and money may be saved to visitors here. All three places referred to are of peculiar interest to Utah people.

Martin Harris said to me, while I was bringing him from Kirtland, Ohio, in 1871, to Utah, "Why, when I handed the seven lines of characters to Professor Anthon, who received meso kingly, he pronounced the characters a true language, and gave me a certificate to that effect. I proudly started for the door, and while holding the door knob the professor called to me, asking, 'Where did you find the book?' 'Near Palmyra, sir, in a hill.' 'Then bring me the book and I will translate it for you.' 'No, I cannot do so, for a part of it is sealed.' Then said Professor Anthon, 'I cannot read a sealed book.'" In our conversations while journeying over the plains, Martin Harris said to me, "I did not know until after we read more fully the sacred scriptures that I really had to take these seven lines as the words of the book Isaiah so plainly spoke of in the 29th chapter. If Professor Anthon had not called me back, Isaiah's words would not have been fulfilled.

"But the word of God never fails," continued Mr. Harris. "See how plain it is, the book, not the words, was to be delivered to the unlearned, and when Joseph received the book, he was so unlearned that he did not know that Jerusalem was a walled city until explained. Again you may see above the seven lines, written by him, 'characters,' instead of characters. He was a poor speller and unlearned, for he was only a poor boy and had to work hard for his living. He lived close by my farm, and often worked for me hoeing corn for fifty cents a day, which was the biggest wages given in those times. But Joseph was naturally quick to learn and soon picked up and educated himself, for he found himself obliged to do so; but I can testify that the Prophet Joseph told the truth about the book being delivered as it really reads, 'and the book is delivered to him who is not learned.' Still further on this same chapter says there is to be a vision connected with this work, and I can prove the Bible the truth of the work as well as being an eye witness

for I saw the book in the angel's hands and I also heard his voice and I bear my testimony to you that I saw his words were fulfilled by my taking the words of a book to the professor, although I did not know it at the time."

So I say regarding Isaiah's words: "And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of (not on the top) of the mountains, and all nations shall flow into it." This has been fulfilled and a stake of Zion is organized more than 1000 miles west in the desert. Again there is a stake east in Kirtland, Ohio, and a house of the Lord in both of those stakes. Compare Isaiah's word with Joseph's. It will be seen that Independence is really a center stake, and the Prophet's words will be fulfilled when the Saints return and build up the waste places, erecting a grander Temple than we have already built, and on the very spot which was pointed out by the finger of the Lord.

I have an appointment to preach on the Temple lot at 11 a. m. to give an illustrated lecture on the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. What makes this place and Adam-ondi-Ahman all the more interesting is to know that Independence is within the borders of the Garden of Eden, and that Diahman is where Adam went when he was driven from the garden. There be built an altar, offered sacrifice and finally blessed his posterity in the valley called Adam-ondi-Ahman.

EDWARD STEVENSON.

PERHAPS FOR the first time in the history of Utah, has she shipped hogs to eastern markets. Yesterday T. F. Sanford, of North Ogden, forwarded a carload of these animals to Omaha. They were fine grunners, and will undoubtedly compare favorably with the corn-fed pigs of the East. This exportation is a beginning in the right direction.—*Ogden Sun*, Oct. 20.

That's the talk! It is better to raise hogs than to eat them, and infinitely better to export them than to ship them in.

OBITUARY.

COULAM.—Elder John Coulam, whose death occurred on the 16th of October, 1893, was born September 1st, 1828, in Louth, Lincolnshire, England, and was the son of the late John and Sarah Gordon Coulam. The parents of Brother Coulam embraced the Gospel in 1842; he was baptized July 3rd, 1843. He left England with his parents and family January 19th, 1849, crossing the sea in the ship *Zetland*, and arrived in Salt Lake the following September. Shortly after leaving St. Louis, and while the steamboat, upon which they had taken passage, was lying for repairs, Brother Coulam's mother died; this was on the 29th of April, 1849. She was buried upon the banks of the river, in Jackson county, Missouri. In the following year, while attending a meeting in President Young's log school house, Brother Coulam was seized with a terrible pain in his right knee; shortly afterwards the pain shifted to the left knee and developed into a white swelling. Not long afterwards preparations were made to amputate the limb, it being considered by the physicians necessary in order to save his life. President Young at this time interferred and recommended other treatment, which was adopted, and the limb was saved, leaving it, however, stiff and necessitating the use of a crutch ever afterwards. Brother Coulam married Sarah Jane Orton on the 29th day of October, 1859, by whom he had eleven children, nine of whom are now living. Sister Coulam died November 24, 1890.

On the 19th of November, 1877, Brother Coulam was set apart to preside over the Ninth quorum of Elders in the Salt Lake Stake of

Zion, and continued to occupy this position until March, 1892, when he was ordained a High Priest. He has acted in the capacity of clerk of the Eleventh ward, where he resided, almost from the time of his arrival in the valley until his demise. Four years ago he became afflicted with a serious bladder trouble which resulted in cystitis—the immediate cause of his death was uræmia, or blood poisoning; he was a great sufferer during the entire period of four years. The funeral services were held on October 18th in the Eleventh Ward Assembly Hall. The speakers on the occasion were A. M. Cannon and Joseph E. Taylor of the Presidency of the Stake, Bishop Thomas Atkin, of Tooele (a school-mate of the deceased), Elders David H. Cannon, Philip Brooks, William S. Brighton, Joseph H. Felt, Henry Tuckett, Isaac Sears and Bishop Robert Morris, all of whom spoke in glowing terms of the sterling integrity of the character of the deceased. A very large funeral cortege followed our Brother to the grave. He was laid in the highest esteem by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance, and all who knew him feel assured that his future will be a glorious one.—[*Com.*]

DEATHS.

GRAY.—In Salt Lake City, October 16, 1893, John S., infant son of N. P. and Jessie Sands Gray.

MORRILL.—At Junction, Plute County, Utah, September 22, 1893, Lydia, wife of Laban Morrill, born Oct. 19, 1833.

Also at the same place, Sept. 26, 1893, Mary Pearl, adopted child of John and Ella E. Morrill, aged 10 years, 11 months and 5 days.

COULAM.—In Salt Lake City, October 16, 1893, after a lingering illness of four years, John Coulam, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

HARDY.—In Salt Lake City, October 23, 1893, Kenneth, infant son of George G. and Sarah A. Hardy, of cholera infantum. Born January 7, 1893.

REESE.—James H. Reese, son of Enoch and Hannah Reese, born Aug. 11th, 1848, at St. Joe, Missouri; died at Butte, Montana, Oct. 17th, 1893.

STOKES.—At Lewisville, Fremont county, Idaho, of dropsy and heart disease, John H. Stokes, son of Henry and Elizabeth Stokes; aged 22 years, 7 months and 4 days.

WALTERS.—Died in Salt Lake City, October 12, 1893, of typhoid fever, Caroline Francis Walters, beloved daughter of Charles A. and Elizabeth Bryant Walters, born January 29, 1890.

LANGFORD.—At Colonia Oaxaca, Sonora, Mexico, Aug. 24, 1893, Adelaide J., twin daughter of Jas. H. and Lillie Langford; born Oct. 26, 1892. Cause of death, teething and summer complaint.

HOWARD.—At Big Cottonwood, at the residence of F. McDonald, on October 29th 1893, Lillian E. Howard, of heart failure. She was the daughter of William and Maria L. Howard, aged 15 years and 28 days.

POPE.—In Salt Lake City, October 23, 1893 from exhaustion following an operation for ovarian tumor, Jane T., widow of George H. Pope and daughter of John and Sarah Tibbitts, in the fifty-fifth year of her age.

RICHINS.—At his home in Pleasant Grove, Utah, after a severe illness of four weeks, of typhoid fever, Marcus E. Richins, youngest son of Thomas and Harriet Richins; born at Pleasant Grove, January 1, 1878. Died October 8, 1893, deeply mourned by father, mother, brothers, sisters and numerous relatives and friends.

EVERARD.—In London, England, September 17, 1893, Fred. Everard. Deceased was born in Sanston, Cambridge, England, May 8, 1831, and was baptized during his late illness, August 20, 1893. Those who knew him, say he had not an enemy on earth and he was respected by all. He died full of joy, knowing he had complied with the will of his Father.—*Millennial Star*.

MAXWELL.—At Colonia Oaxaca, Aug. 26, 1893, of old age and typhoid fever, Loretta Charlotte Bracken, wife of Wm. B. Maxwell; born near Lafayette, Rush county, Indiana, Dec. 6, 1823. She was baptized by Caleb Baldwin at Nauvoo in October, 1840, and was married in the following December. She was with her husband in all of the travels of the Church to Utah, since which time she was always on the frontier in Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, till she came to Mexico in 1886. She passed away, as she had always lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint.